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HISTORY OF SOUTH DAKOTA CHESS -

Following is a reprint from a 1980 BULLETIN edited by Emil Knapp. As time passes we lose touch with the records of those that have gone before us. We can only hope that some shadow of us will survive for those players of the year 2050.

THE EARLY YEARS

In 1922 Lloyd McFarling of Huron organized a state chess association. Ray A. Otis of Aberdeen writing in the January 1947 issue of the SDCA BULLETIN calls it the original South Dakota Chess Association. Subsequent issues refer to the "old state chess association" operating with some interruptions from 1922 to 1942. No statewide chess activity in South Dakota before 1922 is mentioned in any materials in our SDCA files. (NOTE - I don't have any records before 1984. Can someone help us find them? JEFF) For that matter, no local activity is either. Thus, until someone can inform us otherwise, we have to say that the South Dakota Chess Association was founded in 1922 by Lloyd McFarling.

The first State Championship was held in 1922 and Lloyd McFarling won. In 1923 the site was Watertown and Dr. H.L. Saylor of Huron won.

The first year for which we have any information beyond the site and the winner of the State Championship is 1926. Ray A. Otis took the title and held through 1930. Otis also served as SDCA secretary for at least some of those years. The 1926 tournament in Mitchell attracted 11 players from Aberdeen, White Lake, and Mitchell. Otis's score was 18.5-1.5. A.W. Ransom, Mitchell placed 2nd with 16-4 and Father Thompson of Aberdeen took third with 14.5-5.5.

In 1927 the tournament went west river for the first time. Fifteen, representing Aberdeen, Belle Fourche, Rapid City, Lead and Deadwood played in Lead. Otis went 14-0. Other leading scores were J.M. Armstrong, Belle Fourche 10.5-2.5; Rev. J.G. Wood Aberdeen 8.5-2.5; and Dr. A.T. Roos, Rapid City 7.5-5.5. Unfinished games account for different totals.

In 1928 in Aberdeen, Otis and M.W. Gilbert, also of Aberdeen tied at 15-1, heading a field of 17. Otis won the playoff. Gilbert had beaten Otis in the regular competition but had 2 draws against others. G.R. Hugart, Mitchell, took third with a 13.5-2.5 score.

KERKHOVE DEFEATS HORTON TO RETAIN SF TITLE

David Kerkhove beat Louis Horton 2-1 to hold on to the 1991 Sioux Falls City Championship. Horton won an 8 man qualifying event and then defeated the Champion in Game 1 of their 4 game Match. Kerkhove then won two straight to hold on.

SIOUX FALLS QUALIFIER

Player	Rating	Rd.1	Rd.2	Rd.3	Rd.4	Total
1.Horton	2080	W4	W2	W5	D3	3.5
2.Overholtzer	1862	W7	L1	W6	W5	3
3.Barth	1967	W8	L5	D7	D1	2
4.Bier	1818	L1	D6	D8	W7	2
5.Carlson	1303	.5bye	W3	L1	L2	2
6.Bailey	1585	.5bye	D4	L2	D8	1.5
7.Ramos	1448	L2	W8	D3	L4	1.5
8.W.Schmidt	1815	L3	L7	D4	D6	1

**Yes it's true Kurt beat me. Jeff

Attendance dropped off to 12 in the 1929 tournament in Rapid City. Otis scored 19-3. Armstrong got second with 16.5-5.5, and I.H.Chase of Rapid City was third at 16-6.

In 1930 at Mitchell, Otis was 14-1. Chase and Hughart tied for second at 12.5-2.5. Russell Rice, Parkston, had 11.5-3.5, and Armstrong scored 10.5-4.5.

R.A.OTIS of Aberdeen - W.J.JARVIS of Bowdle

1925 South Dakota Championship - Center Opening

1P-K4 P-K4 2P-Q4 PXP 3QXP N-QB3 4Q-K3 N-B3 5N-QB3 B-N5 6B-Q2 O-O- 7O-O-O R-K 8B-B4 BxN 9RxB NXP 10Q-B4 N-B3 11N-B3 P-Q3 12N-N5 B-K3 13B-Q3 P-KR3 14P-KR4 N-Q4 15B-R7+ K-R 16RKN BXR 17B-K4 RXB 18NXR K-N 19N-B6+ PKN 20BXP Q-KB 21Q-N4+ K-N2 22Q-B5+ K-N 23R-R3 N-K2 24R-N3+ N-N3 25RXN+ PXR 26QXP+ Q-N2 27.QXQ++

CHESS CHAMPIONS OF SOUTH DAKOTA

Last issue we printed a list of South Dakota Chess Champions for the last 20 years. The record goes back to 1922 as we have shown elsewhere in this issue.

1922	Lloyd McFarling	Huron
1923	H.L. Saylor	Huron
1924	H.L. Saylor	Huron
1925	C. E. Lennon	Mobridge
1926	Ray A. Otis	Aberdeen
1927	Ray A. Otis	Aberdeen
1928	Ray A. Otis	Aberdeen
1929	Ray A. Otis	Aberdeen
1930	Ray A. Otis	Aberdeen
1931	Russell Rice	Parkston
1932	George D. Shaw	Tripp
1933	A. A. Breihan	Tyndall
1934	N/A	
1935	N/A	
1936	J. M. Armstrong	Belle Fourche
1937	N/A	
1938	Arthur W. Davis	Rapid City
1939	M. F. Anderson	Rapid City
1940	M. F. Anderson	Rapid City
1941	M. H. Semrau	Belle Fourche
1942	M. H. Semrau	Belle Fourche
1943	N/A	
1944	N/A	
1945	N/A	
1946	M. F. Anderson	Rapid City
	Harry Savage	Yankton
1947	M. F. Anderson	Rapid City
1948	Bryant Holmes	Sioux Falls
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1950	Donald Emigh	Rapid City
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1960	Robert Holyon	Ellsworth AFB
1961	Ben Munson, Jr.	Rapid City
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1963	Bryant Holmes	Sioux Falls
1964	Charles Keyman	Sioux Falls
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1968	Paul Salem	Madison
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1971	Gary Wallace	Pierre
1972	Samuel Priebe	Sioux Falls
1973	Arthur Tollefson	Sioux Falls
1974	Arthur Tollefson	Sioux Falls
1975	Samuel Priebe	Sioux Falls
1976	David Kerkove	Sioux Falls
1977	Gerald Mortimer	Sioux Falls
1978	James Williamson	Lake Andes
1979	James Williamson	Lake Andes
1980	Mark Falk	Rapid City
	Rick Likens	Rapid City
1981	Gerald Mortimer	Sioux Falls
1982	Gerald Mortimer	Sioux Falls
1983	Mark Falk	Rapid City
1984	Mark Falk	Rapid City
1985	Mark Falk	Rapid City
1986	Mark Falk	Rapid City
1987	Mark Falk	Rapid City
1988	Brad Lundstrom	Rapid City
1989	Steve Norquist	Rapid City
1990	Mark Falk	Rapid City

SOUTH DAKOTA'S TOP CHAMPIONS

NAME	TITLES
M.F. Anderson	10*
Bryant Holmes	7
Mark Falk	7*
Ray A. Otis	5*
Charles Keyman	3
Paul Salem	3
Gerald Mortimer	3

* Includes 5 in a row.

Seven players took 2 Titles

FUTURE EVENTS

APRIL 5-7	SIoux FALLS OPEN *	SIoux FALLS
MAY 18-19	WESTERN SD OPEN *	RAPID CITY
	STATE SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP	
JUNE 22-23	SD TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP	PIERRE
JULY 20-21	SD CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP *	SIoux FALLS
SEPTEMBER ?	PROLETARIAN	PIERRE
OCTOBER 12-13	DAKOTA TERRITORY	ABERDEEN
	& MATCH WITH NORTH DAKOTA *	
NOVEMBER 2-3	SD STATEHOOD	SIoux FALLS

* NOTE-These events require SDCA membership.

EDITOR'S NOTE

I didn't have a lot of things to put into this issue. Many thanks to Mark Falk for sending me information on SDCA history and the great record of champions we have in South Dakota. I think we need to find ways to better preserve our records and history. I have saved all the scoresheets from all the tournaments I have covered but we need to find a place to store them for the next hundred years. When the people of the future want to find games of young Kyle Hammond or a great State Champion like Bryant Holmes or Mark Falk they need to know where to look.

The Chess Year is now under way. When you get this issue there will only be a week until the Sioux Falls Open. I expect a good event again this year. The \$15 entry fee is one of the lowest of the year and the guaranteed \$250 prize fund compares well to any other tournament. Last year Paul Salem reappeared to take 1st. Despite dropping his Queen in the opening to Steve Norquist, Paul held the draw and the top spot. It was a classic!

We have been doing some work on getting ourselves 501c status with the IRS. This would give us "tax free" status and make contributions to the SDCA tax deductible. There are some costs involved in this and we will be looking at this issue at the annual meeting during the Teams.

******1991 SIOUX FALLS OPEN ******

WHEN April 6-7, 1991

WHERE Morrison Commons, Augustana College,
31st and Grange, Sioux Falls SD

!!!! Guaranteed **\$150** for First
Guaranteed **\$100** for Second

EE Entry Fee \$15 in advance or \$20 at site.

DETAILS 5 Round Swiss, Rounds 9,2,7 and 9,2
Registration 8:00 to 8:45 am
NS, NC, W, SDCA required

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STATE'S TOP EVENTS. PLAN ON PLAYING!**

WESTERN SOUTH DAKOTA OPEN

Grand Prix Points "5"

May 18-19, 1991

WEST RIVER ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE ROOM
3250 Highway 44 East
Rapid City, South Dakota

Four Rounds Swiss
Time Control 40/2 20/1 S.D. 30

Registration: 8:00-8:45 A.M.
Rounds: 9:00 A.M. and 2:00 P.M. Daily

LARGE GUARANTEED PRIZE FUND!!!

\$575.00

Two Sections:
Open: \$150 First Place; \$125.00 Second Place; \$75.00 Under 2000
Reserve: \$125.00 First Place; \$50.00 Under 1600; \$50.00 Under 1400

USCF AND SDCA MEMBERSHIP REQUIRED

Open Entry Fees: \$25.00 if received by May 14, 1991
Reserve Entry Fees: \$20.00 if received by May 14, 1991
Each an additional \$5.00 at site

SOUTH DAKOTA SPEED CHAMPIONSHIP
Saturday at 7:00 P.M.

\$10.00 Entry Fee
Trophy to Top South Dakota Player
Cash for First Place

Tournament Director: Terry Likens, Telephone 348-1015

Send Entries to: Terry Likens
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