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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT OF THE W. VA. CHESS ASSOCIATION

I wish to thank the membership for the honor bestowed on me and hope that I shall prove worthy.

Our objectives for the coming year are as follows:

Development of interest in Wheeling, Clarksburg, Logan, and other towns.

A membership of at least two-hundred.

Inter-City and inter-State matches.

Closer cooperation with high school chess clubs.

More attractions for the ladies.

A clearing house for chess literature.

All members should be available to teach and promote chess in churches, schools, clubs, hospitals, and homes. Chess literature and a demonstration board are available for this purpose.

Nineteen Hundred and Fifty has been a year during which chess in West Virginia became rejuvenated. First, the new Beckley Club set a splendid example by staging the Annual Chess Congress in their fair City. These gentlemen arranged publicity and playing conditions that rank with the best that this Congress has enjoyed. The center of chess initiative shifted to Huntington and this was good. Charleston had monopolized it too long. Older players were amazed at the ability developed by our younger players and found in this a source of encouragement. This spirit will continue to build a stronger Association and the energies of all of us are firmly pledged to that end.

Sincerely,

JOHN F. HURT, JR.

President

TRI-STATE TOURNAMENTS IN COLUMBUS

The annual Tri-state tournaments of Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia will be held at the Seneca Hotel in Columbus, Ohio on November 11 and 12, 1950. The Ohio Chess Association is the host and its President Mr. A. E. Flueddemann and Mr. S. L. Trumbull are in charge of arrangements.

In the Senior championship tournament West Virginia will be represented by State champion Dr. S. Werthammer of Huntington and Allen DuVall of St. Albans. In the Junior championship tournament Don Burdick of Huntington. Junior State champion and Bruce Marples of So. Charleston will play for West Virginia. Robert McNamee, runner-up in the recent W. Va. Jun. Championship tourney is unable to compete this time.

In the Senior and Junior groups West Virginia's representative will meet in a five round robin play with the champion and runner-up of Ohio and Pennsylvania. Three rounds are planned on Saturday, November 11th and two rounds on Sunday, November 12th. West Virginia's tournament players will have to be in Columbus by Saturday morning. There is a possibility that only 4 rounds will be contested as this year the first round game between the players of the same State might be omitted. In such case the tournament will begin at noon Saturday and our players will be notified in time.

In addition, a team match tournament will be held each State delegating a team of eight players. Pennsylvania will meet Ohio on Saturday afternoon, West Virginia plays Pennsylvania Saturday evening about 7:P.M. and against Ohio Sunday forenoon. West Virginia's team players will have to be in Columbus by Saturday evening.

John Hurt, President of the WVCA requested Dr. Werthammer to select and to rank the players for the West Virginia team. All possible candidates have been contacted and regretably such outstanding players as Landis Marks, Ed. Foy, Reid Holt, Hal Liggett and Bill Cutberth are unable to participate.

The following team of West Virginia is appointed:

Board 1.	John Hurt	Charleston
Board 2.	Charles Morgan	Huntington
Board 3.	Ed Faust	Montgomery
Board 4.	Bill Hartling	St. Albans
Board 5.	Ray Martin	So. Charleston
Board 6.	Dr. J. S. Blagg	So. Charleston
Board 7.	Frank Branner	Charleston
Board 8.	Rudd Neel	Huntington

Alternates:	Paul Sayre	Huntington
	Murray Scott	Huntington

WVCB Editor Dr. V. S. Hayward will be in Columbus and will act as the titular head of the entire West Virginia delegation.

The West Virgia chess players representing the smallest State will do their best to make a good showing in the Tri-State Chess Congress.

DU VALL AND HURT TIE FOR 1950 KANAWHA VALLEY CHESS TITLE

Allen H. DuVall and John F. Hurt, Jr. tied for first place in the 1950 Kanawha Valley Chess Tournament and became co-champions. During the four years that this tourney has been held, DuVall has never missed the top! Once he won outright; once before he tied with Hurt and last year he tied with Reid Holt for the championship. At present, Hurt is also Charleston Champion, while DuVall is champion of the Carbide Chess Club of South Charleston.

Edward Foy took third place and William Hartling captured fourth position. This tournament was played during the month of August and was co-sponsored by the Charleston and Carbide Chess Clubs, each club providing four players. All of the contestants played in the 1950 West Virginia Chess Congress in Beckley.

1950 KANAWHA VALLEY CHESS TOURNAMENT

		1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.	7.	8.	WLD	Score
TIE	(1. Allen H. DuVall St. Albans	X	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	610	6-1
	(2. John F. Hurt, Jr. Charleston	1	X	L	0	L	L	L	L	610	6-1
	3. Edward M. Foy Charleston	0	0	X	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	421	$4\frac{1}{2}$ -2 $\frac{1}{2}$
	4. W. F. Hartling Saint Albans	0	1	0	X	$\frac{1}{2}$	L	0	1	331	$3\frac{1}{2}$ -3 $\frac{1}{2}$
	5. Edwin Faust Montgomery	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	X	0	1	1	232	3-4
TIE	(6. Dr. John Blagg South Charleston	0	0	0	0	1	X	1	0	250	2-5
	(7. Bruce Marples South Charleston	0	0	0	1	0	0	X	1	250	2-5
	8. Ray Martin South Charleston	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	X	160	1-6

Played August, 1950 in Charleston and South Charleston,
West Virginia. Conducted by Charleston and Carbide Chess Clubs.

(From Edward Foy's "Speaking of Chess")

Charleston's Champion John F. Hurt gave a simultaneous chess exhibition on September 27, 1950 at the Charleston Chess Club's weekly meeting place. Hurt did not do so well in this exhibition, losing to Jack Hill, young Bruce Marples, Harry Sweeney (who is a sophomore in college), Mr. Hoke, Edwin Faust, and former state champion William Hartling.

The Carbide Chess Club is sponsoring a South Charleston Championship Tournament at the South Charleston Recreation Center, site of the '48 Chess Congress. This is an open tourney, not restricted to residents of So. Charleston. The contestants are: Al DuVall, perennial Carbide Club winner and second by a mere half-point in '50 congress at Beckley; Edwin Faust, who participated with credit at U. S. Open in Detroit; Ray Martin, who won '50 Open tourney with ease; Hal Liggett, a former state champion; Dr. Blagg, Hugh Allison (a very faithful attendant at W. Va.'s chess congresses), Frank Branner, William Hartling, only winner from Reshevsky in recent exhibition; Bruce Marples, who won from Hurt in simultaneous, G. R. Williams, and Schulz.

There are a good many thousand games of correspondence chess being played in this country these days. The CCLA, American Chess Bulletin, and Chess Review conducting different tournaments to bring players in remote areas in contact with other chess players for games via the reliable U. S. mail. Correspondence chess is quite fascinating and instructive. We can recommend correspondence chess as an interesting and exciting branch of the game. Some of the state's top players are playing postal chess, i. e. John Hurt, Al DuVall, Bill Hartling, Ed Faust, and Charles Morgan.

The West Virginia Chess Association is to be congratulated on the arrangements made for the publishing of the regular monthly bulletin. The first result of a Huntington committee's joint efforts was received recently and we, for one, were highly pleased with it.

GAMES SECTION

The Morgan-Faust game demonstrates good opening tactics for White in an unusual variation of the Slav Defense. The Werthammer-Foy game is very exciting and sharp. It was a real nerve-wrecking battle full with time pressure mistakes.

The selection from the recent Kanawha Valley tournament features young Bruce Marples with a fine victory over the redoubtable Bill Hartling. A very difficult game and very well played after White mistake to exchange the KB on the 18th move. The notes to this game, save for some additions, are by Al DuVall.

Championship flight Beckley, W. Va. September 3, 1950 Round 4

Queen Gambit Declined

White: C. T. Morgan Black: E. M. Faust

White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	9. P-Q5!(c)	N-B3	17. N-N5	R-Bch? (e)
2. P-QB4	P-QB3	10. PxBP	P-N5 (d)	18. K-N	P-R3? (f)
3. N-QB3	P-K3	11. QxQch	KxQ	19. N-BP	N-K
4. N-B3	PxP	12. O-O-Och	K-B2	20. N-Q8ch	K-R
5. P-K3	P-QN4	13. B-K5ch	KxP	21. RxRch	NxR
6. P-QR4	B-N5	14. BxP	B-R3	22. NxP	N-B4
7. B-Q2	BxN (a)	15. R-Q6ch	K-N2	23. NxN	RxN
8. BxB	P-QR4?(b)	16. BxBch	RxB	24. B-N3	N-B3 (g)

(a) A transposition of moves which is inferior, 7...; P-QR4 at once is good and BxN only after White plays 8.PxP.

(b) Now this is already a mistake. Q-Q4 would hold the plus-P but White has dangerous attacking possibilities.

(c) An excellent refutation, Black's Q-side is broken up. This move is not effective after 7..., P-QR4 8.PxP, BxN 9.BxB, PxP because now 10.P-Q5 is simply answered by N-KB3 as White cannot play 11.PxBP anymore. The same position occurred in the first round game Werthammer-Faust. White played 9.B-K2 instead of P-Q5! and later on regained the P with an even game.

(d) After 10..., QxQch 11.RxQ, NxP 12.PxP, N-QN5 13.BxQBP White has an overwhelming position with a P ahead.

(e) Black misses the counterchance N-N5! with a complicated game in which he has chances to equalize. If after 17..., N-N5! 18.NxKBP?, NxR; or 18.RxR, NxR 19.B-N3 (best), N-R3 with a difficult but playable game.

(f) N-N5 is still better. After the text Black loses two Ps and White easily wins the endgame.

(g) There followed: 25.R-QB, N-K5 26.RxR, NxR 27. B-B7, NxP 28.BxP, P-N6 29.B-B3, P-N3 30.K-B, K-N2 31.K-Q2, K-B3 32.K-Q3, K-Q4 33.P-K4ch K-B4 34.P-B4, P-R4 35.P-N3, K-N4 36.P-R3, K-B4 37.P-N4, PxP 38.PxP, K-Q3 39.P-B5, PxP 40.KPxP, N-N3 41.K-K4, N-Q4 42.B-K5ch (not P-N5??, NxR 43.PxN. P-N7 and Black wins), K-B3 43.P-B6, N-N3 44, P-B7, N-Q2 45.B-N7, resigns.

Championship flight Beckley, West Va. September 3, 1950 Round 5.

Sicilian Defense

White: S. Werthammer

Black: Ed Foy

White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
1. P-K4	P-QB4	14. N-Q4? (c)	N-B5	27. B-KB4	Q-K2 (j)
2. N-KB3	P-Q3	15. P-N5	N-K	28. QxNP! (k)	QxB
3. P-Q4	PxP	16. N-Q5 (d)	N-N3	29. QxB	QxP
4. NXP	N-KB3	17. PxP	RPxP	30. QR-N	Q-QR7(1)
5. N-QB3	P-KN3	18. P-B3	P-K3	31. N-K5? (m)	QR-Q!
6. B-K2	B-N2	19. NxN (e)	QxN	32. Q-N7	QxP? (n)
7. O-O	O-O	20. P-R4 (f)	P-Q4 (g)	33. N-NP	QxP
8. N-N3	N-B3	21. P-KR5	N-Q3 (h)	34. P-R7ch	KxP
9. K-R	P-QR3	22. P-R5	Q-Q	35. N-Rch	RxN
10. P-QR4	B-K3	23. P-R6	B-K4 (i)	36. P-N6ch	K-N
11. P-B4	R-B	24. PxP	PxP	37. R-B3	Q-B7
12. P-B5	B-Q2? (a)	25. N-B3	B-R	38. R-KN	P-B3 (o)
13. P-N4	N-QR4?? (b)	26. QxP	N-B4	39. Q-R7	Mate.

(a) Up to this point standard moves were made for the usual line-up in the Sicilian Defense. White will try to storm the black K-wing and Black will counter on the Q-wing. If White takes a "devil-may-care" attitude in conducting the attack and Black puts up a cunning and exact defense and counterattack, very sharp games ensue with many possibilities to stumble. The text constitutes an unnecessary retreat and gives White time to strengthen his attack. Good is 12..., BxN 13. PxP, Q-N3 14. P-KN4, N-QN5! 15. P-N5, N-Q2 with chances for both sides.

(b) This move should lose in short order.

(c) NxN, QxN 15. P-N5, N-K 16. P-B6! PxP 17. N-Q5! Q-Q 18. PxP and wins a piece (BxP 19. NxBch, HxN 20. B-KN5). If after 17. N-Q5!, PxP 18. BxKNP! (threatens to win the black Q by P-N4), P-B3 19. N-K7ch, K-R 20. NxR

(d) White still has a good attack.

(e) On N-K3, QxP is not to fear because of 20. N-N4, QxQ 21. N-R6; but on 19. N-K3 follows P-K4! 20. N-B3, B-QB3 21. B-Q3, P-Q4! (f) Still storming.

(g) Better is P-K4 21. P-QR5, Q-Q 22. N-N3, B-QB3 23. B-B3, P-B4 24. PxPe. p., BxBp (h) On P-KP follows 22. P-R5, Q-B2 23. B-K3 with a strong attack for White for the sacrificed P. The text loses a P for Black without compensation.

(i) For this move Black used 40 minutes of his time to consider the sacrifice BxP. After this 24. PxP, Q-R5ch 25. K-N2 would sufficiently defend. (j) The game becomes very tense, each side attacks. (k) Very cold-blooded. On other moves Black plays B-QB3

(l) Not QxP?? because 31. QR-B! wins the Q. Each player had only a few minutes left for 20 moves. One of the opponents certainly would have overstepped the time limit, would the game have not terminated by mate.

(m) Time pressure. R-N6 would decide quickly as the threat R-Pch is too strong (on PxR follows P-R7 mate)

(n) Also time pressure. Q-Q4ch 33. QxQ, RxQ with a draw as probable outcome.

(o) Overlooking the mate. But Black is lost already.

Kanawha Valley Chess Tournament, August 1950, Charleston, W. Va.

Queen Gambit Declined

White: Bill Hartling

Black: Bruce Marples

White	Black	White	Black	White	Black
1. P-Q4	P-Q4	10. P-R3	B-B4	19. P-B3	PxN
2. N-KB3	N-QB3	11. Pxp	Qxp	20. PxB	Qxp
3. P-B4	N-B3?! (a)	12. O-O (g)	N-R4? (h)	21. Q-B3	P-B4! (o)
4. N-B3 (b)	B-N5	13. Q-R4	P-QN3 (i)	22. RxxRch	RxR
5. P-K3 (c)	P-K3	14. P-B4	Q-B3	23. R-Q (p)	R-Q
6. B-K2 (d)	B-N5	15. Q-N4 (j)	QR-Q (k)	24. R-K	KPxP
7. P-QR3? (e)	BxNch	16. N-K5 (l)	Q-N2? (m)	25. Pxp	Qxpch
8. PxB	N-K5	17. B-KB3	P-KB3	26. QxQ (q)	PxQ
9. B-N2? (f)	O-O	18. BxN? (n)	BxB	27. RxP	P-Q6 (r)

(a) Black is playing Tchigorin's Defense in which he must give up his QB to continue properly. That is why Tchigorin favored the line, since he believed a N to be superior to a B. Therefore, 3... B-N5 4. Q-R4!, BxN 5. KPxB, P-K3 6. N-B3; if after 3... B-N5 4. Pxp, Qxp 5. N-B3, Q-QR4 6. P-K3, o-o-o 7. B-Q2, P-K4 Black has some pull.

(b) Here Pxp is stronger.

(c) An alternative is 5. Pxp. Nxp. (BxN 6. NPxB, Nxp 7. P-K4) 6. P-K4

(d) Preferable is P-QR3 ~~o-o-o~~. (e) Too late. 7. O-O is much better.

(f) A poor square for the B; its best prospects are at QR3. Thus, 9. Q-N3 followed by P-QR4 and B-QR3. (g) If 12. P-B4, Q-R4ch

(h) Intending to blockade the white QBP and so to paralyze the Q-wing- an excellent plan- but the execution is faulty as White succeeds to play P-QB4. The correct move is N-Q3! (i) If now N-Q3 14. N-Q2!

(j) QxQ is much better as after 15... NxxQ White will get the two Bs with 16. N-R4; if Black tries to prevent this he may lose material e.g. 16. N-R4, N-Q7 17. KR-Q, N-N6 18. NxB, NXR 19. B-KB3, PxN (N-N6 20. BxN, PxN 21. BxR, RxB 22. B-B3) 20. KBxN (k) Better P-KR3 to preserve the QB

(l) N-R4 again obtains the two Bs. (m) Superior and safer is Q-K followed by P-KB3.

(n) The retreat 18. N-Q3 retains some pressure. The exchange weakens White's white squares, exposes his center Ps to the combined attack of Black's Q, R and N.

(o) An excellent move to open lines. If in response 22. PxBP or PxBKP, Nxp with a winning attack. (p) R-K at once saves a move.

(q) K-R, Nxp 27. Q-QN3, Q-Q4! does not save the game either. White has now an easy win by advancing the free QP.

(r) There followed: 28. R-K, Nxp (more exact is P-Q7) 29. B-B3, Nxp 30. K-B2, N-B7 31. R-K7, P-Q7 32. RxPch, K-B 33. RxKRP, P-Q8 (Q) 34. R-R8ch K-B2 35. R-R7ch, K-N3 36. R-N7ch, K-R3 37. Resigns

COMMENTS FROM OUR FRIENDS

Gene Collett, former editor and constant well wisher postcards: "Congratulations on the fine bulletin you're putting out for the Association: accurate, complete, newsy and a fine games section. I enjoyed it from 'kivver' to 'kivver' and am eagerly awaiting the next installment."

Ed Faust, a faithful Montgomery enthusiast, says, "Congratulations on a fine job done on the first bulletin under your editorship. Keep up the good work!"

Thomas B. Sweeney of Wheeling comments: "I was pleased to see the W. Va. chess bulletin of October. I am glad it will be continued and I am sending my dues to Mr. Warren. I thought that perhaps the fact that a recent problem composition of mine was printed in the American Chess Problemist might be an item of interest to you.I was rather proud to have one of my compositions included in the more recent issue. Good luck to you and the association." Our congratulations to Sweeney for gaining national recognition in problems. The bulletin committee would like to know what the attitude of our members is towards problems. How about dropping us a post card about it?

Bill Byland of Pittsburgh expresses the following, "..... a fine bulletin your boys have down there now-- most interesting and it looks like a good staff to run it."

Editor Spackman of The Chess Correspondent writes Charles Morgan, "Many thanks for the West Virginia Chess Bulletin -- a very handsome job, if I may say so, and it seems to me exactly the sort of thing needed to record chess news in this country. It really is up to the state associations to tell the story....."

Mr. Jamis on forwarded copies of the Bulletin with his best wishes.

WEST VIRGINIA CHESS CLUBS

The following known chess clubs, meeting times and places is again published, for the help of "visiting firemen." Additions to this list as well as corrections of its content will be appreciated.

Carbide Chess Club, Monday nights, Recreation Center, South Charleston

Charleston Chess Club, Wednesday nights, Knights of Columbus club rooms, 1117 Quarrier Street, Charleston

Clarksburg Chess Club, Tuesday nights, Stonewall Jackson Hotel, Clarksburg

Huntington YMCA Chess Club, Thursday nights, YMCA, Sixth Avenue and Eleyenth Street, Huntington

Wheeling Chess Club, Monday nights, Wheeling YMCA

Beckley Chess Club, Beckley, W. Va. Raleigh Co. General Hospital.

MISCELLANEOUS NEWS

Mr. Edward (NEVER EDWIN) Foy in his usual thoroughly efficient manner has sent us a plentitude of publicity "copy."

Secretary Hendricks of Charleston Chess Club challenges Huntington to a match. Approval and adoption of Constitution will be suggested in a later issue. Please be prepared to vote.

Secretary-Treasurer Warren has been most helpful in (1) obtaining new members, (2) correcting our mailing list. (3) assisting with draft of constitution, (4) forwarding for safe keeping Tom Bergquist's cup.

Tom Bergquist, co-winner of "Players Event", has enlisted in the Army Air Force, and is at Wichita Falls, Texas. His letter from there to his Huntington chess friends says in part "I would like to receive my cup from you as Mr. Warren says. 'With a bit of flourish.' Put it on the mantel or something and remember I'll be there in spirit anyway.

I haven't made any chess contacts yet, but I probably won't have much time for it until after basic anyway. I'm going to try to keep up my correspondence games though.... You can send my copy of Bulletin here if you will so I can follow the Association." Pvt. Thom. O. Bergquist, AF 13321664, Sq. 3742, Flt. 5785; Sheppard A.F.B., Wichita Falls, Texas.

Reid Holt and our many veteran members will agree, I'm sure, that soldiers and sailors, even in peace time, like to receive mail and plenty of it.

There is still no word from Dr. Humphreys in Clarksburg and from Dr. Lemke in Morgantown. They are herewith again friendliest requested to let us have "copy" of chess news in their respective territories.

The game Faust-Hartling from the recent W. Va. Chess Congress has been reprinted with notes in the game section of "CHESS LIFE" in the edition of October 20, 1950.

A list of our members, past and present is printed herewith to assist in obtaining correct address, correct spelling of names, etc. At this time our apologies for omissions and other inadvertent errors connected with mailing of the October Bulletin, are offered.

This Bulletin is mailed to about 120 members and former members of the W. Va. Chess Association. In the future, it is impossible for financial reasons to mail it except to members of the WVCA in good standing. Thus, the December Bulletin will go only to members whose dues are paid for 1950/51.

Please, renew your membership at once, if you have not done so already and send your money (\$2.00, or \$1.00 for Junior membership) to Sec.-Treasurer Mr. Harlow Warren, 320 N. Kanawha Str. Beckley, W.Va.

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