

THE CHICAGO INDUSTRIAL CHESS LEAGUE BULLETIN

"There is no other game so esteemed, so profound, and so venerable as chess; in the realm of play it stands alone in dignity."

Ely Culbertson

Hawthorne Clinches League Championship. Western Electric retained its League crown by winning its last 2 matches 6-2 and 5-3 (see below). The Donnelley match featured the end of two unbeaten strings. Les Meyers who had a record of 11 wins (including a forfeit), 4 draws, and no losses in 2 seasons was beaten by Bill Stevenson; Brotsos, who had 6 wins and a draw this year lost to undefeated, untied Warren. Bill Herschberger, one of the top 3 players at Donnelley's, made a rare appearance to beat Will Hammerschmidt. Will recently captured the Hawthorne Class A championship by winning his 13th tournament game for a perfect record of no losses or draws.

The Bank beefed up their team with newcomer K. Salkauskas at the 2nd board and finished strongly to secure 4th place in the final standings.

Motorola kept in the fight for 2nd place by walloping Ill. Bell, 7-1.

Individual results follows:

Western Electric 6

1. Warren	beat
2. Meyers	lost to
3. Hammerschmidt	lost to
4. Elliott	beat
5. Vikrikas	beat
6. Puto	beat
7. Klarde	beat
8. Kuro	beat

The Lakeside Press 2

Brotsos
Stevenson
Herschberger
Harwood
Sehler
Ross
Moeller
Jennings

1st National Bank 7

1. Nyman	beat
2. Salkauskas	beat
3. Reichstetter	drew with
4. Mann	drew with
5. Tiranti	beat
6. Balciunas	beat
7. Majer	beat
8. McCluskey	won
9. Conway	
10. Gerson	

Stewart Warner 1

Swedak
Beitler
Williamson
Luth
Soriano
Lombardi
Curtis
Forfeit

Motorola 7

1. Goncharoff	beat
2. Greenspan	beat
3. Lazarevich	beat
4. Whitman	lost to
5. Mach	beat
6. Cohen	beat
7. Rajalski	beat
8. Frellenger	won

Illinois Bell Tel. 1

Salander
Schulz
Urah
D. Johnson
Green
Underwood
Lauth
Forfeit

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<u>Western Electric 5</u>		<u>1st National Bank 3</u>
1. Warren	beat	Nyman
2. Meyers	beat	Salkauskas
3. Hammerschmidt	beat	Mann
4. Elliott	drew with	Reichstetter
5. Vikrikas	lost to	Tiranti
6. Puto	beat	Balcizmas
7. Elarde	<del>beat</del> <sup>beat to</sup>	Mejzr
8. Kusro	drew with	McCluskey

Anstinites Edge All Stars. The match between our all stars and the strong Austin C. C. ended as a 7-1/2 - 5-1/2 loss for our League, but a lot of good chess was played and a good time was had by all. Two alternates for our team, McCluskey and Puto, got a chance to play and did so in grand style; they chalked up the first 2 points of the evening within a half-hour after the first moves were made. Brightest sight of the evening was the broad grin on the face of Dragi Lazarevich (Motorola) as he scored a brilliant win - he sacrificed 2 pieces to checkmate his opponent. Tony Vikrikas dropped a bomb on his man with a fork of 2 rooks and a queen by his knight. Elliott and Mejzr made good showings. Walter managed to get a draw from USCF Expert Martin Klein and Miroslav picked up a 2 piece advantage within 15 moves to win his game easily. On the top board Jim Warren proved his right to the first board of Hawthorne's team by beating team mate Les Meyers. Had Jim played on the All Star team we probably would have won the match by a wide margin. Below are individual results.

<u>The C.I.C.L. All Stars</u>		<u>Austin C.C.</u>
1. Les Meyers	lost to	Jim Warren
2. Jim Brotsos	lost to	John Nowak
3. Will Hammerschmidt	lost to	Ed Buerger
4. Walt Elliott	drew with	Martin Klein
5. Bob Rachaitis	lost to	Paul Adams
6. Nick Goncharoff	lost to	Frank Haubold
7. Dragi Lazarevich	beat	Walter Kocjan
8. Hugh Williamson	lost to	Walter Alberts
9. Tony Vikrikas	beat	Charles Broksaki
10. Bill Mann	lost to	Bob Stein
11. Miroslav Mejzr	beat	Herb Pierson
12. Erwin Puto	beat	Max Kohlish
13. Don McCluskey	beat	Bob Tilden

League Members in Regional Tournament. Four of our League's members were among the 99 entries into the 3rd Great Lakes Open Chess Tournament held last weekend. The participants and their scores in the 7 round Swiss were as follows: Jim Warren 5-1/2, Dragi Lazarevich 3, Nick Goncharoff 2, and Ken Dopheide (Hawthorne's Class C champ) 1-1/2. Jim's fine undefeated performance netted him 3rd place. The tournament was lacking in potential class because of the absence of most of the top Chicago players. Conspicuous by their absence were such stars as Al Sandrin, Tautvaisas, John Tuss, Pixi, Zweig, Rogan, Eva Aronson, Hillinger, Turiansky, Jokstas, Skoff, and Stanbridge. The top winners are as follows:

1. Stephen Popel* (Detroit)	6	5. Vasa Kostic* (Gary)	5-1/2
2. Kazys Sloss (Detroit)	6	6. Angelo Sandrin (Chicago)	5-1/2
3. Jim Warren (Chicago)	5-1/2	7. Tom Cusick** (Joliet)	5
4. Lajos Szadlacsak* (Cleve.)	5-1/2		

\* U.S.C.F. Masters

\*\* This high school boy made an excellent showing and finished ahead of such masters

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League Banquet. As yet no names have been submitted for reservations to our June 17th awards banquet. If I do not get more than 12 reservations by June 6th, I will consider cancelling the affair. Please act now!

Inter-state Teams Match. On Aug. 28 a team match will be held in Milwaukee between chess players representing the states of Illinois and Wisconsin. It is hoped that 50 to 75 boards will be played. The match will be held outdoors in a picnic atmosphere. All members interested in playing or attending please contact me.



Jim Brotsos, Chairman  
The Chicago Industrial Chess League

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"There are two classes of men; those who are content to yield to circumstances, and who play whist; those who aim to control circumstances, and who play chess."

Mortimer Collins

Season Closes with Successful Awards Banquet. The 1959-60 season of the C. I. C. League came to a close last Friday night with the annual awards banquet attended by 34 members and 2 guests. League Chairman Brotsos awarded the traveling and permanent 1st place trophies to the championship Hawthorne team. Walter Elliott and Will Hammerschmidt, outgoing and incoming presidents, respectively, accepted the trophies for the Western Electric team. The 2nd place trophy was presented to Les Whitman, president of the runner-up Motorola club. The final standings of all the teams follow:

<u>Place</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Team Score</u>	<u>Game Points Scored (out of 80)</u>
1	Western Electric	8 - 2	55
2	Motorola	7 - 3	44
3	The Lakeside Press	6½ - 3½	41½
4	1st National Bank	5 - 5	42
5	Stewart Warner	2 - 8	30
6	Illinois Bell Tel.	1½ - 8½	27½

Rapid Transit Chess Tourney Yields \$60 in Prizes. In a knock-down drag-out 10-second tournament held at the awards banquet 8 players shared \$60.00 in cash prizes. Prize winners were as follows:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Standing</u>	<u>Score</u>	<u>Prize</u>	<u>Company</u>
A	Warren	1	6½ - 1½	\$9.00	W. E.
A	Goncharoff	2*	4 - 4	6.00	Motorola
B	Balciunas	1	7 - 1	9.00	1st Nat'l
B	Greenspan	2	7 - 1	6.00	Motorola
C	Mejzar	1	6½ - 1½	9.00	1st Nat'l
C	Puto	2	6½ - 1½	6.00	W. E.
D	Vogel	1	8 - 0	9.00	W. E.
D	Kuzro	2	6 - 2	6.00	W. E.

\* Frank Salkauskas, a guest, made 6½ points in Class A but was not eligible for a prize. K. Salkauskas also had 4 points but had lost to Goncharoff.

Final June Results. The last round of team activity determined all of the final standings. Following are results of two of these key matches.

<u>Stewart Warner 6½</u>		<u>Ill. Bell Telephone 1½</u>
1. Swedak	beat	Rachaitis
2. Beitler	drew with	Selander
3. Williamson	beat	Johnson
4. Peterson	beat	Blatchley
5. Soriano	beat	Costello
6. Iurth	lost to	Underwood
7. Lombardi	beat	Di Pietra
8. Leonik	won	forfeit

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<u>Motorola 6½</u>		<u>The Lakeside Press 1½</u>
1. Goncharoff	beat	Brotsos
2. Greenspan	beat	Tomashevich
3. Lazarevich	beat	Sechler
4. Whitman	lost to	Moeller
5. Kesper	drew with	Jennings
6. Hoglund	beat	Harwood
7. Cohen	beat	Duclos
8. Bajalski	beat	Galvin

Correction. In the last bulletin's match results an error was made in the W. E.-1st Nat'l score. Mejzr was incorrectly shown losing to Elarde at Board 7. Apologies to Mr. Mejzr who actually won this game.

Attendance Recap. One area of interest in the League has received minor attention up to now but is really very important - that is, team participation. The strength of the League depends less on the presence of expert players as on the regular attendance of its membership. This year we gained in this respect; 15 members attended all of their team's matches as compared to 8 last year (only a portion of the '57-'58 records exist so it is difficult to make further comparisons).

The members who made every match are as follows:

W. Elliott	(W.E.)	D. McCluskey	(1st )
E. Pato*	(W.E.)	R. Tiranti	(1st )
J. Warren	(W.E.)	M. Mejzr	(1st )
A. Vikrikas	(W.E.)	C. Beitler*	(S.W.)
N. Goncharoff*	(M. )	H. Williamson*	(S.W.)
L. Whitman*	(M )	C. Luth	(S.W.)
P. Greenspan*	(M )	D. Johnson*	(I.B.)
D. Lazarevich	(M )		

\* These 7 made all 22 matches in the last 2 seasons. Brotsos, who missed his first match this year, probably holds the 3-year record by attending 31 out of a possible 32 team matches.

The above table demonstrates the close correlation between steady participation and team success. Unfortunately it does not give credit to those players who because of their low ratings or overtime or out-of-town problems cannot play with their teams as often as they would like. The following players also deserve a pat on the back for active participation in their team's programs: Assann, Rachaitis, Underwood, Lauth (Ill. Ball); Soriano, Peterson, Lombardi (S.W.); Balciunas, Mann, Haenflein (1st National); Moeller, Sechler, Ross, Stevenson (R.R.D.); Cohen, Mach, Kesper (Motorola); and Riordan, Hammerschmidt, Norlock, Meyers (W.E.).

League Typist Given Perfume. In accordance with our decision at the League meeting held April 4th, a gift was purchased and presented to Miss Ruth Barkauskas who has done such an excellent job all season in typing our monthly bulletins. Ruth was given the gift, a rook-shaped bottle of Mary Chess perfume, on June 20th and was very pleased with our choice.

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Argonne Labs C. C. Ready to Join our League. Mr. Ed Rudzitis, a spokesman for the Argonne Labs. C. C., attended the banquet Friday night and brought with him the following proposal: Argonne would join our League next season and play the "home-away" double round robin schedule we prescribe except that Argonne's home matches with the 3 downtown clubs would be played at some westside location (preferably Western Electric) on Friday nights. This offer was discussed informally and was generally acceptable to our representatives. I would like team captains to discuss this offer more fully with their members and let me know if there are any real problems to them in the acceptance of the Argonne squad into our League. At our next business meeting (probably early August) we will invite an Argonne representative and discuss the matter further. I hope this consolidation takes place next season.



Jim Brotsos, Chairman  
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HAWTHORNE CHESS AND CHECKER CLUBCOMING EVENTS

- June 3 - Election of officers & 10-Second Tournament  
 June 10 - Hobby Show at Albright Gym-Simultaneous Blindfold  
 Chess Exhibition by Al Sandrin, former National  
 Open Chess Champion - 6:30 PM  
 June 17 - Industrial Chess League banquet. Call Walter Elliott  
 for details. No meeting at Hawthorne  
 June 24 - Last regular meeting of the season. Skittles etc.

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Our chess team won the final two League matches and for the second consecutive year won the League Championship. On May 16 we won from The Donnelley team 6-2. Our final match with First National Bank on May 25 was won by the score of 5-3.

Current Standings

	<u>Won</u>	<u>Lost</u>	<u>%</u>
Hawthorne	8	2	.800
R.R. Donnelley	6 $\frac{1}{2}$	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	.722
Motorola	6	3	.667
First National Bank	5	5	.500
Illinois Bell Telephone	1 $\frac{1}{2}$	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	.167
Stewart-Warner	1	8	.111

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## Final Standings

	<u>Points</u>
Devine *	34
Hartel *	26
Kedling	25
Slusarczyk	13
Bubinas	12
Strugalla	10

\* Trophy winners

BELL SYSTEM CORRESPONDENCE CHESS

Those wishing to enroll for postal chess in the Fourteenth Annual Bell System Postal Chess Tournament must sign up by July 15. The round will start in the fall. See Walter Elliott for details-Phone 4751.

TRIBUTE

This is a good opportunity to pay tribute to Jim Warren who plays board # 1 on the Hawthorne Chess Team. He won each of his 10 League games. He finished 5th in the Illinois State Open Chess Tournament in December 1959. And just last week-end he came in 3rd in the Great Lakes Open Chess Tournament, finishing ahead of such Chess Masters as Kirby and Tums. He also plays Board # 1 for the Austin Chess Team in the Greater Chicago Chess League. He is a courteous gentleman and one swell Chess Player.