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Shorts are smart move in tourney

When the weather turns nippy and others are bundling up against the cold what do the Lincoln Chess Club members do?

Play chess in their shorts, of course. They pattern themselves after the Polar Bear Clubs of Minneapolis and Chicago, hardy groups of people who enjoy doing such crazies as swimming outside in the winter and running around in summer attire oblivious to the cold.

"They think it helps their health," said Gary Marks, vice president of the Lincoln Chess Club.

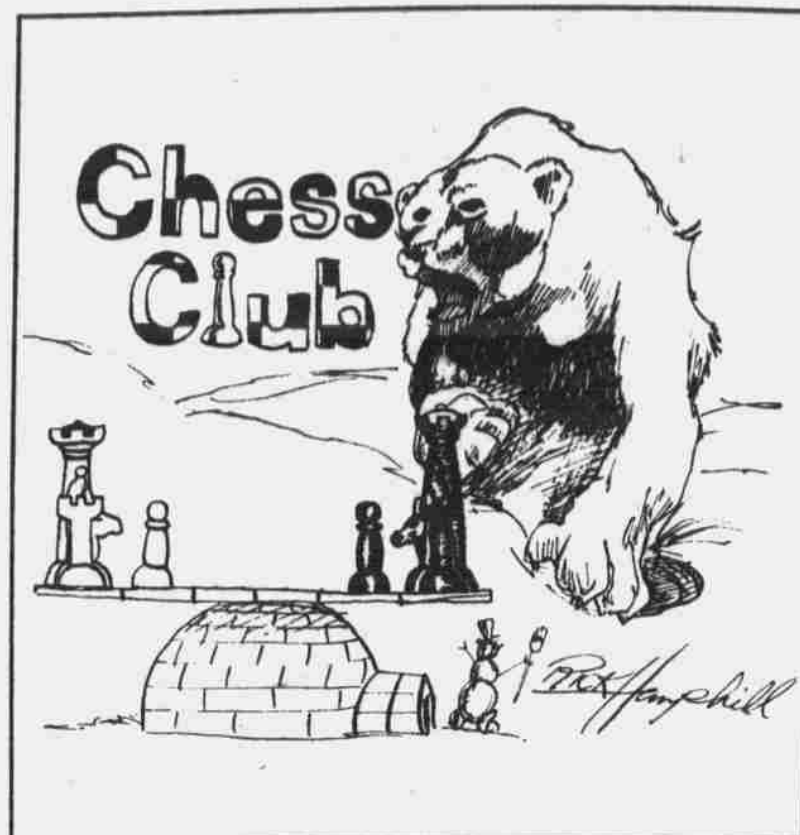
But the Lincoln Chess Club is not quite as hardy. It allowed its players in the Fourth Annual Polar Bear Chess Tournament to play indoors. Wearing shorts was optional, but wearing them reduced the entrance fee from \$5 to \$3.

"It's just something fun to do," Marks said. The Chess Club sponsors about 20 tournaments a year, he said. Most of these are between the Omaha and Lincoln clubs. Two other of the tournaments are "just for fun," he said. One is the "alternating moves" tournament, where players are not allowed to consult their partners, and the "rapid transit" tournament, a game played in five minutes.

Among the 47 entries in Saturday's tournament was Loren Schmidt, a UNL graduate student. Schmidt is the 1976 National Collegiate Chess Champion, Nebraska State Champ, Lincoln City Champ, and played on the Championship team at the Pam Am Collegiate Competition in 1976.

Schmidt also is one of 150 Masters in the U.S. according to the U.S. Chess Federation (USCF) rankings.

To play in one of the Lincoln Chess Club's tournaments, a USCF membership is required. These are \$12 a year and include a subscription to "Chess Life and Review." The fee for students under 17 is \$6.



Tournament players came from all over Nebraska and Kansas.

Winners with the highest scores in the 12 rankings won trophies with bears on top. The rankings included, Polar Bear Champion (highest scorer wearing shorts), 1st, 2nd and 3rd places, first B, C, D, E, first woman, first unrated player, and first under 1000.

The Polar Bear champion was Bruce Draney, UNL student. Schmidt placed second in the over all contest. He was beaten by Brett Martin, from Topeka, Kan.

Law students sit with professionals

Seven NU College of Law students have been chosen to sit on six Nebraska Bar Association (NBA) committees.

Student Bar Association President Pam Mattson said the decision to invite student representatives from NU and Creighton University will provide a link between student bar associations and the NBA.

"What this is," she said, "is a liaison between school bars and the practicing bar."

The seven students were chosen by the Law College's Continuing Legal Education and Bar Association committee after it passed a student proposal last year to allow students to serve as ex officio members of the NBA.

The NBA is the official organization of lawyers in

Nebraska. It sets guidelines for lawyers to follow.

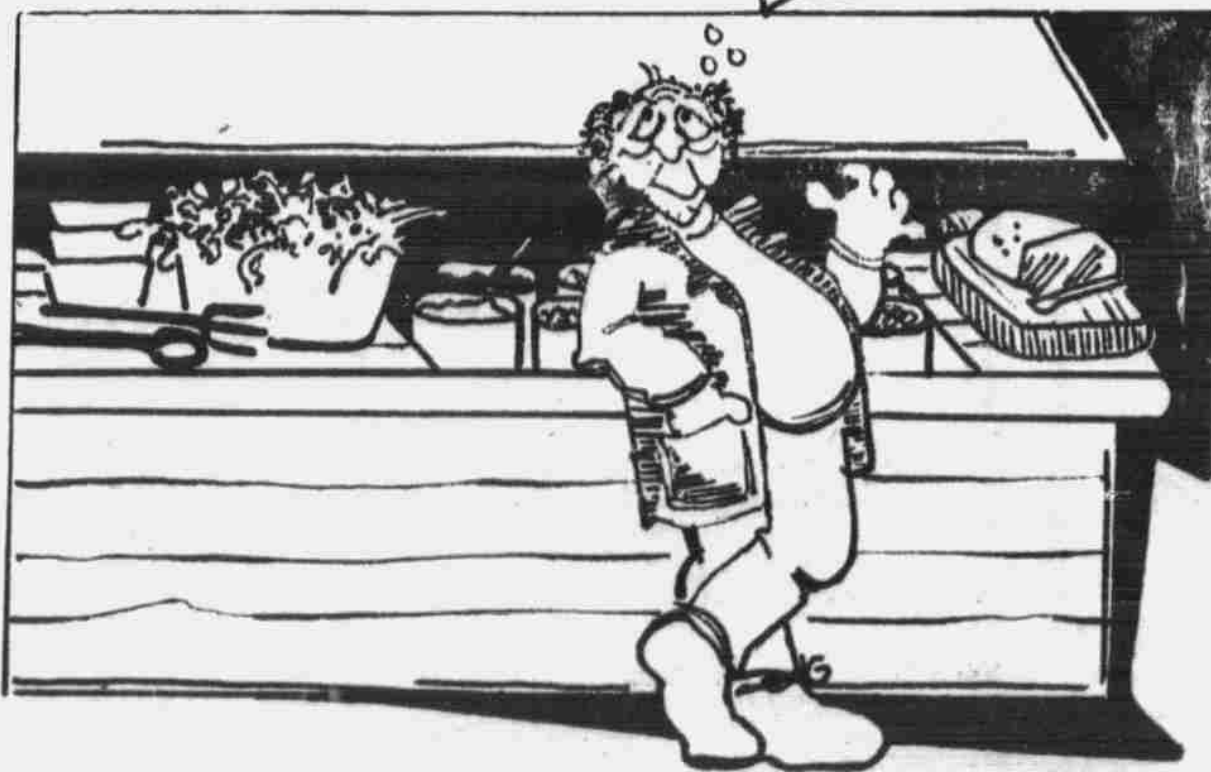
Chosen to sit on the committees until the end of the school year are Bill Cassel, Dave Huston, Pam Govier, Patti Schuett, Ruth Parvin, Tim Kielty and Jim Scherrets.

They will serve on the following committees: Legislation and Publication of the Law, Economics and Law Office Management, Ethics, Legal Services, Crime and Delinquency Prevention and Mental Health. Two students will serve on the Crime and Delinquency committee.

Six committee openings also have been made available to Creighton Law School students, but Mattson said she did not know how Creighton would fill its allocations.

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