

Spontaneous Road Trip - Berkeley to Portland

Richard Shorman (UNR), his good friend Art Wang (USCF 2094), and another friend Julius Loftsson (UNR) decided, on the spur of the moment, to play in the Pacific Northwest Open. They all hopped into Richard's Corvair and toiled 8 or 9 hours to Portland. (Actually Richard's father, Harry Shorman, bought the Corvair to customize, but it ended up with Richard. Harry was a master machinist and auto mechanic who owned and worked at Lukes & Shorman custom auto shop. During WW2 he worked as a machinist on the atomic bomb project and later at the Lawrence Livermore lab.) The tournament was held over the March 12-13 weekend with three rounds a day. Because of adjournments, the games for many players went past midnight; definitely a grueling experience! As you can see from the score table, two players from the Northern California contingent tied for third and fourth. (It's interesting to note that by the end of the year, Art was rated 2181 and Julius was rated 2216. This was Richard's only foray into the USCF tournament circuit. He received a 1757* provisional rating. Later, he received a much higher rating in the Chess Friends of Northern California rating system.) All and all, a very satisfying weekend!

MCCORMICK WINS

Pacific Northwest Open BRALEY SECOND

James McCormick, of Seattle, won the 1960 Pacific Northwest Open with a $5\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$ score. He defeated Charles Geary, of Eugene, S. M. Poulson, of Salem, John Braley, of Seattle, Richard Schultz, of Seattle, and Arthur Wang, of Berkley, California. He had his single draw with Julius Loftsson, of El Cerrito, Calif. in the final round.

Surprise of the tournament was John Braley, who scored 5 - 1 to take second place. Braley lost only to McCormick in the third round. He downed M.C. Skarsten, Duane Bowans, S. M. Poulson, and Deane Moore. In the final round he defeated defending champion Richard Schultz, to capture second place.

Two strong California players, Art Wang and Julius Loftsson placed third & fourth. They each scored $4\frac{1}{2}$ - $1\frac{1}{2}$, with Wang ahead on tie-breaking. They had a draw with each other in the fourth round. Wang lost in the fifth round to McCormick. Loftsson drew McCormick in the final round and had a first round draw with the other California entrant, Richard Shorman.

Richard Schultz, Gerry Singer, Henrik Lundh, and Mike Franett each scored 4 - 2 to place fifth through eighth, in that order.

Another surprise of the tournament was the poor showing of Clark Harmon, who after winning three tournaments, only scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$ in this event. Harmon lost to the two California players Loftsson and Wang, and drew with S. M. Poulson. Harmon defeated Wang in the California Junior tournament last summer.

The tournament was held March 12-13. The first three rounds on Saturday were

held at the Oregonian Hostess House; on Sunday the tournament moved to the Portland Y.M.C.A., as the Hostess House was not available.

Twenty-eight players entered this event. Nine were from Washington, five of these from Seattle. Fifteen were from Oregon, five from Portland and four from Salem. Three players came up from California, and one came from Milwaukee, Wis. The tournament was U.S.C.F. rated.

Only one player, S. M. Poulson, of Salem, had not previously played in an open tournament. Poulson scored $3\frac{1}{2}$ - $2\frac{1}{2}$.

This was a six round tournament, with a 45 moves in two hours time control. Fred Byron directed and did an excellent job.

Only two games were stopped for adjudication. The Poulson - Braley game and the Kendall - Cairncross game, both in the fourth round. Cairncross was awarded a win over Kendall. No decision could be reached in the Braley - Poulson game, so it was decided that game would be played out later. When the game was resumed Poulson resigned what appeared to be a drawn position.

Cash prizes were awarded to the top four finishers, book prizes were donated and awarded to the middle and last place players. There were no class or junior prizes at this tournament.

Clark Harmon handled the publicity and made the arrangements for the tournament. He did a fine job on both.

Seventeen new members were signed up for the U. S. C. F.

1960 PACIFIC NORTHWEST OPEN - Cross Table

Player	Home	1	2	3	4	5	6	Score	Med.
1. James Mc Cormick	Seattle	W25	W11	W2	W5	W3	D4	5½-1½	--
2. John Braley	Seattle	W21	W23	L1	W11	W10	W5	5-1	--
3. Arthur Wang	Berkley, Cal.	W7	W12	W9	D4	L1	W6	4½-1½	16.0
4. Julius Loftsson	El Cerrito Cal.	D15	W26	W10	D3	W9	D1	4½-1½	13.5
5. Richard Schultz	Seattle	W24	W19	W13	L1	W14	L2	4-2	13.5
6. Gerry Singer	Salem	L12	W16	W23	W8	W18	L3	4-2	13.0
7. Henrik Lundh	Portland	L3	W25	L22	W17	W13	W18	4-2	10.5
8. Mike Franett	Seattle	L17	W21	W18	L6	W22	W14	4-2	10.5
9. Clark Harmon	Portland	W14	W17	L3	W13	L4	D11	3½-2½	14.0
10. Deane Moore	Portland	D20	W24	L4	W12	L2	W17	3½-2½	13.0
11. S. M. Poulson	Salem	W28	L1	W19	L2	W21	D9	3½-2½	13.5
12. Bill Kiplinger	Wishram	W6	L3	D17	L10	W19	W20	3½-2½	12.5
13. Leon L. Sage	Portland	W16	W20	L5	L9	L7	W26	3-3	13.0
14. R. W. Cairncross	Portland	L9	W28	W26	W22	L5	L8	3-3	11.5
15. Richard Shorman	Hayward, Cal.	D4	L18	L20	D16	W27	W22	3-3	10.5
16. Earl Knapp	Gig Harbor	L13	L6	D24	D15	W25	W21	3-3	9.0
17. Joe Bricher	Cottage Grove	W8	L9	D12	L7	W23	L10	2½-3½	14.5
18. Vince Bricher	Cottage Grove	D26	W15	L8	W20	L6	L7	2½-3½	12.5
19. Donald Lutens	Gig Harbor	W22	L5	L11	D23	L12	W28	2½-3½	11.5
20. Walter Ottoson	Milwaukee, Wis.	D10	L13	W15	L18	W24	L12	2½-3½	11.0
21. M. O. Skersten	Forest Grove	L2	L8	W27	W25	L11	L16	2-4	12.5
22. Donald Kendall	Bellingham	L19	W27	W7	L14	L8	L15	2-4	11.5
23. Duane Bowns	Condon	W27	L2	L6	D19	L17	D24	2-4	11.0
24. Buz Eddy	Seattle	L5	L10	D16	W26	L20	D23	2-4	11.0
25. Charles Geary	Eugene	L1	L7	W28	L21	L16	W27	2-4	10.0
26. Larry Bergquist	Salem	D18	L4	L14	L24	W28	L13	1½-4½	--
27. Ron Case	Salem	L23	L22	L21	W28	L15	L25	1-5	--
28. Charles Whiteman	Condon	L11	L14	L25	L27	L26	L19	0-6	--