

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS BULLETIN

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Over the Labor Day week-end, our association met, according to tradition, for the twelfth annual Chess Congress.

Just before play on Monday morning, a business meeting, though brief, accomplished:

1. The election of officers:
President, Mr. John Turt, 3303 Noyes Ave., Charleston, W. Va.
Vice President, Mr. Edwin W. Foy, 9-B Brookland Ct., Charleston 1
Secretary-Treasurer, Mr. Harlow Warren, 320 No. Kanawha St., Beckley, W. Va.
2. The appointment of a Bulletin Editorial Committee consisting of Doctors Werthammer and Hayward, and Charles T. Morgan.
3. A committee for draft and submission of a constitution.
4. Decision to increase membership dues from \$1.00 to \$2.00. Junior membership to be \$1.00 annually, -Juniors being those members who have not reached voting age.

It was assuredly the sense of this enthusiastic meeting that the W. Va. Chess Bulletin MUST be published and that the W. Va. Chess Association must grow! and grow!! and grow!!! To accomplish this, it is vital that all members remain in good standing and obtain new members to carry on the good work. You will be astonished to learn how many people play chess. Civic, social, and religious groups, schools and clubs, are fields that may be more thoroughly explored with advantage.

Interest juniors by teaching moves and encourage them by playing chess.

Thirty entries were received for four events designated as Championship Tournament, Junior Championship, "Open" Tourney, and "PLAYERS" Event. The last two mentioned "flights" were contested by members more inclined to fun than blood over the board, though winners of even these woodshifting events received tangible awards.

The Championship Tournament was characterized by spirited play and a mixture of the usual and the unusual, the surprising and the expected. While some faces, to wit those of Holt, Liggett, Marks, and Cuthbert were missed and missing, the presence of newcomers Dr. Blagg and the last year's Junior Champion, Morgan, made for an exciting event.

Dr. Werthammer again became champion with no losses and no "co" attached to his record. He drew with DuVall and Morgan. (Score:5-1).

Allen DuVall lost one and drew one to become a close second, (Score: $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$). Morgan to the surprise of many and approval of all, came in third, having lost but one game. He drew two (Werthammer and Hurt) and won the rest (Score: 4-2). Foy and Hurt tied with three all for fourth place, while Faust who recently competed with credit at Detroit (U.S. Open), Hartling (only winner from Reshevsky in a recent Charleston simultaneous), and Dr. Blagg (he won from DuVall) closed the procession in the order named.

The Junior Championship was an interesting endeavor in the form of a double round robin contested by Don Burdick, Raymond McNamee, Bruce Warples and Harry Sweeney. They finished in the order named.

The playing qualities of "Our Burdick", (age: 13), of Huntington, were no surprise to those who watched him last year come second to the redoubtable Morgan in the Junior Championship. The delightful presence and admirable deportment of all players in this event promises well for W. Va. chess in the hands of its juniors.

The "Open" Tourney was convincingly and handily won by Raymond Martin of South Charleston (Score: 5-0) and no byes. Andy Hoke of Beckley, a previous competitor in the junior activity, won four and lost one, while Paul Sayre (last year's winner of the "Players" Event), Dr. Hayward (who had "greatness thrust upon him" in being chosen Tournament Director), and R. S. Goldsmith of Beckley triple tied for third place (Scores: 3-2). Rudd T. Neel of Huntington (the oldest player in the congress) and P. L. Hoke of Beckley completed the event.

The draw between the co-winners of the "Players" Event (Tom Bergquist of Huntington and George Hendricks of Charleston) was a source of innocent merriment to many (if not to Tom). Inasmuch as it was found impossible to break the tie, our considerate and generous sponsors, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, donated a second award.

This event (intended for those without tournament experience) was marred by a number of forfeits, but the other entrants finished in the following order with these scores, Baker, Warren and Ca. McDaniel (all of Beckley) tied for second position (Score: 4-2). H. E. Burdick (Don's father), Jack Nelson, and Hugh Allison (of Huntington, Beckley, and Charleston respectively), tied for third place (Score: 3-3). The Rohrs, son and father, as well as T. E. Keyser completed the roster. (Mr. Keyser was unable to play all of his games.)

Foregoing informal report of actual doings would be incomplete did it not in some way express to our hosts, sponsors and friends in Beckley the sincere appreciation felt by the W. Va. Chess Association for the kindly hospitality shown its members.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce, the Elks Club, and the friendly Press of this city are to be thanked for their efforts in making our stop in Beckley a memorable one.

Nor should your Tournament Director fail to express in words of commendation and gratitude, the personal satisfaction felt by him in being accorded the assistance of Mr. Harlow Warren, Mr. McDaniel (Secretary of the local chess club), Mrs. E. M. Foy, and Mr. R. S. Goldsmith.

Representatives of the local Press, with the tireless and efficient assistance of "Our Own" Eddie Foy, made of our newspaper notices something more than the usual mass of statistics. Accurate spelling of Names was happily noteworthy.

Local displays in commercial windows as well as the innumerable posters showed a thoroughness on the part of our sponsors that was most gratifying, especially in view of the fact that coincidentally was being celebrated the Raleigh County Centennial.

1950 WEST VA. CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

1. Dr. S. Werthammer, Huntington	W6 D3 W5 D2 W4 W7	5-1
2. A. H. DuVall, St. Albans	L8 W4 W3 D1 W6 W5	$4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
3. Charles T. Morgan, Huntington	W7 D1 L2 W6 D5 W8	4-2
4. Edwin Foy, Charleston	D5 L2 D7 W8 L1 W6	3-3
5. John Hurt, Charleston	D4 W8 L1 W7 D3 L2	3-3
6. Edwin Faust, Montgomery	L1 W7 W8 L3 L2 L4	2-4
7. William Hartling, St. Albans	L3 L6 D4 L5 W8 L1	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$
8. Dr. J. S. Blagg, So. Charleston	W2 L5 L6 L4 L7 L3	1-5

1950 WEST VA. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP TOURNAMENT

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1. Don Burdick, Huntington	x	2-0	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$	5-1
2. R. McNamee, Charleston	0-2	x	1-1	2-0	3-3
3. Bruce Marples, So. Charleston	1-1 $\frac{1}{2}$	1-1	x	1-1	$2\frac{1}{2}$ - $3\frac{1}{2}$
4. H. Sweeney, Charleston	$\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$	0-2	1-1	x	$1\frac{1}{2}$ - $4\frac{1}{2}$

1950 WEST VA. OPEN TOURNAMENT

1. Ray Martin, So. Charleston	W6 W4 W5 W2 W7	5-0
2. Andy P. Hoke, Beckley	WB W7 W3 L1 W4	4-1
3. Dr. V. S. Hayward, Huntington	W7 WB L2 L4 W6	3-2
4. R. S. Goldsmith, Beckley	W5 L1 WB W3 L2	3-2
5. Paul A. Sayre, Huntington	L4 W6 L1 W7 WB	3-2
6. Rudd T. Neel, Huntington	L1 L5 W7 WB L3	2-3
7. R. L. Hoke, Beckley	L3 L2 L6 L5 L1	0-5

1950 WEST VA. PLAYERS TOURNAMENT

1. Thomas Bergquist, Huntington	W10 D2 WB W4 W6 W3	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
2. George Hendricks, Charleston	W7 D1 W9 W8 W4 W5	$5\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$
3. C. A. McDaniel, Beckley	W11 L4 W7 WB W10 L1	4-2
4. Harlow Warren, Beckley	W5 W3 W8 L1 L2 W9	4-2
5. Thomas Baker, Beckley	W4 W10 W11 W9 WB L2	4-2
6. Jack Nelson, Beckley	L8 L7 W10 W11 L1 W9	3-3
7. Hugh Allison, Charleston	L2 W6 L3 W10 W8 L4	3-3
8. H. E. Burdick, Huntington	W6 W9 L4 L2 L7 W10	3-3
9. A. H. Rohrer, Beckley	WB L8 L2 L5 W11 L6	2-4
10. T. H. Keyser, Beckley	L1 L5 L6 L7 L3 WB	1-5
11. A. L. Rohrer, Beckley	L3 WB L5 L6 L9 L8	1-5

GAMES SECTION

There were many exciting games in the recent State Tourney but only a few good ones. Too many blunders turning won games into lost ones, too much trouble with the clock decreasing the quality of games in a mad time scramble. The selection in this issue features an instructive and interesting endgame in the Morgan-Werthammer game. The Duvall-Foy game illustrates a little known opening trap in the Sicilian Defense. It also was the shortest game of the tournament. The Faust-Hartling game shows elegant attacking play and the hard-fought Foy-Hurt game ends in a peaceful draw after many vicissitudes and missed opportunities.

Championship flight Beckley, West Va. September 2, 1950 Round 2.

Queen Indian Defense

White: C. T. Morgan Black: Dr. S. Werthammer

White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
1.P-Q4	N-KB3	18.P-K3	Q-K? (d)	35.R-K3	P-B4
2.N-KB3	P-K3	19.BxB	PxB	36.BPxP	KPxP
3.P-B4	P-QN3	20.Q-N4! (e)	Q-N3	37.PxP	PxP
4.P-KN3	B-N2	21.P-R4	B-R3	38.P-KN4	N-Q3
5.B-N2	B-K2	22.QxQ	PxQ	39.P-N4! (m)	RxRch
6.O-O	O-O	23.N-N2	R-B6! (f)	40.KxR	P-B5
7.N-B3	N-K5	24.N-B4	BxN (g)	41.B-B3 (n)	N-N4
8.Q-B2	NxN	25.KPxB (h)	P-K6	42.B-K5	P-B6
9.QxN	P-KB4	26.R-K2	PxPch	43.K-Q3	P-Q5
10.B-Q2 (a)	Q-B (b)	27.K-N2	P-B8(Q) ch	44.P-B5	PxP
11.QR-B	P-Q3	28.PxQ	RxR	45.PxP	K-N
12.KR-Q	B-KB3	29.KxR	K-B2	46.B-B4	K-B2
13.Q-N3	N-Q2	30.K-B2 (i)	P-Q4! (j)	47.B-K5	P-N3
14.B-B3	P-QR4	31.P-N3? (k)	PxP	48.PxPch	KxP
15.R-Q2	P-R5	32.PxP	N-B3	49.B-B4	K-R4
16.Q-Q	B-K5! (c)	33.K-B3	N-K5	50.B-N5	K-N5
17.N-K	B-N4	34.B-K	R-R6? (l)	51.K-B4	K-B4

DRAW (o)

(a) Better is 10.B-K3, B-KB3 11.Q-Q2, P-Q3 12.P-Q5 as in Alekhine-Botvinnik, AVRO 1938.

(b) Not absolutely necessary, P-Q3 could be played at once. The text, though, is useful protecting the QB as White will have to play Q-N3 later-on. In addition the P on KB4 is protected (after P-Q3 and P-K4). The text is also good in preparation for P-QB4 which Black might want to play.

(c) White has regrouped and finally has put his Q on an effective square. He was all set to play P-Q5. In the meantime Black successfully restrained White's center and Q-wing Ps (by B-B3, N-Q2 and P-R5). White's pieces are somewhat clustered together. If after the text he plays 17.P-Q5, so P-K4 18.N-K, B-N4 19.P-K3, BxB 20.NxB, N-B4 with some pull (21.P-B4, B-B3) as White's square K4 is weak.

(d) N-B3 was by far better because after this move Black could form a K-side attack easier than White in the center or on the Q-wing. It seems that White's pieces are crowded and have less mobility than the black ones. On 18. ..., N-B3 Black feared 19.P-B5 but Q-R3 would have defended: 20.PxP, PxP 21.B-N4, P-N4 followed by N-Q4 with a good game.

- (e) With this excellent move White gains the initiative, forces the Q exchange and an endgame in which Black's P camp shows many weaknesses.
- (f) The begin of a manoeuvre to get rid of one of the doubled Ps.
- (g) Forced, otherwise the N ingests black Ps freely.
- (h) If N-PxR, R-R6
- (i) Offhand White looks better with a B for a N, his Ps more advanced, no doubled Ps and his R controlling the half-open center file, but actually the endgame is even as the white B is hemmed in by his own and his opponent's Ps on black squares. An immediate try to give the B more scope by P-Q5 fails after Pxp, if then 31. Bxp, Pxp! or 31. Pxp, N-B3 or N-B4 and the white QP is weak.
- (j) Fixing the P on White's Q4 which blocks the B most.
- (k) Giving Black dangerous opportunities. Better is 31. Pxp, Pxp 32. K-B3, N-B3 33. R-K5, P-B4 34. P-KN4
- (l) With R-R8! Black could have tried for a win. e.g. 35. Pxp, Pxp 36. P-QN4, R-Q8 37. K-K3, N-Q3 and white loses at least a P in a difficult position.
- (m) Forcing R exchange and setting up an highly interesting drawing position
- (n) If K-Q4, K-K3

(o) Here it is! Black must not play KxN because he cannot prevent afterwards the queening of a black P by P-K6-K7 ect. Black, of course, cannot move his K out of reach of the white RP. In the game a few more moves were made: 52. K-Q3, K-N5 53. K-K4, K-R4 54. K-Q3, K-N5 55. K-K4, K-R4.

 Championship flight Beckley, West Va. September 2, 1950 Round 2.
 Catalan Opening

White: Ed Faust

Black: William Hartling

White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
1. P-Q4	N-KB3	9. Q-Q3	B-Q2? (c)	17. PxxN!! (h)	O-O-O (i)
2. P-QB4	P-K3	10. O-O	B-Q3? (d)	18. Pxp	KR-N
3. P-KN3	P-B3 (a)	11. P-K4	P-K4 (e)	19. QxRP	Q-B3 (j)
4. B-N2	P-Q4	12. Pxp	Bxp	20. KR-Q	Rxp
5. Q-N3	QN-Q2	13. NxB	QxN	21. RxN! (k)	QxN
6. N-QB3	Q-B2	14. B-B4	Q-K3	22. RxB	RxR
7. N-B3	Pxp	15. B-Q6	N-B5 (f)	23. Q-R8ch	resigns
8. Qxp	N-N3? (b)	16. P-K5	NxB (g)		

(a) The resulting P position on QB3, Q4 and K3 gives a playable but very difficult game for Black. Easier and with more chances for Black is 3...., P-Q4 followed by Pxp and in due time by P-QB4

(b) The first inferior move. Black's good plan is obviously to free his game by P-K4. The text loses time by not developing the K-wing and in addition drives the white Q to a better place. Good would be 8. ..., B-Q3 9. O-O, O-O 10. P-K4. P-K4 with a fair game for Black. Of course, not at once 8. ..., P-K4 because of 9. NxB, NxN 10. PxN, Qxp?? 11. Bxpch wins the exchange.

(c) The second mistake! This move serves no purpose as Black cannot castle Q-side yet because of White's B-B4. There is already nothing better than 9..., QN-Q4 10.P-K4, NxB 11.PxN, B-K2 with a passive game which can be defended with a great deal of patience.

(d) The third mistake and the losing one. B-K2 was necessary.

(e) After this move Black succumbs to a very elegant attack but after 11..., B-K2 he is slowly choked to death by White's B-B4, QR-Q, KR-K and advance of the QP.

(f) Black is paralyzed by the B with his grip on the black squares and tries to exchange him.

(g) NxB loses a piece after 17.R-K

(h) Decisive line opening

(i) QxBP loses a piece by 18.R-Q

(j) Longer resisted 19..., Q-N3, but after 20.Q-R4, QxNP 21.KR-Q, N-F 22.Q-QR4, K-N 23.Q-KB4ch, K-R 24.N-K4 with a winning attack: e.g. 24..., Q-R3 or N4 or N5 25. QxQ follow by N-B6. Or 24..., B-K3 25.Q-I

(k) Very pretty, Black has to lose material.

 Championship flight Beckley, West Va. September 2, 1950 Round 1

Queen Gambit Declined

White: Ed Foy Black : John Hurt

White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
1.P-Q4	P-Q4	19.QxB	R-K	37.RxQ	PxP
2.P-QB4	P-K3	20.KR-K	P-QB3	38.RxP	P-Q6
3.N-QB3	N-KB3	21.P-KR3	P-QR4	39.R-N	K-B
4.B-N5	B-K2	22.P-K5	N-Q4	40.K-B	K-K2
5.N-B3	O-O	23.K-B? (e)	Q-N5	41.K-K	P-Q7ch
6.P-K3	P-KR3	24.P-R3	Q-N4ch	42.K-Q	R-Q5
7.B-R4	N-K5	25.K-N	P-R5	43.R-N2	K-K3
8.BxB	QxB	26.B-R2? (f)	Q-R4! (g)	44.RxP	RxR? (j)
9.B-Q3 (a)	NxB	27.R-QB	Q-Q7	45.KxR	KxP
10.PxN	PxP (b)	28.BxN	RxB	46.K-K3	P-B4
11.BxP	N-Q2	29.KR-Q	Q-R7	47.P-B4ch	K-Q4
12.O-O	R-Q	30.Q-K3	R-N4	48.K-Q3	P-N4
13.Q-K2	P-K4	31.R-R	Q-Q4	49.PxP	PxP
14.P-K4	PxP	32.R/R-N	R-Q	50.P-N3	K-K4
15.PxP	N-N3	33.Q-Q3	RxR	51.K-K3	K-B3
16.B-N3 (c)	B-N5	34.QxR	P-QB4	52.P-R4	K-N3
17.QR-Q	R-Q2	35.Q-N5	Q-N6? (h)	53.K-B3	K-R4
18.Q-K3	BxN (d)	36.R-N! (i)	QxQ		

DRAW

(a) PxP is considered as stronger

(b) P-QB4 equalizes easier

(c) The B has more future on Q3 where he points to KR7

(d) White threatened N-K5

(e) B-B2 followed by Q-K4 gives a very strong attack. If after Q-K4 P-KN3 White strongly threatens P-K6!

(f) Still B-B2 with attacking possibilities.

(g) With the threat N-B6. From here on Black's excellent manouvres on the Q-side give him the advantage.

(h) Of course, PxP with a winning endgame position. Black probably expected 36.QxQ, PxQ.

(i) The only good move!

(j) Missing the last opportunity to get winning chances with KxP! If then 45.RxRch, KxR Black will win the QRP because White will lose the opposition after he runs out of P-moves on the K-wing(except if he permits Black to free a P there after which he is lost). Now the game is a dead draw.

Championship flight Beckley, West Va. September 2, 1950 Round 2.
Sicilian Defense

White: Al Duvall Black: Ed Foy

White	Black	White	Black
1.P-K4	P-QB4	6.P-KB4	B-N2 (a)
2.N-KB3	P-Q3	7.P-K5!	PxP?? (b)
3.P-Q4	PxP	8.PxP	N-N5
4.NxP	N-KB3	9.B-N5ch	K-B
5.N-QB3	P-KN3	10.N-K6ch	Resigns (c)

(a) Better is 6. .., QN-Q2

(b) Loses in short order. 7...!, N-N5 at once is necessary though after 8.B-N5ch, K-B (if 8...!,B-Q2? 9.QxN) has the better game.

(c) This fatal opening trap is duly recorded in Fine 's "Practical Chess Openings" p. 431, col. 61, note (c) (2).

The game editor will publish and annotate more games from the State Congress in the following issues of the Bulletin.

The West Va. chess players are herewith invited to submit scores of games they wish to be published to the game editor (Dr. S. Werthammer, 2008-N. Englewood Rd., Huntington, West Va.) He will publish them in the game section with notes if they are examples of good chess, entertaining or instructive. The game editor will solicit the help of Allen DuVall, an excellent analyst, in the selections and annotations of games. The notes should not be interpreted as criticism. The game editor for one admits that he sees mistakes in other players games easier because he has made them himself before. If a game cannot be published the game editor will gladly write the submitting player the reason, if requested so, when the game is sent in.

The game editor also wishes to appeal, especially to our junior players, to keep scores of their games, not only to preserve good games, but also instructive mistakes. To analyze its own effort is one good way to improve oneself in chess.

The October number of American Chess Bulletin 1921 notes that "many new chess players are being developed in Huntington, W. Va. as a result of the tireless efforts of Sam Abrahams". In late 1949 Sam Abrahams departed this life in the city of Huntington at an advanced age.

William Challinor, of Clarksburg, a Charter Member and former director, passed away a few months ago.

Three members of the association took part in the U. S. Open during July 1950 at Detroit. E. M. Faust of Montgomery, V. S. Hayward and C. T. Morgan competed in all assigned games, with scores not discreditable in the field of 120 players which included many of the high ranking players of the country.

The tournament recently held in Charleston and vicinity will be reported on in detail in another issue

EDITORS MESSAGE

Your editorial committee earnestly seeks the cooperation of every member of the association in coordinating the chess information throughout the State.

To accomplish this we are requesting the following members by name to contribute to our next number:

Vice-President Ed. Foy in Charleston, reportorial contribution

Secretary-Treas. Harlow Warren in Beckley to submit a list for mailing purposes.

Ex-President Cuthbert suggests Mr. A. C. Dobbs, Sen., Mr. A. W. Paull, Rev. Wm. Erhard, all in Wheeling to advise on neighborhood chess matters.

Dr. Werthammer assures us that Dr. Vic. Lemke in Morgantown and Dr. Robt. T. Humphreys in Clarksburg will assist us by sending interesting chess information.

President John Hurt, his deferred letter to the membership.

It is our intention to submit in an early number a proposed draft of a constitution for the West Va. Chess Association.

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