

1978 Idaho State Championship Results

February 18-19, 1978

Twin Falls, Idaho

Player	Town	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	Score	Med	Prize
1. William Whitacre	Boise	1956	W12	W3	W2	W4	W5	5-0	9½	\$80+T
2. Eugene Cowan	Driggs	1574	W17	W5	L1	W6	D4	3½-1½	9	55+Med.T
3. Ted Hartwell	Twin Falls	1609	W10	L1	D15	W9	W8	3½-1½	7½	30+High T
4. Larry Parsons	Boise	1812	W18	D8	W9	L1	D2	3-2	8½	
5. Glen Buckendorf	Buhl	1750	W15	L2	W13	W8	L1	3-2	8	
6. Steve Ryals	Boise	1526	W14	L12	W11	L2	W10	3-2	7	30
7. Richard Vandenburg	Boise	1891	W13	D9	L8	D10	W12	3-2	7	
8. Mark Holm	Burley	1549	W16	D4	W7	L5	L3	2½-2½	9	
9. Dan Patton	Twin Falls	1625	W11	D7	L4	L3	W15	2½-2½	8½	
10. Dave Cooper	Burley	1300	L3	W18	W12	D7	L6	2½-2½	8	42½+Low T
11. Hugh Myers	Boise	1381	L9	W16	L6	W17	D13	2½-2½	6	42½
12. Garth Jones	Burley	1493	L1	W6	L10	W15	L7	2-3	8½	
13. Stewart Sutton	Burley	1476	L7	W17	L5	D16	D11	2-3	7	
14. Randy Smolensky	Boise	1169	L6	L15	L17	W18	W16	2-3	5½	
15. Barney Graff	Murtaugh	1464	L5	W14	D3	L12	L9	1½-3½	8½	
16. Jack Heistand	Nampa	1170	L8	L11	W18	D13	L14	1½-3½	7	
17. Louis Logosz	Jerome	1173	L2	L13	W14	L11	L18	1-4	6½	
18. Clark Ketchum	Boise	1467	L4	L10	L16	L14	W17	1-4	6	
		1976	1977	1978				1976	1977	1978
Average Rating	1444.65	1445.37	1521.39	Prize Fund				\$250+19T	303+52T	280+26T
Ave. of draws	21.67	9.23	15.55	Turnout				24	27	18

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1978 Boise Chess Club Championship

January and February

Boise, Idaho

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1. Dick Vandenburg	Boise	1891	W10	W9	W2	W6	W3	W4	6-0	14½	
2. Todd Chase	Boise	1718	W21	W8	L1	W7	W5	D6	4½-1½	14	
3. Bob McAlpine	Ontario, Or.	1586	W18	W11	L6	W9	L1	W7	4-2	13	
4. Hugh Myers	Boise	1381	L7	W15	W18	W8	W6	L1	4-2	12½	20
5. Steve Ryals	Boise	1526	W14	L6	W13	W10	L2	W11	4-2	12½	17
6. Larry Parsons	Boise	1812	W19	W5	W3	L1	L4	D2	3½-2½	16½	
7. T.W. Robinson	Boise	Unr.	W4	W19	D8	L2	W9	L3	3½-2½	14½	
8. George Rasor	Boise	1343	W17	L2	D7	L4	W14	W10	3½-2½	13	
9. Nick Skirmants	Boise	1517	W12	L1	W14	L3	L7	W16	3-3	13	
10. Randy Smolensky	Boise	1140	L1	W17	W11	L5	W15	L8	3-3	12½	20
11. Walter Young	Boise	1479	W15	L3	L10	W18	W12	L5	3-3	12½	18
12. Bryan Haynes	Ontario, Or.	Unr.	L9	L14	W16	W13	L11	W17	3-3	10½	
13. Jack Heistand	Nampa	1170	L20	W21	L5	L12	W18	W21	3-3	8½	
14. Hank Harris	Boise	1232	LF	W12	L9	L15	L8	W19	2-4	11½	
15. Dave Hochstrasser	Boise	Unr.	L11	L4	W21	W14	L10	LF	2-4	9	
16. Glen Bayless	Nampa	1165	LF	L18	L12	W17	W19	L9	2-4	7	
17. Robert Limbert	Boise	Unr.	L8	L10	D19	L16	W21	L12	1½-4½	9	
18. Dennis Schrecongost	Boise	1132	L3	W16	L4	L11	L13	LF	1-5	12	
19. Loren Ipsen	Boise	1099	L6	L7	D17	D21	L16	L14	1-5	7½	
20. William Whitacre	Boise	1956	W13	Withdraw	-----	-----	-----	-----	1-5		
21. James Williams	Boise	1113	L2	L13	L15	D19	L17	L13	½-5½	10	

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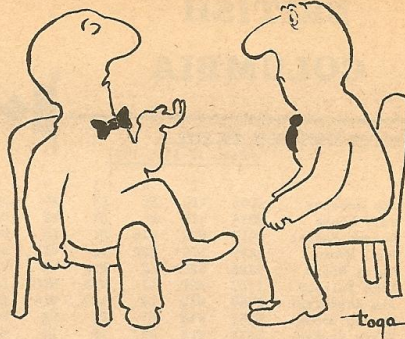
I don't think I ever felt so low in all my life. I had planned on the unrated prize so well, keeping low until this tournament. I should have won the last game anyway - I must have been exhausted from my bout with Johnson. As I trudged home through the drizzle, I kept playing the games over in my head.

When I got home, Dad was in a rotten mood, just for openers. He was pretty disappointed that I hadn't won either of my last two games, but he became just downright furious when he discovered that I had left his chess set at the tournament. He sent me back to pick it up. I hadn't walked more than a couple of blocks when I slipped and fell into a mud puddle! I never realized that a mud puddle could be so deep. The hell with it let him kill me, I can't go on. So I went home without the set, and explained to Dad. For a wonder he didn't blow his top. Instead he became very solicitous, dried me off, brewed me some hot tea and put me to bed.

I dragged myself to school the next day without much enthusiasm. Again the games kept playing themselves over in my head. I also was wondering what Dad would say if he didn't get his set back. By the time school was out I felt a bit better but not much.

When I got home, Dad was waiting for me with a most peculiar expression on his face. First thing he showed me was the chess set, the TD recognized it and put it aside for us. Then with a sort of sleight-of-hand he pulled out a trophy from under the set. The unrated prize! It seems that my patzer somehow blundered away his draw so that we both finished with two points and I won the trophy on tie breaks!

I learned a lot at that tournament. For one thing, always watch the wall chart and know when to offer a draw. I didn't make that mistake, but my closest competitor did.



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