

## HURT AND GILLEY SHARE MEMPHIS CLUB TITLE

John Hurt and Mark Gilley took top honors in the Memphis Club competition just completed. This is quite a record for John as he placed first in the event five out of six tries, including twice sharing it with Mark Gilley. This is also quite an accomplishment for Gilley as his rating is about 150 points below that of Hurt. Jim Wright always a contender for the title took a comfortable third place. See three games from this event on page 20. The results follow:

1-2. Hurt	6 - 2
1-2. Gilley	6 - 2
3. Wright	5 - 3
4. Churchill	2½ - 5½
5. Garner	½ - 7½

The Memphis Club tourney is probably the oldest chess contest in Tennessee, even older than the Tennessee Open. For the record we will give you the winners beginning with 1959 when TCN started. Should the earlier record become available we will give it sometime in the near future.

1959 Scriner and Wright	6½-½
1960 Wright	9½-2½
1961 Hurt	12½-3½
1962 Hurt	12-2
1963 Armstrong and Middleton	10½-3½
1964 Hurt and Gilley	7½-1½
1965 Hurt	9-1

## PRICE WINS MURFREESBORO CLUB TOURNEY

As Reported in the Murf. Bulletin

Jim Price again captured the title of Murfreesboro Champion as he swept the tournament with a perfect 6-0. In his march to victory Price defeated Russell, Buckmaster, Clark, Stein, Hardesty, and Abrahams. Roy Clark finished second with 5-1, and Bob Keathley third with a respectable 4-2 (can you believe Bob actually played up to his strength in tournament play?). Mitchell Stein, with 3½-2½, finished fourth and again wins the junior prize. Class B prize (highest score of a player originally ranked in the last eight of the 16 entrants) will go to Keathley. The final scores:

1. Price	6-0	20½	9. Russell	3 - 3	17
2. Clark	5-1	20½	10. Stancliff	3 - 3	15½
3. Keathley	4-2	16	11. Prahl	3 - 3	13½
4. Stein	3½-2½	21½	12. Wagner	2 - 4	20
5. Buckmaster	3 - 3	23	13. Corlew	2 - 4	13½
6-7. Abrahams	3 - 3	22	14. Eatherly	2 - 4	13
6-7. Hardesty	3 - 3	22	15. Weens	1 - 5	15
8. Freedle	3 - 3	19			

(How about some games?, Ed.)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

At this writing the World Championship Match between the two Soviet players Petrosian and Spassky stands at 6-4 in favor of the champion. Petrosian has won two games and the other eight were drawn. Petrosian must obtain 12 points out of 24 to retain the title, while Spassky must get 12½ to win it.

The two Soviet representatives Petrosian and Spassky have declined to play in the International Fiasigorsky Cup to be played at Santa Monica, Calif. beginning July 17. The two replacements Unzicker and Portisch have already accepted. Fischer and Reshevky will represent the United States. Four other players will also play.

The World Team Championships are to take place at Havana this year. Due to the travel restrictions to Cuba a U.S. team may not be able to go. The USCF is making every effort to get permission for a team.

Richard Long of Atlanta (formerly of Nashville) reports that the Southern will take place in Atlanta this year over the 4th of July weekend. They are also trying to get Bobby Fischer to come. Total prize fund should be about \$1,200. More details should come in Chess Life. Why don't you plan to play?

The Middle Tennessee State University in Murfreesbro had a tourney which was won by Charles Wagner. He defeated Sandy Abrahams in a play-off after both had equal scores in the tournament.