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CHESS CLUB ORGANIZED AT BECKLEY

Newest chess club in the state is the one just organized at Beckley. Its formation was due partly to the members' inherent love of the game and partly to the work of John Hurt of Charleston who visited with the boys and showed them how much fun a chess club can be. The Beckley club rewarded Johnny by naming him an honorary member.

The new club named Harlow Warren as president; Dr. R. G. Broadus vice president, C. A. McDaniel secretary-treasurer, and George Springer publicity director. Other members are R. D. Kemp, Roger Crawford, H. G. Houtz, Jack Nelson, Freddy Holliday, Dr. R. L. Hoke, Dr. D. M. Hoke, Andy Hoke, Jack Slygh, R. F. Baker and J.E. Wilder. All are members of the WVCA.

The club meets every Monday night at 7:30 o'clock in the Elks club at Beckley. At present the members are playing a club tournament to find out who the ranking players are. In another month, they estimate, they'll be ready to try matches with other clubs.

For those who like their history, the club's first meeting was held last Feb. 1. Johnny Hurt had given a simultaneous exhibition at Beckley a few weeks before, losing two, drawing three and winning 15. Some of the Beckley boys played two games against Hurt. He gave another simultaneous on the night of the organization with approximately the same result.

DuVALL LEADS IN 2 TOURNEYS

Allen DuVall, according to reports in Eddie Foy's columns in the Charleston newspapers, was leading in two tournaments in that city, as of the end of March.

He was ahead in the Charleston City championship, being played in Charleston Chess Club, by a margin of $1/2$ points at the end of eight rounds. DuVall has a score of $6\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$, having lost to Reid Holt and yielded a draw to Arthur Maloy. Edwin Faust, who last month was leading the pack, is now in second place with 6-2. Tied for third with $5\frac{1}{2}-2\frac{1}{2}$ are Reid Holt and John Hurt, Jr., while fifth place is deadlocked between Maloy and Edward Foy, 5-2.

With three rounds still to go, it looks like any man's tournament. May the best man win!

At the end of five rounds in the six-round Swiss System tournament being held by the Carbide Chess Club of South Charleston, DuVall remained unbeaten, 4-0, but still had his adjourned game with Art Maloy, no mean competitor, to finish. Dave Marples was in second place with 4-1. Maloy had $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ and could jump into first by winning his adjourned game with DuVall. Also with $3\frac{1}{2}-1\frac{1}{2}$ was Ray Martin, while four players had 3-2: Dr. J. S. Blagg, Bill Hartling, Harold L. ggett and Jim Schilling. Sixteen players are participating as compared with 12 in the Charleston tournament.

Scoring tables, showing outcome of play up to the end of March, will be found on the next page.

CHARLESTON CITY CHAMPIONSHIP (ROUND ROBIN--FIRST EIGHT ROUNDS)

Rounds.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Totals	Still to Play
1 Allen DuVall	4W	3L	10W	2W	9W	7W	6D	11W	6½-1½	5, 8, 12
2 Edwin Faust	6W	11W	8W	1L	5W	4L	3W	10W	6 - 2	12, 7, 9
3 Reid Holt	8L	1W	5W	4D	12W	10W	2L	9W	5½-2½	6, 11, 7
4 John Hurt, Jr.	1L	5L	12W	3D	10W	2W	9W	7W	5½-2½	11, 6, 8
5 Edward M. Foy	12W	4W	3L	10W	2L	9W	7W	*	5 - 2*	8, 1, 11
6 Arthur Maloy	2L	9W	7D	12W	11W	8W	1D	*	5 - 2*	10, 4, 3
7 Bill Hartling	9W	12W	6D	11W	8W	1L	5L	4L	4½-3½	3, 10, 2
8 Chet Bragaw	3W	10W	2L	9L	7L	6L	11W	12W	4- 4	1, 5, 4
9 Bill Truslow	7L	6L	11W	8W	1L	5L	4L	3L	2 - 6	2, 12, 10
10 Walt Crede, Jr.	11W	8L	1L	5L	4L	3L	12W	2L	2 - 6	7, 9, 6
11 Harry Sweeney	10L	2L	9L	7L	6L	12W	8L	1L	1 - 7	4, 3, 5
12 Chester Ray	5L	7L	4L	6L	3L	11L	10L	8L	0 - 8	9, 2, 1

(*One game to be finished.)

CARBIDE CHESS CLUB TOURNAMENT (FIVE OF SIX SWISS SYSTEM ROUNDS)

Rounds.....	1	2	3	4	5	6	Totals
1 Allen DuVall	14W	13W	4W	7W	*		4 - 0*
2 Dave Marples	3L	14W	10W	9W	7W		4 - 1
3 Arthur Maloy	2W	4D	13Wf	6W	*		3½-1½*
4 Ray Martin	16W	3D	1L	5W	12W		3½-1½
5 Dr. J. S. Blagg	11W	10W	7L	4L	9W		3 - 2
6 Bill Hartling	9W	7L	11W	3L	15W		3 - 2
7 Harold Liggett	8W	6W	5W	1L	2L		3 - 2
8 Jim Schilling	7L	9L	14W	11W	10W		3 - 2
9 Dick Grimm	6L	8W	15W	2L	5L		2 - 3
10 Kingsley Hughes	15W	5L	2L	13Wf	8L		2 - 3
11 Bruce Marples	5L	12Wf	6L	8L	14W		2 - 3
12 Simeral	13L	11Lf	16W	15W	4L		2 - 3
13 Bob Swarbrick	12W	1L	3Lf	10Lf	16W		2 - 3
14 Jim Ankeney	1L	2L	8L	16Wf	11L		1 - 4
15 Greenley	10L	16W	9L	12L	6L		1 - 4
16 Strasser	4L	15L	12L	14Lf	13L		0 - 5

(*One game to be finished. f Forfeit.)

PARAGRAPHS FROM EDDIE FOY'S COLUMNS

With the Carbide tournament due to end April 11 and the Charleston event winding up April 20, we would like to suggest a joint banquet to be attended by both sets of players (and their wives). The Charleston Chess Club, at one time, used to hold annual banquets, which were highlights of the Charleston chess season. What about holding a Kanawha Valley chess banquet for all players in this area and honoring, especially, the 1949 Carbide and Charleston chess champions? (Or champion, if Al DuVall keeps up his present brand of chess.)

HUNTINGTON HIGH BEATS CHARLESTON HIGH

A team representing Huntington high school met a Charleston high school team in a match Saturday afternoon, March 5, at the CHS cafeteria and we are sorry to record that the local boys were completely routed--losing decisively, 5-0. A return match is planned for Huntington and it is hoped that the locals will do better. With a little help, from some of the members of the Charleston club, it

is possible that the local boys will be in better shape for this next meeting. There is some talk of the CHS boys challenging Stonewall Jackson high to a match. Below is a summary of the H-C match:

<u>CHARLESTON HIGH (0)</u>		<u>HUNTINGTON HIGH (5)</u>	
1 Bowen (W)	0	Morgan	1
2 Sweeney	0	Adkins	1
3 Hutchinson	0	Rodgers	1
4 Keller	0	Bruzzese	1
5 Walworth	0	Burdick	1

The Huntington schoolboy team, headed by Chuck Morgan, included a seventh grader! He won, too!

CHARLESTON-BECKLEY MATCH POSTPONED

The Charleston-Beckley chess match, scheduled for March 20 at Gauley Bridge, has been called off. It is expected that the match will be held at some later date.

SCHOLASTIC CHESS LEAGUE?

We are in receipt of a card from young Chuck Morgan of Huntington: "I unanimately agree with you on having more inter-school matches. But why not form a league that would cover our state? I think you could always count on Huntington high school's cooperation in it. Would you Charlestonians be so kind as to give us support?"

A West Virginia scholastic chess league would be a fine thing, but we are afraid that there is not enough chess interest and enthusiasm in the state for that sort of thing yet. Let's hope that, some day, such a league can be set up.

(The foregoing excerpts are from Edward M. Foy's fine columns and news stories in the Charleston newspapers.)

REPORT FROM HUNTINGTON

A letter from Dr. Vincent Sumner Hayward, Huntington (March 18), says:

"At a regular meeting of the Huntington Chess Club March 17, Cobb, Neel, Hayward, Morgan, Sasser and Shinkle present, Murray C. Scott was unanimately elected as WVCA director for Cabell county.

"The Huntington C.C. tournament that you mentioned in the March Bulletin is a qualifying one and has no other significance than that a double Round Robin event actually is being played. Seven members, namely Cobb, Morgan, Neel, Hayward, Sayre, Scott and Shinkle, are playing, but results may not be given other than to hint that the order mentioned could easily be that in which they will finish.

"Reincarnation, rejuvenation, resurrection or whatever 're' occurs to you seems imminent in the club here.

"Incomplete returns from our club election give Sam Abrams as permanent secretary and Charles Morgan as assistant secretary, with Hayward as tournament director. Above are wishes expressed by an interim governing group.

"We envision, in the not too distant future, a real Huntington club championship tourney to which will, of course, be invited our local stars. *Wentherman and Marks*"

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NEW MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION AND RENEWALS

- 88 David Bowen, 2212 E. Washington St., Charleston, W. Va. (JR. MEMBER)
 89 Albert S. Pinkus, 1700 Albermarle Rd., Brooklyn 26, N. Y.
 90 Selden L. Trumbull, 190 So. Drexel Ave., Columbus 9, Ohio
 91 Donald Burdick, 7 Chestnut Drive, Huntington, W. Va. (JR. MEMBER)
 92 R. D. Kemp, 116 Main St., Beckley, W. Va.
 93 Roger Crawford, MacArthur, W. Va.
 94 H. G. Houtz, Fairview Apts., Beckley, W. Va.
 95 Jack Nelson, Westwood Drive, Beckley, W. Va.
 96 Freddy Holliday, Maplewood Lane, Beckley, W. Va.
 97 Dr. R. L. Hoke, 113½ N. Fayette St., Beckley, W. Va.
 98 Dr. D. M. Hoke, Heaberlin Building, Beckley, W. Va.
 99 Jack Slygh, 102 Bailey Ave., Beckley, W. Va.
 100 R. F. Baker, 109 Summers St., Beckley, W. Va.
 101 C. A. McDaniel, 202 Whitestick St., Beckley, W. Va.
 102 J. E. Wilder, John Bockley Apts., Beckley, W. Va.
 103 George Springer, c/o Beckley Newspapers, Beckley, W. Va.

WVCA FINANCIAL STATEMENT--SEPT. 1, 1948, TO FEB. 28, 1949:

Balance Sept. 1, 1948 (see February, 1949, Bulletin).....	\$ 1.84
Receipts: Dues \$74.50, sustaining memberships (7) \$28, 1948 State Tourney fees in excess of prizes and ex- penses \$16.75, donation Kingsley Smith \$1.....	120.25
Expenses: Stencils & other expenses of editing Bulletin \$13.35, mimeographing Bulletin \$26.49, Bulletin post- age \$14.57, total Bulletin costs \$54.41; other expense --1947-48 expenses reported but unpaid as Sept. 1, 1948, \$3.02, election expenses \$1.18, misc. postage 82¢, Yearbook expenses 85¢.....	60.28
Actual cash balance Feb. 28, 1949.....	\$ 61.81

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 Every member sign a member! Send WVCA membership to 200 this year!

OFFICIAL ROSTER COMPLETE

At long last, we are able to announce the complete roster of WVCA officers for 1949. Newly elected are three more directors: Hal Liggett of Charleston, M. C. Scott of Huntington and William Challinor of Clarksburg.

This makes the lineup of the present officers:

President--William R. Cuthbert of Wheeling.

Secy.-treas.--Reid Holt of Charleston.

Directors--

Kanawha county: Edward M. Foy, Richard Grimm and Harold Liggett.

Cabell county: Dr. V. S. Hayward and M. C. Scott.

Ohio county: Rev. William M. Erhard.

Harrison county: William Challinor.

At large: Edwin Faust of Institute.

LETTERS AND SUCH

Fred H. Stoppel, Cicero, Ill. (March 23): "Please accept the inclosed as a belated contribution to the WVCA Yearbook Fund. In my struggles as a board member of the Illinois State Chess Association, I have always envied the healthy W.Va. organization and its mainstay, the WVCB." (Fred inclosed \$2 for which many thanks.)

Art E. Plueddeman, Akron, O., editor Firestone Chess & Checker Club Bulletin (March 13): "The fine Yearbook of the WVCA is at hand. Thanks a lot. It is a tedious job, splendidly done. A lot of thot and effort has done into it and I'll be tickled pink if you let me publish a game or two from it now and then. Enclosed you will find a couple of books; put it in your Yearbook treasury. It was a big undertaking; more than I would care to tackle." (Again, mucho gracias. If you boys keep on coming thru like this, the Yearbook will be out of the red, first thing we know.)

R.D.Gilbert, Chambersburg, Pa. (March 16): "Thanks for sending me the Yearbook. You boys did a wonderful job on it."

D. C. MacDonald, Grand Forks, N. D. (March 9): "I received the Yearbook of the WVCA. It really is a good one. That cover design is a work of art."

Editor Paul Schwarz in the Pennsylvania State Chess Federation Bulletin (March): "Have you seen the excellent Yearbook put out for the W.Va. boys? It's really a grand job."

Several members have sent us copies of a review of our Yearbook in the Christian Science Monitor so we will quote a few excerpts from it:

"Many states have chess associations, but few have their activities recorded for history in annual year books. The West Virginia Chess Association is a conspicuous exception. Founded in 1941, its growth was stimulated by its own bulletin, issued several times a year, and by a year book, four issues of which have appeared...

"The fourth volume, covering 1945 to 1947, has just been mimeographed, 'after many painful delays.' It consists of 87 pages filled with interesting data pertaining to West Virginia activities. There is, for example, a bibliography of local chess columns, amateur chess papers, a list of local chess clubs, articles on chess in Huntington, Charleston, Wheeling, Clarksburg, details of tournaments of local significance, team matches, annotated games, problems."

And now, coming to a letter from Secy. Holt (March 20), we find (darn it) the first names of the boys in the Charleston-Huntington high school meet, which we needed for the story at the top of Page 3 in this issue, and couldn't find when we were cutting that stencil. Here they are, anyway, for the record: Huntington--Charles Morgan, Bill Adkins, Dave Rodgers, Frank Bruzzese, Don Burdick. Charleston--David Bowen, Harry Sweeney, Troy Hutchinson, George Keller, Charle Walworth.

Reid adds: "That little Burdick plays a fast-breaking attack! He features working knights into the rook corner and knocking off the aforesaid rook!...By the way, Schiggi says he needs more games for our games department, if we are going run it on games by our own members. He says he has to have lots of games to print the few he does annotate. He wants the best...The Charleston club has feelers out for matches with Huntington and Wheeling, with a suggestion that the latter match be played at Parkersburg. Cuthbert and I are working on the Wheeling match and Hayward and I on the Huntington match. All are awaiting better travelling weather."

Philip B. Driver, editor of "Franklin Lightning," Ridley Park, Pa.: "Received a beautiful copy of the W.Va. Yearbook. It is a credit to every one of you. Everybody I show it to says W.Va. certainly has an up-and-coming membership to put out such a book."

U. S. Smith, editor of "Win, Lose or Draw," Willernie, Minn. (March 21): "That certainly was a first class job you boys did on your Yearbook. Thanks a million for the copy. I'm halfway through it and enjoying every page. And your Bulletin--the fellows here usually run off with it before I get a chance to read it."

MEMBERSHIP PASSES THE 100 MARK

Members... will note with pleasure (see Page 4) that our 1948-49 membership is now past 100 and the increase shows no sign of letting up. We were fortunate this month to receive a large group of memberships from Beckley. While we likely will not get a club group again in the near future, that is no reason for a decline in our enrollment.

There is no chess player who is now a member of the WVCA who does not know at least one other player who is not a member. If he will enroll that member, we can report a membership of 200 in our next issue.

Somehow we wish we could get it across to chess lovers of the state how easy it would be for us, if each of us were to constitute himself a membership committee of one, to make the WVCA the chess organization our state should really have.

This is your organization. You accept a share in its responsibilities when you become a member. It is for each of you to say whether we shall continue to grow--or to let our present impetus die. What do you say?

YEARBOOK SUPPLY RUNNING LOW

Secy. Reid Holt writes that the supply of 1945-47 Yearbooks is running low--only some 30-odd left now. That means there will be Yearbooks only for the first 30-odd who become members from now on. If you have any prospects who are sitting on the fence, tell them they'd better make up their minds pronto if they want to get a full share of the biggest dollar's worth the WVCA has ever offered. 1 Yearbook and 12 issues of the Bulletin for one buck. To the first 30 comers!