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**The Passed Pawn  
CO Chess Informant Editor  
Randy Reynolds**

Greetings Chess  
Friends,

It's been 2 years since I took over the editorship of the Informant. Yay! Sorry, though, there's no cake or anything for the celebration.

I've received plenty of compliments about the work done during that time, and that's definitely kept me interested even in the face of all the work involved in getting an issue put together. That I thank all of you for.

Lately there has been shift in the state's chess demographics. Strong participation in the Colorado Springs club, as well as the outlying areas of Pueblo and even Durango, has made the Springs the current hub of chess activity, in my opinion. Unfortunately, someone like myself from Fort Collins can't hope to cover all the chess action from 150 miles away. So it has occurred to me that someone from that area might be able to better cover the chess scene.

I think it's also good to change positions periodically so you don't get too bogged down in one thing.

Thus, I am announcing my resignation of Colorado Chess Informant editor, effective as of the October 2008 issue. It's not something I take lightly; in fact, I wrote a whole list of pros and cons regarding the decision. But I think I'm ready to participate in other aspects of chess and put forth some serious effort to learn more about this great game.

There has already been a bit of interest already, but if you are interested in taking over this position, here is a list of qualifications that I think a good editor should have:

A qualified candidate for the editorship is knowledgeable in Microsoft Publisher and hopefully other Microsoft products like Excel and Word. They should have access to such software as well. They should have good attention to detail and are willing to proofread others' work. The qualified individual must be able to adhere to strict deadlines and has good discipline to persevere in the face of hardship. A good candidate will have people skills as well and is not afraid to solicit others for articles and games, knowing a good magazine cannot be written in a vacuum.

If you are interested in applying for this position, please let me or a CSCA Board member know. The transition is still many months away, but I'd love to have my potential replacement work on an issue or two with me to understand some of the intricacies involved. I think that's the best way to ensure a smooth transition.

Anyway, enough about me. This is an exciting issue with the winners of the State Scholastic Championships announced, a report from the Loveland Open (with games), and games from Paul Anderson, Matt Lasley, Tom Bourie, and Cory Foster. Plus, an exciting new tournament in May (see page 5) and a few thoughts since the death of Bobby Fischer.

Enjoy this issue! ♞



*RJR*

## Mailbag

I read your In-N-Out column in the January issue with a lot of interest. Your one-day "non-tournament" with longer time controls idea appeals to me a great deal.

With a wife, kids, and a job that sometimes requires weekend work I'm simply not making it to many two-day tournaments.

And, honestly, even if I do, the energy drain after five hard-fought games over the course of two days is usually more this old man really enjoys.

As it is, I get to the occasional Tuesday night rated game at the Denver Chess Club and sometimes get a long game in at Playchess.com. I would jump at the chance to play a couple of 90-minute rated games on a Saturday or Sunday once or twice a month.

At my level, I'm clearly not in for the money. The non-tournament idea with no prizes would be great for me. However, for those who would be encouraged to participate by prizes and tournament results, a possible refinement of your idea might be something like this: The first Saturday of each month, hold a 90-minute two game event. Two months=four games=one tournament. The Denver Chess Club does this over the course of a month of Tuesday nights. Something similar should be workable over the course of regularly scheduled one-day events.

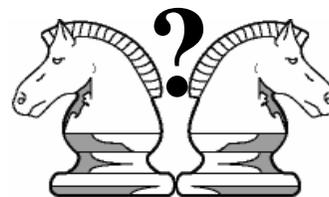
Either way, with or without prizes or rankings, I'd be much more likely attend weekend chess events if they were one-day and I'm sure there are other folks who would as well. Thanks very much for floating the idea.

Walter Schmidt



# Knight Moves

By CSCA President Joe Haines



As soon to be 40 year old man, I largely missed the key moments of the Bobby Fischer phenomenon. I was only four years old when he won the world championship and seven when he lost. I didn't start playing chess until five or six. I am still, however, undoubtedly connected with Bobby Fischer, just like every other chess player in the U.S. for the past 40-50 years.

Although I wasn't around for the "glory days" my father was. It was he who bought the chess books I read and he who encouraged me to play. It was also my high school teacher/coach who ran the chess club. He wasn't a very good player, but still felt the passion of seeing Fischer win 15 years earlier and wanted a new generation to understand some of that same passion. It continues today as we try to relive even a small fraction of that past glory of years ago and try to pass that passion on to the next generation.

Part of Fisher's greatness and tragedy was the passion he held for the game. It was this all-consuming passion that helped him down the path to darkness. Often, as Fischer inevitably went down his path, he would rail against governments and ethnicities and institutions that were all aligned against him. I think part of Bobby wanted to just be in the past, fifteen years old, sitting at a chess table playing an opponent and the only thing he had to worry about was what variation of the Sicilian he would play.

Often, I think we, as chess players, start walking down that same path that Fischer walked, not madness, but the urge to relive the past. Too many conversations start "I remember when..." or "All you need to do..." and end with

"If you only did...it would be so much better." I have caught myself having these conversations. Ultimately, though, that path only leads to disappointment and despair.

What we need to be doing is recognizing that chess has changed and we need to change with it. Holding on to a slowly slipping away past or begging for it to be back will not work. We need to understand that chess today is different then chess fifteen, ten, five-years ago.

We need to stop worrying about how to chess make chess like the past and instead worry about how to make chess better for the next generation. We need to recognize that in today's fast-paced, instant gratification society that we need to be more creative in how we present chess. We also need to recognize that chess will never have the same numbers of participants as years ago. There are just too many other things going on to compete on the same scale as before.

So the ultimate question is...How are we, the current stewards of chess, going to pass our legacy, our passion, on to the next generation? Shall we be a mentor that shares the passion and ultimate beauty of the game, or shall we be a player that only shares the ugliness and darkness?

Your comments and thoughts are always welcome at [joehaines@comcast.net](mailto:joehaines@comcast.net) or at (720) 339-7233.

Sincerely,

Joe Haines  
CSCA President

by Randy Reynolds

## State Scholastics Championships

Well, it's that time of year again -- when Tyler Hughes slices through the competition to win yet another trophy for his bedroom.. Er, wait, no... it's that time when kids from all around the state come together to play in the toughest scholastic event of the year -- CSCA's Scholastic Championships.

Over 300 students from Kindergarten through 12th grade made it out for this event, making it the largest scholastic championship in Colorado history.

I assisted Damian Nash in watching over the 7-9 and 10-12 sections. For these sections, chess is no longer a passing fad. Chess usually takes some precedence in their life. There aren't nearly as many questions over "Is this checkmate?" and you don't get to see nearly as many stalemates where one side has 3 queens and doesn't know what to do with them.

So maybe there's not as much to do, which is why they gave us two sections to watch over. But that's not to say I didn't have memorable experiences at the tournament. Here is likely my most memorable:

Round 2. Technical chaos has ensued. The printer has died and Lee Simmons and company is quickly trying to write out the pairings by hand. Think about doing this for 119 4th-6th graders, and you understand the magnitude of this task. After getting the K-3 and 4-6 sections started, they were writing up the rest of the sections. But Lee was supposed to be doing the commentary on the board 1's for this round.

So, since I didn't have anything to do until the upper section round 2's started, I decided to try my hand at commenting on top games. I figured it wouldn't be too bad as long as I was commentating on the younger games. And for Jackson Chen's game, I think I did pretty well. Since I'm

rated approximately the same as Jackson, all I have to do is ask myself what I'd play if I were him, and sure enough, it shows up on the transmitted computer screen a minute or so later.

The K-3 game, however, really threw me for a loop.

**W: Leo Bruell (1032)**

**B: Zoe Leroux (415)**

I came into this game a little late, so the first few moves were already made. But I'll mention a little something about them anyway.

1. e4 c5 Sicilian in a K-3 game.. rare...

2. Bc4 g6 3. Nf3 Bg7 4. Ng5 Well, OK, maybe this isn't like any Sicilian we've ever seen. In addition, Ng5 is awfully aggressive. Get the army out before pressing any attack.

4. ... e6 5. Nf3 And Leo has to beat a hasty retreat.

5. ... Ne7 6. Nc3 O-O 7. d3 Qa5 Zoe attacks the knight on c3 a second time.

8. Be3?? Counterattacks, but it now there's a dangerous pawn fork coming: 8. ... d5! 9. Bb3 d4!, winning a piece.

8. ... Nbc6?? missed the tactic, though

9. O-O Ne5?? 10. Nxe5 Bxe5 11. Bh6 Re8 The knight move was bad because it chases the fianchettoed bishop out of its best spot on the recapture. I think this is around where I started the commentary. These K-3 players are **quick!**

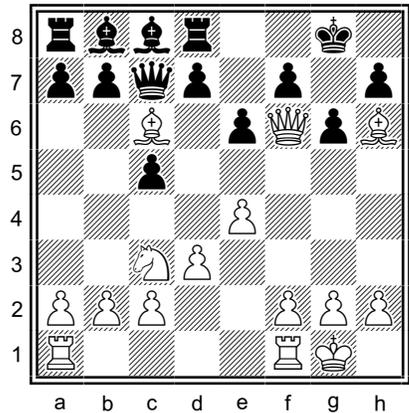
12. Qd2 Leo guards the knight a second time, but he's likely setting his sights on the gaping hole at g7.

12. ... Nc6 13. Qg5 Now for how to get rid of that pesky bishop on e5...

13. ... Rd8 14. Bb5 Bb8 And there goes the pesky bishop, without coercion? This actually a horrible mistake, as white will

be up a piece after defending.. But...

15. Bxc6! Qc7! 16. Qf6?? (Diagram) Around this time, and even before there queen moved to f6, I told everyone about the impending doom coming on g7. Even Qe5 would not save the day, for there was Qxd8# coming. After Qf6, I told everyone to get ready for the fireworks. All eyes stood transfixed on g7. And I was still right... well, about the fireworks!



Quick, who's gonna win?  
"Get ready for the fireworks!"

16. ... Qxh2#! 0-1

After I picked my jaw up off the floor, I meekly said, "Well, yeah, I guess there's always **that...**" Then I added, "In my defense, I **did** say there would be fireworks, right?"

An amazing victory for Zoe that neither I nor anyone else in that commentary room, nor most importantly Leo himself, saw. We were all very shocked to see this killer comeback for black, as the supporting bishop was just tucked away on move 14, looking perfectly innocent.

Technically, the threat (if seen) could have been easily parried with 16. e5, and now after 16. ... f6 17. Qxf6 dxc6 18. Ne4 and black is so tied down to defense there's little that even can be done, even if there are no immediate threats.

Want to see more games? Curious about who won each section? Check out pages 6-8!

by Joe Fromme

# The Legend -- Memorialized!

A tribute to the greatest  
chess player of all time



**H**e was handsome, wealthy, and famous. Yet quite frankly, to admire a man like that is too easy. He was also the greatest World Chess Champion who ever lived...

So yeah, I admired him. Life is unpredictable. The specter of death is always with us. Had I journeyed to Iceland sooner, could a bribe have produced a meeting? Absolutely; the window of opportunity was there a long time and I blew it. Death did not cheat me. I cheated myself.

I have personally viewed the dubious modern fad of artificially extending life and am not impressed. Bobby Fischer not only amazed me with his life but he made me proud with his posture regarding death. As an honorable man, he stood up and delivered.

Seeds mixing with soil, water, and sunshine create life, and I call this magic. The Native Americans call it, "a part of the Great Spirit". At Reykjavik, Iceland in 1972, Bobby created magic.

He pushed aside the grandmasters of a world super power. He outmaneuvered the apathy of another super power, and then proceeded to unleash his brilliant genius. Nobody, and I mean nobody, does that anymore. Oh, and by the way, he is the one and only American World Chess Champion. According to Garry Kasparov, Bobby Fischer is the "father of modern professional chess".

Were it not for his magic, thousands of tournaments here in the United States and world wide, would never have taken place.

We will do well to remember!

Joe Fromme wishes to invite all players to the Bobby Fischer Memorial tournament to properly remember Fischer's chess legacy.

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# Games from the Colorado Scholastic Championships

**W: Bryant So (974)**

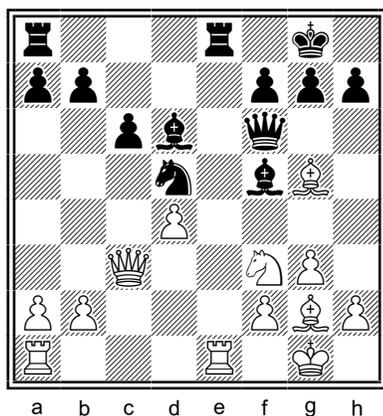
**B: Andrew Richardson (787)**

Round 5, Feb. 17th, 2008, K-3 Section  
 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 e5  
 5.Qe2 f6 6.Nf3 Bb4 7.Bd2 Nc6 8.a3 Nge7  
 9.dxe5 fxe5 10.0-0 Bf5 11.Re1??  
 [Now, axb4 does work, though white's king is feeling a little squeezed after Qa1+ Nb1] Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Qa4 13.Nxe5 Nxe5  
 14.Bxe5 0-0-0 15.Qc4 Qxc2+ 16.Qxc2 Bxc2 17.Kxc2 Nc6 18.Bxg7 Rhg8 19.Bc3 Nd4+ 20.Kc1 c5 21.Bc4 a6 [Feels like something went wrong with the moves here... I can't imagine a game like this missing the obvious Bxg8, K-3 game or not] 22.Be6+ Kc7 23.Rd1 1-0 [Bryant eventually was co-champion for K-3]

**W: Alex Chen (1453)**

**B: Ben Reilly (1767)**

Round 6, Feb. 17th, 2008, 7-9 Section  
 1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7  
 5.g3 c6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg2 Bd6 8.0-0 0-0  
 9.Qc2 Re8 10.Re1 Nb6 11.e4 dxe4  
 12.Nxe4 Bf5 13.Nxf6+ Qxf6 14.Qc3 Nd5  
 15.Bg5? (Diagram)

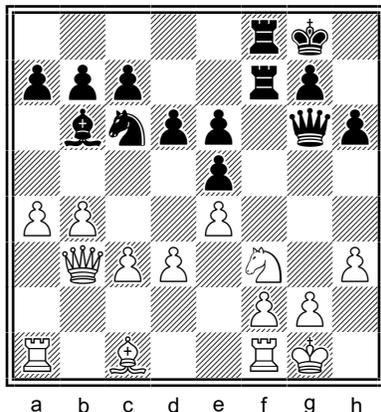


15. ... Nxc3 16.Rxe8+ Rxe8 17.Bxf6 Ne2+  
 18.Kh1 gxf6 19.Rd1 Bg4 20.a3 Bc7 21.h3  
 Bxf3 22.Bxf3 Bb6 23.d5 Nd4 24.Bg2 Re2  
 25.dxc6 Nxc6 26.Rd7 Nd8 27.b3 0-1 [Ben eventually was co-champion for 7-9]

**W: Alex Li (1277)**

**B: Jackson Chen (1672)**

Round 5, Feb. 17th, 2008, 4-6 Section  
 [Jackson starts with a powerful attack against the f pawn and never relents.] 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 0-0 8.Nd5 Be6 9.Nxf6+ Qxf6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3 Rf7 12.b4 Bb6 13.Qb3 Raf8 14.a4 Qg6! (Diagram)

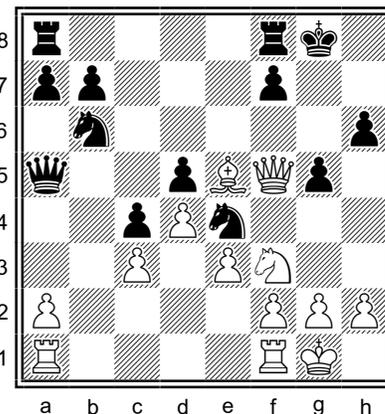


15.Nh4 [Oddly enough, the loose knight has nowhere better to go, thanks to the powerful attack on f2.] Qg3 16.Nf3 Rxf3  
 17.Qxe6+ R3f7 18.Ra2 Kh7 19.a5 Rxf2  
 20.Raxf2 Rxf2 21.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 22.Kh2  
 Qg1+ 23.Kg3 Qxc1 24.Qf5+ Kg8  
 25.Qc8+ Kf7 26.Qf5+ Ke7 27.axb6 cxb6  
 28.Qc8 Qf4# 0-1 [Jackson eventually was co-champion for 4-6]

**W: Ben Reilly (1767)**

**B: Robert Herbst (1316)**

Round 4, Feb. 16th, 2008  
 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4  
 5.Qc2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.e3 Nbd7 8.cxd5  
 exd5 9.Bd3 Qa5 10.0-0 h6 11.Bh4 c4  
 12.Bf5 Bxc3 13.bxc3 g5? [Black's king: "Do you feel a draft in here or is it just me?"] 14.Bg3 Nb6 15.Be5 Bxf5 16.Qxf5 Ne4 (Diagram)



17.Nd2! [Black's misplaced pieces allow White to sacrifice much to gain the mating attack on g7.] f6 18.Nxe4 fxe5 19.Qg6+ Kh8 20.Qxh6+ Kg8 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Nxg5 Rf7 23.Nxf7# 1-0



Scholastic chess players check their pairings at the 2008 Scholastic Championships. Photo taken by Jaime Thomas Aguilar

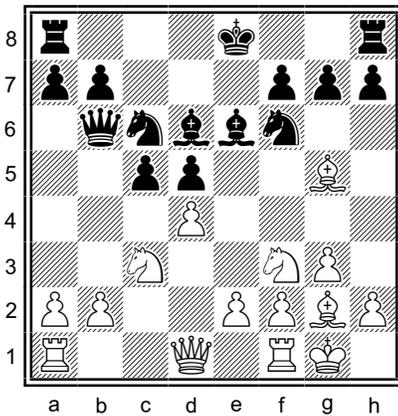
# Tyler Hughes Repeats as 10-12 Champion and Den- ker Representative

**W: Tyler Hughes (2235)**

**B: Corey Fineman (1351)**

Round 2, Feb. 16, 2008

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. g3 Nf6 7. Bg2 Be6 8. O-O Bd6 9. Bg5 Qb6? (Diagram)



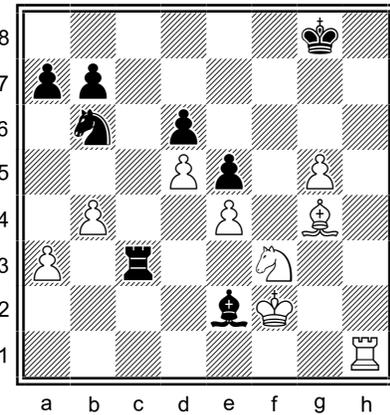
10. dxc5 Bxc5 11. Bxf6 gxf6 12. Nxd5 Bxd5 13. Qxd5 Rd8 14. Qe4+ Be7 15. b3 Nd4 16. Nxd4 Rxd4 17. Qf5 Qe6 18. Qb5+ Qd7 19. Qxd7+ Rxd7 20. Rfd1 Rc7 21. Rac1 Rxc1 22. Rxc1 O-O 23. Rc7 Re8 24. Bd5 Kf8 25. Rxb7 Rd8 26. Bc4 Ke8 1-0

**W: Tyler Hughes (2235)**

**B: Garrick Talmage (1700)**

Round 4, Feb. 16, 2008

[Tyler goes down the exchange to avoid encroachment of a 6th rank knight, but fights back. One of my favorites -Ed.] 1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. d5 Na6 8. Nd2 Ne8 9. O-O f5 10. a3 Nf6 11. b4 f4 12. Nb3 g5 13. f3 h5 14. c5 Rf7 15. Na5 Nb8 16. Nc4 Bf8 17. cxd6 cxd6 18. g4 hxg4 19. fxg4 Rh7 20. Kg2 Qd7 21. h3 Nh5! 22. Rf3 Ng3! 23. Rxg3 fxg3 24. Bxg5 Qg7 25. Qd2 Nd7 26. Rf1 Be7 27. Bxe7 Qxe7 28. Ne3 Qh4 29. Rh1 Qg5 30. Nc4 Qxd2 31. Nxd2 Nb6 32. Nb5 Rh6 33. Kxg3 Bd7 34. g5 Rg6 35. h4 Rc8 36. Bh5! Rxg5+! 37. hxg5 Bxb5 38. Bg4 Rc3+ 39. Nf3 Be2 40. Kf2 (Diagram) Bd3? [Bxf3!] 41. Bf5 Rxa3? 42. g6 Nxd5 43. Be6+! Kg7



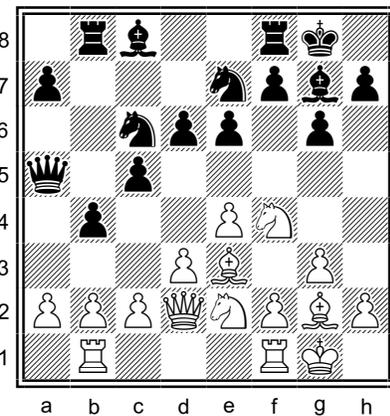
44. Bxd5 Kxg6 45. Bxb7 Rb3 46. Rd1 Kf6 47. Bd5 Rb2+ 48. Kg3 Bb5 49. Rh1 Rxb4 50. Rh6+ Ke7 51. Rh7+ Kd8 52. Rxa7 Bd3 53. Ng5 Bc4 54. Nf7+ Kc8 55. Nxd6+ Kd8 56. Nxc4 Rb3+ 57. Kg4 Rb1 58. Kf5 Rh1 59. Kxe5 Rh6 60. Ra8+ Ke7 61. Ra7+ Kd8 62. Na5 Rh5+ 63. Kd4 Rh6 64. Nc6+ Ke8 65. Re7+ Kf8 66. Re6 Rh7 67. e5 Rd7 68. Kc5 Rh7 69. Rf6+ Ke8 70. Be4 Rg7 71. Bg6+ Kd7 72. Rf7+ Rxf7 73. Bxf7 Kc7 74. e6 Kc8 75. e7 Kd7 1-0

**W: Richard Herbst (1982)**

**B: Tyler Hughes (2235)**

Round 5, Feb. 17, 2008

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. g3 Nc6 4. Bg2 g6 5. d3 Bg7 6. Nh3 d6 7. O-O Nge7 8. Nf4 Rb8 9. Be3 b5 10. Qd2 O-O 11. Rab1 b4 12. Nce2 Qa5 (Diagram)



13. d4?? cxd4 14. Bxd4 e5! 15. Be3 exf4 16. Bxf4 Ba6 17. Rfe1 Bxe2 18. Qxe2 Rfd8 19. Red1 Qxa2 20. Ra1 Qxb2 21. Bg5 Qe5 22. Bf4 Qb5 23. Qxb5 Rxb5 24. Ra6 Rb6 25. Ra4 a5 26. Be3 Rbb8 27. Bg5 Bc3 28. e5 dxe5 29. Rxd8+ Rxd8 30. Bxc6 Rd1+ 31. Kg2 Nxc6 32. Kf3 f5 33. Ke2 Ra1 34. Rxa1 Bxa1 35. Kd3 Bc3 36. Kc4 a4 37. Bc1 a3 38. Kb3 Nd4+ 39. Ka2 Ne2 40. Be3 f4 41. gxf4 exf4 0-1



Master Tyler Hughes plans his next move against Garrick Talmage. Photo by Randy Reynolds.

# 7th Grader Top Female in 10-12 Section, Will Represent Colorado at Polgar

**A**lexa Lasley at first appeared to be just a minor threat to winning a trophy in the 10-12 section. After all, as only a 7th grader, how much damage could she really cause?

But those Colorado Springs players more familiar with her play knew better and secretly hoped they wouldn't get paired against her.

Alexa took the 10-12 section by storm, grabbing 3.5/6 points and finishing 19th. But more important, she finished as the top female performer in that section and will represent Colorado at the National Susan Polgar tournament for girls this summer.

Let's take a look at one of her games. This probably wasn't the most difficult win for her, as she gets a piece up off of a bad sacrifice by her opponent. But the beauty of the game comes around moves 35-37, where she demonstrates trapping to tactical perfection.

It will be exciting to see how Alexa does this summer at the National Polgar event.

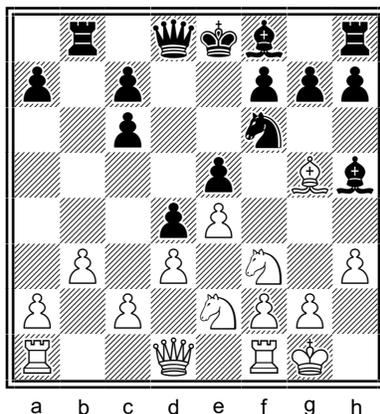
**W: Alexa Lasley (1150)**

**B: Xu Zhou (unr.)**

Round 3, Feb. 16, 2008  
annotated by Randy Reynolds

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.0-0 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.d3 Rb8 9.b3 d5 10.Bg5 d4 11.Ne2? (Diagram) I kind of like Na4 to avoid ripping open the kingside pawn structure.. Fritz likes g4, but that seems to chew up the kingside too. [11.g4 Bg6 (11...dxc3 12.gxh5 Qd6 13.Qe1 Nxb5 14.Qxc3) 12.Nxe5 dxc3 13.Nxc6!]

11...Bxf3 12.gxf3 Be7 13.f4 exf4 14.Nxf4 Nxe4?? Whoops... Black tries to get clever in releasing the pin but doesn't have a tempo move with his knight to get it out of danger.



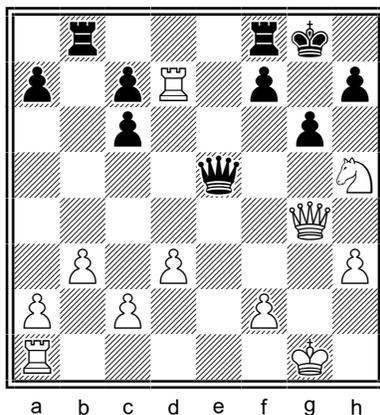
15.Bxe7 Qxe7 Maybe Black is trying for Qg5+ here to snag the loose knight, but there are too many ways to save both king and knight (Ng2, Qg4)

16.Re1! Surprisingly just as good as the obvious dxe4.

16...0-0 17.Rxe4 Qg5+ 18.Qg4 Qd8 Loss of tempo

19.Nh5 g6 20.Rxd4 Qe7 21.Rd7 If the rook weren't defended by the queen, it would make a nice trap because of the potential knight fork at f6.

21...Qe5! (Diagram) A good fork by Black.

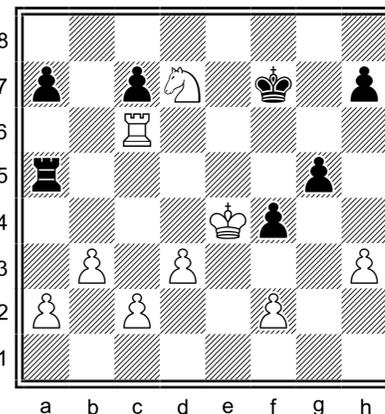


22.Rd1 f5?? But forgets to pick up the prize with Qxh5.

23.Qg5 Rf7 24.Rd8+?? The player with the attack should NOT seek to trade pieces (even with the extra knight).

24...Rf8?? [24...Rxd8 25.Qxd8+ Rf8 26.Qg5 Qe2 And there's that crazy fork (see move 21) against the very same two pieces to get Black back into the game!]

25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Qf6 Qxf6 27.Nxf6+ Kg7 28.Nd7 Rb5 29.Re1 f4 30.Kg2 Rg5+ 31.Kf3 Rf5 32.Re6 Kf7 33.Rxc6 g5 34.Ke4 Ra5 (Diagram) Black's rook should be feeling a little claustrophobic right about now.



35.a4 h5 36.Ne5+ Kg7 37.Nc4! A clinic in trapping.

37...Rxa4 38.bxa4 g4 39.Kxf4 gxh3 40.Kg3 And black resigns. 1-0



7th grader Alexa Lasley studies the board in her 6th round game at Scholastic Championships. Photo by Jaime Thomas Aguilar.

by NM Todd Bardwick

# Always Be Careful Grabbing Pawns

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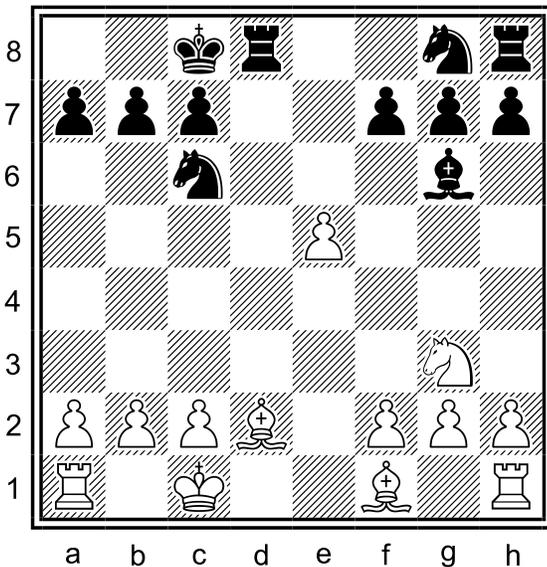
When we think of pawn grabbing, what normally comes to mind is the queen rushing out quickly into the opponent's territory, grabbing a pawn, and quickly running away. There is a risk that the queen could be trapped; but if things go well for her, she steals the pawn quickly and escapes with her life, hopefully without losing too much time.

But what about positions where you have more active pieces and have worked hard to gang up on a pawn and finally have the opportunity to capture it?

You still have to be careful that your opponent hasn't laid a trap for you. Always be suspicious when your opponent shows generosity in offering material, even if it seems he has no choice but to give it to you.

Consider this position from the 2004 Southern Colorado Open.

Brian Wall (2218)



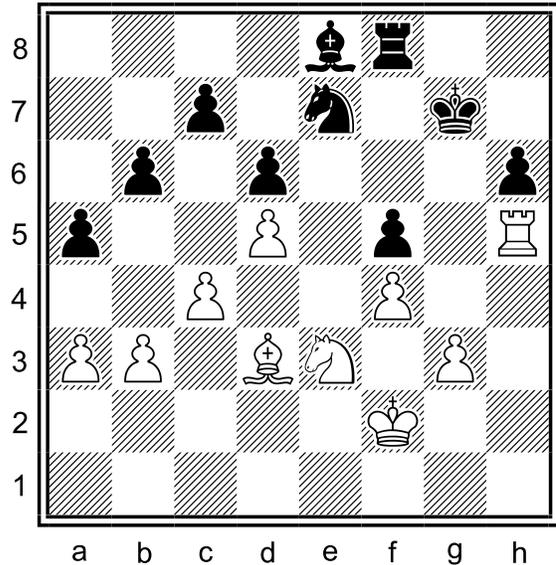
Andy Rea (2063)  
Position after 11.Kc1

Black has better development and appears to be in a position to recapture his sacrificed material and take the pawn on e5, while also advancing his knight forwards. Not even suspecting that White has laid a trap for him by quietly breaking the pin with

11.Kc1, Black captures the pawn with 11...Nxe5?? 12.f4! Oh no, that wasn't supposed to happen! White gains a tempo by attacking the knight, leaving the bishop with nowhere to go. 12...Ng4 13.f5 trapping the bishop and easily winning the game.

Here is a position from Portoroz in 1958 between two of history's greatest champions.

Fischer



Petrosian  
Position after 31...Be8

Petrosian has been maneuvering his pieces and pressed his advantage to finally gang up on the weak f5 pawn, where he has three attackers against two defenders. It appears he is ready to win the pawn.

But instead of taking the pawn, Petrosian retreated the rook by playing 32.Rh2. Why wouldn't he just take the pawn? He took his time and carefully avoided a trap. He noticed that after 32.Nxf5+ Nxf5 33.Rxf5 Rh8! his rook was trapped! Black could then play 34...Bg6 winning the exchange.

If White instead plays 32.Rxf5, then Black can still respond 32...Rh8! and again trap the rook. After 32.Rxf5, if Black were to play 32...Nxf5, White would play 33.Nxf5+ and if Black plays either 33...Kg6 or 33...Kh7 to defend the h7 pawn, White will win an additional pawn with the discovered check, 34.Nxd6+.

The game eventually ended in a draw.

The moral of the story is that even in positions where you have more active pieces and are the aggressor, you still need to be careful when winning pawns that appear to be within your grasp. Traps can exist in any chess position!

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## A Game from Matt Lasley

This is a game I recently played against Jeff Wilkins which shows a wealth of missed tactical opportunities:

**W: Matt Lasley**  
**B: Jeff Wilkins**

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Nc3 g6 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. Be3 O-O 6. Qd2 Ng4 7. O-O-O Eric Barkmeyer gave me a nice "ooooh" when I castled Queenside against him. Jeff is not so easily impressed, and promptly equalizes with the Fritz-ian choice.

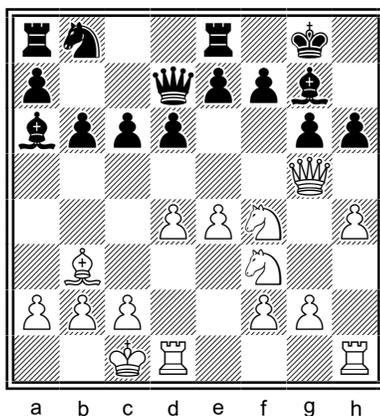
7. ... Nxe3 8. Qxe3 b6 9. Bc4 Ba6 Wisdom (and Fritz) doesn't like this move since the exchange puts Black's Knight on the rim, but... I liked my light bishop.

10. Bb3 Qe8 For some reason I felt happy to see the Queen merely nudge over a file.

11. Nd5 Qd7 and back over a bit

12. Qg5 12. e5 is best, and taking the pawn is nasty: 12. e5 dxe5 13. dxe5! and the discovery with check is looming.

12. ... Re8 13. h4 Clocks come on with 15 each. e5 still looks good here. I see the fork, but seems I didn't see the discovery. This allows the double attack at e2 that I saw later, but not at this time.



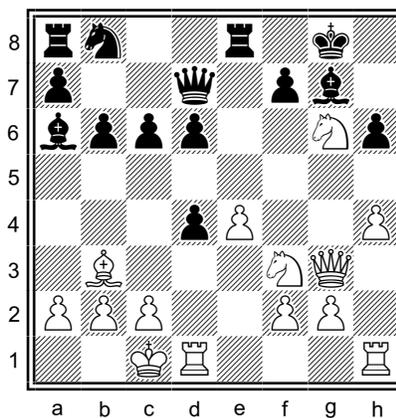
13. ... c6 14. Nf4 h6?? (Diagram) In the discussion following the game, I totally agreed with Jeff that this was a saving move because h5 let me do some other thing. For the life of me, I can't figure out what this now prevents that I was contemplating for h5! But this is certainly an error, allowing the attack starting with the ever-popular f7 pawn...

15. Qg3?? Running away like a little girl... hmm, my little girls are actually quite tough, so running away like a wimpy almost 40-year-old, I guess. At least Black has a narrow path, as e6 is the only move here... (15. Bxf7+!! Kxf7 16. Qxg6+ Kf8 17. Ne6+ And he has to give me the Queen on e6 or die on g7! Not finding this makes me feel like a domesticated lion that knows the smell of blood but can't remember why it's important.)

15. ... e5? presenting another opportunity I cannot see.

16. Nxe6 (16. dxe5! d5 (Bxe5 seems most natural to me, but it's severely deadly: 16. ... Bxe5?? 17. Nxe5 Rxe5 18. Nxe6 Rxe4? 19. Ne5+ Kh7 20. Nxd7 is sweet. ) 17. exd5 Qf5 18. d6)

16. ... exd4 (Diagram) 17. Nxd4? precisely wrong, and I let him back in, though I still have the advantage. (17. Rxd4! Why can't I see this stuff?! I love this idea on the kingside... effectively the bishop is pinned, because if it moves, it allows a powerful discovery. How's that for incorporating multiple themes in a single position for all you teachers out there?)



17. ... Rxe4 18. Qf3 I knew after game this was key mistake. Disarming my whole position and dropping the piece. Ugh. Yet, computer still likes white. (18. Rhe1 {keeping the tactical wonders alive is best, and bringing a rook to the center can't be bad! The Knight is actually safe.} Rxe1 19. Rxe1 Kh7 20. Ne7 {I'm not sure I could find this move.} Qe8 {seems crazy to pin oneself, but the f7 pawn is the only thing preventing the mate on g6} 21. Qf3 {Oh, sure... now Qf3 is okay.} Be5 22. Rxe5 {another tough one for me to find, but Fritz likes this a rook better than Qf5+} dxe5 {And now Fritz 6 can see the mate in 12.} 23. Qf5+ Kg7 24. Qxe5+ Kh7 25. Qe4+ Kg7 26. Ndf5+ Kh7 27. Nd6+ Kh8 28. Qe5+ f6 29. Qxf6+ Kh7 30. Nxe8 {so many ways to mate. Very nice, and a reminder why I need to study tactics, but it was enough for me to just see that releasing the discovery-pin was just wrong.} )

18. ... Rxd4 19. Rxd4 (I'm down a bishop, keep my rook and take the file.) 19. Rde1 d5 (That Light squared bishop has really proven its worth, and now the Black counterpart finally moves a 2nd time to force it off the board.) 19. ... Bc4 20. Bxc4 Rxc4 21. Re7 {A very narrow path, with alternatives being much much worse for White, basically conceding the missing bishop.} ) 20. Re7 Qxe7 {to think this is necessary means good things happening.} )

19. ... Bxd4 20. Qe4?? and now, finally, I have totally blown it, giving the attack over and the piece. (20. Re1 is still the only move to keep things rolling: d5 {Blocking that bishop out.} 21. Re7 {the queen will die, or other nasty things.} )

20. ... Bg7 21. Re1 d5 6 minutes for me, 7 minutes for him, and he offered the draw and reminded me I'm a piece down. I put the half point in my shirt pocket and looked for a forced mate. With less than 2 minutes left, I took the draw, and was glad for it. So, a great position to be in, but failing to find some awesome stuff, and happy to have the draw when it fizzled. Notice how immobile the queenside was. The knight and rook blocked in by their own pieces. A really fun game to review.} 22. Ne7+ Kh8 23. Qf3 Qd6 24. Qxf7 Nd7 25. Qxg7+ Kxg7 26. Nf5+ Kh8 27. Nxd6 1/2-1/2

## Queen's Revenge: Another Matt Lasley Game



In a recent [October 2007] Informant, my daughter's upset over Anthea Carson was narrated by Brian Wall with quotations from Snow White. When that game began, I told Alexa, "I've almost beaten her 5 times, so I know you can beat her!"

That's my running joke, as my count is now up to 6 "almost" wins of 8 games, and I've still not beaten Anthea. This was my (blown) victory over Anthea.

**W: Anthea Carson**

**B: Matt Lasley**

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. d4 Bg4 4. f3 Bf5 5. Bb5+ Nbd7 6. g4 I think book is c4, as Josh Bloomer pointed out between the rounds. Fritz 6 actually prefers this over book by a bit.

6. ... Bg6 7. h4 h6 8. c4 So, more advanced pawns on the king side, but here's c4 after all.

8. ... Rc8 Josh also pointed out the kick with a6 is normal (and Fritz agrees). This was my opening choice, but I'm already aimless, which is more evidence for the accuracy of my rating.

9. Bf4 c6 10. dxc6 bxc6 11. Ba6?? {I was feeling pretty cramped, but this blunder, and the fact I can see it, makes me very happy. Ba6 is the only spot.}

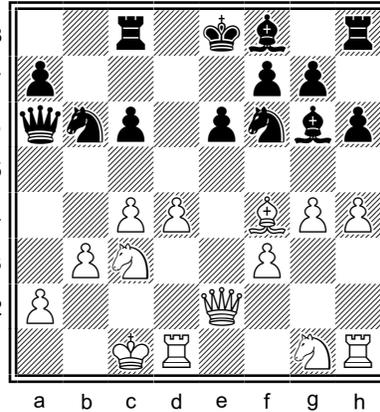
11. ... Qa5+ Anthea later said she read this was one of the most-often missed checks in chess.

12. Nc3 Qxa6 Yum!

13. Qe2 Nb6 14. b3 e6 I'm still trying to free myself with these last couple of moves and get some of that book-learned development going.

15. O-O-O? (Diagram) Wow. Look at those advanced pawns. I was shocked she put her King on c1 with O-O-O, and thought simply putting the Rook on d1 was the point. Fritz hates this as well, preferring 15. Qe3 to make room for 16. Nge2 when 15...Bb4 comes.

15. ... Qa3+ (Fritz likes 15. ... Qa5 better. I'm sure I gave it not a single thought. The suggested response is Rd3, allowing Bxd3, so this is a huge flag that something is up. The 2nd choice of Kd2 is close to what she did, so 16. Kd2 (16. Rd3 Bxd3 17. Qxd3 {I suppose this does make sense, that the exchange is better than dropping the entire piece, but I find this hard on my human head.}))



16. Kd2 Fritz likes Qb2 here, preserving the Knight.

16. ... Bb4 17. Ke1 Bxc3+ Two free moves, and another free piece and the King is back where he started. I'm starting to get giddy.

18. Kf1 Rd8 I'm ready to gang up on pieces and/or trade like a maniac.

19. d5 cxd5 20. Nh3 Ke7? Don't ask. I really thought castling would be dangerous given the Qs still on the board, the advanced pawns and her dark Bishop. Still, my King's comfort is tested by this move.

21. g5 Nh5 Again, fearing the pawn breaking stuff, and seeking trades. Fritz likes it too.

22. Bc1? Again, another gift. The euphoria will cloud my judgment soon. This move abandons guard over the g3 square, where my a5 knight gets a family fork.

22. ... Qxc1 23. Rg1?? Now, fork or not, Fritz actually prefers the trade, taking the Queen, and getting the Knight back for the bishop, so Bc1 wasn't quite as terrible as it looked (I revoked a 2nd "?").

23. ... Qb2 offering the trade, but I start to lose my way soon. Though one maxim is to avoid

trades when behind, here, getting the attackers off the board is a better idea for White. By now, I'm trying to think of just exactly what victory dance I'm going to perform after this slaughter.

24. Qe3 Bc2 This seemed greedy as soon as I did it. I find d4 later, but here it is great too, solving a problem before it starts.

25. Rg2 Okay, key moment. I'm soooo ready to trade down, but just remain too dang greedy.

25. ... d4 This seemed to reduce my problems, and I still like it. (25. ... Bxd1 26. Rxb2 Bxb2 27. Qd2 {and this move, losing another Bishop, is what made me shy from the exchange, even though QB vs RR still leaves me very much up. Also, checking on e2 would offer another opportunity at that same fork} ) (25. ... Ng3+ {Another move I would never think about from Fritz6. Forcefully brining another piece into action.} 26. Kg1 Nf5 {Now attacking the Queen to get closer, though pushing d4 is about the same or better.})

26. Qe5 Qxa2 No! I could now exchange and not have the bishop worry any more! Funny that I hated this move after played, and now Fritz likes it best. Certainly better than my suggested line of taking the rook now by about 2 paws. What am I even saying?!? I'm CRUSHING white!?! Why is this a lost-game review? Josh was saying "you lost this?". (26. ... Bxd1 27. Rxb2 Bxb2 {It appears I escape now with 2 rooks for the Q.})

27. Qc7+ Rd7 28. Qc5+ Rd6 29. Qc7+ Nd7 30. e5 I'm feeling really messed up now. Why I didn't just back off and pocket my winnings with Qa6+... I don't know.

30. ... Bd3+ End of notation

Okay, things go horribly wrong from here on out. Fritz's evaluation has cut my lead in half with this move. I lose the Bishop, the Queen, and I get stuck with my own pieces blocking my King, and I lose. It was a move or two later when my Q falls where I stand up, and seriously contemplate running screaming from the building through the nearest fire exit. Yet, just moments before, I was ready to do cartwheels across the floor with my first win over Anthea. So, of the "almost wins" over her, this is the almost-est. Yuck. (30. ... Qa6+ 31. Kg1 Rc6 {lovely} ) 1-0



# Loveland Open

Feb. 9th-10th, 2008 TD: Randy Reynolds

## Open Section

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1	Frank A Deming	10267811	1755	1816	W4	W2	W5	W7	4.0
2	George W Voorhis	10406013	1900	1901	W3	L1	W8	W4	3.0
3	Ted K Doykos	12724380	1688	1689	L2	L4	W6	W8	2.0
4	Anthea J Carson	12614322	1673	1688	L1	W3	W7	L2	2.0
5	Jackson Chen	13383565	1672	1679	W7	D8	L1	H---	2.0
6	Dean W Brown	10224098	1504	1496	D8	L7	L3	B---	1.5
7	Timothy E Brennan	12718954	1739	1706	L5	W6	L4	L1	1.0
8	Andrew Pineda	12599124	1710	1682	D6	D5	L2	L3	1.0

## Santa Fe Section (U1610)

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2	Paul M Grimm	12461913	1603	1597	D7	W15	W11	D1	3.0
3	Lee Lahti	12914550	1506	1512	W9	W12	L1	W7	3.0
4	Ken Johnson	12962213	995	1171	L12	W14	W8	W6	3.0
5	Jerry Kecker	12549399	1416	1431	H---	D7	H---	W11	2.5
6	Michael Engles	12448104	1365	1343	W16	D11	D12	L4	2.0
7	Gary Dorsey	12897357	1310	1329	D2	D5	W10	L3	2.0
8	Edward F Cronin	10408504	1276	1281	L13	W9	L4	W12	2.0
9	Michael J Dempsey	12952683	1147	1146	L3	L8	W15	W14	2.0
10	Thomas Mullikin	12905792	1103	1096	L11	W16	L7	W15	2.0
11	George Lombardi	12059800	1471	1439	W10	D6	L2	L5	1.5
12	Joseph Aragon	11345409	1408	1375	W4	L3	D6	L8	1.5
13	Thomas H Corbett	12417362	1519	1508	W8	L1	U---	U---	1.0
14	Gary Crites	12495043	1084	1049	L1	L4	W16	L9	1.0
15	Kathy A Schneider	12545281	717	707	B---	L2	L9	L10	1.0
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# Poor Richard's Bookstore

## January Tournament

January 2nd-30th, 2008

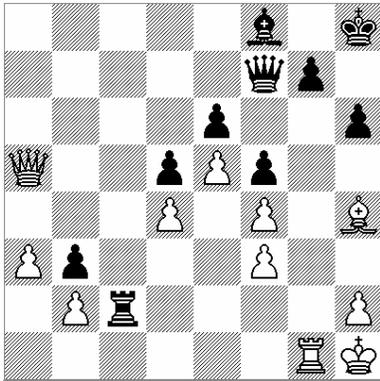


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3	Joseph Pahk	1559	W2	H	L6	W10	W7	3.5
4	Brian Wall	2202	H	H	W10	U	W9	3.0
5	Bill Weihmiller	1825	W17	L9	W8	W6	L1	3.0
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8	Tom Mullikin	1137	W13	L6	L5	W14	D12	2.5
9	Alejandro Torres	1724	W14	W5	L1	L2	L4	2.0
10	Anthea Carson	1666	W12	L1	L4	L3	W13	2.0
11	Tom Bourie	1629	H	H	U	U	W17	2.0
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13	Joe Fromme	1752	L8	H	W12	L7	L10	1.5
14	Kathy Schneider	756	L9	L7	W17	L8	D15	1.5
15	George McDermith	unr.	U	U	U	D17	D14	1.0
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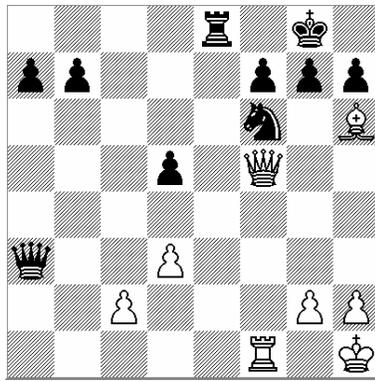
By Tim Brennan

# Tactics Time!

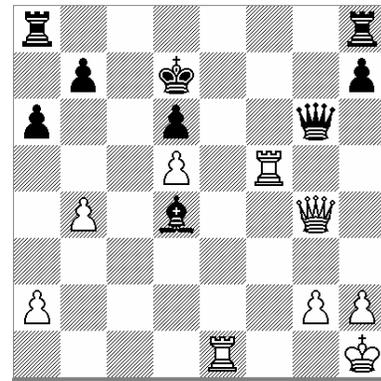
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on page 16



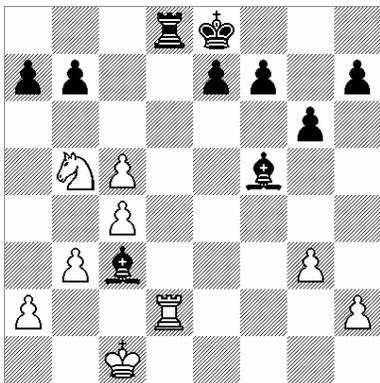
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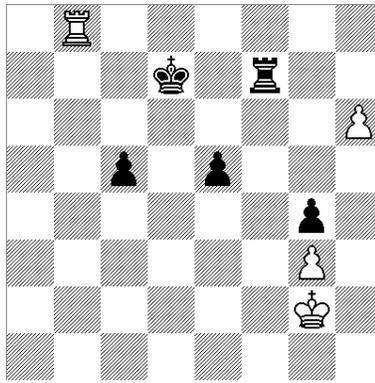
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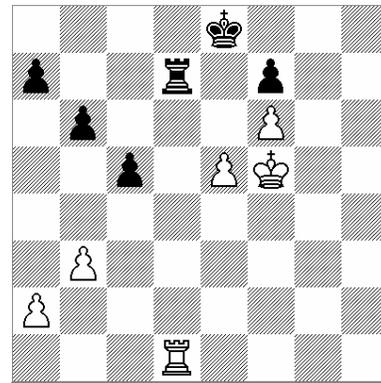
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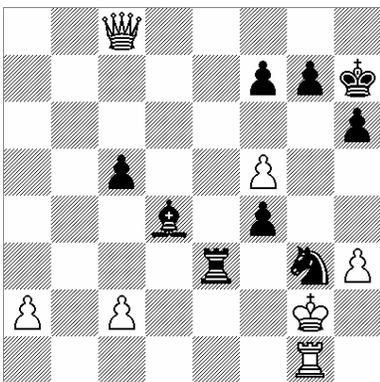
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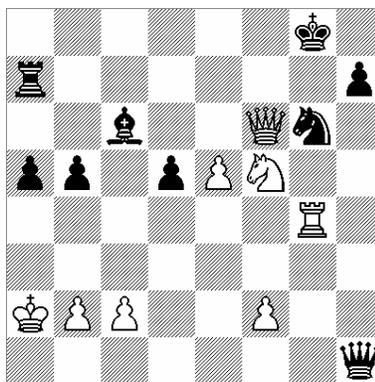
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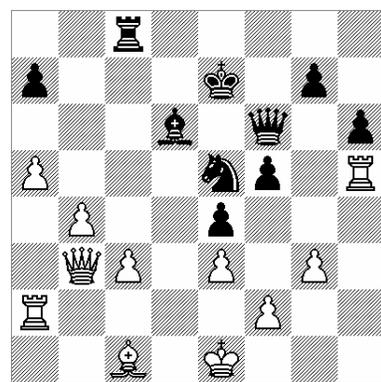
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 White to Move



**7. Spell, Fred - Boyce, Bongee**  
*Winter Springs Open 2007*  
 Black to Move



**8. Anderson, R - Weihmiller, B**  
*Colorado Springs Open 2007*  
 White to Move



**9. Carson, Anthea - Brennan, T**  
*Crab Match 2007*  
 Black to Move

by Lee Lahti

# G/29 Grand Prix Update

The G/29 Grand Prix is now under way, with 3 events completed. This is a new tournament series in Northern Colorado & Southern Wyoming with different clubs rotating as the hosts for a once-a-month 3-round, G/29 event. The idea behind the G/29 Grand Prix is to bring people together and promote participation in chess club activities, using regional tournaments to extend participation of club night activities.

The 1st event in the series, the January 2008 event in Fort Collins, resulted in a record turnout for a Fort Collins chess club night event – 18 players, representing 4 different clubs and also introducing some new players to Colorado chess. Markus Petters and Frank Deming were the only players to escape a strong field unscathed and finished the event tied for 1<sup>st</sup> with perfect scores of 3 out of 3. Five additional players had plus scores and tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with 2 out of 3.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> event in Cheyenne had a slightly lower turnout (13 players), but the competition was just as intense as the 1<sup>st</sup> event. Because of several 1<sup>st</sup> round upsets and early draws among the top players, this tournament was wide open for anyone to win. Going into the last round, the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> seeds (Ron Fertig, 1128 and Cory Foster, 1102) were the only players with perfect scores. They played on board 1, with Ron Fertig winning the game and the tournament outright. Cory finished with 3 other players tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> with scores of 2/3.

The March event in Greeley had 15 people show up to play. This was a unique night in that all games were decisive -- no draws in 21 games. Randy Reynolds and Ryan Crisp (who was home from college on spring break) emerged from the carnage with perfect 3-0 scores to

share 1st place. Because of all the decisive games, 10 of the 15 participants shared in the prize money from the event.

Players earn Grand Prix points for both participation and performance in G/29 Grand Prix events. A player can earn a maximum of 4 points per tournament (finishing with 3 wins and earning the 1-point participation bonus). After 3 events, Randy Reynolds is in first place overall with 10 points. Gannon White is trailing just behind with 9 points. Several players with 5-7 points are in a tight pack just behind the leaders. With 9 events to go throughout the year, there are enough points still available in the remaining tournaments that anyone (even someone who has not played an event yet) could win the overall title.

A total of 30 different players have participated in the 3 events held so far. This number will increase as the G/29 Grand Prix continues, drawing in new players to participate and new clubs to host events. The Fort Collins Chess Club is hosting the next event on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be a fundraiser event with a silent auction benefiting the Colorado Denker & Polgar representatives held in conjunction with the tournament. The

Boulder Chess Club will be hosting their first G/29 Grand Prix event on Wednesday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. With the overall strength of players in the Boulder club, adding in those who regularly attend Klaus' tournaments, and this being the 1<sup>st</sup> tournament close to Denver - the May event could be the strongest G/29 tournament yet!

## What's next in G/29?

April 8th:	Fort Collins
May 7th:	Boulder
June 19th:	Cheyenne

See [www.colorado-chess.com](http://www.colorado-chess.com) for details!

Keep an eye on the Informant and the [colorado-chess.com](http://colorado-chess.com) and [wyoming-chess.com](http://wyoming-chess.com) websites for more information about the G/29 Grand Prix, including our upcoming tournament schedule.

Come support the newest venture in Colorado chess by participating in one (or more) of our upcoming events! Or see about hosting a G/29 Grand Prix event, as we are still looking for additional clubs to host upcoming tournament!

If you have any questions about the G/29 Grand Prix, please contact me by e-mail at [lee.lahti@comcast.net](mailto:lee.lahti@comcast.net) or by phone at 970-372-8590.

### Tactics Time answers:

If you have a position from a game played in Colorado with an interesting tactic please send it to me! It can be anything from a mate in one to a deep combination that only you and Michael de la Maza could have possibly figured out! [TimmyBx@aol.com](mailto:TimmyBx@aol.com)

1. **..Qh5** exploits the light square weakness in white's position, and double attacks the bishop and pawn.
2. **1. Bxg7** must be the bus driver coz he was taking me to school.
3. **1. Rf7+** is a bone crushing double discovered check leading to mate the next move. Unfortunately Tom, one of the nicest guys on the Colorado chess scene, played the real life "mouse slip" Rf6+, and turned the thrill of victory into the agony of defeat.
4. The knight works its mojo with the in between move **1. Nc7+** removing the defender of the rook, and winning the exchange.
5. Dean's pawn is En Fuego after **1. h7** After **1. ..Rxh7 2. Rb7+** skewers the King and Rook like a shrimp for the barbie. In typical "Swindle Master" fashion, Paul somehow managed to draw this game.
6. **1. Rxd7** would have transposed into a winning endgame. **1. ..Kxd7 2. e6+ fxe6+ 3. Kg6**, and the f pawn—could—go—all—the way. Instead white went for the mate in one with Rh1, and lost 30 moves later in a tough fight.
7. Spell got checked with **1. ..Re2+ 2. Kf3 Rf2+ 3. Kg4 h5+ 4. Kg5** (or **4. Kh4 Bf6#**)
8. **1. e6** is the fastest win, threatening **2. Qd8+ Be8 3. Qxe8#**
9. **1. ..Rxc3** crashes the party. The queen cannot recapture, because of the discovered check with the knight, and the Bishop on c1 is hanging, and cannot be defended.

# Kendel Boyd Crose: 1944-2008

**O**n February 12th, 2008, Kendel Boyd Crose of Cheyenne's Chess Club died at his home of natural causes. He was 63.

Kendel was born in Albert Lea, MN, graduated from high school in Wood, SD, and received a degree in psychology from Denver Metro College.

He resided in Cheyenne for over 20 years. Not only was he an avid member of the Cheyenne Chess Club in Wyoming, he also loved bridge and played at the Senior Center Bridge Club. Kendel had a passion for history, politics, fishing, and painting.

Kendel loved to play chess and to analyze games. His best rating was an unofficial rating of 1225 in 1996. Kendel was a regular at the Cheyenne Chess Club and could often be seen analyzing a game with his friend Allan Cunningham, President of Cheyenne Chess Club and Wyoming Chess Association. It has been said of him that Kendel never met a stranger.

He will be missed by all that knew him from Colorado and Wyoming tournaments we attended with him.

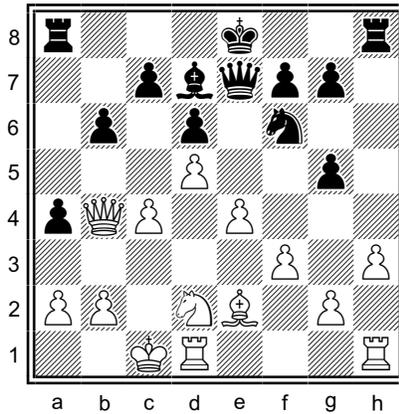
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Here is my last game I played against Kendel, played a year ago at the Cheyenne/Fort Collins team match. Yes, I ended up winning on time, but Kendel had me in a real stranglehold for most of the game that didn't get much better. A 700 point upset is nothing you want to even think about.

**W: Randy Reynolds (1570)**  
**B: Kendel Boyd Crose (870)**  
Ft. Collins/Cheyenne Team Match,  
March 7, 2008

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.Nf3 Ng6  
5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qb3 Bxd2+  
8.Nbxd2 a4 9.Qc3 Nf6 10.Nxe5 d6  
11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.Be2 Qe7 13.f3?

"Congratulations! You've just given birth to a bad bishop!" Yuck.. wasn't there a better way to defend the backwards e-pawn? Let's see... [13.0-0 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Qxe4 15.f4 Fritz likes, but I think it's insane castling into Black's already open file.; 13.Qd4 c5 14.dxc6 bxc6 is better]

**13...g5 14.0-0-0 Bd7 15.Qb4 b6 16.h3 (Diagram) c5** Now, of course, I saw that c5 was coming, but I thought it's OK because of Qxb6. Unfortunately, the queen is a wee bit trapped after Black castles..

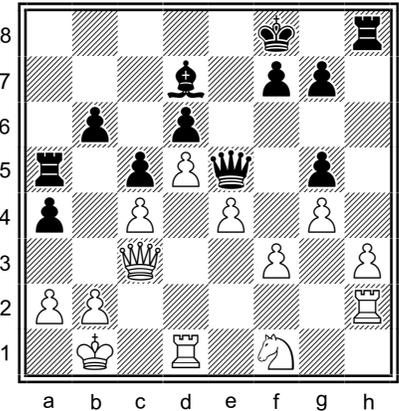


**17.Qc3** So the queen turns tail and flees. [17.Qxb6?? 0-0! 18.Qc7 Rfc8 19.Qb7 Rcb8 20.Qc7 Qe5 21.Nb3 axb3 22.a3 Qe7 23.h4 Ne8; 17.dxc6! Bxc6 18.Qxb6 Rc8 and now at least white has an escape path.]

**17...Kf8 18.Qe3 Nh5 19.g4 Ng3 20.Rh2 Nxe2+** Not bad, according to Fritz, but I'm sure happy that bad bishop is gone.

**21.Qxe2 Qe5 22.Nf1 Qf4+ 23.Kb1 Ra5?** Maybe b5 is next, but the rook doesn't have much more it can do from this square it wasn't already doing from a8.

**24.Qe3 Qe5 25.Qc3 (Diagram)** Can you tell I'm feeling a bit cramped in my position? Queen trades or bust!



**25...Qxc3 26.bxc3 b5 27.cxb5 Bxb5 28.Ne3 g6 29.Rdh1** Desperately trying to open up files for my use

**29...Bd3+ 30.Ka1 a3 31.Rd1?** c4 is a nice trap before attacking the bishop

**31...Bb5?** c4's also a good move for black!

**32.Rb1** Kendel's flag fell at this point, relieving me of a huge burden of trying to procure an advantage. Nice work, Kendel! You kept an attacking player from ever getting anything going with good pressure of your own! We'll miss you! **1-0**



Kendel Crose (L) plays chess against Allan Cunningham (R).

compiled by Lee Lahti

# Life in the Lower Sections



This second installment of Life in the Lower Sections includes yet another game between Cory and me, this time at the Loveland Open. Cory annotates this one by himself, but the endgame is amazing in flopping back and forth between win and loss and draw. I guess that's what happens when you each have a rook and passed pawn and are not sure whether to play offense or defense.

I might have to change the title of this regular feature to "The Cory and Lee Comedy Hour" unless I get some submissions from someone else, so here are the submission guidelines again:

- #1 – Neither player should be rated over 1700.
- #2 – The Time Control should be at least G/30, preferably longer (so the players have time to think when needed).
- #3 – No crushing, lopsided games (something where both sides have a chance somewhere throughout the game).

And probably the most important:

- #4 – Both players should have a sense of humor and not take anything I write personally. I'm going to analyze with the help of Fritz and he is not very forgiving at times. So be ready to have fun with it, because comments on your play will probably have just as many comments about your opponent's play, too!

So where are those fun games from the lower sections? The ones where a won position turns into a loss in a few short moves, only to turn into a win again? I know they're out there! So send your games to the E-mail at the end of this.

**W: Lahti, Lee (1506)**

**B: Foster, Cory (1413)**

Loveland Open, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

**1.d4 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.Nc3** I have spent several years playing Lee and he never plays standard opening lines. His strategy seems to involve playing obscure, unknown lines in hope that he can get an opening advantage. I recently lost a rated game to his Grob Attack.

**4...c5 5.Bg5N cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6** Black threatens to win material: Nc6xd4

**7.Qd2 Be7 8.Rd1 Qb6** Lee complained because I took nearly 20 minutes to make this move. I wasn't sure that I wanted to block my b pawn. The move turned out to be good.

**9.e4 0-0 d4** gives me a greater advantage but I am hesitant to move the same piece twice in the opening.

**10.exd5 Rd8** I am going for a little tactical complication. I wanted to develop this rook and put more pressure down the center files.

**11.Nge2 Nb4** I was thinking about putting pressure on the a2 pawn and attacking the d5 pawn at the same time.

**12.Bxf6 Bxf6= 13.0-0 exd5** I should have taken with the knight instead of the pawn.

**14.a3± d4** Trying to push the pawn, maintain lots of tension, and attack his knight.

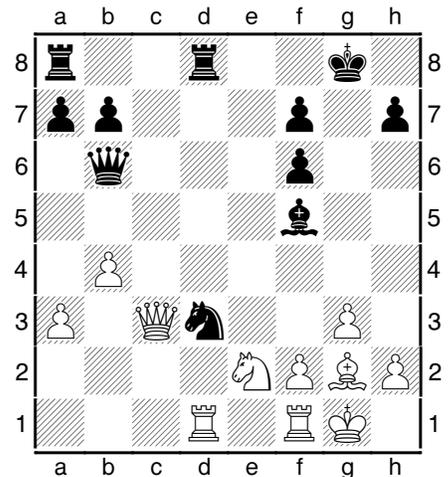
**15.Ne4 Nc6** I either had to give up a pawn or allow my kingside to be opened up. I chose the latter.

**16.Nxf6+ gxf6 17.b4 Bf5 18.c4 dxc3 19.Qxc3 Ne5 20.Rfe1 Nf4** was the best move to maintain the advantage but fortu-

nately Lee didn't see it.

**20...Nd3=** Whew! Now I am equalized again and I have a beautifully posted knight on the sixth rank.

**21.Rf1** (Diagram)



**21...Nxf2??** I was wanting to make an attack but missed the eventual defense with the white Queen on the c file. I just simply miscalculated.

**22.Rxd8+- Rxd8**

**23.Qc5 Rxf2** and it is over for Black. Fortunately, Lee played a lesser move. [23.Rxf2 Rd1+ 24.Bf1+-]

**23...Nh3+ 24.Bxh3 Bxh3 25.Qxb6 axb6 26.Rc1 Rd2 27.Nf4 Bf5 28.Rc7 Be4 29.Nh5** White has a mate threat

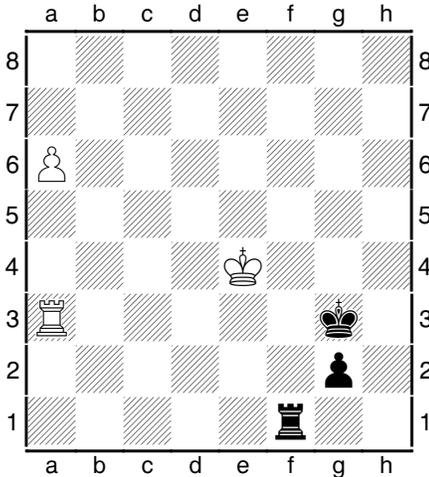
**29...Kf8 30.Nxf6 Bg6? 31.Rxb7+- Rd3 32.Nd7+ Kg7± 33.Ne5 Rd1+ 34.Kf2 Rd2+ 35.Ke3 Rxb2 36.Nxg6 hxg6±**

37.Rxb6 Ra2 38.Ra6 Rb2 39.Kf4 Rb3  
40.Ra5 Kh6 41.a4?? So up to this point  
Lee has outplayed me. We just barely  
make the G40 time control in 2 hours. I've  
discovered that you can use long time con-  
trols to fatigue your opponent. This time it  
worked since a4 was a mistake. If this had  
not been such a long game, Lee would  
have finished me off without blundering.

41...Rxb4+ 42.Ke5 Rg4 43.Kf6 Rxb3  
44.Kxf7 Rf3+ 45.Ke6 g5 46.Rf5?? Ke5  
would have kept the game even.

46...g4+ 47.a5 Rc3?? 48.Rf6+ Kh5  
[48...Kg5!? 49.Rf5+ Kh4+] 49.Ke5 g3  
50.Rf1?? By this time there were several  
people watching our game and you could  
almost hear their sighs after each of our  
endgame blunders.

50...Kh4 51.Ke4?? g2+ 52.Rg1 Kg3  
53.Ra1 Rf3 54.a6 Rf1 55.Ra3+ (Diagram)



55...Kh2 And now I miss the easy win of  
Kg4!! It white plays correctly it is a draw.

56.Ra2 Rf8 57.a7= Kh1 58.Rf2?? gives  
away a clear win

58...Re8+ And white resigns. 0-1

If you too would like to have your  
greatest triumphs and blunders  
to be seen by everyone, please  
submit a game for "Life In The  
Lower Sections" to  
[lee.lahti@comcast.net](mailto:lee.lahti@comcast.net). Thanks  
for reading!

# 2008 Boulder Winter Grand Prix

January 26th-27th, 2008  
Chief TD: Klaus Johnson

#	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot
1	Tyler Hughes	2245	W13	W11	W4	W5	W2	5.0
2	James Hamblin	2036	W24	W12	W22	W3	L1	4.0
3	Robert Ramirez	2117	H	W17	W10	L2	W9	3.5
4	Markus Petters	2037	W14	W8	L1	W10	D5	3.5
5	Mitesh Shridhar	2019	W20	W18	W15	L1	D4	3.5
6	Chris Peterson	1908	H	L13	W30	W16	W17	3.5
7	John Linscott	1811	W25	L10	W23	D14	W15	3.5
8	Jackson Chen	1710	W27	L4	W24	W22	H	3.5
9	Joe Fromme	1757	W26	L15	W21	W12	L3	3.0
10	Joshua Romero	1624	W33	W7	L3	L4	W25	3.0
11	Tim Brennan	1712	W30	L1	L13	W28	W23	3.0
12	Chris Wall	1637	W34	L2	W25	L9	W24	3.0
13	Lee Lahti	1482	L1	W6	W11	H	H	3.0
14	Cory Foster	1435	L4	W27	W18	D7	H	3.0
15	Klaus Johnson	1772	W19	W9	L5	H	L7	2.5
16	Gary Bagstad	1700	W31	L22	H	L6	W28	2.5
17	Paul Grimm	1603	W29	L3	W19	H	L6	2.5
18	William Miller	1582	W32	L5	L14	D19	W29	2.5
19	Daniel Zhou	1402	L15	W26	L17	D18	W30	2.5
20	Jerry Kecker	1416	L5	W32	H	H	D21	2.5
21	Anatoly Makarevich	1284	H	H	L9	W27	D20	2.5
22	Pierre Ducharme	2044	W23	W16	L2	L8	U	2.0
23	Dean Brown	1519	L22	W31	L7	W30	L11	2.0
24	Chaitanya Neuhaus	1436	L2	W34	L8	W32	L12	2.0
25	Jay Kranzdorf	1294	L7	W33	L12	W31	L10	2.0
26	Gregory Sanders	unr.	L9	L19	L27	W33	W31	2.0
27	Ken Johnson	995	L8	L14	W26	L21	W32	2.0
28	Shannon Fox	1653	H	H	H	L11	L16	1.5
29	Alan Bernstein	unr.	L17	L30	H	W34	L18	1.5
30	Webb Harrington	1259	L11	W29	L6	L23	L19	1.0
31	Michael Dempsey	1147	L16	L23	W34	L25	L26	1.0
32	Michael Sullivan	997	L18	L20	W33	L24	L27	1.0
33	Kathy Schneider	751	L10	L25	L32	L26	W34	1.0
34	Ginny Gaige	782	L12	L24	L31	L29	L33	0.0

by Paul Anderson

# Two Roads

My wife recently checked out a book from the library called "The Top 500 Poems." It ranks the poems by how often poems are included in anthologies, kind of like Casey Kasem's American Top 40 countdown show, "And coming in at number 1 is *The Tiger* by Blake." I flipped through it to find some of my favorites and was usually disappointed at how low their ranking was compared to what I thought they should be. One of the poems I've seen often and thought would have been higher in the ranking was *The Road Not Taken* by Robert Frost. It came in at number 149. But as I read it over again, it reminded me of my chess career and a fellow player who has been on his chess journey almost exactly as long as I have been on mine.



Paul Grimm once asked me if I had an archrival for an Informant article (January 2005). I gave him my "List of Enemies," which included 10 opponents who have taken the most net rating points from me. However, in reality, most of those 10 people wouldn't be considered an archrival. I haven't played 9 of those people since I published the list. I have played one person from the list one time at the end of last year. So, if anyone on that list could be considered an archrival, it would be Larry Wutt. Larry was public enemy number 3 back in 2005, but we hadn't played together in many years. Could someone I played once in five years possibly be an archrival? I thought the only way I could tell for sure was to compare Larry and myself to the

greatest rivalry of all time: The Chicago Bears versus The Green Bay Packers.

Why are the Bears versus Packers so great?

One reason has to be their proximity to each other. Illinois and Wisconsin are border states, and some animosity goes back to when these states were drawing up their state boundaries. "Many Chicago-land residents speak disparagingly of their neighbors to the north, referring to the Illinois-Wisconsin border as the 'cheddar curtain'" (Michael D. Sublett and Frederick H. Walk). Interestingly, Larry is from Wisconsin and a Packers fan, while I am from Illinois and a Bears fan.

Another reason has to be the long history of competition together. The Bears and Packers started playing football one year apart and against each other since 1921. Well,

Larry and I have been going at it for 10 years now. My first USCF event was the Colorado Springs Chess Club's February Flatulence (02/10/1998), and I ended up with a provisional rating of 1614. Larry's first USCF event was the Colorado Springs Chess Club's June Borborgyms (06/09/1998). He earned a provisional rating of 1027.

Of course, a great rivalry has to include bragging rights. Both teams have to be able to make a claim for superiority. The Bears could point to their overall record against the Packers (W 90, L 79, T 6), while the Packers could refer to their number of championships (Packers 12, Bears 9). Early on, I was confident of my superiority with my whopping 1670 rating while Larry was starting at 1027 and the fact I had won two of our first three games. But Larry could point to his four straight upsets and his net rating gain of 63 points.

Event	Date	Type	Win	Loss	Color	Time	Rtng Δ	Larry	Me
CHAMPIONSHIP	10/27/1998	CLUB	1.0	0.0	W	90	9	1494	1704
QUAD	11/10/1998	USCF	0.0	1.0	B	30	-29	1226	1572
LIBERTY	5/15/1999	QUICK	1.0	0.0	B	29	5	1388	1678
LADDER	8/17/1999	CLUB	0.0	1.0	B	60	-17	1694	1708
LADDER	8/31/1999	CLUB	0.0	1.0	W	60	-18	1676	1726
LADDER	11/30/1999	CLUB	0.0	1.0	W	30	-18	1662	1695
LADDER	7/18/2000	CLUB	0.0	1.0	W	60	-22	1663	1802
SWISS	7/17/2001	QUICK	1.0	0.0	W	15	10	1526	1684
SWISS	7/16/2002	CLUB	1.0	0.0	W	15	17	1747	1731
WINTER SPRINGS	12/2/2007	USCF	1.0	0.0	W	40/2,G60	17	1905	1875

However, this rivalry wouldn't be played out over the board as Larry chose a different path.

*Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,  
And sorry I could not travel both  
And be one traveler, long I stood  
And looked down one as far as I could  
To where it bent in the undergrowth;*

Like most chess players who wish

to improve their rating, Larry embarked on the path of theory and education. He purchased chess books, found a study partner, and focused on fewer chess events with slower time controls where his memorization and recall could be fully utilized. During this time, I began to pull ahead of Larry in a number of events. I played in 129 USCF events compared to 97 for Larry. Of course, I was on a different path.

*Then look the other, as just as fair,  
And having perhaps the better claim,  
Because it was grassy and wanted wear,  
Though as for that the passing there  
Had worn them really about the same,*

I wanted to play as often as I could and get as much experience as I could without all the book learning. My aim was to learn from my real world, hands-on knowledge to avoid the mistakes I had suffered through personally. Of course, I often wondered if Larry's path would have worked better for me. After all, Larry had pulled ahead of me, despite of my head start. He crossed the 1800 barrier in the Colorado Springs Open (03/08/2003) when I was still 1740. I didn't cross that mark until the Winter Springs Open (12/04/2004) almost 2 years later. I didn't have a goal to reach 1800 until I read about Paul Grimm's quest to break it. Then I decided to beat him there. Paul never made it to 1800, and once I did, I needed a new goal. I chose to beat Larry to 1900. But now Larry had the lead. Would I need to change paths? Would mine still get me where I wanted to go? Could I afford to go back now?

*And both that morning equally lay  
In leaves no step had trodden black,  
Oh, I kept the first for another day!  
Yet knowing how way leads on to way,  
I doubted if I should ever come back,*

I still liked the path I was on. However, I did feel like I was out on my own listening to the other chess players talk about the books they were studying. It didn't bother me though, as I have felt there is a lot of wisdom in not following the crowd. "But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it" (Matthew 7:14). I was still making progress, and I got close a couple of times. I got as high as 1899 (03/24/2007), but I

never was able to reach the destination. Larry finally beat me past the 1900 mark by drawing LM Brian Wall in the Larimer County Open (10/06/2007).

After five years of off-the-board rivalry, our paths finally crossed. Now it was a battle to see who had progressed father, the professor or the unschooled, ordinary man. Would book-smarts be vindicated or would street-smarts triumph?

## W: Paul Anderson (1875)

## B: Larry Wutt (1905)

Winter Springs Open, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2007

E70: King's Indian: Miscellaneous lines with 4 e4, including 5 Nge2 and 5 Bd3 0-0 6 Nge2

**1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.f3 Nc6 7.Be3 e5 8.d5** last book move

I am just as surprised as you are to see me make the last book move. I don't even own the book.

**8...Ne7 9.Qd2 Ne8 10.h4** Larry seemed to be surprised by this move, but I have seen enough of this opening in my journeys to know f5 is coming, and I don't do well when I let the pawn get to f4. So, why not start the kingside attack now?

**10. ... f5 11.exf5 Bxf5** [11...gxf5 12.h5=] **12.g4 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 c6 14.0-0 b5** [14...Qa5!? deserves consideration] **15.dxc6± bxc4 16.Qxc4+ Rf7 17.h5** [17.Nh3 Bf6 18.Bg5±]

I am starting to get a little nervous about being a little more exposed and having the slower attack.

**17...Rc8= 18.hxg6 hxg6 19.Bg5** I thought I was ok after Bg5, but I am starting to miss things, as 19...Nf6 and 20. Nd5 weren't examined close enough.

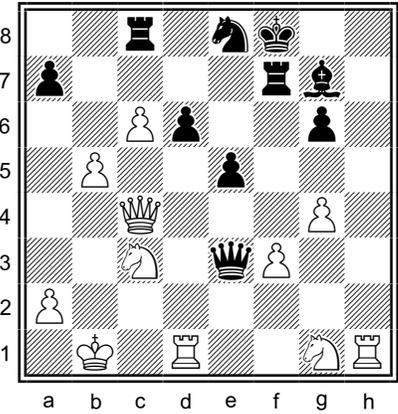
**19. ... Kf8** [19...Nf6!?= should be examined more closely]

**20.b4** [20.Nd5!? Nf6 21.Nxf6 Rxf6 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Qd3 Rxc6+ 24.Kb1+-]

**20...Qb6 21.Bxe7+ Rxe7 22.b5 Qe3+** Even with Larry's queen deep in my territory, I am feeling better as a6 leads to more

exposed king worries. Larry preferred a6 in the post mortem.

**23.Kb1 Rf7? (Diagram)** [23...a6!? 24.a4 axb5 25. axb5 Ra7±]



**24.Nxd5 Qg5? 25.Rh3** [25.Nh3 and White has reached his goal 25...Qh4 26.Nhf4 Rxf4 27.Qxf4+ (27.Rxh4? is seductive, but 27...Rxc4 28.Rh2 Rb8-+; 27.Nxf4 Qf6 28.Ne6+ Kf7 29.Ng5+ Ke7+-) 27...exf4 28.Rxh4+-]

**25...Nf6 26.Ne2 e4?** [26...Re8 27.Nec3 e4 28.c7+-] I was always worried about plugging up e4 to keep the black bishop blocked, but now the open diagonal works in my favor, as the overly aggressive black queen is becoming a huge liability.

**27.Nef4** [27.Nd4 makes it even easier for White 27...Qe5 28.Nf4+-]

**27...Ke8??** an oversight. But Black was lost anyway. [27...Re8 28.c7 Nxd5 29.Ne6+ Rxe6 30.c8Q+ Re8 31.Rxd5 Qf6+-]

**28.Ne6 Qe5 29.Nxg7+ Rxg7 30.f4 1-0**

Larry survived the Winter Springs Open (12/01/2007) with his 1900+ rating intact, and I still hadn't crossed the barrier. However, our paths crossed again at the Al Ufer Memorial (01/05/2008). We didn't get paired together, but Larry went home with a rating of 1873 while I broke the 1900 mark for the first time (1904). Race you to 2000!

*I shall be telling this with a sigh  
Somewhere ages and ages hence:  
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I –  
I took the one less traveled by,  
And that has made all the difference.*

## Eulogy for a Fallen God

by Randy Reynolds

**B**obby Fischer. He was the catalyst for the creation of a generation of chess players. His games will live forever in their energy and beauty. His books eloquently show both the beginner (with Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess) to the more advanced (with My 60 Memorable Games) how chess should be played. People speak volumes to his boundless expertise in the game of Kings.

So why didn't I feel anything when I learned about his death on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008?

It was like reading a news story I'd already read somewhere before. *Déjà vu*. I'm an avid chess player, and its god had died. What's wrong with me? I thought back over his life, the legacy that he left. I thought about his unfortunate and sometimes unfathomable actions during the last few years of his life, and suddenly, the reason came to me:

How can you mourn a person that's already been dead to you for years?

It seems that for each of his thought-provoking endeavors **on** the chessboard, there were always two more **sideways** **off** the board. The lighting is all wrong. It's too cold in this playing hall. There's not enough money being offered. I won't play unless it's under these particular conditions. Obviously there were such complaints and ultimatums made by some of the other champions of his time, too, but Fischer always at the forefront of such affairs. Later outbursts became increasingly vitriolic and do not bear repetition.

Obviously, it does us no good to focus on someone's shortfalls, especially after their passing. It is best to keep in mind the glory years of Mr. Fischer, remembering the chess player that inspired a generation or more with his near flawless play. Where would chess (at least American chess) be today without his heroics over the chessboard? This, to be certain, is to his credit.

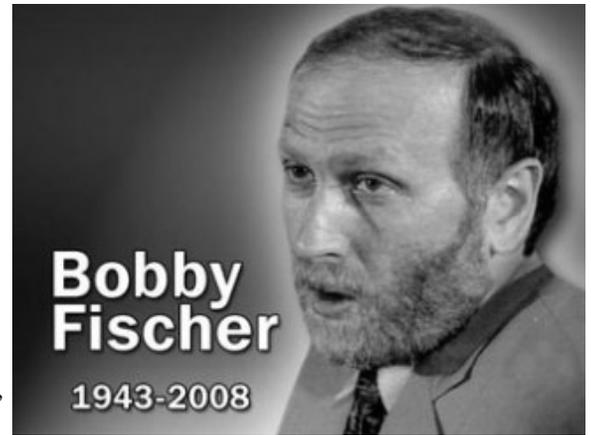
However, it is my belief that taking Bobby's shortcomings into account might help us better ourselves through introspection.

Author Kent Nerburn wrote the following in Letters to My Son:

"Remember to be gentle with yourself and others. We are all children of chance, and none can say why some fields will blossom and others lay brown beneath the August sun. Care for those around you. Look past your differences. Their dreams are no less than yours, their choices in life no more easily made. And give. Give in any way you can, of whatever you possess. To give is to love. To withhold is to wither. Care less for your harvest than how it is shared, and your life will have meaning and your heart will have peace."

What is our personal behavior like? How do we treat others? Are we kind? How can we help out? Sometimes, in our searches for the ultimate truths of chess, it's easy to be sidetracked in our basic duties to humanity, or at least to our own communities. I want to be remembered as a good chess player; it's true. But I'd much rather be remembered as an asset to my community, to my children's school, and to my family.

You are ultimately remembered for your deeds off the chessboard.



Bobby Fischer will likely be remembered as the best chess player of all time, as the one who scored 11-0 in the 1963-1964 US Championship, even for his perfect 6-0 score against Bent Larsen in July 1971, right here local in Denver, Colorado. But I'd prefer to remember him as the only player from the 1962 Curacao Candidates' tournament who visited his ill friend Mikhail Tal in the hospital, after Tal had to withdraw from the same tournament for health reasons. A small detail, perhaps, but it speaks to me of those deeds off the chessboard that are all so vital. It was truly a shame there weren't more of these to encourage us, only GM win after GM win over the board.

One square per year. Using that numbering, I'm on "d5" myself (scary!). It's my hope that as we remember this fallen god, this inspiration of chess wisdom to us all, that we can also remember to have our own idols and heroes we can follow in becoming benevolent human beings. It's only through kindness, courtesy, and charity that I will be at peace when I reach my own personal and inevitable promotion (whatever it might be) at "h8".

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# Pueblo Winter Wonderland Report

by Liz Wood

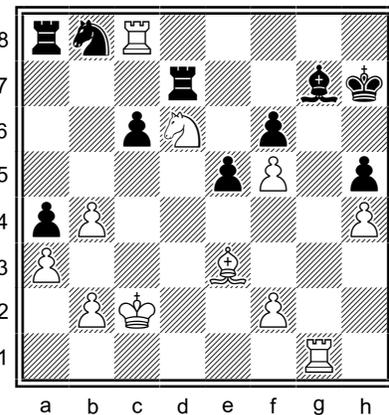
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3	Gordon Jamall Randall	12862113	1772	W20	W21	L1	W11	3.0
4	Igor Melnykov	12929203	1761	W14	W7	W5	L1	3.0
5	Joseph T. Fromme	12532662	1663	W15	W8	L4	W10	3.0
6	Alejandro Issac Torres	13779423	1599	W17	L1	W12	W13	3.0
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8	Scott Nichols	12300690	1819	W13	L5	W19	L2	2.0
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10	Rena Delaware	12913218	1496	W22	L2	W14	L5	2.0
11	Joseph Pahk	12795426	1493	L21	W16	W20	L3	2.0
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21	Buddy Owens	13054482	971	W11	L3	L7	L12	1.0
22	Isaac Martinez	12911979	884	L10	L20	L15	W25	1.0
23	Tara Rebecca Martinez	13436004	207	B---	L18	L16	L14	1.0
24	Robert Roundtree	12937640	1303	L1	U---	U---	U---	0.0
25	Emilio Martinez	12681766	1007	L7	L14	L17	L22	0.0

The weather was warm and balmy for the Winter Wonderland Tournament, a one-day 4-round event held in Pueblo on January 19, 2008. Twenty-five players came from across the state to test their abilities on the chess board at the Daily Grind, where the Pueblo club meets on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings.

**W: James Hamblin (2025)**

**B: Alejandro Isaac Torres (1599)**

(Note the mate combination, which is similar to the Anastasia's mate.) 1. e4 e6 2. d4 c6 3. Nf3 d6 4. Nc3 g6 5. Bg5 f6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. d5 e5 8. dxc6 bxc6 9. Be4 Nh6 10. h3 Nf7 11. Qd2 0-0 12. 0-0-0 Qe7 13. Qd6 Qd6 14. Rd6 Ba6 15. Bb3 Kh8 16. Rd2 Nd8 17. Rhd1 Nb7 18. a3 h5 19. g4 Kh7 20. gxh5 gxh5 21. Nh4 Na5 22. Nf5 Nb3+ 23. cxb3 Bc8 24. h4 Be6 25. Kc2 a5 26. Rg1 Bf5 27. exf5 Rf7 28. Rd8 Rb7 29. Ne4 a4 30. b4 Rd7 31. Rc8 Rf7 32. Nd6 Rd7?? (Diagram)

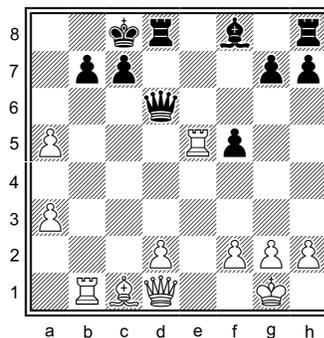


33. Ne8 Bh8 34. Bc5?? [Rg6!!] e4 35. Nd6 Bg7 36. Ne4 Rf7 37. Nd6 Rf8 38. Ne8 Rg8 39. Rg7+ Rg7 40. Nf6+ Kh6 41. Rh8+ Rh7 42. Rh7# 1-0

**W: Scott Massey (1767)**

**B: Scott Nichols (1819)**

(Note Massey's exploitation with a queen-side attack.) 1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. Nc3 Nxd5 4. Nxd5 Qxd5 5. Nf3 Bg4 6. Be2 Nc6 7. 0-0 0-0-0 8. Re1 e5 9. c4 Qd7 10. a3 a5 11. b4 Bxf3 12. Bxf3 Qd4 13. Rb1 Qxc4 14. bxa5 f5 15. Bxc6 Qxc6 16. Rxe5 Qd6? (Diagram) [Bd6] 17. Reb5 Qc6 18. Rxb7 Qxb7 19. Rxb7 Kxb7 20. Qf3+ Kb8 21. a6 1-0



by Cory Foster

# From the Foster Home

["I don't think we'll ever be seeing Cory playing like Cory again" -- Dean Brown, commenting on Cory Foster's impressive recent winning streak. --Ed. note]

**M**ost people don't know this but I was raised in a Foster home by Foster parents. If I ever have any kids I will give them up to the Foster home as well. I don't want them to interrupt my time to play chess!

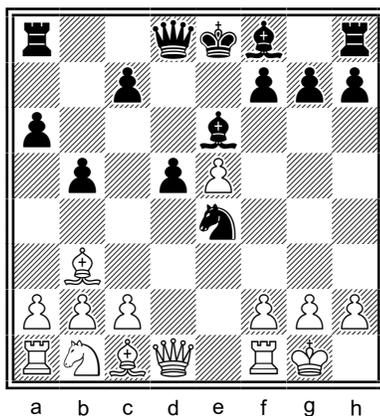
I recently traveled with Lee Lahti, Markus Peters, and Ken Johnson to the Boulder Grand Prix. My final game was with John Linscott. He is from Lincoln, Nebraska which is very close to where I grew up. I went to school in Lincoln and have fond memories of the town. My family still lives there. John said that he has a place in Estes Park and he decided to play in the tournament.

## W: Cory Foster (1413) B: John Linscott (1812)

Boulder Grand Prix Boulder (4) Jan. 27, 2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.Nxe5 The more common book move is dxe5 but I think Nxe5 took him out of his normal opening repertoire.

8...Nxe5 9.dxe5 Be6 Diagram



10.Nd2 Just trying to develop a piece and get rid of the oppressive black knight.

10...Nc5 11.Nf3 Be7 12.c3 Nxb3 13.axb3 c8

14.Be3 0-0 15.Qd2 I am targeting the b3 square to break up Black's queenside pressure.

15...Qc7 16.b4 a5 17.bxc5 Bxc5 18.Bxc5 Qxc5 19.b4 axb4 Yes, my breakthrough plan worked.

20.cxb4 Qb6 21.Qd3 Now I am targeting h7 and an eventual knight move to g5. I should be at least able to weaken Black's Kingside.

21...Ra4 22.Ng5 g6 Once again I am pleased that my plan is working.

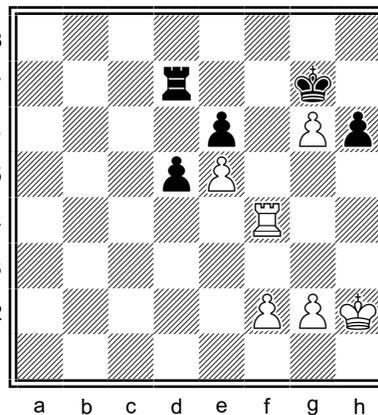
23.Rxa4 Gives black a passed pawn but I think I can stop it. I will have a passed pawn of my own on the b file.

23...bxa4 24.b5 Ra8 Obviously trying to help defend the passed pawn and eventually attack my b pawn.

25.Ra1 Ra5 Attacking the isolated pawn on b5

26.h4 I wasn't sure what to play here but I decided to attack Black's kingside weaknesses since the queenside was temporarily tied up.

26...Qxb5 27.Qxb5 Rxb5 28.Rxa4 Rb1+ 29.Kh2 Rb7 30.h5 h6 31.Nxe6 fxe6 32.hxg6 Kg7 33.Rf4 Rd7 Diagram



At this point I am happy that I could make it to the endgame with an 1800. I'm not sure about the endgame here so I decide to trade off rooks and give up one pawn. Kg3 would have been better, maybe even winning.

34.Rf7+ Rxf7 35.gxf7 Kxf7 36.Kg3 Kg6 37.f4?? [37.Kf4 This is the only equalizing move. 37...h5=]

37...Kf5 Black misses the win (37. ... h5!). With pawns on h5 and d5, White cannot prevent both from promoting.

38.Kf3 h5 39.g3 d4 40.Ke2 h4 41.gxh4 Amazingly neither side can win. The game ends in a draw. 1/2-1/2

I always enjoy the psychology of the game of chess. I asked John after the game what he did in Lincoln for a living. He replied "Not much!" and stormed off. I made the mistaken assumption that he would be happy with a draw but I guess he doesn't like that to happen with lower rated players. His response made my draw that much sweeter.

Two weeks later I participated in the Loveland Open. This was the first chess tournament I ever played in 4 years ago. I was excited to see how I might do. My first loss in a rated tournament was with Tom Corbett at that tournament in 2004. We met up again in the second round.

## W: Tom Corbett B: Cory Foster

Loveland Open, Feb. 9, 2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Bd3 I was expecting e5.

6...Bc5 7.e5 Now e5 is played.

7...Qe7 8.0-0 Nd5 9.c4N Nb6 10.a3 Black's position is cramped but I still feel that I have time to break free with an eventual d6 or d5 pawn break.

10...Qh4 This is not the best move for the position but I have won some other rated games against lower rated players with this move in similar positions. This is the advantage of the reserve section.

11.g3 Qh3 12.Nd2 d5 It was either this move or castling. Castling is slightly better.

13.Nf3 Bg4 14.b4 Bd4 I was happy with this move. It gives the bishop more active squares to target and attacks the rook.

15.Ra2 Bxe5? Absolutely a losing move but I couldn't see it in the game. Greed set in and I thought I could have an additional pawn and eat my cake too.

16.Qe2 A mistake! This just perpetuates the pin of the knight on the queen. Re2 was the winning move. [16.Re2 f6 17.Nxe5 fxe5 18.Rxe5+ Kf7 19.f3 Bc8 And Black is in a bad way.]

16...f6 17.Bf4 0-0 18.Qe3 Rae8 [18...d4! 19.Qe4 f5 20.Qxc6 Bxf4+]

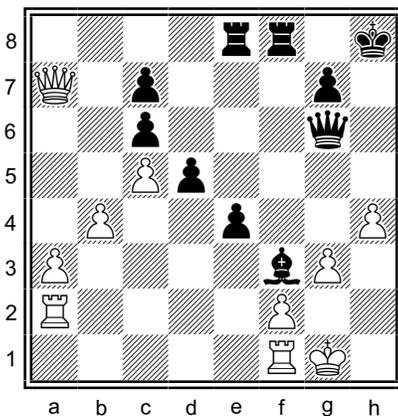
19.Bxe5 fxe5 20.Ng5 Qh5 21.Bxh7+ And now things are getting scary for Black again.

21...Kh8 22.c5 Nc4 Now my knight is back in the game and I can attack the white queen at the same time.

23.Qc1 e4 24.h4 Ne5 Centralizing my knight and I want to place it on the f3 square.

25.Qe3 Nf3+ 26.Nxf3 Bxf3 27.Qb3 Qxh7 28.Qa4 White thinks he can grab some queen-side pawns and equalize my advantage.

28...Qg6 29.Qxa7 (Diagram) White totally doesn't see the tactical fireworks ahead.



29...Rf4 30.Kh2 30...Rxh4+! And white resigns. After 31. gxf4 Qg2 mate! 0-1

Tom was so dismayed with this loss that he dropped out of the tournament immediately after this game. Once again that made the win more enjoyable. [Ed. note: I see a pattern of Cory taking pleasure at people's discomfort. Cory is a dentist. Coincidence?]

Randy told me that I had to play Paul Grimm in the final round. He suggested that we take a Grandmaster draw. [Ed. note: Not that I expected Paul to take it, being 1/2 point down.]

## W: Cory Foster (1495)

## B: Paul Grimm (1605)

Loveland Open, Feb. 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.h4 I really like this variation.

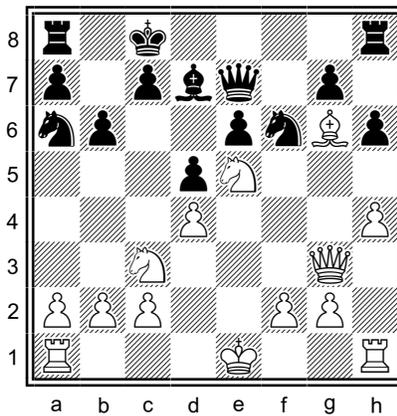
6...h6 7.Bxe7 Qxe7 8.Qg4 Should've played f4.

8...f5 9.exf6 Nxf6 Black has a new backward pawn: e6. Black has a cramped position. 10.Qg3 Na6 I think this move was made to play the eventual c5 pawn move. Without it, black

cannot equalize.

11.Bd3 b6 12.Bg6+ And now I am really pleased with the pressure I am putting on Black.

12...Kd8 13.Nf3 Bd7 14.Ne5 Kc8 Diagram



15.Nxd7?? Paul asked me after the game why I traded my good knight for his bad bishop. I thought at the time getting rid of a light squared bishop for a knight would be good, but it turns out that Bd3 and an attack on a6 would be very strong. [15.Bd3 Nb4 16.Ng6 Qe8]

15...Qxd7 16.0-0-0 Kb7 17.Rhe1 c5 18.Qh3 I was putting pressure on the e6 pawn.

18...Nc7 19.dxc5 bxc5 Now there's a nice open king position to attack.

20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Qa4 22.Bf3 Qxa2 23.Rxe6 Rad8 24.Re7 Qa1+ 25.Kd2 Qa5+ 26.Ke2?? A bad move. Better is c3 to prevent my King from becoming so exposed.

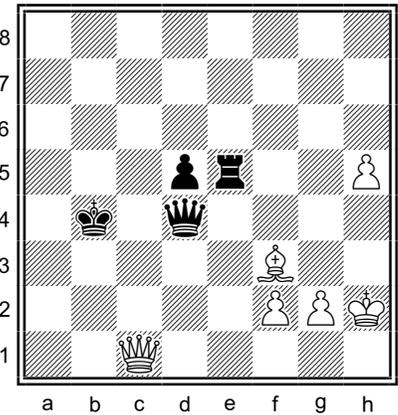
26...Rhe8 27.Rxe8 Qb5+ 28.Rd3 Rxe8+ 29.Kf1?? c4 30.Rd1 c3+ Paul has a nice discovered check.

31.Kg1 cxb2 32.Rb1 Kc6 33.Qg4? Qa5 34.Qc4+ Even though I have the worse position, I am happy that I found this move.

34...Kd6 35.Qf4+ Kc5 36.Rxb2 Sac'd the rook to stop Black's threatening passed pawn. What followed almost allowed me to equalize.

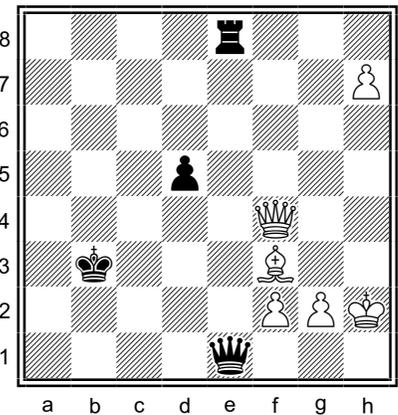
36...Qa1+ 37.Kh2 Qxb2 38.Qxc7+ Kd4 39.Qxg7+ Re5 40.Qxa7+ Kc3 I think we both made time control with but few seconds left.

41.Qc7+ Kd2 42.Qd6 Qd4 43.Qxh6+ Kxc2 44.Qg6+ Kd2 45.Qh6+ Kc3 46.Qc1+ Kb4 47.h5 Diagram



Now I think I might have a winning chance if I can promote this outside pawn.

47...Qc3 48.Qf4+ Kb3 49.h6 Qe1 50.h7 Re8 Diagram 51.Qf7??



And I missed the win with Bxd5!! The game was already 5 1/2 hours long and I had just finished a 4 1/2 hour game earlier. I remember making this move and feeling like I couldn't think anymore.

51...Qe5+ 52.g3 Kc4 53.Bxd5+! Kd4 54.Qd7 I could have lost the game here with Black playing Qh5+. Paul missed it thankfully.

54...Re7 55.Qxe7! Qxe7 56.h8Q+ Kxd5 57.g4 Ke4 58.Qh5 Kf3 59.Qf5+ Ke2 60.g5 Kf1 61.Qd3+ Kxf2 62.Qf5+ Ke3 63.g6 Qg7 64.Qh5?? Kg2 was better.

64...Kf4 65.Kh3 Qc3+ 66.Kg2 Qg3+ 67.Kf1 Qd3+ 68.Kf2 Qc2+ 69.Qe2 Qxg6 70.Qf3+ Ke5 71.Qe2+ Kd4 Draw agreed!! 1/2-1/2

So we took the draw like Randy suggested 5.5 hours later. [Ed. note: See this sadistic streak? I could have been home hours ago, as theirs was the last game! I'm telling you, there's something behind this theory!]

Annotated by  
Randy Reynolds

# The Return of Tom Bourie

From Brian Wall (who also asked me to include this game and re-annotate it):

**M**y friend Tom Bourie drove me 80 miles in a blizzard to play chess at Poor Richard's. Tom spends years preparing for battle, buying chess DVDs, books, and endless chess discussions with me about subtle opening move orders. Then he plays about once a decade. His games are protected by the Endangered Species Act. I have seen him prepare an opening thoroughly for years, only to switch later **without ever testing it once in tournament play.** This happens over and over. I made Tom promise he would play Wednesday. After waiting this long, I expected a masterpiece. He didn't do too bad."

## W: Spell, Fred (1471)

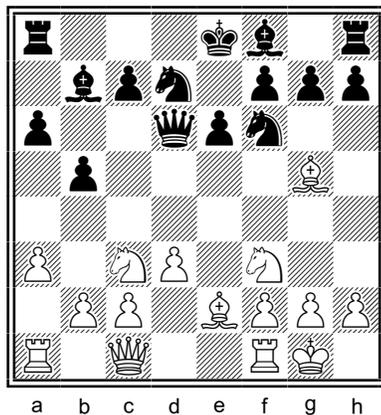
## B: Bourie, Tom (1629)

Poor Richard's Bookstore, Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>, 2008  
Annotated by Randy Reynolds

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d3 d4 is a bit stronger here.

4...Nf6 5.Be2 a6 Probably the makings of an early queenside pawn rush.

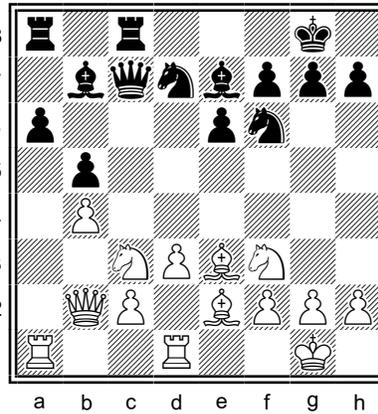
6.Nf3 e6 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.0-0 b5 9.a3 Bb7 10.Qc1 (Diagram) Fritz likes Qc1, though it's difficult to see why.



10...Be7 11.Bf4 Qb6 e5 is a little stronger, as it chases the belligerent bishop away and stakes better claim of the center.

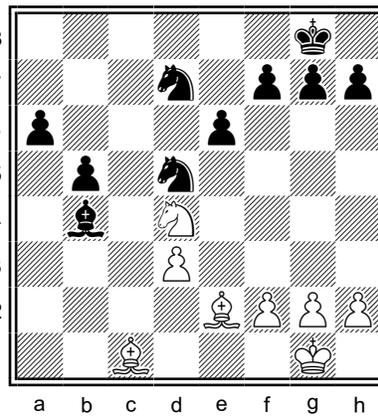
12.Be3 e5 Good.. the queenside push is all set to start.

13.b4 0-0 14.Qb2 Qc7 15.Rfd1 cxb4 16.axb4 Rfc8 (Diagram) This is a dangerous half open c-file now.



17.Na2 Qxc2 18.Qxc2 Rxc2 19.Nd4 Rc7 20.Rdc1 Rac8 21.Bf4 Rxc1+ 22.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 23.Bxc1 Bd5 It's never a good idea to drive badly placed pieces to better squares, but when you can win an important pawn in the process, go for it!

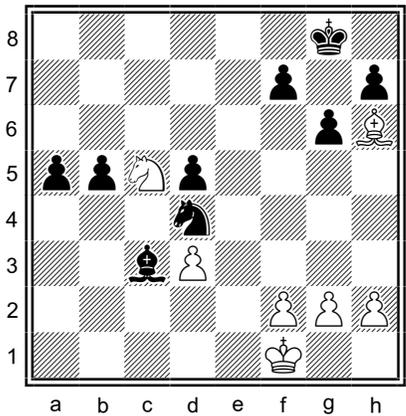
24.Nc3 Bxb4 25.Nxd5 Nxd5 (Diagram) You can already guess what's going to be decisive here, can't you?



26.Nc6 Bd6 27.Bd2 Nb8 28.Nd4 g6 29.Kf1 Be5 30.Nb3 Bc3 31.Bc1 Nc6 32.Bf3 I don't know how excited I am

about Tom trading off his bishop pair, but maybe he doesn't need them with those two passers, and all he needs is a trade down of everything.

32...a5 33.Bxd5 exd5 34.Nc5 Nd4 35.Bh6? (Diagram) Where is that bishop going? Seems like there are more pressing threats than keeping the enemy king under watch (like keeping the a & b pawns under watch!)



35...a4 36.Be3 Now the bishop's back, but it's threatening the wrong piece.

36...f6 Tom said about this: "I started to bring my King in and then I realized I didn't need him."

37.Bxd4 Bxd4 This trade drives me crazy because I know how badly knights guard passed pawns. Unless the knight is well placed, it'll go downhill fast. And that remaining white knight is **not** well placed.

38.Na6 a3 39.Nb4 A good place to guard, but it's unfortunately a dark square.

39...Bc3 40.Nc2? Na2 was the best chance of a last stand. [40.Na2 b4 41.Nc1 Bd4 42.Ke2 a2 43.Nb3 (Not 43.Nxa2 b3 44.Nc3 Bxc3 Told you knights can't guard passers well.) 43...a1Q 44.Nxa1 Bxa1 45.Kd1 b3 46.Kc1 b2+ b2+ isn't the best, but I like the style of letting the bishop's sole purpose in life be dedicated to keeping the king around b1/c2/a2. That's happiness!]

40...a2 41.Ke2 b4 And white resigns, since the passed pawns will stampede the hapless knight. 0-1

# Durango Championships

## Open

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1	Damian Nash	1943	W7	D6	W3	2.5
2	Eric Morrow	1875	H	W4	W6	2.5
3	Kent Weisner	1612	W12	W8	L1	2.0
4	Eric Barkmeyer	1544	W9	L2	W7	2.0
5	James Bader	1475	W10	W9	U	2.0
6	Eliot O'Brien	1618	W8	D1	L2	1.5
7	Stephen Marquez	1387	L1	W12	L4	1.0
8	Kalen Dear	1273	L6	L3	W12	1.0
9	Anamichel Apted	978	L4	L5	W11	1.0
10	Anna Hopkins-Arnold	499	L5	H	U	0.5
11	Ryan Leplatt	unr.	U	H	L9	0.5
12	Andy Kosmetschke	1022	L3	L7	L8	0.0

## Youth

#	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Tot
1	Brady Barkmeyer	1127	B	W2	W4	W3	W9	5.0
2	Leo Bruell	1033	W8	L1	W6	W10	W5	4.0
3	Anthony Williams	1011	W5	L4	W7	L1	W6	3.0
4	Torin Hopkins-Arnold	740	W10	W3	L1	L6	W10	3.0
5	Seth Vanderryn	278	L3	D8	W10	W7	L2	2.5
6	Will Hakes	unr.	L7	W10	L2	W4	L3	2.0
7	Michaelan Apted	658	W6	U	L3	L5	U	1.0
8	Anna Hopkins-Arnold	510	L2	D5	U	U	U	0.5
9	Andy Kosmetschke	1038	U	U	U	U	L1	0.0
10	Colman Johnson	unr.	L4	L6	L5	L2	L4	0.0

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**Adams State College Chess Club** meets Tuesdays, 6:30-10 PM, at Adams State College Student Center in the food court. Meets during academic year. (late August through April) For info call Joe Kolupke (719) 589-9354 or E-mail: jakolupke@adams.edu for more details.

The **Aurora Chess Club** meets Saturdays, 1-4 PM, at the Aurora Public Library, 14949 E. Alameda. They now have a coach for those that want to learn to play. Contact Jeff Baffo at jbaffo2004@msn.com or (303) 617-9123.

**Boulder Chess Club** is back in business and meets every Wednesday at the UMC Alferd Packer Grill 6:30-11:30 PM. See [www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub/](http://www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub/) or E-mail [boulderchessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boulderchessclub@yahoo.com) for more details.

**Carbondale Chess Club** meets every Tuesday from 6pm until the wee hours at Kahhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main St, Carbondale. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Rated games and tournaments will be offered soon. Please contact Majid Kahhak at (970)704-0622 or e-mail at: [Mkahhak@sopris.net](mailto:Mkahhak@sopris.net).

**Chess Knights** meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evening from 7-9pm. From 470 & Broadway, on Broadway go 1.3 miles south, at the light, turn right onto Highland Ranch Parkway, go 0.2 miles, to the first light, turn left onto Ridgeline Blvd., go 0.2 miles, the library is on the left. We meet in the conference room on the left beyond the restrooms. Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HighlandsRanch-ChessClub/>. Contact: Frank Atwood 720-260-1493 or [frank\\_atwood80120@yahoo.com](mailto:frank_atwood80120@yahoo.com)

**Colorado Springs Chess Club** meets Tuesday evenings, 7 - 10 PM, in the downstairs game room of the Acacia Apartments Building, 104 E. Platte. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8 PM. (must show up by 8 or you might be locked out) For information see our website at: [www.springschess.org](http://www.springschess.org) or contact Buck Buchanan at [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net) or (719) 685-1984.

**Craig Chess Club.** Call Rick or Mary Nelson, (970) 824-4780 to schedule play.

The **Denver Chess Club** meets Tuesdays 6:30-11 PM at the 1st Avenue Presbyterian Church (1 block West of Broadway and 1st & Acoma). Contact Bruce Bain at (720) 318-6496 or E-mail [yaxisx@aol.com](mailto:yaxisx@aol.com) for more info.

The **Durango Chess Club** meets at 6:30 PM Wednesdays. Speed chess and informal instruction take place along with regular games in a casual atmosphere. Newcomers of all ages are welcome. No dues required. The location alternates

weekly between Steaming Bean and Magpies Newsstand. Call John Mical, 259-4718.

The **Fort Collins Chess Club** currently meets Tuesdays, 7 PM, in the food court of the Lory Student Center (2nd level), Colorado State University. E-mail Randy Reynolds at [randy\\_teyana@msn.com](mailto:randy_teyana@msn.com). [http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort\\_collins\\_chess/](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess/)

The **Fort Lewis College Chess Club** meets Thursday nights in the X-treme room which is located the College Union Building, the club is sponsored by the school and is a USCF affiliate club. If you have any questions you can contact Andrea Browne at (970)247-6239.

**Grand Junction Junior Chess Club** meets every 3rd Sat. of the month at the Knights of Columbus Bldg, 2853 North Ave. Call Rand Dodd at (970) 245-4015.

The **Greeley Chess Club** meets Thursdays, 7-10 PM, Best Western Inn, Lopiano's Restaurant, 8th Ave and 8th St. Call Herb Conley at (970) 352-6142.

The **Longmont Chess Club** meets Thursdays, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Abbondanza Pizzeria, 461 Main St., in Longmont, Colorado. Contact James Drebenstedt at (720) 494-0993 for more info.

Also in Longmont, **Stonebridge Games Chess Club** meets Tuesdays at 5 PM. 449 Main Street, Longmont. Call 303-776-3796 for more info.

The **Rifle Chess Club** meets Thursdays, 6:30-9:00 PM, at City Hall. For info. email Dane Lyons at [duilen@gmail.com](mailto:duilen@gmail.com).

**Pueblo Chess Club** meets at Barnes and Noble (4300 Freeway) on Mondays, Daily Grind (209 S. Union) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. All nights 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thursdays are G/15 tournaments. Come any night to drop by and pick up a game... For more info contact Liz Wood at 719-566-6929.

**USAF Academy Chess Club** meets most Fridays during the school year, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Fairchild Hall, Room 5D2. Call Jim Serpa or Pete Cohen, (719) 333-4470.

In Westcliffe, the **Dean Moon Chess Club** plays on Fridays beginning 12:30 in the community room adjacent to the library, 209 Main (1/2 block west of Highways 69 and 96/main intersection). Casual. No dues. All levels welcome. Call Russ Stark, 719-371-0696.

**Colorado Tour 2008 Standings** (through Loveland Open)**Top 10 Overall**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Tyler Hughes	2226	165.67	20
2	Tim Brennan	1717	107.93	20
3	Christofer Peterson	1841	101.62	13
4	Joe Fromme	1712	100.79	20
5	Jackson Chen	1657	98.31	21
6	Richard Buchanan	2001	90.47	9
7	Anthea Carson	1689	88.22	23
8	Lee F. Lahti	1510	77.64	19
9	Cory Foster	1409	77.52	24
10	Brian Wall	2213	76.02	14

**Top 10 Active**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	749	39.07	25
2	Cory Foster	1409	77.52	24
3	Anthea Carson	1689	88.22	23
4	Dean W. Brown	1519	74.2	23
5	Jackson Chen	1657	98.31	21
6	Joe Fromme	1712	100.79	20
7	Thomas Mullikin	1158	28.01	20
8	Tim Brennan	1717	107.93	20
9	Tyler Hughes	2226	165.67	20
10	Lee F. Lahti	1510	77.64	19

**Top 10 Expert**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Richard Buchanan	2001	90.47	9
2	Markus Petters	2034	51.7	10
3	James Hamblin	2032	51.39	9
4	Josh Bloomer	2190	37.88	4
5	Mitesh Shridhar	2019	36.67	5
6	Robert Ramirez	2117	31.43	4
7	Pierre Ducharme	2044	20.95	4
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10				

**Top 10 Class A**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Christofer Peterson	1841	101.62	13
2	Larry Wutt	1898	64.05	13
3	Richard Herbst	1974	61.66	10
4	Paul Anderson	1882	55.83	8
5	Bill Weihmiller	1816	39.31	8
6	John Linscott	1811	36.67	5
7	Shaun T. MacMillan	1832	35.92	9
8	Ken Doykos	1800	29.88	4
9	DuWayne Langseth	1817	27.06	4
10	Danil Fedunov	1829	23.7	6

**Top 10 Class B**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Tim Brennan	1717	107.93	20
2	Joe Fromme	1712	100.79	20
3	Jackson Chen	1657	98.31	21
4	Anthea Carson	1689	88.22	23
5	Paul Grimm	1617	57.91	17
6	Scott Massey	1756	57.22	8
7	Randy Reynolds	1673	43.98	7
8	Erdenebat Tseveendorj	1706	40.25	9
9	Michael Filppu	1690	36.48	7
10	Ted Doykos	1670	35.76	10

**Top 10 Class C**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Lee F. Lahti	1510	77.64	19
2	Cory Foster	1409	77.52	24
3	Dean W. Brown	1519	74.2	23
4	Chaitanya Neuhaus	1428	35.88	10
5	Joseph R. Aragon	1444	34.6	7
6	Jerry Keker	1415	33.44	9
7	Norbert Martinez	1555	32.02	10
8	Daniel Zhou	1402	26.19	5
9	William Miller	1582	26.19	5
10	Steve Hornyak	1585	20.17	3

**Top 10 Class D**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Anatoly Makarevich	1264	32.46	10
2	Jay Kranzdorf	1308	30.97	10
3	Kevin Hempstead	1349	26.89	3
4	Edward F. Cronin	1285	26.03	15
5	Fred Eric Spell	1393	24.3	8
6	Webb Harrington	1239	20.5	10
7	Gary Dorsey	1268	19.4	9
8	Robert Rountree	1303	16.62	4
9	Gerald Maier	1259	11	8
10	Michael Engles	1365	10.28	4

**Top 10 Class E**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Ken Johnson	1009	39.65	13
2	Kathy Schneider	749	39.07	25
3	Michael Dempsey	1096	37.61	19
4	Thomas Mullikin	1158	28.01	20
5	Gregory Sanders	1085	20.95	5
6	Russel Stark	1177	13.85	4
7	Gary Frenzel	1072	13.45	6
8	Alex Li	1115	13.45	3
9	Gary Crites	1118	12.93	10
10	Isaac Martinez	1078	11.08	4

# Upcoming Tournaments

## Salida March Cash Open, March 29, 2008

**Time Control:** G/45 No 5 sec delay; 4 rounds

**Site:** Scout Hut, River Side Park, Sackett St., Salida, Colorado.

**Open:** Open to all USCF players and unrated players. \$175 for 1st. place, \$75 for 2nd. place. Plaques for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.

**Reserve:** Open to all USCF players rated 1500 and below and unrated.

**Prizes:** \$100 for 1st. and \$50 for 2nd. in the Experienced Section.

**Entry fee:** \$20 for Open and Reserve Experienced Section, \$15 for all other Reserve Sections. All, \$5 more after 3/15/08.

**Registration:** 8-9:15am, **Rounds:** 9:30am, 11am, 1:30pm, 4pm.

**Entries:** Warren L. Kurtze

**Phone:** 719-942-4577

**E-mail:** [pmrthor@earthlink.net](mailto:pmrthor@earthlink.net)

USCF membership required and sold at the door.

## Poor Richard's April Open, April 2-30, 2008

**Time Control:** Game/85; 5-sec delay; 5 rounds

**Site:** Poor Richard's Bookstore, 320 Tejon Street, Colorado Springs

**Directions:** Block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte St.

**Consecutive Wednesdays:** One section USCF Regular Rated Open

**Entry fee:** \$10

**Prizes:** 1st: 40% of EFs; 2nd: 20%; Under 1800: 15%; Under 1400: 15%

**Registration:** 2 April: 6:15-6:45; may join in any week., **Rounds:** 7PM on 2 Apr, 9 Apr, 16 Apr, 23 Apr, and 30 Apr.

**Entries:** Jerry Maier, 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

**Phone:** (719)660-5531

**E-mail:** [pmjer77@aim.com](mailto:pmjer77@aim.com)

A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event. 2 half point byes will be allowed.

## Springs Denker/Polgar Fundraiser, Apr. 5, 2008

**Time Control:** G/30; 4 rounds

**Site:** Elks Lodge309, 3400 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs (North of Nevada & Fillmore, parking behind the building)

**Sections:** Played in sections if entries warrant.

**Entry fee:** \$20 (\$15 for Jrs, Srs, Unr.), \$2 less if rec'd by April 3.

**Prizes:** Modest cash prizes per entries.

**Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30, **Rounds:** 1st rd. 10:00.

**Entries:** Richard Buchanan 844B Prospect Pl., Manitou Springs CO 80829

**Phone:** (719) 685-1984

**E-mail:** [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net)

CSCA membership req'd.

Most of tournament income will go to help Tyler Hughes and Alexa Lasley attend the national championship tournaments.

**CO Tour Event**

## April 2008 G/29 GP Event, April 8, 2008

**Time Control:** Game/29, no delay; 3 rounds

**Site:** Lory Student Center, 2nd Floor Food Court, CSU, Ft. Collins, CO

**Directions:** Turn from College Ave onto W. Laurel St. Once on Laurel, Turn left into CSU at the 2nd stop light at Meldrum St. Park in the parking lot near Lory Student Center.

**Entry fee:** \$3

**Registration:** 6:30-7:00pm, **Rounds:** 7pm, 8pm, 9pm.

**Phone:** (970) 372-8590

**E-mail:** [lee.lahti@comcast.net](mailto:lee.lahti@comcast.net)

Onsite registration only, but please email if you intend to come.

A G/29 Grand Prix Event, hosted by the Fort Collins Chess Club.

**Silent Auction Fundraiser!** Bring and donate any old chess books, sets, boards, etc. Highest bid at the end of the night gets each item! All proceeds

donated to the Colorado Denker & Polgar representatives.

## 2008 Boulder Open, April 11 - 13, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** 40/100 G/50, 30-sec incr. (2-day, Rds 1-2 G/90 TD/5)

**Site:** Best Western Boulder Inn: 770 28th St. Boulder, CO 80303

**Open:** Open to all USCF players.

**Reserve:** Open to all players rated below 1600

**Entry fee:** \$50, \$40 if rec'd by 4/9, \$10 less for Jr/Sr/Unrated

**Prizes:** \$1500 b/50 entries, top 2 prizes in open guaranteed. Open: \$300-\$200-\$100, U2200/U2000 \$100 each. U1600: \$250-\$150-\$100, U1400/U1200 \$100 each.

**Round Times:** 3-day: Reg: Fri 6-6:30 PM, **Rounds:** Fri 6:30 PM, Sat 10, 5, Sun 9, 4. 2-day Reg: 9-9:45 AM, Sat 10, 1:30, 5, Sun 9, 4.

**Entries:** Klaus Johnson 3605 Endicott Dr. Boulder, CO 80305

**Phone:** (303) 854-7898

**E-mail:** [boulderchessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boulderchessclub@yahoo.com)

Website: [www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub](http://www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub)

**CO Tour Event** -- USCF Grand Prix Event (10 points)

## 2nd Ann. Regis Jesuit GP #8, Apr. 12, 2008

**Time Control:** G/30; 4 rounds.

**Site:** Regis Jesuit High School Boys Division 6400 S. Lewiston Way, Aurora, CO 80016.

**Directions:** Follow signs from main entrance to cafe (south building).

**Entry fee:** \$15 at site, \$10 if rec'd by Thursday before the tournament.

**Prizes:** Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall and 1st U1200

**Registration:** 8:00-8:45 a.m., **Rounds:** 9:00, 10:15, 12:00, 1:15.

**Entries:** Billy Willson 1647 S. Chester Ct., Denver, CO 80247

**E-mail:** [bwillson@regisjesuit.com](mailto:bwillson@regisjesuit.com)

Checks to: Regis Jesuit High School.

## Four Corners Team Tourney, April 12, 2008

**Time Control:** Rnds 1-2 G/45, Rnds 3-4 G/60 (3-second delay); 4 rounds

**Site:** Durango Recreation Center, 2700 North Main Ave. in Durango.

**Directions:** Large bldg on E side of Main at N end of town on 27th St.

**Entry fee:** \$20, \$12 for over age 60 or under age 20.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes based on entries. Top 3 players from one club in CO, NM, AZ or UT get trophy for Four Corners Team Champions.

**Reg:** Before 8:30am at tournament site. First round: 9am.

**Entries:** Damian Nash TD

**Phone:** (435) 260-2789

**E-mail:** [chess@krusemer.com](mailto:chess@krusemer.com)

## Todd Bardwick Simul, Apr. 12, 2008

**Site:** Colorado Mills Mall Food Court

**Entry fee:** \$5 **Starts:** 12:00 Noon

Sponsored by It's Your Move Game Store (303-277-1290)

<http://www.coloradomasterchess.com/simul.htm>

## DCC April Showers, April 19, 2008

**Time Control:** Game/45; 4 rounds

**Site:** Tabor Center, 16th Street Mall

**Open :** Open to all USCF members.

**Reserve:** Open to all USCF members rated 1500 and below and unrated.

**Entry fee:** \$30 - on-site, \$26 by 4/19 \$6 discount to Jr/Sr/Unrated. \$3 discount to DCC members

**Prizes:** Based on Entries

**Registration:** 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. (NOTE EARLIER REGISTRATION TIME), **Rounds:** 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m. 12:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m..  
**Entries:** Joe Haines 5881 Pierce St., #103, Arvada, CO 80003  
**Phone:** (720) 339-7233  
**E-mail:** [joehaines@comcast.net](mailto:joehaines@comcast.net)  
**CO Tour Event --** And A DCC Club Event  
 CSCA membership required (\$15, 10 Jrs, Seniors), OSA.

**2008 Spring is Sprung, April 26, 2008**

**Time Control:** G/30 No Time Delay; 5 rounds  
**Site:** The Daily Grind, 209 S. Union, Pueblo  
**Directions:** Take 1st Street exit, 3 blocks to Union; Union & D Street  
**Entry fee:** \$20, \$15 if recvd. by 4/23/08; Sr, Jr, Unr \$15  
**Prizes:** Cash prizes based on entry fees.  
**Registration:** 9:00-9:45, **Rounds:** 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.  
**Entries:** Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919  
**E-mail:** [chessliz@comcast.net](mailto:chessliz@comcast.net)  
**CO Tour Event.** CSCA & USCF required.

**Bobby Fischer Memorial, May 3 - 4, 2008**

**Time Control:** G/2; 4 rounds  
**Site:** Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs.  
**Sections:** Open, Reserve (U1600)  
**Entry fee:** \$35 if rec'd by 5/1, \$40 at site. \$9 discount for jr./sr./unr.  
**Prizes:** Cash prizes per entries.  
**Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30, **Rounds:** 10, 3 ; 9, 2.  
**Entries:** Richard Buchanan 844B Prospect Pl, Manitou Springs, CO 80829  
**Phone:** (719) 685-1984  
**E-mail:** [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net)  
 CSCA required, OSA. **Colorado Tour Event.**  
 Non-rated Community tournament also held Saturday.

**May G/29 Grand Prix Event, May 7, 2008**

**Time Control:** G/29. 3 Rounds.  
**Site:** Room 382, University Memorial Center, CU Campus, Boulder, CO.  
**Entry fee:** \$3  
**Registration:** 6:30-7pm. **Rounds:** 7-8-9 PM.  
**Phone:** (303) 854-7898

**E-mail:** [boulderchessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boulderchessclub@yahoo.com)  
 USCF membership required. Not qualifier for Boulder Club Championship.

**Poor Richard's May Open, May 7-28, 2008**

**Time Control:** Game/85; 5-sec delay; 4 rounds.  
**Site:** Poor Richard's Bookstore, 320 Tejon Street, Colorado Springs  
**Directions:** A block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte Streets.  
**Consecutive Wednesdays:** One section USCF Regular Rated Open  
**Entry fee:** \$10  
**Prizes:** 1st: 40% of EFs; 2nd: 20%; Under 1800: 15%; Under 1400: 15%  
**Registration:** 7 May: 6:15-6:46 PM; may join in any week. , **Rounds:** 7 PM on 7 May, 14 May, 21 May, and 28 May..  
**Entries:** Jerry Maier, 229 Hargove Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80919  
**Phone:** (719)660-5531  
**E-mail:** [pmjer77@aim.com](mailto:pmjer77@aim.com)  
 A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event. One half point bye allowed.

**Western Colorado Open, May 10, 2008**

**Time Control:** Rnds 1-2 G/45, Rnds 3-4 G/60 (3-second delay); 4 rounds  
**Site:** Durango Recreation Center, 2700 North Main Ave. in Durango.  
**Directions:** Large bldg on E side of Main at N end of town on 27th St.  
**Entry fee:** \$20, \$12 for over age 60 or under age 20.  
**Prizes:** Based on entries. Top score from player living in Colorado west of the Continental Divide wins trophy for Western Colorado Champion.  
**Registration:** Before 8:30am at tournament site. First round 9am.  
**Entries:** Damian Nash TD  
**Phone:** (435) 260-2789  
**E-mail:** [chess@krusemer.com](mailto:chess@krusemer.com)

**DCC May Flowers, May 17, 2008**

**Time Control:** Game/60; 4 rounds.  
**Site:** Tabor Center, 16th Street Mall  
**Open:** Open to all USCF members.  
**Reserve:** Open to all USCF members rated 1500 and below and unrated.  
**Entry fee:** \$30, \$26 by 5/13, \$6 off Jr/Sr/Unrated. \$3 off DCC members  
**Prizes:** Based on Entries

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**Registration:** 8:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m. (NOTE EARLIER REGISTRATION TIME), **Rounds:** 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 3:30 p.m..

**Entries:** Joe Haines 5881 Pierce St., #103, Arvada, CO 80003

**Phone:** (720) 339-7233

**E-mail:** [joehaines@comcast.net](mailto:joehaines@comcast.net)

**CO Tour Event --** And A DCC Club Event

CSCA membership required (\$15, 10 Jrs, Seniors), OSA.

## 2008 Wyoming Open, May 17 - 18, 2008

**Time Control:** Rd. 1 = G/60, Rds. 2-5 = 35/90, G/60; 5 rounds

**Site:** Laramie County Community College, Training Center, Room 120, 1400 East College Drive, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

**Entry fee:** \$20

**Prizes:** Based on entries.

**Registration:** 8:30-9:30 am, **Rounds:** 9:45-12-5:30, 9-2:30.

**Entries:** Allan Cunningham 4019 Golden Court, Cheyenne, WY 82001

**Phone:** (307) 635-3102

**E-mail:** [adcdac@bresnan.net](mailto:adcdac@bresnan.net)

WCA membership required, OSA. NS, NC.

## Southern Colorado Open, June 14-15, 2008

**Time Control:** Game/90; 5-sec delay; 6 rounds.

**Site:** Masonic Lodge, 455 El Paso Blvd, Manitou Springs, CO.

**Directions:** Take I-25 to Exit 141, US 24 West. Head 3 1/2 miles west towards the mountains and depart Highway 24 at the Manitou Avenue exit. Turn onto Manitou Avenue then go 1 mile to the Manitou Springs City Hall. Turn right for 3 long blocks to the Masonic Lodge.

**Open:** Open to all USCF members.

**Reserve:** Open to all USCF members under 1500.

**Entry fee:** \$35 if rec'd by 12 June; \$40 at site. \$10 less for Jrs/Srs/Unr.

**Prizes:** At least 2/3rds of EFs; more if entries allow. Last year's Southern

Colorado Open paid out over \$1300.

**Registration:** 8:30-9:30 AM, **Rounds:** 14th @ 10-2-6; 15th @ 9-1-5.

**Entries:** Dean Brown, 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917

**Phone:** (719) 573-5176

**E-mail:** [browndw1@mindspring.com](mailto:browndw1@mindspring.com)

CSCA Membership required: \$15, \$10 for Juniors, Seniors. OSA.

**CO Tour Event.** Sponsored by Southern Colorado Chess.

## June 2008 G/29 GP Event, June 19, 2008

**Time Control:** G/29; 3 rounds

**Site:** Laramie Co. Comm. College, Cafe, 1400 E. College Dr., Cheyenne.

**Open:** Open to all.

**Entry fee:** \$3

**Prizes:** Prizes based on entries

**Registration:** 6:30-7:00 pm, Rounds: 7-8-9.

**Entries:** Allan Cunningham

**Phone:** (307) 635-3102

**E-mail:** [adcdac@bresnan.net](mailto:adcdac@bresnan.net)

## The Pueblo Open, June 28, 2008

**Time Control:** G/30 No Time Delay; 5 rounds

**Site:** The Daily Grind, 209 S. Union, Pueblo

**Directions:** Take 1st Street exit, three blocks to Union; Union & D St.

**Entry fee:** \$20, \$15 if rec'd by 6/25/08; Sr, Jr, Unr \$15

**Registration:** 9:00-9:45, **Rounds:** 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.

**Entries:** Jerry Maier, 229 Hargrove Court, CO Springs, CO 80919

**E-mail:** [chessliz@comcast.net](mailto:chessliz@comcast.net)

CSCA & USCF required.

Cash prizes based on entry fees.

Final round byes must be requested before round 2, and are irrevocable.

**CO Tour Event**

**Colorado State Chess Association**  
**1839 Thyme Court**  
**Fort Collins, CO 80528**

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