



Round I Action from the 2008 West Virginia Chess Championship

WVCA NOTES FROM STATE PRESIDENT AND ARCHIVIST

A MESSAGE FROM JOE BARKER

I was quite surprised at being elected to the presidency of the WVCA as I was already the State Archivist. However, Ben Good did not want the job as he had other "irons" in the fire.¹

On December 20, 2008 the Charleston Chess Club held the Second Annual Christmas Open House. There were goodies to eat and a visit by my arch-nemesis Santa Chess, who seems to give away a lot of books, magazines, and other chess stuff! I think he is crazy! Anyway, there was also a discussion of where to hold the state championship in 2009. Tom Bergquist, John Roush, Ben Good and I were there. Ben is going to try to organize the event in the Clarksburg area.

Now for a change of subject. I have been working on the state bulletins which will be on the WVCA website sometime in the near future. I have had a wonderful time locating old bulletins, starting with rummaging through the basement of the late Paul Sayre. (God rest his soul.) John Brewster and Mark

¹ Ed. note: As Mr. Good is, was, or soon to be the state champion, state speed champion, and grand prix champion, he may have simply wanted to spread it around it bit!

Hathaway helped me find a number of bulletins. Then with the help of Dan O'Hanlon and the son of the late Dr. S. Werthhammer, I got to a few more bulletins. Tom Bergquist then supplied me with the remaining few that I needed. In addition, Tom also supplied me with a copy of the West Virginia Yearbook I. I then contacted the Cleveland Public Library where I was able to obtain Yearbooks II and III (I already had IV.) as well as Bulletin #31. I am now missing only Bulletin #1, part of #2, #3, #4, and #14. If anyone can locate any of these items, please call me at 304-344-2597.

I have begun to copy the bulletins onto individual sheets. There are several reasons for this.

(1) In order to feed them into the scanner, it is necessary to have them on separate sheets. (The scanner can't scan front and back of a sheet!)

(2) The pages of the early bulletins (#1 - #90) are so brittle, that copies are necessary so that the scanner doesn't destroy them.

(3) Finally, by creating copies, there will be an extra, sturdier copy of the bulletins.

I am sorry to say it, but this will cost the Association some money. Tom Bergquist, John Roush and I feel that it is money well spent. My son has agreed to do the scanning for free. It is slow, tedious work. However, I will persist!

(Ed. note: I am sure that all of us feel this a worthwhile project and are grateful to Joe for taking it on.)

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MESSAGE FROM ED.

If I space these bulletins out any more, I think members will label them as Yearbooks rather than Bulletins! In the old days they had Bulletins and Yearbooks! Further, that was before word processors! My hats off to the Editors of yore! I hope you enjoy the games and sorry it is so long to put this one in the mail. John Roush, Editor.

BEN GOOD CAPTURES THE 2008 WV CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Ben Good topped a small, but strong field of chess players to win the 2008 state title. Ben ran off 4 straight wins, before coasting home with a pair of draw. Dave Saville finished clear second with a record of 4 ½ - 1 1/2. Jim Fields topped the Under-1800 group with a score of 3-3. Cody Fike scored 2 ½ - 3 ½ to win the junior champion and top Under 1400.



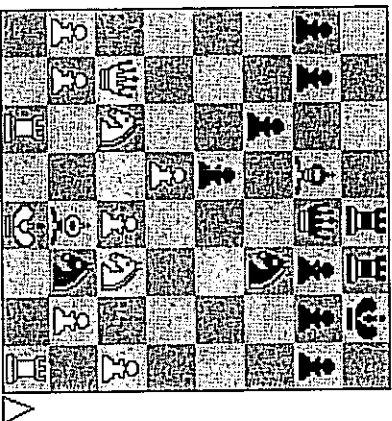
Ben Good uber alles!

Although only sixteen players played in Charleston, WV over the Labor Day weekend, the tournament was extremely strong with five Experts and four Class A players. Over half the field was rated over 1800.

Ben also captured the speed championship with a record of 7-0.

Here is a sample of games from the event. (A cross table is located on pp. 7-8.)

Jim Fields - Ben Good Rd. 1
 1. c4 e6 2. d2 c3 d5 3. cxd5 exd5 4. d4 c6 5. d2 f3 d2 f6 6. g5 g6 7. c2 O-O 8. e3 d2 b7 9. e2 d4 10. e7 e7 11. c1 d6 12. h3 f5 13. d2 h4 d7 14. f3 e8 15. b3 d2



16. O-O
 a. 16. d2 f2? e3+ 17. g3 (17. e1 or f1, then e1) h4+ 18. h4 e7+ 19. h5 g6+ 20. h6 g6 e7++;
 b. 16. d5 may be best though Black still comes out on top with 16... d5
 16... e3 17. d2 e1 18. d1 e4 19. c2 e3 20. e2 d2 21. d2 d2 22. e2 f6 23. c2 e7 24. d1 e8 25. d1 b6 26. b3 g5 27. c3 h5 28. f3 f5 29. d1 g6 30. g4 h4 31. h4 g4 32. a4 f3 33. e3 e3 34. g2 d3 [0:11]

Donald Griffith - Paul Davis Rd. 1
 1. e4 c5 2. f3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4.

d4 d4 f6 5. c3 g6 6. e3 g7 7. f3 O-O 8. d2 c6 9. O-O d4 10. d4 e6 11. b1 c8 12. g4 b5 13. b5 a6 14. c3 c7 15. g5 h5 16. g7 g7 17. d5 b7 18. e2 b8 19. b3 f5 20. c4 d5 21. d5 d5 22. d5 f4 23. f4 e4 24. c1 f4 25. d2 f3 26. f1 f1 27. f1 a5 28. c4 c8 29. a3 c5 30. h4 c6 31. d5 b6 32. b2 f8 33. f2

I am loathe to comment on endgames, but one wonders how a plan of 33. a4 c3, a3, b4 would have worked out. Black would certainly not commit suicide by ...axb4, so it all depends on whether bxa5 is strong or stupid. It is food for thought.

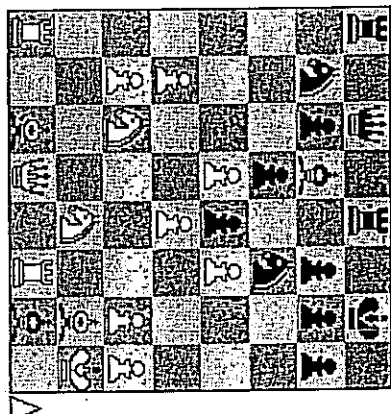
33... e5 34. c4 e7 35. c3 a6 36. b2 a7 37. b4 axb4 38. axb4 a3 39. d2 39. b3 e2+ 40. b2 ∞/± (40. c2? d4+) d3 40. c2 d4 41. a2 d5 42. a7 f8 43. cxd5 axb4 44. xh7 e4 45. d7 xh4 46. xd6 d4 47. f6 e7 48. e6 d7 49. e5 d6 50. e6 d5 51. xg6 g4 52. a6 e5 53. g6 f5 54. d3 [1½:1]

Ben Good - David Hines Rd. 2

1. e4 d6 2. d4 f6 3. c3 g6 4. f4 g7 5. f3 O-O 6. d3 a6 7. O-O c5 8. xa6 cxd4 9. d4 xa6 10. h1 b7 11. d3 c8 12. d2 e5 If this were a speed game, I might

suggest 12... ♖xc3!? 13. ♗xc3
 ♗xe4 ∞
 13. ♗de2 d5 14. fxe5 ♗xe4 15. ♗xe4
 dxe4 16. ♞xd8 ♖fxd8 17. ♗c3 ♖e8
 Crafty suggests 17...e3 18. ♖ad1
 ♗e4 ♠
 18. ♖ad1 ♖cd8 19. ♖xd8 ♖xd8 20.
 ♗d4 ♗c6 21. c4 ♖e8 22. ♗xa7
 ♗xe5 23. ♗d4 f5 24. b4 ♗d6 25. c5
 ♗c7 26. ♗e3 ♗b5 27. ♖f2 ♗xe2 28.
 ♖xe2 f4 29. ♗f2 g5 30. a4 g4 31. b5
 e3 32. ♗g1 axb5 33. axb5 ♖e5 34.
 b6 ♖xc5 35. bxc7 ♖xc7 36. ♖e1
 ♖d7 37. g3 fxg3 38. hxg3 ♗g7 39.
 ♗xe3 ♗g6 40. ♖e2 h5 41. ♗g2 ♖d3
 42. ♗f4 h4 43. gxh4 ♗f5 44. ♗g3
 ♖d4 45. ♗f2 ♖d3 46. ♖e3 ♖d7 47.
 ♗g3 ♖h7 48. ♖c3 [1:0]

John Roush – John Szasz Rd. 2
 1. c4 e5 2. ♗c3 ♗c6 3. g3 ♗c5 4.
 ♗g2 ♗f6 5. e3 a6 6. ♗ge2 ♗a7 7. O-
 O d6 8. d4 ♗g4 9. h3 ♗d7 10. a3
 ♞c8 11. ♗h2 O-O 12. f4 ♖e8 13. d5
 ♗a5 14. b3 b5 15. cxb5 axb5 16. e4
 ♗b7 17. f5 b4 18. axb4 ♗g1
 I'm not sure whether this maneuver
 is good, bad, or indifferent.
 However, it must be fun to play a
 move like 18...Bg1+. Incidentally,
 Crafty likes the move and assesses
 the position as ♠.



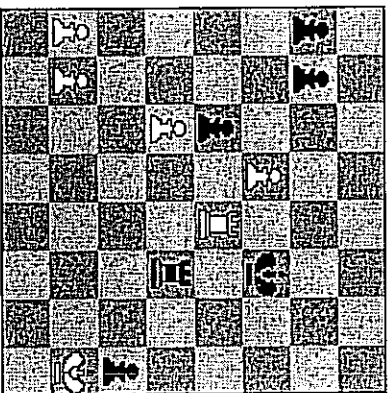
19. ♗xg1 ♖xa1 20. g4 ♗h8 21. g5
 ♗g8 22. h4 c6 23. h5 cxd5 24. ♗xd5
 ♖a2 25. f6 ♞c2 26. fxg7 ♗xg7 27.
 ♞f3 ♞xg2
 Crafty thinks this is a mistake and
 prefers... ♗b5 or ...♗e6.
 28. ♞xg2 ♖xg2 29. ♗xg2 ♖c8 30.
 ♗e3 ♗g4 31. h6 ♗g6 32. ♗g3 ♗e6
 33. ♗f6 ♗xf6 34. ♖xf6 ♗h5 35. g6
 ♖g8
 Black had to try...hxg6
 36. g7 ♗xb3 37. ♗f3 ♗d8 38. ♖f5
 ♗g6 39. ♗h4# [1:0]

David Saville – Ben Good Rd. 3
 1. ♗f3 d5 2. d4 e6 3. c4 c6 4. e3 ♗f6
 5. ♗c3 ♗bd7 6. cxd5 exd5 7. ♗d3
 ♗d6 8. O-O O-O 9. ♞c2 ♖e8 10. a3
 ♞e7 11. b4 ♗e4 12. b5 ♗xc3 13.
 ♞xc3 c5 14. a4 c4 15. ♗b1 ♗f6 16.
 ♗a3 ♗xa3 17. ♞xa3 ♞xa3 18. ♖xa3
 a6 19. b6 a5 20. ♗c2 ♖a6 21. ♖b1
 ♖e6 22. ♖a2

A sickly back rank scuttles Saville's
 schemes, i.e., 22. ♗f5 ♖e6xb6
 23. ♖xb6 ♖xb6 24. ♗xc8??
 ♖b1+25. ♗e1 ♖xe1 ++
 22... ♖axb6 23. ♖ab2 ♖xb2 24.
 ♖xb2 ♖d6 25. ♗e5 b6 26. e4 ♗xe4
 27. ♗xc4 dxc4 28. ♗xe4 ♖xd4 29. f3
 ♖d6 30. ♖c2 ♗a6 31. ♗f2 ♗f8 32.
 ♗e3 ♗e7 33. ♖d2 ♖xd2 34. ♗xd2
 ♗d6 35. ♗c3 ♗e5 36. ♗b1
 35. ♗xh7 g6 36. h4 ♗e5 37. h5 (or
 else... ♗f6-g7) gxh5 38. g3 ♗b7 39.
 f4 f6 +-
 36... h5 37. ♗a2 ♗d5 38. f4 h4 39.
 g3 hxg3 40. hxg3 f6 41. ♗b1 ♗c5 42.
 ♗g6 ♗b7 43. ♗f7 ♗d5 44. ♗e8 ♗f3
 45. ♗b5 ♗d1 46. ♗d2 ♗f3 47. ♗c3
 ♗c6 48. ♗xc6 ♗xc6 49. ♗xc4 f5 50.
 ♗d4 b5 51. axb5 ♗xb5 52. ♗e5 a4
 53. ♗xf5 a3 54. ♗g6 a2 55. ♗xg7
 a1=♞ 56. ♗f7 ♗c6 57. f5 ♗d6 58. f6
 ♗e5 59. g4 ♞a7 60. ♗g6 ♗e6 [0:1]
 In view of 61.g5 ♞f7+ 62. ♗h6 ♗f5
 63.g6 ♞xg6 ++

Donald Griffith – Robert Canary Rd. 3
 1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. ♗c3 ♗f6 4. ♗f3
 c6 5. e3 ♗d6 6. ♗d3 ♗bd7 7. O-O
 O-O 8. e4 dxe4 9. ♗xe4 ♗xe4 10.
 ♗xe4 ♗f6 11. ♗c2 ♖e8 12. ♞d3 g6
 13. ♗g5 ♗e7 14. ♖fe1 ♗h5 15.
 ♗xe7 ♖xe7 16. ♖e5 ♗g7 17. ♖ae1
 ♖d7 18. ♞d2 f6 19. ♖5e2 c5 20. d5
 e5 20...exd5 21.cxd5 ♖xd5? 22. ♗b3
 +- 21. ♞h6 ♖d6 22. ♗h4 f5 23. ♗f3

23. ♖xe5? g5 –+ g5 24. ♜xg5 e4 25. ♜xd8 ♜xd8 26. ♗d2 ♜d6 27. g4 ♜g6 28. h3 ♜h6 29. gxh5 ♖xf5 30. ♖xe4 ♖xh3 31. ♜e3 ♜f8 32. ♜g3 ♖d7 33. ♗f3 ♜hf6 34. ♗e5 ♖c8 35. f3 ♖f5 36. ♗g4 ♜g6 37. ♗h2 ♗h8 38. ♖xf5 ♗xf5 39. ♜h3 ♜fg8 40. ♜e6 ♗g7 41. ♗e3 ♗xe3 42. ♜xe3 ♗f8 43. ♜e2 ♜8g7 44. ♜h4 ♗f7 45. ♜f4 ♜f6 46. ♜xf6 ♗xf6 47. ♜g2 ♜e7 48. ♗g3 ♗f5 49. ♗f2 ♗f6 50. ♜g4 ♗f5 51. ♜e4 ♜d7 52. ♗e3 h5 53. f4 ♜h7 54. ♗f3 h4 55. ♜e5 ♗f6 56. ♗g2 h3 57. ♗h2 ♜h4 58. d6 ♜xf4



59. ♜xc5? 59.d7 seems to win. 59... ♗xe4 60. d8=♜ ♜f2+ 61. ♗xh3 ♜xb2 62. ♜h8+ & 63. ♜xb2 or 59... ♜f2+ 60. ♗xh3 ♜d2 61. ♜d5. After 59. ♜xc5, I don't see a win for White, though ♜ endings are not my forte.-Ed. 59... ♗e6 60. ♜d5 ♗d7 61. b3 ♜f3 62. c5 a5 63. ♜h5 ♜c3 64. ♜h7 ♗c8 65. ♜h8 ♗d7 66. ♜b8 ♜xc5 67. ♜xb7 ♗xd6 68. ♗xh3 ♗d5 69. ♗g4 ♗c6 70. ♜b8 ♗c7 71. ♜f8

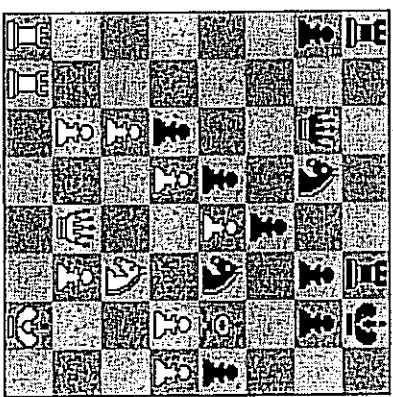
- ♜c2 72. a4 ♜c3 73. ♜f3 ♜c1 74. ♗f4 ♗c6 75. ♗e4 ♗c5 76. ♜f5 ♗b4 77. ♜b5 ♗a3 78. ♗d3 ♜h1 79. ♜xa5 ♗xb3 80. ♜a8 ♜h3 81. ♗d2 ♗b4 82. a5 ♗b5 [1½:½]

...and now the game that I promised myself that I would not print. Ben Good fans and Roush haters prepare for a sublime feast of Roush humiliation!

- Ben Good- John Roush Rd. 4
 1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♗c3 ♖b4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 ♖xc3 6. bxc3 ♜c7 7. ♗f3 b6 8. ♖d3 ♖a6 9. O-O ♖xd3 10. ♜xd3 ♗e7 11. h4 h5 ?
 Ben suggested stopping the h-♖ with ...h6 at some point. In line with that black might try 11... ♗b8-c6 22. h5 h6 & choosing between play on the c-file w/... ♜c8 or closing the file down w/...c4 followed by... ♗d7
 12. a4 ♗f5 13. a5 ♗d7 14. axb6 ♜xb6 15. ♖g5 c4 16. ♜e2 O-O

16...f6!? 17. exf6 gxh6 18. ♖f4 ♗f7!? ∞. I (JER) didn't seriously consider such options during the game because I didn't realize the danger I was in. Stay tuned, though, the "danger" becomes easier to perceive in a couple of moves!

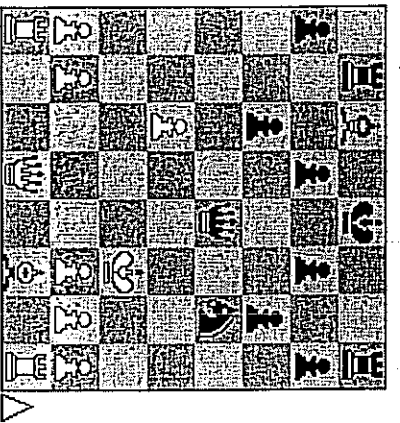
17. ♜fb1 ♜c7 18. g4!



- 18... hxg4 19. ♗h2 g3 20. fxg3 ♗xg3 21. ♜g4 ♗e4
 ♖ 21... ♗f5, but I was hoping to make tactical use of the a7-g1 diagonal with a future ... ♗xe5 x. dx e5 ♜c5+
 22. ♖h6 g6 23. h5 ♗h7 24. ♖xf8 ♜xf8 25. hxg6 fxg6 26. ♜xe6 ♜f5
 Still angling for ... ♗xe5, though by this point I realized the likelihood of a zero appearing beside my (JER) name on the wall chart.
 27. ♜e7 ♗h6 28. ♜h4 ♗g7 29. ♗g4 ♗f8 30. ♜h6 ♗f7 31. ♜f1 ♗g3 32. ♜xf5 ♗xf5 33. ♜g5 ♗h7 34. ♗h6 ♗xh6 35. ♜xh6 [1:0]

- C. McCallister – James Fields Rd. 4
 1. e4 c5 2. c4 ♗c6 3. ♗f3 g6 4. ♗c3 ♖g7 5. d4 cxd4 6. ♗e2 ♗f6 7. ♗exd4 ♗xe4 8. ♗xc6 bxc6 9. ♖e3 ♜b8 10. ♖d4 ♜a5 11. ♗e2 e5 12. ♗xe5 ♖xe5 13. ♖xe5 ♜xe5 14. ♗f3 ♗g5

The ♗-hunt begins!



- 15. ♔g4 h5 16. ♘h4 ♗e4 17. g4
- 17. ♚xg5 ♗f5+ 18. ♚h4 g5+ 19. ♚g3 h4 ++
- 17... ♗f3 18. ♗xf3 hxg4 19. ♚g5
- ♚h5 20. ♚f6 ♗e5# [0:1]

Donald Griffith – Ben Good Rd. 5

- 1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. ♗c3 c6 4. ♗f3
- dxc4 5. a4 ♚b4 6. e3 b5 7. ♗e5 ♚b7
- 8. ♚e2 ♗f6 9. ♚f3 ♗c7 10. O-O a6
- 11. axb5 cxb5 12. ♗xb5 axb5 13.
- ♚xa8 ♚xa8 14. ♚xa8 O-O 15. ♚d2
- ♗a5 16. ♚xb4 ♗xb4 17. ♗c2 ♗bd7
- 18. ♚c6 ♗b6 19. ♚a1 ♗fd5 20. g3
- ♗e7 21. ♚g2 g6 22. ♗c3 ♗xc3 [1/2:1/2]

David Saville – John Szasz Rd. 5

- 1. d4 d5 2. ♗f3 ♗c6 3. ♚f4 ♚f5 4. c3
- ♚xb1 5. ♗xb1 ♗f6 6. e3 a6 7. ♚d3
- g6 8. O-O ♚g7 9. h3 O-O 10. b4 ♗d7
- 11. a4 e5 12. b5 ♗xd4 13. ♗xd4 exd4
- 14. cxd4 a5 15. ♗b3 ♚c8 16. ♚ac1
- ♗b6 17. ♚c5 ♗h4 18. ♚xc7 ♗d7 19.
- ♚c2 ♚fe8 20. ♗xd5 ♗f6 21. ♗xb7

- ♗h5 22. ♚fc1 ♗g5 23. ♗f3 ♚xc7
- 24. ♚xc7 ♚d8 25. ♗xf7 ♚h8 26.
- ♚c8 h6 27. ♚xd8 ♗xd8 28. ♚xg6
- ♗f6 29. ♚c7 ♗d7 30. ♚xd7 [1:0]

Ben Good – Robert Canary Rd. 6

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♗c3 dxe4
 Robert Canary proclaimed this as "the" way to play the French

Defense. In my (JER) view, it is "a" way to play the French Defense.

However, given our respective results against the Good Monster, perhaps he has a point!

- 4. ♗xe4 ♚e7 5. ♗f3 ♗f6 6. ♗xf6
- ♚xf6 7. ♚d3 ♗d7 8. O-O b6 9. ♚f4
- ♚b7 10. ♗e5 ♗xe5 11. dxe5 ♗d5
- 12. ♗f3 ♗xf3 13. gxf3 ♚e7 14. ♚e4
- O-O-O 15. ♚fd1 h6 16. ♚xb7 ♚xb7
- 17. ♚f1 ♚c6 18. ♚e2 f5 19. exf6
- ♚xf6 20. ♚xd8 ♚xd8 21. c3 ♚d5 22.
- ♚g1 ♚f5 23. ♚e3 ♚b5 24. ♚c1 ♚h5
- 25. ♚f4 a5 26. ♚c1 ♚f5 27. ♚e3
- ♚h5 28. ♚f4 ♚h4 29. ♚g3 ♚c4 30.
- ♚d3 ♚c5 31. b3 b5 32. c4 b4 33.
- ♚e1 ♚d7 34. ♚e4 ♚f5 35. f4 ♚c3
- 36. f3 ♚f8 37. ♚f2 e5 38. ♚e3 ♚d6
- 39. fxe5 ♚xe5 40. ♚c5 ♚xc5 41.
- ♚xe5 ♚b6 42. ♚e4 [1/2:1/2]

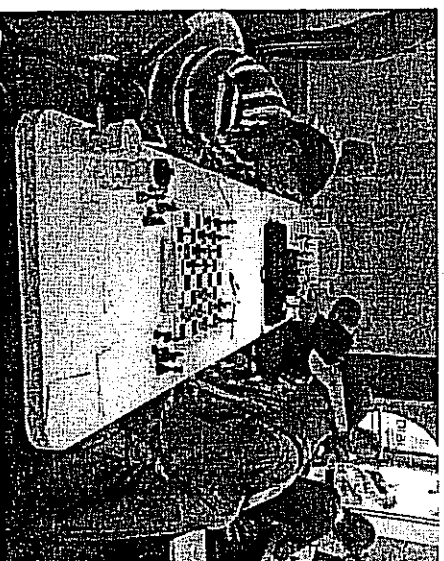
David Saville – John Roush Rd. 6

- 1. d4 e6 2. c4 ♗f6 3. ♗c3 ♚b4 4.
- ♗c2 O-O 5. ♗f3 c5 6. a3 ♚xc3 7.
- bxc3! h6 8. e3 b6 Perhaps better is

- 8...d6 ♗...♗c6 &...e5 9. ♚d3 d5 10.
- O-O ♚a6 11. ♗e5 ♗bd7 12. cxd5
- ♚xd3 13. ♗xd3 exd5 14. dxc5 bxc5
- 15. c4 dxc4 16. ♗xc4 ♗b6 17. ♗c2
- c4 18. ♗f4 g5 ?!

It is hard to imagine what I (JER) was thinking when I tossed my g-♗ forward.

- 19. ♗e2 ♗e7 19... ♗d3! 20. ♗xd3
- cxd3 21. Nd4∞ 20. ♚b2 ♗e4 21.
- ♗c3 ♗c5 22. ♗b5 ♗b3 23. ♚ad1
- ♗a4 24. ♚d4 ♗xd4 25. ♚xd4 ♗b6
- 26. ♚d6 ♚g7 27. ♚fd1 ♗e5 28. ♗d4
- f5? 29. ♗e6 ♚h8 30. ♗xf8 ♚xf8 31.
- ♚d8 ♚xd8 32. ♚xd8 ♚g7 33. g3
- ♗a1 34. ♚g2 ♗f6 35. ♗d2 c3 36.
- ♗d6 ♗xd6
- 36...c2 37. ♗xf6+ ♚xf6 38. ♚d6+
- ♚e5 39. ♚c6 +-
- 37. ♚xd6 ♗c4 38. ♚c6 ♗xa3 39.
- ♚xc3 ♗b5 40. ♚c5 [1:0]



Donald Griffith vs. John Szasz

2008 West Virginia State Championship Cross Table

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5	Round 6								
1	BENJAMIN M GOOD	20085931 / R: 2023	->2055	15.0	W	9	W	4	W	2	W	5	D	3	D	6	1
2	DAVID SAVILLE	12558639 / R: 2011	->2025	14.5	W	11	W	14	L	1	D	6	W	7	W	5	1
3	DONALD W GRIFFITH	10201900 / R: 2034	->2025	14.0	D	8	W	10	D	6	D	7	D	1	W	9	1
4	DAVID F HINES	12396361 / R: 1963	->1957	14.0	W	16	L	1	W	15	W	11	L	5	W	8	1
5	JOHN EVERETT ROUSH	10201411 / R: 2085	->2078	13.5	H	7	W	8	L	1	W	4	L	2	1	1	1
6	ROBERT G CANARY	12485034 / R: 1933	->1939	13.5	W	13	H	1	D	3	D	2	D	8	D	1	1
7	JOHN SZASZ	10200971 / R: 1845	->1843	13.5	W	15	L	5	W	13	D	3	L	2	W	11	1
8	PAUL W DAVIS	12259880 / R: 1824	->1826	13.0	D	3	W	9	L	5	W	13	D	6	L	4	1
9	JAMES C FIELDS	10201136 / R: 1544	->1552	13.0	L	1	L	8	W	10	W	16	W	11	L	3	1
10	COLLYN THOMAS FIKE	12785195 / R: 1340	->1301	12.5	H	1	L	3	L	9	L	12	X	16	W	13	1
11	DAVID WAYNE HUNDLEY	12265100 / R: 1403	->1390	12.0	L	2	W	16	X	14	L	4	L	9	L	7	1
12	CODY LYNN FIKE	12785202 / R: 1096	->1062	12.0	L	14	L	15	L	16	W	10	L	13	B	1	1
13	DAKOTTA J WILLIAMS	13787581 / R: 822P25-> 881		12.0	L	6	B	1	L	7	L	8	W	12	L	10	1

14	MARVIN R BARKER JR	1.0	1W	12 L	2 F	11 U	1 U	1 U	
WV	10202001 / R: 2000	->2000							
15	STEVE LEE CULLEY	1.0	1L	7 W	12 L	4 U	1 U	1 U	
WV	14008105 / R: Unrated->1450P3								
16	CHARLES R MCCALLISTER	1.0	1L	4 L	11 W	12 L	9 F	10 U	
WV	13843380 / R: 913P17-> 963P21								

2008 WV SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP

	GRIFFITH	WILLIAMS	SAVILLE	COLLYN FIKE	GOOD	HUNDLEY	FIELDS	CODY FIKE	TOTAL
GRIFFITH	X	W	W	W	L	W	W	W	6
WILLIAMS	L	X	L	L	L	L	L	L	0
SAVILLE	L	W	X	W	L	W	W	W	5
COLLYN FIKE	L	W	L	X	L	D	L	L	1½
GOOD	W	W	W	W	X	W	W	W	7
HUNDLEY	L	W	L	D	L	X	L	W	2½
FIELDS	L	W	L	W	L	W	X	D	3½
CODY FIKE	L	W	L	W	L	L	D	X	2½

MAGAR AND ROUSH THE FOR FIRST AT PARKERSBURG HOMECOMING.

The 16th edition of the Parkersburg Homecoming tournament was held on Sunday, August 17, 2008, 26 players attended from WV, OH, and PA. Thomas Magar and John Roush tied for 1st in the Open with a last round draw. James Hammock of Walker, WV won the non-rated event.

1st-2nd Thomas Magar, John Roush 3.5
5 players tied for 3rd with 3 points.

U1800 - Markle Butcher, David Hickman
3

U1600 - Jim Fields 2
U1100 - Bertie Ruan 2

(Report courtesy of Ben Good)

A cross table of the tournament is located on p. xx. Here is a sample of the games.

Joe Barker - James Fields Rd. 1

1. e4 c5 2. ♀f3 d6 3. ♁b5 ♀d7 4. O-O a6 5. ♁xd7 ♁xd7 6. ♄e1 e6 7. c3 ♀f6 8. d4 ♁e7 9. ♀bdd2 ♄c8 10. ♀f1 h6 11. d5 e5 12. h3 ♄b6 13. c4 ♄a7 14. ♀g3 b5 15. b3 a5 16. a4 bxc4 17. bxc4 ♄b8 18. ♁d2 ♁d8 19. ♁c3 O-

O 20. ♄d3 ♁c7 21. ♀f5 ♁xf5 22. exf5 ♄b3 23. ♀d2 ♄b7 24. f4 ♄e8 25. fxe5 dxe5 26. d6 ♁xd6 ?
O 26...♁d8
27. ♄xd6 ♄d7 28. ♄c6 ♄d3 29. ♁xe5 ♄d7 30. ♄xd7 ♀xd7 31. ♁f4 ♀f6 32. ♄xe8 ♀xe8 33. ♄e1 ♀f8 34. ♀f3 f6 35. ♀h4 ♀f7 36. ♀g6 ♄d4 37. ♄e7 ♀g8 38. ♄xe8 [1:0]

Leland Masters - Robert Canary Rd. 1

1. d4 d5 2. ♀f3 ♀f6 3. e3 e6 4. ♁d3 ♁d6 5. ♀bdd2 ♀bd7 6. e4 dxe4 7. ♀xe4 ♀xe4 8. ♁xe4 ♀f6 9. ♁d3 O-O 10. O-O b6 11. ♄e1 ♁b7 12. ♁g5 h6 13. ♁h4 ♁e7 14. c3 ♀d7 15. ♁xe7 ♄xe7 16. ♄e2 c5 17. ♁a6 ♁xa6 18. ♄xa6 cxd4 19. cxd4

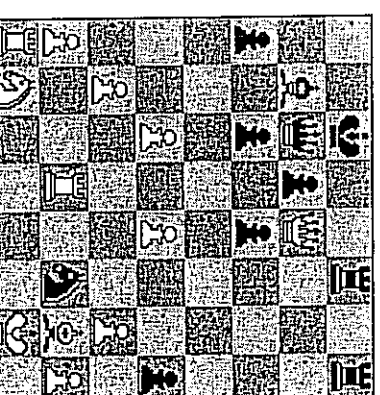
O 19. ♀xd4. No reason to take on an Isolani in this position. ♀f6 20. ♄ac1 ♄f8 21. ♄c4 ♄d5 22. ♄c8 ♄xc8 23. ♄xc8 ♄d8 24. ♄c4 ♄d6 25. ♄c1 ♀d5 26. a3 ♀e7 27. ♄a6 ♀f5 28. ♄c4 e5 29. ♄xa7 29. ♀xe5 ♄xe5 30. dxe5 Rd1++ e4 30. ♀e5?

O 30. ♀e1 ♄xe5 31. ♄xb6 31. dxe5?? ♄d1++
♄xd4 32. ♄xd4 ♀xd4 33. ♀f1 e3 34. fxe3 ♄xe3 35. ♄a6 ♄c1 36. ♀f2 ♄xb2 37. ♀g3 ♄c3 38. ♀f2 ♄d2 39. ♀f1 ♀e6 40. ♄a8 ♀h7 41. ♄e4 g6 42. ♄b7 ♀g7 43. ♄b3 ♀d4 44. ♄b4

♄xb4 45. axb4 ♀f6 46. ♀f2 ♀e5 47. h4 ♀f4 48. g3 [0:1]

Markle Butcher-Tom Magar Rd. 2

1. e4 c5 2. ♀f3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. ♀xd4 a6 5. ♁e2 ♀f6 6. ♄d3 ♄c7 7. O-O ♀c6 8. ♀xc6 bxc6 9. c4 ♁b7 10. ♁f3 ♁d6 11. g3 h5 12. ♁g2 h4 13. ♄d1 ♁c5 14. ♁e3 ♁xe3 15. ♄xe3 ♀g4 16. ♄g5 ♀e5 17. b3 f6 18. ♄xg7 O-O 19. ♄xf6 One might question Markle's wisdom, but not his courage!
19... ♄d8 20. ♄e7 ♀g4 21. ♄d2 ♀xf2



22. ♄xf2 ♄xf2 23. ♀xf2 ♄e5 24. ♀d2 hxg3 25. hxg3 ♄xa1 26. a4 ♄d4 27. ♀e2 ♄g1 28. ♁f3 ♄xg3 29. ♄f6 ♄h2 30. ♀e3 ♄e1 [0:1]

Mike Price-D. Rutherford Rd. 2

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. ♀c3 ♁b4 4. ♀ge2 dxe4 5. a3 ♁e7 6. ♀xe4 ♀f6 7. ♀2g3 ♀bd7 8. ♁d3 ♀xe4 9. ♀xe4

10. c3 O-O 11. O-O b6 12. ♖f3
 13. ♙g5 ♙b7 14. ♙xf6 ♙xf6
 15. ♗xf6 ♖xf6 16. ♙e4 ♗xf3 17.
 ♙xf3 ♙xf3 18. ♗xf3 ♗fd8 19. ♗fe1
 20. ♗e5 ♗xe5 21. dxe5 ♗d8
 22. ♖f1 g5
 Targeting the-e-♙, i.e., 23. ♖e2 ♗d5
 23. ♗e1 ♗d2 24. ♗e2 ♗d1 25. ♖g2
 Perhaps it would be better to play
 25. ♗e1 and challenge Black to
 prove has something.

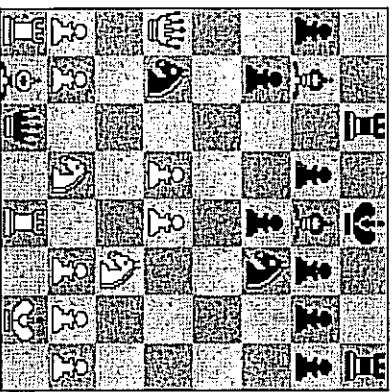
25... ♗d3 26. ♗e3 ♗d2 27. b4 b5
 28. ♖g3 ♗a2 29. h3 ♗xa3 30. c4
 ♗xe3 31. ♗e3 bxc4 32. ♖f2 ♖f8 33.
 ♖e2 ♖e7 34. ♖d2 ♖d7 35. ♖c3
 ♖c6 36. ♖xc4 a6 37. f4 ♗f4 38. exf4
 ♖b6 39. h4 h5 40. ♖d4 ♖b5 41. ♖c3
 c5 42. bxc5 ♖xc5 43. ♖b3 ♖d4
 [0:1]

While White deals with the a-♙, Black
 will eat all the ♖-side ♙'s.

Joe Barker - Grant Perks Rd. 3
 1. e4 c5 2. ♗c3 e6 3. g3 d5 4. exd5
 exd5 5. d4 ♗f6 6. ♙g5 ♙e6 7. ♗f3
 ♗c6 8. ♙b5 h6 9. ♙xf6 ♖xf6 10.
 ♗e5 ♗c8 11. O-O ♙e7 12. ♗e1 O-O
 13. ♙xc6 bxc6 14. ♗e2 ♙d6 15. f4
 ♗fe8 16. c3 ♙h3 17. ♖h1 ♙f5 18.
 ♗g1 ♙e4 19. ♗gfs ♖f5 20. ♖g1 f6
 21. ♗h4 ♖h7 22. ♗efs g5 23. ♗g2
 ♗e7 24. ♗d2 ♗ce8 25. ♗g5 hxg5 26.
 ♗e3 ♙g6 27. ♗e2? ♙d3 28. ♗g2
 ♗xe3 [0:1]

Tom Magar- Dave Hines Rd. 3
 1. d4 f5 2. ♗f3 ♗f6 3. g3 d6 4. ♙g2
 g6 5. b3 ♙g7 6. ♙b2 O-O 7. O-O
 ♗e4 8. ♗b2 c5 9. ♖c1 cxd4 10.
 ♗xe4 ♗e4 11. ♗xd4 e5 12. ♗b5 d5
 13. c4 ♙g4 14. cxd5 ♙xe2 15. ♗c7
 ♙f1 16. ♙f1 ♖f6 17. ♖d2 ♗d7 18.
 ♗xa8 ♗xa8 19. ♙g2 ♗c5 20. ♙a3
 ♙f8 21. b4 ♗d7 22. ♙xe4 ♗b6 23.
 ♗c1 a5 24. ♖b2 axb4 25. ♙xb4 ♗a4
 26. ♖b3 ♙d6 27. ♙xd6 ♖xd6 28.
 ♖xb7 [1:0]

Robert Canary - John Roush Rd. 3
 1. d4 ♗f6 2. ♗f3 e6 3. e3 b6 4. ♙d3
 ♙b7 5. ♗bd2 c5 6. c3 ♗c6 7. O-O
 ♙e7 8. ♗e1 ♖c7 9. e4 cxd4 10. cxd4
 ♗b4 11. ♙b1 ♗c8 12. ♖a4 Canary
 (and Tiger 13.0) considered this
 move just a blunder in view of
 12... ♖xc1. I (JER) was not so sure.
 Nevertheless ...
 12... ♖xc1



13. a3
 13. ♗xc1 ♗xc1 14. ♗f1 ♙a6
 15. ♗3d2 ♗xe4 16. ♙xe4 ♗xa1

17. a3 ♙g5 18. ♙b1 ♙f1 19. ♗xf1
 ♗xb1 20. axb4 ♗xb2 ♗/-+
 according to Tiger 13.0.
 13... ♖c6
 Tiger 13.0 prefers 13... ♖xb2
 14. axb4 a6 15. b5 axb5 16. ♗a2 bxa4
 17. ♗xb2 ♙d8 18. e5 a3 ♗/-+
 14. axb4 ♖xa4 15. ♗xa4 a6 16. ♙d3
 b5 17. ♗aa1 ♙xb4 18. ♗ec1 O-O 19.
 e5 ♗d5 20. ♙e4 f5 21. ♙d5 ♙xd5
 22. b3 a5 23. ♖f1 g5 24. ♖e2 g4 25.
 ♗e1 ♙c3 26. ♗xc3 ♗xc3 27. ♗xa5
 ♗b8 28. b4 ♖f7 29. ♗a7 ♖e7 30. g3
 ♗a8 31. ♗xa8 ♙xa8 32. ♗d3 ♙d5
 33. ♗c5 ♙f3 34. ♗xf3 ♗f3 35. ♖d2
 ♗c4 36. ♗b3 ♗xb4 37. ♖c3 ♗c4 38.
 ♖d3 d6 39. ♗d2 ♗a4 40. ♗f3 ♗a3
 41. ♖e2 b4 42. exd6 ♖xd6 43. ♗e5
 ♗a2 44. ♖e3 b3 45. ♗c4 ♖e7 46.
 ♖d3 ♗xf2 47. ♖c3 ♗xn2 48. ♖xb3
 ♗h3 [0:1]

Grant Perks-Dave Hines Rd. 4
 1. c4 f5 2. e4 ♗e4 3. ♗c3 ♗f6 4. d3
 exd3 5. ♙xd3 g6 6. h4 ♗c6 7. h5
 ♗g8 8. g4 ♗e5 9. ♙e2 g5 10. ♗h3
 h6 11. ♙e3 d6 12. f3 ♙e6 13. ♖c2
 c6 14. ♗e4 ♗xe4 15. ♖xe4 ♙g7 16.
 ♙xg5 hxg5 17. ♗xg5 ♖d7 18. ♗xe6
 ♖xe6 19. f4 d5 20. cxd5 cxd5 21.
 ♖e3 d4 22. ♖e4 d3 23. ♗e5 dxe2 24.
 ♖xe2 ♖a6 25. ♖f3 ♗f8 26. ♖g2
 ♗d8 27. ♗hd1 ♖f7 28. e6 ♖g8 29.
 ♗d7 ♖b6 30. ♗xe7 ♖f2 31. ♖h1
 ♖h4 32. ♖g2 ♗d2 [0:1]

2008 PARKERSBURG HOMECOMING

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	THOMAS P MAGAR	10141222 / R: 2200	3.5	W	7W	6W	3D
PA		Q: 2029					
2	JOHN EVERETT ROUSH	10201411 / R: 2074	3.5	W	14W	11W	4D
WV		Q: 2085					
3	DAVID F HINES	12396361 / R: 1954	3.0	W	17W	12L	1W
WV		Q: 1783					
4	ROBERT G CANARY	12485034 / R: 1931	3.0	W	22W	13L	2W
WV		Q: 1871					
5	GRANT S PERKS	11020607 / R: 1916	3.0	W	23W	16W	8L
OH		Q: 1900					
6	MARKLE W BUTCHER	11209114 / R: 1762	3.0	W	24L	1W	9W
WV		Q: 1771					
7	DAVID AARON HICKMAN	12672230 / R: 1635	3.0	L	1W	24W	23W
WV		Q: 1616P14->1668P18					
8	MARVIN R BARKER JR	10202001 / R: 2004	2.5	W	15W	10L	5H
WV		Q: 1924					
9	DAVE RUTHERFORD	12441918 / R: 1794	2.5	D	18W	19L	6W
OH		Q: 1881P21->1846P25					
10	CHRISTOPHER COSKI	12881126 / R: 1687P19->1673P23	2.5	W	25L	8D	17W
OH							

The Great Debate

Those who you who are signed on the association's google group are probably aware that last spring an interesting discussion was "waged" over the relationship of "adult" chess and "scholastic" chess and whether the former could profit by supporting the latter. One side's argument could be summarized as:

"You want ewes and rams? Take care of the lambs!"

In short, the best way to make sure you have a lot of thirty-somethings playing chess in 2030, is to support chess for teenagers in 2010.

The opposite side of the argument contended that "Scholastic" and "Adult" Chess are like two different vineyards. Planting an apple tree in the former will not increase the number of apples in the latter now or at anytime in the future.

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3RD ANNUAL ST. FRANCIS FALL

TOURNAMENT

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3
1	JOHN EVERETT ROUSH	10201411 / R: 2078 Q: 2090	2.5	W	7 W	3 D 2
2	DAVID SAVILLE	12558639 / R: 2025 Q: 2014	2.5	W	10 W	6 D 1
3	JAMES C FIELDS	10201136 / R: 1552 Q: 1623	2.0	W	8 L	1 W 5
4	COLLYN THOMAS FIKE	12785195 / R: 1301 Q: 1330	2.0	L	6 W	10 W 9
5	CHARLES R MCCALLISTER	13843380 / R: 963P21-> 965P23 Q: 889P10-> 896P12	1.5	H	0 W	9 L 3
6	MICHAEL TURNER	12359160 / R: 1727 Q: 1760	1.0	W	4 L	2 U 0
7	ROBERT L GREER	13937687 / R: 1282 Q: 1263P13->1266P15	1.0	L	1 W	8 U 0
8	DANIEL STEPP	13996657 / R: 788P3 Q: 788P3	1.0	L	3 L	7 B 0
9	CRAIG M TIMMONS	13110851 / R: 510P14-> 504P16 Q: 544P14-> 535P16	1.0	B	0 L	5 L 4
10	MATTHEW STEPP	13325170 / R: 1146P6 Q: 1139P6	0.0	L	2 L	4 U 0

EDITOR'S PLEA

At the present time I have nothing but cross tables for the tournaments of 2009. I have no games, no pictures, no nuthin'! I had hoped to put out another Bulletin in mid-August. The minutes of last year's meeting need to go in it and there are other items that need to be published. However, the Bulletin would be so much better if it had games, photos, stories, etc. The comments of participants in the games are always interesting as well. Further, one shouldn't be too concerned about the quality of the games. Send your best from the tournament, but none of us are GMs.

Some games, pictures, what-have-you from the 2009 tournaments held to date would help me tremendously. If I don't get any games, I may be forced to make some up and if you think your real efforts are embarrassing, just wait 'til you see what I cook up!-JER

TENTH ANNUAL MOUNTAINER OPEN

Twenty players played in the 10th "Sometimes Annual" Morgantown Open. Martin Montero, an unrated exchange student, looked to be well on his way to a perfect 4-0, but time trouble in the last round allowed Paul Davis to escape with a draw to split first place. Dave Hines drew earlier and also finished with 3.5. Mike Felton took the under 1800 prize with a score of 3-1. The under 1600 prize was shared by

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	MARTIN CASTO MONTERO	KUSCEVIC / 14043085 / R: 1986P5 ->2081P9	13.5	1W	6 W	8 W	5 D
2	DAVID F HINES	12396361 / R: 1954	13.5	1D	11 W	15 W	9 W
3	PAUL W DAVIS	12259880 / R: 1865	13.5	1W	12 W	10 W	7 D
4	MICHAEL B FELTON	12546372 / R: 1720	13.0	1W	14 L	7 W	16 W
5	SHIH-HOUNG YOUNG	12801615 / R: 1918	12.5	1W	13 D	9 L	1 W
6	DONALD W GRIFFITH	10201900 / R: 2025	12.0	1L	1 W	20 D	11 D
7	MARKLE W BUTCHER	11209114 / R: 1789	12.0	1W	18 W	4 L	3 L
8	JOSHUA JAMES LEE MANKY	12912688 / R: 1781	12.0	1W	20 L	1 W	12 U
9	BYRON FUNKHOUSER	11018742 / R: 1751	12.0	1W	16 D	5 L	2 D
10	BOB CHESTER WARUSZESKI	12802955 / R: 1744	12.0	1W	17 L	3 W	13 L
11	JOSEPH MICHAEL BAKER	12448721 / R: 1593	12.0	1D	2 W	19 D	6 L

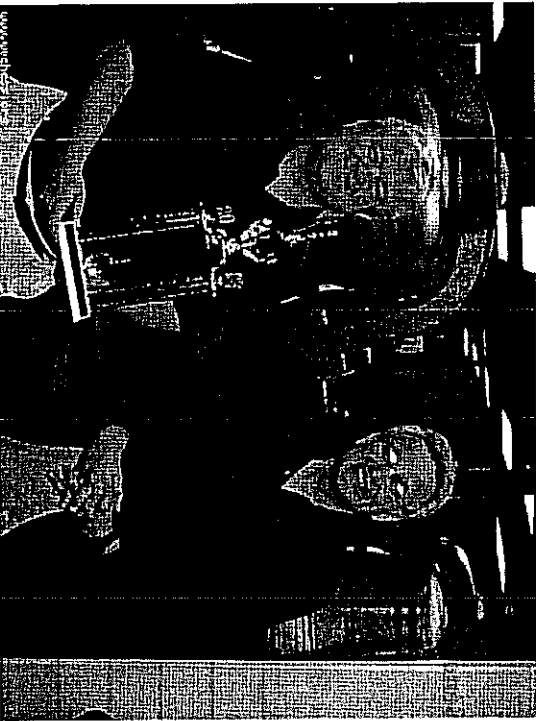
The Great Debate (continued from page 12)

The first position would seem, at least on an intuitive basis, to be correct. In the normal course of events, you plant the seed, water it, and then pick the fruit. However, the supporters of the two-vineyard argument, which includes this editor, note that of the many scholastic players, very few make the transition to "Adult" chess.

The discussion arose over the question of whether the WVCA should attempt to lend aid to the scholastic organization in West Virginia. Given our limited means, any assistance would be modest. Hence, it is not an earth-shaking issue. I should mention another point of view. Most agree that "Scholastic" chess is good in and of its own self, whether or not it benefits "Adult" chess. Given this, should the WVCA (Continued on next page)

<u>12</u>	<u>CALEB I AITTS</u> WV 13595427 / R: 1619	->1613	2.0	L	3	W	17	L	8	W	15
<u>13</u>	<u>TERRY S WASSSELL</u> WV 12804245 / R: 1575	->1573	2.0	L	5	W	14	L	10	W	16
<u>14</u>	<u>CARL A VATER</u> MD 12917207 / R: 1157	->1204	2.0	L	4	L	13	W	18	W	19
<u>15</u>	<u>JAMES T WASSSELL</u> WV 12812311 / R: 1197	->1198	1.5	H	0	L	2	W	19	L	12
<u>16</u>	<u>MARTIN S SHERBONDY</u> PA 14043091 / R: Unrated->1384P4		1.0	L	9	W	18	L	4	L	13
<u>17</u>	<u>THOMAS JEFFERSON DAVIS II</u> WV 14006198 / R: Unrated->1346P3		1.0	L	10	L	12	W	20	U	0
<u>18</u>	<u>LAWRENCE E IORIO</u> WV 12432729 / R: 1320	->1285	1.0	L	7	L	16	L	14	W	20
<u>19</u>	<u>ABHINAV DOMMALAPATI</u> VA 13778441 / R: 842	-> 828	0.5	H	0	L	11	L	15	L	14
<u>20</u>	<u>YIPENG SUN</u> WV 13036244 / R: 1113	->1090	0.0	L	8	L	6	L	17	L	18

Tom Magar & John roush for Parkersburg 2008



The Great Debate (continued from previous page)

... give what support it can to "Scholastic" chess regardless of any anticipated returns? I expect that the two issues will be brought up at the business meeting of the WVCA on September 5, 2009. Members would do well to give the matter some thought and be prepared to discuss and/or vote on the matter. Though tempers flared a bit as the e-mails whizzed back and forth, it is a fair topic for discussion and one that should be discussed. - JER

71st Annual West Virginia State Chess Championship September 5 – 7, 2009 Bridgeport, WV

Date: September 5 – 7, 2009
Site: Benedum Civic Center, 164 W. Main St., Bridgeport, WV 26330
I-79 Exit 119, 2 miles east on US-50, on left before Dairy Queen.
Format: 6 round Swiss System, 35/90 SD/60
Schedule: Registration: Sat 9-9:45 Rounds: Sat 10-4, Sun 9-3, Mon 9-3
Annual WVCA business meeting Saturday at 9am
Quick (G/10) and Blitz (G/5) tournaments after Round 2 at Microtel Inn
Byes: Maximum two per player. Half point bye requests must be made prior to start of tournament.
Entry Fee: \$35 postmarked by 8/28, \$45 at site. WVCA Membership required (\$10) for in-state players.
Prizes: \$\$725 b/30: \$200-100, U1900 \$80-40, U1600 \$75-40, U1300 \$75-40.
Top Junior (Under 18) \$75, Trophy to top WV player and WV junior.
Entries: Harrison County Chess Club, c/o Robert Greer, P. O. Box 4338, Clarksburg, WV 26302
(Checks payable to "Harrison County Chess Club")
Hotel: Microtel Inn, I-79 Exit 124. 304-808-2000.
10 rooms available at discounted rate of \$60 single, \$70 double, \$80 suite.
Mention chess tournament when registering to receive discounted rate.
Info: Email: CKBBPTChess@aol.com Phone: 304-842-6601
Misc.: No Smoking. Wheel Chair Accessible. USCF membership required (available onsite).
Sponsored & Organized by Harrison County Chess Club.

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71st Annual West Virginia State Chess Championship
Send Entries to: **Harrison County Chess Club: c/o Robert L. Greer**
P. O. Box 4338, Clarksburg, WV 26302
(Make Checks Payable to Harrison County Chess Club).

Name: _____
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City/State/ZIP: _____
E-mail address: _____
Entry Fee Enclosed: \$ _____

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USCF Expiration: _____
USCF Rating: _____
WVCA member (Y/N): _____
Bye(s) requested for round(s) _____