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## News

## ACF Election Results for 2007

Office	Name	Votes
President	Alan Millhone	72
First Vice Pres.	John Webster	67
Second Vice Pres.	Ken Millhone	5
Secretary	Kim Willis	68
Treasurer	Jonathon Chappell	66
“	Ken Millhone	1
Player Representative	Richard Beckwith	67

## District Managers

District #1	Freeman Frank	3
District #2	Jimmy O’Grady	4
District #3	Tony Kozenski	3
District #4	Larry Michael	11
District #5	Clayton Nash	14
District #6	Roger Blaine	14
District #7	Gary Hinerman	4
District #8	Faye Harvell	7
“	Steve Graham	2
District #9	John R. Gibson	4

**Loy’s Comment:** Please notice that we have a new Secretary and a new Treasurer. Their addresses are on the front cover, if you need to contact them.

The ACF Election Committee consisting of: Gene Ellison, Howard Hoover and Bob Rice met on March 2, 2007, at the TN State Checker Tournament. We opened the ballots, check for membership and counted the votes for the above officers. We had six additional ballots that came in the mail after I left for the TN Tournament, and they were checked by Gene Ellison and Gary Ellison on March 5, 2007. Results are listed above. Our thanks to the above individuals for serving as Officers in the American Checker Federation. Submitted by Gene Ellison.

**WCDF: Moiseyev vs. King WCM:** There has been a bid, from Barbados, for the World Three Move Championship Match. More details after the match, which may be played in May?

**WCDF: World Youth (GAYP) Championship 2007.** According to the WCDF Byelaws the age limit for this World Youth Tournament is 18 years. Following a recent vote of the 12 organisations who are currently affiliated to the WCDF, to review this age limit, the result of this vote was a majority in favour of having it remain at 18 yrs. Therefore the World Youth Championship at Las Vegas will have an age limit of 18 years.

**GA Meeting 2007.** The General Assembly Meeting of the WCDF will be held at Buncrana, Co. Donegal, Ireland (alongside the Irish Open and Breen Vs Durdyeva WCM) at the end of October. Sincerely: Hugh Devlin, President.

**Repeat: William Carter** is planning to restart the various **ACF mail play ladders**, and add an email ladder. Please contact him (P.O. Box 701, Port aux Basques, Newfoundland, Canada AOM 1CO or [wls Carter@nf.sympatico.ca](mailto:wls Carter@nf.sympatico.ca)) if you would (or might) like to play on one or more ladders. He informs me that he has a few players for his email ladder, and it will begin soon.

**From Jim Loy:** It has come to my attention that sometimes people fail to find important items in the ACFB. I can sympathize with a person who skims it from front to back and misses something. But almost everything inside is mentioned on the front cover. Please read the table of contents every issue. I will try to include even more details, from now on.

### Tournament Results

**Reminder:** We would like to see how much prize money each player won.

**2007 Florida State Checker Tournament** was held Feb. 24 and 25, at Joe Schwartz's home, Hallandale, Florida. Joe Schwartz retains his title as Florida Champ. Refreshments were served and a good time was had by all. Results were:

1. Joe Schwartz	29	4. Joe Locomte	19
2. Bill Levine	28	5. Mark Rosenbert	10
3. Anthony	24	6. Sid Ruck	9

**Tennessee State Open** was held in Lebanon, TN on March 2-4. Fifty-six (56) players participated in the tournament. Several young players and four women entered the tournament. There were sixteen (16) states and the countries of England and Mexico represented at the tournament. Mr. John Estes won the Tennessee State 3 move championship for 2007.

(Unofficial Results)

#### MASTERS:

	Name	State	Rating	Pts	H Pts	Cash	Comments
1	Alex Moiseyev	OH	2683	26		\$140.00	won this Ty 6 times (02 thru 2007)
2	Ryan Pronk	AZ	2130	19	129	\$103.00	
3	John Estes	TN	2182	19	126	\$103.00	New TN State Champion
4	John R. Webster	NC	2377	18	131	\$50.00	
5	Arwood Smith	KY	2093	18	126	\$50.00	
6	Tim Laverty	NC	2394	18	125	\$50.00	
7	Clayton Nash	MS	2325	18	119	\$50.00	
8	Larry Pollard	AL	2175	18	111	\$50.00	
9	Anthony Bishop	TN	2223	17	127	\$25.00	
10	Gene Lindsay	TN	2288	17	124	\$25.00	
11	Richard Beckwith	OH	2428	17	117	\$25.00	
12	Larry Keen	TN	2361	16	117	\$13.00	
13	Lamar McBrayer	GA	1702	16	95	\$13.00	
14	Herbert Reed	KY	2102	15	126		
15	Alan Millhone	OH	2067	15	118		
16	Frank Davis	TN	2134	15	113		
17	Don West	KY	2153	15	112		
18	Wayne Jackson	TN	1934	13	115		
19	Wade Holder	NC	1912	13	113		
20	Robert L. Shuffett	KY	2050	13	111		
21	Lynn Steelman	GA	1650	13	105		
22	Howard Gain	FL	1519	12	99		
23	Albert Tucker	LA	2184	12			withdrew 8th round
	Total Cash Prize					\$697.00	

#### MAJORS:

	Name	State	Rating	Pts	H Pts	Cash	Comments
1	Patrick Parker	LA	1723	21	123	\$85.00	Majors Co-Champion
2	Jan Bulstra	NC	1932	21	116	\$85.00	Majors Co-Champion
3	Ken Christian	TN	1735	19	118	\$55.00	
4	Teal Stanley	NC	1975	18	130	\$40.00	

5	Bill McClintock	NC	2005	18	128	\$40.00	
6	Gene Ellison	IL	1906	17		\$20.00	
7	Dale Hedrick	TN	1884	16			
8	Ken Shultz	TN	1872	14	117		
9	Hollis McClard	TN	1662	14	102		
10	Earl Harvell	TX	1787	12			
11	Dallas Ramsey	AL	1662	11	112		
12	Francesco LaRocca	NY	1712	11	99		
	Total Cash Prize						\$325.00

## MINORS:

	Name	State	Rating	Pts	H Pts	Cash	Comments
1	Leonard Hickman	TN	1628	23		\$80.00	Minors Champion
2	Bill Shoffner	TN	1346	22	127	\$60.00	
3	Mike Ross	NC	1864	22	124	\$60.00	
4	Harvey Powell	TN	1591	20		\$45.00	
5	Bobby Rice	KY	1499	18	120	\$30.00	
6	JR Smith	NC	1373	18	113	\$30.00	
7	Kim Willis	MO	1332	17	110	\$20.00	
8/9	Sanford Roath	TN	1372	16	130	\$10.00	tied on points & honor points*
8/9	Irma Sierra	Mexico	1367	16	130	\$10.00	tied on points & honor points*
10	Gary Wilson	KY	1354	16	125	\$10.00	
11	Bill Stanley	NC	1613	16	116	\$10.00	
12	Howard Hoover	IL	1514	16	99	\$10.00	
13	Jim Poland	ME	1340	16	98	\$10.00	
14	Jimmy Reliford	KY	1534	14	120		
15	Henry Frugard	NY	962	14	104		
16	Elbert Jones	TX	1214	13			
17	Vonda Jones	TN	1136	9			
18	David Marshall	TN	1637	16			withdrew 7th round
19	Joe Caro	PA	1515	10			withdrew 8th round
20	Robert Jackson	England	1307	5			withdrew 5th round
21	Debra Burge	AL	981	4			withdrew 5th round
	Total Cash Prize						\$385.00

Prize Money paid to finish position determined by points only. Tied Positions share equally Withdrawals stack at bottom according to rounds played without prize money, exception for final round. Swiss play - repairing only last Rd. 2 games per round - 8 rounds - 2 points for a win - 1 point for a draw - scoring each game. Frank Davis Tournament Director - Mary Davis Score Keeper This TN Open Tournament is over and congratulations to its sponsor - director, and all participants, it was an organized and wonderful tourney as usual. Mr. Frank Davis opened the ty by welcoming 16 States and three countries; US, England, and Mexico. We had a motion, a second, discussion, and voted to use Swiss pairing with only a repairing in the final round. A special memorial reverence was mentioned for Mr. Thomas Steagall of Rockvale who died May 8, 2006 and the past director of the TN State Ty. He set an entrants record in Murfreesboro. Under his leadership Tennessee had more checker players than an other state, with over 100 who were ACF members. Other 2006 deaths were mentioned, included Elbert Lowder, and Ralph Agee. There were a number of checker players who came by too watch and visit. The American Best Value Inn & Suite, in Lebanon has a nice well lighted playing room, a great continental breakfast, pool, and clean rooms. A gracious thank you to

Otis & Vonda Jones, for the delicious cakes, plenty of food, and drinks. Jim Poland brought in a variety of "L.L. Bean" nuts and Vonda and Deb kept things lively as usual... Sunday morning service was held by Wade Holder, Larry Pollard, & Ken Christian.

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### Tournament Calendar

Tournament organizers, see the ACF abbreviated guidelines on the inside back cover of the June 2006 *ACFB*. Announcements repeated from previous issues may be greatly abbreviated.

**Reminder for tournament organizers:** The ACF requests that all tournament organizers, etc. submit any upcoming events, so we can list them in the *ACFB* as they arrive. Send as much information as possible: contact person, location, etc. Tournament announcements and results may be sent to [tournaments@usacheckers.com](mailto:tournaments@usacheckers.com) or [theunites@yahoo.com](mailto:theunites@yahoo.com). You may also copy R. Beckwith as a backup assistant at [beckwith24@msn.com](mailto:beckwith24@msn.com). (E-mail is preferred, but regular mail can go to R. Beckwith 34490 Ridge Road #115, Willoughby, OH 44094-3035 for distribution). Results should also include round-by-round information (usually found on master scoresheet) for the purpose of computing ratings.

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**West Tennessee Open Strawberry Festival Checker Tournament.** May 11 & 12 at "The Regions Bank" 1214 Main St. Humboldt, TN. Same location as in past years. Play will begin Friday, May 11 at 9:00 am and continue until 2:00 pm Saturday. Frank and Mary Davis will again be referee and scorekeeper. The Humboldt Chamber of Commerce and the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival will again sponsor this tournament. We will have a very good prize fund (as always), free food, door prizes, and you won't have to go outside to eat. From I-40 (Jackson, TN) take Exit 80-B - 14 miles to Humboldt. Motels:

- 1.. Deerfield Inn, 45 bypass, Kingsize bed \$39.99, double beds \$45.99 (1-731-824-4770). I recommend this one, but you have to call early, as it fills up quickly.
- 2.. Heritage Inn, 3350 East End. Single \$46 Double \$51 (1-731-784-2278).
- 3.. Regal Inn, 618 N. 22 Ave. (1-731-784-9693).

Hugh Burton, 731-427-5352, or 1-731-217-1637 (cell)

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**English Open:** May 14 - 18, Morecambe, Lancashire. For details, please contact John Reade, 123 Andover Ave., Middleton, Manchester M24 1JQ, England

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**2007 North Carolina Open Checker Tournament** will be held at The River Lodge & Palomino Motel on May 18th & 19th, 2006. Directions: Take US #1-15-501 Bypass South Sanford, NC Palomino Motel 1-800-641-6060 Special Checker Rates: \$35.00 Double Bed. Registration: 9:00-10:00A.M <math>\diamond</math> Play Begins at 10:00 <math>\diamond</math> Registration Fee \$15.00. 3-Move Restriction Style of Play-Swiss Style Play - 8 rounds of 2 hour per 2 game rounds Four Rounds on Friday & Four Rounds on Saturday Scoring each game as 2 points for Win - 1 point for Draw - 4 points for Bye. Finish position determined by score points, then honor points. Tim Laverty - Scorekeeper & Referee. For more information call Tim Laverty at 919-356-6755 or [lavertylowder@alltel.net](mailto:lavertylowder@alltel.net). "If you're married, this is one checker event your wife will enjoy." Let's Have A Wonderful NC State Checker Tournament! NC Open Checker Tournament is always scheduled on the 1st Thu-Fri-Sat after Mother's Day (2nd Sunday in May). This is the 117th continuous State Tournament, excluding

WWII years '43-'44-'45.

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**Pennsylvania and District 3 combined Checker Tournament** will be held Saturday and Sunday June 9 & 10, 2007 at the Comfort Inn on Rte. 208 Grove City. Call (724) 748-1005 for reservations. Mention you are there for the tournament to receive the group rate. A block of rooms is being reserved until June 1, so please make your reservations early. The Inn is located off I-79 Exit 113. Those heading south on I-79 as they exit 113, the Inn will be on the right directly behind McDonald's and Red Apple Gas Station; those heading north on 79 Exit 113 will turn left on Rte. 208. Registration 8:30 am, play 9:00 am. Tony Kozenski (724) 652-1247

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**New England Dist. 1 and States Open:** Home of Freeman Frank, 22 Floral Ave., Malden, MA 02148, Sat, June 30, 2007. Register-10:30 a.m. Over by 5-6 p.m. Round-Robin; no First Move Limitations. Directions: Find the Mobil Gas on Main Street, Melrose, Mass. and head toward Malden. At third set of lights take left (at World Gas) onto Forest Street. Floral Ave. is 3/4 mile on right. #22 is greenish cottage, 4th on left. Contact me by 7 p.m., June 29, if you plan to attend. Phone (781-324-9648) or e-mail: [frank87spa@comcast.net](mailto:frank87spa@comcast.net)

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**Scottish Open:** July 16 - 20, Stonehaven, Scotland. For details, please contact Graham Young, East Bendings, Stonehaven, Kincardenshire, AB39 2XX, Scotland

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**"Arthur Niederhoffer" National Youth Tournament** (for 21 and under) will take place July 21 & 22 at the Las Vegas Plaza hotel. First prize in the top group is \$5000!!!! Subsequent prize positions will be similar to last year. Due to magnitude of top prize, valid ID will be required (e.g., birth certificate, passport, etc.). See ACF National GAYP Tournament ad for reservation info. An adult must be present in each reserved sleeping room. On Saturday there will be 4 rds. and on Sunday 3 rds. All youth playing in this event will play GAYP and will have to record their games. (The younger youth may have an adult or referee assist with this, but should not interfere with the game.) The Expert Youth will use clocks. We hope to offer 3 sections:

expert youth division ages 16 to 21

A class 12 to 15

B class for ages below 12 yrs

Qualified youth (master/major level) under age 16 may "play up" if they wish to try for National youth title. ACF membership is required for top group. Entry fees are \$25/\$15/\$5 for the three divisions. Kim Willis is referee.

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**ACF Go-As-You-Please (GAYP) National Tournament** will be held in Las Vegas at the Plaza Hotel from July 22 through 27. There are two parts to the hotel cost. Players will pay a sleeping room rate of only \$29 plus tax for Sunday night through Thursday night, and \$65 on Friday when prices go way up in all of Vegas. Each entrant will also pay a one-time \$60 charge to an ACF representative to help pay for our playing room for five days. (The playing room costs \$500 per day!) Two persons to a room are allowed at the \$29 plus tax rate. Family & friends of checkers will pay only \$29 plus tax from Sunday through Thursday and \$65 plus tax on Friday & Saturday. \$15 extra is charged for each person beyond two to a room. Please note that the Plaza hotel does not accept Saturday arrivals on the 21st, but visitors wanting to arrive early at the Plaza may come Friday the 20th with weekend room rates of \$65 plus tax. Even at ~\$41 total per weeknight for entrants, this is a deal that is hard to beat anywhere, and we thank the sales staff at the Plaza for their cooperation.

We highly recommend that reservations be made as early as possible since rooms are limited at that price. Make sure that you mention that you'll be there for the US Checkers Championship to get the special rate. Let's make this one of the biggest tournaments ever in order to show the Las Vegas hotels that it's worth it to have checker tournaments there! The number for reservations is 1-800-634-6575. A deposit of \$33 will hold your room. A major credit card will be required to hold the reservation, or you can send a check in early enough to hold your reservation. You may cancel your reservation and get your deposit back if you notify the hotel in advance.

The Plaza is a great hotel in a great location. It has a swimming pool, tennis courts, and plenty of restaurants that cater to all tastes. Food is very reasonable also. Any questions, call Gerry Lopez at (951) 695-2499 or email [prof237@netzero.net](mailto:prof237@netzero.net).

Entry fees will be \$50 (Master's) / \$30 (Majors) / \$20 (Minors). Prize distribution is expected to be similar to that of 2005 National GAYP. ACF Membership required to enter all divisions, and may be paid at registration. Registration will take place Monday morning from 8:30-10:30 followed by a business meeting. Format will be 13 two-game rounds (2 rounds Monday, 3 rounds Tuesday through Thursday, two rounds Friday) scored by game. Masters will use clocks (30 moves per hour) and record games. Majors and minors may do the same, but optional. "Move-a-minute" rules will not be applied if clocks are used. Referee will be Tim Laverty.

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**Ohio State Checker Tournament**, September 8 & 9, 2007, Rodeway Inn Medina Conference Center (same place as last year, new name), Medina, Ohio (located west of Akron). Entry fee is \$10.00. Registration on Saturday from 9:00-9:30 am with play beginning at 9:30 am. Seven rounds of play using 3-move restriction (156-opening deck). Master players: time clocks and recording of games will be employed. Please note that ACF membership is required and may be paid during registration. \$500 in prizes. The hotel is located on 2875 Medina Road on the Northeast corner of I-71 interchange with state highway 18 (exit 218, just south of where I-71 and I-271 merge). Hotel is a quarter-mile from interchange. Room rates are \$44.95 (single or double) per night plus tax. Phone number for Rodeway Inn is 330-725-4571. Please indicate you are there for the checker tournament to receive the discount. Reserve early to get into the block of rooms. For additional info, contact: Richard Beckwith, 34490 Ridge Rd. #115, Willoughby, OH 44094-3035, phone: (440) 516-1284, e-mail: [beckwith24@msn.com](mailto:beckwith24@msn.com)

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**British & Irish GAYP Draughts Championships** will be held at the Kilmurry Lodge Hotel, on Saturday, 15.9.07, and Sunday, 16.9.07. Most of you will know this venue, because this is where the Irish Championships were held in October 2005. The Irish Draughts Association have taken a decision to recognise the best Irish Based player at the British & Irish ty. as the next official Challenger to Hugh Devlin for the Irish GAYP Matchplay Title. Submitted by Seán Phillips, Secretary, Irish Draughts Association

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**2007 GAYP World Qualifying Tournament** will be held September 17th - 21st, 2007 in Las Vegas, NV. Note that this is a restricted field event. ACF is permitted to send 3 players to each division. All other federations in good standing (including ICHF) may send two participants per division. Hotel information will be provided at a later date. Submitted by John Reade, Hon. Sec. WCDF. (14 October 2006). [abbreviated by Jim Loy]

We plan to host men's, women's, and youth event. Donations may be sent to Kim Willis (31 Sandstone Rd., Eldon, MO, 65026), who has set up an account for this tournament. (Thanks Kim!)

The winner of the men's and ladies tournaments will earn the right to challenge for the world GAYP titles. The event will also decide a World Youth Champion. More info will be posted as it becomes available. For more information please contact R. Beckwith, J. Reade, or K. Willis. Submitted by Richard Beckwith, ACF Player Rep. and Leon Creek.

**All-Ireland Open 2007** will be held at the Inishowen Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, County Donegal, from Sat 27th - Wed 31st October 2007 inclusive. **World Ladies 3-Move World Title Match:** Oct. 27 to Oct. 31, 2007. The Champion, Patricia Breen from Carlow, Ireland, will play the Challenger, Amangul Durdyeva from Turkmenistan, at the Gateway Hotel, Buncrana, Co. Donegal, Ireland. Submitted by Hugh Devlin.

**2008! Canadian Open:** Leroy Adams is now the President of the Canadian Checker Association. The next Canadian Open will be held in his home city of Winnipeg, Manitoba in 2008. Leroy has a great desire to build Canadian checkers, has much community support, and plans to get sponsors to build a large prize fund for the 2008 tournament. Leroy wants the Canadian Open to be near Canada Day (July 1); therefore, the tentative dates—Leroy is pretty firm about them—will be: Sunday, June 29, Monday, June 30, and the morning of Tuesday, July 1, 2008 – i.e. 7 rounds. This will leave the rest of Canada Day to enjoy the Winnipeg festivities. Put it in your calendar and plan to attend to go after the first prize of \$2000 which Leroy announced on Friday morning will be the top prize.

#### Club Calendar

**Louisville Checker Tournament, every week**, (every Tuesday at 10 am right now, and updates will be added if there are any changes) by Charles Freeman at 1632 Story Ave, Louisville, Ky 40206. Phone #502-589-5690. Directions: Take I-264 to Story Ave exit, first red light take a left, next red light take a left, go to second red light take a left, go around the bend ½ block on the left and park in the driveway or street. E-Mail [charlesfreeman@peoplepc.com](mailto:charlesfreeman@peoplepc.com).

**Kings Row C.C.** in Omaha, Ne. We are going to have a city tournament in August and a club championship in September. We will be promoting ACF and should bring several new members. Submitted by Dave Stovie [kingsrow@cox.net](mailto:kingsrow@cox.net), 2222 South 148 Ave. Omaha, Ne. 68144.

**Burlington Checker Club** (Burlington, NC) meets every Thursday evening from 6:00 to 9:00 at John Kernodie Activities Center, 1535 S. Melbane St. Call Center at 222-5135 or Mike Ross 584-8652, Bill McClintock 674-5402 or J. R. Smith 228-6620. Submitted by J. R. Smith.

#### Critics' Corner

**J. Loy, ACFB #281**, p.26, v.1: 9-14 22-18 11-16 18x9 5x14 25-22 16-19 24x15 10x19 23x16 12x19 22-17 6-10 29-25 8-11 25-22 11-15 27-23 4-8 23x16 8-12 17-13 12x19 13-9 14-18 22-17 19-24 28x19 15x24 17-13 10-15 21-17 15-19 9-6 1x10 13-9 19-23 26x19 10-15 19x10 7x21 9-5 24-28 5-1 18-22 1-5 22-25 5-9 25-29 9-14 29-25 14-18 3-7 31-26 7-10 18-23 10-14 23-19 14-17 19-15 25-22 26-23 22-26 23-18 26-23 18-14 17-22 15-18 23-26 30x23 2-7 18x25 21x30 23-19? (23-18\* draw) 7-11 32-27 30-26 14-10 28-32 27-23 11-15 RW, H. Kelley - E. Morrison, 1998 U.S. Nat.

**J. Loy, ACFB #282**, p.40, v.5: 10-14 23-18 14x23 27x18 12-16 32-27 16-20 26-23 6-10 30-26 11-15 18x11 8x15 22-18 15x22 25x18 10-14 29-25 4-8 24-19 1-6 25-22 7-10? (the RW in note D, with 6-10, seems to be solid) 27-24? (19-16 WW) 20x27 31x24 3-7 (8-12 draw) 19-16 8-12? (8-11 draw) 22-17 12x19 24x15 10x19 17x3 WW, G. Lindsay - A. Moiseyev, 1998 U.S. Nat.

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## 2007 BC (part 8), by Jim Loy

Corrections to Fortman's *Basic Checkers*. Most of these note letters are the same as in the book:

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**Op.#29: 9-14 22-17 11-16 25-22 8-11 22-18 16-20** is also covered under Op. #114, trunk.

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Op.#34, continued:

C7) 16-20 25-22 9-13 24-19 4-8 22-18 6-9 26-22 2-6 27-24 20-27 31-24 8-11 15-8 1-5 24-20 14-17 21-14 6-10 22-17 13-22 18-15 10-17 23-18 22-26 20-16 26-31 15-11 7-10 18-15 10-14 11-7 3-10 15-6 draw, M. Tinsley.

F) 14-10 7-14 22-18 14-23 26-12 11-15 25-22 8-11 24-19 15-24 28-19 1-6 22-18 6-10 29-25 10-14 31-27 14-23 27-18 11-16 19-15 16-19 15-10 9-14 18-9 5-14 25-22 4-8 30-25 8-11 25-21 19-24 22-17 14-18 17-14 18-23 21-17 11-15 14-9 24-27 17-13 27-31 9-6 2-9 13-6 31-27 6-2 15-19 10-7 3-10 2-7 10-15 32-28? (12-8\* draw) 23-26? (27-24 RW) 7-11 19-23 11-18 27-32 18-27 32-23 28-24 draw, D. Lafferty.

I) 29-25 6-9 22-17 9-13 17-14 8-11 14-10 11-15 27-24 19-23 RW, credit D. E. Oldbury.

Also, P.29, supplementary play: credit Coleman - Smith, ECB g.5466, June 1954.

**Op.#35: 9-14 23-19 5-9 27-23 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-18 7-11(F)** 19-15 10-19 23-7 14-23 26-19 3-10 29-25 8-11 25-22 11-15 31-26(K2) 4-8 24-20 15-24 28-19 8-11 26-23 9-14 32-28 11-15 22-17 15-24 28-19 6-9 17-13 2-6 30-26 10-15 draw, W. Ryan - H. Richter, 1939 Blindfold

F) 8-11 19-15 10-19 24-8 4-11 28-24 7-10 29-25 10-15 25-22 (missing move) 6-10 32-28 3-7 24-19 15-24 28-19 1-5 draw, Fields.

K2) 32-27 4-8 27-23 8-11 30-26 9-14 24-20 15-24 28-19 11-15 19-16 12-19 23-16 14-18 22-17 15-19 26-23 draw, C. Beebe, seems to be an easy draw.

**Op.#36: 9-14 23-19 11-16 26-23(B1,B2) 5-9 22-17(D1,D2) 7-11(E)** 17-13 11-15 25-22 (Whilter in Lees' Guide) 3-7 29-25 7-11 31-26 16-20 19-16 12-19 23-7 2-11 26-23 15-18 22-15 10-26 30-23 11-15 25-22 6-10 13-6 15-18 22-15 10-26 6-2 26-31 27-23 20-27 2-7 draw, A. Anderson

B1) 4th to last line, "RW\_" should be "RW)" clearing up the parentheses trouble.

B2) 27-23 7-11 22-18 16-20 18-9 20-27 31-24 5-14 24-20, perhaps R. is strong?

D1) 22-18 8-11 24-20 10-15 19-10 6-22 25-18 16-19 is a draw in KE.

D2) 30-26 7-11 22-18 16-20 26-22 11-16 is a draw.

E) Ayrshire Lassie: 11-15 24-20 8-11 28-24 3-8 23-19 9-14, and here part 7, supplement gives 22-17 5-9 17-13 11-16 20-11 7-23 27-11 8-15 32-27 4-8 24-19 draw, J. Marshall - D. Oldbury, 1954 British Ty., R. is strong.

Also, p.36, supplementary play: 9-14 23-19 11-16 27-23 7-11 22-17 11-15 25-22 8-11 17-13 16-20 19-16 20-27 16-7 2-11 31-24 4-8 32-27 15-18 22-15 11-18 24-19 8-11 19-15 10-19 23-7 3-10 29-25 12-16 26-23? (26-22 draw R. Fortman) 10-15 "OK" is a RW.

**Op.#37: 9-14 23-19 14-18 22-15 11-18 26-22 7-11 22-15 11-18 21-17 3-7 25-21 7-11 30-26 11-16 19-15 10-19 24-15 5-9 17-13 9-14(K)** 29-25 6-9 13-6 1-19 26-22 2-6 22-15 16-20 31-26 12-16 26-22 8-11 draw, W. Hellman

K)16-19 21-17 18-22 15-10 6-15 13-6 "WW," K. Todd, continue 2-9 (1-10 draw?) 17-13 8-11 13-6 1-10 26-17 19-23 draw

**Op.#38: 9-14 24-19 5-9 22-18 11-15 18-11 8-24 28-19 4-8 25-22(F) 8-11 22-18 11-16 29-25 1-5 25-22 7-11 27-24 16-20 32-28 20-27 31-24 11-16 19-15 10-19 24-15 16-19 23-16 12-19 26-23 19-26 30-23 3-7 22-17 7-10 28-24 draw, R. Jordan - R. Stewart (J. Drummond, 1838)**

F) Confusing note. Put square brackets around the following: line 5, parentheses if 30-25..., to p.41, 5th to last line, Oldbury parentheses. Now, what is in square brackets should probably be a sub-variation, not at move 32-28\*, but at the next White move, 24-20.

**Op.#39: 9-14 24-19 11-15 22-18 15-24 18-9 5-14 28-19 8-11 25-22 11-15 32-28 15-24 28-19 4-8(G) 22-18 1-5 18-9 5-14 29-25 8-11 25-22 11-15 32-28 draw, W. Gardner - C. F. Barker, 1905 IM.**

G) 7-11 22-18 6-9 29-25 12-16 19-12 10-15 "W. is repentant," continue 21-17! 15-29 17-10 2-7 23-19 7-14 30-25 29-22 26-10 9-13 27-24 13-17 24-20 11-15 19-16 17-22 16-11 draw.

**Op.#40: 9-14 24-19 11-16 22-18 8-11 18-9 5-14 25-22(C) 11-15 29-25 15-24 28-19 4-8 22-18 8-11 18-9 6-13 23-18(G1) 16-23 26-19 10-15 19-10 7-23 27-18 12-16 25-22 16-19 30-26 11-16 18-14 3-7(H1) 14-10 7-14 22-17 13-22 26-10 19-23 21-17 16-20 17-13 20-24 13-9 1-5 32-28 draw, H. Freyer, ACM g.636**

C) 26-22 11-15 22-18 15-22 25-9 6-13 29-25 4-8 25-22 8-11 30-26 11-15 22-17 (draw), "etc." is ambiguous.

G1) 25-22 2-6 23-18 16-23 26-19 11-16 27-23 7-11 30-26 (31-27 3-7 30-25 16-20 32-28 11-16 18-15 10-14 15-11 7-10 22-18 10-15 T. Bollockus - G. Bass is a RW) 6-9 32-28 1-5 22-17 13-22 26-17 9-14 18-9 5-14 17-13 11-15 13-9 15-24 28-19 3-7 9-6 7-11 6-1 11-15 1-5 15-24 5-9 24-28 9-18 28-32 21-17 32-28 17-13 28-24 13-9 24-20 9-6 16-19 23-16 20-11 6-2 10-15 18-23 11-8 23-27 15-18? (8-11\* draw) 31-26 WW, K. Albrecht - L. Cowie.

H1) 16-20 22-18 2-7 "draw," L. Taylor - E. Scheidt, is a WW.

**Op.#41: 9-14 24-20 5-9 22-18 11-16(v.1) 20-11 8-22 25-18 4-8(E) 28-24 8-11 29-25 10-15 25-22 7-10 24-20 3-7 27-24 1-5 32-28(J) 9-13 18-9 5-14 24-19 draw**

E) next to last line. Tidy up the parentheses, after 21-17, by inserting "14-21 18-15 draw)," but there is text missing after that.

J) 32-27 9-13 18-9 5-14 21-17? 14-21 23-18 13-17? (6-9 RW PP?) 22-13 15-22 26-17 11-15 draw.

**var.1: 10-15 28-24 15-22 26-10 7-14(M) 25-22 1-5 22-17 14-18 23-14 9-18 30-26(P) 3-7 26-22(Q) 18-25 29-22 7-10 27-23 11-15 23-19 6-9(T) 17-13 9-14 22-17 2-6 20-16 15-18 32-28 18-22 19-15(V) 12-19 13-9 6-13 15-6 14-18 24-15 22-25 17-14 18-23 RW, A. Bernstein - M. Tinsley**

M) 6-15 21-17 7-10 17-13 "W. strong," but continue 1-6 and R. is better.

P) This note should be off tag Q and not P, making two note Q's and no note P.

Q) 17-13 (32-28 draw is the other note Q) 7-10 24-19 11-16 20-11 8-24 27-20 4-8 29-25 8-11 21-17 11-16 "RW," B. Kilgour - A. Heffner, is a draw.

T) 5-9 17-13 8-11 32-28 9-14 22-17 4-8 31-26 2-7 26-22 14-18 17-14 18-25 14-9 25-30 9-2 30-26 13-9 26-23 9-5 23-16 21-17 15-18 5-1 18-23 "WW," B. Case - K. Grover is a draw.

V) 16-11 8-15 24-20 15-24 28-19 14-18 17-14 10-17 21-14 4-8 19-15 22-26 31-22 18-25 14-10 "wins," E. Frazier, is a RW.

### Elbert Lowder

After reading the comments made by the Checker community concerning our uncle, Elbert Lowder, we felt you might like to know about some of the other talents his family and friends have cherished over the years.

His skills as a Checker champion are well known. For ordinary folk, like us, they were unbelievable. I was able to attend a State tournament in the early 1980's with my daughter, and Uncle Elbert appeared to be beaten in one early game. To a novice like me, there was no way he could even hope for a draw. He appeared to be totally on the defensive. In two moves, the other player resigned. My daughter and I were both in awe. That is the way most of our family viewed Elbert's talents.

Yet, sitting at the family's lake cabin, he would play for hours with his nieces and nephews, with a sparkle in his eye, letting us win game after game. All he wanted to do was instill the love of the game in us. Although none of us have become champion checker players, you will not find a home without a checker board. You see, he did instill in us a true love and appreciation of the game and that love has been passed on to our children and grandchildren. To this day when we sit at a check board there is always a story of Uncle Elbert to share as we play the game he loved.

Our Uncle's talents were varied, but there was a common thread throughout his life. He always sought perfection. In tuning pianos, he was able to hear and correct the minutest variance in pitch. The average musician is unable to recognize these differences. He was so good; he could tune multiple pianos in perfect tune. He demonstrated this ability when tuning for touring professionals. They would marvel that they could play notes simultaneously, and it would sound as if only one instrument was playing.

Elbert's ability to hear the slight variations in pitch were matched by his ability to read a musical score as it was performed and to pick out any mistakes, even if they sounded correct. Many choir directors, organists, or performers were made aware of this ability. A few even appreciated it!

Elbert loved music, and the making of music was a special gift he had. He was an accomplished choir singer and with little practice, Elbert could sing or play difficult passages with seeming ease. I can recall his being able to listen to a self-player piano, and play back the arrangement perfectly. The more difficult the piece, the more he delighted in being able to learn it in this manner. As a young boy, I can recall a favorite piano roll of our family, *Under the Double Eagle*. It only took Elbert one Saturday afternoon to learn it. He even played it back more than 40 years later, to my delight.

Uncle Elbert and my father, Louis, were close and he made many trips to my parent's home. They enjoyed singing together around the player piano. It was always a favorite time, after dinner, when we would all gather around the piano and sing song after song. Uncle Elbert would guide us when we got off key, which was often, by pointing to the keys on the piano that we were supposed to be singing, always with a twinkle in his eye and a smile on his face. He loved being with his family, any time and for any reason.

You could always depend on Uncle Elbert to help. He had a wonderful and loving heart he shared with his family. We all knew that he was just a phone call away for a piano tuning, help moving, if one of his brothers or sisters were sick, he was always headed to see them and what he could do to help. And, that deep commitment to family spilled over to his nieces and nephews, and we all knew that and appreciated it, probably more than Uncle Elbert knew.

Elbert was loved by all of us. We could always count on his presence whenever there was a family gathering. He was always quick to lend aid to members of the family in whatever way he could, especially when music was concerned. He made sure that each of us had access to a piano when we wanted to learn. He helped my father, Bob, find and buy a trombone for me when I was ready to step up.

So, not only has the Checker community lost an icon, so has his family. We are sure his Checker abilities will be kept alive by players who study some of his games. I, for one, will remember him every time I see a checker board, or hear *Under the Double Eagle*, or sing a wrong note, or play my trombone. As a family, we will miss the quick smile, the sparkle in his eye and his very presence.

But, we will also carry in our hearts the love of family and commitment to excellence that was ever present in his life that he shared with us. And, each time we sit down to play a game of checkers his spirit will be with us and we will share both the love of the game and his love of family with each other.

Bob Lowder and Sandy Lowder Chambers

### Beginners' Page – The Center, Part II

Often, when the center is mentioned, the topic involves moves toward the center, or moves laterally away from the center. Tom Wiswell recommended moving toward the center, usually. For example, 9-13 is the weakest first move, while 11-15 is the strongest. A capture of 5-14 is much more popular, in general, than 6-13. 6-9 or 11-16 is not really away from the center, so moves like these are approved (more or less), in fact these pieces may move right into the center on the very next move. Alfred Jordan's half-joking comment, "When in doubt, move 4-8," actually makes a great deal of sense, as this move is a valuable move toward the center. Such generalizations can get you into a great deal of trouble, on occasion. But, there is plenty of truth to them.

But we don't move toward the center, without thought. So, how can you choose between moves, let's say between 9-13 and 9-14? In general, we analyze the position, and see which move does better IN THE FUTURE. At other times, we get someone's opinion, from a book. Checker players tend to take a pragmatic approach to general principles. Concerning Wiswell's advice to move toward the center, we obey it when we feel that we should. But when studying published play, we often take note of the exceptions, and try for these positions in our games. For example, 9-13 (or even a capture like 6-13) is sometimes very strong. We come upon such a position, and remember it, and write it down in our personal opening "manuscript." Likewise, we remember the times when 4-8 is weak or even a loser. And we save those for use in our own games.

### Critics' Corner (continued from page 6)

**J. Loy, ACFB #280**, p.19, v.5: 9-14 22-17 6-9 24-19 11-15 26-22 15x24 28x19 8-11 22-18 9-13 18x9 5x14 30-26 13x22 25x9 1-5 9-6 2x9 29-25 11-15 25-22 15x24 27x20 4-8 22-17 9-13 17-14 10x17 21x14 13-17 26-22 17x26 31x22 7-10 14x7 3x10 22-17? (23-19\* WW) 10-15 draw, T. Laverty - P. Davis, 1998 U.S. Nat.

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D – Loses. 24-20 PP.

E – 26-23 was played in G. Lindsay – A. Millhone, 2004 U.S. Nat., and in J. Morrison – E. Lowder, in the 2004 GAYP ty. which accompanied this ty., both shown back on page 2 of this game collection.

F – Looks strong. 4-8 RW.

G – I am surprised to see that 22-18!! 20-27 32-23 13-22 26-17 draws.

H – Red wins the piece, but 13-17 18-14 17-22 also wins.

**Variation 1**

**JL**

6-9(A) 30-25 9-14 22-18(B) 15-22 25-9 13-22(C) 26-17 5-14 29-25 8-11 25-22 4-8(D) 24-20 10-15 17-10 7-14 23-19 15-24 28-19 2-6?(E) 27-23 6-10 31-26(F) draw, **Doug Hughson – Larry Jordan, Majors, round 4, game 4**

A – Red has almost no advantage after this, because the aggressive lines are few and well-known.

B – 24-19 PP.

C – 5-14 PP.

D – Looks OK. 11-15 draw MP.

E – 14-18 draw.

F – 22-18 WW.

**11-15 21-17 9-14 (No. 86)**

**Game 71**

**Jim Loy, annotator**

11-15	12-19	8-12(E)	12-19	3-7	10-19	5-1
21-17	17-10	27-24(F)	24-15	25-21	17-14	16-20
9-14	6-15	7-10	10-19	7-10	6-10	1-6
25-21(A,v.1)	21-17	26-23(G)	22-18(H)	21-17	14-5	7-11
15-19(B,v.2)	5-9	19-26	19-23	8-11	10-15	6-10
24-15	17-13(C)	30-23	28-24	32-28	18-14	WW
10-19	1-6(D)	15-19	4-8	2-7?(I)	11-16	
23-16	29-25	23-16	24-19	19-15		

**Alan Millhone – Jim Morrison, Masters, round 5, game 1**

A – = 9-14 22-17 11-15 25-22.

B – Double Corner Dyke, also shown on p.39 of this collection.

C – Or 27-24 PP.

D – Or 2-6 PP.

E – 7-10 PP.

F – 25-21 PP.

G – 25-21 PP.

H – 22-17 draws.

I – 11-15 18-11 9-14 draw.

### Variation 1

**JL**

17-13(A) 8-11(v.5) 25-21(v.6) 11-16 24-20(B) 3-8 20-11 7-16 22-18(C) 15-22 26-17 16-19 23-16 12-19 27-23(D) 19-26 30-23 8-11 28-24 4-8 24-20 8-12(E) 31-26(F) 11-15 20-16?(G) 12-19 23-16 14-18 16-11 18-22 26-23 22-26 29-25 5-9 32-27 9-14 RW, **Jim Morrison – Alan Millhone, Masters, round 5, game 2**

A – Weak.

B – 24-19 PP.

C – 27-24 draw KE or 29-25 draw KE.

D – 31-26 is PP, but don't try 30-26? 8-11! RW?

E – = 11-16 22-18 16-20 25-22 8-11 24-19 10-14 22-17 9-13 18-9 13-22 26-17 6-22 30-26 5-9 26-17 9-13 17-14 11-16 29-25 7-10 14-7 3-10 25-22 C.R. An alternative is 11-15 29-25 15-18 (8-12 draw) 20-16 18-27 32-23 8-11 probably draws.

F – Or 29-25 draw PP or 32-27 in the following game:

11-15 23-19 8-11 22-17 3-8 25-22 11-16 26-23 7-11 17-13 9-14 24-20 15-24 28-19 11-15 20-11 15-24 27-20 8-15 30-26 4-8 22-18 15-22 26-17 8-11 (= above game) 32-27 11-15 31-26 15-19 23-16 12-19 20-16 14-18 26-22 18-25 29-22 6-9? (10-15 16-11 6-9 13-6 1-10 draws) 13-6 2-9 16-11 9-13 11-7 5-9 7-2 10-15 2-7 15-18 22-15 13-22 7-11 22-26 11-16 26-31 16-23 31-24 15-10? (a small hiccup; 23-19 WW) 24-28? (9-14\* draw) 10-7 28-24 7-2 WW, C. Nash – A. Moiseyev, 2003 GAYP Nat.

G – 32-27 draw or 29-25 draw, H. Burton – K. Hanson, 1974 Southern Ty. C.R. from 10-14 22-18 11-16.

These were the only two games of this match.

### Variation 2

**JL**

8-11(A) 23-19(v.3) 6-9 17-13 2-6(B) 29-25 4-8 24-20 15-24 28-19 11-15 27-24 14-17\* 21-14 9-18 26-23 18-27 32-23 10-14 19-10 6-15 13-9 7-10(C) 31-26(D) 14-18 23-7 3-10 26-23(E) 5-14 25-21(F) 8-11 23-19 1-6(G) draw, **Jim Morrison – Clayton Nash, Masters, round 7, game ?**



A – = 11-15 22-17 8-11 25-22 9-14

B – = Souter.

C – 7-11 is the trunk move in Lees' Guide. 14-18 seems to be most popular, also in Lees' Guide.

D – 25-21 draw, J. Morrison – R. King, 1989 U.S. Nat., and J. Morrison – R. King, 1991 GAYP match, and J. Morrison – Chinook, 1996 U.S. Nat. Or 23-19 in the following game:

11-15 22-17 9-14 25-22 8-11 29-25 4-8 23-19 6-9 17-13 2-6 (= above game) 24-20 15-24 28-19  
11-15 27-24 14-17 21-14 9-18 26-23 18-27 32-23 10-14 19-10 6-15 13-9 7-10 23-19 (varies from  
the above game) 14-18 9-6 18-23 22-17 8-11 25-21? (17-14 may draw) 23-27 30-26 (17-14 may  
lose?) 15-18 26-23 18-22 23-18 27-32 18-14 32-27 14-7 3-10 6-2 1-6 2-9 5-14 17-13 27-23 RW,  
J. Morrison – J. Webster, 2003 GAYP Nat.

E – 9-6 draws.

F – We've returned to the Chinook game.

G – 1-5 22-17 15-18 17-13 18-23 13-9 23-27 9-6 27-32 6-2 32-27 (32-28 draw, J. Childers) 2-6 11-  
15 30-25 27-32 25-22 14-18 22-17 18-23 6-2 draw, J. Morrison - Chinook, 1996 U.S. Nat.  
Annotator Jerry Childers points out that the position is a WW, and asks, "Perhaps it was left as  
drawn because that was all Chinook needed to win the round? Could a computer act that much like  
a human player?" The answer to both questions is "Yes," for two reasons. First, the fact that  
Chinook only needed a draw was probably one of the many pregame parameters set by the  
programmers; then Chinook would agree to any draw offered by Mr. Morrison. And second, it is  
traditional to allow the programmers to resign or offer draws or agree to draws, without the  
computer's knowledge, merely because a computer may continue to play obviously lost or drawn  
games forever.

### Variation 3

JL

17-13(A) 11-16(v.4) 24-19 15-24 28-19(B) 4-8 22-18 8-11 18-9 5-14 29-25 11-15(C) 25-22 15-24  
27-11 7-16 draw(D), Clayton Nash – Jim Morrison, Masters, round 7, game ?

A – 29-25 6-9 17-13 2-6 23-19 4-8 22-17 14-18 26-23 18-22 25-18 15-22 23-18 22-25 17-14 10-17  
21-14 6-10 13-6 10-17 30-14 1-17 24-20 17-22 18-14 22-25 27-23 25-30 32-27 30-25 23-18 25-21  
27-23 21-17 14-9 5-14 18-9 17-22 9-6 7-10 6-2 10-14 2-6 14-17 6-10 17-21 "RW," L. Dibble – A.  
Cook, 1990 U.S. Nat., the final position is a draw.

B – A popular landing, coming from at least eight different openings. Instead, 27-11 is rare.

C – 16-20 25-22 is Pask's Key Landing #3.

D – PP in BC and elsewhere. The other two games of this match (a win for each player) will be  
shown under 11-16 21-17 8-11.

**Variation 4****JL**

14-17?(A) 21-14 10-17 23-19(B) 7-10(C) 27-23(D) 5-9 24-20(E) 15-24 28-19 11-15 32-28 15-24 28-19 4-8 29-25 17-21?(F) 22-18!(G) 2-7(H) 25-22?(I) 10-14?(J) 19-15 7-11 22-17 12-16 17-10 8-12 15-8 6-22 13-6 1-10 26-17 16-19 WW, **Ken Schultz – Ryan Pronk, Majors, round 1, game 3**

A – Rare.

B – 29-25 is erroneously starred in Churchill's Compilations, but it draws. Here is a famous game:

11-15 21-17 8-11 17-13 9-14 25-21 (= above game) 14-17? 21x14 10x17 29-25 17-21 24-19 (22-17 draw PP is also strong) 15x24 28x19 11-16 22-18 4-8 25-22 7-10 22-17 3-7?(B1) 32-28 5-9 27-24 16-20 31-27 10-14 17x3 2-7 3x10 6x31 13x6 1x10 23-18 31-26 30x23 21-25 18-15 10-14 15-11 8x15 19x10 25-30 10-7 30-25 7-2 14-17 2-7 17-22 7-11 22-26 23-19 26-30 19-16 12x19 24x15 WW, W. Ryan – W. Hellman, 1949 WCM g.29

B1 – The match book suggests this to draw: 5-9 18-14 9-18 23-7 3-10 26-23 (26-22 draw may be interesting) 8-11 27-24 16-20 31-26 20-27 19-15 11-18 23-7 2-11 32-23 6-10 (6-9 draw, W. Hellman) draw, G. Tanner – A. Long, 1922 ACA Nat.

C – 4-8 draw PP.

D – 29-25 draw, D. McKelvie – A. Scott, 1896 Scottish Ty.

E – 29-25 draw.

F – 9-14 or others seem to draw.

G – Natural and forceful.

H – Others may lose.

I – 18-15 WW.

J – 8-11 draw.

**Variation 5****JL**

15-19(A) 24-15 10-19 23-16 12-19 25-21 8-11 29-25(B) 4-8 22-17(C) 6-10(D) 27-24(E) 11-15 13-9(F) 1-6 17-13 14-18(G) 26-23 18-27 32-16 5-14 25-22 14-17 21-14 10-26 31-22 15-19?(H) draw, **Ryan Pronk – Ken Schultz, Majors, round 1, game 4**

A – Red strong.

B – 22-17 draw PP or 27-23 draw.

C – 22-18 may draw.

D – = 11-15 22-17 15-19 24-15 10-19 23-16 12-19 25-22 8-11 17-13 9-14 22-17 6-10 29-25 4-8.

E – 25-22 may lose, W. Thomis – W. Ryan, 1929 Chicago Nat.

F – 32-27 RW, M. Priest – G. Dick, 1883 match g.22. Churchill suggests that 25-22 draws, but RW.

G – Or 8-11 RW.

H – 15-18 RW.

### Variation 6

JL

22-18 15-22 25-9 5-14 26-22(A,v.7) 14-17(B) 22-18?(C) 4-8 24-20(D) 10-15 30-25(E) 15-22 25-18  
6-10 28-24 10-15 18-14 15-19 24-15 11-18 27-24 18-27 32-23 17-22 14-9 8-11 24-19 11-15 19-10  
7-14 23-19 14-17 31-27 22-26 19-15 26-31 27-24 31-27 24-19 27-24 29-25 17-21 25-22 3-7 19-16  
12-19 9-6 1-10 15-6 2-9 13-6 7-11 6-2 19-23 2-7 24-19 RW(F), **Bob Murr – Ken Schultz, Majors, round 6, game 1**

A – Rare.

B – 4-8 draw may be stronger.

C – 31-26 seems to draw.

D – Others may lose.

E – 18-14 may lose.

F – A nice win.

### Variation 7

JL

29-25 14-17(A) 24-19 11-15(B) 27-24(C) 17-21 25-22 4-8?(D) 22-17 8-11 32-27 10-14 17-10 7-14  
19-10 6-15 23-19(E) 2-6(F) 19-10 6-15 26-22?(G) 14-18?(H) 24-19 18-25 19-10 25-29 13-9 29-25  
31-26 1-5 9-6 5-9 6-2 9-13 2-6 3-8 6-9 13-17 9-13 25-22 26-23 11-15 10-6 12-16(I) 30-26 WW(J),  
**Ken Schultz – Bob Murr, Majors, round 6, game 2**

A – Rare. 11-15 draw PP or 4-8 draw.

B – Or 11-16 draw.

C – Or 28-24 draw.

D – 7-11 32-27 3-8 probably draws.

E – 26-22 may win.

F – 15-18 may draw.

G – 24-19 may win.

H – 12-16 27-23 16-20 may draw.

I – Everything else loses.

J – Another nice win.

11-15 21-17 15-19 (No. 87)			Game 72			Jim Loy, annotator	
11-15	18-15(v.1)	4-11	19-16	25-30	8-12	31-26	
21-17	1-6	31-27	11-15	2-7	18-14	16-20	
15-19	17-13(C)	6-10	25-21	14-18	12-8	26-22	
24-15	9-14	13-6	26-31	7-11	14-10	20-16	
10-19	25-22	2-9	16-11	18-23	8-11	14-18	
23-16	5-9*	27-24	31-27	16-12	31-26	8-11*	
12-19	29-25	10-15	20-16	23-26	16-20	22-26	
27-24(A)	7-11	26-23	15-18	11-16	26-23	16-20*	
7-10(B)	27-24	19-26	11-7	26-31	11-16*	26-23	
24-15	11-18	30-23	18-22	12-8	23-26	11-16*	
10-19	24-15(D)	15-18	7-2	30-26	16-12(F)	18-14	
32-27	10-19	23-19	22-25	8-3	26-31	28-24*	
3-7*	22-15	18-23	2-6	26-23	20-16	draw	
22-18(v.3)	8-11	24-20	9-13	3-8(E)	10-14		
6-10	15-8	23-26	6-2	23-18	12-8		

### Alex Moiseyev – Earl Morrison, Masters, round 7, game 3

A – 22-18 7-10 17-13 9-14 18-9 5-14 25-22 8-12 29-25 4-8 27-24 12-16 24-15 10-19 25-21 2-7 32-27 8-11 27-23 11-15 22-18 15-22 26-10 19-26 (attach note D here) 30-23 6-15 13-9 15-19 31-26 3-8 draw, P. Schwartzberg – E. Donelson, 1988 U.S. Nat.

B – 9-14 drew, L. Adams – E. Morrison, 1996 match.

C – Or 25-21 PP.

D – 22-15 draw, M. Tinsley – G. Bass, 1948 practice.

E – = D. Lafferty – P. Davis, 1983 GAYP Nat. from an Alma.

F – Although he is in a defensive mode here, Mr. Morrison evidently understands his situation very well, and will not stumble into any loss. 28-24 looks simpler, now or later.

### Variation 1

JL

25-21 8-11\* 17-14 10-17 21-14 1-6 27-24(v.2) 11-15 18-11 7-16 24-15 9-18 15-11 6-10\* 29-25 5-9\* 28-24(A) 10-15 31-27 9-13\* 26-23 18-22\* 25-18 15-22 23-18 13-17\* 18-14 17-21\* 14-10 22-25\* 10-7 16-19?(B) 24-15 4-8 11-4 2-18 4-8 25-29 30-26(C,D) 29-25(E) 26-22 18-23 27-18 25-30 WW, Earl Morrison – Alex Moiseyev, Masters, round 7, game 4

A – 31-27 to same.

B – 25-29\* draw, v.2.

C – Compare the final position of the following game:

11-15 24-19 15-24 28-19 8-11 22-18 10-14 25-22 11-16 22-17 9-13 17-10 6-22 26-17 13-22 30-26 22-25 29-22 7-10 22-18 5-9 26-22 1-6 27-24 16-20 31-26 20-27 19-15 10-19 23-16 12-19 32-16 9-13 18-15 4-8 16-12 2-7 26-23 7-10 23-19 10-14 19-16 14-18 16-11 18-25 11-4 3-7 RW, H. Freedman (he had changed his name to H. Freeman) – J. Napier, Mail 1942 in ECB

D – WW, CCC g.972Q.

E – 21-25 WW, H. Maine – R. Hayes, 1961 Davis Mail Ty.

The other two games of this match (two draws) can be found under 10-15 23-19 7-10.

### Variation 2

JL

29-25 11-15 18-11 7-16 27-24(A) 9-18 24-15 5-9(B) 15-11 6-10(C) 28-24 10-15 31-27 9-13 26-23 18-22 25-18 15-22 23-18 13-17 18-14 17-21 14-10 22-25 10-7 25-29\*(D) 7-3 29-25\* 3-8(E) 16-19 draw(F), Alex Moiseyev – Richard Hallett, Masters, round 4, game 3

A – Or 26-22 draw PP.

B – 4-8 draw PP.

C – = var.1.

D – 16-19? lost in var. 1.

E – 24-20 draw, A. Moiseyev – R. King, 2003 WCM.

F – E. Frazier – W. Hellman, 1967 WCM g.14 and earlier.

### Variation 3

JL

27-24 7-10 24-15 10-19 31-27 8-11(A) 17-14 9-18 22-8 4-11 27-24 11-15 26-23 19-26 30-23 2-7 25-22 7-11 29-25 5-9 23-18 6-10 24-19 draw, Richard Hallett – Alex Moiseyev, Masters, round 4, game 4

A – The game may be original from here; 9-14 PP.

The other two games from this match (two draws) will be shown under 12-16 23-18 16-19.

### Critics' Corner (continued from page 8)

J. Loy, ACFB #300, p.156, note G: 12-16 24-20 8-12 28-24 3-8 23-18 9-13 21-17 16-19 24x15 10x19 18-15 11x18 22x15 13x22 25x18 7-10 26-22 10-14 18x9 5x14 29-25 14-18 30-26 1-5 27-23 18x27 32x16 12x19 20-16 8-12 16-11 12-16 31-27 16-20 27-23 19-24 15-10 6x15 23-19 15-18 22x15 24-27 15-10 27-31 26-22 31-27 19-16 20-24 22-17 27-23 17-13 (note G continues as follows) 23-19 16-12 19-16 10-7 16-19 “should win for Red,” but continue 12-8 19-15 8-3 15-8 3-12 2-11 12-8 (or 25-22 to same) 11-16 8-11 16-20 Miller Draw, in Boland's *Famous Positions*, p.95.

## 11-15 22-17 8-11 (No. 88)

## Game 73

Jim Loy, annotator

11-15	24-20	15-10(G)	23-14	22-18	15-11	7-2
22-17	6-9	7-14	11-18	6-10	22-18	17-22
8-11	28-24	24-15	25-22?(J)	27-24	24-20	5-1
17-14(A)	3-8	5-9	18-25	30-25?(K)	14-17	4-8
(B,v.4,5)	26-22(D)	26-23?(H)	29-22	20-16	11-7	2-6
9-18	12-16	1-6	17-21	8-12(L)	2-11	draw
23-14	22-15	31-26	14-9	23-19	16-7	
10-17	9-18	9-13	21-25	25-22	18-14	
21-14	30-26(E)	32-28(I)	26-23	18-15	9-5	
15-18	16-19(F)	14-17	25-30	10-14	14-10	
(C,v.1,3)						

**Elbert Lowder – Gene Lindsay, Masters, round 3, game 1**

A – 17-13 11-16 25-22 9-14 22-17 16-20 30-25 7-11 25-22 4-8 24-19 15x24 28x19 11-15 32-28 15x24 28x19 8-11 “draw,” E. Morrison - L. Keen, 2004 U.S. Nat. seems to be a RW, and does not seem to be standard PP.

B – White Dyke.

C – = 11-15 22-17 15-18 23-14 9-18 17-14 10-17 21-14 8-11.

D – 26-23 PP.

E – Or 31-26 draw PP.

F – Or 1-6 26-23 6-9 23-14 9-18 16-19 15-10 draw.

G – The right defense.

H – 25-21 would seem to be much easier. But not 15-10? 18-22 RW.

I – May be the only move to draw.

J – 25-21 17-22 26-17 13-22 21-17 looks like a draw.

K – 8-11! 24-19 30-25 RW, wins a piece.

L – 10-14 16-12 8-11 would allow Red to keep the pieces at 2 and 4, and may be somewhat stronger.

**Variation 1****JL**

6-9 26-23(v.2) 9-18 23-14 1-6(A) 30-26 6-9 26-23 9-18 23-14 2-6 25-22 4-8(B) 24-19 15-24 28-19 6-10 31-26 10-17 22-13 7-10 27-23 11-15 19-16 12-19 23-16 15-18 29-25 10-15 16-11 8-12 draw,  
**Gene Lindsay – Elbert Lowder, Masters, round 3, game 2**

A – Or 4-8 draw PP or 15-18 draw PP or 12-16 24-19 draw.

### ACF Online Play Site

The American Checker Federation (ACF) today announced the signing of a contract with internet game site Gold Token making Gold Token the official on-line play site for the ACF. The announcement was made by ACF President Alan Millhone.

"ACF members have been asking for an 'official' home for their on-line checker play," Mr. Millhone stated. "The agreement we signed with Gold Token will provide our members with a high-quality on-line experience that meets our needs for serious checker play."

The ACF selected Gold Token at the end of a rigorous process that included vendor pre-qualification, evaluation of responses to a very complex request for proposals, and contract negotiations with the winning proposer. "Gold Token was willing to provide the extensive set of features we require," added the ACF President, "and our qualification process determined that they would be able to deliver on their commitments to us."

Mr. Millhone pointed out that checkers played at a serious level of competition is no mere child's play, involving significant skill and the adherence to strict rules and standards. "We specified everything in detail, from the method by which opening moves are chosen to the exact color of the board and checker pieces," he said. "Our members are very serious about their checker play and they insist that everything be done according to the official rules."

Mary Strazicich, owner of the Gold Token site is positive about Gold Token's partnership with the ACF. "This contract will bring checkers on the internet to the next level, and will benefit not just the ACF but all Gold Token players," Ms. Strazicich said, adding, "our programming and design teams will deliver on the ACF's requirements over the next six to twelve months, and we're most excited about this important juncture for both us and the ACF."

Sincerely: Alan Millhone, President, American Checker Federation

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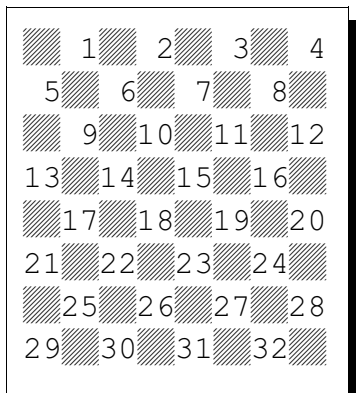
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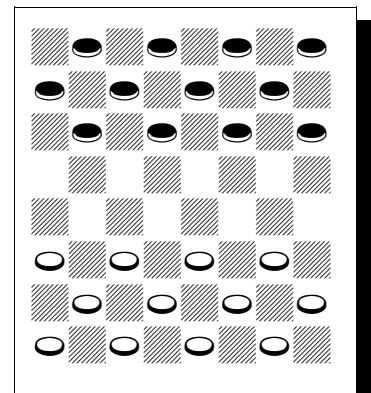
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**Numbered Board**

**Numbered Board:** Feel free to make a copy of this, and keep it handy for reading checkers moves. The two players are called Red and White, and in the past they were called Black and White. Notice that Red's pieces begin the game on 1 through 12, and White's begin on 21 through 32. The game is played on the dark squares, but books and magazines (including the *ACFB*) normally reverse the colors of the squares of diagrams to improve readability. In the *ACFB*, Red is at the top of the diagram. Moves are



**Starting Position**

recorded as from-to, an example being 11-15. A multiple jump is normally written like 10-26 unless that is ambiguous, then 10-19-26 is written.

### **Beginners' Page - Rules about Forced Jumps and Stalemates**

Some beginners seem to believe that the rules in checkers are some fascist violation of their freedoms. Some want to pass their turn or jump off the board (and back on, presumably). Others try long king jumps and other features of foreign games. Many of them do not want to be forced to jump; you don't have to capture in chess, after all. But not forcing us to jump would remove almost all shots and most trades from the game, and checkers would be reduced to the dull piece-shuffling that many people accuse us of. Some beginners want a stalemate to be a draw, as it is in chess. They sometimes complain about this after they have cleverly stalemated themselves in an ending. Well, the way you win in checkers is by preventing your opponent from having any legal move (when it is his/her turn to move), either by capturing all of his/her pieces, or by blocking his/her remaining pieces. So, the rules are consistent in this respect. Changing this rule would be inconsistent.