

WVCA Chess Bulletin

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U.S. Amateur South Returns to Charleston for the third year

For the third consecutive year, Charleston, WV will be the host city of a National Chess Event, the 1999 United States Amateur Championship, South Regional. The USAS will be held at the new Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston over Memorial Day weekend, Saturday and Sunday, May 29-30.

The Embassy Suites is just a block down the street from the Marriott Town Center, where this event was held the last two years. The tournament rooms are supposed to be a little more spacious than those at the Marriott. The hotel room rate is good for up to four people and includes a free dinner reception on Saturday and full breakfast on Sunday morning.

For those unfamiliar with this event, it is open for all chess players rated under 2200. There will be two sections contested, Open and Reserve (U1800). The winner of each section will advance to a National Playoff with the winners of the other regionals (East (NJ), North (MI), and West (AZ)). These playoffs will be conducted on the Internet at Internet Chess Club (ICC) during the month of June.

The prior winners of the Open Section of the USAS held in Charleston were John Roush as he edged TN's Leonard Dickerson in 1997 and William Surlow, who defeated Russ Wilson in a playoff last year. The Reserve winners were Robert Canary (1997) and Scott Carmichael (1998).

There will be plenty of prizes to be awarded during this two day event. In each section, trophies will be awarded to the top SIX players, also to top Senior (over 55), Junior (under 21), Scholastic (under 18), Under 13 and Upset Prize. In the Open Section, class trophies will be given to the top 4 in Classes A, B, and C and below. In the Reserve Section, trophies to top 4 in classes C, D, E,

and Under 1000. Also to be awarded this year, are prizes for Best Game, Best Performance Rating, Longest Distance Traveled, Longest Distance Driven. There is also a quick chess event scheduled for Friday night.

The tourney organizer is the Rev. John Kay and the Tournament Director is NTD Jim Meyer. This is the same tandem that has run the last two events which have gone smoothly.

More details can be gathered from the Upcoming Events Page inside, the USAS flyer on the back cover and at the West Virginia Chess Association website:
<http://www.msys.net/tlabue/wvca.html>

Hope to see everyone there next weekend!!

1999 West Virginia State Championship Site Selected

The Charleston Chess Club has solidified the particulars for the 1999 West Virginia Chess Championship Weekend. It will held at the Elk River Town Center Motel over Labor Day Weekend, September 4-6. *A note to make the hotel reservations early because the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta will be occurring the same weekend.* The hotels around Charleston tend to fill up very quickly, so reserve early.

Besides the usual events as the Quick Chess and Blitz Chess Championships, a special event has been planned this year. A lecture/simul by GM E. Gufeld is scheduled for Friday, September 3 at 7:30pm. Here is your chance to learn from/play a GM. Take advantage of this rare opportunity in West Virginia. For more information on the State Championship Weekend, please see the website or contact Jim Olson.

Upcoming Events in West Virginia

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: \$30, \$15 for scholastic by 5/23, \$10 more at site

\$\$: Trophies for place and class winners

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

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

Junction City, OH 43748

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More USAS information at:

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

June 19, 1999: Taylor Books Summer Grand Prix

4-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: 10-1-4-7

EF: \$20, U18 \$10

\$\$: 475 Guaranteed - 200-100, U1600: 100-75

(larger and additional prizes based on entry)

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July 24, 1999: Taylor Books Charleston Open Grand Prix

4-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: 10-1-4-7

EF: \$20, U18 \$10

\$\$: 475 Guaranteed - 200-100, U1600: 100-75

(additional prizes based on entry)

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September 4-6, 1999: West Virginia State Chess Championship

6-SS, 40/90, G/60. NS, NC, W

Novag Grand Prix - 6 GPP, West Virginia Grand Prix

Site: Elk River Town Center Motel, 2 Kanawha Blvd. E.,

Charleston, WV 25301

EF: \$25, \$20 under 18 if received by 8/30, all \$5 more at site.

WVCA membership req'd. \$7, OSA.

\$\$G 820: \$150-120-100, U/1900, U/1600,

U/1300/unrated \$100, 50, additional prizes b/entries.

Trophy to Champion, 1st Junior, 1st Scholastic,

1st in A, B, C, D, E/unrated.

Reg. 9-12 noon. Rds. 12:30-5:30, 9:30-2:30, 9:30-2:30.

Special Events during the WV State Championship:

Lecture/simul GM E. Gufeld Friday, Sept. 3, 7:30 PM.

WV State Blitz Championship (WBCA-rated) Saturday.

WV State Quick Chess (G/10) Championship Sunday.

WVCA membership meeting 10 AM Saturday.

Hotel Rates: 1-4 people \$55, phone (304) 343-4521

Call, e-mail, or write for Charleston area hotel

and parking guide.

Reserve your hotel rooms early because the Charleston Sternwheel Regatta Festival takes place at the same time.

Info and Entries: Jim Olson, 5010 Tipperary Street,

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Other Upcoming Events

1) October- November - Taylor Books Open - Fall Grand Prix

Send all tourney announcements, results, and comments:

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I would like to thank everyone that has contributed articles or material for this edition of the bulletin: John Homer, Bob Bukovac, Jim Olson, and John Roush. I would like to extend the invitation to all to send questions, comments, tidbits, annotations, etc. to the above address. The more sources that contribute will make this a better and more diverse bulletin.

Also, the WVCA website has been designated a Links2Go "Key Resource" in the category of Chess Clubs. We are listed at number 32 of the 50 club sites listed. I would like to thank everyone who has helped out with the site, especially Jerry Lawson and Steve Shomo. Hopefully, we will continue to upgrade the site to include more pictures and better navigation to the information stored within.

Parkersburg's David Hickman is Crowned the 1999 WV High School Champion; Jefferson County HS secures the High School Team Trophy

The 1999 West Virginia Scholastic Championships were once again contested at WV State College after a year in Morgantown. A total of 133 students competed in this tournament, which has been held since 1971.

The High School section saw a mild upset - David Hickman of Parkersburg. David beat the top two seeds: 8th grader Michael Malutich and his brother John (last year's co-champion.), a senior at Liberty HS. The other co-champion from last year, Marc Abraham did not participate in this year's event. David's only blemish was a final round draw to Joe Meadows. Others making the All-State Team were: Michael Malutich, John Malutich, both finishing with 4; Joe Meadows, Nathan Stark, Rob Roy Mace and Joe Reid, all with 3½. Jefferson County High School won the team title over Wirt County High School. Charles Szasz was the TD for this section.

In the Middle School Section, a tie ensued for first place between Andrew Brock (South Middle School) and Justin Neace. Both achieved perfect 4-0 scores. An eight way tie for third included: Luke Trout, Stephen Malutich, Derrick O'Dell, Scott Binns, Bob Levdansky, Robert Smith, Alex Berrebi and newcomer Matthew Deal. South Middle School was the winner of the team

championship. Elkins Middle School and Cheat Lake Middle School tied for second. David Bitler was the TD for the Middle School section

In the Elementary School Section, Steven Shear, a home school student from Berkeley Springs was the winner, finishing with an impressive 6-0 mark. Jamie Karraker and Nora Miller (Morgantown Learning Academy) and Jason Young tied for second with 5-1 ledgers. The Morgantown Learning Academy Team outpaced the Norwood Elementary Gold Team for first place. John Strovers was the TD for this section.

In the Primary School division, Truman Gore, a third grader from Adamston Elementary took first prize, scoring 5-0. Tied for second were Hannah Lubman, Ben Stratton, Victor Sivaneri and Ryan Butler all at 4-1. The Primary Team champs were the Norwood Elementary Gold Team. Teays Valley Christian took second place. John Glenn directed the Primary Section.

Thanks go to John Homer and Charles Szasz who have organized and run the Scholastic Championships for many years. Also, thanks to all the TDs who volunteered their time to make this event a success.

West Virginia High School Championship, March 27-28, 1999, WV State College

PLR #	NAME	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	David Hickman	W-14	W-7	W-2	W-3	D-4	4.5
2	Michael Malutich	W-12	W-16	L-1	W-4	W-8	4.0
3	John W. Malutich	W-13	W-9	W-5	L-1	W-11	4.0
4	Joe Meadows	W-15	W-23	W-6	L-2	D-1	3.5
5	Nathan Stark	W-8	W-20	L-3	D-7	W-13	3.5
6	Rob Roy Mace	D-21	W-11	L-4	W-10	W-14	3.5
7	Joe Reid	W-22	L-1	W-23	D-5	W-17	3.5
8	Ronald King	L-5	W-17	W-21	W-9	L-2	3.0
9	Shawn Pinkerton	W-10	L-3	W-20	L-8	W-21	3.0
10	Jarod Brown	L-9	W-15	W-19	L-6	W-16	3.0
11	Eric Shires	W-17	L-6	W-18	W-16	L-3	3.0
12	Jason Windland	L-2	L-21	L-14	W-23	W-19	2.0
13	Aaron Cahill	L-3	L-18	W-15	W-21	L-5	2.0
14	Matt Klein	L-1	L-19	W-12	W-22	L-6	2.0
15	James Runner	L-4	L-10	L-13	B---	W-23	2.0
16	Nathan Yoke	W-19	L-2	W-22	L-11	L-10	2.0
17	Adam Roth	L-11	L-8	B---	W-20	L-7	2.0
18	Desiree Huber	L-20	W-13	L-11	L-19	B---	2.0
19	Sam DiStephano	L-16	W-14	L-10	W-18	L-12	2.0
20	Tim Smith	W-18	L-5	L-9	L-17	W-22	2.0
21	Jeffrey Thomas	D-6	W-12	L-8	L-13	L-9	1.5
22	Terra Hardman	L-7	B---	L-16	L-14	L-20	1.0
23	Jeremy White	B---	L-4	L-7	L-12	L-15	1.0

Visiting SM Emory Tate Joins John Roush and Donald Griffith atop Taylor Books Winter Grand Prix leaderboard

A hearty crowd was on hand to participate in the first Charleston Chess Club tourney of the year - the Taylor Books Winter Grand Prix; including Senior Master Emory Tate. Exciting games were plentiful throughout the day, as many upsets and near upsets were brewing. Round 1 was actually subdued. The best game was the Gary Cummings - Dave Kennedy contest. Even though Gary won an exchange early, Dave did his best to tighten the position. As both players' clocks wound down, Gary finally was able to break through to earn a decisive advantage and soon enough the win.

The second round saw more interesting matchups. James Fuller gained a material advantage on John Roush, but John stormed back to take this game. Two upset draws occurred this round. With Jim Walker down to 20 seconds and no real chances for either side, Jim and Tom LaBue halved their game. Sefus Ellis survived his match with Jacqueline Guglielmi with a draw as well. He admitted to being lucky, but he wouldn't know how lucky until later.

Round three and the excitement continued. On Board one, Senior Master Emory Tate and John Roush drew. Look for John's annotations of this game later in this article. With Donald Griffith and Gary Cummings drawing their game, it left the winner of the David Saville - Robert Canary game in first place - Robert! Sefus Ellis gained ground on the lead by dispatching your editor. He was now standing at 2½ as well. Again, Ms. Guglielmi made her presence known among the top players as she defeated Jim Walker and left herself in the running for first place. The Malutich battalion also had a scalp to show and John (Jr.) defeated 1700+ rated Scott Carmichael.

For the final round, on Board 1 saw the match between Tate and Canary. Roush and Gary Cummings were paired on board three; board two was Griffith and Ellis. All three of the higher rated players won their games to finish at 3½. But perhaps, the game of the day was the Saville-Guglielmi contest. Both players slugged it out as their clocks wound perilously close to the end. Jacqueline had a material advantage, but some of it dwindled during the time scramble. As David's clock was dangerously low, he requested a digital clock be used. According to the new rules, this is equivalent to a

draw offer. After some rules discussion, Jacqueline decided to take the draw. It is unfortunate the game score did not survive the time scramble.

As stated above, John Roush, Donald Griffith and Emory Tate finished in a tie for first. They shared the top prize money and the Novag Grand Prix points. The U1600 prize was shared by Jacqueline Guglielmi, James Fuller (rating was under 1600 at tourney time), and Bob McLear. Each ended the day with a score of 3 points.

A total of thirty two players participated in this Charleston Chess Club event. Chuck Waugh was the tourney director.

The Charleston Chess Club is sponsoring more events in the near future. The Summer Grand Prix and the Charleston Open are scheduled for June and July respectively. These tourneys have been quite strong and have provided for some entertaining play. Check the Upcoming Events Page for more details on these two events.

James Fuller (C) - John Roush (X), Round 2
Dutch Defense

1. d4 f5 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. c3 d5 6. O-O O-O 7. Re1 c6 8. Bf4 h6 9. Bxb8 Rxb8 10. Ne5 Qe8 11. Nd2 g5 12. e3 Be6 13. Qa4 a6 14. c4 dxc4 15. Qa5 Bd5 16. Nexc4 Ne4 17. Nxe4 fxe4 18. Nd2 Qg6 19. b3 Qf5 20. Rf1 e5 21. dxe5 Bxe5 22. Rad1 Rbe8 23. Qb4 b5 24. Bxe4 Bxe4 25. Qxe4 Qf6 26. Rc1 Rc8 27. b4 Qe7 28. Qg6+ Bg7 29. Rxc6 Rxc6 30. Qxc6 Qxb4 31. Nb3 Qa4 32. Qe6+ Kh7 33. Nc5 Qc4 34. Qxc4 bxc4 35. Ne6 Rc8 36. Nxc7 Kxc7 37. Kg2 Kf6 38. Kf3 Ke5 39. Rc1 Kd5 40. Rc2 c3 41. Ke2 Kc4 42. f4 Rb8 43. fxg5 hxg5 44. Kf3 Rb2 45. Rc1 Rxh2 46. Kg4 Re2 47. Kxc5 Rxc5 48. g4 Re2 49. a4 Ra2 50. Kf6 Rxa4 51. g5 Kd3 52. Rg1 Rb4 53. g6 Rb6+ 54. Ke5 Rb8 55. g7 c2 56. Rg3+ Kd2 57. Rg2+ Kc3 58. Rg1 Kb2 59. Kf6 c1=Q 60. Rxc1 Kxc1 61. White resigns

Jerry Dingess (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 2
Guicco Piano

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Bc5 4. c3 Qe7 5. d4 Bb6 6. O-O Nf6 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bh4 d6 9. h3 g5 10. Nxc5 hxg5 11. Bxc5 Rg8 12. h4 exd4 13. Qf3 Ne5 14. Qxf6 Qxf6 15. Bb5+ c6 16. Bxc6+ bxc6 17. Bxf6 Nf3+ 18. Kh1

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Rg6 19. gxf3 Rxf6 20. Kg2 Ba6 21. Rh1 Ke7 22. Rh3 Rh8 23. cxd4 Bxd4 24. Nd2 Rg6+ 25. Rg3 Rxh4 26. Rxc6 fxc6 27. Kg3 g5 28. Rc1 Be5+ 29. Kg2 Rh2+ 30. Kg1 c5 31. Nc4 Bxc4 32. Rxc4 Rh7 33. b4 Bd4 34. b5 Ke6 35. a4 d5 36. exd5+ Kxd5 37. Rc2 c4 38. Re2 c3 39. White resigns

Jim Walker (X) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 2
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 d5 4. Bg5 c6 5. e3 Nbd7 6. Nf3 h6 7. Bh4 Be7 8. Qc2 a6 9. cxd5 exd5 10. h3 Bd6 11. Bxf6 Nxf6 12. Bd3 Be6 13. O-O-O Qc7 14. Kb1 g5 15. Rc1 O-O-O 16. Na4 Nd7 17. Nc5 Nxc5 18. dxc5 Be7 19. Nd4 Rhf8 20. b4 Bf6 21. Rhe1 Rde8 22. a4 Bd7 23. Bf5 Re5 24. Bd3 Bh8 25. g4 Rfe8 26. Red1 R5e7 27. Kb2 h5 28. gxh5 Bxh3 29. Bf5+ Bxf5 30. Qxf5+ Kb8 31. Qxg5 Qh2 32. Rc2 Re5 33. Qg4 Qxh5 34. Qxh5 Rxh5 35. Kb3 f5 36. Ne2 Bf6 37. Ng3 Rg5 38. b5 axb5 39. axb5 Kc7 40. b6+ Kd7 41. Ne2 Ra8 42. Rdd2 Rgg8 43. Ra2 Be5 44. Ra7 Rgb8 45. Rda2 Rxa7 46. bxa7 Ra8 47. Nc1 Kc7 48. Nd3 Bf6 49. Kb4 b5 50. Ra6 Kb7 51. Rb6+ Kc7 52. Ra6 Kb7 53. Rb6+ Kc7 54. Ra6 Drawn by repetition

Emory Tate (SM) - John Roush (X), Round 3
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Sicilian Defense

Annotations by John Roush

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. f4 Be7 7. Be3 O-O 8. Qf3 e5 9. Nf5 Bxf5 10. exf5 Qa5 11. O-O-O 11. g4 e4 12. Qh3 Rc8 13. Bd2 e3 14. Qe3 d5 15. 0-0-0 Bc5 -ECO B (3rd ed.)
11...e4 12. Qh3 Rc8 13. Bd2 This is a TN as far as I know. Theory gives 13. Bd4 Nc6 14. Bc4 Qb4 15. Bxf6 Bxf6 16. Bb3 ECO B (3rd ed.). Perhaps Tate had in mind transposition to the position given in the note to his 11th move.
13...Qc5 14. g4 d5 15. g5 d4 16. Bg2
16. gxf6 Bxf6 (...17. N moves Qxc2 mate) 17. Bg2 dxc3 16...dxc3 17. Bxc3 Nd5 18. Rxd5 Qxd5 19. g6 Tate suggested 19.f6!? with murky complications: (a) 19...Rxc3 20. dxe7!! Rxc2+ 21. Kxc2 Nc6; (b) 19...Nc6 20. fxe7 Nxe7 21. Re1; (c) 19...Re8 20. fxe7 Nc6 21. Re1 Rxe7 22.f5
21. Qh7+ Kf8 22. Rd1 Rxc2+ 23. Kxc2 Qxa2 24. Bxe4 Qc4+ 25. Kd2 Nc6 26. Ke3 Rd8 27. Bd5 Bc5+ 28. Kf3 Rxd5 29. Qh8+ Ke7 30. Qxg7+ Kd6 31. Qf6+ Kd7 32.

Qf5+ Kd6 33. Qf6+ Kc7 34. Qf7+ Ne7 35. Rxd5 Qxd5 36. Qxd5 Nxd5 37. Ke4 Nxf4 37...Nf6 38. Kf5 Bd4 38. Kxf4 Bd4 39. b3 Kd6 40. Kf5 Ke7 41. h4 Kf8 42. Ke4 Bf6 43. h5 Kg7 44. Kf5 Bc3 45. Kg5 Bd2 46. Kf5 a5 47. Ke4 b5 48. Kd4 Bb4 49. Kd5 a4?? 49...Bf8! ... 50 .Kc6 a4 or 50. Kd4 Kh6 51. Kd5 Kxh5 52. g7 Bxg7 53. Kc5 b4 54. Kb5 Bc3 50. bxa4 bxa4 51. Kc4 Bf8 52. Kc3 Drawn

Brandon Riffle (F) - Glenn Haynes (D), Round 3
Ruy Lopez, Exchange Variation

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Bxc6 bxc6 5. Nxe5 Qe7 6. d4 d6 7. Nxc6 Qd7 8. d5 Ne7 9. Nxe7 Bxe7 10. Nc3 O-O 11. O-O f5 12. Re1 f4 13. f3 c6 14. e5 dxe5 15. Rxe5 Rf5 16. Rxf5 Qxf5 17. dxc6 Qc5+ 18. Kh1 Qxc6 19. Qd5+ Qxd5 20. Nxd5 Bc5 21. Bxf4 Bf5 22. c3 Rf8 23. g4 Be6 24. c4 Bxd5 25. cxd5 Rxf4 26. Kg2 Rd4 27. Rc1 Rxd5 28. a3 Rd2+ 29. Kh3 Bf8 30. Rc6 g5 31. Rxa6 Bd6 32. Ra8+ Kg7 33. Ra7+ Kg6 34. f4 gxf4 35. Ra8 Kg7 36. Ra7+ Kg6 37. Ra8 f3 38. Rg8+ Kf7 39. Rg5 Rxh2 mate

Here is the big upset win by Robert Canary to put him solely into first place after the completion of three rounds.

Robert Canary (A) - David Saville (X), Round 3
English Opening

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. e3 Nge7 6. Nge2 O-O 7. O-O Nb4 8. d4 d6 9. a3 Na6 10. Qb3 Kh8 11. f4 c6 12. Bd2 f5 13. fxe5 dxe5 14. Rad1 exd4 15. exd4 Bxd4+ 16. Kh1 Bg7 17. Bg5 Qe8 18. Rfe1 h6 19. Nf4 Nc5 20. Qb4 Nd3 21. Rxd3 hxg5 22. Rxe7 gxf4 23. Rxe8 Rxe8 24. Rd1 fxc3 25. c5 gxh2 26. Qh4+ Kg8 27. Rd8 Be6 28. Rxa8 Rxa8 29. Qe7 Bf7 30. Qxb7 Re8 31. Qxc6 Be5 32. Bd5 Kf8 33. Bxf7 Kxf7 34. Nd5 Rd8 35. b4 g5 36. b5 g4 37. b6 axb6 38. cxb6 g3 39. b7 g2+ 40. Kxg2 Rg8+ 41. Kf2 h1=Q 42. Qd7+ Kg6 43. Ne7+ Kg5 44. Qxf5+ Kh4 45. Qh7+ Kg4 46. Qxh1 Bg3+ 47. Kg2 Rd8 48. Qh3+ Kf4 49. Qxg3+ Ke4 and White won

Donald Griffith (X) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 3
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 d6 6. Be2 Bd7 7. O-O a6 8. a4 e6 9. Be3 Be7 10. f4 Qc7 11. Qe1 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 e5 13. Be3 O-O 14. Qg3 Bc6 15. fxe5 dxe5 16. Bd3 Kh8 17. Bg5 Nh5 18. Qh4 Bxg5

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19. Qxg5 Nf4 20. Kh1 Nxd3 21. cxd3 f6 22. Qe3 Rfd8
23. Rac1 Qd7 24. Qb6 Bxa4 25. Nxa4 Qxa4 26. Rc7
Qb5 27. Qxb5 axb5 28. Rxb7 Rab8 29. Rxb8 Drawn

Steve Shomo (D) - Jerry Dingess (B), Round 3
King's Indian Attack

1. Nf3 d5 2. g3 c6 3. Bg2 Nf6 4. O-O Bf5 5. d3 e6 6.
Nbd2 Bc5 7. Qe1 Nbd7 8. e4 dxe4 9. dxe4 Bg6 10. c3
Ng4 11. Nc4 Nxf2 12. Rxf2 Bxf2+ 13. Kxf2 Nc5 14.
Nce5 O-O 15. Be3 Nd3+ 16. Nxd3 Qxd3 17. Nd2
Rad8 18. Qb1 Qd7 19. Qc2 f5 20. Kg1 fxe4 21. Bxe4
Bxe4 22. Nxe4 b6 23. Bg5 Rb8 24. Rd1 Qf7 25. Bf4
Rbd8 26. Ng5 Rxd1+ 27. Qxd1 Qf5 28. Drawn

Dave Kennedy (D) - Dave Holmes (E), Round 3
French Defense, Advance Variation

1. d4 e6 2. e4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nd7 5. Bb5 cxd4 6. cxd4
Bb4+ 7. Bd2 Qa5 8. Qa4 Bxd2+ 9. Nxd2 Qxa4 10.
Bxa4 a6 11. Ngf3 b5 12. Bc2 f6 13. O-O Ne7 14. b4
O-O 15. a4 Nb6 16. axb5 axb5 17. Rxa8 Nxa8 18. Ra1
Bd7 19. Ra7 Rd8 20. Nb3 Nc6 21. Rb7 Nxb4 22. Nc5
Nxc2 23. Nxd7 fxe5 24. Ndx5 Rc8 25. Rxb5 Nxd4 26.
Rb1 Nxf3+ 27. Nxf3 Nb6 28. g3 Nd7 29. Rb5 h6 30.
Nd4 Kf7 31. Rb7 Ke7 32. f4 g6 33. g4 Rc4 34. Ne2 d4
35. Rb3 Nc5 36. Rh3 d3 37. Rxd3 Nxd3 and Black
won.

John R. Malutich (C) - Scott Carmichael (B), Round 3
Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c6 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 e6 5. O-O Be7 6.
b3 c5 7. e3 Nc6 8. Bb2 O-O 9. Nbd2 Bd7 10. Re1 Qc7
11. Rc1 Qa5 12. a3 Rac8 13. dxc5 Bxc5 14. b4 Bxb4
15. axb4 Nxb4 16. Ra1 Qd8 17. Ba3 Nxc2 18. Bxf8
Nxe1 19. Qxe1 Qxf8 20. Rxa7 Qb4 21. Qa1 h6 22.
Ra8 Rxa8 23. Qxa8+ Kh7 24. Qa1 Bc6 25. Qb1+
Qxb1+ 26. Nxb1 b5 27. Ne5 Be8 28. Nd2 Nd7 29.
Nxd7 Bxd7 30. Kf1 b4 31. Ke1 Ba4 32. Bf3 Kg6 33.
Bd1 Bc6 34. Nf3 Bb7 35. Ne5+ Kf6 36. f4 g5 37. Bh5
Ba6 38. Kd2 gxf4 39. exf4 Kf5 40. Nxf7 d4 41. Nxb6+
Ke4 42. Bd1 Bc4 43. Ng4 b3 44. Nf2+ Kf5 45. Bg4+
Kg6 46. h4 Kg7 47. Nd1 Kf6 48. Nb2 Bb5 49. Be2 Bc6
50. Bc4 e5 51. fxe5+ Kxe5 52. Bxb3 Bf3 53. Bc2 Bg4
54. Bd3 Kd5 55. Be2 Bf5 56. h5 Kc5 57. g4 Black
resigns

Robert Canary (A) - Emory Tate (SM), Round 4
Benko Gambit

1. d4 c5 2. d5 Nf6 3. c4 b5 4. b3 e6 5. dxe6 fxe6 6. Bb2
d5 7. e3 a6 8. Nf3 Bd6 9. Be2 Nbd7 10. Nbd2 Rb8 11.
Qc2 O-O 12. O-O Qe7 13. Rad1 Bb7 14. Rfe1 e5 15.
cxd5 e4 16. Ng5 Bxd5 17. f4 h6 18. Nh3 Bc6 19. Nf1
Nb6 20. Rxd6 Qxd6 21. Be5 Qe7 22. Bxb8 Rxb8 23.
Rd1 Nbd5 24. Qd2 Re8 25. Ng3 Bd7 26. Nf2 Kh8 27.
Qb2 Nxe3 28. Rc1 Ned5 29. Bh5 Nxb5 30. Nxb5 Nb4
31. Re1 Qf7 32. Qd2 e3 33. Rxe3 Qxh5 34. Rxe8+
Qxe8 35. White resigns

John Roush (X) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 4
Sicilian Defense, Closed Variation

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nc6 3. d4 e6 4. Nf3 d5 5. e5 Bd7 6. dxc5
Bxc5 7. b4 Bb6 8. b5 Na5 9. Bd3 Ne7 10. O-O Rc8 11.
a4 Bc5 12. Ra2 Qc7 13. Re1 h6 14. Be3 b6 15. Bd4 g5
16. h4 g4 17. Nh2 h5 18. Nf1 Nf5 19. Bxf5 Bxd4 20.
Qxd4 Nb3 21. Qd1 exf5 22. Qxb3 Be6 23. Rc2 d4 24.
Qb4 d3 25. Rd2 Rd8 26. Ng3 Qc5 27. Qf4 Rg8 28.
Nxb5 g3 29. Nf6+ Ke7 30. Nxb8+ Rxb8 31. Qd4 Black
resigns

David Hundley (D) - Roger Jestel (C), Round 4

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Bb5+ Bd7 4. Bc4 c6 5. Nc3 b5
6. Bb3 a5 7. dxc6 Bxc6 8. Nf3 e6 9. a3 b4 10. axb4
Bxb4 11. O-O O-O 12. Na2 Bd6 13. c3 Qc7 14. d4
Nbd7 15. Re1 Bxf3 16. Qxf3 Bxh2+ 17. Kf1 Bd6 18.
Bc2 Qc4+ 19. Re2 Qd5 20. Qd3 Qh5 21. f3 Bg3 22.
Be3 Nd5 23. Bg1 Nf4 24. Qe3 Nxe2 25. Qxe2 Nf6 26.
Nc1 e5 27. Nd3 exd4 28. Bxd4 Rfe8 29. Qd2 Rad8 30.
Bg1 Rd5 31. c4 Rf5 32. Nf2 Rf4 33. Rxa5 Qh1?? and
Black resigned immediately.

Glenn Haynes (D) - Bob McLearn (D), Round 4

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 f6 4. Nc3 d6 5. h3 Nge7 6.
Nd5 Na5 7. Bb5+ c6 8. Nxe7 Bxe7 9. Ba4 b5 10. Bb3
Nxb3 11. axb3 O-O 12. b4 f5 13. exf5 Rxf5 14. d4 e4
15. Nh2 Bg5 16. O-O Qf6 17. Ng4 Qg6 18. Ne3 Bxe3
19. Bxe3 Rf3 20. g4 Bxg4 21. Bf4 Rxf4 and Black won
easily.

Sefus Ellis (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 4
Queen's Gambit Declined

1. c4 e6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nf3 d5 4. e3 c6 5. Bd3 dxc4 6.
Bxc4 b5 7. Bd3 Bb7 8. Qc2 Nbd7 9. O-O Bd6 10. e4
e5 11. Bg5 h6 12. Bh4 O-O 13. Nc3 exd4 14. Nxd4
Nc5 15. f4 Bxf4 16. Bxf6 gxf6 17. Nce2 Be3+ 18. Kh1
Bxd4 19. e5 Nxd3 20. Qxd3 fxe5 21. Rf5 Bc8 22. Rh5

Roush, Griffith and Emory Tate are the Kings of the Hill at the Taylor Books Winter Grand Prix

Qf6 23. Ng3 Bg4 24. Ne4 Qg6 25. Rh4 f5 26. Rd1 fxe4 and Black won.

Jerry Dingess (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 4
Sicilian Defense, Kalashnikov Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb5 d6 6. N1c3 a6 7. Na3 b5 8. Nd5 Nge7 9. c4 Nxd5 10. exd5 Nd4 11. cxb5 Be7 12. bxa6 Bxa6?! 13. Qa4+ Qd7 14. Qxd7+ Kxd7 15. Bxa6 Rxa6 16. Kd1 Rc8 17. Be3 Nf5 18. Rc1 Rb8 19. Rc2 Bf6 20. Re1 e4 21. Ree2 Ra5 22. Red2 Ne7 23. Nc4 Rxa2 24. Nb6+ Ke8 25. Ke2 Nf5 26. Rc6 Rxb2 27. Rxb2 Bxb2 28. Bf4?? *Jerry was down to only a few minutes left on the clock when he played this unfortunate move. 28...Nd4+ 29. Ke3 Nxc6 30. dxc6 Rxb6 31. Kxe4 Rxc6 and Black soon won.*

Dave Kennedy (D) - Mike Price (E), Round 4

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. Bb5 Bc5 5. Bxc6 bxc6 6. O-O O-O 7. Nxe5 Bd4 8. Nd3 Bxc3 9. bxc3 Nxe4 10. Ba3 Re8 11. Re1 d5 12. Nc5 Nxc5 13. Rxe8+

Qxe8 14. Bxc5 Bf5 15. d3 a6 16. Kf1 f6 17. Qe2 Kf7 18. Qxe8+ Rxe8 19. Rb1 Bc8 20. Rb4 Re5 21. f4 Re8 22. c4 g6 23. Kf2 h6 24. h3 Kg7 25. Ba7 Kf7 26. Bb8 Re7 27. Ba7 Re8 28. Rb1 Ke6 29. Re1+ Kd7 30. Re3 Rxe3 31. Kxe3 Kd6 32. Bb8 Be6 33. c5+ Kxc5 34. Bxc7 d4+ 35. Kd2 Bxa2 36. c4 dxc3+ 37. Kxc3 Bd5 38. g4 Bg2 39. h4 Bf3 40. f5 gxf5 41. gxf5 Bg4 42. Bd8 Bxf5 43. Bxf6 h5 44. d4+ Kb5 45. Be7 Bg6 46. Kd2 Kc4 47. Ke3 Kd5 48. Bc5 Ke6 49. Bb6 Draw

Michael Malutich (C) - Gary Morris (C), Round 4
King's Indian Defense

1. d4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. c4 d6 4. g3 c6 5. Bg2 Nf6 6. Nbd2 O-O 7. b3 Qa5 8. Bb2 Ne4 9. O-O Nc3 10. Qc2 Nxe2+ 11. Kh1 Bf5 12. Ne4 Nxc3+ 13. fxc3 d5 14. Nh4 dxe4 15. Bxe4 Bxe4+ 16. Qxe4 e6 17. Rf2 Nd7 18. Qd3 Rad8 19. Raf1 e5 20. dxe5 Nxe5 21. Qe4 Nd3 22. Bxg7 Nxf2+ 23. Rxf2 Kxg7 24. Qe7 Qb6 25. Qf6+ 25...Kg8 26. Nf5 gxf5 27. Qg5+ Kh8 28. Qf6+ Kg8 29. Qg5+ Kh8 30. Qf6+ Kg8 31. Drawn

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Emory Tate	IN	2391	2384	W-23	W-22	D-3	W-4	3.5
2	Donald Griffith	WV	2029	2031	W-7	W-21	D-9	W-10	3.5
3	John Roush	WV	2026	2051	W-14	W-5	D-1	W-9	3.5
4	Robert Canary	WV	1780	1815	W-18	W-11	W-8	L-1	3.0
5	James Fuller	WV	1703	1707	W-28	L-3	W-17	W-15	3.0
6	Jacqueline Guglielmi	NC	1433	1491	W-32	D-10	W-20	D-8	3.0
7	Bob McLear	WV	1381	1411	L-2	W-28	W-26	W-19	3.0
8	David Saville	WV	2129	2097	W-15	W-26	L-4	D-6	2.5
9	Gary Cummings	WV	1791	1801	W-31	W-12	D-2	L-3	2.5
10	Sefus Ellis	WV	1715	1709	W-30	D-6	W-13	L-2	2.5
11	Michael Malutich	WV	1561	1564	W-29	L-4	W-23	D-12	2.5
12	Gary Morris	WV	1549	1549	W-19	L-9	W-18	D-11	2.5
13	Tom LaBue	WV	1543	1576	W-27	D-20	L-10	W-21	2.5
14	John W. Malutich	WV	1457	1432	L-3	W-29	L-28	W-27	2.0
15	John R. Malutich	WV	1430	1459	L-8	W-24	W-22	L-5	2.0
16	Steve Shomo	WV	1362	1393	L-20	W-27	D-21	D-22	2.0
17	David Hundley	WV	1262	1287	L-22	W-32	L-5	W-26	2.0
18	Stephen Malutich	WV	1208	1221	L-4	W-30	L-12	W-28	2.0
19	Glenn Haynes	WV	1056	1081	L-12	W-31	W-29	L-7	2.0
20	Jim Walker	WV	2024	2000	W-16	D-13	L-6	U---	1.5
21	Jerry Dingess	OH	1787	1743	W-25	L-2	D-16	L-13	1.5
22	Scott Carmichael	WV	1770	1730	W-17	L-1	L-15	D-16	1.5
23	Jay Kerns	VA	1424/08	1447/12	L-1	W-25	L-11	D-24	1.5
24	Jimmy Whitt	WV	1219/08	1238/12	L-26	L-15	W-30	D-23	1.5
25	Mike Price	WV	1169	1169	L-21	L-23	W-32	D-31	1.5
26	Roger Jestel	WV	1671/17	1540/11	W-24	L-8	L-7	L-17	1.0
27	David Holmes	TN	1087	1097	L-13	L-16	W-31	L-14	1.0
28	Bill Salmon	WV	1074	1086	L-5	L-7	W-14	L-18	1.0
29	Brandon Riffle	WV	870	860	L-11	L-14	L-19	B---	1.0
30	Andy Olson	WV	Unrated	1047/04	L-10	L-18	L-24	W-32	1.0
31	David Kennedy	WV	1324/12	1237/16	L-9	L-19	L-27	D-25	0.5
32	Ernest Tingler	WV	Unrated	838/04	L-6	L-17	L-25	L-30	0.0

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David Saville (X) - John Roush (X)

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Charleston Chess Club Championship (8), 1998

The Modern Benoni is for many a modern mystery. It seems to fly in the face of traditional chess thinking. From very early on, black opens the e4-e5 door for his opponent, seemingly daring white to smash him flat. Thus many have dumped it unceremoniously in the dustbin. In many circles it is considered an amusement, but nothing to be taken too seriously. After all, the refutation is merely a matter of common sense ... or is it? Let us dare apply a little common sense ourselves and see where that takes us ...

1. d4 e6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. c4 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. Nc3 g6 7. e4 Bg7 8. Bg5

A somewhat rare alternative which is very well motivated. White begins to apply some direct pressure to black's position. Since white is already beginning to fashion a noose, black will have to choose his moment to strike back very carefully.

8...h6

This is considered by many to be the required and necessary way of dealing with the situation. Black hits back immediately and asks the bishop directly. However, it is not the only way. The previous year's contest between these two players continued instead 8...a6 9. Nd2 b5 10. Bd3 Nbd7 11. 0-0 0-0 12. a4 c4 13. Be2 Rb8 14. axb5 axb5 15. b4!? and now the noose was presented in earnest. The moment of truth had arrived and by continuing in the spirit of breakout before the chains are applied Black could continue 15...cxb3 and fight his way to a playable position after both 16. Qxb3 (16. Nxb3 b4 17. Nb5 h6 is even simpler) 16...Nc5 17. Qb4 and now Black carries the breakout theme to the limit with 17...Nxd5! 18. Bxd8 Nxb4 19. Bc7 Rb7 20. Bxd6 Bxc3 21. Bxc5 Rd8 Thus the real problem of the Benoni is clearly seen. Black must always be ready to break out before white succeeds in getting a grip.

9. Bh4 a6 10. Nd2

10. a4 is the main way of handling matters, but white chooses to allow b7-b5 and play to undermine it later.

10...b5 11. Be2 0-0 12. Qc2 Nbd7 13. 0-0 Re8 14. Rfe1 Qc7

14...Rb8 is another good continuation and might be considered slightly more accurate by some, one point being that 15. a4 can be met with 15...c4 since the loss of d4 is not serious since the Nd2, the Bh4 and the Qc2 have already turned away from it.

15. a4 b4 16. Nd1

Revealing one of the points of Qd1-c2.

16...a5

Weighed on the ultra-fine scales of the Modern Benoni this may be a step in the wrong direction. 16...b3 is the most radical attempt to solve Black's problems as it attempts to fight for squares like b4 and e4 and also the b-file. Simply put, it is the breakout again. 17. Qb1 (17. Qxb3 Nxe4 also hangs together in view of 18. Bxa6 Bxa6 19. Rxe4 Rxe4 20. Nxe4 f5) 17...Rb8 and Black's idea starts to appear, he may follow with Rb8-b4 which pressures e4 and may also allow c5-c4, he may also fight for black squares like f4 and e5 by continuing g6-g5 at some point. If Black succeeds he may actually obtain a grip himself and force white to seek a breakout!

17. f3

An important moment. White solidifies e4 and turns his attention to sewing up squares like b3 and c4. If he succeeds Black will be stuck without counterplay constantly watching out for e4-e5 and praying to get in an effective f7-f5 in an attempt to fight back.

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17...Ba6 18. Bxa6 Rxa6 19. Rc1

Stepping out of the firing line and getting closer to b2-b3 and Nd2-c4.

19...Nh5 20. Ne3 Ne5 21. Ndc4 Nd7 22. Bf2 Nf4 23. Bg3 Nh5 24. Bf2 Nf4 25. Rcd1 Rb8 26. b3 Re8 27. Bg3 Nh5 28. Bh4 Bd4 29. Kh1

Now the fight has narrowed to the e5 square. Black either holds it and draws or will have to face the worst.

29...Bg7 30. g4 Nhf6 31. Bg3

Now that white has secured the Bg3 the pressure on d6 intensifies as well. With time becoming shorter the defensive task grows too large for Black.

31...Bf8 32. Kg2 h5 33. h3 Raa8 34. Bh4 Rac8 35. Bg5 Nh7 36. Bf4 Nhf6 37. g5
37. Qf2 with the idea of Qf2-g3 is also possible.

37...Nh7 38. h4 Be7 39. Kh1 Nhf8 40. Qh2 1-0

WVCA Constitution Update

I have updated the WVCA Constitution to include all the new items the association has added since the last printed version (about 1990). Tom Bergquist and I have started to look over the current Constitution to see where we can improve the body of the document. There are some items that are outdated and now obsolete. There are other areas that likely should be stronger.

We think that a committee should be formed to modify the WVCA Constitution, but we want to give the members input to the shaping of it. If we tried to do this solely at the meeting, it could go on for hours. At the Business Meeting, I will bring a copy of the current document and some of the initial comments from Tom B. I will also try to get the current version on-line, so everyone has a chance to look it over prior to the Business Meeting. If you have any questions or comments about this, please feel free to contact me. Remember, two-thirds of the assembled members must approve of such a resolution before a committee can be formed. Perhaps a little time spent now may save us some problems sometime in the future.

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David Saville is the 1999 WV Action Chess King

David Saville scorched the aspiring entrants in this year's WV Action Chess Championship. David finished with 6½ score (out of 7). The only mark against him was a second round draw with Robert Canary. Gary Cummings ended the day 6-1, good for second place; Gary's loss was at the hands of the champion. Third place with 5 was Yuri Kolkin.

The fast time control (G/30) took its toll on some of the experts, both Donald Griffith and Jim Walker (last year's co-champs in this event) finished back in the pack. Robert Canary, Tom LaBue and Jim Olson each survived the massacre with a score of 4.

Gary had a chance to regain the lead in the last round. He needed to defeat Tom LaBue (which he did) and Gary Morris would have to defeat Saville. Gary Morris had a wonderful position, and it looked like David might be beaten. However, Gary Morris had time trouble, which allowed Saville to scratch out the game and the Championship.

One comic moment occurred in Round 1 in the game between Bill Salmon and Markle Butcher. Bill seemed to be in time trouble very quickly as Markle went on to secure victory over Bill. However, Jim Olson who had set the electronic clock for Bill, had not set the delay time (inadvertently). Bill vowed revenge. He had that chance later in the day as he was paired with Jim. No such luck; Jim finished off Bill and finished the day strong.

WV's only current master, Bob Bukovac was on hand to

provide analysis and insights on the day's games. Twenty-four players took the plunge at Taylor Books in Charleston. Jim Meyer was our esteemed Tournament Director.

Sefus Ellis Victorious at the Beckley Christmas Open

Although Sefus Ellis arrived late for the first round and had to take a bye, everything else went right for him. One of the 1998 WV Co-Champs, Sefus, bested Allen Farley, Joel Harrison and Tim Goan to score 3½ points, just ahead of Jim Walker, Harrison and Gary Cummings - each finishing with 3.

Key games in the tourney were Sefus' third round win over Joel Harrison, an A-class player from VA. Both players struggled under weight of time control. Sefus' clock hanging on just a little longer. Jim Walker was touched for two draws, in rounds 2 and 3. First to Tim Goan, then James Fuller, each earning a split with the lone expert in the field. Fuller achieved the upset of day when he defeated Gary Cummings to start things going in Round 1.

This was the first tournament in the Beckley area in some time. It was run quite handily by Mike Turner, making his debut at TD. He is hoping to make this an annual event.

Beckley Christmas Open, December 19, 1998, Country Inn and Suite Hotel, Beckley, WV

PLR #	NAME	ST	PreRate	PostRate	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Sefus Ellis	WV	1750	1784	H---	W-9	W-3	W-6	3.5
2	Jim Walker	WV	2034	2009	W-7	D-6	D-8	W-9	3.0
3	Joel Harrison	VA	1855	1844	W-10	W-11	L-1	W-8	3.0
4	Gary Cummings	WV	1846	1830	L-8	W-12	W-13	W-10	3.0
5	Tom LaBue	WV	1575	1565	W-14	D-8	L-6	W-13	2.5
6	Tim Goan	WV	1530	1559	W-15	D-2	W-5	L-1	2.5
7	Steven Parsons	SC	1557	1548	L-2	L-13	W-12	W-15	2.0
8	Jim Fuller	WV	1549	1586	W-4	D-5	D-2	L-3	2.0
9	Allen Farley	WV	1534	1533	W-16	L-1	W-14	L-2	2.0
10	Gary Morris	WV	1514	1514	L-3	W-15	W-11	L-4	2.0
11	Howard Mayfield	KY	1088/13	1150/16	B---	L-3	L-10	W-14	2.0
12	David Michael	WV	1576	1543	D-13	L-4	L-7	W-16	1.5
13	Jimmy Whitt	WV	899/04	1219/08	D-12	W-7	L-4	L-5	1.5
14	David Hundley	WV	1291	1262	L-5	W-16	L-9	L-11	1.0
15	Eric DeHaven	WV	1202	1197	L-6	L-10	W-16	L-7	1.0
16	Andrew Cummings	WV	Unrated	1001/04	L-9	L-14	L-15	L-12	0.0

1998-99 West Virginia Grand Prix Standings

Jim Walker has taken the lead from Pat Kelly in the latest West Virginia Grand Prix standings. Jim is now leading by 4½ points over fellow 1998 WV State Co-Champion Sefus Ellis. Pat has now slipped to third. Charleston's James Fuller and Donald Griffith (St. Albans) round out the Top 5. The top 10 finishers will receive a trophy or plaque for their efforts.

The following upcoming events have been included in the current 1998-99 WV Grand Prix standing::

- 1- 1998 West Virginia Chess Championship
- 2- Taylor Books Fall Grand Prix
- 3- Beckley Christmas Open
- 4- Taylor Books Winter Grand Prix

The following upcoming events have concluded and are awaiting official USCF crosstables.

None

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

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

Previous WV Grand Prix Winners

Year	Winner	Hometown
1989-90	Mark Hathaway	Huntington, WV
1992-93	Chuck Schulien	Parkersburg, WV
1993-94	John Roush	Charleston, WV
1994-95	John Roush	Ripley, WV
1995-96	John Roush	Ripley, WV
1996-97	Jim Walker	Cross Lanes, WV
1997-98	David Saville	Charleston, WV
1998-99	??	

Current WV Grand Prix Standings

updated March 27, 1999

1. Jim Walker	24.30
2. Sefus Ellis	19.80
3. Pat Kelly	17.50
4. James Fuller	14.67

5. Donald Griffith	12.50
6. Tom LaBue	12.00
7. Gary Cummings	11.50
8. John Roush	10.50
9. David Saville	9.80
10. Tim Goan	9.00
Michael Malutich	9.00
12. Mike Turner	8.30
13. Robert Canary	8.17
14. David Hundley	8.00
15. Dave Olson	7.30
16. Markle Butcher	7.00
17. John W. Malutich	6.50
John R. Malutich	6.50
19. Mike Richardson	6.00
Mark Hathaway	6.00
Chuck Waugh	6.00
Steve Malutich	6.00
23. Bob McLearn	5.67
24. Marc Abraham	4.00
Neil Markovitz	4.00
Joe Meadows	4.00
Jimmy Whitt	4.00
Glenn Haynes	4.00
29. A. Richardson	3.50
Mike Price	3.50
31. Mike Conley	3.00
Jim Gikas	3.00
Greg Martin	3.00
George Mullins	3.00
S. Statkiewicz	3.00
Jim Olson	3.00
Bill Salmon	3.00
38. Al Mullins	2.50
Alan Smith	2.50
Nathan Stark	2.50
41. Chad Mullins	2.00
Jon Mullins	2.00
Galen Miller	2.00
Mike Taylor	2.00
David Michael	2.00
46. Scott Carmichael	1.50
Jay Kerns	1.50
48. Brent Hardman	1.00
49. Dave Kennedy	0.50
Steve Sutherland	0.50

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