

WVCA Chess Bulletin

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61th Annual West Virginia Chess Championship visits Charleston

The West Virginia Chess Championship is returning to Charleston for the first time since the 1983 event. The combination of the Sternwheel Regatta Festival and the loss of a downtown playing location had kept this event from returning to the WV capital city. The resurgence of the Charleston Club in the past few years had led them to bid for this year's event. It will be held at the Elk River Town Center Motel, in downtown Charleston.

In 1983 John Roush, Donald Griffith and Joe Barker tied for first with 5-1 marks. Any of these three (if Joe decides to play) could certainly be in the winners circle come Labor Day evening. The five co-winners from last year's event in Parkersburg will also be looking to repeat their previous effort: David Saville, Jim Walker, Sefus Ellis, David Olson, and Michael Turner.

The highlight of the weekend should be Friday night. A lecture and simul to be presented by GM Eduard Gufeld will start at 7:30pm. There will be a charge to play in the simul against GM Gufeld, but WVCA President David Saville has told me it will be surprisingly affordable. Also on tap during the Labor Day Weekend festivities are the WV Quick Chess Championship (10-minute) to be contested on Sunday night and the Blitz Championship (WBCA rated) scheduled for Saturday night.

A note to all players to make your hotel reservations early. With the Sternwheel Regatta ongoing, hotel rooms may be scarce come Labor Day weekend. Also, many of the roads downtown will be closed early in the day to accommodate the festival's crowds. It may be wise to show up at the tourney site earlier than 9am, which we have been told is the road closure time.

We hope to see everyone Labor Day weekend for all the festivities of the West Virginia Chess Championship.

List of the West Virginia State Champions

- 1939 John Hurt, Jr.
- 1940 William Hartling
- 1941 Walt Crede
- 1942 H. Landis Marks
- 1943 Siegfried Werthammer
- 1944 Siegfried Werthammer
- 1945 Harold Leggett
- 1946 Siegfried Werthammer
- 1947 H. Landis Marks
- 1948 John Hurt, Jr., Siegfried Werthammer
- 1949 Siegfried Werthammer, Edward Foy
- 1950 Siegfried Werthammer
- 1951 Allen DuVall, Edward Foy, John Hurt, Jr.,
Siegfried Werthammer
- 1952 Siegfried Werthammer
- 1953 Siegfried Werthammer
- 1954 Donald Burdick
- 1955 Donald Burdick, Allen DuVall, John Hurt, Jr.,
Charles Morgan, Siegfried Werthammer
- 1956 Donald Burdick, Charles Morgan
- 1957 Donald Burdick, Siegfried Werthammer
- 1958 Siegfried Werthammer
- 1959 Micajah Wren
- 1960 H. Landis Marks
- 1961 Alex Darbes
- 1962 Alex Darbes
- 1963 John Downes
- 1964 Ronald Kennedy, John Scherer
- 1965 Siegfried Werthammer
- 1966 William Payne
- 1967 William Payne
- 1968 Robert Bonwell, Cornelio Nolasco
- 1969 Marvin Barker, Jr., David Marples
- 1970 Robert Bonwell, David Marples, Jorge Ribeiro,
John Scherer

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Upcoming Events in West Virginia

Sunday, Aug. 22, 1999: 7th Annual Parkersburg Homecoming Chess Tournament

4-SS, G/60, NS, NC, W, WV Grand Prix
Site: Parkersburg Municipal Building, 2nd and Market Streets, Parkersburg, WV 26101

2 Sections:

Rated - EF: \$12 if rec'd by Aug. 15, \$15 at site.

\$\$ based on entries, \$ 250 guaranteed added to the first place cash prize (donated by Eastern Electric & Electronics Co. Inc.) + trophy (donated by Emerson Trophy Shop).

Non-rated - EF: \$7, Trophies for first & second place (donated by Emerson Trophy Shop)

Reg. 9-9:45; Rounds: 10-12:45-3-5:15

Ent: Patrick Kelly, 104 Iroquois Drive, Marietta, OH 45750, (740) 374-0538.

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,

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

e-mail: olson@zoomnet.net

October 2, 1999: Harrison Co. October Open

Site: Nutter Fort Elementary School, Rt. 20, Nutter Fort

Sections: Open and Scholastic (K-2, K-6, K-9, K-12)

Open: 3 or 4/SS; G/60 \$\$: b/entries

Scholastic: 4/SS; G/30 \$\$ trophies

EF: \$8 if entries by 9/25; \$10 at site

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

Note: Bob Jordan and Dave Bitler and still deciding about the format for the new Open Section. Originally, they had planned a 3 round event, but are considering adding a 4th round to qualify it as a WV Grand Prix Event. Watch *Chess Life* Tournament Calender and the WVCA Website for updates.

November 6, 1999: Harrison Co. November Open

See Harrison Co. October Open for more information

Other Upcoming Events

1) October- November - Taylor Books Fall Open

2) December 4, 1999: Harrison Co. December Open

3) March 4, 2000: Harrison Co. March Open

4) April 1, 2000: Harrison Co. April Open

5) May 6, 2000: Harrison Co. May Open

1999 West Virginia Correspondence Championship

Entries are now being accepted for the 1999-2000 West Virginia Correspondence Championship. The entry fee is \$15 and all players must be members of the WVCA and USCF. This event will be USCF rated. Entries should be sent to Tom LaBue at the address at the bottom of the page. Only WV residents can win the title of West Virginia Correspondence Champion, but non-residents may win whatever cash prize they are eligible for.

The format for the tourney is still undecided, but I am leaning towards a two-round event (preliminaries and finals) if enough players register. Otherwise, we will multiple sections based upon ratings: an Open and a Reserve section. Deadline for entries is September 30, 1999 and pairing will be completed shortly thereafter. Please feel free to contact for more information on this event.

Send all tourney announcements, results, and comments:

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WV Players on the Road: Roush and Walker at World Open

John Roush, Jim Walker and Mike Turner ventured up to the 1999 World Open in Philadelphia. John played in the Open section and finished 4-5, a good showing. The weekend was highlighted by a draw against Anna Khan. John said he picked up about 60 or so ratings points to get him back over 2100. Also, Jim won one of the World Open side events and is also back over 2100. Mike Turner played in the A-section and finished with 2½ points. Also present was Jon Karakker (Expert section) and the Malutich family.

Here are some notes from John from his second round games against master Robert Ciaffone.

Last issue Bob Bukovac annotated my loss to Dave Saville. Although I agree with pretty much everything he stated in the article, I thought it would give our readers a more balanced picture of the state of the Modern Benoni if they had an example of a game where Black had it his way. Though such games are few and far between (!), I was fortunate to have one at this year's World Open.

Robert Ciaffone (2231) - John Roush (2050)

1999 World Open, Round 2, Open Section

Modern Benoni Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 exd5 5. cxd5 d6 6. e4 g6 7. f4 Bg7 8. Bb5+ *This is the formerly dreaded Taimanov Attack. Although still considered just as strong by theory, it is no longer dreaded because: (a) White gets just as big an advantage in most of the other major lines so why should this line be particularly dreaded and (b) players who experience dread, fear, or common sense no longer play the Modern Benoni.*
8...Nfd7 9. Be2 *I'm inclined to believe 9. a4 Bd3 is better, but theory considers the text move as fine also.*
9...O-O 10. Nf3 Na6 11. O-O Nc7 12. Nd2
12. a4 *according to MCO. 12...a6 ECO suggests 12...f5!?. White doesn't seem ready for 13. e5!?. dxe5 14. d6 Ne6 and Black looks O.K. after (a) 13. Bf3 fxe4 14. Ncxe4 Nf6 or (b) 13. Nc4 Bxc3!?. 14. bxc3 fxe4 15. Nxd6 Nf6 16. Nxc8 Rxc8 17. d6 Ncd5 18. Bc4 (18. c4 Nc3!) Qxd6. 13.a4 Rb8 14.Nc4 Ne8 15.Bf3 Nb6 15...f5!?. looks interesting. Though Black's position looks stupid after 16. exf5 gxf5, he is doing fine as (a) the pawn break e5 is no longer available for White, (b) b5 and e4 are off limits to White pieces, and (c) e4 is looming as a potential outpost for a Black N.*
16.Na3 Bd7 16...Nxa4? 17. Qxa4! b5 18. Qb3! and

18...b4 19. Nc4 or 18...c4 19. Nxc4 *are both +-.*

17. a5 Nc8 18. Nc4 Bb5 19. Qb3 Nc7 20. Re1 Re8 21. Bd2 Bxc4 22. Qxc4 b5 23. axb6 e.p. Nxb6 24. Qf1 Nd7 *Clearing the b-file and keeping an eye on e5. I consider the position =, but I won't quibble with an assessment of \geq or \leq . Nevertheless, this is the type of position for which Modern Benoni players aim.*

25. Ra2 Rb3 26. Na4 Qb8 27. Ba5 Nb5 28. Bd1 Bd4+ 29. Kh1 Re3 30. Rxe3 Bxe3 31. Qf3 Bd4 32. b3 Bg7 33. Qd3 Qb7 *Protecting a6 to allow ...Nd4 and dreaming of Qxd5 ... exd5 Re1+ mate if the White Q can be diverted from d5 and the White B from e1.*

34. Re2 Oh well! 34...Nd4 35. Re3? 35. Re1 Bh6!? **36. Bd2 Nb2-c4** *and White's dream of e5 starts to materialize! 35...Bh6 36. Qf1 Qb5! 37. Qxb5 axb5 38. Nb6 Nxb6 39. Bxb6 Bxf4 40. Re1 Be5 40...Bd2 41. e5!?. Bxe1 42. exd6 Bh4. 41.Ba5 b4* *White resigns Rook penetration via the a-file to a3 or b1 should pick up the b3-pawn with an easy win. White's only counterplay is to sac the B on d6 and push the e-pawn but this is easily handled, i.e. 42. Bc7 Rc8 43. Bxd6 Bxd6 44. e5 Re8.*

Doug Lane Defeats FM Ken Larsen

Former WV State Champion Paul (Doug) Lane is living in Arizona these days. He sent me this game that he played in July at Ye Olde Pueblo Open in Tucson, AZ against FM Ken Larsen. Here are the gory details as told by Doug.

Paul D. Lane (2156) - FM Ken Larsen (2414)

Blumenfeld Gambit

Notes by Paul Lane

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nf3 e6 3. c4 c5 4. d5 b5 5. Bg5!(strongest) 5...h6 6. Bxf6 Qxf6 7. Nc3 bxc4?! *This move is the source of Black's future problems, better is 7...b4 8. Nb5 Kd8 but White is clearly on top after 9. e4 g5 10. e5! Qg7 11. g4! Malaniuk-Palatnik, Tallinn 1985. 8. e4 g5 9. Bxc4 Bg7 10. O-O O-O 11. Re1 exd5* *Probably not best but it is hard to suggest improvements after Black's inaccurate seventh move. 12. Nxd5 Qd8 13. h4 Nc6 14. hxg5 hxg5 15. e5 Rb8* *If 15...g4 16. Nh2 Nxe5 17. Nxc4! Nxc4 18. Ne7+ Kh8 19. Qd5 is kaput. 16. Re3! Rxb2 17. Qc1 Rb8 18. Nf6+ Bxf6 19. exf6 Qxf6 20. Nxc5 d5 21. Rg3 Kh8* *Cute is 21...bxc4 22. Ne4+ Qg7 23. Qh6 Qg3 24. Nf6 mate. 22. Qd1 Qh6 23. Qxd5 Rb7 24. Qxc5 Re7 25. Bb5 Re5 26. Qxc6 f6 27. Nh3 Qd2 28. Qc7 Qh6 29. Bd3 Rfe8 30. Rg6 Qf8 31. Rxf6* **Black resigns**

OH's Russ Wilson takes the US Amateur South

Russ Wilson tied for first last year at the 1998 US Amateur South, but lost the quick chess playoff to William Surlow. This year, he avoided the playoff by finishing the weekend at 4½-½. Wins over Ryan Milisits and David Saville in the final two rounds propelled Russ to the Championship.

In the Reserve Section, A four-way tie for the top spot ensued between Joseph Faries, Scott Ramer, Mike Booth, and John Ottesen. After surviving a blitz playoff round, Scott defeated Mike in quick chess to claim the 1999 USAS Reserve Championship.

The Best Game Prize was won by David Friedman for his victory with the Black pieces over Grant Perks in Round 4. WV master Bob Bukovac selected the Best Game prize reviewing all the games turned in for judgement.

Ninety-eight players participated in this year's event at the Embassy Suites Hotel in Charleston. This was the largest Amateur South turnout we have had for the USAS in Charleston; we are grateful to large contingent from OH and PA who attended this year. Special thanks go out to organizer Rev. John Kay and Tournament Director Jim Meyer. This is the third year that they have teamed up to run an outstanding tournament. John told me he is probably apt to bid for the 2000 USAS, though this likely will be his last.

USAS Prizewinners

	Open Section	Reserve Section
1 st	Russ Wilson	Scott Ramer
2 nd	David Friedman	Joseph Faries
3 rd	Riuxin Yang	Mike Booth
4 th	John Roush	John Ottesen
5 th	David Saville	Sefus Ellis
6 th	Donald Griffith	Sam Rhodes

Open Section Prizewinners

	Class A	Class B
1 st	Chaene Kingraey	Ryan Milisits
2 nd	Yuri Kolkin	Dave Olson
3 rd	Dennis Gittrich	James Fuller
4 th	Andy Nicol	Tim Deal

	Class C and below
1 st	Jeff Crawford
2 nd	Steve Shomo
3 rd	Tom LaBue
4 th	David Hundley
Upset	Steve Shomo

Open Section Games

Riuxin Yang - Russ Wilson, Round 2
 Sicilian Defense, Grand Prix Attack
 1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. f4 Nc6 4. Nf3 a6 5. d4 cxd4 6. Nxd4 Nge7 7. Be3 Nxd4 8. Qxd4 b5 9. Be2 Bb7 10. Bf3 Nc6 11. Qd2 Na5 12. b3 Rc8 13. a3 Qc7 14. Bd4 Nc6 15. Be3 Ne5 16. Bd4 Nxf3+ 17. gxf3 f6 18. e5 f5 19. O-O Be7 20. b4 Rg8 21. Kf2 Qc6 22. Qe3 g5 23. Rg1 h6 24. Rad1 Kf7 25. fxe5 Bxe5 26. f4 Bh4+ 27. Ke2 Rg2+ 28. Kf1 Rxe1+ 29. Qxe1 Rg8 30. Rd2 Rxe1+ 31. Bxe1 Qxc3 32. Rxd7+ Ke8 33. Rd3 Qa1+ 34. Ke2 Qe1 mate

Chaene Kingraey (A) - David Saville (X), Round 2
 Sicilian Defense, Kalashnikoff Variation
 1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb5 d6 6. c4 Be7 7. Be2 f5 8. exf5 Bxf5 9. O-O Nf6 10. N1c3 a6 11. Na3 O-O 12. Nc2 Be6 13. Nd5 Bxd5 14. cxd5 Nb8 15. Ne3 Nbd7 16. Ng4 Kh8 17. Be3 Ne4 18. Bd3 Nef6 19. Be2 Qa5 20. Nxf6 Nxf6 21. Bg5 Bd8 22. Bxf6 Rxf6 23. a3 Rf4 24. b4 Qb6 25. Bd3 g6 26. Rc1 Bg5 27. Rc4 Rxc4 28. Bxc4 Rf8 29. Qg4 Qd8 30. g3 Qf6 31. Qe6 Qxe6 32. dxe6 Rc8 33. Bd5 Rc7 34. Rd1 Kg7 35. a4 Kf6 36. Rd3 Ke7 37. Rf3 Bf6 38. a5-Rc1+ 39. Kg2 Rb1 40. Bxb7 Rxb4 41. Bxa6 Ra4 42. Rd3 Rxa5 43. Bc4 Rc5 44. Bb3 Bg5 45. Rd5 Rc7 46. Rb5 Bd2 47. Rb8 Bc3 48. Rh8 Kf6 49. Rf8+ Ke7 50. Rg8 Kf6 51. Rf8+ Kg7 52. Re8 Drawn

Steve Charles (A) - Ted Alfred, Round 2
 King's Indian Defense, Classical Variation
 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Nf3 e5 7. O-O Nc6 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1 Nd7 10. Be3 f5 11. f3 f4 12. Bf2 g5 13. b4 Ng6 14. c5 h5 15. cxd6 cxd6 16. Nb5 Nb6 17. Rc1 Rf7 18. a4 a5 19. Qc2 axb4 20. Nc7 Rxc7 21. Qxc7 Qxc7 22. Rxc7 Nxa4 23. Nc2 b3 24. Bb5 Nc5 25. Bxc5 dxc5 26. Na1 b2 27. Nc2 Bf8 28. Be8 Nh8 29. Bxb5 Bd6 30. Rxc8+ Rxc8 31. Rb1 b5 32. Rxb2 b4 33. Kf1 c4 34. Rxb4 Bxb4 35. Nxb4 c3 36. Nc2 Nf7 37. Bxf7+ Kxf7 38. Ke2 Rc7 39. Kd3 Rb7 40.

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Kxc3 Rb1 41. g3 fxg3 42. hxg3 Rxg3 43. Ne1 g4 44. Kd2 gxf3 45. Ke3 f2+ 46. Kxf2 Ra3 47. Nf3 Kf6 48. Ke2 Ra1 49. Kf2 Rh1 50. Ke2 Rh5 51. Kf2 Ke7 52. Kg3 Kd6 53. Kg2 53. Kf2 Kc5 54. Ke2 Drawn

Russ Wilson - Donald Griffith, Round 3
Sicilian Defense, Maroczy Bind

1. Nf3 c5 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 g6 6. e4 Bg7 7. Be3 O-O 8. Be2 d6 9. O-O Bd7 10. Rc1 a6 11. f3 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 Qa5 13. a4 Rac8 14. Kh1 Qb4 15. b3 Bc6 16. Na2 Qa5 17. Bc3 Qc7 18. a5 b6 19. Nb4 bxa5 20. Nxc6 Qxc6 21. Bxa5 Nd7 22. Bd2 Nc5 23. b4 Ne6 24. Be3 Qb7 25. Qd2 Rc7 26. Rb1 Rfc8 27. Rfd1 Be5 28. Bf1 Rb8 29. Qd5 Nf4 30. Qxb7 Rcx7 31. b5 Ne6 32. Rd2 Drawn

Dennis Gittrich (A) - David Friedman (X), Round 3
King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 c6 6. Be3 a6 7. Qd2 O-O 8. Nge2 b5 9. Ng3 Nbd7 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. Nce2 bxc4 12. Bxc4 d5 13. Bb3 e5 14. dxe5 Nxe5 15. O-O dxe4 16. fxe4 Qxd2 17. Bxd2 c5 18. Bc3 Nxe4 19. Nxe4 Bxe4 20. Ng3 Bb7 21. Rae1 Rae8 22. Ne4 Nd3 23. Rxf7 Bxc3 24. Rxf8+ Kxf8 25. Rf1+ Kg7 26. Nxc3 Re7 27. Na4 Kh6 28. Rd1 Nf4 29. Nxc5 Bxg2 30. Rd2 Bc6 31. Nxa6 Nh3+ 32. Kf1 Bb5+ 33. Kg2 Nf4+ 34. Kf3 Nd3 35. Nb8 Rb7 36. Bc2 Ne1+ 37. Ke3 Nxc2+ 38. Rxc2 Rxb8 39. b3 Kg5 40. Kd4 Rd8+ 41. Ke5 Kg4 42. a4 Re8+ 43. Kd6 Be2 44. b4 Bd1 45. Rc4+ Kh3 46. a5 g5 47. b5 Be2 48. Rc5 Kg4 49. b6 h5 50. Kc7 Ba6 51. Rc3 Rc8+ 52. Black resigns

Gary Cummings (A) - Yuri Kolkin (A), Round 3
Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. exd6 cxd6 6. Bc4 Nf6 7. c3 a6 8. O-O b5 9. Bb3 e6 10. h3 Bh5 11. a4 Nbd7 12. Qe2 Rb8 13. axb5 axb5 14. Bf4 Be7 15. Nbd2 O-O 16. Ra6 Rb6 17. Rxb6 Qxb6 18. Ra1 d5 19. g4 Bg6 20. Ne5 Nxe5 21. dxe5 Nd7 22. Be3 Bc5 23. Bxc5 Nxc5 24. Bd1 b4 25. Qe3 bxc3 26. bxc3 Qb2 27. Ra5 Nd3 28. Nf3 Qxc3 29. Ra4 Qc6 30. Rd4 Nc5 31. Nh4 Nd7 32. f4 Be4 33. Nf3 Bxf3 34. Bxf3 Rc8 35. Kg2 Qc5 36. g5 g6 37. Bxd5 exd5 38. e6 Nf8 39. exf7+ Kxf7 40. Qe5 Re8 41. Qxd5+ Qxd5+ 42. Rxd5 Ne6 43. Kf3 Ng7 44. Rd6 Nf5 45. Rb6 Re3+ 46. Kg2 Rg3+ 47. Kh2 Rf3 48. Rb7+ Ne7 49. Rb4 Nd5 50. Rb7+ Ke6 51. Rxh7 Nxf4 52. Rh4 Kf5 53. Rh8 Kxg5 54. h4+ Kg4 55. Rf8 Rf2+ 56. Kgl Kg3 57. White resigns

This turned out to be the turning point in the Open Section. Young Mr. Milisits was a perfect 3-0 and in first place by himself after Saturday's games. Ryan actually had a material advantage, but cannot finish the game. Russ was able to win back the exchange and turned it into a winning position.

Ryan Milisits - Russ Wilson, Round 4
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. cxd4 d6 6. f4 Bf5 7. Bd3 Bxd3 8. Qxd3 e6 9. Nf3 Nc6 10. Nc3 dxe5 11. fxe5 Ndb4 12. Qe4 Nxd4 13. O-O Nxf3+ 14. Qxf3 Bc5+ 15. Kh1 O-O 16. Ne4 Be7 17. Nf6+ Bxf6 18. exf6 Qxf6 19. Qxf6 gxf6 20. Bh6 Nd5 21. Rf3 Kh8 22. Bxf8 Rxf8 23. Rc1 f5 24. h3 h5 25. Rc4 Kg7 26. Ra3 a6 27. Rg3+ Kf6 28. Rd3 Rg8 29. Rb3 b6 30. Rc6 Rb8 31. a3 a5 32. Rb5 Ke7 33. Rc2 Kd6 34. Rb3 Rd8 35. Rd3 Rd7 36. Rc4 Ke5 37. Kg1 f4 38. Kf2 f5 39. Rd2 Rg7 40. Rc6 Ne3 41. Rdd6 Rxg2+ 42. Kf3 Rg3+ 43. Kf2 Rg6 44. Rd7 Rg2+ 45. Kf3 Rg3+ 46. Kf2 Nd5 47. Rdd6 Rg6 48. Kf3 Ne3 49. Kf2 h4 50. b4 axb4 51. axb4 Nd5 52. Ke2 Ne7 53. Rxb6 Ne8 54. Rdc6 Nxb6 55. Rxb6 Kd4 56. Kf3 Kc4 57. Rb8 e5 58. b5 Rg3+ 59. Kf2 Rb3 60. b6 Kd4 and Black eventually won

Grant Perks (A) - David Friedman (X), Round 4
King's Indian Defense, Saemisch Attack
Chosen as Best Game by Bob Bukovac

1. e4 d6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. d4 Bg7 5. f3 c6 6. Be3 a6 7. a4 a5 8. Bd3 e5 9. d5 Na6 10. Nge2 O-O 11. Qd2 Nb4 12. Rd1 c5 13. Bb1 Nh5 14. g4 Nf4 15. Nxf4 exf4 16. Bxf4 f5 17. gxf5 gxf5 18. Bg5 Qe8 19. Nb5 fxe4 20. Nxd6 Qe5 21. Nxc8 exf3+ 22. Kf1 Raxc8 23. d6 Qe6 24. d7 Qh3+ 25. Ke1 Bd4 26. Be3 Qxd7 27. Rg1+ Kh8 28. Kf2 Nc6 29. Bxd4+ cxd4 30. Qh6 Rf7 31. Rde1 d3 32. Re6 Qd4+ 33. Kf1 d2 34. Rd6 d1=Q mate

Gilbert Stone (D) - Jeff Crawford (C), Round 4
English Opening

1. b3 e5 2. c4 Nf6 3. d3 Nc6 4. Bb2 Be5 5. h3 O-O 6. Nf3 Re8 7. g3 d5 8. cxd5 Nxd5 9. Qc2 Qd6 10. Nbd2 f5 11. a3 a5 12. Nc4 Bxf2+ 13. Kxf2 Qc5+ 14. d4 Nxd4 15. Bxd4 exd4 16. Qd3 b5 17. Nce5 Ne3 18. Bg2 Nxc2 19. Kxc2 Rxe5 20. Nxe5 Qxe5 21. Rac1 Bb7+ 22. Kh2 Bxh1 23. Kxh1 Rb8 24. Rf1 g6 25. Rc1 Rb7 26. Qf3 Qe4 27. Kg2 Kf7 28. g4 Qxf3+ 29. Kxf3 fxg4+ 30. hxg4 Ke6 31. Rc5 Kd6 32. Rg5 c5 33. Ke4 Re7+ 34. Kd3 Re5 35. Rxe5 Kxe5 36. a4 bxa4 37. bxa4 Kf4

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Kd5 38. g5 c4+ 39. Kc2 Kc5 40. Kb2 Kb4 41. Kc2 Kxa4 42. Kb2 Kb4 43. Kc2 c3 44. Kd3 Kb3 45. Kxd4 c2 46. e4 c1=Q 47. e5 Qc4+ 48. Ke3 Qc3+ 49. White resigns

Steve Charles (A) - Mark Hathaway (X), Round 4
King's Indian Defense, Classical Variation

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Nf3 Nc6 7. O-O e5 8. d5 Ne7 9. Ne1 Ne8 10. Be3 f5 11. f3 c5 12. Rb1 f4 13. Bf2 g5 14. b4 b6 15. a4 cxb4 16. Rxb4 Nc7 17. a5 Na6 18. Ra4 Bd7 19. Ra3 Nc5 20. axb6 axb6 21. Qa1 Rxa3 22. Qxa3 Qa8 23. Qb2 Qa5 24. Nc2 Qa7 25. Rb1 Nc8 26. Ra1 Qc7 27. Nb4 Bf6 28. Na6 Qd8 29. Nb4 Qe8 30. Bd1 h5 31. Ra8 Qg6 32. Ba4 Nxa4 33. Nxa4 g4 34. Kf1 gxf3 35. gxf3 Bh3+ 36. Ke2 Qg2 37. Qb1 Bg4 38. Qg1 Qxf3+ 39. Kd2 Qb3 40. Nd3 Kf7 41. Nxb6 Nxb6 42. Rxf8+ Kxf8 43. Bxb6 Qxc4 44. h3 Qa2+ 45. Kc3 Qa3+ 46. Kc2 Be2 47. Nb2 Qg3 48. Kd2 Qxg1 49. Bxg1 Bf1 50. Ke1 Bxh3 51. Bf2 Bg2 52. Nc4 Be7 53. Nd2 Kf7 54. Ke2 h4 55. Bg1 Bd8 56. Kf2 Bh1 57. Nc4 Ke7 58. Nd2 Ba5 59. Nf3 Bb6+ 60. Kf1 Bxg1 61. White resigns

David Saville (X) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 4
Queen's Gambit, Slav Defense

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nc3 dxc4 4. e4 b5 5. a4 b4 6. Na2 e5 7. Bxc4 Qxd4 8. Qxd4 cxd4 9. Bd5 b3 10. Bxa8 bxa2 11. Bd5 Nf6 12. Nf3 Nxd5 13. exd5 Bb7 14. Nxd4 Bxd5 15. O-O e6 16. Bf4 Na6 17. Rfc1 Kd7 18. Nb5 Bc5 19. Be3 Bxe3 20. fxe3 Rb8 21. e4 Bb3 22. Nd4 Rb4 23. Nxb3 Rxb3 24. Rxa2 Nb4 25. Raa1 a5 26. Rc5 Rxb2 27. Rxa5 Nc6 28. Rb5 Re2 29. Rb7+ Kc8 30. Rxf7 Kb8 31. Rxg7 Rxe4 32. Rf1 Ka8 33. Rf8+ Nb8 34. Rxh7 Rxa4 35. Rhh8 Rb4 36. Rxb8+ Rxb8 37. Rxb8+ Kxb8 38. Kf2 Kc7 39. Ke3 Kd6 40. Ke4 Ke7 41. Ke5 Kf7 42. g4 Ke7 43. g5 Kf7 44. h4 Ke7 45. g6 Black resigns

Russ dispatches co-leader David Saville to claim the outright title this year. Russ appeared to have an advantage throughout this game, but David hung on valiantly straining for a draw and another playoff.

Russ Wilson - David Saville, Round 5
Queen's Gambit, Semi-Slav

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c6 3. c4 e6 4. Qc2 Nf6 5. cxd5 exd5 6. Nc3 Bd6 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bxf6 gxf6 9. e3 Nd7 10. Bd3 Nf8 11. Bf5 Ne6 12. Nh4 Ng7 13. Bxc8 Qxc8 14. O-O-O f5

15. g3 O-O 16. Kb1 Re8 17. Rc1 Qd7 18. Ng2 Re6 19. Ne2 Rae8 20. Ngf4 Bxf4 21. Nxf4 Re4 22. Rhg1 Ne6 23. Nd3 Qe7 24. h4 Kh8 25. Qc3 Ng7 26. Nc5 Rg4 27. Qb3 Nh5 28. Qxb7 Qxb7 29. Nxb7 Rg6 30. Nc5 Nf6 31. Nd3 Ng4 32. Rc3 Rd6 33. Rgc1 Ree6 34. R1c2 Kh7 35. Kc1 f6 36. Kd2 Kg7 37. Ke2 Re7 38. Rxc6 Rdd7 39. Nf4 Kf7 40. R6c5 Re8 41. Rc7 Ree7 42. Rxd7 Rxd7 43. Rc5 Black resigns

	Class C	Class D
1 st	Boris Dvorkin	Dave Bitler
2 nd	Gary Morris	Justin Papariella
3 rd	Chuck Waugh	Andrew Thomas
4 th	Scott Davis	Ricky Durbin
	Class E	1000 and below
1 st	Randy Wilkins	Brandon Brown
2 nd	Nathan Stark	David Comer
3 rd	Joe Meadows	Elias Stewart
4 th	Matt Mieckowski	Jamie Karraker

Reserve Section Games

Number one seed Sefus Ellis is upended in the first round by a young upstart from the Pittsburgh area.

Andrew Thomas - Sefus Ellis (B), Round 1
Blackmar-Diemer Gambit

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. e4 dxe4 4. f3 Bf5 5. fxe4 Nxe4 6. Qf3 Nxc3 7. bxc3 Qc8 8. Bc4 e6 9. Ne2 Bd6 10. O-O O-O 11. Bf4 Nd7 12. Ng3 Bxc2 13. Rae1 Nf6 14. Be5 Bxe5 15. Rxe5 c6 16. Rg5 Bg6 17. h4 h6 18. Re5 Qd7 19. h5 Bh7 20. Ne2 Nd5 21. Bd3 Bxd3 22. Qxd3 Rad8 23. Rf3 Qc7 24. Rg3 e5 25. Qf3 Qe7 26. Qg4 f5 27. Qf3 Rf6 28. c4 f4 29. Rg6 Rxc6 30. hxg6 Nb6 31. d5 Rd6 32. Qxf4 Nd7 33. Re3 e5 34. Qg4 Qf6 35. Rg3 Nf8 36. Qc8 b6 37. Rf3 Qd8 38. Qf5 Rxc6 39. Qf7+ Kh7 40. Qxf8 Qh4 41. Rc3 Rf6 42. Qc8 Qe1+ 43. Kh2 Qxe2 44. Qd7 Qd2 45. Rg3 Qf4 46. Qxg7 mate

Doug McDaniel - Steven Rollins, Round 1
Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 d5 2. e3 Bf5 3. Bd3 Qd7 4. f4 Nf6 5. Bxf5 Qxf5 6. Nf3 Ne4 7. O-O Nc6 8. Ne5 h5 9. Nd2 Rg8 10. Ndf3 g5 11. Nxc5 Nxc5 12. fxc5 Qxc5 13. Qf3 f6 14. e4 Qg7 15. Qxh5+ Kd8 16. Nxc6+ bxc6 17. Qf3 e5 18. exd5 Bd6 19. Qxf6+ Qxf6 20. Rxf6 exd4 21. dxc6 Ke7 22. Rf3 Raf8 23. Rxf8 Rxf8 24. Bg5+ Ke6 25. Re1+ Kd5

OH's Russ Wilson takes the US Amateur South

26. g3 Kxc6 27. Re2 Bc5 28. Kg2 a5 29. h4 a4 30. h5
Bd6 31. h6 Kd5 32. Rf2 Rb8 33. b3 axb3 34. axb3 c5
35. g4 Rg8 36. Rf5+ Kc6 37. Kf3 Kb5 38. Bf4 Bf8 39.
g5 Kb4 40. h7 Rh8 41. g6 Kc3 42. Be5 Kxc2 43. Bxh8
Black resigns

Joe Meadows (E) - Bruce George (C), Round 1
Basman's Defense

1. e4 g5 2. d4 h6 3. Bc4 Bg7 4. Bxf7+ Kxf7 5. Qh5+
Kf8 6. Qf3+ Ke8 7. Qh5+ Kf8 8. Qf3+ Nf6 9. e5 e6 10.
Nc3 Nc6 11. Be3 d6 12. O-O-O Qe7 13. exf6 Qxf6 14.
Qxf6+ Bxf6 15. Nge2 a6 16. f4 Ne7 17. fxe5 hxg5 18.
Rdf1 Kg7 19. Ne4 Nf5 20. Bxg5 Bxd4 21. Nxd4 Nxd4
22. Bf6+ Black resigns

Jason Young - Joe Reid, Round 2
Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Bb5+ Bd7
6. Bxd7+ Nbx7 7. Nc3 Rc8 8. O-O Ne5 9. h3 a6 10.
Be3 Nc4 11. Qc1 e5 12. Nf3 Be7 13. b3 Nxe3 14. Qxe3
O-O 15. Qd3 Rc5 16. Nd5 Qa5 17. c4 Nxd5 18. exd5
b5 19. h4 h6 20. Rfc1 f5 21. Qe2 e4 22. Nd4 Rcc8 23.
Ne6 Rf7 24. h5 bxc4 25. bxc4 Rb8 26. Rab1 Rxb1 27.
Rxb1 Qc3 28. Rb3 Qa1+ 29. Kh2 a5 30. Rb8+ Kh7
31. g4 Qe5+ 32. Kg1 f4 33. f3 e3 34. Qc2+ Black
resigns

Rudd - William West (D), Round 3
Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. f4 dxe5 6.
fxe5 Nc6 7. Be3 Bf5 8. a3 e6 9. Nf3 Be7 10. Nc3 O-O
11. Be2 Na5 12. b3 Rc8 13. O-O c5 14. d5 Re8 15. d6
Bf8 16. Nd2 Nd7 17. Nf3 Nc6 18. Bg5 Qa5 19. Nb5 h6
20. Bf4 Red8 21. Bd2 Qb6 22. a4 a5 23. Bc3 Bg4 24.
Re1 Bxf3 25. Bxf3 g6 26. Qd2 Bg7 27. Bxc6 Qxc6 28.
Na7 Qb6 29. Nxc8 Rxc8 30. Bxa5 Qc6 31. Bc3 Rf8 32.
Re2 Qb6 33. Rb1 Ra8 34. Qf4 Rxa4 35. Rf2 Black
resigns

Andrew Thomas - Scott Davis (C), Round 3
Queen's Pawn Opening

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. e4 Bb4 4. e5 Ne4 5. Qg4 Nxc3 6.
a3 Bf8 7. bxc3 d5 8. Bd3 c5 9. Bd2 c4 10. Be2 Nc6 11.
f4 f5 12. Qg3 Bd7 13. Bh5+ g6 14. Bxg6+ hxg6 15.
Qxg6+ Ke7 16. Qf6+ Ke8 17. Qxh8 Qe7 18. Nf3 Kd8
19. Qf6 Kc7 20. Qxe7 Bxe7 21. O-O Rg8 22. Rfb1 Be8
23. Ng5 Nd8 24. h4 Bh5 25. a4 a6 26. Bc1 Rg7 27. Ba3
Bxa3 28. Rxa3 Be8 29. a5 Bb5 30. Kf2 Kd7 31. Rh1

Nf7 32. Nxf7 Rxf7 33. Raa1 Rh7 34. Rag1 Ke7 35. g4
fxg4 36. Rxg4 Be8 37. Rg5 Rh6 38. Rg7+ Bf7 39. Rg5
Be8 40. Rb1 Bc6 41. h5 Kf7 42. Rbg1 Rh7 43. h6
Black resigns

Doug McDaniel - Joe Faries, Round 3
Stonewall Attack

1. d4 Nf6 2. e3 d5 3. Bd3 Nbd7 4. f4 e6 5. Nd2 c5 6. c3
Nb6 7. Ngf3 Bd7 8. Ne5 Rc8 9. O-O a6 10. Qf3 cxd4
11. exd4 Bb5 12. Bxb5+ axb5 13. Qd3 Nc4 14. f5 Qb6
15. Ndx4 bxc4 16. Qf3 exf5 17. Qxf5 Qe6 18. Qf2
Be7 19. Qg3 O-O 20. Bh6 Nh5 21. Qf3 Qxh6 22.
Qxd5 Nf6 23. Qxb7 Qe3+ 24. Kh1 Ne4 25. Ng4 Ng3+
26. hxg3 Qxg3 27. Qxe7 Qxg4 28. Rae1 Qh5+ 29. Kg1
Qg6 30. Qe4 Qxe4 31. Rxe4 Rb8 32. Rf2 Rb5 33. Rfe2
f6 34. d5 Rxd5 35. Rxc4 g5 36. Rce4 f5 37. Re5 Rd6
38. c4 h6 39. Re6 Rd1+ 40. Kf2 Kg7 41. c5 Rc1 42. b4
h5 43. c6 h4 44. Re7+ Rf7 45. b5 g4 46. Rxf7+ Kxf7
47. a4 Rc5 48. Rb2 f4 49. a5 Rc3 50. a6 g3+ 51. Ke1
h3 52. gxh3 f3 53. a7 Rc1+ 54. Kd2 g2 55. a8=Q g1=Q
56. Qa2+ Kf6 57. Rc2 Rd1+ 58. Kc3 Qd4+ 59. Kb3
Rd3+ 60. Rc3 Qxc3+ 61. Ka4 Rd4+ 62. White resigns

David Comer - David Hill (C), Round 4

1. e4 e6 2. d4 c5 3. c3 Nc6 4. Bb5 Qc7 5. Bxc6 Qxc6 6.
Be3 cxd4 7. Qxd4 Nf6 8. Nd2 b6 9. Ne2 Ba6 10. Ng3
Bc5 11. Qe5 Bxe3 12. fxe3 O-O 13. O-O-O Ng4 14.
Qg5 Nf6 15. e5 h6 16. Qh5 Nd5 17. Rde1 Nxc3 18.
bxc3 Qxc3+ 19. Kd1 Rac8 20. Nb3 Qc2 mate

The co-leaders were paired in the final round. Their
draw opened the door for the eventual four-way tie for
first place in the Reserve Section.

Scott Ramer - Joseph Faries, Round 5
French Defense, Advance Variation

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Qb6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Bd3
Bd7 7. Be2 cxd4 8. cxd4 Rc8 9. Nc3 Bb4 10. O-O
Bxc3 11. bxc3 Qc7 12. Bb2 a6 13. Ng5 Qd8 14. Qg4
Nh6 15. Qf4 Nxd4 16. Qxd4 Qxg5 17. Bc1 Nf5 18.
Qb4 Qd8 19. Qxb7 O-O 20. Bxf5 Rb8 21. Qa7 exf5
22. Rd1 Be6 23. c4 Qa5 24. Bd2 Qa4 25. cxd5 Bxd5
26. Qe3 Be6 27. Qf4 Qxf4 28. Bxf4 Rb4 29. g3 Rfb8
30. Rd6 Ra4 31. Rad1 h6 32. Rd8+ Rxd8 33. Rxd8+
Kh7 34. Rd2 Rxa2 35. Rxa2 Bxa2 36. Bd2 Kg6 37. f4
Bd5 38. Kf2 f6 39. exf6 Kxf6 40. Bc3+ Kf7 41. Ke3
Ke6 42. Kd4 Ke6 43. Bb4 g5 44. Bd2 g4 45. Bb4 Bg2
46. Bc3 Be4 47. Kc5 Bg2 48. Kb6 Bf1 49. Kc5 Be2 50.
Drawn

1998-99 West Virginia Grand Prix Standings/WV Top 25 Active Ratings

Jim Walker has taken the lead from Pat Kelly in the latest West Virginia Grand Prix standings. Jim is now leading by 3½ points over fellow 1998 WV State Co-Champion Sefus Ellis. If Jim can hold on to the top spot, he would claim his second WV Grand Prix title, previously winning the 1997-98 series.

The following upcoming events have been included in the current 1998-99 WV Grand Prix standings (Updated July 27, 1999):

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

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

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

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

- 1- 1999 Parkersburg Homecoming

Current WV Grand Prix Top 20

1. Jim Walker	23.30
2. Sefus Ellis	19.80
3. James Fuller	18.92
4. Pat Kelly	17.50
5. Robert Canary	17.17
6. Gary Cummings	15.75
7. Donald Griffith	15.00
8. David Saville	14.05
9. Tom LaBue	13.50
10. Michael Malutich	13.25
11. John Roush	10.50
12. David Hundley	9.50
13. Tim Goan	9.00
Markle Butcher	9.00
15. Dave Olson	8.80
16. John W. Malutich	8.50
John R. Malutich	8.50
18. Mike Turner	8.30
19. Steve Malutich	8.00
20. Joe Meadows	7.50

Regular (Over-the-Board) updated August 1999

1. Joe Barker	2125
2. Feliachi Nabil	2123
3. David Saville	2103
4. Jim Walker	2084
5. Mark Hathaway	2053
6. John Roush	2050
7. Andy Katz	2025
8. Don Griffith	2000
Ed Garner	2000
10. Byran Burke	1986
11. Neil Markovitz	1982
12. Bernard Kiernan	1951
13. Randy Bierce	1904
14. Jeff Hohn	1892
15. Gary Cummings	1872
16. Harold Mitchell	1867
17. Jim Gikas	1862
18. Jason Rihel	1855
19. Robrt Canary	1852
20. Palle Reddy	1817
21. Anastas Popov	1815
22. Jon Karraker	1791
23. Mike Richardson	1782
Jeff Cook	1782
25. Mike Conley	1751

Quick Chess Ratings updated August 1999

1. John Roush	2204
2. Jim Walker	2163
3. Mark Hathaway	2158
4. Andy Katz	2152
5. David Saville	2118
6. Donald Griffith	2064
7. Randy Bierce	2042
8. Joe Barker	2027
9. Jim Gikas	1931
10. Ed Garner	1925
11. Bryan Burke	1879
12. Gary Cummings	1873
13. Robert Canary	1857
14. Dan O'Hanlon	1844
15. John Brewster	1824
16. Jerry Skeen	1805
17. Michael Turner	1798
18. Feliachi Nabil	1787
19. Markle Butcher	1774
Byron Funkhouser	1774
21. Joe Ancrile	1749
22. Allen Mullins	1741
23. Mark Tipton	1722
24. Sefus Ellis	1718
25. James Fuller	1716

Correspondence updated March 1999

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

Jim Walker and Robert Canary Sport Spotless Records at the Taylor Books Summer Grand Prix

Thirty participants sat down to the challenge of the Taylor Books Summer Grand Prix. Two locals, Jim Walker and Robert Canary were able to complete their pairings unscathed, a nifty 4-0 slate. Walker defeated A-class players Gary Cummings and Paul Homer in the final two rounds to maintain his perfect mark. Canary upended expert Donald Griffith in the third round and defeated ex-WV resident John Seuss in the finale. A gaggle of chess players finished up with 3-1 marks: Homer, Cummings, David Saville, James Fuller and middle school student Michael Malutich.

The entire Malutich clan made their present felt as they scored numerous upsets: Michael over Markle Butcher, John W. against Dave Olson and Stephen beating Tom LaBue. Also deserving mention is Joe Meadows. He showed up late, receiving a ½ point bye. He then defeated fellow scholastic player Brian Watkins and then upset former High School Champion Michael Spencer, before losing a competitive game to expert David Saville.

Jim Meyer was the tournament director for this event, which was held at Taylor Books in downtown Charleston. WV's only current master, Bob Bukovac was on hand to provide analysis and commentary on the day's action.

Markle Butcher (B) - Stephen Malutich (D), Round 1
French Defense, Advance Variation
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Qb6 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. Be2 cxd4 7. cxd4 Nh6 8. Bxh6?! Qxb2 9. Be3 Qxa1 10. Qb3 Bb4+?! *After the game, Markle and Stephen sat down with Bob Bukovac and took a good look at this position. Bob felt that Black had a lot more in this position and played through numerous lines to see the other options. The group, along with Robert Canary, finally centered on lines starting with 10...Nb4. The idea of allowing 9...Qxa1 is to trap the Black queen. If the queen manages to escape, White has little compensation for the material deficit. Here is an example of such a line for Black: 10...Nb4 11. Bb5+ Bd7 12. Bxd7+ Kxd7 13. a4 a5 14. O-O Qa2. Thus, it would seem that 8. Bxh6 is not the best move. 11. Kf1 Bc3 12. Bb5 Bb2 13. Ke2 O-O 14. Rd1 Na5 15. Qa4 Bc3 16. Nbd2 Qxd1+ 17. Kxd1 a6 18. Bd3 b5 19. Qc2 b4 20. Bxh7+ Kh8 21. Ng5 Bd7 22. Bg8 g6 23. Bxf7 Rxf7 24.*

Nxf7+ and White won easily

Jim Olson (D) - James Fuller (B), Round 1
Trompowsky Attack
1. d4 Nf6 2. Bg5 e6 3. e4 Be7 4. Nd2 d5 5. e5 Nfd7 6. Bxe7 Qxe7 7. c3 a6 8. a4 c5 9. Qb3 O-O 10. Ngf3 c4 11. Qb4 Qxb4 12. cxb4 Nc6 13. b3 Nxb4 14. Rc1 b5 15. axb5 axb5 16. Be2 Bb7 17. O-O Ra2 18. Rc3 f6 19. Rd1 fxe5 20. dxe5 Nc5 21. Bf1 Nc6 22. bxc4 bxc4 23. Nb1 Ra1 24. Ra3 Rxa3 25. Nxa3 Ra8 26. Nb5 h6 27. Rb1 Nb3 28. Nc7 Ra1 29. Rxa1 Nxa1 30. Nxe6 c3 31. Nc5 c2 32. Nd3 Nb3 33. g3 c1=Q 34. Nxc1 Nxc1 35. e6 Kf8 36. Nd2 Ke7 37. Bh3 Bc8 38. f4 Bxe6 39. f5 Bc8 40. g4 Kf6 41. Bg2 Nb4 42. h3 Ncd3 43. Kf1 Nf4 44. Nf3 Nxe2 45. Kxe2 Ba6 46. Kg3 Be2 47. Nd4 Bc4 48. Kf4 Nd3+ 49. Ke3 g6 50. fxe6 Kxe6 51. Nf5 Nb4 52. Kf4 Nc6 53. h4 d4 54. h5+ Kh7 55. g5 hxg5+ 56. Kxe6 d3 57. Ne3 d2 58. Kf4 Bd3 59. Nd1 Be2 60. Ke3 Bxd1 61. Kxd2 Bxh5 and Black was able to win

Michael Spencer (B) - Donald Griffith (X), Round 2
Sicilian Defense, Kan Variation
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Bd3 Qc7 6. Be3 Nc6 7. O-O Nf6 8. f4 d6 9. Qe2 Be7 10. Nd2 Bd7 11. h3 Nxd4 12. Bxd4 e5 13. Bc3 exf4 14. Rxf4 O-O 15. Raf1 Bb5 16. Kh1 Bxd3 17. exd3 Rfe8 18. Nb3 Rac8 19. Qe3 d5 20. Rxf6 Bxf6 21. Rxf6 gxf6 22. Bxf6 Re6 23. Qg5+ Kf8 24. e5 Rxf6 25. Qxf6 Qc6 26. Qh8+ Ke7 27. Qxh7 Qg6 28. Qh4+ Kd7 29. Qd4 Qc6 30. Qf2 Qg6 31. Qd4 Qc6 32. Qf2 Ke8 33. Qd4 b6 34. h4 a5 35. a4 Qe6 36. Qf4 Qg6 37. Qd4 Qe6 38. Qf4 Drawn

James Fuller (B) - David Saville (X), Round 2
Dutch Defense
1. g3 f5 2. d4 Nf6 3. Bg2 e6 4. Nf3 d5 5. O-O c6 6. c3 Bd6 7. Bg5 O-O 8. Nbd2 Nbd7 9. Qc2 h6 10. Bxf6 Nxf6 11. e3 Qe8 12. Ne5 g5 13. Nd3 b6 14. Nf3 Ba6 15. Rfe1 Ne4 16. Nfe5 Bxd3 17. Nxd3 Qg6 18. f3 Nf6 19. Ne5 Bxe5 20. dxe5 Nd7 21. f4 h5 22. c4 Nc5 23. b4 Ne4 24. exd5 cxd5 25. Qd3 h4 26. Bxe4 fxe4 27. Qb3 gxf4 28. exf4 Rxf4 29. Kh1 Rf3 30. Qc2 h3 31. Qc6 Raf8 32. Qb5 e3 33. Qd7 Qf5 34. Kg1 Rxe3+ 35. White resigns

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Michael Malutich (C) - Gary Cummings (A), Round 2
Nimzo-Indian Defense, Leningrad Variation
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Bg5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6.
bxc3 Qa5 7. Qc2 cxd4 8. Bxf6 gxf6 9. Nf3 dxc3 10. e3
Nc6 11. Bd3 Nb4 12. Qb1 Nxd3+ 13. Qxd3 c2+ 14.
Nd2 Qe5 15. O-O f5 16. Qd4 Qxd4 17. exd4 b6 18.
Rac1 Bb7 19. Rxc2 Rg8 20. f3 Rc8 21. Rfc1 Ke7 22.
Nb3 Bxf3 23. a4 Be4 24. Rd2 Rg4 25. a5 Rcg8 26. g3
f4 27. Rc3 fxg3 28. axb6 axb6 29. Re3 gxh2+ 30. Kxh2
Rh4+ 31. Rh3 Rxh3+ 32. Kxh3 f5 and Black won

David Hill (C) - John Suess (C), Round 2
King's Indian Defense
1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 c5 5. d5 Qa5 6.
Bd2 O-O 7. Nf3 d6 8. Be2 Nbd7 9. O-O a6 10. Qc2
Qc7 11. Rfe1 Rb8 12. a4 Kh8 13. Bd3 Ng4 14. h3
Nge5 15. Nxe5 Nxe5 16. Bf1 f5 17. f4 Nf7 18. Bd3 Bd7
19. Kh1 Nh6 20. Rf1 fxe4 21. Bxe4 Bf5 22. Rael Qd7
23. Qd3 Rbe8 24. Bc1 Bd4 25. Ne2 Bf6 26. b3 Bh4 27.
Bb2+ Rf6 28. Bxf6+ Bxf6 29. Ng3 Bxh3 30. f5 gxf5 31.
Nxf5 Bxf5 32. Bxf5 Nxf5 33. Rxf5 Rg8 34. Rh5 Rg7
35. Re6 Qe8 36. Qf3 Qg6 37. Rf5 Qh6+ 38. Kg1 Qc1+
39. Kh2 Rg6 40. Rxf6 Qh6+ 41. Kg1 Rxf6 42. Qc3
Qg7 43. Qe3 Rf7 44. Kh2 Qg4 45. Qc3+ Rg7 46. g3
Kg8 47. Qe3 Kf8 48. Qf4+ Qxf4 49. gxf4 Kf7 50. Kh3
Rg1 51. Kh4 Rg6 52. Re3 a5 53. f5 Rg1 54. Re6 Rb1
55. Re3 Kf6 56. Kg4 Rg1+ 57. Kh5 Rg5+ 58. Kh6
Rxf5 59. Kxh7 Re5 60. Rf3+ Kg5 61. Kg7 Kg4 62.
Rf7 Re3 63. Kf8 e5 64. dxe6 Rxe6 65. Rxb7 and
White's flag fell

Bob McLear (D) - Ben Good (D), Round 2
Caro-Kann Defense, Advance Variation
1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Bd3 Bxd3 5. Qxd3 e6 6.
Nf3 Nd7 7. Bd2 Qb6 8. Qb3 c5 9. Qxb6 axb6 10. Be3
Ne7 11. O-O Nf5 12. c3 cxd4 13. cxd4 Rc8 14. Nc3
Bb4 15. Rac1 O-O 16. a3 Bxc3 17. Rxc3 Rxc3 18.
bxc3 Rc8 19. Bd2 f6 20. Re1 fxe5 21. Nxe5 Nxe5 22.
Rxe5 Kf7 23. g3 Nd6 24. Re3 Nc4 25. Rf3+ Ke8 26.
Bc1 Ra8 27. Kg2 Nxa3 28. Re3 Kf7 29. h4 Nc4 30.
Rf3+ Kg8 31. Rf4 Ra1 32. Be3 Ra3 33. Rg4 Nxe3+ 34.
fxe3 Rxc3 35. Kf3 b5 36. Ke2 b4 37. Kd2 Rc4 38. Rf4
h6 39. Rf1 Kh7 40. h5 Rc7 41. Rb1 g6 42. g4 gxh5 43.
gxh5 Kg7 44. Rxb4 Kf6 45. Rb6 Re7 46. Kd3 Kf5 47.
Rb5 Rd7 48. e4+ Kg4 49. Rb6 dxe4+ 50. Kxe4 Kxh5
51. Rxe6 Kg5 52. d5 h5 53. d6 h4 54. Ke5 h3 55. Re7
h2 56. Rxd7 h1=Q 57. Ke6 Qh3+ 58. Ke7 b5 59. Kd8

Kg6 60. Kc7 b4 and Black won

Joe Meadows (E) - Michael Spencer (B), Round 3
Sicilian Defense
1. e4 c5 2. c3 Nf6 3. e5 Nd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. cxd4 e6 6.
Nf3 b5 7. Bd3 a6 8. O-O Nc6 9. Bg5 Qb6 10. Be4
Nce7 11. Bxe7 Bxe7 12. Bxd5 exd5 13. Nc3 Bb7 14.
Qb3 Qe6 15. Rac1 g5 16. Ne2 a5 17. Qe3 Rg8 18. Ne1
Bc6 19. Nd3 Qf5 20. Ng3 Qg6 21. f4 h5 22. f5 Qh7 23.
Ne2 Kd8 24. Nc5 f6 25. e6 Bd6 26. exd7 Bxd7 27. Nb7
mate

David Olson (B) - John W. Malutich (C), Round 3
English Opening
1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. g3 d6 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. Nf3 O-O 6.
d4 Nbd7 7. O-O Re8 8. b3 e5 9. e4 exd4 10. Nxd4 Nc5
11. f3 Nfd7 12. Bb2 Ne5 13. Rb1 Ned3 14. Nde2 Nxb2
15. Rxb2 Ne6 16. Rc2 Qg5 17. Nd5 c6 18. f4 Qd8 19.
Ndc3 Nc5 20. Rd2 Qb6 21. Kh1 Bg4 22. Bf3 Bxf3+
23. Rxf3 Nxe4 24. Nxe4 Rxe4 25. Rxd6 Rae8 26. Rd2
Re3 27. Rf1 e5 28. Ng1 Bc3 29. Rd6 Qa5 30. f5 Re1
31. fxg6 hxg6 32. Qf3 Rxf1 33. Qxf1 Re1 34. Qf3 Bd4
35. Rxd4 cxd4 36. Qxb7 Qxa2 37. c5 d3 38. Qf3 d2 39.
White resigns

Donald Griffith (X) - Robert Canary (A), Round 3
French Defense, Tarrasch Variation
1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. Ngf3 Nf6 5. e5 Nfd7 6.
c3 Nc6 7. Be2 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Re1 a6 10. Nf1 f6
11. Bf4 f5 12. Qd2 cxd4 13. Nxd4 Nxd4 14. Qxd4 g5
15. Be3 f4 16. Bc1 Nxe5 17. Bd1 Ng6 18. c4 Bf6 19.
Qc5 b6 20. Qb4 a5 21. Qb3 a4 22. Qc2 d4 23. Bf3 Ra7
24. Be4 Ne5 25. Rd1 Qc7 26. Nd2 Rd8 27. Bd3 Qg7
28. Ne4 Be7 29. Re1 Nxd3 30. Qxd3 e5 31. f3 Be6 32.
Bd2 Qf7 33. b3 axb3 34. axb3 Rda8 35. Rxa7 Rxa7
36. Qc2 Qf8 37. Rb1 Qc8 38. g4 Bf7 39. Kg2 Bg6 40.
Re1 Qa8 41. Qd3 Ra2 42. Re2 Qa3 43. Kh3 Qb2 44.
Kg2 Bb4 45. Kh3 Bxd2 46. Qxd2 Qxd2 47. Rxd2
Rxd2 48. Nxd2 Bd3 49. Kg2 Kf7 50. Kf2 Ke6 51. Ke1
Kd6 52. b4 Kc6 53. Kf2 b5 54. c5 Kd5 55. Ke1 Bg6
56. Kd1 h6 57. Kc1 d3 58. Kb2 e4 59. fxe4+ Bxe4 60.
Nxe4 Kxe4 61. c6 d2 62. Kc2 Ke3 63. c7 Ke2 64. c8=Q
d1=Q+ 65. Kb2 Qd2+ 66. Kb3 Qd3+ 67. Kb2 f3 68.
Qe6+ Kd1 69. Qf6 Qd2+ 70. White resigns

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Tom LaBue (C) - Steve Malutich (D), Round 3

Queen's Indian Defense

1. d4 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. Nf3 b6 4. g3 Bb7 5. Bg2 c5 6. e3
d5 7. b3 dxc4 8. bxc4 Nbd7 9. O-O g6 10. Na3 a6 11.
Rb1 Be4 12. Rb3 Bc6 13. Nc2 Bg7 14. Re1 Rb8 15.
Ba3 O-O 16. Qd2 Ne4 17. Qe2 Re8 18. Reb1 Qc7 19.
Nce1 b5 20. Nd2 Nxd2 21. Qxd2 Bxg2 22. Nxx2 bxc4
23. Rxb8 Rxb8 24. Rc1 cxd4 25. exd4 Rc8 26. Ne3 c3
27. Qd3 Qa5 28. Nc4 Rxc4 29. Qxc4 Qxa3 30. Rxc3
Qd6 31. Rd3 h6 32. Qc5 32. d5? Ne5 33. Qc8+ Kh7
34. Rd1 exd5 35. Qb7 d4 36. f4 Ng4 37. Qxf7 Qa3 38.
Re1 Qb2 39. White resigns

Jim Walker (X) - Paul Homer (A), Round 4

King's Indian Defense

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6.
Be3 Ng4 7. Bg5 h6 8. Bc1 c5 9. d5 Qa5 10. h3 Nf6 11.
Bd2 a6 12. Be2 Nbd7 13. Qc2 Qc7 14. O-O Kh7 15.
Nh4 Ne8 16. f4 Nb6 17. Bd3 Bf6 18. Nf3 Kg7 19. Rae1
e5 20. dxe6 Bxe6 21. f5 Bd7 22. fxg6 fxg6 23. e5 Bxe5
24. Nxe5 Rxf1+ 25. Rxf1 dxe5 26. Bxg6 Be6 27. Bh5
Kh8 28. Rf8+ Bg8 29. Qg6 Qg7 30. Bxh6 Qxg6 31.
Bxg6 Nc7 32. Rxa8 Nxa8 33. b3 Nc7 and White
eventually won.

Michael Malutich (C) - Markle Butcher (B), Round 4

Queen's Gambit Accepted

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. e4 e6 4. Bxc4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6.
Nge2 c5 7. O-O b5 8. Bb3 cxd4 9. Nxd4 Bb7 10. Bg5
Be7 11. Bc2 Nbd7 12. Qe2 O-O 13. Rfd1 Qc7 14. Nf3
h6 15. Bh4 Rac8 16. Rac1 Bb4 17. Bg3 Qb6 18. e5
Nd5 19. Qe4 f5 20. exf6 N7xf6 21. Nxd5 Bxd5 22.
Qxb4 Nh5 23. Qd4 Qb7 24. Qd3 Nf6 25. Bb3 Rfd8 26.
Rxc8 Qxc8 27. Bh4 Kf7 28. Ne5+ Ke7 29. Bxf6+ gxf6
30. Qh7+ Kd6 31. Nf7+ and White soon won

David Hundley (C) - David Olson (B), Round 4

Alekhine's Defense

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. d4 d6 5. f4 dxe5 6.
fxe5 Nc6 7. Nf3 Bg4 8. Be3 e6 9. c5 Nd5 10. Bf2 Be7
11. h3 Bf5 12. a3 O-O 13. Nbd2 f6 14. g4 Bg6 15. Bg2
fxe5 16. dxe5 Nf4 17. O-O Nd3 18. Nb3 Nxb2 19. Qc1
Nd3 20. Qc4 Ndx5 21. Nxe5 Nxe5 22. Qxe6+ Bf7 23.
Qxe5 Bxb3 24. Rab1 Bf6 25. Qe3 Bd5 26. Rfd1 c6 27.
Rxb7 Qc8 28. Bxd5+ cxd5 29. Qb3 Qc6 30. Rxd5 Kh8
31. Rdd7 Rae8 32. Rxa7 Re1+ 33. Bxe1 Bd4+ 34.
Rxd4 Qxc5 35. Rd7 Qc1 Qb4 Qe3+ 37. Kg2 Qe2+ 38.
Kg3 Qe3+ Drawn

Taylor Books Summer Grand Prix, June 19, 1999; Charleston WV

#	Name	ST	Pra	Post	1	2	3	4	Total
1	Jim Walker	WV	2059	2084	W--28	W--18	W---5	W---4	4.0
2	Robert Canary	WV	1813	1852	W--20	W--19	W---8	W--10	4.0
3	David Saville	WV	2117	2103	W--13	W---6	L---4	W--11	3.0
4	Paul Homer	MD	1958	1975	W--15	W--12	W---3	L---1	3.0
5	Gary Cummings	WV	1872	1872	W--29	W---7	L---1	W--14	3.0
6	James Fuller	WV	1716	1722	W--24	L---3	W--15	W--16	3.0
7	Michael Malutich	WV	1547	1573	W--26	L---5	W--20	W--12	3.0
8	Don Griffith	WV	2026	2000	W--14	D---9	L---2	W--17	2.5
9	Michael Spencer	WV	1624	1618	W--17	D---8	L--11	W--22	2.5
10	John Seuss	VA	1544	1546	D--27	W--23	W--22	L---2	2.5
11	Joe Meadows	WV	1185	1223	H----	W--27	W--9	L---3	2.5
12	Markle Butcher	WV	1680	1659	W--16	L---4	W--21	L---7	2.0
13	John R. Malutich	WV	1439	1429	L---3	L--22	W--27	W--25	2.0
14	John W. Malutich	WV	1410	1446	L---8	W--24	W--18	L---5	2.0
15	Mike Harless	WV	1373	1378	L---4	W--28	L---6	W--26	2.0
16	Stephen Malutich	WV	1266	1310	L--12	W--25	W--19	L---6	2.0
17	Ben Good	WV	1255	1294	L---9	W--28	W--23	L---8	2.0
18	Dave Olson	WV	1760	1716	W--21	L---1	L--14	D--20	1.5
19	Tom LaBue	WV	1582	1540	W--25	L---2	L--16	D--21	1.5
20	David Hundley	WV	1319	1329	L---2	W--26	L---7	D--18	1.5
21	William Moore	MD	1318	1323	L--18	W--30	L--12	D--19	1.5
22	Marty Bigner	OH	Unrated	1403/03	H----	W--13	L--10	L---9	1.5
23	David Hill	WV	1482	1444	W--30	L--10	L--17	U----	1.0
24	Jim Olson	WV	1300	1268	L---6	L--14	L--25	W--27	1.0
25	Dan Brenneman	WV	1092/15	1120/19	L--19	L--15	W--24	L--13	1.0
26	Bill Salmon	WV	1065	1052	L---7	L--20	B----	L--15	1.0
27	Brian Watkins	WV	1017	1014	D--10	L--11	L--13	L--24	0.5
28	Anthony Peters	TN	1434/16	1415/18	L---1	L--16	U----	U----	0.0
29	Bob McLear	WV	1323	1303	L---5	L--17	U----	U----	0.0
30	Alex Peters	TN	824	821	L--23	L--21	U----	U----	0.0

More From the Amateur South; Byron Funkhouser Victorious at God Save our Queen

Here is another game from the 1999 US Amateur South matching up John Roush and Pittsburgh junior Ryan Milisits. John Roush took the time out to write some notes about this game which culminated with his fourth place finish in the Open Section.

Ryan Milisits (B) - John Roush (X), Round 5

French Defense

Notes by John Roush

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. exd5 exd5 5. Bd3 c6 6. a3 Bd6 7. Nf3 Bg4 8. O-O Qc7 9. Re1+ Ne7 10. h3 Bh5 11. b4 Nd7 12. Rb1 a6 13. Na4 Kf8 *I rejected 13...O-O because: (a) I wanted to preserve the option of a kingside pawn storm against the White king and (b) I was concerned by the possibility 13...O-O 14. Bxh7+ Kxh7 15. Ng5+ Kg6 16. Qd3+ (16. g4 doesn't look as strong, but who can tell?) 16...f5 17. g4 or 17. Ne6 and 18. g4. With White's queenside pawns ready to roll, I felt 13...O-O-O was also out of the question. The text was decided upon virtually by the process of elimination. 14. Nb2 Bg6 15. c4 Re8 16. Qe2 Nf6 The text move protects the e8 rook and frees the e7 knight to move. 17. Qd2 Ne4 18. Qc2 Qb8 19. Ne5? Bxe5 20. dxe5 Qxe5 21. f3 Qc3! Doubtless, this move came as a shock to White who thought he was just winning a piece! 22. Qxc3 Nxc3 23. Ra1 Bxd3 24. Nxd3 dxc4 25. Ne5 b5 26. Be3 26. Nd7+ making it more difficult for the h8 rook to join the game. 26...f6 27. Nd7+ Kf7 28. Nc5 Ned5 29. Kf2 Nxe3 30. Rxe3 Rxe3 31. Kxe3 Re8+ 32. Kd2 32. Kd4?? Ne2# was really too much to hope for. 32...Nd5 33. Nxa6 Ra8 34. Nc5 Nxb4 35. Kc3 Nd5+*

36. Kb2 b4 37. a4 37. axb4? c3+ 38. Kb1 c2+ 39. Kb2 Rxa1 40. Kxa1 c1=Q+ -+ 37...Nc3 38. a5 Ke7 39. a6 Kd6 40. Nb7+ Kc7 41. Nc5 Kb6 42. Nd7+ Kb5 43. a7 c5 43... Na4+? 44. Rxa4! Kxa4 45. Nb6+ +- 44. Nf8 Na4+ 45. Kc2 Rxf8 46. Re1 b3+ 47. Kb1 Ra8 48. Re7 c3 49. Rxf7 Nb2 50. Rb7+ Kc4 51. White resigns

Byron Funkhouser 4-0 at God Save Our Queen

Byron Funkhouser used all his powers of escape to pull out what were seemingly lost games. Sitting on board one, Byron struggled with both Stephen and Michael Malutich in the middle rounds, down a piece to both brothers. Byron somehow was able to gain back the material and the upper hand in both games. Byron then dispatched your editor quickly in the final round to complete his tournament victory.

Here is the third round game between Markle Butcher and myself from the tourney.

Markle Butcher (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 3

Sicilian Defense, Closed Variation

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. Nge2 e6 4. g3 Nge7 5. Bg2 d5 6. exd5 exd5 7. d3 g6 8. O-O Bg7 9. Bg5 O-O 10. Rb1 a6 11. Nxd5 f6 12. Nxe7+ Nxe7 13. Be3 Qc7 14. c3 Be6 15. c4 Rad8 16. Qc2 Rd7 17. Rfd1 Rfd8 18. Rd2 Nf5 19. Rbd1 Nxe3 20. fxe3 Bh6 21. Nf4 Bg4 22. Bd5+ Kh8 23. Re1 Re8 24. Rf2 Bg7 25. h3 Bxh3 26. Rh2 Bf5 27. e4 g5 28. Nh5 Bg4 29. Nxf7 Kxf7 29...Qxg3+ 30. Kh1 Bf3+ 31. Rg2 Qh3+ 32. Kg1 Bxg2 33. Qxg2 Qxg2+ 34. Kxg2 Kxg7 or 30. Rg2 Qxe1+ 31. Kh2 Qh4+

WV Action Championship, March 27, 1999; Charleston, WV

#	Name	ST	Pre	Post	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	TOTAL
1	David Saville	WV	2097	2114	W---5	D---4	W--12	W--2	W--11	W---3	W---9	6.5
2	Gary Cummings	WV	1801	1889	W---6	W---7	W---3	L---1	W---8	W--11	W---5	6.0
3	Yuri Kolkin	WV	1932	1952	W--13	W---8	L---2	W---9	W---7	L---1	W--11	5.0
4	Robert Canary	WV	1815	1813	W--17	D---1	L--11	D--12	L---9	W---13	W---13	4.0
5	Tom LaBue	WV	1576	1574	L---1	W--17	W--16	L---8	W---6	W--13	L---2	4.0
6	Jim Olson	WV	1260	1300	L---2	L--10	W--15	W--18	L---5	W--17	W--16	4.0
7	Don Griffith	KY	2031	2000	W---9	L---2	W--10	D--11	L---3	L---4	W--12	3.5
8	James Fuller	WV	1754	1736	W--14	L---3	W--18	W---5	L---2	D---9	U---1	3.5
9	Gary Morris	WV	1549	1585	L---7	W--16	W--13	L---3	W---4	D---8	L---1	3.5
10	Chuck Waugh	WV	1490	1464	L--16	W---6	L---7	D--17	W--18	L--12	W--15	3.5
11	Jim Walker	WV	2000	2000	W--18	D--12	W---4	D---7	L---1	L---2	L---3	3.0
12	Markle Butcher	WV	1700	1688	W--15	D--11	L---1	D---4	L--13	W--10	L---7	3.0
13	David Hundley	WV	1287	1319	L---3	W--14	L---9	W--16	W--12	L---5	L---4	3.0
14	David Holmes	TN	1097	1103	L---8	L--13	L--17	L--15	W--16	W--18	H---	2.5
15	Bill Salmon	WV	1086	1090	L--12	L--18	L---6	W--14	W--17	L--16	L--10	2.0
16	Andy Olson	WV	1047/04	1121/11	W--10	L---9	L---5	L--13	L--14	W--15	L---6	2.0
17	Mike Price	WV	1169	1158	L---4	L---5	W--14	D--10	L--15	L---6	U---	1.5
18	Bob McLear	WV	1411	1347	L--11	W--15	L---8	L---6	L--10	L--14	U---	1.0

More From the Amateur South; Byron Funkhouser Victorious at God Save our Queen

32. Kg1 Kxg7 and Black is up. 30. Kg2 b5 31. b3 Ree7
 32. Qf2 Rd6 33. Rf1 h5 34. Rfh1 Re8 35. Re1 Re5 36.
 Rhh1 b4 37. Rhf1 Qc8 38. Rh1 a5 39. d4 cxd4 40.
 Qxd4 Qd8 41. Rhf1 Qe7 42. Rf2 Be6 43. Ref1 Bxd5
 44. exd5 h4 45. gxh4 Re4 46. Qd3 Rg4+ 47. Kh1
 Rxh4+ 48. Kg1 Rd8 49. Rh2 Rxh2 50. Kxh2 Qe5+ 51.
 Kg2 Rh8 52. Qg3 Qe2+ 53. Rf2 Qe4+ 54. Qf3 Qe5 55.
 Qg3 Qe4+ 56. Rf3 Rh4 57. Qf2 Rg4+ 58. Kh2 Qe5+
 59. Rg3 Re4 60. Kh1 Re1+ 61. Rg1 Re2 62. Qg3 Qe4+
 63. Rg2 Re1+ 64. Kh2 Qb1? 65. Qf3 Qh7+ 66. Qh3
 Rh1+ 67. Kxh1 Qxh3+ and Black soon won

Here is the game for all the marbles.

Byron Funkhouser (B) - Tom LaBue (C), Round 4
 Sicilian Defense

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Nc3 e6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 g6 6.
 Bc4 Bg7 7. Be3 Nge7 8. Qd2 Ne5 9. Be2 a6 10. O-O-O
 b5 11. Bh6 O-O 12. h4 Kh8 13. h5 Bxh6 14. Qxh6
 Ng8 15. Qe3 Qf6 16. f4 Nc4 17. Bxc4 bxc4 18. e5 Qg7
 19. h6 Nxh6 20. Rh4 Nf5 21. Nxf5 exf5 22. Rdh1 h5
 23. Nd5 Bb7 24. Rxh5+ gxh5 25. Rxh5+ Qh7 26.
 Rxh7+ Kxh7 27. Nf6+ Kh8 28. Qh3+ Black resigns

Mike Baker was the organizer and tournament director
 for this event. Twenty players participated in this year's
 God Save Our Queen held in Bridgeport.

Latest from the FIDE World Championship in Las Vegas

They are down to the Elite Eight at the FIDE World
 Championship held in Las Vegas, Nevada. 100 of the
 world's best players gathered for this event, though
 Kasparov is not one of them. The top 28 seeded players
 were given first round byes. The rest of the contestants
 were paired in two game matches with the winners
 advancing. They have just finished round four.

The results from Round 4:

- (1) Kramnik 3, (9) Topalov 1
- (2) Shirov 1½, (10) Short ½
- (46) Nispeanu 2½, (6) Ivanchuk 1½
- (36) Kalifman 2½, (12) Gelfand 1½
- (16) J. Polgar 3, (24) Zvjaginsev 1
- (5) Adams 4, Dreev 2
- (27) Movsesian 3½, (29) Federov 2½
- (31) Akopian 1½, (23) Georgiev ½

I think the Round 5 pairings are as such:
 Kramnik - Adams, Akopian - Movnesian
 J. Polgar - Khalifman, Shirov - Nispeanu

The USCF Chess Site provides updates everyday for
 those who are interested.

New Harrison County Chess Club Website

Dave Bitler has started up a website for the Harrison
 County Chess Club. Dave and Bob Jordan will be
 continuing the scholastic tourneys that have been
 ongoing for two years now. They will also be adding an
 Open Section as well. Details are still forthcoming; as
 of now the Open Section will be three rounds, but they
 hope to expand it to four games shortly. Visit the
 Harrison County Chess Club Website at:
<http://sites.netscape.net/hcchess/homepage>

List of West Virginia State Champions (cont.)

- 1971 Charles Szasz
- 1972 John Phythyon
- 1973 David Marples, John Molino
- 1974 John Molino
- 1975 Gary Cummings, Donald Griffith, Robert Smith
- 1976 Jeffrey Ashley
- 1977 Dennis Funkhouser, Paul Harless
- 1978 Gary Cummings, John Roush
- 1979 Donald Griffith, Paul Harless
- 1980 Dennis Funkhouser
- 1981 Dennis Funkhouser, Andrew Glancy, David Marples, Ack
 Morgan
- 1982 Marvin Barker
- 1983 Donald Griffith, John Roush, Marvin Barker, Jr.
- 1984 Edward Garner, Alan Federl
- 1985 Marvin Barker, Jr.
- 1986 Edward Garner, Andrew Katz, Paul Lane,
 Patrick Kelly
- 1987 Dennis Funkhouser
- 1988 John Roush
- 1989 Alex Chang, Donald Griffith, John Roush
- 1990 John Roush, Andrew Katz
- 1991 Donald Griffith
- 1992 Donald Griffith, Charles Schulien
- 1993 Donald Griffith, Charles Schulien
- 1994 Donald Griffith, James Gikas
- 1995 Andy Katz
- 1996 Marvin Barker, Jr
- 1997 John Roush, Donald Griffith, Andy Katz,
 Jim Walker
- 1998 David Saville, Jim Walker, Mike Turner,
 Sefus Ellis, David Olson

WVCA Constitution

ARTICLE I:

The name of this organization shall be the West Virginia Chess Association, known as the WVCA and incorporated under the laws of West Virginia as a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE II:

Its purpose shall be to promote acquaintance, understanding, and fellowship among chess players of West Virginia. It will also conduct the annual State Championship over Labor Day weekend and be responsible for any other chess events the membership or the Board of Directors will select. It shall put out a Bulletin at least twice a year.

ARTICLE III:

Membership shall consist of all interested in the game of chess. There shall be business meetings held, preferably during the State Championship, for the purpose of electing officers and transacting association business. Members are entitled to vote in person. An option of voting through the WVCA Bulletin is available during the year when it is not practical to convene a business meeting. This can be done at the discretion of the Board of Directors, time permitting.

There shall be the following classes of membership:

Honorary Life Members - No dues, full voting privileges.

Members over 18 years of age - \$7 annually for dues.

Members 18 years old and under - \$7 a year with Bulletin and \$2 without Bulletin

Membership dues are payable in advance. The Fiscal year shall begin on September 1st and end on August 31st.

Residence outside the state is not a bar to membership; however, it is a bar to holding the title of State Champion.

Military personnel and college students who are home on annual leave or summer vacation are eligible for the title so long as prior to their enlistment or enrollment they were residents of the state.

ARTICLE IV:

Officers of this association shall be the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Postal Director, and the Bulletin Editor, duly elected at the annual business meeting except for the Postal Director who shall be elected every two years for a term of that length.

The President shall preside at all business meetings. He will appoint committees. He will act as chairman during any meeting of the Board of Directors.

The Vice-President shall preside in the absence of the President or act as his designate when requested of him.

The Secretary-Treasurer:

1. Shall collect the dues and monies owed the association. He will pay all accounts of indebtedness that have been certified for payment by the other board members or himself. He will submit a financial report of the association at the annual business meeting on Labor Day weekend for the fiscal year that just ended August 31st.
2. He will keep on file, the minutes of the association's business meetings.
3. He will handle correspondence for the association.

The Postal Director will organize and direct a Postal State Championship every two years.

The Bulletin Editor:

1. Will be responsible for publishing the WVCA Bulletin at least twice a year.
2. Will obtain games and news from around the state from associate editors in specified regions of the state.
3. Will publish the Bulletin through private enterprise or donated printing services.

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4. He will keep a record of the Constitution, and amend it as so ordered by the membership.
5. Will act as archivist for the Association.

ARTICLE V:

The Board of Directors shall consist of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, Postal Director and Bulletin Editor. They will be charged with the responsibility of running the association meetings. If there is an issue that comes before the Board, in lieu of consensus among the members, a vote shall be taken. If a tie occurs in the voting, the President acting as Chairman, shall cast the tie-breaking vote. The results of the vote are to be given to the Secretary-Treasurer, who will record them and then submit them to the Bulletin Editor for publication.

The Board will not acquire any property, equipment, or printing gear for the association. It may purchase any items it deems necessary if the value of the items does not exceed \$25. Purchase of any items above this limit would require membership approval at a business meeting. The printing and postage cost of the bulletin is the one exception to this.

ARTICLE VI:

The constitution may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership present at an annual business meeting over Labor Day weekend.

ARTICLE VII:

The local organization that is chosen to host the State Championship must submit all details to WVCA officers four months prior to the latest time the announcements must be in to the USCF. A written contract with the site must be in existence. If this is not done, the President will have the power to select an alternative site for the tournament.

ARTICLE VIII:

Two trustees are to be elected who will be authorized to sign checks and withdraw funds from WVCA accounts in emergency situations. The term of each trustee is five years. If a trustee must vacate his position before his term expires, a new trustee will be elected at the next business meeting.

ARTICLE IX:

The postal championship will be held every two years. The format will be decided by the Postal Director.

ARTICLE X:

Annual State Championship

- 1- The time control for the annual State Championship shall be conducted at forty (40) moves in ninety (90) minutes, with (SD/1) sudden death in an hour.
- 2- The TD has the discretion to designate how to break ties.
- 3- The organizers of the State Championship are allowed to specify the entry fees.
- 4- Any WVCA member is eligible to win a class trophy, regardless of residency.

ARTICLE XI:

The WVCA shall conduct a seven (7) round Game/30 Championship to be held between April 1 and July 1. The K factor is to be determined by the Tournament Director. The bid for the Action tournament is to be separate from that of the State Championship weekend. Bids should be presented at the WVCA Business meeting held before the State Championship. The Action Championship shall be advertised in a timely manner in Chess Life.

ARTICLE XII:

The WVCA shall also conduct a ten (10) minute Championship on Saturday during the State Championship to be advertised in the Bulletin.

Proposed Changes to the WVCA Constitution

On the two preceding pages you will find an updated version of the West Virginia Chess Association Constitution. Tom Bergquist and I have gone through the past Business Meeting minutes and included the more recent additions. We have also removed some obsolete statements that do not apply anymore.

We do have some things we would like to add to the Constitution. We will present the ideas here to give everyone a chance to see them and discuss them. Tom and I plan to have a discussion on these measures at the Business Meeting this year. Other ideas for additions to the Constitution are encouraged from the membership.

We have two options: to look at each addition and vote on each all at this year's meeting or set up a committee to rework the constitution and have the membership vote to accept it at a later meeting. If there are not very many additions that need to be looked at and not much other new business on the agenda, it could be done at the business meeting.

Here is a list of additions or topics that might be considered:

- Add a new category of membership: Paid Life Members: One time payment of \$140
- Should we add a Sustaining Membership?
- That those elected to any WVCA office (Board Position, Voting Member/Delegate or Trustees must maintain their membership for the term of their office or shall be considered resigned
- Add the following duties to the Secretary/Treasurer:
 1. Send the financial statement to the bulletin editor for publication
 2. Shall present the minutes of the previous year's meeting at the annual Business Meeting. He will also send a copy of the minutes to the Bulletin editor for publication.
 3. Will send each member a renewal notice when his membership is about to expire and maintain a current file and mailing list of all current WVCA members and other state associations (reciprocity) and WV Chess Clubs to whom the Bulletin Editor sends a bulletin.
 4. Shall maintain the Affiliate Membership status of the WVCA with the USCF.
 5. Shall maintain the corporation status of the WVCA with the State of West Virginia.
- The Board of Directors shall have the power to call special business meetings as the need arises.
- Addition to Article 7: *The president or Board of Directors will have the power to select an alternative site for the State Tournament.*
- In Article 8 add: *The Secretary-Treasurer will arrange signature cards for the trustees at the bank holding WVCA's accounts.*
- Add specifics about the Voting Members and USCF Delegate election.
- Add Grand Prix rules to the Constitution.
- Add Checks and Balances to some of the officer positions, perhaps some sort of audit for the Secretary-Treasurer.
- Perhaps split the Bulletin Editor/Web Master Positions if needed.

These are most of the suggestions that we have at the current time, feel free to contact me about any other suggestions that you may have. Hope to see everyone down in Charleston - Business Meeting is at 10am.

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