

TOURNAMENT CALENDAR

- May 16 MATCH: HUNTSVILLE - NASHVILLE at Nashville
 MAY 23 NASHVILLE HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS
 May 29-31 NORTH ALABAMA OPEN in Huntsville, Ala.
Site: Skycenter Hotel, Huntsville Jetport, 10 miles West of Huntsville, on US Highway 12 Alternate. Rates have been reduced to \$11 for singles and \$13.50 for doubles. All rooms have color TV and stereo.
Entry fees: Adults \$12, Juniors (under 18) \$8, Ladies free
 USCF membership required, or obtainable at registration
Prizes: 1st \$200, 2nd \$100, 3rd \$50. Also a special \$50 prize for best scorer with rating less than 1800.
Schedule: Registration: Friday, May 29, 9:00-9:45 AM
 Round 1- May 29 10 AM Round 5- May 30 8 PM
 Round 2- May 29 3 PM Round 6- May 31 10 AM
 Round 3- May 30 10 AM Round 7- May 31 3 PM
 Round 4- May 30 3 PM
- July 2-5 SOUTHERN OPEN, AMATEUR, AND RESERVE at Miami Beach, Fla.
Site: Marco Polo Hyatt House Hotel, 192nd St. at Collins Ave., Miami Beach Florida, 33160. Special rates \$14 single, and \$17 double.
Entry Fees: Open \$17, Amateur \$10, Reserve \$6. USCF and Southern Chess Assn (SCA) membership (\$2.00/year) required or obtainable at site.
Prizes: Open: 1st \$300, 2nd \$150, 3rd \$75, top three win trophies.
 Amateur: 1st \$125, 2nd \$70, 3rd \$35, top three trophies
 Reserve: Merchandize prizes, chess books, etc.
Registration: 6-8 PM, July 2 (seven round Swiss)
Inquiries: Murray G. Cohon, 1900 SW 3rd Ave., Miami, Fla. 33129
 SCA information: Philip Lamb, 2805 Pierce Dr., N. Macon, Ga. 31204
- Sep 5-7 TENNESSEE OPEN AND AMATEUR at Nashville, Tenn.
Site: Andrew Jackson Hotel, 314 6th Ave North, Nashville, Tenn. 37219
Tournament Director: Tom Finucane of Kingsport
 More details next issue.

MEMPHIS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP 1970

By Robert Churchill

This year the 1970 Memphis Championship was contested in an 11 player round robin in the Championship Division and seven players in the Amateur. In the Championship section we had the strongest event since the 9164 with the top four finishers running neck and neck all the way. As late as round ten there was a four way tie for first place between Gilley, Hurt, Wright, and myself. In round eleven Gilley and Wright won easily while I played 5½ hours with Hurt winning in 59 moves. (See game on another page in this issue.) The final standings were:

1-3. Churchill	8 -2	7. Thomas	4½-5½
1-3. Gilley	8 -2	8. Little	3½-6½
1-3. Wright	8 -2	9-10. Garner	1½-8½
4. Hurt	7 -3	9-10. Mitchell	1½-8½
5-6. Woaks	6 -4	11. Wois	1 -9
5-6. Folt	6 -4		

There was no playoff, so Gilley, Wright, and Churchill are tied for the 1970 Memphis Championship.

In my opinion Mark Gilley played the strongest chess of anyone. He did not lose a game (only player to do so) and even more remarkable he was never in a lost position! As for myself, I missed my chance in round 10 when I won two pawns in the opening against Wright but lost in time pressure which allowed a four way tie at seven points before the last round. Wright also got off to a shaky start but then caught up in round 10. Some interesting results were turned in by our new "youth movement". Folt drew Woaks and Wright and junior Thomas was able to defeat Hurt. These two players are both talented and will bear watching in the future.

The traditional annual simultaneous exhibition by the City Champions was given April 10 by Gilley and Churchill playing alternate moves against eight boards. We scored five wins, two draws, and one loss.

SORRY NO TENNESSEE HIGH SCHOOL TOURNEY FOR MAY. There are just too many chess activities during May in Nashville. Maybe after the Tennessee Open(?)