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

Greetings Chess Friends,

Happy holidays! I'm sure in the 35 years the Colorado Chess Informant has been around, someone, somewhere, **must** have capitalized on the pun you see on this issue's cover. But whenever it was done, it's likely due for a remix. But Randy, I can hear you say, isn't this just a gimmicky way to get a ton of people on the cover at one time, similar to that 2006 Time Person of the Year trick they pulled last year where they just put a foil mirror on the cover and claimed "You" were the Person of the Year? Uh, no comment...

Anywho, although Thanksgiving has come and gone, it still remains the season to count my blessings and re-discover what I am thankful for. This year I am thankful for:

Tim Brennan, for resurrecting the Tactics Time column and providing some good pictures of the Salida Open

Archie Shipp, for keeping the Shipp's Log afloat even when his time constraints have made it difficult to do so

DuWayne Langseth, with an interesting 3-year postal game exploring the art of perfection in chess

Lee Lahti, for his new regular ghettoesque column observing the crazy antics that happen in some (most?) of the lower-rated games

Klaus Johnson, for wishing to share how he obtained his FIDE rating with the rest of the chess community

Todd Bardwick, who incessantly sends me my first article every Informant and makes sure I only have to fill 31 pages instead of 32, and also for arranging all these great sporting/chess events for the family (page 21)

Brian Wall, for taking care of most of the other 31 pages when no one else will (he gets the issue off for good behavior, and besides, I heard he got eaten by a lion or something)

The Denver Broncos, for their interest in chess (page 20) as well as their poor showing this year, which has allowed **Paul Anderson** to post far more than he typically does during this time of year

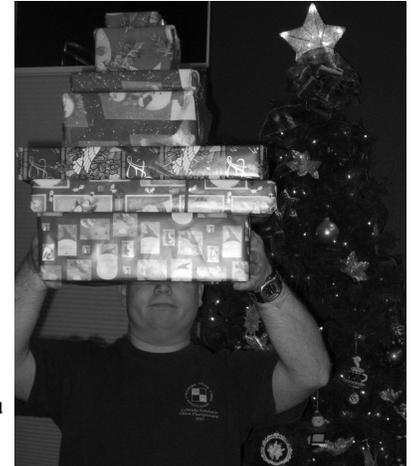
Barry Biggs, who's matching our Colorado Tour funds this year (page 11), promising a huge payout. (I just need to attend more tour events now to take advantage of this!)

My family, for sticking with me through December when there's 20 hours of Informant editing yet to be done

And, of course, **YOU**, the reader! (Sorry, another 2006 Time Person of the Year relapse...)

Enjoy this issue! ☺

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Mailbag

Quite a while ago [*Ed. note: April 2004 issue, to be exact*], Ron Akin wrote an article for the Informant about our mutual chess. Ron said that we were rivals, but that he didn't remember our results. I wanted to jog his memory; I keep all my scoresheets from rated games and Boulder Chess Club ladder games but was too lazy to hunt

through all my boxes and find them. However, I made a mental note to report the results when I happened across my scoresheets, and so here they are:

Boulder Chess Club ladder games:
2-0, Bowers-Akin.

Rated games: 6-2, Bowers-Akin

The latter almost exactly reflects the statistical result our normal rating difference would predict. To be fair, though, in unrated, non-speed games during Ron's last few years in Boulder, I seem to remember that he did a lot better than our ratings would predict. Ron's patented King's Indian gave me a lot of trouble.

I hope that sets the record straight.
-- David E. Bowers

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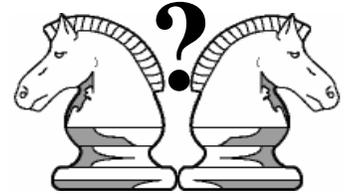
On page 2 of the previous issue of the Colorado Chess Informant (Oct. 2006), your editor referred to a book called How to Beat your Granddad in Chess by John Cardie. For some reason, I had chess on my mind when I was preparing the editor greeting. The actual title is How to Beat your Granddad

in Checkers. All further references to this book, including its article, have the correct name.

The editor of the Colorado Chess Informant regrets any confusion this caused among the readers.

Knight Moves

By CSCA President Joe Haines



Chess in Colorado is dying (if not already dead.)

There, I said it. Nobody that I know of has said that, but plenty of people I have talked with have implied or hinted exactly that. It's often talked about at weekend chess tournaments where attendance and the highest rated player is lower then in previous years.

Conversations usually start out, "I remember when..." or "I wonder where everyone is?" The reasons are always the same; "Gas costs more," "People are busy," "Higher rated players won't play because the prize fund isn't big enough," and of course "people would rather play on the internet."

I have often been a part of these conversations; they involve people who have been around many years to see the changes. What's funny is they are mostly able to have these conversations because they are choosing to not play.

Let me say right now that I have figured out the answer to what's happening. It came to me one late night when I was lamenting my latest loss...It came to me when I was once again wondering why I didn't just checkmate the king instead of taking the pawn and winning the game...

The answer as to what is happening with Colorado chess is so simple that even I, a poor B-level play could figure it out. The answer is....

LIFE, or to be exact, Life Happens.

That's it, life. I know, I know, you all are saying that it can't be that simple, but it is. Life happens and things change. People get into and out of relationships, change jobs and believe it or not, find something else to do besides play chess.

Now, before you all think that it means it is the end of chess, because, after all, who can fight life, I say right here and right now, chess isn't really dying (or even dead).

What it means is that since life happens and things change, we need to change chess with it. We need to stop doing things because "that's how we always did it," and try new things, run different types of tournaments and think outside the block.

That is happening in Colorado right now. More tournaments are being offered during the week, more one day tournaments are being offered, time controls are being varied, there has been even a movement to offer team chess tournaments. Some succeed and some don't. But let's NOT STOP TRYING because some things don't work, or work as well as we wanted or hoped.

The days of 60-70 player tournaments with five 2200+ rated players in the open section may be gone. Lamenting over that is now done. Solutions is what I am about and I hope you are interested in joining me is that discussion. I may be reached at (720) 339-7233 or at joehaines@comcast.net.

Joe Haines
CSCA President

by DuWayne Langseth

Perfection

The other night my wife, Cindy and I attended a performance put on by the Colorado Springs Philharmonic and the Colorado Springs Chorale, which Buck Buchanan is a part of. She enjoys classical music and concerts like that one and I usually don't have the same appreciation for it. But as we sat 15 feet from the orchestra and watched, I was very much reminded of chess at its best. The beauty of the music in near perfect harmony reminded me of a game played at the highest level with no blemishes or faults. I don't know how many of the vast ocean of chess players actually see the game as a work of art, but I have and do at times.

I watched the cello and base players to see if I could detect a flaw in their work. I wondered if at their level of ability anyone would miss a note and shake their head or in some way create and react to a misstep. I focused on the angle of their bow, the back and forth movement of it, and the placement and fluttering of their fingers to try to determine if one musician was out of step with another. It never happened. Their precision was impeccable.

As a teenager growing up in the middle of North Dakota, I had no one to play chess with. Just the mention of chess in a newspaper or on television was a thrill to me. My chess books and magazines were coverless and the pages ripped and falling out. I spent days on the weekend playing over grandmaster games repeatedly or played against myself.

Finally, I found an opponent. It was the United States Postal Service. I entered the 1977 Golden Knights Postal Chess Tournament. What a thrill to not only have an opponent, but many of them at once. And instead of fumbling around over the board giving my best guess at a move and making it, I could sit and think for hours or days, move the pieces, change my mind, and try many different moves until I found

the PERFECT one.

I won many games and never lost one, until that traumatic day when I got a letter from the USCF saying that I had forfeited against one of my opponents. They said I had been late on a move and they were awarding a win to the other player. She was ranked in the top 12 women in the country and well above my 1600-1700 rating. But she didn't have the love for the game or the tenacity that I had and I believed that I had an advantage. Her last postcard said, "There is more than one way to win a game of chess". I never sent another move or postcard, not even to the opponents that I had become friends with.

That happened when I was barely 18 after more than three and a half years of competing in the event, and it was very painful. But what I took from playing postal chess was an appreciation for the beauty of the game as well as the precision that it took to play nearly perfectly. I only made one blunder in all of those games, and as it turned out, I learned more from that misfortune than I have from any book. I told myself that if there WAS a way to save that game, I WOULD find it! Though from the beginning, it was a fight to stay alive rather than win, I consider it my finest game ever.

I had just turned 15 years old and was playing against a Class A-rated retired professor. The hours I spent following variations 30 moves or more deep gave me an understanding of the perfection of chess. I wish that I had written more notes while playing the game as my memory has faded as to what I found to be important and why each move was chosen, but here is that game:

W: Professor Boris Parl

B: DuWayne Langseth (ages 15-17)

Event: 1977 Golden Knights (second elimination round)

Date: August 31, 1977 to October 13, 1979

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. Qb3 c5
I remember enjoying the Nimzo-Indian

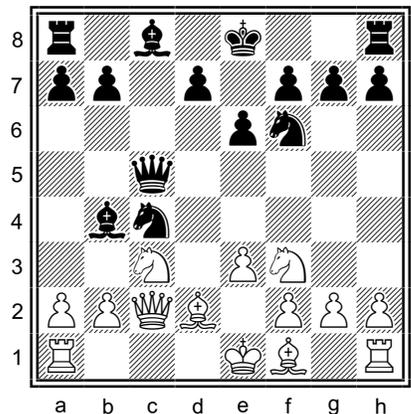
and doing fairly well with it. I don't recall why I eventually abandoned it.

5. Bd2 Nc6 6. dxc5 Qa5 7. Nf3 Qxc5 I had been following a book and selected a variation that seemed to give me the kind of chances I wanted.

8. e3 Na5?! I studied this repeatedly and found nothing wrong with it. I'm not sure what line I liked for Black after Qa4, but it doesn't look appealing to me now.

9. Qc2 Nxc4? (Diagram) In the middle of the night, I suddenly awoke in terror. My unconscious mind was studying the position and realized that I had just dropped a piece! I leaped from the bed, switched on the light and grabbed my board and pieces in one fluid motion. Plopping down on the floor in my bedroom, I set up the board and ran through the opening moves. It couldn't be! How could I miss something so obvious?

Thirty years later, I don't feel so bad, because for the first 60 seconds, Fritz thinks this is the best move.



10. Na4! Nxe3! I was in hyper-analysis mode. I needed to find perfection from here on if I was to save the game. This move later proved to be key for my survival as it isolates White's e-pawn leaving a vulnerability to add to my two pawns in exchange for the piece.

11. Qxc5 Bxc5 12. fxe3 Be7 13. Bd3?!
b6 Activating the white squared bishop and keeping the knight out of c5. I think

one reason I didn't play d5 earlier was to avoid exchanging white squared bishops after Bb5+. I knew my bishop would be very strong on b7.

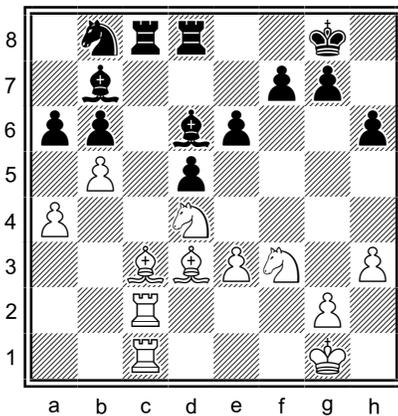
14. 0-0 Bb7 15. Nc3 0-0 16. a3 d5 Finally, I have solid control of e4 and room to maneuver.

17. b4 Rfd8 18. Ne2 Bd6 19. Bc3 Be7 The bishop would rather be on d6, but I can't allow Bxf6 leaving me with an isolated h-pawn. That's the kind of weakness that would lose this game. **19...Ng4 20. Ng5!** was a kettle of worms that I didn't want to get involved in.

20. Rac1 Rac8 21. h3 h6 22. a4 Nd7 At the time I wasn't sure about this move, but I later came to appreciate it.

23. Rc2 Bd6 24. Rfc1 Nb8?! I was cautiously optimistic that many hours of analysis had helped me hit the nail on the head. My goal was to build an impenetrable fortress.

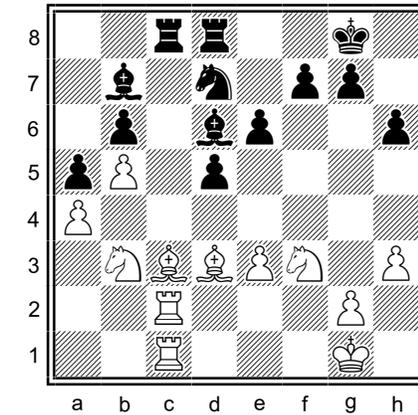
25. Ned4 a6 26. b5 (Diagram)



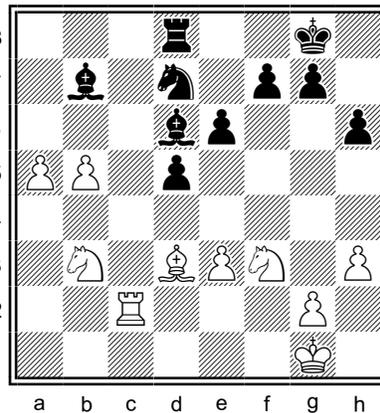
26. ... a5! It would be difficult for White to break in now.

27. Nb3 Nd7 (Diagram)

28. Bxa5?! I anticipated this sacrifice, was prepared for it, and welcomed it. My analysis gave me confidence that I could eventually give back a piece for the two advancing pawns leaving me with five and him with three.



28. ... Rxc2 29. Rxc2 bxa5 30. Nxa5 Ba8 31. Nb3 Bb7 32. a5 (Diagram)



32. ... f5!! I consider this subtle move the best that I've made in my 35 years of playing chess. The analysis that went into it was enormous. It shuts down any future thoughts of e4 for White, makes g4 distasteful, and gives my king mobility. One of my primary goals now is to reduce the number of White's pawns, except the one on e3. I judge computer chess programs by how long it takes them to find this move attractive.

33. b6 Rc8! Removing the rooks and his control of the c-file.

34. Nfd4 Rxc2 35. Nxc2 Kf7 36. Ncd4 Ke7 37. a6 Bxa6 38. Bxa6 Nxb6 39. Kf2 g6 Once again, I have a fortress. It's White's job to break through it.

40. Nb5 Be5 The perfect place for the bishop, as it covers many of White's

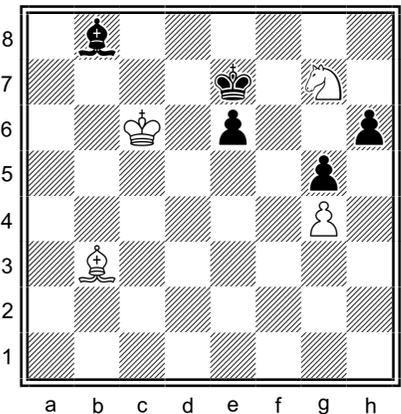
knight's squares and limits his king on the dark squares.

41. Nc5 Nd7 42. Nxd7 Kxd7 43. Nd4 Bf6 44. Bb5+ Ke7 45. Bc6 Bg5 46. Ne2 Bf6 47. Kf3 Bg7 48. Nf4 g5 49. Nh5? I was happy to find his knight on the edge, as it has nowhere to go.

49. ... Be5 50. g4 fxc4 51. hxc4 For many moves now, I've had visions of an ending where White has just a rook pawn and wrong-colored bishop.

51. ... Kf7 52. Ke2 Bb8 53. Kd3 Bc7 54. e4 dxe4 I was thrilled to get rid of his e-pawn here. Now, I knew I could draw the game, as he has no way to make progress. Now I wait for his knight to move, exchange my bishop for it, and play h5. As an anxious kid, I had already offered a draw numerous times and he ignored me.

55. Kxe4 Bb8 56. Ba4 Bc7 57. Bb3 Bb8 58. Kd4 Bd6 59. Bc4 Bb8 60. Kc5 Be5 61. Kc6 Ke7 62. Bb3 Bb8 63. Ng7 (Diagram)



63. ... Kf6! 64. Nxe6 h5! 65. gxh5 White's pawn has been converted to a rook pawn and my g-pawn will advance and become a real threat.

65. ... g4 66. Bd5 g3 67. Kd7 Ba7 The White king is stuck to the knight and if the knight moves, the h-pawn will fall.

68. Be4 Be3 69. Kd6 Bc1 70. Kd5 Be3 71. Bf3 Kf5 72. Bg2 Kf6 73. Bh3 c1 74. Nd4 Kg5 75. Ke4 Kxh5 1/2-1/2

Draw offered by Black

by Klaus Johnson

Klaus Johnson at the Oklahoma Marathon

While many Coloradoans played in the Colorado Open this past Labor Day, Mitesh Shridhar and I traveled down to Stillwater Oklahoma to play in the Oklahoma Chess Federation 26th North American FIDE Open. This tournament was 4 days and 10 rounds long!. The prize fund (over \$5,000) and the fact that it was FIDE-rated attracted many masters and experts from all over the mid-west.

To earn a FIDE performance, an unrated player must a) play at least three FIDE-rated players, b) score at least a half-point against them, and c) the player's performance must be at least 1601. To get a permanent FIDE rating, a player's performances need to total at least nine games within eight rating periods (two years). I already had a seven-game performance the summer before in Germany, so all I needed to do was play three FIDE rated players in Oklahoma, score at least a half-point off them and I would get my FIDE rating. Piece of cake, right? If only.

In my first game, I played FM Movses Movsisyan (2295) on board 3. Movsisyan has not only had success in Oklahoma, but on the national scene as well. He had played in the 2007 US Championship earlier this year. I lost pretty quickly, but I wasn't unhappy. I now had one of my three required games! In the second round, I played a pretty even game with Jeff Williams (1456) a player playing his first tournament in seven years. In the endgame a king march and a Morphy's mate earned me my first point.

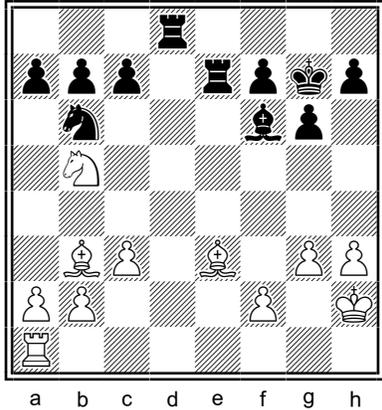
In the next round I played Zeb Fortman, an expert from Missouri. I was doing ok till I made a blunder on the 14th move.

W: Klaus Johnson (1723)
B: Zeb Fortman (2063)

26th OCF North American Open, Round 3

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. d4 Nxd5 4. c3 g6 5.

Nf3 Bg7 6. Bc4 O-O 7. O-O Nc6 8. Re1 Nb6 9. Bb3 Bg4 10. h3 Bxf3 11. Qxf3 e5 12. dxe5 Nxe5 13. Qg3 Re8 14. Na3?? Nf3+! 15. Qxf3 Rxe1+ 16. Kh2 Down the exchange, I started to play for shenanigans.

16... Be5+ 17. g3 Qf6 18. Qxf6! Bxf6 19. Nc2 Re7 20. Be3 Kg7 21. Nd4 Rd8 22. Nb5?! (Diagram) Easily the cheap-shot of my career. As Fortman was considering his move I was silently screaming 'PLAY a6! PLAY a6!'.


22...a6?? Letting me back in the game

23. Nxc7! Rxe3. Black is counting on the strength of his dark-squared bishop and by sacrificing the exchange back is hoping to trap my knight.

24. fxe3 Rd2+ 25. Kg1 Be5. Looks like my knight is trapped, except for....

26. Rf1! Now I'll get my piece back and the queenside if Black decides to take

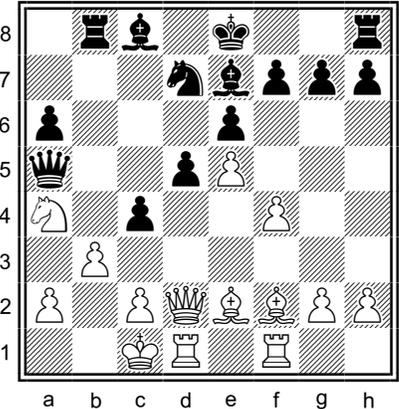
26...f5! 27. Ne6+ Kf6 28. Rf2 Rd3 29. Rf3 Rd2 30. Rf2 Rd3 31. Rf3 Rd2 Three-fold repetition 1/2-1/2

Here we repeated moves and I had my only draw of the tournament. Black could probably have also traded rooks and then play Na4, simplifying down to an opposite-bishop endgame. Since my opponent was rated so highly, I thought that I had recorded my second FIDE game and scored a half-point to boot. When I checked the tournament crosstable I discovered to my chagrin that Fortman was also an unrated FIDE player.

In the next round, I built up a quick attack on the castled queenside.

W: Robert Valencia (1402)
B: Klaus Johnson (1723)

26th OCF North American Open, Round 4



White has just played 16. Na4??

16...Qxa4! 17. bxa4? Ba3 mate! After the knight was taken, I suspect Valencia saw the mate but wanted to be put out of his misery.

For Saturday's last round, I played another expert, Jose Gatica. This was easily my best game of the tournament.

W: Klaus Johnson (1723)
B: Jose Gatica (2023)

26th OCF North American Open, Round 5

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. O-O Be7 8. Bg5 O-O 9. Qd2 b5 10. Bd3 Bb7 11. a3 Nbd7 12. Rae1 Rc8 13. Kh1 Ne5 14. f4!?! Double-edged game. White attacks in the center, black attacks weaknesses on the queenside.

14...Nc4 15. Bxc4 Rxc4 16. b3?! Crude, but I wanted to get his rook off the fourth rank. This does allow him to take the a-pawn later

16...Rc8 17. e5 Ne8 18. Bxe7 Qxe7 19. Ne4 Bxe4 20. Rxe4 d5 21. Re3 Qxa3 Black has won a pawn, but his center and kingside will now come under constant attack.

22. f5! Qe7 23. Rg3 exf5?! 24. Nxf5 Qxe5 Temporarily wins a pawn, but now a skewer nets White the exchange

25. Re3 Qc7 26. Ne7+ Kh8 27. Nxc8 Qxc8

28. Qxd5! Nf6 28...Qxc2?? is impossible because of the mate threats following 29. Qxf7!

29. Qd3 Rd8 30. Qc3 Qg4 31. Ref3 Unfortunately due to the weakness of my back rank, Black has threats of his own, so I can't play moves like 31. Rxf6 because of 31... Rd1+ 32. Re1 Rxe1 33. Qxe1 gxf6

31...Qh4 32. Qc7 Rf8 33. Qe7 Kg8 34. Rd3 Qe4 I'm threatening a couple of unpleasant moves: Rd8 and Re1, so Black offers to trade queens.

35. Qxe4 Nxe4 36. Rd7 f5 Black has a strong knight outpost in the center. Will it be enough for the draw?

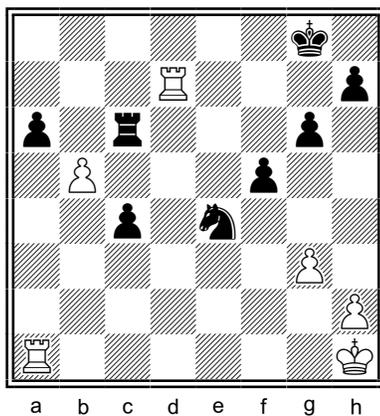
37. g3 g6 38. Ra1 My objective is to get to the seventh rank with my second rook and allow a queenside pawn to start marching

38...Rc8 39. b4! 39. Rxa6? loses the exchange to Nc5

39...Rc6 39...Rxc2 40. Rxa6 allows me to break through.

40. c4! bxc4 40...Rxc4 41. Rxa6 Rc8 would also let me achieve my goal.

41. b5!! (Diagram) Black Resigns 1-0.



If 41...axb5 42. Ra8+ mates. 41...Nc5 42. bxc6 Nxd7 43. cxd7 and queens. Relatively best is 41...Rc8, but white will still win with the passed pawn. 42. bxa6 Nc5 43. Rd6 Ra8 44. a7 Kf7 (other moves also lose to Rb6 but this allows the king to protect the knight and the b8 square for a short time longer) 45. Rb6 Nd7 46. Rb7 Ke6 (46...Re7 47. Rd1, 46... Re8 47. Re1+ Kd8 48. Rd1) 47. Ra6+ Ke7

48. Rc6 Ke8 49. Re6+ Kf7 50. Rd6 <Fritz>

My first rated victory against an expert, and even better, Gatica was FIDE-rated, so I earned by second game and now had a point. The only requirement left was playing one more FIDE player, and with 3.5/5 at this point, I felt sure that I'd get one more game.

The very next round I played another FIDE-rated expert, Robert Plunkett, who dispatched me quickly.

W: Robert Plunkett (2129)
B: Klaus Johnson (1723)

26th OCF North American Open, Round 6

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. Bc4 Nc6 7. Be3 Be7 8. Bb3 Nxd4? Bxe4 Qc7 10. Qe2 O-O 11. O-O-O Bd7 12. Rg1 Qa5? 13. g4! White builds up an enormous attack on the kingside, while my queenside attack is four tempos behind. The game ends in just six more moves.

13... b5 14. g5 Ne7 15. Qh5 b4 16. Nd5! exd5 17. Bd5 Rc8? 18. g6 hxg6?? 19. Bxf7+ Black Resigns 1-0

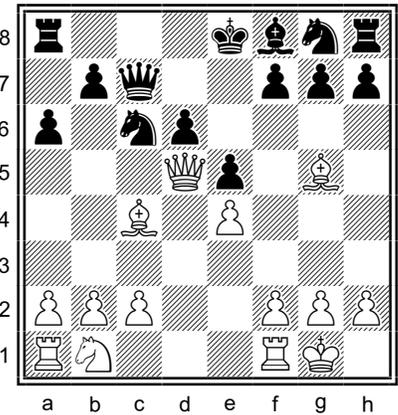
....and I lose my queen. On the plus side, I played my third FIDE game and fulfilled the last requirement!

Unfortunately, I then lost my 7th, 8th, and 9th round games against Chuck Johnson (1814), Mark Lisle (2000), and Larry Fuqua (1552). Against Lisle I was outplayed, but against both Johnson and Fuqua I squandered good positions. Here is the first of those games. I build up an overwhelming position in the first 12 moves, then let him out, blunder the exchange and fire every bullet in my gun before finally resigning.

W: Klaus Johnson (1723)
B: Chuck Johnson (1814)

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1. e4 c5 (again!) 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 d6 5. Bc4 Nc6 6. O-O Bd7 7. Nb5 Qb8 8. Bf4 e5 9. Bg5 a6 10. N5c3 10. Qh5! Weakens black's kingside permanently 10...Be6 11. Nd5 Bxd5 12. Qxd5 Qc7 (Diagram)



How did I manage to lose this game?!?!

13. Nc3? h6 14. Bh4? g5 15. Bg3 Nf6 16. Qd2 Bg7 17. a3 O-O 18. Bd6 Rfd8 19. Rad1 Rac8 20. h4 g4 21. f4 gxf3 e.p. 22. Rxf3 Nd4 23. Rf2 Qc5! 24. Rdf1? Ng4 25. Bxf7+ Kh8 26. Kh1 Nxf2+ 27. Rxf2 Rf8 28. Rf6 Kh7

I had a pawn for the exchange so it would probably be better to try and hold the draw. The last few moves are a barrage of sacrifices, hoping that he would fall into a mating position or a perpetual check. Here, 28... Bxf6 loses to 29. Qxh6#

29. Qd1?! Bxf6 30. Qh5 Bg7 31. Nd5 Rxf7! He can certainly afford it now!

32. Qxf7 Rf8 33. Qd7 Ne2! White Resigns 0-1. I knew I had run out of attack.

I managed to win my final game against Robert Tobias (1423) to end with 4.5/10. I didn't win any prizes but I did get my three-game goal. My traveling partner Mitesh had a slow start but ended up with a six FIDE game performance and finished with 6.5/10, just a point behind the winners NM Alex Chua (TX), NM Alexander Betaneli (WI), WIM Nadya Ortiz (Colombia), and NM Asish Vaja (WI)

This tournament was organized by Frank and Jim Berry who also organized the 2007 US Championship. They run four weekend tournaments a year (though the others have fewer rounds) and I highly recommend one of their tournaments for anybody wanting to play chess outside of Colorado. The entry fee was low (\$40), and I had the privilege of playing one master and four experts in my ten rounds despite my less than stellar performance.

Winter Springs Open Results

December 1st-2nd, 2007 -- Chief TD: Richard Buchanan

June

| # | Name | ID | Rtng | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Tot |
|----|------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 | Josh Bloomer | 12626102 | 2187 | X9 | W6 | D2 | W7 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Randy Canney | 10407443 | 2201 | W7 | W8 | D1 | D5 | 3.0 |
| 3 | DuWayne Langseth | 11197175 | 1817 | D5 | W10 | L4 | W8 | 2.5 |
| 4 | Richard Buchanan | 10273030 | 2000 | U--- | W5 | W3 | U--- | 2.0 |
| 5 | Jason Caldwell | 12699967 | 1990 | D3 | L4 | W9 | D2 | 2.0 |
| 6 | Larry Wutt | 12745430 | 1905 | W11 | L1 | L7 | W10 | 2.0 |
| 7 | Paul Anderson | 12728345 | 1875 | L2 | W11 | W6 | L1 | 2.0 |
| 8 | Paul Covington | 12044640 | 1981 | W10 | L2 | H--- | L3 | 1.5 |
| 9 | Shaun MacMillan | 10410916 | 1836 | F1 | H--- | L5 | D11 | 1.0 |
| 10 | Bill Weihmiller | 12515063 | 1804 | L8 | L3 | W11 | L6 | 1.0 |
| 11 | Anthea Carson | 12614322 | 1714 | L6 | L7 | L10 | D9 | 0.5 |

July

| # | Name | ID | Rtng | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Tot |
|----|-----------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 | Donald Holz | 10440483 | 1737 | W11 | W5 | W8 | D3 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Scott Massey | 12059850 | 1743 | W13 | W4 | D3 | D5 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Tim Brennan | 12718954 | 1741 | W14 | W7 | D2 | D1 | 3.0 |
| 4 | Mike Filppu | 12915820 | 1676 | W12 | L2 | W9 | W7 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Jim McKenna | 12548740 | 1793 | W9 | L1 | W10 | D2 | 2.5 |
| 6 | Randall Moore | 12632283 | 1716 | D8 | H--- | W11 | D10 | 2.5 |
| 7 | Joe Fromme | 12532662 | 1688 | W10 | L3 | W12 | L4 | 2.0 |
| 8 | Dean Brown | 10224098 | 1504 | D6 | W13 | L1 | D9 | 2.0 |
| 9 | Paul Grimm | 12461913 | 1637 | L5 | W11 | L4 | D8 | 1.5 |
| 10 | Rena Delaware | 12913218 | 1482 | L7 | W14 | L5 | D6 | 1.5 |
| 11 | Bongee Boyce | 11155341 | 1506 | L1 | L9 | L6 | W12 | 1.0 |
| 12 | Fred Eric Spell | 12835115 | 1400 | L4 | B--- | L7 | L11 | 1.0 |
| 13 | Shannon Fox | 12578725 | 1636 | L2 | L8 | U--- | U--- | 0.0 |
| 14 | Joshua Higa | 12898026 | 1522 | L3 | L10 | U--- | U--- | 0.0 |

August

| # | Name | ID | Rtng | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Tot |
|---|------------------|----------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 | Cory Foster | 12928613 | 1383 | W4 | W2 | W3 | W6 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Rhett Langseth | 13392987 | 1276 | W6 | L1 | W4 | D3 | 2.5 |
| 3 | Gerald Maier | 12510521 | 1251 | W7 | W5 | L1 | D2 | 2.5 |
| 4 | Tom Mullikin | 12905792 | 1087 | L1 | W8 | L2 | W7 | 2.0 |
| 5 | Matthew Krump | 13610672 | 1112 | W8 | L3 | D6 | U--- | 1.5 |
| 6 | Ken Johnson | 12692213 | 983 | L2 | W7 | D5 | L1 | 1.5 |
| 7 | Cynthia Langseth | 13216638 | 789 | L3 | L6 | W8 | L4 | 1.0 |
| 8 | Kathy Schneider | 12545281 | 733 | L5 | L4 | L7 | B--- | 1.0 |

Sacrificing to Force Mate

by NM Todd Bardwick

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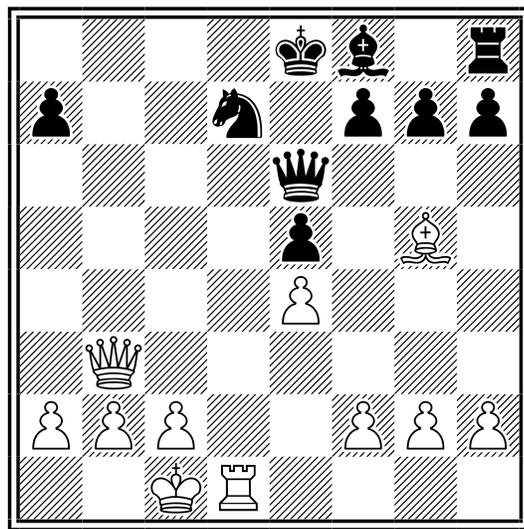
Chess has been referred to as both a sport and an art form. When we think of chess as an art form, it is often the beauty and logic that backs up a sacrifice that uncovers the truth in the position and proves the validity of the idea that we are trying to express.

A sacrifice occurs when material is voluntarily given away. The purpose of a sacrifice is to gain another type of advantage, usually to weaken the defenses of the enemy king.

There can be a fine line between a sacrifice and a blunder. Most sacrifice ideas aren't justified, so it is good advice to make sure that your sacrifice leads to a forced mate, an eventual recovery of your material, or some other tangible advantage.

Some of the most beautiful sacrifices occur when a queen is given up to force mate. Here are a couple examples from two of the most famous chess games of all time.

Lets pick up the clues from this position from Paris in 1858 with Paul Morphy playing White against the Duke of Brunswick and Count Isouard.

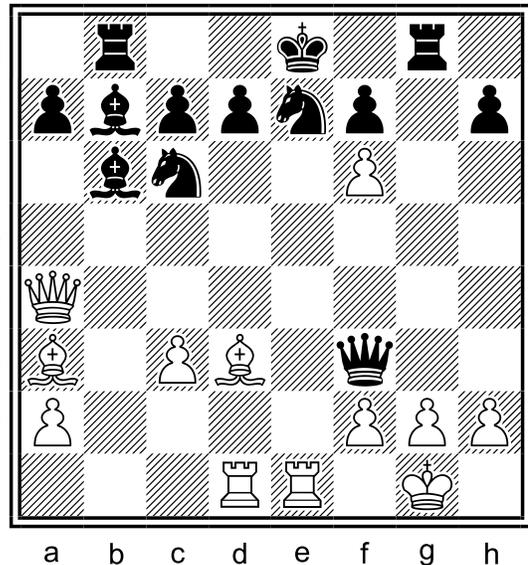


Position after 15...Nxd7(B)

White is behind in material, but has an advantage in piece activity and king safety. Black's king is trapped in the center. Black's knight is actually pinned to the d8 square because if he moves it anywhere except for f6, White can play Rd8 mate.

Observing this, Morphy sacrifices his lady and plays the pretty forcing line, **16.Qb8+!!** forcing **16...Nxb8 17.Rd8** mate! Of course Morphy saw this mating idea many moves earlier when he started sacrificing the material that led up to this position.

Here is a position from the famous "Evergreen Game" that took place in Berlin in 1852 between Adolf Anderssen and Jean Dufresne. Anderssen was considered the best player of his time and years later the first World Champion, Wilhelm Steinitz, called this game the "evergreen in Anderssen's laurel wreath."



Position after 19...Qxf3 (N)

First picking up clues, you will notice that White (Anderssen) has sacrificed both knights to reach this position. Black's king is stuck in the middle of the board. Also observe that all of White's pieces are on active squares. Of course, Black threatens mate with **20...Qxg2**.

White sacrifices his rook by playing **20.Rxe7+! Nxe7** (Better would have been **20...Kd8**, but White is still winning after **21.Rxd7+ Kc8 22.Rd8+ Kxd8 23.Bf5+ Qxd1+ 24.Qxd1+**) and then the queen with **21.Qxd7+! Kxd7 22.Bf5+** A powerful double-check that forces a king move. **22...Ke8 22...Kc6** loses to **23.Bd7** mate! **23.Bd7+ Kf8 24.Bxe7** mate!

When your opponent's king is out in the open and your pieces are developed to good squares, be on the lookout for a sacrifice or a series of sacrifices that lead to checkmate. If you can create a masterpiece with a beautiful sacrifice, maybe your game will join these as one of the most famous ever played!

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by Paul Anderson &
Matthew Anderson

The Lion Tamer

One of the nice things about my family living in Colorado Springs is that we are only an hour away from Denver. It is just a short, scenic drive along the front range to the big city, and with my son's grandmother living in Highlands Ranch, the trip is reminiscent of that holiday song that goes over the river and through the woods. Of course, in our case, it is more like over the divide (Monument) and through the forest (Black) to grandmother's office we go. You see, grandma works for the gas company downtown, and they keep her chained to her desk, even on the weekends. It works well for us as we always know where she is and parking is free on Sundays. Plus, the stuff we like to do in Denver is usually downtown, and Sunday, October 28, 2007 was no different. I had decided to take the family to Life Master (LM) Brian Wall's simul and book signing at the Tattered Cover Book Store on the 16th Street Mall.

I was feeling an urge for some quality bonding time with my son. I didn't want to raise a boy who ends up in lifelong therapy because of his absent father. He has just moved into the teen years, and time seems to be flying by faster than ever. I wanted to create something he could look back on (and find another reason for his



therapy). Also, my father took me to a simul against GM Arthur Bisguier when I was a boy (http://home.att.net/~cs.chess/newsletter/Mon_Mar_22_v1.html), and it is one of my fond chess memories. In addition, I must have recently heard the song "Cat's In The Cradle" because I had the lyrics ringing in my head:

"My son turned [fourteen] just the other day.
He said, 'Thanks for the [chess set], dad,
come on, let's play.
Can you teach me to [beat a master]?' I said,
'Not today,
I got a lot to do.' He said, 'That's ok.'
And he walked away, but his smile never
dimmed,
Said, 'I'm gonna be like him, yeah.
You know I'm gonna be like him.'" (H. Chapin)

My plans couldn't have worked out better. It was a wonderful time for the whole family! We grew closer together than we have ever been, and it is all thanks to LM Brian Wall and Anthea Carson's book, "How To Play Chess Like An Animal." It was such a perfect day that I just had to share our experience with other chess-playing fathers and sons. Perhaps they could benefit from my ingenious planning and improve their relationships too. Perhaps, I would even be nominated for chess father of the year. The only way I thought I could improve on our day was to retell the tale together as father and son. Maybe that is asking for too much, maybe that is trying to improve on perfection, and maybe I should quit while I am ahead, but what could possibly go wrong with a father and son reliving a fabulous day:

Father: "I am writing a chess article about the day you played the Lion Master (LM) Brian Wall. Would you like to help?"

Son: "I don't care."

Father: "Well, let's give it a shot. I remember it was a beautiful fall day. The Rockies were playing down the street that night in their first World Series, and the 16th Street Mall was buzzing with hope. Grandma dropped us off right in front of the big, brick bookstore filled with eager chess players waiting for the arrival of the master in his lion costume and his



accomplice the gorilla. What do you remember?"

Son: "I don't know."

Father: "Well, maybe you could tell me a bit about your game. Since the gorilla only knew one opening from Brian and Anthea's book, everyone got to face the Orangutan. How did you decide what to play against it?"

Son: "No comment."

Father: "Well, maybe you could share something about your evening having dinner with the master afterwards at the Cheesecake factory where he shared his secrets with us about locating song lyrics on the internet and losing 70 lbs. Can you at least do that?"

Son: "No comment."

Father: "ALL RIGHT! THAT DOES IT! I AM SICK OF THIS ATTITUDE! I DON'T KNOW WHAT AGE SATAN WAS WHEN HE REBELLED AGAINST GOD'S AUTHORITY, BUT I'M GUESSING IT WAS FOURTEEN! NOW, GO TO YOUR ROOM AND DON'T COME OUT UNTIL YOU HAVE TOLD EVERYONE THIS LOVELY STORY! YOU GOT THAT! I MEAN IT! I'M GOING TO WATCH FOOTBALL! Where are my tacos?"

Son: "Hilarious, where did you get that joke? Ok, here is my story:

As my family and I walked up the stairs to

the simul, I still was trying to decide if I was going to play. First, I decided not to play, but my mom said, "I'll play if you do." So I changed my mind. And little did I know that I would do better than I expected. Then the simul started. The Orangutan (I thought he looked like a gorilla) came out and played the Orangutan opening. Brian (the Lion) Wall took over after the first 2 moves. I hadn't played Chess for a while so I came up with some ideas then I asked my dad for his opinion (who was playing right next to me). Once he took a pass and went to the bathroom. Then I thought I made the best move of the game, which allowed me to fork White's rook and king. After a few more moves, the Lion resigned as he held out his paw, and I, the Lion Tamer, shook his paw."

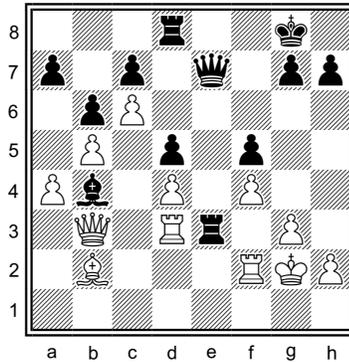
W: Wall, Brian (2200)

B: Anderson, Matthew

Brian Wall Simultaneous Tattered Cover Bookstore, Oct. 28, 2007

1.b4 d6 2.Bb2 e5 3.c4 last book move 3...Nc6 4.b5 White wins space 4...Nce7 5.e3 Ng6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Be2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.d4 exd4 10.exd4

[10.Bxd4 Be6±] 10...d5 11.c5 This push gains space 11...b6 12.c6 [12.Ne5 a6=] 12...Bf5 13.a4 Bd6 14.Ne5 Re8 15.f4 Ne4 16.Nd2 f6 17.Nxg6 Bxg6 18.g3 [18.f5 Bf7±] 18...Bf5 19.Bf3 Bb4 20.Nxe4 Bxe4 21.Kg2 f5 22.Bxe4 Rxe4 The rook dominates 23.Rf2 Qe7 24.Qb3 Rd8 25.Rd1 [25.Bc3!? is worth consideration 25...Bxc3 26.Qxc3±] 25...Re3 26.Rd3?? (Diagram)



[⊔26.Qc2 Be1 27.Rxe1 Rxe1 28.Qxf5±] 26...Qe4++ 27.Kg1 Rxd3 28.Qc2 Qe1+ [⊔28...Re8 and Black has reached his goal 29.Bc1+] 29.Kg2 Rd2 [29...Rd2 30.Rxd2 Bxd2+] 0-1

by CSCA Treasurer
Richard Buchanan

Contributions Support Chess Activity

As we all know, attendance has been down in chess tournaments recently, and organizers are pondering what can be done to change this dismal trend. Well, one chess supporter has come up with an idea: cold, hard cash!

Barry Biggs is the owner of PC Brokers, a computers sales and service business operating in Colorado Springs and the Denver area. Years ago Barry was an active tournament player, with a rating in the high 1900s. I spoke with him recently while getting my computer serviced, and it was not hard to persuade him part with some green to support Colorado chess.

Specifically, Barry has donated \$250 to the prize fund of the Colorado Closed Championship. This will increase the prizes substantially and may help convince our stronger players to compete in this classic tournament. Also, he has agreed to provide matching funds of up to \$600 to double the income of the Colorado Chess Tour. Last year's Tour brought in a total of \$536 to pay for trophies, plaques, and prizes. If the 2007-08 season brings in the same amount, Barry will match it for a healthy prize fund of \$1072.

I hope CSCA members show appreciation to Barry and PC Brokers, maybe by putting some business their way. And, of course, the real way of getting the most out of this good fortune is to get players back into those tournaments! How about it, folks?



"Look, ma! No stools or whips!" Matthew bravely shakes the lion's paw after a hard fought victory. Photo by Paul Anderson.

by Randy Reynolds

Larimer County Open Report

The 2007 Larimer County Open was held Oct. 6th-7th at the Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland.

There were 19 participants this year, far below the average, but there still were some great competitive games during the weekend. Perhaps the extended baseball season kept the additional participants away. Or maybe it was the Regis Jesuit tournament, competing for the same day.

Brian and Anthea started off the upsets early, with Anthea pulling off a 1st round draw against the esteemed master. In the reserve section, Michael Dempsey

was pulling off a similar draw to someone 300 points his rating superior.

The quote of the tournament comes from Larry Wutt: "I just want it known that my rating went up over 1900 **on Brian's watch!**"

Brian Wall ended up winning the tournament, though his rating took a slight beating from the two draws that nicked him. Larry Wutt, Alaska native Andy Duren, and Kas Krutkramelis all tied for 2nd. Mark Luce, a school teacher in Fort Collins, grabbed the best under 1600 prize.

In the reserve section, Gary Dorsey looked poised for the hat trick at winning all 5 games of the tournament. But "upsetmaster" Michael Dempsey stepped into board 1 and beat the leader.

Gary ended up winning anyway, thanks to 2nd place finisher Cory Foster beating Ed Cronin, Gary's only threat to the title. Joey Evoniuk also tied for 2nd place in the reserve section.

The future of this tournament remains in doubt, as reduced participation has made it increasingly difficult to cover expenses and offer big enough prizes. Perhaps some of the ideas in the opinion section on page 22 will shape this tournament in the future. But I thank everyone for their participation throughout the years and hope to restyle this event into something more people will attend next year.

So how about some games from this tournament? Head over to page 13, where you'll get a good sample of the kinds of games played!

Open Section

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|---|------------------|----------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Brian D Wall | 10923344 | 2227 | 2218 | D6 | W8 | W3 | D2 | W5 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Laurence R Wutt | 12745430 | 1895 | 1908 | W4 | W9 | H-- | D1 | D3 | 3.5 |
| 3 | Andrew Duren | 12690923 | 1864 | 1879 | W8 | W5 | L1 | W7 | D2 | 3.5 |
| 4 | Kas Krutkramelis | 13339687 | 1655 | 1673 | L2 | W6 | D7 | B-- | W8 | 3.5 |
| 5 | Shaun Macmillan | 10410916 | 1823 | 1822 | W7 | L3 | H-- | W6 | L1 | 2.5 |
| 6 | Anthea J Carson | 12614322 | 1671 | 1670 | D1 | L4 | W9 | L5 | B-- | 2.5 |
| 7 | Mark Leroy Luce | 13642128 | 1597 | 1601 | L5 | B-- | D4 | L3 | W9 | 2.5 |
| 8 | Dean W Brown | 10224098 | 1624 | 1603 | L3 | L1 | B-- | D9 | L4 | 1.5 |
| 9 | Joshua Higa | 12898026 | 1558 | 1533 | B-- | L2 | L6 | D8 | L7 | 1.5 |

Reserve Section

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------|----------|------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Gary Dorsey | 12897357 | 1217 | 1289 | W10 | W4 | W2 | W3 | L5 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Cory E Foster | 12928613 | 1373 | 1366 | W9 | D6 | L1 | W8 | W4 | 3.5 |
| 3 | Joey Evoniuk | 12498883 | 1296 | 1297 | D5 | W9 | W6 | L1 | W8 | 3.5 |
| 4 | Edward F Cronin | 10408504 | 1305 | 1300 | W7 | L1 | W5 | W6 | L2 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Michael J Dempsey | 12952683 | 995 | 1123 | D3 | D7 | L4 | W9 | W1 | 3.0 |
| 6 | Jeffrey Sallade | 13432958 | 1219 | 1205 | W8 | D2 | L3 | L4 | W10 | 2.5 |
| 7 | Alex Mc Mahon | 13193875 | 1084 | 1065 | L4 | D5 | H-- | L10 | W9 | 2.0 |
| 8 | Charles Herron | 13589136 | 922 | 920 | L6 | W10 | H-- | L2 | L3 | 1.5 |
| 9 | Thomas Mullikin | 12905792 | 1214 | 1138 | L2 | L3 | W10 | L5 | L7 | 1.0 |
| 10 | Kathy Schneider | 12545281 | 749 | 768 | L1 | L8 | L9 | W7 | L6 | 1.0 |

Games from the 2007 Larimer County Open

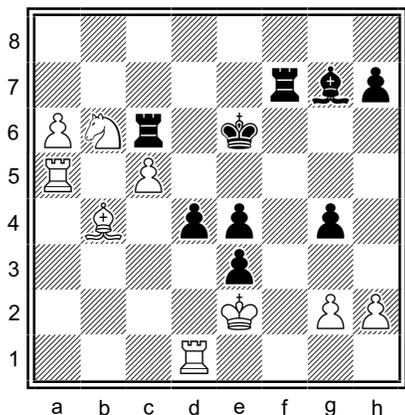
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W: Andy Duren (1864)

B: Shaun MacMillan (1823)

Larimer County Open, Round 2, Oct. 6th, 2007

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Qd4 Nf6 7.e5 Qa5+ 8.Bd2 Qd5 9.Be3 Ng4 10.Qxg4 d6 11.Qd4 dxe5 12.Qxd5 cxd5 13.Bb5+ Bd7 14.Bxd7+ Kxd7 15.0-0 f5 16.Rd1 e6 17.b3 Bg7 18.c4 d4 19.Be1 Kc6 20.Bb2 g5 21.Nd2 g4 22.b4 Rab8 23.b5+ Kd7 24.a4 Rhc8 25.Ba3 e4 26.c5 e5 27.Nc4 Ke6 28.b6 axb6 29.Nxb6 Rc6 30.a5 Rb7 31.a6 Ra7 32.Bb4 f4 33.Kf1 e3 34.Ra5 e4 35.fxe3 fxe3 36.Ke2 Rf7 (Diagram)



37.Be1?? [a little caution never hurt, but White could get away with a7 here!] Ra7 38.Bg3 h5 39.Rf1 Rxc5 40.Rxc5 Rxa6 41.Rc6+ Ke7 42.Nc8+ Kd7 43.Rxa6 Kxc8 44.Rf7 d3+ 45.Kxe3 1-0

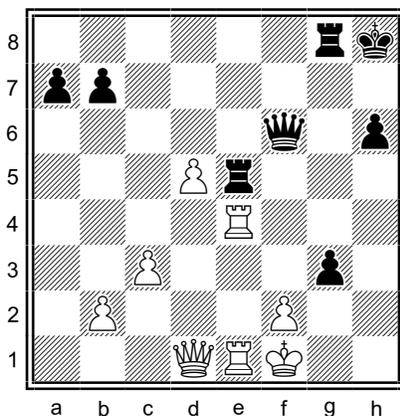
W: Gary Dorsey (1217)

B: Cory Foster (1373)

Larimer County Open, Round 3, Oct. 6th, 2007

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.exd5 cxd5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nbx7 8.0-0 h6 9.Re1 Bd6 10.Nc3 Qb6 11.d4 e4

12.Nh4 0-0 13.Nf5 Bc7 14.Ne7+ Kh7 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Qd6+ 18.Nf4 g5 19.g3 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Qd5 21.c3 Nf6 22.Kg1 Rg8 23.Qe2 Rae8 24.Be5 Qe6 25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.Qc2 Qc6 27.Re3 Kh8 28.Rae1 f5 29.Kf1 Qc4+ 30.Qe2 Qxa2 31.Qh5 Qe6 32.d5 Qa6+ 33.Kg2 Qf6 34.Kf1 Re5 35.Qd1 f4 36.Rxe4 fxe3 (Diagram)



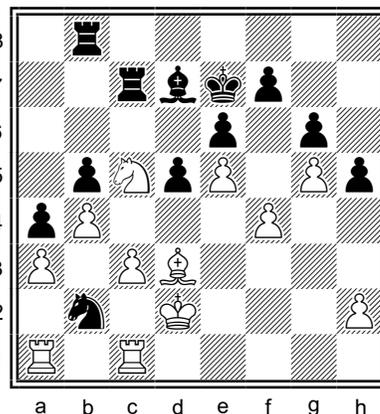
37.Qd4?? [f3! was needed to avoid the heavy losses] gxf2 38.Qxe5 fxe1Q+?? [but Black misses Rg1+!!] 39.Kxe1 Rf8 40.Qxf6+ Rxf6 41.Re7 h5 42.Re5 Rh6 43.Kf2 h4 44.Kg2 h3+ 45.Kh2 Kg7 46.Re7+ Kf6 47.Re6+ Kg5 48.Rxh6 Kxh6 49.d6 1-0

W: Larry Wutt (1895)

B: Brian Wall (2227)

Larimer County Open, Round 4, Oct. 7th, 2007

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 a6 8.Nf3 c5 9.dxc5 Nc6 10.Bd3 Qxc5 11.Qd2 b5 12.a3 Nb6 13.Qf2 Qxf2+ 14.Kxf2 Ke7 15.Ne2 Bd7 16.Ned4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Na4 18.Rab1 g6 19.g4 h5 20.g5 Rhb8 21.c3 a5 22.Rhc1 Nc5 23.Ke3 Ra7 24.Ra1 Rc7 25.b4 Na4 26.Kd2 Nb2 27.Nb3 a4 28.Nc5 (Diagram) [This well placed knight was enough to make Brian trade it off immediately, losing the exchange. However, with so many pawns left on the board, Larry could not activate his two rooks.]



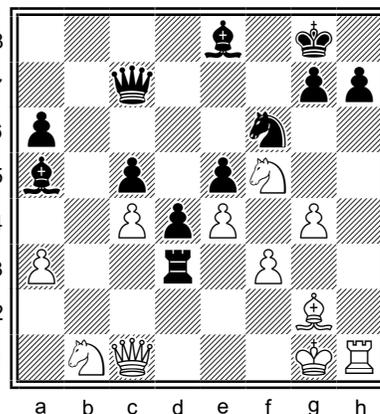
28... Rxc5 29.bxc5 Rc8 30.Rab1 Nxd3 31.Kxd3 Rxc5 32.Rb4 Kf8 33.Kd4 1/2-1/2

W: Dean Brown (1624)

B: Kas Krutkramelis (1655)

Larimer County Open, Round 5, Oct. 7th

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.g3 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.Bg2 e5 6.0-0 f5 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Nbd2 Nf6 9.Qd1 Bd6 10.Re1 0-0 11.e4 f4 12.a3 fxe3 13.hxe3 Bg4 14.Kh2 a6 15.Rh1 b5 16.b3 bxc4 17.bxc4 Bc7 18.Nb3 Qd6 19.Qe1 Rab8 20.Rb1 Na5 21.Nbd2 Rxb1 22.Nxb1 Rb8 23.Nfd2 Nb3 24.f3 Bh5 25.Kg1 Ba5 26.g4 Bg6 27.Qd1 Nxc1 28.Qxc1 Be8 29.Nf1 Rb3 30.Ng3 Rxd3 31.Nf5 Qc7 (Diagram)



32.Qc2! [White traps the pesky rook, but the passed pawn that results from the exchange ends up making the difference.]

Re3 33.Nxe3 dxe3 34.Qd3 Qb6 35.Kh2 Nxe4+ 36.fxe4 Qh6+ 37.Kg1 Qf4 38.Qd5+ Kh8 39.Qd1 Qf2+ 40.Kh2 e2 41.Qd5 Qf4+ 42.Kh3 e1Q 43.Rxe1 Bxe1 0-1

by Archie Shipp

Shipp's Log

W: Archie Shipp (1197)

B: Lee Lahti (1417)

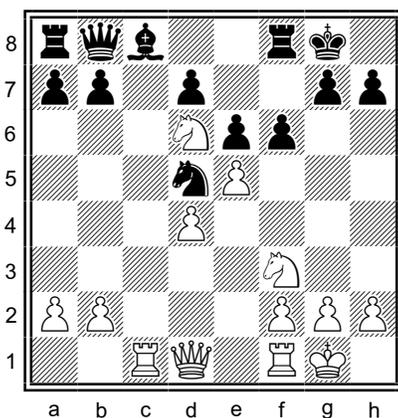
Round 3, Ft. Collins Oct. 2007 G/29
October 9, 2007

Off Course: I haven't played much lately, and this is the only game I was able to get the moves for, since I don't keep my own for quick games. Earlier in the night, I lost a close one to Vlad Jan Gaciu (1786) in the waning seconds of the 1st round. Then Randy Reynolds (1523) tore me apart with a Swiss Gambit. By the time Lee (1387) got me, I was just an empty hull of a Shipp.

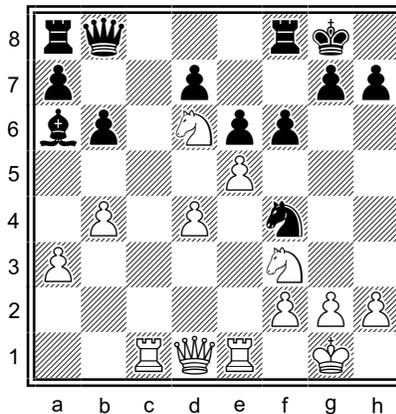
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 Either Gary Dorsey or Jay Shaeffer had warned me about Lee playing a little-used version of the Sicilian and here it was.

3. c3 I decided to go with an Alapin formation, just in case I could trick him into the trap (...Nf6 Be2 Nxe4? Qa4+!) that goes with it. [Ed. note: *Unfortunately, with Black's d-pawn in the way, it doesn't appear the trap works exactly the way intended. It's just as well; the game went another direction anyway.*]

3. ... Nc6 4. Bb5 Nge7 5. Bxc6 Nxc6 6. d4 cxd4 7. cxd4 Qa5+ 8. Bd2 Bb4 9. Nc3 O-O 10. O-O Qc7 11. Nb5 Qb8 12. Bxb4 Nxb4 13. e5 f6 14. Nd6 Nd5 15. Rc1 (Diagram) I'm actually loving this position so far.



15. ... b6 16. a3 Ba6 17. Re1 Nf4 18. b4 (Diagram) The computer didn't point this out as a mistake, but I know I should have moved Re3.



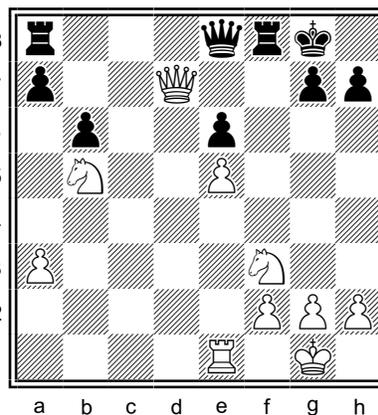
18. ... Nd3 Ouch!

19. b5 I thought this would be a pretty good trade coming up...it works out to six points apiece, and I end up a piece ahead.

19. ... Bxb5?? Crafty suggests: 19. ... Nxe1 20. Nxe1 Bb7 21. Qg4 a6 22. bxa6 Rxa6 23. Rc3 fxe5 24. dxe5 Ra5

20. Nxb5 Nxc1 21. Qxc1 Rc8 22. Qd2 fxe5 23. dxe5 Rf8 24. Qxd7 Qe8

(Diagram) We both make mistakes here, and I even realized it during the game, long before the computer confirmed it for me.



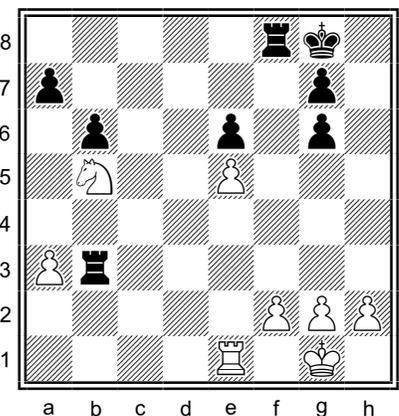
25. Qd6?? Crafty suggests: 25. Qxe8 Raxe8 26. Nxa7 g6 27. Nc6 h6 28. Rb1 Ra8 29. Rxb6 Rxa3 30. Rb7

25. ... Rd8?? Crafty suggests: 25. ... Qxb5 26. Qxe6+ Kh8 27. Ng5 Qe8 28. Qg4 Rc8 29. e6 Rc2 30. Qh4 Qg6

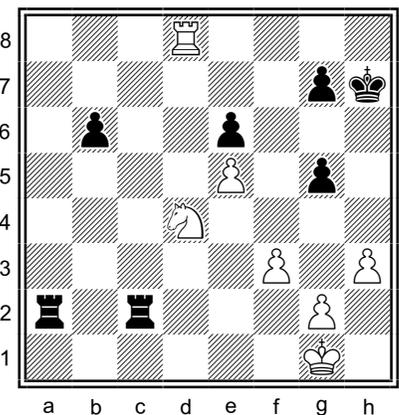
26. Qb4 Qg6 27. Qb3?? Crafty suggests: 27. Qb1 Qg4 28. h3 Qa4 29. Nd6 Qf4 30. Qe4 a6 31. Qxf4 Rxf4

27. ... Rd3 There goes my piece advantage, plus I miscalculated the coming exchange.

28. Nh4 Rxb3 29. Nxc6 hxc6 (Diagram) It is pretty much over now that Lee is up the rook to the knight.



30. Nxa7 Rxa3 31. Nb5 Ra2 32. f3 g5 33. h3 Rc8 34. Rd1 Rcc2 35. Rd8+ Kh7 36. Nd4 (Diagram) Crafty told me we both made some mistakes down the stretch, but I'll just ignore it.

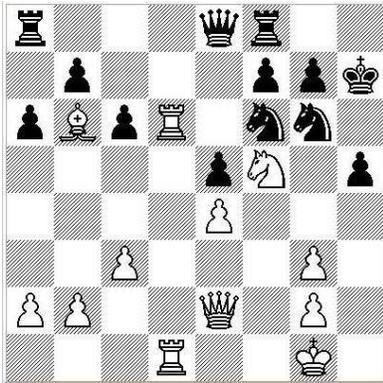


36. ... Rxc2+ 37. Kf1 Rgb2 38. Ne2 Rb1+ 39. Kf2 Rbb2 40. Kg3 Rxe2 41. Kg4 Rg2+ 42. Kh5 g6# 0-1

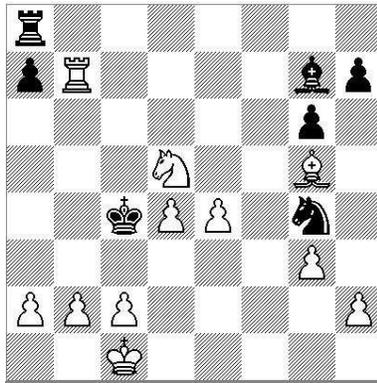
By Tim Brennan

Tactics Time!

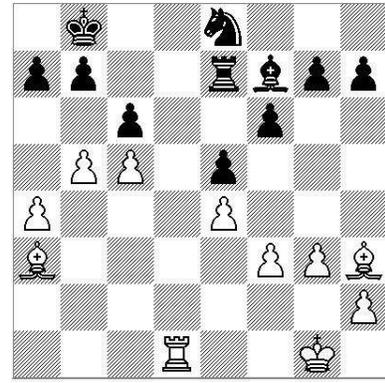
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on page 16



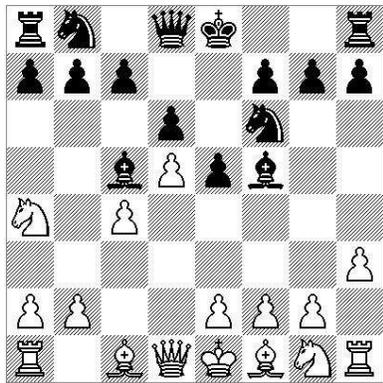
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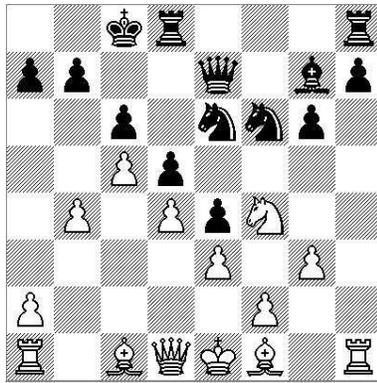
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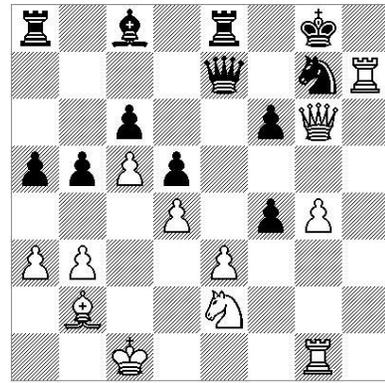
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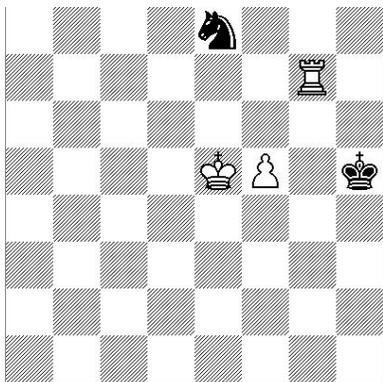
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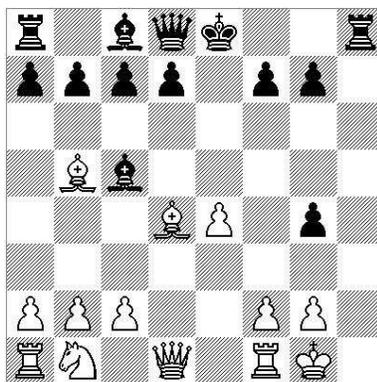
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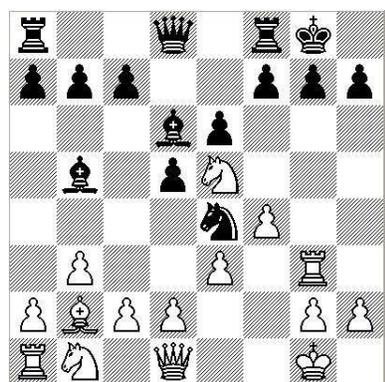
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 White to Move



7. Zupa, Daoud - Hughes, Tyler
Colorado Closed 2007
 White to Move



8. Aprile, Evan - Wall, Brian
Blindfold Borders Kids CC 2007
 Black to Move



9. Short, Pete - Porukumati, A
BAH December Frenzy 2006
 White to Move

Introducing the G/29 Grand Prix

by Lee Lahti

The Cheyenne, Fort Collins, and Greeley chess clubs would like to announce the formation of a G/29 Grand Prix tournament series. This will be a series of monthly 3-round G/29 tournaments throughout the year, rotating through the participating chess clubs. The idea is to bring people together and promote participation in chess club activities. Once a month, one of the participating clubs will host a Grand Prix tournament in place of a regular club night activity.

The primary objective of the G/29 Grand Prix is FUN! G/29 Grand Prix tournaments are open to all players, designed to be about getting together to play instead of placing emphasis on

prizes like at regular tournaments. That is a major reason why the entry fee for each G/29 Grand Prix tournament will be just \$3 per person! However, we still want to offer modest prizes for the top finishers in our tournaments. Each tournament will pay 60% of entry fees as prizes to the top performers. The remaining money (after paying USCF Rating Fees) will be added to the Grand Prix Prize Fund. At the end of the year, all money in the Grand Prix Prize Fund will be distributed to the players with the most Grand Prix points. Players will earn points both for their performance in G/29 Grand Prix events and for just participating in our tournaments.

Performance Points:

Score from a Tournament

Participation Bonus:

1-Point Bonus for Playing at
Least 2 Games in a Tournament

The sum of points earned from each event will be used to determine the

overall Grand Prix standings. The maximum score a player can earn throughout the year is 48 points, scoring 3 for 3 and earning 4 points (including the Participation Bonus) in each of the 12 events.

Upcoming G/29 Grand Prix Events:

Jan. 8th Fort Collins
Feb. 28th Cheyenne
Mar. 12th Greeley

G/29 Grand Prix events are also about convenience. The 3-round schedule was chosen to allow the tournament to be completed in a single night. The events should also be finished by 10 PM to allow anyone who wants to participate to still get home at a reasonable hour. Additionally, accelerated pairings will be used when needed to allow players to be paired against other players of similar strength.

We are looking for other clubs besides Cheyenne, Fort Collins & Greeley who would like to host G/29 Grand Prix events. The idea is for the G/29 Grand Prix to become a premier series of chess club events with members from several regional clubs participating. This allows a larger number of people to get paired with different players of similar strength throughout the year over what they normally see during regular chess club nights.

The 1st G/29 Grand Prix tournament is scheduled for Tuesday, January 9, 2008 in Fort Collins, with the next tournaments to follow in Cheyenne and Greeley. Keep an eye on the colorado-chess.com and wyomingchess.com websites for more information about the G/29 Grand Prix. If you have any questions, please contact me by e-mail at 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 Deep Hydra could have possibly figured out! TimmyBx@aol.com

1. **1. Rxf6** removes the defender of h5. If black recaptures with **1. ..gxf6** **2. Qxh5+** leads to a quick mate **2. ..Kg8** **3. Qh6 any** **4. Qg7#** Otherwise white is simply a piece up.
2. The Poor Richards Bookstore tournaments in Colorado Springs are a lot of fun. They are well run by Jerry Maier, who took a midfield QB sack here with **1. Rb4#**, ignoring the hanging bishop on g7. Jerry does a great job as TD, always rating the games immediately online.
3. Andy came all the way from Kuwait to unleash his own private "War of Terror", as Borat would say, with **1.Rd8+ Kc7** **2. Rc8#**
4. After **1. ..Bxf2+** Francisco is telling white they forgot to bring one thing - "A good supply of body bags". The game ended on the 9th move after **2. Kxf2 Ne4+** **3. Kf3 Qh4** **4. e3 Qf2#**
5. Anthea showed me "How to Play Chess Like an Animal" by playing The Crab 1.h4 2. Nh3 3. h5 and putting some horse meat in the crab dip after **1. Bh3** (Nxe6 also works) doing the old "pin it and win it" tactic.
6. Paul Anderson featured this game in his always entertaining Colorado Springs Chess newsletter where he removed the defender with **1. Rxc7+**. Bill resigned because of **1. ..Qxc7** **2.Qxe8+ Qf8** **3. Qxc6+-**
7. After a very long hard fought game the knight was trapped on the 82nd move with **1. Re7**
8. Brian wasn't "fooling around" against this 9 year old beginner at the Borders Kids chess club in Denver unleashing his most dangerous weapon—the fishing pole! That is practically cheating! Black mates after **1. ..Qh4** white can drag it out after **2. f4 g3** **3.Qh5 Rxb5** **4.Bxd7+ Bxd7** **5. Rf2 Qh1#**
9. Former Colorado Player, Pete Short, currently living in St. Pete Florida, makes the black kingside look like a post apocalyptic war zone after **1.Rxc7+!** If black takes the rook with **1. ..Kxc7** then white wins the black queen **2.Qg4+ Kh6** **3.Nc6 f6** **4.Nxd8**. If black decides to not take the rook, he gets sent to bed without dessert with **1. ..Kh8** **2.Nxf7+ Rxf7** **3.Rxb7+ Kxb7** **4.Qh5+ Kg8** **5.Qh8#** Booyah!

Boulder Fall Grand Prix

November 17-18, 2007

Tournament Director: Klaus Johnson

Boulder Grand Prix: Fall Classic

| # | Name | Rtng | Post | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Tot | TBk |
|----|--------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|
| 1 | Tyler Hughes | 2222 | 2234 | W16 | W2 | W4 | W6 | W7 | 5.0 | 12.5 |
| 2 | John Flores | 1696 | 1762 | W14 | L1 | W5 | W4 | W11 | 4.0 | 13 |
| 3 | Jackson Chen | 1609 | 1639 | W15 | W7 | L6 | W11 | H--- | 3.5 | 8 |
| 4 | Markus Petters | 2031 | 2016 | W12 | W11 | L1 | L2 | W10 | 3.0 | 13 |
| 5 | James Drebenstedt | 1887 | 1884 | W9 | D6 | L2 | W10 | H--- | 3.0 | 11.5 |
| 6 | Renard Anderson | 2233 | 2221 | W10 | D5 | W3 | L1 | U--- | 2.5 | 8.5 |
| 7 | Joe Fromme | 1668 | 1660 | H--- | L3 | W14 | W8 | L1 | 2.5 | 7.5 |
| 8 | Jerry Keker | 1417 | 1416 | H--- | L10 | W16 | L7 | W13 | 2.5 | 5 |
| 9 | Anatoly Makarevich | 1288 | 1300 | L5 | W15 | L10 | W12 | H--- | 2.5 | 4.5 |
| 10 | Lee Lahti | 1506 | 1520 | L6 | W8 | W9 | L5 | L4 | 2.0 | 11 |
| 11 | Paul Grimm | 1637 | 1616 | W13 | L4 | W12 | L3 | L2 | 2.0 | 10.5 |
| 12 | Jay Kranzdorf | 1312 | 1295 | L4 | W13 | L11 | L9 | W15 | 2.0 | 7 |
| 13 | Michael Dempsey | 996 | 1031 | L11 | L12 | W15 | W14 | L8 | 2.0 | 6 |
| 14 | Webb Harrington | 1232 | 1224 | L2 | W16 | L7 | L13 | B--- | 2.0 | 5.5 |
| 15 | Ginny Gaige | 814 | 797 | L3 | L9 | L13 | B--- | L12 | 1.0 | 6.5 |
| 16 | Cory Foster | 1397 | 1356 | L1 | L14 | L8 | U--- | U--- | 0.0 | 4 |
| 17 | Klaus Johnson | 1743 | 1743 | U--- | U--- | U--- | U--- | U--- | 0.0 | 0 |

compiled by Lee Lahti

Life in the Lower Sections



As someone whose rating is barely over the year Columbus discovered America, I don't usually play in the Open section at a tournament - unless it is a tournament with only a single section. When I do play in an Open section, I will usually get 1 game (2 if I'm "lucky") against a Colorado Master or Expert ... who proceeds to disembowel me in our game with relative ease. Games like that are not the best examples of quality chess played in Colorado. That distinction is reserved for the games where both players are Masters or Experts (and maybe the occasional Class A player as well). These are the types of games that are usually dissected and annotated for the Informant.

But what about games from the rest of us? As a class C player, I can make a move or two in a game that Fritz will assign with an "!" or "!!" - or at least not say "And after that move there is no hope." I believe you can call my style of play "Consistently Inconsistent" - reasonably decent play interspersed by moments of sheer brilliance or utter madness, all happening completely at random. That would describe the play of many players in Colorado rated under 1600. Where are the games like how I would play? Until now, there has not been a forum for games from players like us.

Welcome to "Life In The Lower Sections" - a new column to highlight the play of the average player - brilliancies, blunders, and all!

In the future, I would hope readers will submit their own games to be used in this column. There are a few guidelines I will follow in determining games that will be

ridiculed . . . I mean, highlighted.

#1 - Neither player should be rated over 1700.

#2 - The Time Control should be at least G/30, but preferably longer. Having this for a minimum time control means the players had time to think (at least for a few minutes) when the situation called for it.

#3 - Other than before the 1st move by White, the game should have changes where any result was possible. (no crushing, lopsided games)

And probably the most important:

#4 - Both participants need to have a sense of humor and not take anything I write about the game personally. I'm going to analyze with the help of Fritz and he is not very forgiving at times. (Hey, I'm no Expert! I still need some help with analysis - although I do more of it on my own now than I did before!) And I've been the source of enough 1300 jokes from Brian Wall and Tim Brennan that I should be allowed to have some fun with what I write!

As this is the 1st column and I haven't received any submissions yet, I have chosen one of my own recent games to spotlight. It was in a tournament with a single sections, but believe me - it meets all these criteria!

W: Cory Foster (1373)

B: Lee Lahti (1499)

Front Range Team Challenge, September 22, 2007

Time Control: G/60 + 5 sec delay

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Bb4 The Sicilian Counter Attack!

There can be some advantage for Black if White is unprepared for it, but it is possibly deadly if White knows or figures out a good way to respond.

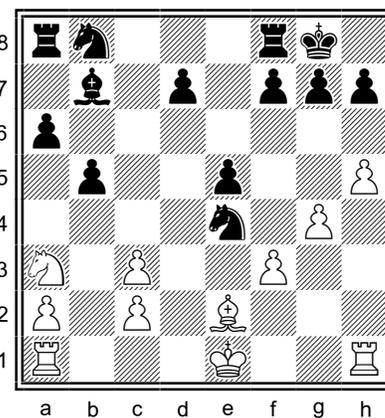
6. Bg5 Qa5 7. Qd3?? (Diagram) Theoretical Novelty by Cory Foster! Hangs the Bishop on g5! "Why play the opening even on material when I can be down a piece instead!"

7. . . . Qxg5 At least I saw the piece was hanging!

8. Ndb5 Qc5 9. f3 O-O 10. Be2 e5 Fritz says a6 here, but I thought I needed to protect all escape squares for the Knight before I could get up another piece.

11. h4 a6 12. Na3 Bxc3+ 13. Qxc3 I'm up a piece. White's kingside pawn structure is already shot. Trading the Queens here destroys the queenside pawn structure as well or I go up another piece if they aren't.

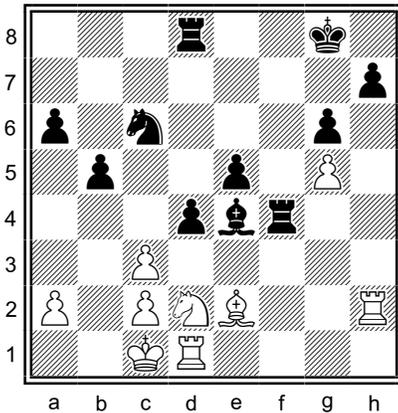
13. . . . Qxc3+ 14. bxc3 b5 15. h5 Bb7 16. g4 Nxe4 (Diagram) I thought giving back the minor piece advantage to be up 2 center pawns was an acceptable trade.



17. fxe4 Bxe4 18. Rh4 g5 Stops White's pawn advance and opens a file for my Rook!

19. hgx6 fxxg6 20. g5 Rf4 21. Rh2 Nc6 22. O-O-O d5 23. Nb1 Rd8 Preparing to trade off material.

24. Nd2 d4?? (Diagram) Definitely a mistake, but unknown at the time.



25. Nxe4 Rxe4 26. Bf3! I did not see Bf3 coming at all! There went any material advantage I had. I spend about 10 minutes trying to find a good response. The best I could come up with was to get 3 pawns overall for my Bishop and hope I could use my extra pawns to an advantage to promote.

26. ...Re3 27. Bxc6 Rxc3 28. Be4 Rd7 29. Rf2 Re3 30. Bf3 Kg7 31. Bg4 Rf7 32. Rxf7+ Kxf7 Trading down and maneuvering to try and make use of my pawns.

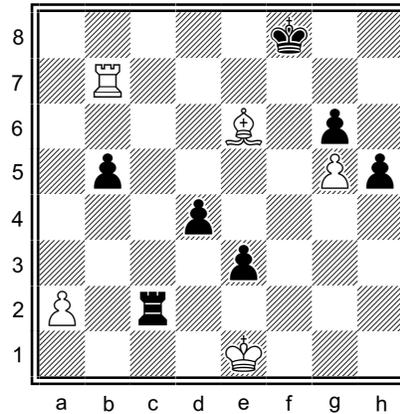
33. Rf1+ Kg7? Ke7 would have been a much better option, getting my King centralized.

34. Be6 h5 35. Rf7+ Kh8 36. Rf8+ Kg7 37. Rg8+ Kh7 The perpetual exists. Cory only needs to repeat moves a couple of times and the game is a draw.

38. Ra8 Deciding to go after my Queen-side pawns instead.

38. ...Re1+ 39. Kd2 Rf1 40. Rxa6 e4 41. Ra7+ Kh8 42. Ra8+ Kg7 43. Ra7+ Kf8

44. Rb7 e3+ 45. Ke2 Rf2+ 46. Ke1 Rxc2 (Diagram) Maneuvering by both sides to get control of the pawn situation.



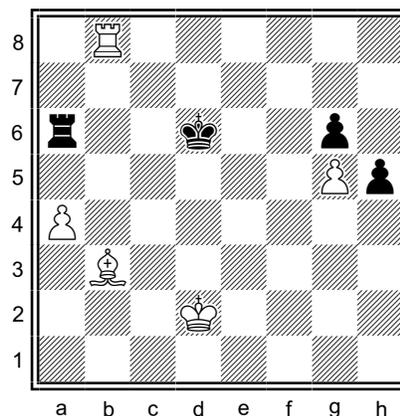
47. Rxb5?? A mistake! This gives Black an unstoppable advantage with the 2 center passed pawns.

47. ...d3! Trying for mate! Cory spent almost 15 minutes looking for a defense.

48. Rb1 ... At this point Cory only had 8 minutes remaining on his clock to my 30.

48. ...d2+?? All I needed to do was slide the rook over to g2 or h2 and this game is over! Do I make that move – no! Instead I play a series of moves that entirely gives up any advantage I had in the position:

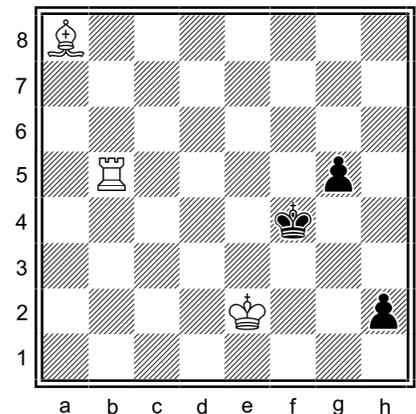
49. Kd1 e2+?? 50. Kxe2 Rc1 51. Rb8+ Ke7 52. Kxd2 Rc6 53. Bb3 Kd6 54. a4 Ra6 (Diagram) Trying to salvage my position: Prevent the lone a-pawn from promoting and see if there are any remaining threats with my King-side pawns.



55. Rg8 Ke5 56. Rb8 Kf4 57. Rb5 h4 58. Ke2 Rd6 59. a5 h3 That a-pawn is starting to advance, but so is my h-pawn. I have a huge time advantage – 25 minutes to 4.

60. Bd5 Kxg5 61. Bb7+ Kf4 62. a6 h2 63. a7 Rd8 Cory has gotten his a-pawn through while my "attack" is stalled. Cory is down to under 2 minutes.

64. a8=Q Rxa8 65. Bxa8 g5 (Diagram) Under normal circumstances, this is an insurmountable advantage. But this is Life in the Lower Sections, which is anything but normal!



(A draw? Really? From this??)

66. Rb1 g4 67. Be4?? Kxe4 A gift from the time-pressure gods!

68. Kf2 Kf5? Stalling for a tempo. Kg2 or Kg3 and White still prevails. But maybe I can get a swindle as Cory is under a minute!

69. Rh1 Grabbing the bait.

69. ...Kf4 70. Rxb2 g3+! Swindle achieved.

71. Kg2 gxh2 72. Kxh2 1/2-1/2

If you too would like to have your greatest triumphs and blunders made a mockery of for everyone to read about, please submit a game for "Life In The Lower Sections" to lee.lahti@comcast.net. Thanks for reading!

by NM Todd Bardwick

Dré Bly Rules the Chessboard at Dove Valley

Do you know what the glue was that held The Orange Crush Defense together? You guessed it: chess.

In an interview at his desk just outside the weight room at Dove Valley about eight years ago, Barney Chavous told me that “Chess really brought closeness to the team back in those days.”

Chess has resurfaced in the Broncos locker room, and cornerback Dré Bly rules the roost.

On September 12, I visited the locker room to interview Bly for my chess column in the Rocky Mountain News.

On a large wooded chess board on a table in the center of the defensive side of the locker room, I watched Bly crush Andre Hall with the black pieces.

Bly has only been playing chess for four years, and has a good grasp of the game: he develops his pieces to logical squares and exhibits good chess fundamentals. With a few tips to improve his game, I would guess that Bly would have a playing strength in the Class C range.

Since joining the Broncos earlier in the year, Bly has won well over a hundred games with only a dozen or

so losses. And he isn't shy announcing he plans to improve his record!

Bly's main opponents on the Broncos are Andre Hall and Ian Gold. D.J. Williams, Cliff Washburn, and Champ Bailey also play. While playing for the Detroit Lions, he regularly played chess against linebacker Earl Holmes and longsnapper Don Muhlbach.

Bly's chess style is what you would expect of a Pro Bowl cornerback: he calculates what his opponent is threatening and does a good job of anticipating what he opponent will do next.

Bly says, “In chess, you got to have a strategy and a counter-move for every move he makes and be thinking moves ahead. It is like watching film in football: you have to know your opponent and have strategies planned out to anticipate every move he makes and always be thinking two or three moves ahead.”

After the Hall-Bly game, I played a couple games against Ian Gold, who is one of the nicest guys you would ever want to meet.

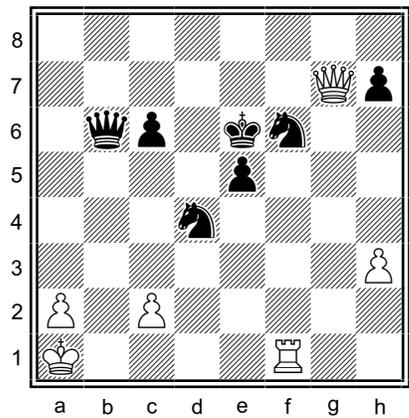
Bly and I then played a few moves. He avoided a couple traps I set for him and I could only obtain the small advantage of doubling his f-pawns, before he was called away to a team meeting.

This was my third Broncos chess interview – the first two with Reggie Rivers and Barney Chavous - can be found on the Rocky Mountain News link on www.ColoradoMasterChess.com.

So how would I rank the Broncos in terms of chess strength? My guess is the top three in order of strength would be Bly, Alfred Williams, and Barney Chavous. Chavous is better than Reggie Rivers and he told me that Williams eventually got stronger than him by playing extensively against his computer.

Here is the end of Bly's game against Reggie Rivers played on August 22nd that was aired on the Channel 4 pregame show before the exhibition game against the Cleveland Browns.

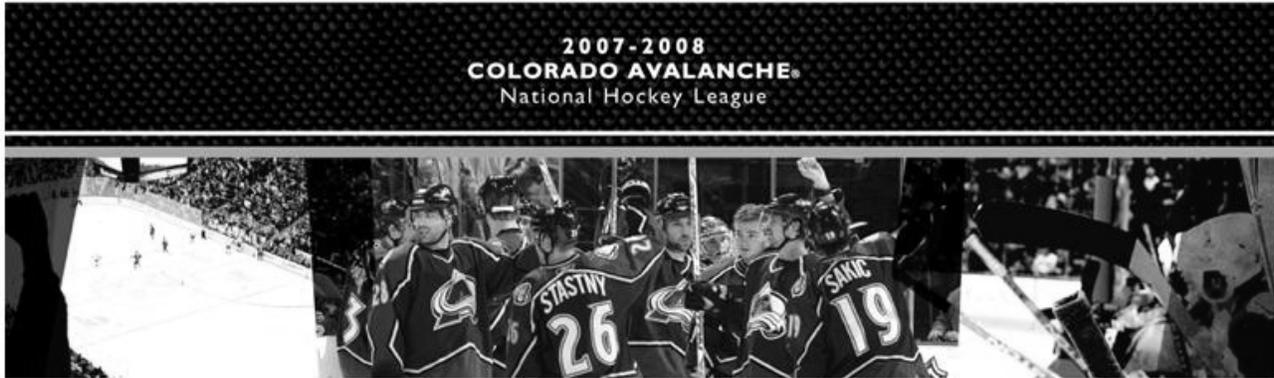
Bly



Rivers
Position after Rf1

Bly played ...Nxc2 mate.

(Please do not call the Broncos to challenge them to a chess game. The players put football first, and play chess amongst themselves for competition and relaxation from a busy schedule.) [Ed. note: Besides, they'd probably embarrass y'all anyway. And even if they didn't, who wants to be stuck in a locker room with a 200 pound cornerback after beating him in chess?]



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In-N-Out Chess

by Randy Reynolds

As a tournament organizer, I find myself frequently trying to adjust my tournaments to accommodate the changing needs of the participants. When the Pulliam Community Building in Loveland lacked any wheelchair accessibility to the basement, I moved venues to a place that had the appropriate ramps. (Also, they were really belligerent about not taking entry fees on site, too, but that's another story.) The point is, a tournament organizer needs to constantly watch for adjustments to make to keep the tournament enjoyable for the participants.

But sometimes adjustments need to be made for financial reasons as well. Northern Colorado, especially Fort Collins, does not have very many cheap venues, thus it makes sense to economize and find ways to cut down on expenses. This indirectly affects the patron's chess experience as well, as more prizes generally translates into happier chess players.

In this pursuit, I've come across the idea of one-day chess tournaments, not necessarily just for quick chess, but longer time controls as well. Impossible, you say? Just by moving up the first round from a usual 10 AM to 9 AM, a 4 round G/60 tournament can be run with 30 minute breaks between rounds: 9 AM, 11:30 AM, 2 PM, and 4:30 PM. Want 3 rounds of G/90? 9 AM, 1 PM, and 4:30 PM. It can work!

Here are the primary advantages:

Pros

- Obviously, the big advantage right off the bat is less cost for the organizers. This can take a \$300 weekend venue down to \$150, and \$150 I don't have to pay goes directly to helping break even in a tournament.
- Are you frustrated about finally winning your section, only to spend every penny on hotel costs? Now you don't have to worry about finding a hotel for less than \$70, since there no longer is any overnight stay involved.
- As a family man, it's vitally important not to leave the kids with the wife for too many weekends. So that sometimes cuts down on

the number of events I can attend. Even if you're single, though, imagine being able to play rated chess on a weekend and still have time for another hobby on Sunday. You can go to church. You can write that novel. You can go skiing. And you can still revel in your oh-so-recent victory where you planned that wonderful sacrifice that went off perfectly.

- I've seen it happen enough times – someone decides 2 or 3 losses was enough on Saturday and decides they just don't want to show up again on Sunday. And they don't tell the TD they're leaving, either. So one person is always stuck waiting Sunday morning for that opponent who never shows up, which is frustrating as well. With Saturday only tournaments, that doesn't happen anymore!

Of course, I wouldn't have written "Pros" up there if there weren't also some:

Cons

- I'll admit it; it can be tiring to take the drive all the way down to Colorado Springs. But after I've played 3-4 rounds of chess for the day, the drive back can feel even longer. I'm sure those coming from Colorado Springs to Fort Collins probably feel the same. Of course, if it really does exhaust you, that hotel could still be an option.
- Kiss those 5-6 round tourneys good-bye. 3-4 rounds is probably the maximum number you could fit in one day without turning it into quick chess. Considering the numbers we get in each section, though, 3-4 rounds is probably just fine for now, at least until the Fischer era experiences a revival.
- If you thrive on 40/2 20/1 marathon matches, then one day events may not work for you, either. For little kids and anxious players like me who get antsy once the game goes past 2 hours, this might be Heaven. For players like Dean Brown, who turns into SuperDean at the U.S. Open's laidback 40/2 SD/1 time control, it might also be frustrating.

The Non-tournament: A Compromise

There is, perhaps, a somewhat satisfying compromise to minimize the drawbacks in each case. This new event attempts to capture all of the primary advantages of the one day events with the longer time control games that many OTB'ers crave. It also won't wear you out because it's only a couple games of chess.

I introduce to you, the non-tournament.

Here's an event that's only two rounds long. Accelerated or even McMahon pairings can be used for both of these rounds. The key is to find a player or two of your own playing strength to properly simulate the latter two rounds of a tournament (which are usually the ones we enjoy the most, anyway).

Obviously, you can do this in your own local chess club. But in case we are still interested in having that occasional OTB game against a non-club player, this will truly satisfy that fix. Obviously, team restrictions will need to be strictly enforced during both rounds, as no one wants to drive all the way down to Denver just to play their carpool buddy.

Two G/120's can easily be played in one day, with plenty of time left over that can be allocated to travel.

But what's this? How do we figure out who wins in two rounds? Well, that's the easy part:

Everyone wins!

You got to save on hotel expenses and only used up half your weekend with chess.

You saved a whole ton of money because now the entry fee shrinks down to your share of the venue costs, rating fees, and other administrative costs (like scoresheets, pens, Chess Life advertising and rating fees). If 20-25 people came to the a \$150/day venue and we assume \$25 for admin costs, a typical entry fee could be around \$7-9! C'mon, that's about the cost of a **movie** nowadays, and that only lasts for 2 hours or so (plus, if you want popcorn, you're gonna have to eat it off the floor!). If someone told me I could have a day's worth of entertainment for \$7-9, I'd already have my cash out.

I suppose those of you who are actually making money playing OTB chess might take offense at this. But I have to believe that those who play chess just for the game itself are in the vast majority, and as a tournament organizer, I'd much rather cater my tournaments towards the majority anyway.

Comments? Have another opinion? Send them to randy_teyana@msn.com or the address on page 2. Or send in your own opinion of chess on another subject entirely!

Open

| # | Name | USCF | Pre | Post | Game Info | Points |
|----|-----------------------|----------|------|------|----------------|--------|
| 1 | Karl W Irons | 12096800 | 1740 | 1805 | W16 W6 W4 W3 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Shaun T Macmillan | 10410916 | 1801 | 1837 | W10 D13 W9 W8 | 3.5 |
| 3 | Damian Nash | 11520359 | 1941 | 1925 | D7 W12 W13 L1 | 2.5 |
| 4 | Timothy E Brennan | 12718954 | 1736 | 1742 | W11 W5 L1 D6 | 2.5 |
| 5 | Anthea J Carson | 12614322 | 1731 | 1720 | W17 L4 W16 D9 | 2.5 |
| 6 | Joseph T Fromme | 12532662 | 1668 | 1688 | W8 L1 W15 D4 | 2.5 |
| 7 | Michael Stuart Filppu | 12915820 | 1661 | 1676 | D3 L9 W12 W13 | 2.5 |
| 8 | M Paul Covington | 12044640 | 2007 | 1981 | L6 W14 W11 L2 | 2.0 |
| 9 | Scott F Massey | 12059850 | 1755 | 1743 | D14 W7 L2 D5 | 2.0 |
| 10 | Shannon Fox | 12578725 | 1648 | 1618 | L2 L15 B0 W14 | 2.0 |
| 11 | Dean W Brown | 10224098 | 1522 | 1517 | L4 B0 L8 W16 | 2.0 |
| 12 | Scott Wilfong | 12437455 | 1237 | 1255 | B0 L3 L7 W15 | 2.0 |
| 13 | Howard E Grant | 12461350 | 1668 | 1658 | W15 D2 L3 L7 | 1.5 |
| 14 | Ryan M Mccardell | 12754677 | 1318 | 1331 | D9 L8 W17 L10 | 1.5 |
| 15 | Lawrence MacKendrick | 13518775 | 1220 | 1234 | L13 W10 L6 L12 | 1.0 |
| 16 | Duncan Hill | 13771275 | unr | 1204 | L1 W17 L5 L11 | 1.0 |
| 17 | Michael P Kimmett | 13771281 | unr | 837 | L5 L16 L14 B0 | 1.0 |



The picturesque Salida Scout Hut, where the Salida Cash Open was played.

Experienced

| # | Name | USCF | Pre | Post | Game Info | Points |
|----|-----------------|----------|------|------|--------------|--------|
| 1 | Eric Barkmeyer | 13685021 | 1464 | 1516 | W6 W7 W5 W4 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Ryan Snodgrass | 13154976 | 1139 | 1275 | L4 W10 W8 W5 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Russel J Stark | 13185723 | 1055 | 1177 | W10 D8 L4 W6 | 2.5 |
| 4 | Mark Lauer | 12606904 | 1450 | 1428 | W2 L5 W3 L1 | 2.0 |
| 5 | Robert Rountree | 12937640 | 1298 | 1303 | W9 W4 L1 L2 | 2.0 |
| 6 | Liz Wood | 12402559 | 1206 | 1210 | L1 W9 W7 L3 | 2.0 |
| 7 | Stephen Wilfong | 12872890 | 1124 | 1188 | W8 L1 L6 W9 | 2.0 |
| 8 | Edward F Cronin | 10408504 | 1307 | 1268 | L7 D3 L2 W10 | 1.5 |
| 9 | Mark J Wiard | 12588201 | unr | 1020 | L5 L6 W10 L7 | 1.0 |
| 10 | Frank F Atwood | 12117960 | 1299 | 1200 | L3 L2 L9 L8 | 0.0 |

Intermediate

| # | Name | USCF | Pre | Post | Game Info | Points |
|---|-------------------|----------|------|------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | Brady Barkmeyer | 13567727 | 975 | 1086 | W6 W5 W2 W3 | 4.0 |
| 2 | Joseph A Kolupke | 12743093 | 1053 | 1076 | W3 W4 L1 W5 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Paul C De Cock | 13771055 | 905 | 905 | L2 W6 W4 L1 | 2.0 |
| 4 | Robert G Willis | 13771076 | 788 | 788 | W5 L2 L3 W6 | 2.0 |
| 5 | Kathy A Schneider | 12545281 | 714 | 694 | L4 L1 W6 L2 | 1.0 |
| 6 | Samuel A Evig | 13771061 | unr | 314 | L1 L3 L5 L4 | 0.0 |

Beginner

| # | Name | USCF | Pre | Post | Game Info | Points |
|---|--------------------|----------|-----|------|-------------|--------|
| 1 | Roman Mary | 13118931 | 605 | 744 | W5 W6 D2 W3 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Alma P Graves | 13771296 | unr | 822 | W4 W3 D1 D5 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Daniel A Waide | 13771097 | unr | 598 | W6 L2 W5 L1 | 2.0 |
| 4 | Christopher Waide | 13771102 | unr | 459 | L2 L5 W6 W6 | 2.0 |
| 5 | Christopher Graves | 13750771 | unr | 576 | L1 W4 L3 D2 | 1.5 |
| 6 | Rylei Mc Coy | 13771123 | unr | 124 | L3 L1 L4 L4 | 0.0 |

Salida Cash Open

September 29, 2007
Crosstables and Pictures



Shaun MacMillan (front L) plays Shannon Fox (front R) while Dean Brown (standing) plays Tim Brennan (rear R) at the Salida Cash Open.

On September 22nd, the newly formed Front Range Chess League sponsored the Front Range Team Challenge tournament in Loveland to drum up interest in the new Chess League, which was scheduled to start in October. The idea behind the tournament was to follow the structure of the League - teams of 4 players playing with an average rating of less than 1700 for all players on the team - but for a 1-day tournament. There must have been something about the proposed format for the League and its use in the Team Challenge tournament that keep people away because there was little response to the Team Challenge and no response to the Chess League. There was almost no pre-registration for the Team Challenge event but there were rumblings of teams being formed in the last couple of days leading up to the event. Although there were thoughts of cancelling the tournament because of no pre-registration, it was still run in hopes

people would show up. In the end there were only 2 teams & 8 players that showed up for the 4-round, G/60 team Swiss tournament.

Since some people had driven from Colorado Spring and Laramie, WY to participate in the Team Challenge, they really wanted to play some chess after driving so far. The 8 players that showed up and 2 tournament directors chose to still have a tournament, but only using teams of 1! The format parameters of the Team Challenge (4-Round, G/60 Time Control) were used, but the tournament became a simple Swiss event. In the end, Andy Duren placed 1st with a score of 3.5/4.

Because of the disappointing turnout for the Team Challenge and no response from clubs other than Fort Collins about having teams in the Front Range Chess League, that idea has been shelved. If people express an interest and show a commitment to participating in team events in the fu-

ture, it may be revived. But for now, the Front Range Chess League will not take place.



The Front Range "Team" Challenge was somehow missing something, similar to the dramatization above...

Front Range Teams (of 1) Challenge Results

September 22nd, 2007 -- Chief TD: Lee Lahti

Report by Lee Lahti

| # | Name | Rtng | Post | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Tot |
|----|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 | Andrew Duren | 1864 | 1865 | W4 | D3 | W2 | W5 | 3.5 |
| 2 | Randy S Reynolds | 1632 | 1648 | W9 | W8 | L1 | W3 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Kas Krutkramelis | 1656 | 1657 | W5 | D1 | W6 | L2 | 2.5 |
| 4 | Cory E Foster | 1373 | 1378 | L1 | D6 | W7 | W10 | 2.5 |
| 5 | Gary Dorsey | 1191 | 1238 | L3 | W9 | W8 | L1 | 2.0 |
| 6 | Lee Lahti | 1398 | 1393 | W10 | D4 | L3 | D8 | 2.0 |
| 7 | Gary Frenzel | 1018 | 1039 | L8 | W10 | L4 | W9 | 2.0 |
| 8 | Dean W Brown | 1464 | 1429 | W7 | L2 | L5 | D6 | 1.5 |
| 9 | Ken Johnson | 1026 | 978 | L2 | L5 | D10 | L7 | 0.5 |
| 10 | Kathy Schneider | 776 | 777 | L6 | L7 | D9 | L4 | 0.5 |

Humor

by Pete Short

[Ed. note: OK, so Pete Short doesn't play in Colorado as often as he used to, but I just couldn't pass up this chance to see a chess player exercising his first amendment rights.]

On November 28th, 2007, CNN sponsored the Republican Debate at the Mahaffey Theatre in St. Petersburg, FL.

Our condo is at the intersection to the entrance of the Mahaffey Theatre and on the evening of the debate, a large rally formed. People were carrying signs for and against everything from the candidates, to the war, to the plight of the homeless.

It was ground zero for American civics. I was there...



On November 17, the Colorado State Chess Grade Championships were held at Springs Ranch Elementary on the east side of Colorado Springs. This is a new tournament sponsored by the Colorado State Chess Association in addition to the traditional State Championship held in February. The winners of each grade were awarded the title of State Champion of their grade. The tournament in February will award state titles for K-3rd, 4th-6th, 7-9th, and 10th-12th Grade sections. Here are the State Champions of each grade:

Kindergarten: Jessica Barkmeyer
 1st Grade: Mitchell Watkins
 2nd Grade: Sasha Chappell
 3rd Grade: Samuel Cohen
 Roman Mary
 Bryant So
 4th Grade: Nathan Therien
 5th Grade: Rohan Balan
 6th Grade: Alex Jensen
 Trevor Altenbernd
 7th Grade: Alexa Lasley
 Keawa Rozet
 Noah Waldmann
 8th Grade: Rhett Langseth
 9th Grade: Spencer Golsan
 10th-12th Grade: Phillip Scudder
 Kaylor Scudder

The tournament was a true state championship in the sense that both rated and non-rated players competed against each other. There was a very good turnout for the lower grades. The 5th Grade had the highest number of players with 21 competing. I would expect this tournament to gain popularity in years to come.

It was interesting to see how the less experienced non-rated players would perform against the seasoned rated players and as you might expect, experience tended to prevail.

Congratulations to Chief Tournament Director Adin Umana for running a great tournament and for his excellent work in organizing it. Thanks also to Tom Nelson, Dean Brown, and the other CSCA leaders for their input and support in helping to promote and plan the event.

K-12 Grade State Championships

report by DuWayne Langseth

K-1st Grade

| # | Name | Rtng | Grd | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | *Mitchell Watkins | unr | 1 | W5 | W9 | W2 | W3 | W4 | 5.0 | |
| 2 | Caleb Lasley | unr | 1 | W8 | W4 | L1 | W6 | W3 | 4.0 | |
| 3 | Joel Cooper | unr | 1 | W7 | W5 | W8 | L1 | L2 | 3.0 | |
| 4 | *Jessica Barkmeyer | unr | K | W6 | L2 | W9 | W7 | L1 | 3.0 | |
| 5 | Josh Umana | 176 | 1 | L1 | L3 | W6 | B-- | W8 | 3.0 | |
| 6 | Eryn Kaiser | unr | 1 | L4 | W7 | L5 | L2 | B-- | 2.0 | |
| 7 | Yuna Pahk | 100 | 1 | L3 | L6 | B-- | L4 | W9 | 2.0 | |
| 8 | Cooper Gorospe | 100 | K | L2 | B-- | L3 | D9 | L5 | 1.5 | |
| 9 | Mary Richardson | unr | K | X10 | L1 | L4 | D8 | L7 | 1.5 | |
| 10 | Audrey Miller | unr | K | F9 | U-- | U-- | U-- | U-- | 0.0 | |

2nd Grade

| # | Name | Rtng | Grd | | | | | | |
|---|------------------|------|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1 | *Sasha Chappell | 622 | 2 | W5 | W4 | W2 | W3 | W6 | 5.0 |
| 2 | Drew Richardson | 635 | 2 | W3 | W6 | L1 | W5 | L4 | 3.0 |
| 3 | JoJo Dicke | unr | 2 | L2 | W8 | W4 | L1 | W7 | 3.0 |
| 4 | Ryan Burdick | unr | 2 | W7 | L1 | L3 | W8 | W2 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Dylan Turner | unr | 2 | L1 | W7 | W6 | L2 | W8 | 3.0 |
| 6 | Isaak Treat | 323 | 2 | W8 | L2 | L5 | D7 | L1 | 1.5 |
| 7 | Matt Altenbernd | 213 | 2 | L4 | L5 | D8 | D6 | L3 | 1.0 |
| 8 | Jessica Goodreid | unr | 2 | L6 | L3 | D7 | L4 | L5 | 0.5 |

3rd Grade

| # | Name | Rtng | Grd | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | M Knudson[SD] | 917 | 3 | W16 | W18 | W3 | W4 | L2 | 4.0 |
| 2 | *Samuel Cohen | 908 | 3 | W9 | W11 | L4 | W13 | W1 | 4.0 |
| 3 | *Roman Mary | 923 | 3 | W15 | W10 | L1 | W5 | W7 | 4.0 |
| 4 | *Bryant So | 995 | 3 | W13 | W14 | W2 | L1 | W9 | 4.0 |
| 5 | Andrew Buescher | 839 | 3 | W6 | D7 | W17 | L3 | W10 | 3.5 |
| 6 | Spencer Shook | unr | 3 | L5 | W8 | D10 | W18 | W13 | 3.5 |
| 7 | Shania Lasley | unr | 3 | W8 | D5 | W15 | D9 | L3 | 3.0 |
| 8 | Franklin Wright | 447 | 3 | L7 | L6 | B-- | W16 | W17 | 3.0 |
| 9 | Joshua Nelson | unr | 3 | L2 | W19 | W14 | D7 | L4 | 2.5 |
| 10 | Sage Gray | 361 | 3 | W19 | L3 | D6 | W17 | L5 | 2.5 |
| 11 | Tawny Langseth | unr | 3 | W17 | L2 | L13 | W14 | D12 | 2.5 |
| 12 | Isabella Nunez | unr | 3 | L14 | L13 | W19 | W15 | D11 | 2.5 |
| 13 | Ian Kaiser | 319 | 3 | L4 | W12 | W11 | L2 | L6 | 2.0 |
| 14 | George Starr | 402 | 3 | W12 | L4 | L9 | L11 | B-- | 2.0 |
| 15 | Chandler Meinders | 180 | 3 | L3 | B-- | L7 | L12 | W18 | 2.0 |
| 16 | Matthew Graham | unr | 3 | L1 | L17 | W18 | L8 | W19 | 2.0 |
| 17 | Michael Thuis | 577 | 3 | L11 | W16 | L5 | L10 | L8 | 1.0 |
| 18 | Josh Wickham | 100 | 3 | B-- | L1 | L16 | L6 | L15 | 1.0 |
| 19 | Gretchen Gaebler | unr | 3 | L10 | L9 | L12 | B-- | L16 | 1.0 |

4th Grade

| # | Name | Rtng | Grd | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | *Nathan Therien | 847 | 4 | W12 | W11 | W2 | W3 | W4 | 5.0 | |
| 2 | Robert Richardson | 965 | 4 | W8 | W9 | L1 | W5 | W3 | 4.0 | |
| 3 | Brady Barkmeyer | 1220 | 4 | W13 | W5 | W4 | L1 | L2 | 3.0 | |
| 4 | Jake Watkins | 1024 | 4 | W14 | W6 | L3 | W8 | L1 | 3.0 | |
| 5 | Xavier Bower | unr | 4 | W7 | L3 | W6 | L2 | W9 | 3.0 | |
| 6 | William Shand | unr | 4 | W10 | L4 | L5 | W13 | W8 | 3.0 | |
| 7 | Joel Hermansen | unr | 4 | L5 | W14 | D12 | L9 | W10 | 2.5 | |
| 8 | AJ Graham | unr | 4 | L2 | W10 | W9 | L4 | L6 | 2.0 | |
| 9 | John Gaebler | unr | 4 | W11 | L2 | L8 | W7 | L5 | 2.0 | |
| 10 | A Stair | 100 | | L6 | L8 | W14 | W12 | L7 | 2.0 | |
| 11 | Devon O'Brien | 501 | 4 | L9 | L1 | L13 | W14 | W12 | 2.0 | |
| 12 | Dennis Sullivan | unr | 4 | L1 | W13 | D7 | L10 | L11 | 1.5 | |
| 13 | Lauren Griswald | unr | 4 | L3 | L12 | W11 | L6 | L14 | 1.0 | |
| 14 | Anthony Mitchell | unr | 4 | L4 | L7 | L10 | L11 | W13 | 1.0 | |

5th Grade

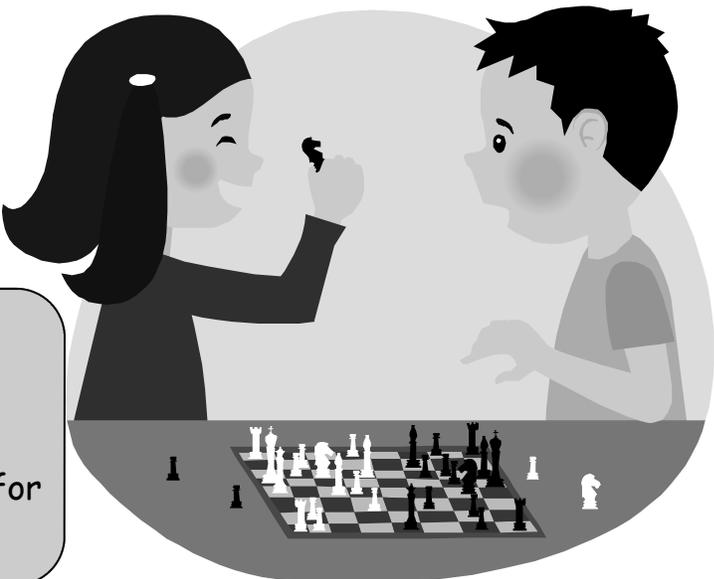
| # | Name | Rtng | Grd | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | *Rohan Balan | 925 | 5 | W16 | W5 | W7 | W2 | W6 | 5.0 | |
| 2 | Joseph Nunez | unr | 5 | W20 | W6 | W3 | L1 | W5 | 4.0 | |
| 3 | William Goodreid | 772 | 5 | W9 | W17 | L2 | W14 | W11 | 4.0 | |
| 4 | Matthew Lasley | unr | 5 | W15 | L7 | W20 | D10 | W12 | 3.5 | |
| 5 | Rebecca Isacoff | 470 | 5 | W21 | L1 | W8 | W7 | L2 | 3.0 | |
| 6 | Jacob Shafer | 882 | 5 | W14 | L2 | W12 | W11 | L1 | 3.0 | |
| 7 | Cole Anderson[SD] | 720 | 5 | W18 | W4 | L1 | L5 | W10 | 3.0 | |
| 8 | Ian Mahaffy | unr | 5 | L10 | W16 | L5 | W15 | W14 | 3.0 | |
| 9 | Conner Adams | unr | 5 | L3 | L15 | W21 | W20 | W16 | 3.0 | |
| 10 | Thanh Monsees | 695 | 5 | W8 | W19 | L11 | D4 | L7 | 2.5 | |
| 11 | Derek So | 855 | 5 | W13 | D12 | W10 | L6 | L3 | 2.5 | |
| 12 | Sherry Langseth | unr | 5 | W19 | D11 | L6 | W17 | L4 | 2.5 | |
| 13 | Nathan Garcia | 100 | 5 | L11 | H-- | L14 | W18 | W17 | 2.5 | |
| 14 | Lauren Loos [SD] | 331 | 5 | L6 | W18 | W13 | L3 | L8 | 2.0 | |
| 15 | Phillip Garcia | 461 | 5 | L4 | W9 | L17 | L8 | W21 | 2.0 | |
| 16 | Kaycee Koehlinger | 431 | 5 | L1 | L8 | B-- | W19 | L9 | 2.0 | |
| 17 | Blake Wickham | 100 | 5 | B-- | L3 | W15 | L12 | L13 | 2.0 | |
| 18 | Jacob Klock | unr | 5 | L7 | L14 | D19 | L13 | W20 | 1.5 | |
| 19 | Stephen Gibbons | 639 | 5 | L12 | L10 | D18 | L16 | B-- | 1.5 | |
| 20 | Anthony Bradley | 443 | 5 | L2 | W21 | L4 | L9 | L18 | 1.0 | |
| 21 | Shivam Metah | unr | 5 | L5 | L20 | L9 | B-- | L15 | 1.0 | |

6th Grade

| # | Name | Rtng | Grd | | | | | | | |
|----|--------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | *Alex Jensen | 1060 | 6 | W2 | W9 | W8 | L3 | W6 | 4.0 | |
| 2 | *Trevor Altenbernd | 680 | 6 | L1 | W12 | W10 | W5 | W3 | 4.0 | |
| 3 | Jake Carter | 777 | 6 | W6 | D4 | W7 | W1 | L2 | 3.5 | |
| 4 | Thomas Farley | 980 | 6 | W10 | D3 | L5 | W9 | W11 | 3.5 | |
| 5 | Jasmin Aprile | 1191 | 6 | L7 | W11 | W4 | L2 | W8 | 3.0 | |
| 6 | Tessa Lasley | unr | 6 | L3 | W10 | W9 | W8 | L1 | 3.0 | |
| 7 | Jerry Casteel [SD] | 761 | 6 | W5 | L8 | L3 | W11 | W12 | 3.0 | |
| 8 | Zach Umana | 907 | 6 | W11 | W7 | L1 | L6 | L5 | 2.0 | |
| 9 | Ryan Gorospe | 782 | 6 | W12 | L1 | L6 | L4 | W10 | 2.0 | |
| 10 | Darren Yee | 324 | 6 | L4 | L6 | L2 | W12 | L9 | 1.0 | |
| 11 | Samuel Bagaason | unr | 6 | L8 | L5 | W12 | L7 | L4 | 1.0 | |
| 12 | Nick Olson | unr | 6 | L9 | L2 | L11 | L10 | L7 | 0.0 | |

7th-10th Grade

| # | Name | Rtng | Grd | | | | | | | |
|----|-------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| 1 | *Phillip Scudder | 1357 | 10 | W12 | W4 | D2 | W3 | W5 | 4.5 | |
| 2 | *Kaylor Scudder | 1302 | 10 | W9 | W7 | D1 | W11 | W3 | 4.5 | |
| 3 | *Rhett Langseth | 1403 | 8 | W6 | W14 | W11 | L1 | L2 | 3.0 | |
| 4 | *Alexa Lasley | 1163 | 7 | W5 | L1 | L7 | W6 | W10 | 3.0 | |
| 5 | *Keawa Rozet | unr | 7 | L4 | W12 | X14 | W7 | L1 | 3.0 | |
| 6 | *Noah Waldmann | 776 | 7 | L3 | W8 | W10 | L4 | W9 | 3.0 | |
| 7 | Sebastian Alvis | unr | 8 | W13 | L2 | W4 | L5 | L8 | 2.0 | |
| 8 | *Spencer Golsan | unr | 9 | L14 | L6 | W12 | L9 | W7 | 2.0 | |
| 9 | Tyler Chase | 618 | 8 | L2 | L10 | W13 | W8 | L6 | 2.0 | |
| 10 | Brad Falkenstein | unr | 7 | L11 | W9 | L6 | W13 | L4 | 2.0 | |
| 11 | Matthew Goodale | 977 | 8 | W10 | W13 | L3 | L2 | L12 | 2.0 | |
| 12 | Kaitlynn Loos[SD] | 667 | 7 | L1 | L5 | L8 | B-- | W11 | 2.0 | |
| 13 | Cody Meinders | 800 | 8 | L7 | L11 | L9 | L10 | B-- | 1.0 | |
| 14 | Evan Taylor | 1174 | 7 | W8 | L3 | F5 | U-- | U-- | 1.0 | |



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Editor's note: PLEASE send new or updated information to randy_tesyana@msn.com for listing here.

DENVER AREA

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 yax-isx@aol.com for more info. www.denverchessclub.org

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.

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

The **Glendale Chess Club** meets Fridays, 6:00 PM, Glendale Community Center, 999 S. Clermont, Room 2B.

AROUND THE STATE AND REGION

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7 - 10 PM, in the cafeteria of the Acacia Apartments Building, 104 E. Platte. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8:00. For information see our website at: www.foxfrenchtranslations.com/cssc or contact Buck Buchanan at buckpeace@pcisys.net or (719) 685-1984.

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.

Alamosa Chess Club meets Thursdays, 7-10 PM, Adams State College Student Center in the food court. For info call Ken Dail (719) 589-0995.

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/ or E-mail 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.

Castle Rock Chess Club meets first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Grange cultural arts center. The Grange is located at 3692 Meadows Boulevard in Castle Rock. From the Founders Parkway/ Meadows Parkway exit off I-25, go west on Meadows Parkway to the 4-way intersection with Meadows Boulevard. Go straight through the light; the Grange is 1 mile down on your right. All levels of play welcome. Contact Cindy Chipman at (720) 733-1357 or Bethany Snyder at (303)814-3953.

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

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_tesyana@msn.com. 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 Saturday 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 Drenstedt at (720) 494-0993 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.

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.

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

| | Name | Rating | Points | Games |
|----|----------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Brian Wall | 2213 | 76.02 | 14 |
| 2 | Christofer Peterson | 1812 | 70.19 | 9 |
| 3 | Tyler Hughes | 2214 | 67.7 | 11 |
| 4 | Larry Wutt | 1897 | 64.05 | 11 |
| 5 | Tim Brennan | 1713 | 63.37 | 7 |
| 6 | Richard Buchanan | 2000 | 61.98 | 5 |
| 7 | Anthea Carson | 1698 | 56.26 | 15 |
| 8 | Joe Fromme | 1676 | 52.26 | 11 |
| 9 | Sharavdorj Dashzeveg | 2501 | 52.13 | 6 |
| 10 | Renard Anderson | 2238 | 50.44 | 10 |

Top 10 Expert

| | Name | Rating | Points | Games |
|----|------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Richard Buchanan | 2000 | 61.98 | 5 |
| 2 | Josh Bloomer | 2190 | 37.88 | 4 |
| 3 | Markus Petters | 2030 | 15.03 | 5 |
| 4 | James Hamblin | 2027 | 9.48 | 4 |
| 5 | | | | |
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| 10 | | | | |

Top 10 Class B

| | Name | Rating | Points | Games |
|----|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Tim Brennan | 1713 | 63.37 | 7 |
| 2 | Anthea Carson | 1698 | 56.26 | 15 |
| 3 | Joe Fromme | 1676 | 52.26 | 11 |
| 4 | Erdenebat Tseveendorj | 1706 | 40.25 | 9 |
| 5 | Michael Filppu | 1690 | 36.48 | 7 |
| 6 | Garrick Talmage | 1660 | 33.18 | 6 |
| 7 | Jackson Chen | 1605 | 32.94 | 10 |
| 8 | Leonardo Sotaridona | 1766 | 29.85 | 6 |
| 9 | Randy Reynolds | 1632 | 26.89 | 3 |
| 10 | Donald Holz | 1711 | 26.87 | 4 |

Top 10 Class D

| | Name | Rating | Points | Games |
|----|--------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Kevin Hempstead | 1349 | 26.89 | 3 |
| 2 | Anatoly Makarevich | 1256 | 16.74 | 7 |
| 3 | Cory Foster | 1372 | 16.72 | 12 |
| 4 | Edward F. Cronin | 1288 | 15.75 | 11 |
| 5 | Jay Kranzdorf | 1321 | 10.02 | 5 |
| 6 | Webb Harrington | 1219 | 10.02 | 5 |
| 7 | Gary Dorsey | 1234 | 9.12 | 5 |
| 8 | Ernesto Guerra | 1241 | 8.91 | 6 |
| 9 | Joey Evoniuk | 1296 | 7.98 | 5 |
| 10 | Fred Eric Spell | 1384 | 7.68 | 4 |

Top 10 Active

| | Name | Rating | Points | Games |
|----|------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Anthea Carson | 1698 | 56.26 | 15 |
| 2 | Brian Wall | 2213 | 76.02 | 14 |
| 3 | Cory Foster | 1372 | 16.72 | 12 |
| 4 | Dean W. Brown | 1515 | 36.56 | 12 |
| 5 | Kathy Schneider | 721 | 17.91 | 12 |
| 6 | Thomas Mullikin | 1156 | 6.65 | 12 |
| 7 | Edward F. Cronin | 1288 | 15.75 | 11 |
| 8 | Ginny Gaige | 811 | 9.46 | 11 |
| 9 | Joe Fromme | 1676 | 52.26 | 11 |
| 10 | Larry Wutt | 1897 | 64.05 | 11 |

Top 10 Class A

| | Name | Rating | Points | Games |
|----|---------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Christofer Peterson | 1812 | 70.19 | 9 |
| 2 | Larry Wutt | 1897 | 64.05 | 11 |
| 3 | Shaun T. MacMillan | 1832 | 35.92 | 9 |
| 4 | Richard Herbst | 1968 | 33.18 | 6 |
| 5 | Ken Doykos | 1800 | 29.88 | 4 |
| 6 | DuWayne Langseth | 1817 | 27.06 | 4 |
| 7 | Danil Fedunov | 1829 | 23.7 | 6 |
| 8 | Jason Caldwell | 1990 | 21.64 | 4 |
| 9 | Paul Anderson | 1875 | 21.64 | 4 |
| 10 | Andrew Duren | 1866 | 18.1 | 5 |

Top 10 Class C

| | Name | Rating | Points | Games |
|----|-------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Dean W. Brown | 1515 | 36.56 | 12 |
| 2 | Lee F. Lahti | 1488 | 30.19 | 8 |
| 3 | Joseph R. Aragon | 1409 | 26.89 | 3 |
| 4 | Steve Hornyak | 1585 | 20.17 | 3 |
| 5 | David Twerskoi | 1551 | 18.96 | 5 |
| 6 | Chaitanya Neuhaus | 1420 | 14.93 | 5 |
| 7 | Norbert Martinez | 1547 | 14.93 | 6 |
| 8 | Barry Rabinovich | 1488 | 13.45 | 3 |
| 9 | David Glugla | 1539 | 13.45 | 3 |
| 10 | Terry Powell | 1407 | 13.45 | 2 |

Top 10 Class E

| | Name | Rating | Points | Games |
|----|-----------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Kathy Schneider | 721 | 17.91 | 12 |
| 2 | Michael Dempsey | 1066 | 16.86 | 10 |
| 3 | Alex Li | 1115 | 13.45 | 3 |
| 4 | Gary Frenzel | 1043 | 13.45 | 3 |
| 5 | Benjamin Twerskoi | 1184 | 9.48 | 5 |
| 6 | Ginny Gaige | 811 | 9.46 | 11 |
| 7 | Ryan Snodgrass | 1159 | 8.91 | 6 |
| 8 | Christopher W. Ridout | 1113 | 7.8 | 6 |
| 9 | Gary Crites | 1141 | 7.8 | 6 |
| 10 | Gregory Bain | 1005 | 6.68 | 6 |

Upcoming Tournaments

Poor Richard's Bookstore, Jan. 2-30, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/85; 5-sec delay

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

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

Consecutive Wednesdays: One section USCF Regular Rated Open

Entry fee: \$10

Prizes: 1st: 40% of EFs; 2nd: 20%; U1800: 15%; U1400: 15%

Registration: 2 January, 6:15-6:45 PM; may join in any Wed. prior to

6:45 PM, **Rounds:** 7 PM on 2 Jan, 9 Jan, 16 Jan, 23 Jan, and 30 Jan.

Entries: Jerry Maier, 229 Hargrove Ct, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Phone: (719)660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event.

2nd Annual Regis Jesuit GP #5, Jan. 5, 2008

2nd Annual Regis Jesuit GP #6, Feb. 2, 2008

2nd Annual Regis Jesuit GP #7, Mar. 15, 2008

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

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

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

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

Open: All current or new USCF members (can sign up at site)

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

Checks payable to: Regis Jesuit High School.

Adult and scholastic players welcome.

3rd Annual Al Ufer Memorial, Jan. 5, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/60; 5-sec delay

Site: Masonic Lodge, 455 El Paso Ave, Manitou Springs

Directions: Take I-25 to Exit 141, US 24 West. Head 3 1/2 miles west towards the mountains and depart US 24 at the Manitou Avenue exit.

Turn west onto Manitou Ave. then go 1 mile to the Manitou Springs City Hall. Turn right for 2 1/2 blocks to the Masonic Lodge.

Open: Open to all.

Reserve: Open to players under 1600.

Entry fee: \$30 if received by 01/03/08; \$35 at site. \$9 off EF for seniors (65 & over), juniors (under 21), and unrateds (no USCF rating on the USCF Ratings web site on day of registration) CSCA membership required (\$15, \$10 for juniors, seniors). OSA.

Prizes: Open: 1st: 10% of total EFs, 2nd: 7%, Master: 6%, Expert: 6%, A: 6%, B: 6%, UNR: 6%. Reserve(Under 1600): 1st: 10%, 2nd: 7%, C: 6%, D: 6%, E: 6%, U1000: 6%.

Registration: 8-8:45 AM **Rounds:** 9 AM, 11:15 AM, 2 PM, 4:14 PM

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

Phone: (719)573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com

COLORADO TOUR Event

A Southern Colorado Chess Event.

G/29 GP Event: Ft. Collins, Jan. 8, 2008

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/29, no delay

Site: Lory Student Center, 2nd Floor Food Court, CSU Campus, Fort 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.

Open: One open section. USCF membership required.

Entry fee: \$3

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee. (60% of total entry fees for tourney prizes, remainder to GP Prize Fund.)

Registration: 6:30 - 7:00 pm. Onsite registration only, but please email if you intend to come., **Rounds:** 7pm, 8pm, 9pm..

Phone: (970) 372-8590

E-mail: lee.jahti@comcast.net

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

Southwest CO Winter Quads, Jan. 12, 2008

3 round Quads system tournament.

Time Control: Game/60 (5-second delay)

Site: Durango Rec. Center, 2700 North Main Ave. in Durango.

Directions: Building on E side of Main at N end of town on 27th St.

Sections: 4 player round-robin sections

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

Prizes: Cash prize for first in each quad (60% of entry fees).

Entries: Damian Nash TD

Phone: (435) 260-2789

E-mail: chess@krusemer.com

Also a Friday evening rated Quick (G/15 TD/3) tournament at same site,

6pm-9:30pm. EF \$12 adult, \$8 under age 20 or over age 60.

Saturday tournament for youth grade K-9, \$12 EF, 5-SS, rated,

Game/30, trophies and medals, starts at 9am, finishes about 1pm.

Winter Wonderland, Jan. 19, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: Daily Grind Café, 209 S. Union, Pueblo, CO

Rated: Open to USCF rated members.

Unrated: No memberships required.

Entry fee: \$20

Prizes: Based on entry fees.

Registration: 11-11:45AM, **Rounds:** 12, 1:15, 2:30, 3:45 PM

Entries: Liz Wood (719) 566-6929

Boulder Winter GP, Jan. 26-27, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/90 TD/5

Site: Univ. Memorial Center #415, corner of Euclid and Broadway

Open: Open to all current USCF members

Entry fee: \$35, \$30 if rec'd by 1/23. \$8 less for Jr/Sr/Unrated

Prizes: \$675 Gtd. 1st-2nd: \$180-\$120, U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/ U1200 \$75 each.

Registration: 9-9:45 AM, **Rounds:** Sat 10, 2, 6; Sun 11:30, 3:30.

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

E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

USCF Grand Prix Event (6 points)

CO Tour Event: CSCA membership required OSA

A large qualifier for the 2008 Boulder Chess Club Championship

**6th Annual Calvary United Methodist Church,
Jan. 26, 2008**

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: 4210 Austin Bluffs (1/4 mile E. of Academy) Colorado Springs

Sections: Adult open, 7-12, 4-6, K-3 grades.

Entry fee: \$15 if submitted by November 30, 2007 \$17.50 if submitted during December, 2007 \$20 if submitted during January, 2008

Registration: 7:30 - 8:15 A.M., First round begins at 9:00 A.M..

Entries: Fred Burtzos 2520 Bennett Ave. Co Springs, CO 80909

Phone: 520-0232 or 228-3800

E-mail: Birdtoes@Comcast.net

Mandatory players' meeting at 8:30 A.M.

All checks payable to Calvary United Methodist Church.

Loveland Open, February 9 - 10, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/2, SD/1

Site: Larimer County Fairgrounds, McKee Community Building, 5280 Arena Cir., Loveland, CO, 80538

Directions: I-25 to exit 259, Crossroads Blvd. Go east to the first light, then go north. Look on left for the archway, and turn left there.

Open: Open to all.

Loveland: Open to U1877 & unrated.

Santa Fe: Open to U1610 & unrated.

Entry fee: \$30 (\$25 if received by Feb. 7th)

Prizes: \$\$850 b/35 entries.

Registration: 8-9:30 AM, Rounds: 10 AM, 4 PM; 9 AM, 3 PM.

Entries: Randy Reynolds 1839 Thyme Ct, Fort Collins, CO 80528

Phone: 970-310-4224

E-mail: randy_teyana@msn.com

25% off EF for Junior, Senior or unrated.

CSCA Membership reqd. (\$15 adult, \$10 Jr/Sr). OSA.

Colorado Tour Event.

Durango Championship, February 9, 2008

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Rds 1 and 2 G/60, Rd 3 G/75 (5-second delay)

Site: Durango Rec. Center, 2700 North Main Ave. in Durango.

Directions: Building 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: Top LaPlata County Resident wins Durango Champion trophy. Also trophies for Durango Senior and Junior champions. Cash prizes based on entries.

Entries: Damian Nash TD (435) 260-2789

E-mail: chess@krusemer.com

Also a Friday evening rated Quick (G/15 TD/3) tournament at same site, 6pm-9:30pm. EF \$12 adult, \$8 under age 20 or over age 60.

Saturday tournament for youth grades K-9, \$12 EF, 5-SS, rated,

Game/30, trophies and medals, starts at 9am, finishes about 1pm.

G/29 GP Event: Cheyenne, Feb. 28, 2008

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/29

Site: Laramie County Community College, Cafeteria, 1400 East College Drive, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Open: Open to all.

Entry fee: \$2

Prizes: Based on entries.

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

Entries: Allan Cunningham (307) 635-3102

E-mail: adcdac@aol.com

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

Colorado Springs Open, March 8 - 9, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/90 and G/1 for rds 1-3, 40/2 and G/1 for rds 4-5

Site: Manitou Sprgs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs.

Sections: One open section.

Entry fee: \$30 if rec'd by 3/6, \$35 at site. \$8 discount for juniors, sen-

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iors, unrated.

Prizes: Prizes per entries.

Registration: 8:30 - 9:30, **Rounds:** 10, 2:30, 7; 9, 3.

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

Phone: (719) 685-1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

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

Colorado Tour Event

G/29 GP Event: Greeley, March 12, 2008

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/29, no delay

Site: Zachariah's Food Court, University Center Lower Level, UNC Campus, Greeley, CO.

Directions: Take highway 34 into Greeley. From highway 34, turn north onto 11th Ave. Continue on 11th Ave. until you reach 22nd St. Turn right. Take the first left into University Center parking lot.

Open: One open section. USCF membership required.

Unrated: Open to all without USCF membership (special section)

Entry fee: \$3

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee. (60% of total entry fees for tourney prizes, remainder to GP Prize Fund.)

Registration: 6:30 - 7:00 pm. Onsite registration only, but please email if you intend to come., **Rounds:** 7pm, 8pm, 9pm.

Entries: Travis Pape (970) 978-1511

E-mail: chessunc@yahoo.com

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

Mesa Verde Open, March 15, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Rds 1 & 2 @G/45, Rds 3 & 4 @G/60 (3-sec delay)

Site: Durango Recreation Center, 2700 N. Main Ave. in Durango.

Directions: 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.

Entries: Damian Nash TD

Phone: (435) 260-2789

E-mail: chess@krusemer.com

Registration: Before 8:30am at tournament site or in advance. First round 9am.

Also a Friday evening rated Quick (G/15 TD/3) tournament at same site, 6pm-9:30pm. EF \$12 adult, \$8 under age 20 or over age 60.

Saturday tournament for youth grades K-9, \$12 EF, 5-SS, rated, Game/30, trophies and medals, starts at 9am, finishes about 1pm.

Sprgs Denker/Polgar Fundraiser, Apr. 5, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

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, 1st rd. 10:00.

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

Phone: (719) 685-1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

CSCA membership req'd.

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