

In District 2 Majors, Bill Levine was first, then next were O.Saracino, M.Shegda, S.Cicero, H.Smith, J.Lattimer, D.Butler, and W.Holder. W.Lukens won the Minors, followed by W.Wheeler, J.Bracnaro, A.Farooqi, J.Conrad, J.Lanfranche, J.Troyanos, G.Muscolino, and D.Freyer. Total prize fund was \$1150 - contributors were: ACF \$45; J.Bracnaro 30; D.Butler 100; A.Butrym 10; A.Farooqi 20; M.Fink 10; H.Freyer 10; A.Gallub 10; A.Goldstein 5; R.Hallett 10; J.Hinnershitz 2; M.Kemmerer 5; J.Leopold 20; B.Levine 10; J.Malone 10; D.McGrath 5; G.Muscolino 20; M.Sacks 5; J.Schwartz 233 + refreshments; T.Sheehan 10; M.Shegda 50; H.Smith 50; H.Toder 10; T.Wiswell 10.

**ACF DISTRICT 4** The 1987 District 4 Open will be held Oct. 30 - Nov. 1 in Statesville, N.C. at the Ramada Inn, I-77 and US 70. Contact: Lonnie Cox, P.O. Box 331, Mooresville, N.C., 28115, phone 704 663-1798.

**ACF DISTRICT 5** This year's District 5 Open tourney will be played Sat.-Sun., Nov. 28-29 in Tupelo, Miss. at the Trace Inn, sponsored by the North Mississippi Checker Association. Play will start at 10 a.m. Saturday.

**ARKANSAS** Jerry Childers, Barling, Ark., was again the winner of the state tourney held Aug. 7-8 in Jonesboro. Next were Ralph Roberts, Bill Stewart, J.Butler, L.Jordan, J.Guthrie, J.Cohen, J.Morris, A.Quillen, and D.Graves through the top 10. Gayle Helderbrand won the Class B tourney, followed by F.Wilson, R.Sanford, N.Williams, C.Gray, T.Rowell, and E.Cloinger. There were 27 entrants. Officers elected were Larry Jordan, Pres., and Darlene Morris, Sec'y-Treas.

**CALIFORNIA** Leo Levitt, Northridge, Cal., won the California state tourney held Sept. 5-7 in Los Angeles. Ed Markusic was runner-up, followed by S.Mason, E.Pitney, A.Kopko, R.Dyer, P.Lyons, S.Schonbach, W.Meacham, L.Morrissey, B.DeLory, and J.Ryan. Prizes totaled \$388 plus 3 books.

**GEORGIA** Paul Davis of Virginia won the Georgia Open held June 13-14 in Calhoun. Jerry Ingram, Marietta, and Ernest Stephens, Ringgold, were second and third (highest finishing Georgia residents), with Jerry winning the state title on Honor Points. Next were E.Rolader, B.Cooper, B.Youmans, R.Armstrong, and P.Davis (Ala.) Vernon Frazier won the Minors, followed by R.Bobo, D.Gentry, W.Holder, H.Rankhorn, and J.Smith (2-3-4-5 tie on Match Points).

**INDIANA** Jewel Nelson won the Indiana Open held Sept. 5-7 in Bedford. Next were C.Freeman, C.Lakes, C.Reno - D.Sterett (tie 4-5), and V.Owens. There were 16 players from 4 states.

**KENTUCKY** The Kentucky Open will be played at the Ken-Bar Inn on Nov. 14-15. This will be a 5-round tourney starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, with 3 rounds Saturday and 2 Sunday. There will be merchandise prizes for all who do not win a cash prize. Don Brattin will be the Tourney Director; for information, contact him at 126 Mountain View Dr., Berea, Ky., 40403, phone 606 986-9711.

**MICHIGAN** Arvel Smith, Madison Heights, won the state title in the tourney held in Southfield Sept. 5-7. Next were G.Zuber, D.Hughson, A.Lin, V.DeLong, K.Steege, L.Lager, G.Parker, L.Stites, D.Schmidt, and S.Misner.

**OHIO** Gene Zuber won his 6th Ohio state title when he won the Ohio Open held Sept. 12-13 in Oberlin. Gene won his first Ohio state championship in 1939! Next were V.DeLong, A.Smith, E.Winter, and S.Holliday. Ralph Huggins and James Aman tied for 1-2 in the Minors, then Robt.Johnson and W.Johnson tied for 3-4, followed by D.Schmidt and H.Smith.

**TENNESSEE** The Memphis Open will be played Oct. 10-11 at the Best Western Motel in Lakeland, I-40 East, Exit 20.

The first S.Pittsburg (Tenn.) Open tourney was held Sept. 5-7, with Lloyd Castello, Ft.Payne, Ala., winning first place and \$60. Next, in a 3-way tie, were P.Davis (Ala.), P.Berry, and K.Smith - then J.Crownover, R.Bobo, and V.Frazier. There were 15 entrants.

**HALLETT-LOWDER 11-MAN MATCH** Richard Hallett and Elbert Lowder will play a 20-game match at 11-Man Ballot for a purse of \$3000. The match will be played the week of Sept. 21 or 28 at the home of Joe Schwartz, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

### 1988 NATIONAL TOURNEY BIDS INVITED - REMINDER

Next year is the year for the 36th American Checker Tournament. The deadline for bids is a postmark of not later than Dec. 31, 1987, with bids to be sent to ACF President Lester A. Balderson, 6517 Patterson ave., Richmond, Va., 23226. See the August 1987 Bulletin, Page 1 of the News Section, for detailed information and requirements.

**TENNESSEE** Jim Guthrie, Humboldt, won the 1987 Tennessee GAYP tourney held in Etowah. R.Agee and V.Defenderfer tied 2-3, and J.Butler and Q.East tied for 4-5. Wallace Holloway, Warner Robins, Ga., won the Minors, with W.Nelson and D.Hedrick next. J.Dempsey, J.Mixon, and J.Smith tied for 4-5-6. The tourney was sponsored by the 1932 Etowah High School Alumni Association, who have made a bid for the 1988 tourney to played in Etowah. Send bids by March 15, 1988 to J.Guthrie, 112 22nd Ave., Humboldt, Tenn., 38343.

Paul Davis, Scottsboro, Ala., won the Memphis Open held Oct. 10-12. Jim Guthrie was runner-up, followed by 3-4 Arw.Smith & H.Jones, and 5-6 J.Butler & M.Banks. R.Walker and C.Helterbrand tied for top honors in the Minors, with J.Mixon next. The 22 entrants came from 7 states. It was voted to hold a 4-day tournament for the 1988 meeting.

**VIRGINIA** Paul Davis, Rose Hill, Va., won the 1987 Virginia Open held Sept. 25-27 in Bedford. Runner-up was Les Balderson, followed by E.Luffman, V.Defenderfer, F.Church, Q.East, R.Johnson, and J.McClellan. Wade Holder, Fayetteville, N.C., won the B Division tourney, with W.E.Williams second. There were 22 entrants- 14 and 8 in the two divisions - and a \$606 prize fund. The 1987 officers were re-elected for 1988 - L.Balderson, Pres., J.Richardson, V.P., and P.Davis, Secy. The 1988 tourney will also be played in Bedford.

**WASHINGTON** Ken Grover won the Washington State Open held Sept. 12-13 in Walla-Walla. Next were W.Herman and L.Thorpe.

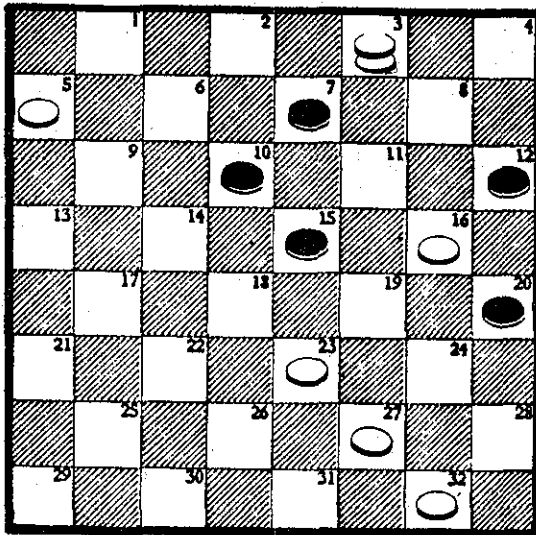
**ENGLAND** William Edwards, Wales, won the 1987 English Open Draughts Championship tourney held Sept. 28 - Oct. 2 in Ryde. Following were Pat McCarthy, Ireland; Tom Watson, Scotland; C.McKenna, Ireland; Charles Walker, U.S., and Richard Pask, England. In the Intermediate Tourney, Doug Hughson, U.S. was the winner, followed by J.Quinn, Ireland; B.Coll, Scotland; E.Welsley, England; D.Bartlett, England; and H.Lovell, England.

**11-MAN BALLOT MATCH** Elbert Lowder, Sanford, N.C., beat Richard Hallett, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., by a score of 4 wins to 2 and 13 draws in their recent match.

**LADIES' WORLD MATCH** Joan Caws, Ryde, England, successfully defended her world title against Faye Clardy, Mississippi, in a 20-game match held at the recent English Championship tourney. Mrs. Caws won 6 games, lost 5, and there were 8 draws. It was a close match all the way. Mrs. Clardy was leading 5 to 4 with 3 games to play, but missed a win which turned into a loss to even the score ... and Mrs. Caws went on to win the match.

**PROBLEM CORNER**

"Playing For Time"  
By Tom Wiswell



White To Play And Win

After some instructive initial play, the position develops into a basic ending.

**SOLUTION:** 23-18(A) 15-22 5-1(B) 12-19 27-24(B) 19-28 1-6 22-26 6-15 7-10 (best chance) 15-6 26-30 6-10 30-26 10-15(C), White wins.  
 A If 16-11 7-16, Red draws with care.  
 B These sacrifices will soon be rewarded.  
 C Now a familiar theme: 26-23 3-8 20-24 8-12 24-27 15-19, White wins.

Here is a composition by Ron Bailey based on a problem in Ryan's S.C.M.E, p.149, #19, named "A Novelty Setting." Ron has added more pieces to complicate matters, as follows: "THE BACK DOOR" Red - 5,11,18,20; K's 2,23,29,32. White - 13,19,27; K's 10,25,28,31. White To Move and Win. Solution is given on p.8.

FINAL CALL FOR THE NATIONAL TOURNAMENT

WHEN: July 20-26 WHERE: Trace Inn, Tupelo, Miss. ENTRY FEE: \$25, \$20, and \$15 for Masters, Majors, and Minors OPEN: To all ACF members, world-wide.

Master Players: Bring your match clocks - all matches in the Master Division are required to use match clocks. And in this division only, the "tough deck" is to be used for the second card of all matches tied after the first card. Decks will be provided for these 82 openings - see the June '85 Bulletin, #195, p.5-6 for a list of these openings. (Note two typos in that list: #4 should be 9-13 22-18 6-9 of course, and #105 should be 11-16 21-17 7-11 NOT 11-15 etc.)

Contributors of \$10 or more will receive a copy of the 50 Games selection from the Master Division. Send to ACF Treas. Howard Owen, 491 1st St., S., St. Petersburg, Fla., 33701, or to ACF Match-Tourney Fund Director Don Brattin, Box 23, Berea, Ky., 40403.

LOWDER WINS FLORIDA OPEN

Elbert Lowder won the Florida Open held April 14-18 in St. Petersburg, and the top prize of \$250. Next in a 4-way Match Point tie in Honor Point order were Richard Hallett, Paul Davis, Ed Bruch, and Bob Jones. Jules Leopold was 6th to take the Florida state title as highest finishing resident. Following were L.Balderson, C.Crawford, T.Laverty, and H.Kelley through the top 10. Albert Tucker, Minden, La., won the Majors and first prize of \$150. Next were (in Honor Point order in case of Match Point ties) were Jim Guthrie runner-up and Ezra Rolader third, then R.Swett, Ral.Johnson, B.Carpenter, T.Gabbard, B.Youmans, L.Wilkinson, and S.Misner through the top 10. Elmer Wallace won the Minors and split first and second prize money (\$62.50 each) with Billie Wallace. Next were H.Cunningham, G.Smith, E.Morrison, and J.Aman through the top 6. A total of 48 players entered - 20 Masters, 16 Majors, and 12 Minors - and \$1650 in prize money was awarded split \$850, \$600, and \$200. (It was announced at the tourney that the 1987 Florida Open would be held April 6-10 also at the Edgewater Inn. But since then, the Inn has been closed and will be demolished by Jan. 1, 1987. A new site and date will have to be found for the 1987 Open.)

Following is a list of contributors to the 1986 prize fund (all \$10 except as otherwise noted):

ACF 35; L.Balderson; D.Bowen 100; E.Bruch; B.Burroughs; C.Crawford 50; H.Cunningham; P.Davis 15; D.Dunham 25; G.Gast 20; B.Grandjean 25; C.Gray; J.Guthrie 10 + book; P.Howden; T.Ignatovig; E.Ingram; H.Kelley; E.Kyle 20; S.Misner 5; V.Monteiro; E.Morrison; S.Mullikin; H.Owen 50; H.Page 20; J.Pludes; D.Ready 50; J.Schwartz 20; B.Smith 20; R.Swett 20; S.Tyjewski; B.Veeh; E.Wallace; N.Wexler; B.Youmans.

11-MAN BALLOT TITLE MATCH IS SCHEDULED

Derek Oldbury, Devon, England, and Richard Hallett, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., will play a 20-game match at 11-Man Ballot for the (proposed) world title. The match will be played in Poughkeepsie starting Sept. 2 following the District 2 Open on Labor Day weekend. The match will be for \$3000 a side, winner-take-all, and will continue in blocks of 4 games ("sudden death") in case of a tie at 20 games. The EDA has officially recognized this match as being for the world title.

OTHER TOURNEY AND MATCH NEWSREMINDERS

GAYP MATCH: The match for the world GAYP title between Don Lafferty and Jim Morrison will be played June 9-12 in Cave City, Ky. at the Interstate Inn. See the April Bulletin for details. Send contributions for the match fund to Les Balderson, 6517 Patterson Ave., Richmond, Va., 23226 - a copy of the match games will be sent to contributors of \$10 or more. The GAYP \$100 Club has contributed importantly to the match fund - latest members of the Club are: #78. ALBERT TUCKER, Minden, La.; #79. HERBERT PAGE, Youngstown, O.; #80. TOM IGNATOVIG, Daytona Beach, Fla.

HALLETT WINS 11-MAN BALLOT TITLE MATCH OVER OLDBURY

Richard Hallett, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., won the 20-game match for the world title at 11-Man Ballot against Derek Oldbury, England, by a score of 4 wins to 3 and 13 draws. Derek was 2 games down after 18 games, but won the 19th to make it a photo finish for the 20th game - which was a draw. William Levine, Brooklyn, was Match Referee, and Joe Schwartz, Poughkeepsie, was host and promoter. Hallett is prepared to defend the title and welcomes challenges. Send challenges to Joe Schwartz, 14 Wilmot Terrace, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., 12603. with copy to ACF President Les Balderson, 6517 Patterson Ave., Richmond, Va., 23226.

LOWDER WINS NORTHERN STATES TOURNEY

Elbert Lowder completed his sweep of the "Big Three" in 1986 when he won the Northern States Open held Aug. 11-15 in Wauseon, O. Ed Bruch was runner-up, followed by K.Albrecht, G.Zuber & J.Ingram (tie), H.Owen, Laverty-Kelly-Winter (tie), Nelson-Steege (tie), and DeLong. Ben Youmans won the Majors, and next were J.Guthrie, Arv.Smith & D.Hughson (tie), P.Berry R.Hayner D.Schmidt (tie), and Scott-H.Smith-Grandjean-Truitt-Huggins (tie). The prize fund was \$1651 plus a book. There were 31 players representing 13 states.

Contributions: ACF 25, Anony. 110, H.Brown 20, L.Cowie 10, C.Cummins 20, V.DeLong 100, W.Diller 25, J.Guthrie book, Mrs.C.Hile 25, S.Holliday 25, R.Johnson 20, W.Johnson 25, D.Schmidt 50, W.Schumann 20, A.Studsgaard 50, W.Thomas 20, Wauseon Restaurants 170, G.Winter 30, K.Zimmerman 200, G.Zuber 100.

OTHER TOURNEY AND MATCH NEWS

ACF DISTRICT 2 Richard Hallett, Poughkeepsie, N.Y., won the District 2 Open held in Poughkeepsie Aug. 30 - Sept. 1, He also won the New York state title as highest finishing resident. J.Schwartz and J.Leopold tied for 2-3, followed by H.Schreibman, W.Levine & S.Cicero (tie), O.Saracino & A.Butrym (tie), J.Bracharo, H.Eiron, and J.Lanfranche. There were 11 entrants; the prize fund was \$420. Joe Schwartz, who owns a home in Mahwah, N.J. and lives there part time, claims the New Jersey state title.

ACF DISTRICT 4 The 1986 District 4 Open will be held in Reidsville, N.C. at the Holiday Inn, Nov. 21-22-23. Promoter John Webster says there will be a big prize fund, with a top prize of \$500. There will be free coffee during the tourney, and a tour is organized for the ladies. Rates at the Holiday Inn are \$35 for 1 to 4 people; phone 919 343-0341 for reservations and mention that you will be attending the tourney. Contact: John Webster, Route 4, Box 341-C, Reidsville, N.C., 27320.

ARKANSAS Jerry Childers, Barling, again won the Arkansas state tourney - his 13th consecutive year. W.Stewart was runner-up, followed by R.Roberts, E.Johnson, and J.Morris. Bill Cox won the Minors, and next were D.Graves, L.Jordan, C.Gibson, and C.Ward. The 1987 tourney will be an Open.

CALIFORNIA Ed Markusic won the 1986 California state tourney held recently. A.Kopko, E.Pitney, and J.Guthrie tied for 2-3-4, followed by Schneider, Jacobo, Saucier, and Lyons. Mike Lovetere won the Minors, and next were Nance, Collins, Chow, and Shelly. (Results of a Youth Tourney are reported under Youth Program News.)

Leo Levitt won the West Hollywood Street Festival tourney held Sept. 6-7. Next were S.Schonbach, F.Jacobo, J.Kacher, P.Lyons, D.Saucier, L.White, E.Pitney, and J.Meade. L.Morrissey won the Minors, with M.Nance, C.Francisco, and J.Ryan next.

FLORIDA The 1987 Florida Open is now tentatively scheduled for March 23-27, with playing quarters to be at the Princess Martha Hotel. However, the Martha is inoperative as to guest rooms, and players would have to arrange their own lodging elsewhere. Future Bulletins will carry other announcements as needed.

INDIANA Jewel Nelson won the Indiana Open held Labor Day weekend in Bedford. Following were V.Owens, C.Lakes, J.Page, W.Marshall, and J.Hurst.

The Indiana Open GAYP tourney will be held Oct. 25-26 in Bedford at the Public Service Bldg. This is on W.16th St. near Rt. 37 By-Pass. Registration will be at 11 a.m., with play to start at 12:30 p.m. Contact: Jewel Nelson, 727 E.Delaware St., Evansville, Ind., 47711.



1980 NATIONAL TOURNEY PLANS ARE FIRM

The Texas players are already well over three-fourths of the way toward their record bid for hosting the 32nd American National Tourney. Texas players should send their contribution or pledge to Noel Boland, 1448 Pearson St., Houston, Tex., 77023; general contributors should send to Donald Brattin, Mtn. View Estates, Box 23, Berea, Ky., 40403. All contributors, venue or general, of \$10 or more will receive a copy of 50 selected games from the master division.

Motel site for the tourney is the Contessa Motor Inn, I-20 & Highway 259, Longview, Texas, 75601. Registration will be Sunday, August 17, with full tourney play to get under way at 9 a.m., Monday, Aug. 18. Master players will play 1½ rounds per day, while Majors and Minors will play two rounds per day.

OLDBURY-DAVIS GAYP MATCH \*\* TENTATIVE OLDBURY-GROVER 11-MAN

Charles Walker had made a venue bid of \$700 for the Oldbury-Davis GAYP match to be played in conjunction with the Mississippi Open, May 24-25; however the date was too early for Mr. Davis to get away from his business obligations (he is free from July through September). So, a venue bid is still being sought. And contributions for the match purse are also needed. Contributors to date include P. Herzog-\$200 and B. Grandjean-\$50(p). Contributors should send directly to Howard Owen, 491 1st St., S., St. Petersburg, Fla., 33701 - or Match Fund Director Don Brattin, address above. Venue bids should be sent to Homer Calkins, 162 S. Oxford Ave., Los Angeles, Cal., 90004.

Dr. Arnold Gallub, New York, has been working on promoting a world title 11-Man Ballot match between Derek Oldbury and Kenneth Grover. (U.S. Tourney and Match Champion Asa Long officially declined Mr. Oldbury's challenge.) Recognition of the match as title match by the ACF depends on similar recognition by the EDA. Parks Herzog has contributed \$2000 towards the purse fund, but further contributions and a venue site are needed. Dr. Gallub has been negotiating with Charles Walker for the Hall of Fame site at Petal, Miss., but other venue bids are sought.

REMINDERS ON THE SOUTHERN STATES AND LAKESIDE TOURNEYS

The 1980 Southern States Open will be held July 28-Aug. 1 at the Natchez Trace Inn, 3400 W. Main St., Tupelo, Miss., 38801. Contributions to the prize fund should be sent to Jim Guthrie, 112 22nd Ave., Humboldt, Tenn., 38343. \*\*\* The 1980 Lakeside Open will be held the following week, Aug. 4-8, at the usual site in Lakeside, O. Send contributions to Fernie Moffett, 623 High St., Lancaster, Pa., 17603. \*\*\* Regarding contributions for the Southern, W.C. Greene, Ky., has advised that the Southern Trust Fund has now grown to the size that the interest is at least \$100 annually, the amount pledged to the Southern. Any interest above this will now be used to promote checkers in Kentucky or other areas.

TOURNEY AND MATCH NEWS (See p. 7 for added item on Kentucky GAYP tourney.)

ACF District 3 Reminder: The District 3 Open (Eugene Jodon Memorial) will be held May 24-26 at the Community Room, Monroeville, Pa. Entry fee is \$10 and ACF membership is required; play starts at 10:30 a.m. Saturday. Write W.W. Thomas, 245 E. 16th Ave., Homestead, Pa., 15120 for further information.

ACF District 6 The 1980 District 6 Open will be held May 17-18 in Pekin, Ill. at the Holiday Inn, Hwy. 9, 2801 Court St., 61554. Fidelity Electronics has donated a Checker Challenger 4 for an award, Wiswell a fine book, and other cash contributions are coming in. Write Clayton Beebe, 915 E. Seneca Pl., Peoria, Ill., 61603 for information.

ACF District 8 The 1980 District 8 Open will be held June 21-22 in Newport, Ark., at the Angus Shearer Community Center, State St. and Haut Circle. This tourney is open to all ACF members, and is fairly close for Missouri, and western Tennessee and Kentucky players. Roy Little, District 8 Manager, says a good bid from Arkansas assures a