

Evans wins 1968 Strawberry Open No. 1 by Buz Eddy

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International Grandmaster Larry Evans, playing true to form, swept through the nine rounds of the Strawberry Open completely unscathed. His closest call came in round 4 when Canadian expert Bruce Amos took him to time control in what appeared to be an even position. Amos had five minutes to make his final move, but became involved in the position and let his flag drop.

Evans victory was as much a foregone conclusion as anything ever is in a chess tournament, and the real contest was for the 2nd place spot money. Viktor's Pupols started the event apparently somewhat off form. His first round win was not impressive and although he took round 2 opponent with relative ease, he was outplayed from start to finish by Gary Holmquist in round 3. Round 4 saw him drawing with Chris Corwin.

Then Monday evening as your writer was making the first round of score sheet checks we paused a moment by Pupols game with Alan Pollard, and saw at long last Pupols had returned to Northwest chess. 1. P-K4, P-K4; 2. N-KB3, P-KB4 and Pupols wins. From that point on Pupols was untouchable. He finished with five straight victories and a clear second place, 7.5-1.5.

The Oregon co-champions Clark Harmon and Rick Ganong together with Bruce Amos posted final round victories to finish the event at 7-2 and a 3rd place tie, picking up \$150.00 for it.

Chris Corwin and Arthur Spiller rounded out the top seven with 6.5-2.5 records. Corwin and Spiller played in round 8. Spiller developed a clearly won game backing Corwin into tight, time pressure in the process. But Spiller appeared to become preoccupied in the attempt to run Corwin out of time, and in the process missed a two move combination which gave Corwin the win. Thus Corwin won the right to the last shot at Evans instead of Pupols, but he fared no better than any of the rest.

No less than 15 players tied for 8th place at 6-3. Of these, Jon Sjogren won 1st unrated, Carl Wieman, Robert Lundin and Roger Myers split the first 3 "B" awards, and the remaining 11 divided the "A", expert, and leftover place money. In the 5-4 score group 6 class "B" players split the \$85.00 4th "B" money, and five unrated players divided the \$200.00 in remaining unrated cash.

Zack Wester also finished at 5-4 to win the \$100.00 and trophy for 1st "C". The "C" competition was disappointing to the tournament organizers as with some \$250.00 in "C" money up for grabs, only 7 players with ratings below 1599 appeared to compete.

Eero Jaaska won the Snohomish County trophy and title, finishing 6-3. He was closely followed by John Kuehn (5.5-3.5) and by Lee Baldwin (5-4). Baldwin sported a 1250 NW rating coming into the tournament, but improved it quite a bit with wins over Marty Gray and Mike Schema.

The women's trophy was won by Judy DeGroot of Everett.

It took several rounds for your writer to indoctrinate the Californians to mandatory recording, but after about five rounds they too had adapted. Some didn't particularly like it and Jude Acers stated he felt it was illegal, (Edmondson as then President of USCF in 1966 gave us the go ahead to use it in USCF tournaments, provided it was announced ahead of time.)

Larry Evans defended board 1 successfully for the entire tournament, but board two seemed to have a jinx of sorts. Clark Harmon began the event on that board and was knocked off in the 2nd round. Pupols moved to the board next, but was immediately run off by Holmquist. Then Spiller took over and successfully defended for 2 rounds before moving up to board 1. In round 6 Harmon and Ganong played to a draw leaving Harmon to hold the board, but he lost to Amos in the next round. Amos then took on Pupols at that position and lost. Pupols finished the event with a successful defense against Zukoff.

Another tournament first that occurred at the event was the first double loss recorded by this director. It resulted when neither Dale Bjonson nor Stephen Christopher appeared for the continuation of their adjourned game.

There were two demonstration board, provided by the Marysville Jaycees, which gave the affair aura of a major chess tournament. About 30 chairs were set up facing these 2 boards which follow the games on board 1 & 2, they were generally full. The playing site (Marysville Community Center) was spacious, well-lit, and had a built-in noise cover ventilation system that kept the distraction from noise to a minimum.

The turnout was not quite as large as the organizers had hoped, but the event was still trued a success. The primary credit must go to Jerry Larkin for the fantastic promotional effort within the county. Snohomish county players numbered 30.

With 95 player turnout the financial loss was not as great as it might have been, so the Marysville Jaycees, and Jerry Larkin, have decided to run the event at least one more year. The dates will not be set until January 1969 when Strawberry Festival dates are established. The format will be altered some to attempt to attracted more class players; possibly two or three playing sections. Time control for the event was 45 moves in 2 hours. Tournament Director Buz Eddy was assisted by Jerry and Pat Larkin, Russell and Kathy Miller, plus a host of Jaycee volunteers.

Several players who are not WCF members are receiving this issue of Northwest Chess compliments of Marysville Jaycees.

And another major NW event becomes history!

Here is the crosstable for the 95-player event.

Player	Home	-1-	-2-	-3-	-4-	-5-	-6-	-7-	-8-	-9-	Score	Winners
1. Larry Evans	Santa Monica, Cal.	W66	W28	W32	W5	W9	W7	W11	W3	W6	9-0	1 st
2. Viktors Pupols	Seattle, Wash.	W38	W26	L8	D6	W36	W16	W43	W5	W10	7.5-1.5	2 nd
3. Richard Ganong	Yacbalte, Ore.	W65	W24	D6	W8	W18	D4	W9	L1	W11	7-2	1 st Expert
4. Clark Harmon	Milwaukie, Ore.	W44	D15	W41	W10	W23	D3	L5	W28	W12	7-2	3 rd
5. Brtoe Amos	Toronto, Canada	W71	W42	W47	L1	W28	W13	W4	L2	W18	7-2	
6. Chril Conrin	Seattle, Wash.	W77	W67	D3	D2	D17	W33	W26	W7	L1	6.5-2.5	
7. Arthur Spiller	Santa Monica, Cal.	W69	W17	W26	W11	W14	L1	D10	L6	W28	6.5-2.5	
8. Gary Holmquist	Bellingham, Wash.	W93	W46	W2	L3	W27	L11	D20	W35	D22	6.5-2.5	1 st A
9. Jude Acers	Baton Rouge, La.	W64	W29	W43	W15	L1	W19	L3	L18	W32	6-3	
10. Leon Zukoff	New York, N.Y.	W73	DB4	W48	L4	W50	W23	D7	W17	L2	6-3	
11. Dennis Fritzingier	Vacaville, Cal.	W63	W56	W31	L7	W57	W8	L1	W27	L3	6-3	
12. Max Burkett	San Francisco, Cal.	W74	D27	W33	D13	D24	D17	W29	W30	L4	6-3	
13. Stephen Strand	Centralia, Wash.	W76	W59	D23	D12	W30	L5	D25	W41	D20	6-3	
14. Arnold Dubow	Seattle, Wash.	W50	W21	D16	W42	L7	L43	D46	W39	W31	6-3	
15. Michael Schemm	Corvallis, Ore.	W39	D4	W54	L9	W21	D29	L30	W42	W28	6-3	
16. Carl Wieman	Corvallis, Ore.	W72	W30	D14	L23	W67	L2	D21	W36	W52	6-3	1 st B (tie)
17. Robert Lundin	Seattle, Wash.	W57	L7	W58	W60	D6	D12	W45	L10	W30	6-3	1 st B (tie)
18. Eero Jaaska	Marysville, Wash.	W81	D33	W53	D27	L3	W57	W47	W9	L5	6-3	Sno. Cty.
19. Jon Sjogren	Corvallis, Ore.	D48	D41	W44	W53	W25	L9	L28	W46	W29	6-3	1 st Unr
20. Michael Murray	Seattle, Wash.	W36	D53	L27	D31	W60	W51	D8	W58	W13	6-3	
21. Roger Myers	Seattle, Wash.	W79	L14	W49	D32	L15	W54	D16	W68	W27	6-3	1 st B (tie)
22. Jeff Fox	Mercer Island, Wash.	LF	W62	W66	W56	L29	D45	W72	D24	D6	6-3	
23. Viesturs Seglins	Seattle, Wash.	W61	W61	D13	W16	L4	L10	L24	W67	W41	5.5-3.5	
24. John F. Kuehn	Alderwood Manor, Wa.	W69	L3	W38	W59	D12	L26	W23	L22	W44	5.5-3.5	
25. Beldon Pearson	Seattle, Wash.	W85	L2	W61	W55	L19	W72	D13	W43	L7	5.5-3.5	
26. Alt Overas	Seattle, Wash.	W40	W66	L7	D67	W46	W24	L6	L31	W47	5.5-3.5	
27. Joe Brandenburg	Portland, Ore.	W95	D12	W20	D18	L8	W31	W36	L11	L21	5-4	
28. Pat Herbers	Spokane, Wash.	W90	L1	W64	W34	L5	W74	W19	L4	L15	5-4	
29. Barry Kraft	San Francisco, Cal.	W88	L9	D50	W63	W22	D15	L12	W51	L19	5-4	
30. Lee Baldwin	Marysville, Wash.	Bye	L16	W45	W51	L13	W42	W15	L12	L17	5-4	
31. Peter Wludyka	Seattle, Wash.	W89	D35	L11	D20	W58	L27	W55	W26	L14	5-4	
32. George LeCompte	Seattle, Wash.	W49	W46	L1	D21	L33	D56	W74	W38	L9	5-4	
33. Lewis Henry	Seattle, Wash.	W83	D18	L12	W48	W32	L6	L41	D37	W57	5-4	
34. Carl Enz	Lake Stevens, Wash.	W80	L43	W37	L28	L36	D44	W54	W70	D35	5-4	
35. Allan Pollard	San Francisco, Cal.	W75	D31	L55	W44	L2	W50	W67	L8	D34	5-4	
36. Zack Wester	Seattle, Wash.	L20	W87	L42	W82	W34	W39	L27	L16	W56	5-4	1 st C
37. Robert Sirard	Everett, Wash.	L59	W75	L34	W81	L42	D40	W48	D33	W58	5-4	
38. Owen Dvorshak	Portland, Ore.	L2	W90	L24	W73	L47	W81	W56	L32	W60	5-4	
39. Tony Campbell	Muncie, Ind.	L15	W52	W81	L54	W55	L36	W75	L14	W68	5-4	
40. Peter J. Olson	Seattle, Wash.	L26	L48	W85	L49	W62	D37	D61	W55	W64	5-4	
41. Ben Thurston	Seattle, Wash.	W65	D19	L4	L50	W68	W61	W33	L13	L23	4.5-4.5	
42. Martin Gray	Bellevue, Wash.	W70	L5	W36	L14	W37	L30	W49	L15	D46	4.5-4.5	
43. John Alexander	San Diego, Cal.	W91	W34	L9	D46	W54	W14	L2	L25	LF	4.5-4.5	
44. Stu Pearson	Winlock, Wash.	L4	W68	L19	L35	W83	D34	W63	W45	L24	4.5-4.5	
45. Jim Mulder	Seattle, Wash.	W84	L8	L30	W62	W52	D22	L17	L44	W69	4.5-4.5	
46. Mike Shank	Portland, Ore.	W87	L32	W73	D43	L26	W69	D14	L19	D42	4.5-4.5	
47. Lynan Johnston	Tacoma, Wash.	W62	W92	L5	L57	W38	W49	L18	D52	L26	4.5-4.5	
48. Dennis Schwaim	Cheney, Wash.	D19	W44	L10	L33	L69	W79	L37	W76	W67	4.5-4.5	

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49. Bill Ward	Tacoma, Wash.	L32	W89	L21	W44	W59	L47	L42	W61	D51	4.5-4.5	
50. Alan Dvorshak	Portland, Ore.	L14	W84	D29	W41	L10	L35	L68	W72	W70	4.5-4.5	
51. Waldo Summers	Washington, D.C.	W52	L23	W71	L30	W79	L20	W69	L29	D49	4.5-4.5	
52. John Meller	Everett, Wash.	L61	L39	W65	W77	L45	W64	W59	D47	L16	4.5-4.5	
53. Earl Knapp	Gig Harbor, Wash.	W60	D20	L18	L19	LF	L76	W84	W71	W73	4.5-4.5	
54. James E. Munro	Seahurst, Wash.	W82	D10	L15	W39	L43	L21	L34	D62	W79	4-5	
55. Russell W. Miller	Yakima, Wash.	L3	W88	W35	L25	L39	W63	L31	L44	W77	4-5	
56. Eino Moks	Seattle, Wash.	W58	L11	W63	L22	D61	D32	L38	W59	L36	4-5	
57. Richard Eitel	Everett, Wash.	L17	W69	W98	W47	L11	L18	L58	W78	L33	4-5	
58. Dennis Pederaon	Everett, Wash.	L56	W93	L17	W92	L31	W60	W57	L20	L37	4-5	
59. Robert Burns	Mercer Island, Wash.	W37	L13	W80	L24	L49	W77	L52	L56	W72	4-5	
60. Douglas O'Conner	Everett, Wash.	L53	W74	W82	L17	L20	L58	W87	W75	L38	4-5	
61. Forrest Dial	Tacoma, Wash.	L23	W70	L25	W89	D56	L41	D44	L49	W84	4-5	
62. Ronald Ball	Everett, Wash.	L47	L22	W86	L45	L44	D84	W85	D54	W78	4-5	
63. Ronald Norman	Seattle, Wash.	L11	W78	L56	L29	W89	L55	L44	W86	W76	4-5	
64. Steve Thomas	Kent, Wash.	L9	W83	L28	L72	W84	L52	W77	W74	L44	4-5	
65. R. Kent Hanson	Everett, Wash.	L41	L26	L52	L78	W91	D80	W66	D73	W74	4-5	
66. Stephen Christopher	Bothell, Wash.	L1	W72	L22	L75	W92	L71	L65	W88	W81	4-5	
67. Theodore Day	Seattle, Wash.	W78	L6	W76	D26	L16	W70	L35	L23	L48	4-5	
68. Steven Dykstra	Marysville, Wash.	L24	L44	W78	D79	L41	W82	W50	L21	L39	3.5-5.5	
69. William Gillette	Seattle, Wash.	L7	L57	D70	W76	W48	L46	L51	W80	L45	3.5-5.5	
70. Robert Holland	Seattle, Wash.	L42	L61	D69	W88	W73	L67	W76	L34	L50	3.5-5.5	
71. Dale BJornson	Bellingham, Wash.	L5	W79	L51	W80	L72	L66	D73	L53	W88	3.5-5.5	
72. Tex Barlett	Everett, Wash.	L16	L66	W87	W64	W71	L25	L22	L50	L59	3-6	
73. Gordon Ayars	Marysville, Wash.	L10	W85	L46	L38	L70	W83	D71	D65	L53	3-6	
74. Ward L. Smith	Puyallup, Wash.	L12	L60	W88	W83	W75	L28	L32	L64	L65	3-6	
75. Terry Andersen	Marysville, Wash.	L26	L37	W84	W66	L74	W78	L39	L60	L63	3-6	
76. Leon Badgley	Arlington, Wash.	L13	D82	L67	L69	W86	W53	L70	L48	D80	3-6	
77. George Brautlacht	Bothell, Wash.	L6	L81	Bye	L52	W80	L59	L64	W82	L55	3-6	
78. Barry Seltzer	Paine AFB, Wash.	L67	L63	L68	W65	W93	L75	W81	L57	L2	3-6	
79. Michael Langworthy	Bothell, Wash.	L21	L71	W93	D68	L51	L48	D82	W87	L54	3-6	
80. David W. Stubbs	Oak Harbor, Wash.	L34	W91	L59	L71	L77	D65	W86	L69	D76	3-6	
81. Joe Whalen	Seattle, Wash.	L18	W77	L39	L37	W87	L38	L78	W83	L66	3-6	
82. William Van Veldhouse	Everett, Wash.	L54	D76	L60	L36	W85	L68	D79	L77	W90	3-6	
83. J.D. Miller	Chelan, Wash.	L33	L64	W91	L74	L44	L73	W90	L81	W89	3-6	
84. Terry Miller	Everett, Wash.	L45	L50	L75	W91	L64	D62	L53	W85	L61	2.5-6.5	
85. Robert Findley	Marysville, Wash.	L25	L73	L40	D86	L82	W89	L62	L84	W87	2.5-6.5	
86. Lawrence Pulczlinski	Marysville, Wash.	LF	LF	L62	D85	L76	W90	L80	L63	W92	2.5-6.5	
87. Douglas Palms	Edmonds, Wash.	L46	L36	L72	W90	L81	W92	L60	L79	L85	2-7	
88. J. Brace Kennedy	Everett, Wash.	L29	L55	L74	L70	L90	W91	W92	L66	L71	2-7	
89. John Sholberg	Lake Stevens, Wash.	L31	L49	W90	L61	L63	L85	L91	W92	L83	2-7	
90. Judy DeGroot	Everett, Wash.	L28	L38	L89	L87	W88	L86	L83	W91	L82	2-7	Women's
91. Dave Anderson	Marysville, Wash.	L43	L80	L83	L84	L65	L88	W89	L90	Bye	2-7	
92. Myrnalee Faulkender	Marysville, Wash.	W94	L47	L57	L58	L66	L87	L88	L89	L86	1-8	
93. James D. White	Spokane, Wash.	L8	L58	L79	Bye	L78		LF			1-8	
94. Gregory Kern	Portland, Ore.	L92					LF				0-9	
95. Lore Lingenfelter	Everett, Wash.	L27					LF				0-9	