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From The Editor

The one obvious thing I noticed while putting this issue together was the fact that there are a lot of opportunities to play chess in Colorado. So much so that if you notice in the "Upcoming Colorado Tournaments" section of this magazine, I only had room to place the upcoming events for April only. If you were to go online to the CSCA website, you will see that the upcoming schedule is jammed packed!

The variety is astounding as well. Whether you want to play quick or traditional long games, the chess player in this state and surrounding ones too, have more than enough tournaments to choose from. So by all means, pick a tournament or two or three and enjoy what Colorado chess has to offer.

Another good thing I've noticed lately is that OTB playing attendance has increased, as you can see from the Loveland Open & Colorado Springs Open covered in this issue. This is very good for those of us who enjoy organizing tournaments. I'm not sure if this is the cycle coming around as players who left OTB play for online play are returning or perhaps now we are all able to manage our time more efficiently. Either way, it is very heartening to see this attendance jump.

This issue has a little of everything for your chess enjoyment. Two major tournaments, a scholastic tournament as well as the first All-Girls scholastic tournament in Colorado, and the return of "Shipp's Log" amongst other great articles. Until next issue.

May Caissa be with you.

Fred Eric Spell



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President's Report

Hello again Colorado chess players. It is hard to believe that more than six months have gone by in the 2009-2010 Colorado Tour year. It seems like only yesterday the current CSCA Board was being elected at the 2009 Colorado Open. Where has the time gone?

It has been an interesting last year for the Colorado chess scene, with many changes to the status quo. We have seen losses of established tournaments and playing venues, changes to many chess clubs – including the election of new club leadership, and the emergence of new locations and opportunities for getting together to play our favorite game. While some clubs have seen reductions in membership and the number of tournaments they are hosting, others are seeing increased membership, increased attendance at tournaments, and are hosting more tournaments than ever. It is this ever changing environment that allows the Colorado chess community to thrive.

After a slow start to this year's Colorado Tour, things seem to be starting to pick up. Since January, there has been an increase in attendance at Colorado Tour events - with the Al Ufer Memorial, Loveland Open, and Colorado Springs Open all seeing larger turnouts this year than in the previous couple of editions of these events. Non-Tour events also seem to be doing well. The Denver and Colorado Springs Scholastic Chess Series continue to draw a large number of our junior players to each of their events. Many school districts are seeing an increase in interest in their chess clubs and tournaments. The Colorado Scholastic Championships in February is always the highest attended tournament in Colorado each year and this year was no different – with over 250 players vying for state titles in 5 divisions: K-1, K-3, 4-6, 7-9, & 10-12. The G/29 Grand Prix is now in its 3rd year, hosting event in Boulder, Denver, Fort Collins, Greeley, and Manitou Springs this year. And many clubs host weeknight events on a weekly or monthly basis that are seeing increased attendance.

The next few months will probably be the busiest of the 2010 Colorado chess calendar. Between April and June there are events scheduled nearly every weekend, with no less than eight Colorado Tour events scheduled this upcoming quarter. Among

all the events scheduled for the next three months, there are a couple I would like to emphasize to everyone. The Colorado Chess Festival will be held April 23rd-25th. The 2010 Colorado Closed and Scholastic Closed championships will be held that weekend. These invitation-only tournaments draw many of the best players in the state to battle for a chance at being a state champion. And following in the tradition started last year, the Colorado Class Championships will again be held as part of the Colorado Chess Festival – allowing everyone to play for their own championships as well that weekend. The events at the Colorado Chess Festival will also serve as qualifiers for the Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge – a new team event beginning this year. The winners of the Colorado Closed and Scholastic Closed tournaments along with the Class A-E Champions will be invited to represent Colorado in a team match against similar players from New Mexico. This year the event is being held in Manitou Springs on May 22nd. The Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge is just one of many events scheduled that weekend as part of the Manitou Springs Chess Festival the weekend of May 22nd-23rd.

All members of the CSCA Board work to maintain a rich chess environment in the state of Colorado. We do our best but there is only so much seven people can do. It takes the involvement of many people to organize and direct all the chess events we have, as well as needing players to participate to make these events successful. For those of you who participate in your local clubs and the tournaments around the state, I thank you. For those of you who organize and run these clubs and events, I thank you even more. Without you, we would not have a Colorado chess community. Seeing people in attendance at events helps the CSCA Board know what we are doing is right for the Colorado chess community. But hearing it directly from the players and organizers is even better. If you have an idea or comment on how to promote and improve Colorado chess, we want to here from you.

I look forward to seeing all of you at upcoming events and playing many of you over the board.

Lee Lahti
CSCA President



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Richard "Buck" Buchanan: Colorado Chess Volunteer Second Quarter 2010

as selected by CSCA President Lee Lahti

The Volunteer of the Quarter for the 2nd Quarter of 2010 is Richard "Buck" Buchanan for his seemingly eternal and never-ending service to the Colorado chess community.

When you think of the history of Colorado chess over the years, there are few people who have been involved as both a player and a volunteer as long as Buck Buchanan. As someone who has been in Colorado 15 years but only been an active chess player for 6 of them, I have always seen Buck around – either playing in events or being a tournament director. In trying to find the true extent to which Buck has been involved in the Colorado chess community, I checked the Member Services Area of the USCF website which has data going back to 1991. For Buck Buchanan, it lists participation in 218 chess events and being a tournament director in 172, with the first of the events listed taking place just after January 1, 1991. That means Buck has been participating in and directing tournaments in Colorado for nearly 20 years – and probably longer, since the USCF records are limited.

As an Associate National Tournament Director (ANTD), Buck is the most senior and experienced of all of the active TDs in Colorado. Buck has worked all levels of events – from local quads; to many, many Colorado championship events including the 2009 Colorado Open; up to national events such as the 2004 National G/60 in Durango (the last National event in Colorado). More recently, Buck has directed some of the top Colorado two-day tournaments - the Colorado Springs Open, the Winter Springs Open, and when the US Open allows, the Pikes Peak Open.

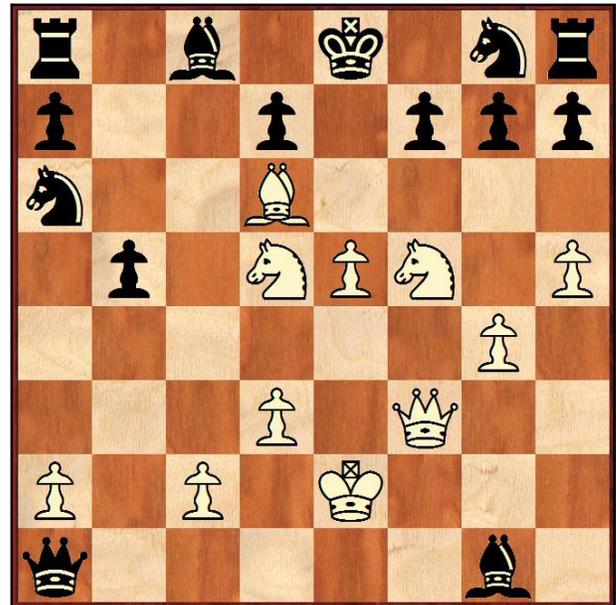
In addition to being a player and tournament director, Buck has also been involved in shaping the direction of the Colorado chess community as a member of the CSCA Board several times over. According to the Colorado chess history page, Buck stepped in to finish Ron Smits 1990-1991 CSCA presidential term in January 1991, and then was elected eleven times in a row until stepping down as CSCA President in 2002. Buck's nearly twelve years tenure as CSCA President is by far the most anyone has accumulated – with Randy Siebert next in number as CSCA President for four years. In addition to being a past CSCA President, I have seen Buck hold other positions on the CSCA Board - including his current position as Treasurer since 2007. Although there are no records to confirm it, I believe over the years Buck has held every position on the CSCA Board except Junior Representative (and for all I know, Buck may actually have held that position when he was younger). In addition to volunteering on the state level, Buck participates at the National level as well, having been a USCF delegate for many years.

Buck Buchanan has been the most consistent and dedicated volunteer to Colorado chess over the past 20 years (at least), and so, I honor him as the *Colorado Chess Volunteer of the Quarter*.



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*(Answer to last issue's challenge - 28.Bc7 Qxc7
29.Rh8+ Kxh8 30.Qh6+ Kg8 31.Qh7+ Kf8 32.Qh8#)*

Loveland Open Report

by Randy Reynolds

The 2010 Loveland Open was held two weeks earlier than its usual date in February, this time on January 30th & 31st at the Larimer County Fairgrounds in Loveland. The usual time on February 13th & 14th would have fallen right on Valentine's Day, which may not have worked well amongst those with another "queen" (or "king") in their lives.

But based on the attendance, this might become the new permanent date for the event. The Loveland Open had 46 participants, a strong showing for an event that has lost a lot of its Wyoming and Denver support in years past. This is an increase of 28% over 2009's 36 person attendance.

Disappointing, however, was the lack of experts and masters at the event. This isn't some G/60 where you have to make snap judgments. These games can potentially go six hours, giving those experts and masters that typically hide in the woodwork between Colorado Opens *plenty* of time to look ahead the requisite 24-ply I'm sure they're used to. Come on, all you masters and experts reading this – this is *your* money that these class A and class B players are stealing from you each year! Be sure to claim it in 2011!

I decided to try something different with prizes this year, since my version of SwissSys actually has a feature for this. I offered a \$20 bonus for *clear* 1st place in any section. I was hoping that it would give players with the lead after 3 rounds an incentive to finish strong. Unfortunately, this year there really wasn't much of a lead after 3 rounds: In the Santa Fe (reserve) section alone, there were 6 players tied with 2.5 after 3 rounds, and it wasn't much better in the Open. So perhaps next year the bonus will be claimed – hey, maybe I'll increase the bonus every year it doesn't get claimed, kind of like a Powerball jackpot...eh, or maybe I'll just buy more score sheets and pens with the money saved. Yeah, I'll do that.

In the reserve section, as I mentioned, we

had 6 players tied for the lead after 3 rounds – Dean Brown, Tom Corbett, Lee Lahti, Scott Swerdlin, Alex Yu, and newcomer Ziyi Zhang. Tom whipped out a quick win against Alex and patiently waited for the outcome of the other two games to determine who (if anybody) he would be sharing the title with. Dean and Scott finished next, running their game down to a draw. Eventually, in a game that featured a strong attack on the king, Ziyi Zhang finally won out, sharing the reserve title with Tom Corbett.

The open section started with 21 players, and surprisingly there was only one 2-win player after 2 rounds with Bob Deck. But his last two rounds were brutal, losing both against Julian Evans and Gerry Morris, who both finished on top with 3 points with 2 wins and 2 draws. Also



joining as co-champions for the Loveland Open were Jackson Chen, playing a strong endgame against Brad Lundstrom to win his last, and Zach Bekkedahl, who came into the tournament vastly underrated at 1691. Fellow class B players will be happy to know he's now 1887, so no more stealing class prize money away from us! Larry Wutt also made waves, getting 2.5 in 3 rounds before having to bow out because of an unfortunate illness.

Many players waxed nostalgic for the old Pulliam Community Building venue, where you could always grab a quick bite to eat from the downtown cafes. Although there have been some new food places around the fairgrounds that have recently opened up, the selection is still admittedly quite thin. Unfortunately, Pulliam Community Building doesn't like us collecting entry fees on site, as much

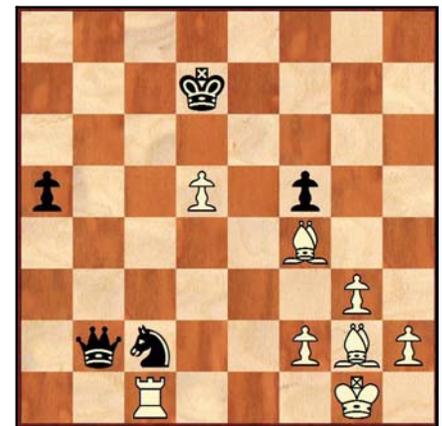
as we insist this is a non-profit venture, so until a change in policy occurs, we may be stuck with the clean, yet isolated, fair-ground classrooms.

For future events in Northern Colorado, I'm looking into certain venues that would let us play for free, but again, we wouldn't be able to collect any entry fees. Would anyone be interested in playing in a no entry fee/no prizes tournament? Just rating points and pride on the line? Let me know of the interest by writing me at randy_teyana@msn.com – if there's enough interest, I'll gladly set one up! I think it would be fun...but then, I usually don't win any money at the tournaments I attend, so I may be biased.

Selected games from the Loveland Open:

**Brad Lundstrom (1920)
Zachary Bekkedahl (1828)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 h6 5.g3 Bb4 6.Qb3 c5 7.Bg2 cxd4 8.Qxb4 Nc6 9.Qa3 dxc3 10.Qxc3 d4 11.Qc2 e5 12.0-0 13.e3 d3 14.Qc3 Ne4 15.Qa3 Nd6 16.Nd2 e4? 17.c5 Nb5 18.Qa4 (*with the nice fork of b5 and e4*) 18...Nc7 19.Nxe4 Nd5 20.Nd6 Be6 21.Nxb7 Qc7 22.Nd6 Ncb4 23.e4 Bd7 24.Qb3 Qxc5 25.Nb7 Qd4? 26.exd5 Nc2 27.Rb1 Rfc8 28.Nd6? Rab8 29.Nxc8? Rxb3 30.Ne7+ Kf8 31.axb3 Kxe7 32.Bd2 Bg4 33.Bc3 Qb6 34.Bxg7 d2? 35.Bc3 Be2 36.Bxd2 Bxf1 37.Bxf1 Qxb3 38.Bg2 Qa2 39.Rc1 Qxb2 40.Bxh6 f5 41.Bg5+ Kd7 42.Bf4 a5

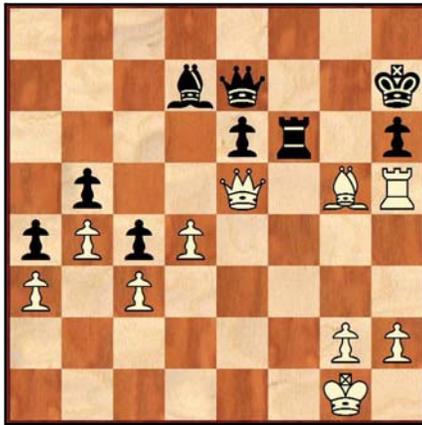


43.h4 a4 44.Bh3? Nd4 45.Rc7+ Kd8 46.Kg2? a3? 47.d6 Ne6 48.Bxf5 Nxf4+ 49.gxf4 Qb8! 50.Be6 a2 51.Bxa2? Qa8+ 52.Kg3 Qxa2 53.Re7 Qa3+ 54.Re3 Qxd6 55.Kg4 Qg6+! 56.Kf3 Qf5 57.Kg3 Qg6+ 58.Kf3 Qg1 59.Re2 Qh2 60.Kg4 Qg2+

61.Kf5 Qf3 62.Re5 Qh5+ 63.Ke4 Qxh4
64.Ke3 Kd7 65.Re4 Kd6 66.Re5 Qh3+
67.Ke4 Qg2+ (Draw by agreement here.)
1/2-1/2

Scott Swerdlin (1394P)
Nabil Spann (1490)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 e6 3.Bd3 d5 4.Nd2 Nbd7
5.f4 Bd6 6.Ng3 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.Ne5 Bb7
9.Qf3 c5 10.c3 Qc7 11.b3 Ne8 12.Qh3
Nef6 13.Ndf3 Ne4 14.Bb2 Ndf6 15.Rac1
Qe7 16.a3 Rac8 17.Qh4 a5 18.Bb5 Rfd8
19.Ng5 Rf8 20.Nd7! Rfd8 21.Nxf6+?
Nxf6 22.Bd3 h6 23.Nf3 c4 24.Bc2? b5
25.b4 a4 26.Ne5 Nd7 27.Qh3 Bxe5
28.fxe5 Nf8 29.Rf3 Nh7 30.Bxh7+ Kxh7
31.Rcf1 Rf8 32.Bc1 Bc6 33.Qh5? Be8
34.Qg4 f5 35.exf6 Rxf6 36.Rxf6 gxf6
37.e4 dxe4 38.Qxe4+ f5 39.Qe5 Bd7?
40.Rxf5 Rf8 41.Rh5 Rf6?? 42.Bg5



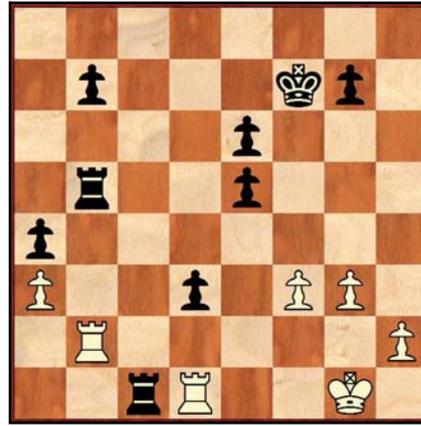
(So many pins working for White right here!) 42...Kg7?? 43.Rxh6 (Again, the amazing number of pins on that rook easily propel White to victory. Black resigns.) 1-0

Anthea Carson (1811)
Gordon Hart III (1640P)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 e5 4.d3 Bc5
5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nc3 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.0-0
Be6 9.Ne4 Be7 10.a3 Nf6 11.Nfg5 Nxe4
12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Bxe4 Bc5 14.Qc2 Qd6
15.Bxh7+ Kxh7 16.d4+ Kg8 17.dxc5



Nd4 18.cxd6 Nxc2 19.Rb1 cxd6 20.e3 d5
21.Bd2 d4 22.Rbc1 d3 23.f3 Rac8 24.Bc3
Nxe3 25.Rf2 Rc5 26.Re1 Nc4 27.Bb4
Rb5 28.b3 Rc8 29.bxc4 Rxc4 30.Rd2
Rd5 31.Red1 a5 32.Be7 Kf7 33.Bg5 Rc3
34.Ra2 a4 35.Bc1 Rb5 36.Rb2 Rxc1!



37.Rxb5 Rxd1+ 38.Kf2 Ra1 39.Rxb7+
Kf6 40.Ke3 Rxa3 41.h4 d2+ 42.Kxd2
Rxf3 43.g4 a3 44.Kc2 Rh3 45.h5 Rg3
46.Rb4 Rg2+ 47.Kb1 Rb2+ 48.Rxb2
axb2 49.Kxb2 Kg5 50.Kc3 Kxg4 51.Kd3
Kf4 52.h6 gxh6 0-1



Ryan Swerdlin (1639)
Andrew Pineda (1684)

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7
5.0-0 0-0 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Nc6 8.c4 Bg4
9.Be2 cxd4 10.exd4 Qb6 11.Na3 Rac8
12.h3 Bf5 13.Rc1 Rfd8 14.cxd5 Nxd5
15.Nc4 Qc7 16.Nee5 h6 17.Bb5 Qb6
18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Qe1 Nb4 20.Qe3 Nxa2
21.Rc5 Be6? 22.Nxg6 Rc7 23.Re1?! Nb4
24.Nf4 Nd5 25.Nxd5 Bxd5! 26.Bc3 Rdd7
27.Ba5 Qb7 28.Bxc7 Rxc7 29.Rb1 Qb4
30.Rbc1 e6 31.Ne5 Bxe5? 32.Qxe5 Rb7
33.R1c3 Kh7 34.Rg3! f5 35.Qf6 Qe1+
36.Kh2 Bxg2 37.Qg6+ 1-0

Brad Lundstrom (1920)
Larry Wutt (1816)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7
5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Nbxd2 0-0 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2
Nbd7 9.0-0 e5 10.e4 b6 11.d5 Nc5
12.Qc2 Ne8 13.b4 Nb7 14.Nh4 g6 15.f4
exf4 16.Rxf4 g5 17.Nf5 Qe5 18.Rff1
Bxf5 19.exf5 Qg7 20.Rae1 a5 21.Re7
axb4 22.f6 Nxf6 23.Rxc7? Ng4! 24.Qe4
bxa3? 25.Rxb7 a2 26.Nb3 Ne5 27.Ra1
Ra4 28.Qc2 Rfa8 29.Rxa2?? Rxa2
30.Rb8+ Rxb8 31.Qxa2 Nxc4 32.Bf1
Qc3 33.Bxc4 Qxc4 34.Qd2 h6 0-1

Tom Corbett (1442)
Ziyi Zhang (1770P)

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Bb4
5.Qd4 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 f6 7.Bc4 Qe7 8.f3
d6 9.Qb3 Nh6 10.Bxh6 gxh6 11.Qb5+
Kd8?! 12.0-0-0 c6 13.Qb4 Kc7 14.Qb3
b5 15.Be2 Be6 16.Qa3 Nd7 17.f4 a6
18.Nf3 Bg4 19.Rd2 Nc5 20.Qa5+ Kb7
21.e5 fxe5 22.fxe5 d5 23.Rc2 Bxf3
24.Bxf3 Nd3+ 25.Kb1 Qxe5 26.Re2 Qd6
27.Qc3 Nc5 28.Qg7+ Kb6 29.Qd4 Kb7
30.Qg7+ Kb6 31.Qd4 Kb7 32.Qg7+
1/2-1/2

Don Wisdom, Jr. (1652)
Gordon Randall (1971)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4 d5
5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.h3 Re8
9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.e4 Qd6
12.d5 Rd8 13.Qe2 e6 14.Rd1 exd5
15.exd5 Nb4 16.Bg5 f6 17.Bh4 Nxd3
18.Qxd3? Be6 19.Bg3 Qxd5 20.Qe2 Qc6
21.b3 Bd5 22.Rac1 Bh6 23.Rc2 Re8
24.Qd3 Be4 25.Qc4+ Kh8 26.Rc3 Bf8
27.Re3 b5 28.Qc3 Rad8?? 29.Rxd8 Rxd8
30.Rxe4! Qxe4 31.Qxf6+ Kg8 32.Qxd8
Qe6 33.Be5 c4 34.bxc4 Qxc4 35.Qf6
Qxa2 36.Ng5 1-0

Edward Cronin (1384)
Nabil Spann (1490)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6
9.0-0-0 Bd7 10.g4 Nb4 11.Bh6 a5
12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Bc4 Qc7 14.Bb5 Nc6
15.h4 Rac8 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bxc6 Qxc6
18.h5 a4? 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.a3 b5
21.Qh6+ Kg8 22.g5! Nh5 23.Rxh5! gxh5
24.g6 hxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kh8 26.Qxh5+
Kg7 27.Rg1+ Kf6 28.Qf5# 1-0



LOVELAND OPEN

January 30th & 31st, 2010

Final Standings

OPEN SECTION		Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Score
1	Julian Evans	1994	W15	D11	W10	D4	3.0
2	Gerry Morris	1934	W19	D5	D3	W10	3.0
3	Jackson Chen	1896	D17	W16	D2	W14	3.0
4	Zachary Bekkedahl	1828	D14	W13	W11	D1	3.0
5	Larry Wutt	1816	W18	D2	W14	U	2.5
6	Frank Deming	1807	W21	L14	D9	W17	2.5
7	Ted Doykos	1788	W12	L10	D17	W16	2.5
8	Pierre Julien	1706P	L10	W21	W12	H	2.5
9	Don Wisdom, Jr.	1652	H	H	D6	W13	2.5
10	Robert Deck	1955	W8	W7	L1	L2	2.0
11	Jeffrey Baffo	1907	W20	D1	L4	H	2.0
12	Gordon Hart III	1640P	L7	W15	L8	W21	2.0
13	Gordon Randall	1971	D16	L4	W18	L9	1.5
14	Brad Lundstrom	1920	D4	W6	L5	L3	1.5
15	Anthea Carson	1811	L1	L12	W21	D18	1.5
16	Dan Hoffacker	1715	D13	L3	W19	L7	1.5
17	Daniel Zhou	1683	D3	D19	D7	L6	1.5
18	Ryan Swerdlin	1639	L5	W20	L13	D15	1.5
19	Gary Bagstad	1700	L2	D17	L16	U	0.5
20	Andrew Pineda	1684	L11	L18	U	U	0.0
21	David Logan	1498	L6	L8	L15	L12	0.0

SANTA FE SECTION		Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Score
1	Ziyi Zhang	1770P	W5	W9	D2	W7	3.5
2	Tom Corbett	1442	W20	W15	D1	W8	3.5
3	Dean Brown	1584	W14	D18	W19	D4	3.0
4	Scott Swerdlin	1394P	W22	W12	D7	D3	3.0
5	Edward Cronin	1384	L1	W23	W20	W12	3.0
6	Joseph Aragon	1371	W24	L7	W16	W11	3.0
7	Lee Lahti	1529	W17	W6	D4	L1	2.5
8	Alexander Yu	1444	W23	D19	W18	L2	2.5
9	Steven Butcher	1414	W21	L1	W17	H	2.5
10	Michael Dempsey	1229	H	L11	W24	W18	2.5
11	Cory Foster	1558	L15	W10	W14	L6	2.0
12	Nabil Spann	1490	W16	L4	W15	L5	2.0
13	Ronald Schroeder	1461	L19	L20	W21	W23	2.0
14	Isaac Martinez	1288	L3	W21	L11	W19	2.0
15	Frank Riley	1208	W11	L2	L12	W22	2.0
16	Tom Mullikin	1228	L12	W22	L6	W24	2.0
17	Kevin Lucas	1150	L7	W25	L9	W20	2.0
18	Dan Kloepfer	1370	W25	D3	L8	L10	1.5
19	Ken Johnson	1134	W13	D8	L3	L14	1.5
20	Brian Riley	1133	L2	W13	L5	L17	1.0
21	Ginny Gaige	1089	L9	L14	L13	B	1.0
22	Kathy Schneider	1080	L4	L16	B	L15	1.0
23	Victor Creazzi	1028	L8	L5	W25	L13	1.0
24	Dave Kennedy	759	L6	B	L10	L16	1.0
25	Betty Baffo	629P	L18	L17	L23	H	0.5

Colorado Springs Open

by Richard Buchanan, TD

Forty-nine chess players showed up at the Colorado Springs Open at the Manitou Springs City Hall on March 6-7. This was one fewer than my attendance goal, but hey, I'm satisfied. Our prize fund was a nice round number: an even thousand bucks. This included a new addition, a \$60 prize for the Best Game. This prize went to Ron Rossi for his 3rd round win against Gerry Morris.

Randy Canney and David Hartsook tied for first with 4.5 points each, followed half a point back by Gordon Randall and Jeff Csima. Randy, as he often does, generously contributed his prize money to Scholastics Chess. Many other players stood out in an event filled with upsets and fighting chess. Unrated tigers Kenton Lloyd and Jose Llacza made their presence felt, and Kathie Wise and Ann Davies took points and half-points from higher rated players. In the last round Ann gave Gordon Randall a lot of trouble on Board Four, and theirs was the last game to finish.

The first round was delayed by technical problems, but after that the tournament ran smoothly, and people seemed to have a good time. The Manitou Springs City Hall continues to be a fine site for chess tournaments, and my friends at the *Spice of Life* coffee shop thanked me for the large number of chess players who patronized them during the weekend. I would also like to thank the friends who helped me clean up the playing room after the games were over, and to thank all the players for making it such a good tournament.

Daniel Picard (1585)
Robert Ramirez (2023)

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 g5 5.g3 g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Nxg6 hxg6 9.Bg2 Rxh2 10.Qd3 Rxh1+ 11.Bxh1 Nc6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Qe4+ Kf8 14.Bh6+ Kg8 15.Qe3 Bf5 16.Nc3 Bxc2 17.Kd2 Bf5 18.Rf1 Rb8 19.Kc1 Qe7 20.Qf2 Rxb2 21.Kxb2 Ba3+ 22.Ka1 Qb4 23.Na4 Qxa4 24.e4 Be6 25.d5 Qb5 26.Rb1 Qd3 27.Qf6 1-0

Randy Canney (2204)
Brian Rountree (1826)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.d4 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Bxh7+ Kxh7 9.Ng5+ Kg6 10.Qd3+ f5 11.Nxe6 Bxf2+ 12.Kf1 Qh4 13.g3 Qh3+ 14.Kxf2 Nc6 15.Nf4+ 1-0

Mark McGough (1713)
Julian Evans (1990)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 0-0 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.0-0 c5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Bxe7 Nxe7 12.Rc1 cxd4 13.exd4 Nf6 14.Ne5 Bd7 15.Ne4 Ned5 16.Nd6 Qb8 17.Nexf7 Rxf7 18.Nxf7 Kxf7 19.Qf3 Qf4 20.Qxf4 Nxf4 21.Bc4 Bc6 22.f3 Rd8 23.Rfd1 N4d5 24.Kf2 Nb6 25.Bb3 Bd5 26.Rc7+ Rd7 27.Rdc1 Bxb3 28.Rxd7+ Nbd7 29.axb3 Nd5 30.g3 Ke7 31.Ke2 a5 32.Kd3 Kd6 33.Rc8 Ne7 34.Ra8 b6 35.Kc4 Kc7 36.Rh8 Nf6 37.g4 Ng6 38.Ra8 Kb7 39.Rd8 e5 40.d5 Ne7 41.d6 Nc6 42.Rf8 Nd4 43.f4 b5+ 44.Kd3 Nf3 45.fxe5 Nxe5+ 46.Kd4 Nf3+ 47.Ke3 Nxe4 48.Kf4 Kc6 49.g5? hxg5+ 50.Kxg5 Nh7+ 0-1

Robert Deck (1946)
Pierre Julien (1743P)

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Qc2 c6 7.b3 Bf5 8.d3 d4 9.b4 Na6 10.Ba3 Re8 11.Nbd2 e5 12.Ng5 Rc8 13.Nge4 Bf8 14.Rab1 Nc7 15.Nc5 Rb8 16.Nxb7 Rxb7 17.Bxc6 Rb8 18.Bxe8 Qxe8 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.dxe4 Bh3 21.Rfd1 a5 22.Rb3 axb4 23.Rdb1 Bd7 24.Qd3 Na6 (Now b8 is covered a second time, and there is also the threat of ...Nc5.) 0-1

Gary Bagstad (1700)
Jeffrey Baffo (1907)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Nf6 6.f4 d6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Rb8 9.h3 b5 10.a3 Bd7 11.Be3 a5 12.Rb1 b4 13.axb4 axb4 14.Ne2 b3 15.c3 c4 16.Nh2 cxd3 17.Qxd3 Qc7 18.Ra1 Na5 19.Ra3 Bb5 20.Qd1 Nc4 21.Ra7 Nxe3 0-1

Jeffrey Csima (1865)
Dan Hoffacker (1710)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 Be7 6.Nf3 c5 7.Be2 Nc6 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 f6 10.Bb5 Qb6 11.Bxc6 bxc6 12.Na4 Qb5 13.c3 a5 14.Qb3 c4 15.Qc2 f5 16.Bf2 Nb6 17.Nxb6 Qxb6 18.Bh4 Ra7 19.Bxe7 Rxe7 20.Qf2 Rb7 21.Rab1 a4

22.Qh4 Qd8 23.Qh3 Bd7 24.Kh1 Qe7 25.g4 Rfb8 26.gxf5 exf5 27.Qg2 a3 28.Rf2 Kh8 29.h4 Be8 30.Qg5 Qxg5 31.hxg5 Rxb2 32.Rxb2 axb2 33.Nd2 b1Q+ 34.Nxb1 Rxb1+ 35.Kg2 Kg8 36.a4 Ra1 37.Rb2 Rxa4 38.Rb8 Kf8 39.Rb7 Ra3 40.e6 Rxc3 0-1

Alex Cacas (1846)
Daniel Picard (1585)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.h3 Nb4 8.Be2 c5 9.Be3 Nh5 10.g4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nxf4 12.Bxf4 Bxd4 13.a3 Nc6 14.Qd2 Bd7 15.0-0-0 a6 16.h4 Rc8 17.h5 Bh8 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Bc4+ e6 20.Bxd6 Rf7 21.g5 Nd4 22.Be2 Ba4 23.e5 Rf2 24.Qxd4 Rxe2 25.Qxa4 Qxg5+ 26.Kb1 Rf2 27.Qd7 Rd8 28.Qxh7# 1-0

Ken Doykos (1808)
Dragan Plakalovic (1475)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nh6 8.Nc3 Nf5 9.Na4 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Bb4 11.Bc3 Bd7 12.a3 Bxc3+ 13.Nxc3 Qb6 14.Na4 Qa5+ 15.b4 Nxb4 16.axb4 Qxb4+ 17.Qd2 Qxd2+ 18.Kxd2 0-0 19.Nc5 Bc6 20.Rhc1 Rfc8 21.Rc3 Ne7 22.Rca3 b6 23.Na6 Kf8 24.Nb4 a5 25.Nxc6 Nxc6 26.Rc1 Nb4 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8 28.Rc3 Rxc3 29.Kxc3 Na2+ 30.Kb2 Nb4 31.Bb5 h6 32.Ne1 g5 33.Nc2 Nxc2 34.Kxc2 f6 (To get any play, Black has to mix things up on the k-side.) 35.Kb3 h5 36.Be2 h4 37.g3 fxe5 38.dxe5 hxg3 39.hxg3 Kg7 40.Ka4 (40.g4 and Black has nothing.) d4 41.Kb5 g4! 42.Kxb6? (42.Bd1 Kg6 43.Bc2+ first. Now Black wins.) 42...a4 43.Kc5 a3 44.Bc4 d3! 45.Bxe6 d2 46.Bxg4 a2 47.f4 a1Q 48.Kd5 Qc3 49.f5 Qxg3 50.f6+ Kf8 51.Bh5 Qg2+ 52.Kd6 Qh3 53.Bd1 Qd3+ 54.Ke6 Qc4+ 55.Kd6 Qd4+ 56.Ke6 Qb6+ 57.Kd7 Qb7+ 58.Kd6 Qb2 59.Ke6 Qc1 60.Bh5 d1Q 61.Bxd1 Qxd1 62.Kf5 Qh5+ 63.Ke6 Ke8 64.Kd6 Qf7 0-1

David Hartsook (2018)
Jeffrey Baffo (1907)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 a6 6.Nc3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Ne5 13.h3 0-0-0 14.Nd4 h6 15.Kb1 Kb8 16.Nf5 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Bxf5 18.Nc3 Be6 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Rc8 21.Qb3 Qc6 22.Rg1 Bf6 23.g3 g5 24.Bg2 Qc7 25.Rxd6! gxf4 26.Rxf6 f3 27.Bxf3

Nxf3 28.Rxf3 Qc5 29.Rgfl Rhf8 30.a3 f5
31.Qd3 Rfd8 32.Qxf5 Rd5 33.Qf4+ Ka8
34.Rc3 1-0

Kevin Seidler (1999)
Pierre Julien (1743P)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qd3 dxe4
5.Qxe4 Nf6 6.Qh4 0-0 7.Bd3 Be7 8.Nf3
Re8 9.g4 g6 10.Ng5 Nbd7 11.Be3 Nf8
12.0-0-0 b6 13.Rhg1 Bb7 14.Bb5 c6
15.Bc4 b5 16.Bd3 b4 17.Nce4 Nxe4
18.Bxe4 Kg7 19.Rg3 h6 20.Qxh6+?!
Kxh6 21.Nxe6+ Kh7 22.Nxd8 Bxd8
23.Bd3 Bf6 24.h4 Ne6 25.Rf3 Kg7
26.Bc4 Rad8 27.h5 Bg5 28.hxg6 Bxe3+
29.fxe3 fxg6 30.Rdfl Rd7 31.Rf6 Ng5
32.e4 Rxe4 33.Rf8 Re1+ 34.Rxe1 Kxf8
35.c3 bxc3 36.bxc3 Re7 37.Rfl+ Kg7
38.Rf4 Bc8 39.Kd2 Be6 40.Bb3 Bd5
41.c4 Bf3 42.Ba4 Rf7 43.Ke3 Rxf4
44.Kxf4 Kf6 45.a3 Bh1 46.Bc2 Ne6+
47.Ke3 g5 48.Be4 Bxe4 49.Kxe4 Ng7
50.a4 Ke6 51.a5 Kd6 52.d5 c5 53.Kd3
Ke5 54.Kc3 a6 55.Kd3 Ne8 56.Ke3 Nd6
0-1

Julian Evans (1990)
Dan Hoffacker (1710)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 c6 5.c4
Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.Nc3 a6 8.Qb3 Nbd7
9.Be2 b5 10.c5 Qc7 11.a4 Bb7 12.0-0
0-0 13.Rfc1 e5 14.h3 e4 15.Ne1 Nb8
16.Nc2 Rc8 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Bxa8
19.Ra1 Bb7 20.Ra7 Qe7 21.Nb4 Rc7
22.Qa3 g6 23.Qa5 Ne8 24.Qb6 Nd7
25.Qa5 Nb8 26.Bxb5! cxb5 27.Nbxd5
Bxd5 28.Nxd5 Rxa7 29.Nxe7+ Rxe7
30.Qd8 Nc6 31.Qb6 Na7 32.d5 (*Fine
tactical play by Julian.*) 1-0

Daniel Picard (1585)
Robert Deck (1946)

(*Dan showed how to handle the From
Gambit in the first round, but now this
wild opening gets its revenge.*) 1.f4 e5
2.fxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 g5 4.g3 g4 5.Nh4 Nxe5
6.d4 Ng6 7.Nxg6 hxg6 8.e4 d5 9.exd5
Qxd5 10.Qe2+ Be6 11.Qb5+ c6 12.Qxd5
Bxd5 13.Rg1 Rxh2 14.Bf4 Kd7 15.Nd2
Re8+ 16.Kd1 Bf3+ 17.Kc1 Re1# 0-1

Gerry Morris (1945)
Ronald Rossi (1577)

(*A tactical time pressure ending against a
much higher rated opponent.*) 1.d4 Nf6
2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7
6.Nc3 0-0 7.Qc2 c6 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bd3 h6

10.Bh4 Re8 11.0-0 Ne4 12.Bxe7 Qxe7
13.Rae1 Ndf6 14.Ne5 Nxc3 15.Qxc3 Ne4
16.Qc2 f6 17.Ng6 Qf7 18.Nf4 g5 19.Ne2
Kg7 20.f3 Nd6 21.Ng3 Bd7 22.e4 Re6
23.f4 dxe4 24.Nxe4 Rae8 25.Nxd6 Rxd6
26.fxg5 hxg5 27.Rxe8 Qxe8 28.Qf2 Qe7
29.Re1 Re6 30.Rfl Qd6 31.Qf5 Qxd4+
32.Kh1 Kf7 33.Qh7+ Ke8 34.Qg8+ Ke7
35.Bf5 Re2 36.Qg7+ Kd8 37.Bxd7 Qf2!
38.Qf8+ (38.Qxf6+ Qxf6 and a back rank
mate.) 39...Kc7! (*Not 30...Kxd7 and
White's rook comes in.*) 39.Qc8+ Kb6
40.Qd8+ Ka6 41.Rg1 Re1 0-1

Jose Llacza (1617P)
Mark McGough (1713)

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7
5.Bd3 a6 6.Nf3 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nbd7 8.0-0
c5 9.c3 Nxe4 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Bxe4 Nf6
12.Bd3 0-0 13.Re1 b5 14.Rc1 Bb7
15.Bb1 Rfd8 16.Nh4 Qc7 17.Nf3 Qc6
18.Re5 cxd4 19.cxd4 Qd6 20.Rec5 Bxf3
21.Qxf3 Qxd4 22.h3 Qxb2 23.Kh2 Nd5
24.Qe4 g6 25.Kg1 Qf6 26.g3 Qe7 27.Qg2
Qd7 28.Be4 Ra7 29.Qf1 Nf6 30.Bc6 Qd6
31.Bf3 Nd5 32.Qe2 Rc7 33.Rxc7 Nxc7
34.Qc2 Nd5 35.Qe4 Qa3 36.Rc2 Qd6
37.Kg2 h6 38.Qh4 Kh7 39.Qe4 Rd7
40.h4 Nf6 41.Qa8 Rd8 42.Qb7 Rd7
43.Qa8 Rc7 44.Rxc7 Qxc7 45.Qxa6 b4
46.Qa4 Qc3 47.Qa7 Kg7 48.Qa4 Qc5
49.Qa8 Nd5 50.Qa4 Nc3 51.Qc2 Qa5
52.Qb2 Qa3 53.Qd2 e5 54.Qd6 Qa5
55.g4 Nxa2 56.Bd5 Nc3 57.Bc4 Qa8+
58.f3 Qa5 59.g5 hxg5 60.hxg5 e4
61.Qf6+ Kh7 62.Qxf7+ 1-0

Daniel Picard (1585)
Robert Ramirez (2023)

1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6 Bxd6 4.Nf3 g5
5.g3 g4 6.Nh4 Ne7 7.d4 Ng6 8.Nxg6
hxg6 9.Bg2 Rxh2 10.Qd3 Rxh1+
11.Bxh1 Nc6 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Qe4+
Kf8 14.Bh6+ Kg8 15.Qe3 Bf5 16.Nc3
Bxc2 17.Kd2 Bf5 18.Rfl Rb8 19.Kc1
Qe7 20.Qf2 Rxb2 21.Kxb2 Ba3+ 22.Ka1
Qb4 23.Na4 Qxa4 24.e4 Be6 25.d5 Qb5
26.Rb1 Qd3 27.Qf6 1-0

Gordon Randall (1951)
Cory Foster (1522)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 d5 4.e3 Bg7
5.c4 c6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4
Bf5 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Nb6 11.Bb3
Nbd5 12.Be5 Nb6 13.e4 Bc8 14.h3 Nbd7
15.Bh2 a5 16.e5 Ne8 17.e6 fxe6
18.Qxe6+ Kh8 19.Ng5 Ne5 20.Bxe5
Bxe6 21.Nxe6 Qc8 22.Nxf8 Bxe5

23.dxe5 Ng7 24.Nxh7 Kxh7 25.Ne4 Qf5
26.Rae1 Qxe5 27.f4 Qxb2 28.Ng5+ Kh6
29.Rxe7 Re8 30.Rxb7 Re2 31.Nf7+ Kh5
32.Bd1 Qxb7 33.Bxe2+ Kh4 34.Ne5
Qb6+ 35.Kh2 c5 36.g3# 1-0

Jeffrey Baffo (1907)
Dragan Plakalovic (1475)

1.Nc3 Nf6 2.d4 d5 3.Bg5 g6 4.f3 Bg7
5.e3 c6 6.Bd3 Nbd7 7.Nge2 Nf8 8.0-0
Ne6 9.Bh4 0-0 10.b4 Re8 11.a4 Bh6
12.f4 Ng4 13.Rf3 f5 14.a5 Qd6 15.Rb1
b5 16.h3 Nf6 17.Ng3 Ne4 18.Bxe4 fxe4
19.Rfl Ng7 20.Qe2 a6 21.Nd1 Rf8
22.Nf2 Nf5 23.Nxf5 gxf5 24.Kh1 Kh8
25.g4 fxg4 26.hxg4 Rg8 27.Rg1 Bd7
28.Rg2 Bg7 29.c3 Raf8 30.Rbg1 Be8
31.Rh2 Bg6 32.Bg3 Qf6 33.f5 Be8
34.Be5 Qf7 35.Nxe4 dxe4 36.Rxh7+
Kxh7 37.Qh2+ Bh6 38.Bf4 Kh8!
39.Be5+ Kh7 40.g5 Qh5 41.g6+ Rxc6
42.fxg6+ Bxc6 43.Qxh5 Bxh5 44.Re1
Rf3 45.c4 bxc4 46.d5 cxd5 47.b5 axb5
48.a6 Rf8 49.a7 Ra8 50.Bd4 Bg5 51.Ra1
Bf6 0-1

Kenton Lloyd (1630P)
Robert Rountree (1613)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nf3 Be7 4.Nc3 d6
5.Nd5 Nf6 6.d3 0-0 7.h4 Bg4 8.Bg5
Nxd5 9.Bxd5 Qd7 10.Qd2 Rab8
11.0-0-0 Be6 12.Kb1 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nd8
14.Qe3 c6 15.dxc6 Nxc6 16.h5 Bxc6
17.Qxc6 h6 18.Qe3 f5 19.Nh4 Ne7 20.d4
e4 21.Ng6 Nxg6 22.hxg6 Qe6 23.Rxh6 f4
(*Does the sacrifice work? 23...gxh6*
24.Qxh6 Qe7 25.Rh1 Qg7 and then
what?) 24.Qh3 Qxh3 25.Rxh3 Rbe8 1-0

Randy Canney (2204)
Julian Evans (1990)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3
Ba5 6.b4 cxb4 7.Nb5 bxa3+ 8.c3 Be7
9.Qg4 g6 10.h4 h5 11.Qf3 Bd7 12.Bg5
Qc8 13.Rxa3 Bxb5 14.Bxb5+ Nc6
15.Ne2 a6 16.Bxc6+ bxc6 17.0-0 Bd8
18.Rfa1 Bxc6 19.hxg5 Ne7 20.Nf4 Nf5
21.Nd3 h4 22.Nc5 Rh5 23.Rxa6 Rxa6
24.Rxa6 Qd8 25.Qd1 Qxc5 26.Ra8+ Ke7
27.Qa1 Qxc5+ 28.Kxc2 h3+ 29.Kh2 1-0

Dean Brown (1602)
Andrew Stoltzmann (1506P)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.Nc3 d6
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.exd6 exd6 7.Qe2+ Be7 8.d4
0-0 9.Be3 Bf5 10.a3 Bf6 11.0-0-0 Re8
12.Qd2 Na5 0-1



COLORADO SPRINGS OPEN

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Final Standings

		Rating	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Score
1	Randy Canney	2204	W26	W21	H	W9	W5	4.5
2	David Hartsook	2018	W15	W36	W20	D5	W8	4.5
3	Gordon Randall	1951	D17	W29	D18	W27	W14	4.0
4	Jeffrey Csima	1865	W45	L12	W28	W30	W17	4.0
5	Julian Evans	1990	W38	W13	W12	D2	L1	3.5
6	Paul Connors	1999	W28	L11	W24	W15	D9	3.5
7	Robert Deck	1946	W39	L9	W16	D14	W21	3.5
8	Alex Cacas	1846	W32	W16	H	W11	L2	3.5
9	Pierre Julien	1743P	W42	W7	W19	L1	D6	3.5
10	Anthony Telinbacco	1850	W33	L14	H	W38	W25	3.5
11	Ted Doykos	1789	W34	W6	H	L8	W18	3.5
12	Dan Hoffacker	1710	W35	W4	L5	D19	D22	3.0
13	Mark McGough	1713	W41	L5	L30	W40	W31	3.0
14	Ann Davies	1625	W25	W10	H	D7	L3	3.0
15	Ronald Rossi	1577	L2	W32	W43	L6	W30	3.0
16	Daniel Picard	1585	W18	L8	L7	W34	W33	3.0
17	Dragan Plakalovic	1475	D3	W22	H	W20	L4	3.0
18	Robert Ramirez	2023	L16	W46	D3	W26	L11	2.5
19	Kevin Seidler	1999	W27	W44	L9	D12	U	2.5
20	Jeffrey Baffo	1907	W40	W23	L2	L17	H	2.5
21	Brian Rountree	1826	W31	L1	D38	W39	L7	2.5
22	Ken Doykos	1808	H	L17	W35	D31	D12	2.5
23	Gary Bagstad	1700	W48	L20	H	W29	U	2.5
24	Don Wisdom, Jr.	1684	H	D30	L6	W32	D27	2.5
25	Kenton Lloyd	1630P	L14	W45	H	W37	L10	2.5
26	Norbert Martinez	1589	L1	W33	H	L18	W39	2.5
27	Cory Foster	1522	L19	W41	W44	L3	D24	2.5
28	Istvan Hornyak	1552	L6	W34	L4	H	W40	2.5
29	Andrew Stoltzmann	1506P	D43	L3	W46	L23	W38	2.5
30	Jose Llacza	1617P	D37	D24	W13	L4	L15	2.0
31	Katherine Wise	1531	L21	W49	D36	D22	L13	2.0
32	Alexander Freeman	1324	L8	L15	W42	L24	W41	2.0
33	Isaac Martinez	1291	L10	L26	W49	W35	L16	2.0
34	Kevin Lucas	1222	L11	L28	W48	L16	W46	2.0
35	Cynthia Langseth	859	L12	B	L22	L33	W47	2.0
36	Frank Deming	1758	W47	L2	D31	U	U	1.5
37	Robert Rountree	1613	D30	D43	H	L25	U	1.5
38	Dean Brown	1602	L5	W47	D21	L10	L29	1.5
39	William Chandler IV	1507	L7	W42	H	L21	L26	1.5
40	Fred Spell	1433	L20	W48	H	L13	L28	1.5
41	Victor Creazzi	1019	L13	L27	H	W47	L32	1.5
42	Kathy Schneider	1012	L9	L39	L32	W48	H	1.5
43	Gerry Morris	1945	D29	D37	L15	U	U	1.0
44	Anthea Carson	1772	W49	L19	L27	U	U	1.0
45	Joseph Aragon	1406	L4	L25	H	D46	U	1.0
46	Ginny Gage	1064	H	L18	L29	D45	L34	1.0
47	Tom Mullikin	1299	L36	L38	H	L41	L35	0.5
48	Betty Baffo	629P	L23	L40	L34	L42	H	0.5
49	Keith Wyman	1212P	L44	L31	L33	U	U	0.0

Drawing Out The King

by NM Todd Bardwick

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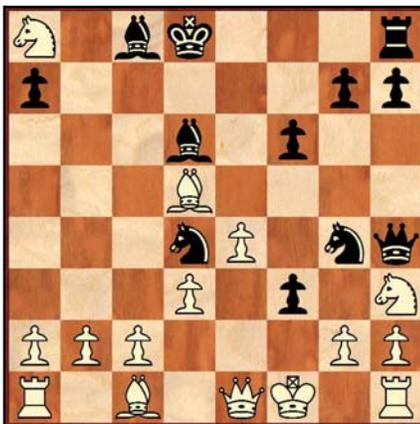
Every chess player enjoys a position where he can launch an attack against the enemy king.

When attacking the king, all checks and sacrifices are candidate moves because the goal of the game is checkmate.

Candidate moves are moves that make sense, which you put on your list of moves to check out, before you do your deep analysis to determine which move is best. (In any type of position, capture moves are always candidate moves.)

Here is a game from Paris in 1844 where White's king has attracted a lot of attention from the Black forces.

Lionel Kieseritsky



John Schulten

Position after 14.Qe1

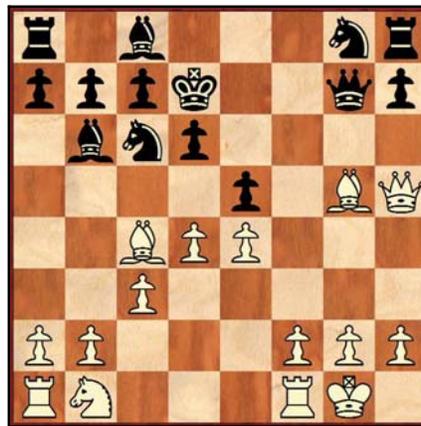
The game continued, **14...fxg2+** A logical move eliminating the g2 pawn from in front of the White king. **15.Kxg2 Qxh3+!!** An excellent sacrifice that brings the White king further out into the open. Normally you wouldn't look for queen sacrifices, but since the White king is exposed, it is a candidate move that needs to be investigated. **16.Kxh3 Ne3+** Sealing off the g2 retreat square. **17.Kh4 Nf3+** **18.Kh5 Bg4 mate.**

Here is an example of drawing the king

into the open by a Spanish chess player, Busnardo, from a game in Rome, 1590. NN stands for No Name, a player whose name was not recorded on the score sheet.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Qe7 Of course, moving out the queen early can be risky. **5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Bb6 7.Bg5 f6** Weakening the light squares around the Black king. **8.Bh4 g5** Chasing the bishop, but further weakening the light squares. **9.Nxg5!** Because White is ahead in development and has his king safely tucked away, he decides to break open the position with a knight sacrifice. **9...fxg5** **10.Qh5+ Kd7 11.Bxg5 Qg7?** 11...Nf6 is necessary here.

NN



Busnardo

Notice that the Black king cannot move. He is hoping to run and hide on the queenside or survive in the center. **12.Be6+!** A bishop sacrifice that forces the king into the center. **12...Kxe6** **13.Qe8+!** A smart move that takes away the d7 retreat square. **13...Nge7** It doesn't matter whether either knight or the queen interposes, because White plays...**14.d5 mate.**

Drawing the king into the center of the board with a sacrifice is a common way to force a checkmate...look for this opportunity in your games...you may create a masterpiece that chess players will talk about for centuries in the future!

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Shipp's Log

by Archie Shipp

It has been a while since I've annotated any of my games for the Informant, mostly due to lack of play. I concluded my 13 year teaching career and moved on to being a high school principal last fall and haven't played a tournament or done much else since. I'm hoping that will change when my learning curve starts to flatten a bit. However, I did finish competing in the 2009 Colorado Correspondence Championship and was lucky enough to take third place.

The game between myself and Jeff Baffo, the eventual winner, was published in the January issue of "The Check Is In The Mail" which caused some people to ask if I would write an article for the Informant on it. I e-mailed Jeff to ask if I could include his analysis as well, and of course he said I could. Even though I lost this game, I'd have to say I was...On Course!

2009 Colorado Correspondence Championship

Jeff Baffo (2325)
Archie Shipp (1353)

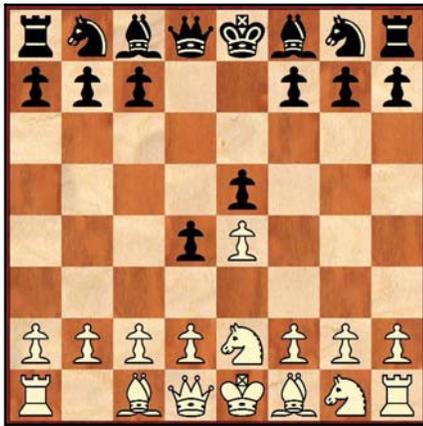
First up, Jeff Baffo:

My first note should be one of thanks to Klaus Johnson, our former CSCA President. It was his vision and hard work which gave all of us the opportunity to play in this event. OK, here endeth the shameless sucking up.

1.Nc3 in my self-published book on this opening, I call this opening the Queen's Knight Attack (QNA). The Wikipedia entry is under Dunst Opening, (the article notes that 1.Nc3 may have more different names than any other opening; Sleipner's, Van Geet's, Baltic, and about a half dozen more...) and most rank and file players know it by that name.

1...d5 2.e4 d4 3.Nce2 e5 Along with having more names than any other opening, the QNA may have more transpositional opportunities, too. Just about any e-pawn opening could take shape hereabouts; Caro's, French's, Center Counter's, and more are possible. Here Archie's forthright play takes us into the main line (The so called Achilles Heel variation in my book).

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4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Ng3 Nf6 6.Bc4 Straight forward and logical, but probably not best. I waver between this move, seizing the Italian diagonal and the other strong move here, 6.Bb5 with Ruy Lopez type play.

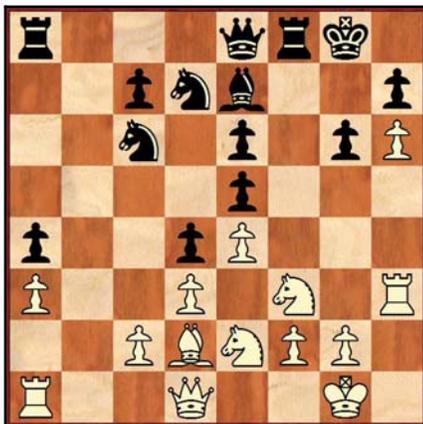
6...Bd6 7.a3 O-O 8. d3 Clearly I am intent on preserving my star attacker, Mr. White Squared Bishop, but Archie swats that down real quick.

8...Na5 9.Ba2 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 This glob of pawns in the middle slows everything down and makes a draw very likely. We both proceed to push play on the wings, as one must do with a blocked center.

11.Bd2 Nc6 12.h4 Qe8 13.h5 a5?! I think White's h-pawn has had enough fun for one day and should be stopped right here with 13...h6.

14.h6 g6 Now this pawn wedge will be a small but constant annoyance to Black.

15.Rh4 b5 16.Kf1 b4 17.Kg1 bxa3 18.bxa3 Be7 19.Ne2 Nd7 20.Rh3 a4!

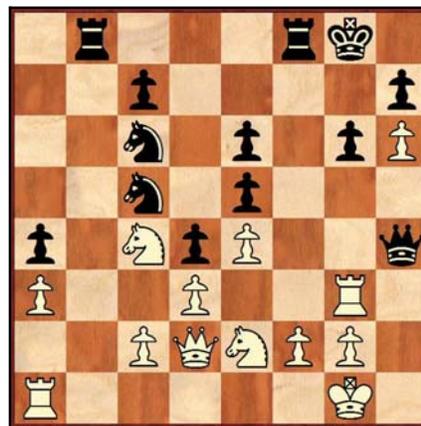


While Archie has made any additional progress with his wing attack, I have just been marking time, hoping and watching

for the right opportunity to use my trumps; the f4 and/or c3 pawn levers. Only those moves have any chance of producing meaningful play for me. I was sweating it around here, fearing that neither pawn break would ever come to pass, or if they did be too inconsequential to stop Archie's Queen-side pressure.

21.Rg3 Nc5 22.Bg5 Bd6 23.Nd2 Be7 24.Bxe7 Qxe7 25.Nc4 Qh4? I call this a waste of time, there is nothing for Black's lady to do on h4 and she soon has to return. Maybe the closed center lulled Archie's sense of danger?

26.Qd2 Rab8! Here's what I thought could cause me grief, Black pounding the b-file.



27.Rf1 Nd7 I was seriously getting ready to accept and/or offer a draw hereabouts. It had simply been too much to watch a player I out-rate by over a thousand points (seemingly) effortlessly play me to a dead even stand-off. I took about 7 or 8 days here and finally found one last chance to make trouble.

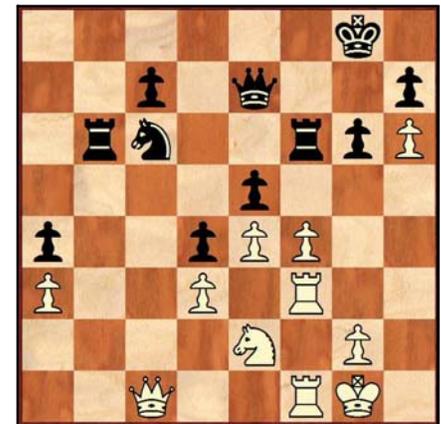
28.Qc1 This multi-purpose move guards my sensitive a pawn, bolsters my back rank, adds a little security on the b-file, prepares my c3 break and adds pressure down the c-file. What more could I ask?

28...Nb6 29.Nxb6 Rxb6 One by one Black's back rank is being stripped of defender's, but it's not easy to see how or why that should be a problem for Black.

30.c3 Qe7 31.cxd4 exd4 32.f4 My final Ace in the hole, but will it be enough?

32...e5 Archie says his Crafty computer didn't like this, and my Fritz 11 confirms that, but during the game it looked spot-on. How else is Black to defend his d-pawn?

33.Rg3 Rf6 If anybody remembers the old "Lost in Space" TV show, right about now the robot would be flailing his arms wildly, "Danger, Will Robinson, Danger!" Black's back rank sensitivity is impossible to resist. I am not ashamed to admit my next move is a trap, but a good trap. It's a decent and flexible waiting move and does not hurt my position even if Black avoids my tricks.



34.Qc2 Qxa3? Wow. Never thought Archie would fall for this especially after playing so well throughout the game. Once again the queen is sent to foreign lands when she's needed at home. This time it's fatal.

35.fxe5 Rxf3 36.Qc4+ Kh8 37.Rxf3 Qe7 Right here, I'm feeling pretty good, if my attack is not able to crash thru I can always bail out by snatching Black's passed a-pawn and pulling into a safe harbor type situation. As it turns out, White is winning even with best play by Black.

38.Rf6 White has multiple ways to continue, but I like this because of the many "Mate-Based" combos it offered.

38...Rb1+ 39.Nc1 Nxe5 40.Qxc7! Obvious, yes, maybe even crude. I hope I can be forgiven for my pride here, but I find this dual offer of the Lady or the Rook quite charming. Taking either leads to speedy mate, but even avoiding that, Black's vulnerable back rank spells doom.

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And now, my turn, with help from 'Crafty':

1.Nc3 I'd never played against a Dunst that I could remember.

1...d5 2.e4 dxe4 Nxe4 is a common option.

2...d4 3.Nce2 e5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Ng3 5.h5 is possible but weaker.

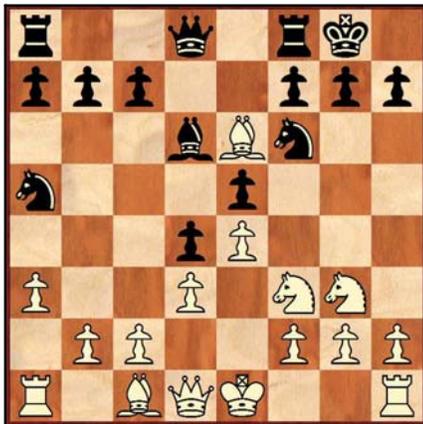
5...Nf6 6.Bc4 Jeff mentioned Bb5 as an alternative, but Crafty has it as equal.

6...Bd6 7.a3 Crafty wanted Jeff to castle.

7...0-0 8.d3 This is a novelty according to database I was using. Normally White castles here.

8...Na5 9.Ba2 I wanted to keep that bishop from attacking the kingside, but Crafty lists several other options as equal or better, including Bg4, Bd7, Nc6 and even b5.

9...Be6 10.Bxe6 10.0-0 is slightly better, but humans don't handle well the doubled pawns I'm going to get.



10...fxe6 11.Bd2 Nc6 12.h4 Crafty still wants Jeff to castle.

12...Qe8 13.h5 a5 Jeff suggests 13...h6 but the problem is it would create a knight post with Nh4 then Ng6.

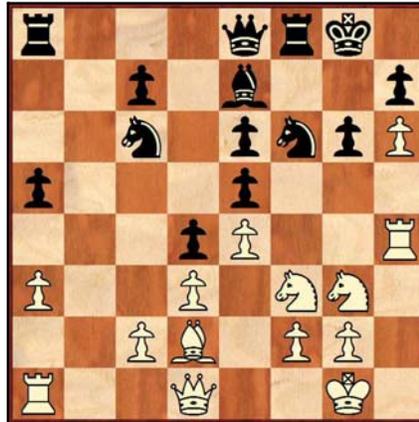
14.h6 g6 15.Rh4 Qe2 followed by 0-0-0 is stronger and allows Jeff to bring the artillery over to my kingside.

15...b5 16.Kf1 Again...Qe2 then 0-0-0.

16...b4 I've got to break something open on the queenside otherwise I have to keep making waiting moves in my own territory.

17.Kg1 Strange, but it does keep me from controlling the a-file with axb3 axb3 Rxa8 Qxa8.

17...bxa3 18.bxa3 Be7? I should have played a4 to fix his pawn and then Qe7 to start an attack on it.



19.Ne2 Nd7 20.Rh3 a4 21.Rg3 Bd6 or Bc5 and Qe7 are still viable.

21...Nc5 22.Bg5 Jeff wants to eliminate that option.

22...Bd6 23.Nd2 This caused me to waste the last move because of Nc4 threatening the bishop and creating a double double pawn center.

23...Be7 24.Bxe7 Qxe7 25.Nc4 Qh4 Qf6 would be better. Jeff wouldn't be able respond with Rf3 because then Qh4 Rxf8 Rxf8 f3 leaves me with the kingside attacking options, and Rh3 Qxf2! is deadly.

26.Qd2 Rab8 27.Rf1 Jeff told me that he thought I was playing very well around this point. Crafty's post-analysis even had me up a bit as late as move 34. They both underestimated my stupidity in the end-game.

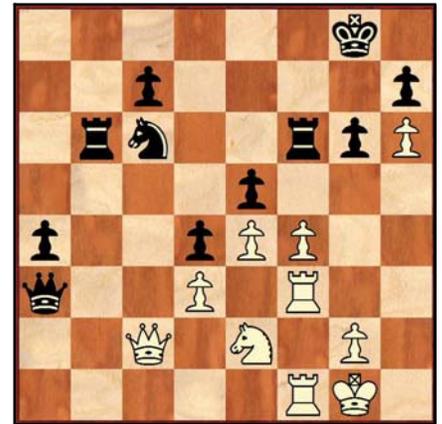
27...Nd7 28.Qc1 Nb6 29.Nxb6 Rxb6

30.c3 Qe7 31.cxd4 exd4 32.f4 e5 This was about a half point mistake according to Crafty, and it ends up leading to my demise by allowing Jeff to open the f file.

33.Rgf3 Rf6 34.Qc2? Crafty didn't like this and suggests Qc4, which Jeff plays just a few moves later.

34...Qxa3 I'm reminded of the article Brian Wall wrote in the January 2010 Informant, "The Antaeus Principle", where the Master level player gets stronger and stronger as the match continues. Until here, I'd given my best shot at knocking off a much better player than myself, but we've reached a position in which Brian said, "...the Chessmaster can play nearly perfectly and the class player will struggle with blindly." Here I was

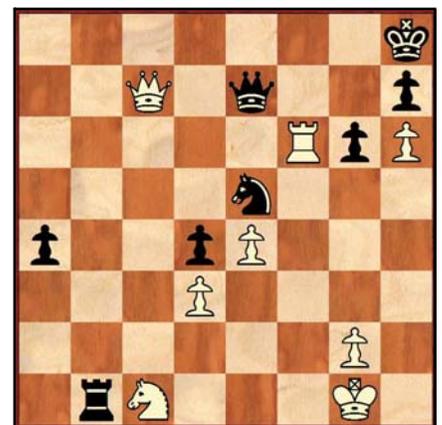
blind to the danger on my kingside and couldn't see the harm in taking the pawn.



35.fxe5 Rxf3 36.Qc4+ Kh8 37.Rxf3 Qe7 38.Rf6 Rb1+? Crafty suggest a3 here, but I think it is just a difference of how I'm going to lose, not if I am.

39.Nc1 Nxe5?? Not seeing much else, I decided to go pawn-hunting, which of course ended up being a blunder. Rb6 extends the game, but I'm still lost at this point.

40.Qxc7 No matter what I do, I'll be mated on the back row by the rook or the queen, so I resigned. While it was one of my only two losses, it was in many ways the best played game of tournament for me. It must have been pretty good as it did make it into the pages of the January 2010 "The Check Is In the Mail," even if they did list us as being from Iowa instead of Colorado! Here is the link - <http://main.uschess.org/content/view/9998/571>.



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Trust Your Instincts!

by Klaus Johnson

This past summer, I travelled to Indianapolis and played in my first US Open. Unlike other big tournaments, the US Open is one big open section. If I had played at the World Open, I would have played in the U2000 section and my opponents would have all been in the narrow 1800-1999 rating range. With just one section, you can literally play anybody. In my nine rounds, I played one master and four experts, but I also played two class B players, a class C player and an unrated player playing in only his second tournament. All of my opponents were pretty much anywhere EXCEPT the 1800-1999 range.

My rating was right about the median for the tournament, so in the first round my opponent's rating was going to be at one of the two extremes. Either my rating would barely be in the top half of the players, so I would get an opponent at the very bottom (an unrated or U1000 player), or I would just miss the top half and get an opponent at the very top of the rating list. A week prior to the tournament, I joked to Julian Evans, my fellow Boulder A-player, that I was in a lose-lose position. Either I was going to play [US Champion] Shabalov or play some unrated player who had a 2300 ICC rating. As it turned out, my schedule (the 6-day schedule) was stronger than expected, the midpoint rating being around 1900, so I ended up being in the bottom half but low enough to get a mere mortal master rather than an international or grandmaster.

Some 15 minutes before the round I arrived at my board to find another Colorado player, Tyler Hughes, sitting at it. He was actually one board over, the board #s had been mixed up. I was just one pairing away from playing Tyler! Imagine traveling over 1000 miles to play in the US Open but playing a fellow Coloradoan in the first round! I was excited and very nervous, I had never played a so high-rated player before. My opponent did not show up at once, so once the announcements were over, I hit my clock, moved my king's pawn forward two squares and then started his clock. My US Open had begun.

White: Klaus Johnson (1852)
Black: FM Jake Kleiman (2381)
US Open: Round 1
Time Control: 40/120, G/60

1.e4

I waited about ten minutes before getting up and taking a walk around to try and calm down. When I returned, my opponent had finally sat down.

1...Nf6!?

Not a move I hoped to see. Against 1...c5 or 1...e5, I had played many, perhaps hundreds if you count online, games and was familiar with the resulting pawn structures and positions. Several club players from Colorado absolutely punished me with 1...Nf6 in the past, although I had recently turned the score around somewhat. This was promising to become an uncomfortable position for me.

2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.exd6?!

My ignorance of this opening is showing. Either 4.Nf3 or 4.c4 is normal. I had decided not to go for complications when I was so unfamiliar with the resulting positions. I had played several games against the Alekhine and the Scandinavian where I played d4, supported with a pawn at c3, and then go on a kingside attack.

4...exd6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Bc4 Nb6 7.Bb3 O-O 8.O-O Bg4 9.Bf4 Nc6 10.c3 Qd7 11.Bc2 Nd5 12.Bg3 Rae8 13.Nbd2 Bd8 14.Qb1 f5

So far, so good. I still felt like I had a micro edge with my designs on the kingside (with the bishop and queen battery). The knight on d5 can be immobilized with Bb3, although black has control of the e-file.

15.h3 Bh5 16.Bh4?!

Later, the post mortem, I found a better plan. 15.Bb3!, 16.Qd3 and 17.Bc2 which gives my rooks more freedom and makes the bishop-queen battery more dangerous. Now Black gets kingside pressure and White can definitely not claim an edge in the game any longer.

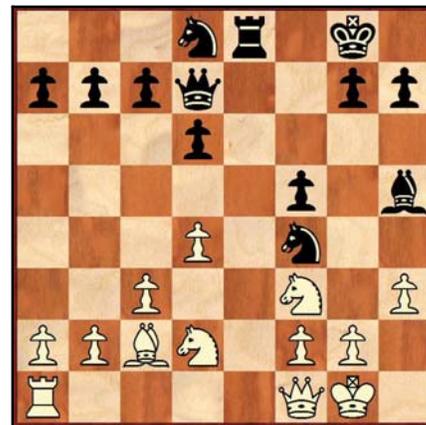
16...Nf4! 17.Bxd8 Nxd8 18.Re1

I thought long and hard about this move. I was worried about his rook invading to the 7th file and then doubling the rooks, perhaps tripling with his queen, so I decided to trade rooks.

18...Rxe1 19.Qxe1 Re8 20.Qf1!

Here I took the longest think of the game,

but I still had over an hour left to reach move 40. I was still worried about Black's move Re2, but I looked at Qf1 until I was confident that there was no way Re2 could be played without further preparation.



20...Re2??

And he plays it anyway! My first thought was 'well shoot, maybe he CAN play Re2, maybe I missed something'. I spent perhaps another ten minutes on the position, walking around to observe from his vantage point, walking out of the room to try and calm my nerves, and studying it from my side again. I was very suspicious of his move, that he might have some nasty trap lying in wait. In the end I made my move, if it was a trap, I'd have to see it to believe it.

21.Bb3+!

This in-between check is the key. If White plays 21.g3? right away then Black plays the favorable 21...Bxf3! Where 22.Nxf3 Rxc2 23.gxf4 Rxb2 leaves White down a pawn and with a broken-up kingside.

21...Nf7?

This seems like a strange move. Why voluntarily pin a piece? Perhaps he was planning to play d5 later to break the pin and from there play the knight to a stronger position. I was half-expecting 21...Re6 so that Black gives up an exchange instead of a piece. Kleiman offered a draw after making this move and his high rating made the offer very tempting. I was winning a knight, but there were still a lot of pieces on the board and my kingside was going to be open. He might be able to penetrate with his queen and make some threats! The highest player I had ever drawn was rated 2201

and I had never defeated anybody over 2030. I finally decided to decline the draw offer and make a move. If I took the draw, I would have hated that decision forever. I was up a piece with very little compensation. I couldn't take the easy draw.

22.g3!

Now there is no bishop to take on c2 after 22...Bxf3 23.Nxf3

22...Qc6 23.d5?

This is still winning for me, but better was simply 23.gxf4! Because 23...Bxf3 24.Nxf3 Qxf3 fails because of 25.Bd1! 23...Qe8 24.gxf4 Bxf3 25.Nxf3 Qe4?? This makes everything easy. With the queens and rooks still on the board, I was worried about falling into a perpetual or even a mating attack, but this allows me to trade the queens and rooks off.

26.Re1! Rxe1 27.Qxe1

The point is that if 27...Qxf3 28.Qe8#

27...Kf8 28.Qxe4 fxe4 29.Ng5 1-0

Immediately after resigning, Kleiman graciously congratulated me on my win. Over the next day, nearly the entire Colorado contingent congratulated me on the victory. It felt especially good to write a '1' next to my name, and I couldn't have done it if I didn't follow and trust my instincts at three crucial points during the game. I ended up scoring the top upset of round 1, but was upstaged the very next round when Texan expert Matthew Michaelides defeated GM-elect Alex Lenderman. Although the rest of my tournament was uneventful, I went 0-4 against experts and 3 1/2-1/2 against B and C players, that first round could not be taken away. I had earned my first master scalp.

Colorado Players at the U.S. Open

Player	Score
IM Michael Mulyar	6.5
FM Renard Anderson	6.5
Richard Herbst	6.5
NM Andy Rea	5.5
Mitesh Shridhar	5.0
NM Tyler Hughes	4.5
Klaus Johnson	4.5
Chai Neuhaus	3.0
Dean Brown	3.0
Kathy Schneider	2.0



Rocky Mountain Area Teen Draws World Champion

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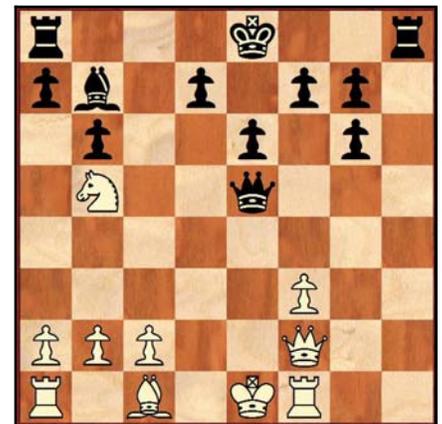
by Jeffrey Baffo
HumbleBumble Chess Services

Sixteen year old New Mexico teen, Jeffrey Serna, drew his game against the 12th Women's World Champion, Grand Master (GM) Alexandra Kosteniuk. Played as part of a simultaneous exhibition on December 11, 2009. Jeff's game was just one of about 40 determined youngsters opposing the Champion. The exhibition was held in between rounds of the Dallas, TX, 2009 K-12 Grades Championships, held at the Anatole Hilton hotel. To take on 40 people at once, single handedly matching her mental skills vs. a group of promising young chess players is par for the course for Kosteniuk. She is not only a World Champion, she is a tireless promoter of the game, singing the praises of chess as one of the most healthy and fun hobbies a person can have. Her motto is "Chess is Cool!" Interested people can check into her impressive resume at her web site - www.chessqueen.com. Jeff explains that the game was a tense all the way thru since playing a world champion is not something the average amateur gets to do very often. Jeff was gracious enough to provide the score and his permission to annotate it. We have Jeff's Mom's permission to publish this article.

Alexandra Kosteniuk Jeffrey Serna

1.e4 b6 (A deliberate non-theoretical choice by Jeff, probably a good idea as Kosteniuk is very well prepared for most mainstream type openings) **2.d4 Bb7 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nc3 c5** (The wisdom of Jeff's choice is borne out by Jeff's observation that the GM here begins to look frustrated and takes more time at this board than most of the other games.) **5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nf3 Ne7 7.O-O** (My guess is that Alexandra must have begun to relax hereabouts in the game. She is nearly fully developed, King safely tucked away, con-

trolling the center. What could go wrong?) **7...Nc6 8.Qe2 Ng6 9.e5!** (This allows Jeff a very strong shot after which White never seems to have more than a fight for equality. Simply continuing with her development is called for, Fritz likes 9.Rd1 0-0 10.e5! or 9...d6 10.Na4! in either case White has a decent initiative.) **9...Nd4!** (I give this move high marks because it is sound yet with a drop of poison. Its straightforward attributes are obvious; it simplifies the game, clarifies the situation in the center and, reduces White's pressure by trading some material but as a "sneaky-snake" bonus it also sets up a classic drawing combo. And a very effective combo it is, even analyzing with Fritz does not show an easy way to avoid it.) **10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Nb5 Bxe5 12.Bxg6 Bxh2+! 13.Kxh2 Qh4+ 14.Kg1 hxd4 15.f3 Qh2+ 16.Kf2 Qh4+ 17.g3 Qh2+ 18.Ke1 Qxg3+ 19.Qf2 Qe5+ 20.Qe2 Qg3+ 21.Qf2 Qe5+ 1/2-1/2**



(Draw agreed on Jeff's offer.) It is easy to see that White's precarious king position leaves here no choice but to allow the three fold repetition.

A fast bio on our rising star; He is 16 years old, lives with his Mom and college attending brother. Learnt chess "real young" approximately age 5. Rating is currently 1891. Goes to Taos High School (Go Knighthawks! Jeff is very proud of his High School's very successful chess team, frequently winning or placing highly in state competitions). His chess goal is very sensible; to become the best player he can be, at a minimum becoming a Master. Career aspirations are currently undecided. Jeff says the chess scene in New Mexico is vibrant with many tournaments and events to choose from.



2010 Colorado Tour

Top 10 Standings Through Colorado Springs Open

Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Julian Evans	1989	230.64	29
2	Ted Doykos	1797	230.32	36
3	Jeffrey Baffo	1886	219.02	22
4	Jeffrey Csima	1877	165.11	13
5	Anthea Carson	1742	164.94	24
6	Gordon Randall	1938	162.79	19
7	Zachary Bekkedahl	1723	160.29	13
8	Gerry Morris	1924	142.69	13
9	Richard Buchanan	2000	138.67	17
10	Dean Brown	1544	135.09	37

Expert

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Richard Buchanan	2000	138.67	17
2	Adekunle Ogunmefun	2104	104.25	5
3	Daoud Zupa	2006	104.25	5
4	Mitesh Shridhar	2081	91.22	5
5	Richard Herbst	2115	91.22	5
6	Paul Connors	2010	86.08	11
7	David Hartsook	2018	73.03	5
8	Nino Neilson	2017	68.16	8
9	Robert Ramirez	2023	40.57	5
10	Mitchell Anderson	2038	39.09	3

Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Ted Doykos	1797	230.32	36
2	Anthea Carson	1742	164.94	24
3	Zachary Bekkedahl	1723	160.29	13
4	Ryan Swerdlin	1610	102.33	9
5	Pierre Julien	1729	88.98	8
6	Eric Barkemeyer	1611	82.73	13
7	Charles Grubel	1600	78.19	5
8	Daniel Zhou	1695	76.26	9
9	Dan Hoffacker	1712	72.82	9
10	Mark McGough	1708	72.11	9

Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Isaac Martinez	1299	86.00	25
2	Alexander Freeman	1224	81.05	27
3	Scott Swerdlin	1339	63.36	8
4	Gerald Maier	1275	59.06	22
5	Edward Cronin	1353	58.36	9
6	Joseph Aragon	1398	55.11	11
7	Frank Riley	1249	38.90	9
8	Andrew Stephenson	1245	34.09	5
9	Dale Lamb	1308	34.09	5
10	Dennis Bolshakov	1336	34.09	5

Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean Brown	1544	135.09	37
2	Kathy Schneider	971	71.81	36
3	Ted Doykos	1797	230.32	36
4	Julian Evans	1989	230.64	29
5	Alexander Freeman	1224	81.05	27
6	Isaac Martinez	1299	86.00	25
7	Anthea Carson	1742	164.94	24
8	Gerald Maier	1275	59.06	22
9	Jeffrey Baffo	1886	219.02	22
10	Gordon Randall	1938	162.79	19

Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Julian Evans	1989	230.64	29
2	Jeffrey Baffo	1886	219.02	22
3	Jeffrey Csima	1877	165.11	13
4	Gordon Randall	1938	162.79	19
5	Gerry Morris	1924	142.69	13
6	Kevin Seidler	1995	131.79	9
7	Brad Lundstrom	1919	115.36	9
8	Larry Wutt	1809	105.39	7
9	David Meliti	1891	99.80	10
10	Bob Deck	1950	88.98	9

Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean Brown	1544	135.09	37
2	Ron Rossi	1578	94.14	10
3	Cory Foster	1549	90.48	17
4	Gordon Hart	1536	81.18	14
5	Kurt Kondracki	1567	74.90	9
6	Lee Lahti	1544	73.84	13
7	Daniel Picard	1561	71.46	9
8	Nabil Spann	1459	61.63	9
9	Katherine Wise	1513	55.88	9
10	Brady Barkemeyer	1539	53.87	13

Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kevin Lucas	1193	74.61	18
2	Kathy Schneider	971	71.81	36
3	Victor Creazzi	944	62.65	17
4	Ginny Gaige	1023	51.95	17
5	Cynthia Langseth	859	32.46	5
6	Brian Riley	1062	30.81	9
7	Artem Bolshakov	1076	28.41	5
8	Joseph Guerriero	1187	26.06	4
9	Michael Martinson	1190	25.27	7
10	Devon Wall	649	22.73	5

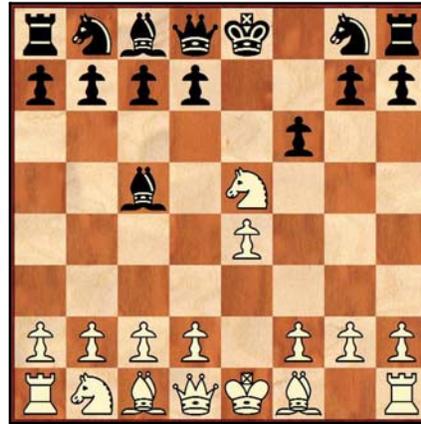
Tactics Time!

by Tim Brennan

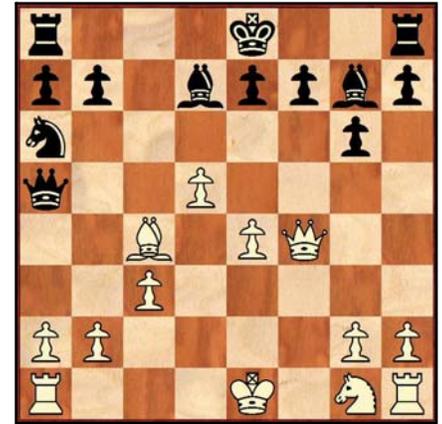
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following, from games played by Colorado players online. Answers on page 27.



1. saint1 - TimmyBx
redhotpawn.com / 2009
 Black to Move



2. BillyDean - rossw
redhotpawn.com / 2009
 White to Move



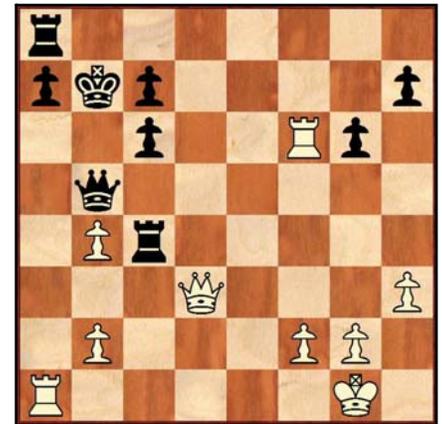
3. Andrew Kerr - jbaffo
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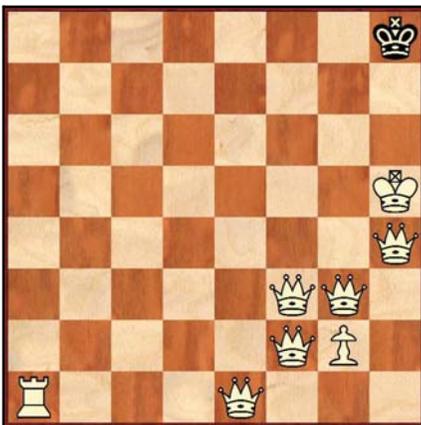
4. N2H4 - Eagle and King
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 Black to Move



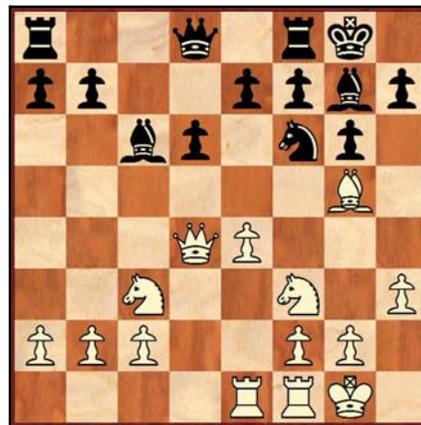
5. FrolickingFerret - cliffgaroup
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 White to Move



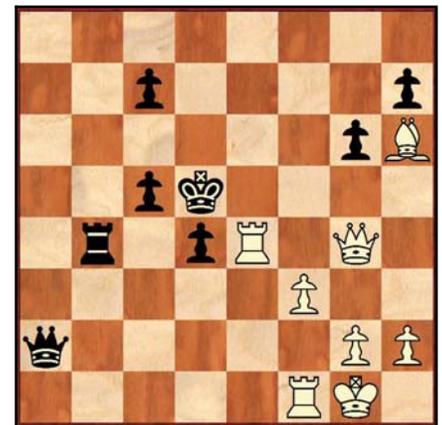
6. DocSnyder - RedwoodPete
redhotpawn.com / 2008
 Black to Move



7. Zonagrad - Diapason
redhotpawn.com / 2009
 White to Move - king moves only



8. Nocky69 - Klaus Johnson
redhotpawn.com / 2010
 Black to Move



9. SapanRinpoche - DracoMalfoy
redhotpawn.com / 2010
 White to Move

Musings Of Panama Joey

by Joseph Fromme

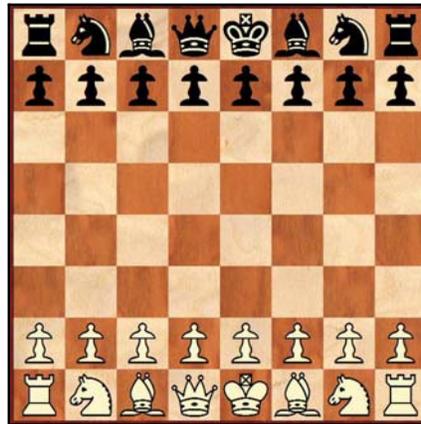
PAWNS

In the theatre of chess life, the back rank aristocracy proudly exists in the shining city on the hill. In chess and life, an aristocrat can not even begin to function until Farmer John plows the snowy roads. Peering with a sneer upon throbbing, noisy millions, they feel contempt and fondness. Pawn, Pawns, Pawns, for where is not a Pawn? Pawns, Pawns, Pawns, for who is not a Pawn? Feeling contempt because the unwashed rabble stretches from one end of the world to the other end, undisciplined, unfocused, an uncultured colossus, potentially threatening not only the aristocracy but also themselves. Feeling contempt because quantity of life is a tragic substitute for quality of life. Feeling fondness because they are after all distant brothers and sisters, needed tools to be manipulated for achieving victory over the ...other. Feeling fondness because they will be nurtured, assigned a square, protected as the family dog, and haltingly respected. They will have a job. Worry not; worry not, little pawn, little pawn. Work hard, be honest, and with enough decades of constant effort, thee glorious promotion awaits, little pawn, little pawn. You may be promoted to a rich Bishop. You may be promoted to Loyal Knight. You may be promoted to a safe and strong Castle. You may, even with good behavior, be promoted to the all exalted and voluptuous Queen, but... ahem, there is only one catch. Little pawn, dear little pawn, you will never ever be promoted to a King. Inevitably, pawn moral will sink but an aristocrat will eventually sacrifice gloriously for the common good. Contentment fills the Kingdom. Pawns have many, many names, peasants, foot soldiers, intellectuals, but they all have a common burden. Go to assigned square and keep your mouth shut.

BISHOPS

Bishops are located directly next to aristocracy, this is not a coincidence. Preacher man, prophet, charlatan, and actor. Bookends of the super bankers.

Sycophant to the King, bodyguard to the Queen, always and forever, a mathematical equation always and forever, a mathematical equation honoring coordinates... love be damned. Bishop of Light, Bishop of Darkness, each manically narcissistic, unaware of empathizing with the other, but with a power combined, any being in its path is doomed. Scamps of the diagonal oppose you not frontally, for that would be honorable, and will not oppose you from behind, as that would be politically incorrect. Attacking from the periphery, quietly and without mercy. Naturally these nebulous creatures of amorality pin more victims than all the others combined, on and off the chessboard.



CASTLE

The Castle is a house, a home, a refuge from an obviously hostile environment. After all the outrageous indignities of a day, if one does not have a castle, then life is harsh. Living without a castle is homelessness, and living on a horse is merely upper class homelessness. In Chess, morning reveille is sounded by one of twenty loud bells. Pawns, Bishops, Knights and occasionally the Queen scramble quickly to tuck Kingy into the corner cave, ensconced in lush purple velvet safety. This is called Castling, not Rooking. Perhaps earning a college degree might be called Life Castling.

QUEEN

The Queen on checkered squares is analogous to Aircraft Carriers in a modern Navy. The Queen is raw unadulterated power. The Queen is Tyrannosaurus Rex. The Queen can do it all. Do not anger Mama Bear! The Queen fighting effec-

tively ushers defeat to the face of the enemy, hard, fast, and cold. The Queen fighting ineffectively ushers defeat... get the cyanide tablets ready.

KNIGHTS

Point blank, Knights are cool. Possessing agilities and natural beauty unequaled across the light and dark squares. Holding up the "No Trespassing" sign is childish folly. They simply gallop around or over the pitiful barricade, whilst embodying the spirit of independence and playfulness. Living freedom, not talking it, like the shallow politicians of Eastern Nevada. Even the tin plated crusader is but a weight in the water without a strong royal steed.

KING

Kings are the ulterior motive. The King is not the substance. The King is the symbolism. The King is weak. The King is a baby. What do babies do when they become scared? They cry. Babies really like Castles. Left amongst the center rabble fending for oneself and/or working an actual job is absolutely unacceptable for any monarch. However, occasionally, in the French Defense, a monarch may shuck and jive behind the f7, e6, and d5 sobbuster corps, but then again, those monarchs are not called Gaul's for nothing. Kings conniving, manipulating, sacrificing aristocrats left and right, even casting beloved queens adrift, millions of pawns spent, if even for a hill... no worries, the fresh golden dawn will herald the newest baby-faced King. There are no promotions to a King. Kings are born. The King is the system, and it never loses, in fact, in the end it *always* wins.



Bobby's Twin

by Paul Anderson

Last quarter, I published a game where I beat my dad in an email game. Well, I thought it was only fair to turn the tables for this issue. Since the encounter in the January Informant, the battle has gone back and forth. I won 2 more, and he has won 2 more. Actually, we are still in the midst of his last victory, as I am saving my resignation for his birthday present. It seemed appropriate to me as his birthday has some chess significance.

There are several pieces of historical trivia that have stuck with me. The reason they have stuck with me is because the events in question have coincided with the birthdays of my family members. For example, I know on what day and month President Abraham Lincoln died. Do you? I know on what day and month the Titanic sank. Can you get that one? I know on what day and month income taxes are due. Ok, that is an easy one. How do I know? Well, they all coincide with my birthday. It makes for kind of a depressing day. I like to think I broke the string of bad luck. Anyway, I also know some notable birthdays too. My grandfather was born on the exact same day as President Kennedy, and of course, the most important coincidence is that my dad was born on the exact same day as Bobby Fischer.

Having the same birthday as, arguably, the greatest American chess player has seemed to give my dad an air of invincibility around March 9th. We have played 52 games together, and seven of them have finished in the month of March. On March 7th, 1997 I lost. We have drawn on the 10th (2000), the 5th (2001), and the 9th (2003). I won on March 3rd, but that was my only March win. The final two were losses I decided to think of as birthday gifts (2006 and 2010). So, my grand tally for games ending in March is 1 win, 3 draws, and 3 losses. It kind of feels like I am playing Bobby's twin!

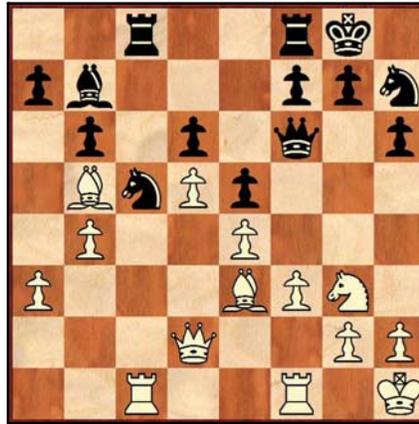
Paul Anderson
Douglas Anderson

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e5 4.d5 Bd7
5.Bxc4 Bd6 6.Ne2 h6 7.Nbc3 Nf6 8.f3
Qe7 9.0-0 Bc8 10.a3 b6 11.Kh1 Nbd7
12.Nb5 Bb7 13.Nxd6+ cxd6 14.Be3 0-0

15.Qd2 Nh7

I was pretty happy with the opening. I have the bishop pair, more space, and, possibly, an attack building up on the castled king. What could possibly go wrong?

16.Ng3 Qf6 17.Rac1 Rac8 18.Bb5 Nc5 19.b4??



Well, I could get speculative. There is a proverb that goes, "He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread: but he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough." (Proverbs 28:19, KJV). I am not sure which conman talked me into this move, but my delusions of grandeur quickly turned my cow into a handful of magic beans. These beans were supposed to give me control of the open file, a safe king, and minor pieces that could swoop in and open the door for the b or d pawn to find the goose that laid the golden egg. 19.Qd1 a6 20.Bc6 looks like a better way to plow the field.

19...Nb3 20.Rxc8 Nxd2 21.Rxf8+ Kxf8 22.Bxd2 Qd8 23.Rc1 f6 24.Bc6 Bc8

Now my invasion is not making the progress for which I had hoped, but I am undaunted. I am going to keep marching forward and find a way through. Perhaps, leaving a retreat option for my bishop would have left him with some more options than just a couple of pointless moves. Then I could still march on with a4 and trying to set loose my b pawn (25.a4 g5 26.Be3 Ke7 27.Ra1).

25.b5 Ng5 26.a4 Nf7 27.Ba8 g6 28.Rc4 Kg7 29.Bc6 h5

I am beginning to flounder without a clear plan. I was hoping that getting through his defenses was going to be easier. However, I am beginning to think that I am going to need the help of the knight if I am going to sacrifice a piece in my

queen side break through.

30.Ne2 g5 31.Be3 f5 32.Nc3 f4 33.Bg1 g4

I am starting to worry about the speed of my plan now. I don't think I put as much thought into how quickly his pieces are going to flow to my king when these pawns start to collapse. This is an area where I often make mistakes: counter-attack. I get a little too focused on my own plan and stop assessing his plan. However, I am feeling like it is a little too late to shut the back door now. I decide to defend with the rook and hope the minor pieces can create something before he does.

34.fxg4 hxg4 35.a5 g3 36.Na4 Nh6 37.Rc2 Ng4 38.Bxb6

Well, it is desperation time. I am just hoping that I can hold off mate before his birthday rolls around.

38...axb6 39.h3 Ne3 40.Rb2 Qh4 41.Kg1 Bxh3 42.Re2 Bg4 0-1

Happy Birthday Dad! I guess I should have paid more attention to your advice when I asked you how your chess improved, "I got better by taking more time on my moves and playing better defense, which means I look more carefully at what attacks you may have and try to defend against them early before you have two attacks and I only have one move to defend. I also try to keep my pieces well defended to prevent any surprises. I used to be able to get away with taking chances and being more aggressive and count on you making a weak move if I got into trouble. But now if I get into trouble it seems you are very good at maintaining your advantage to a win. Only after I feel a defensive move is not necessary and I have a free move, do I look for a good offensive move. That seems to get me at least a draw instead of a loss. Even if I feel I have a slight advantage, I try to make sure I hang on to the draw rather than trying something risky for a win." (Douglas Anderson)



2010 Colorado Scholastic Championships

by NM Todd Bardwick

252 kids participated in the 2010 Colorado Scholastic Championships held February 20th & 21st at the Tivoli. Thanks to Tom Nelson and all the volunteers, this was probably the smoothest running Scholastic State Championship that I have helped out with in the last twenty years.

Congratulations to the 2010 Colorado State Scholastic Champions:

K-1	Felix Yu
K-3	Suhaas Narayanan
4-6	Ryan Swerdlin
7-9	Nabil Spann
10-12	Richard Herbst

Cross tables can be found at www.colorado-chess.com homepage under the "What's been added lately" section. Another way to see final results is go to the USCF ratings page and enter the name of one of the players and you can see the final cross tables (not necessarily in tiebreak order though).

Here are some of the more interesting and critical games from the tournament.

7-9 Grade, Round 2 Anatoly Makarevich (1459) Alex Jensen (1110)

(Alex must have been in a hurry to get this round over with and rest up for Round 3, so he just goes for the king and wins quickly against the ex-state champ.)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 h6 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 Bc5 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 Be6 8.Kh2 Qd7 9.c3 h5 10.a4 Ne7 11.b4 Ng4+ 12.hxg4 hxg4+ 13.Nh4 Ng6 14.Rh1 Bxf2 15.Qf1 Nxf4 16.gxh4 g3#.

10-12 Grade, Round 3 Richard Herbst (2103) Katherine Wise (1491)

(Katherine has good chances to win the opposite side castling attack race, but decides instead to accept Richard's g-pawn sacrifice, opening up an attack against her king.)

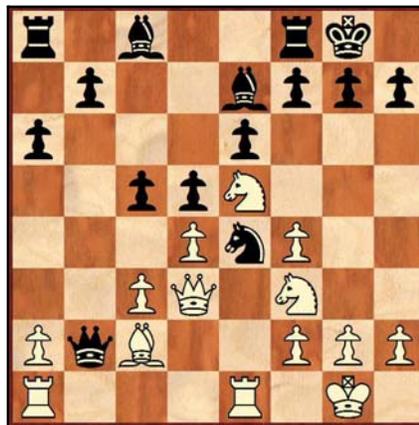
1.e4 c5 2.b3 e6 3.Bb2 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4

cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6 7.Nc3 a6 8.Nf3 Be7 9.Qd2 b5 10.a3 O-O 11.O-O-O Qc7 12.g4 Nxf4 13.Rg1 Nge5 14.Nxe5 dxe5 15.Qh6 Bf6 16.Qxf6 g6 17.Ne2 Qe7 18.Bxe5 Qxf6 19.Bxf6 h5 20.Nf4 Kh7 21.e5 Ra7 22.Bd3 Rg8 23.Rg5 Rg7 24.Rdg1 Ne7 25.Nxh5 Nf5 26.Bxf5 exf5 27.Nxg7 Kg8 28.f4 Rc7 29.R1g3 Rc6 30.Rd3 Rxf6 31.exf6 Bb7 32.Rgg3 Bg2 33.Rxg2 Kh7 34.Rh3+ Kg8 35.Rd2 Kf8 36.Rh8+ 1-0

7-9 Grade, Round 3 Frank Riley (1275) Daniel Zhou (1683)

(Daniel misses an obvious pin that we have all fallen to at one time or another, relinquishing his top board status and the chance to win the tournament.)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 Be7 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 a6 7.c3 c5 8.O-O O-O 9.Re1 Nh5 10.Bc2 Nxf4 11.exf4 Nf6 12.Ne5 Qb6 13.Ndf3 Qxb2 14.Qd3 Ne4



15.Nd2 Nxd2?? 16.Qxh7#

4-6 Grade, Round 3 Benjamin Wilking (1006) Jackson Chen (1896)

(Ben plays a game that he can be proud of, but comes up a little short against the heavily favored, defending champ.)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.O-O Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.h3 O-O 7.d3 h6 8.Be3 Bb6 9.Nd5 Be6 10.Bxb6 axb6 11.Qe2 Na5 12.Nxf6+ Qxf6 13.Bxe6 fxe6 14.c3 Nc6 15.Rfd1 Ne7 16.d4 Ng6 17.a3 Nf4 18.Qe3 Nxh3 19.Kf1 exd4 20.cxd4 Qf4 21.Qxf4 Nxf4 22.Rac1 c6 23.g3 Ng6 24.Ke2 d5 25.e5 Kf7 26.Rc3 Ke7 27.Kd2 Kd7 28.Rb3 b5 29.Re3 Ne7 30.Kc3 Ra4 31.Ra1 Nf5 32.Rd3 Ne7 33.b3 Ra6 34.Kb4 Nf5 35.Kc5 Rfa8 36.b4 b6+ 0-1

10-12 Grade, Round 5 Richard Herbst (2103) Kaylor Scudder (1585)

(Richard demonstrates how to crush your opponent when he is slow to develop.)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nge2 e5 5.g3 f5 6.dxe5 Bxe5 7.Bg2 c6 8.Bf4 Qe7 9.O-O Be6 10.exf5 gxf5 11.Nd4 Nf6 12.Re1 Bxd4 13.Qxd4 Kd7 14.Bxd6 1-0

4-6 Grade, Round 5 Brady Barkemeyer (1536) Jackson Chen (1896)

(Brady scores a big upset draw against the top seed and defending champ.)

1.d4 d5 2.e3 c6 3.a3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.b4 Nd7 6.Bb2 Bd6 7.c5 Bc7 8.Nf3 Ngf6 9.h3 Qe7 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5 Bxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Qd4 Qxd4 16.exd4 Kd7 17.Kd2 Ne4+ 18.Kc2 a5 19.Nd2 f5 20.f3 Ng3 21.Rhe1 axb4 22.axb4 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Ne2 24.Nb3 g6 25.Re1 Nf4 26.g3 Nxf3 27.Na5 Ng5 28.f4 Ne4 29.Rg1 Kc7 30.g4 fxg4 31.Rxg4 b6 32.Nb3 Rf8 33.cxb6+ Kxb6 34.Nc5 Nf6 35.Rg1 Kb5 36.Kb3 Nh5 37.Ra1 Re8 38.Ra5+ Kb6 39.Ra6+ Kc7 40.Ra7+ Kd8 41.Rxh7 Re3+ 42.Ka4 Nxf4 43.Nb7+ Ke8 44.Nd6+ Kf8 45.Rf7+ Kg8 46.Rxf4 Re6 47.Nc8 Kg7 48.Ka5 Re4 49.Rf3 Rxd4 50.Rc3 Rc4 51.Rxc4 dxc4 52.Ka4 g5 53.Nd6 g4 54.Nxc4 g3 55.Ne3 Kf6 56.Ka5 Ke5 57.Kb6 Ke4 58.Ng2 Kd5 59.Ka5 Ke4 60.Kb6 Kd5 61.Nh4 Kc4 62.Ka5 Kd5 63.Ng6 Kd4 64.Nf4 Ke4 65.Ng2 Kd5 66.Ka4 Kc4 67.Ka3 c5 1/2-1/2

7-9 Grade, Round 5 Nabil Spann (1490) Luke Stephens (1279)

(The 7-9 Grade division Ft. Collins' stars battle it out for the right to play in the Championship game.)

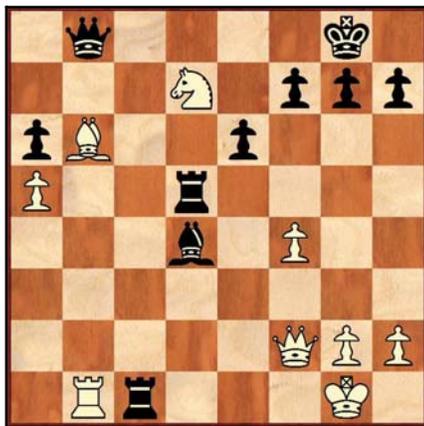
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Kb6 40.Bxh5 Kb5 41.h4 Kc4 42.Kd2
 exd4 43.Be2+ Kc5 44.cxd4+ Kxd4 45.h5
 Ke4 46.h6 d4 47.h7 g4 48.h8Q f5 49.a4
 d3 50.Bxd3+ Kd5 51.a5 Kc6 52.a6 Kb6
 53.Qd8+ Ka7 54.Qc7+ Ka8 55.Qb7#

7-9 Grade, Round 5
Benjamin Twerskoi (1312)
Kurt Kondracki (1558)

(A tough battle on battle on Board 1 for the right to meet the winner of the Ft. Collins game on Board 2 for the title.)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6
 5.Nb3 e6 6.Be3 Qc7 7.a3 Nf6 8.Nc3 a6
 9.f4 d6 10.Be2 Be7 11.O-O O-O 12.Qe1
 b5 13.Qf2 Rb8 14.Bf3 Rd8 15.a4 b4
 16.Ne2 d5 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Bxd5 Rxd5
 19.Ned4 Bf6 20.Nxc6 Qxc6 21.Nd4 Qd6
 22.c3 bxc3 23.bxc3 Bd7 24.a5 Rc8
 25.Rfc1 Qc7 26.Nb3 Bxc3 27.Bb6 Qb8
 28.Rab1 Bf6 29.Nc5 Bd4 30.Nxd7 Rxc1+

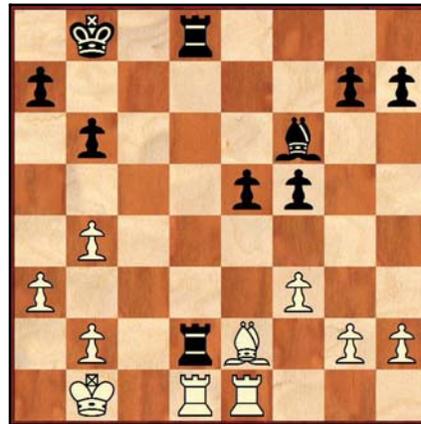


31.Rxc1 Bxf2+ 32.Kxf2 Qxf4+ 33.Ke2
 Qxc1 34.Nb8 Qc4+ 35.Kf3 Rd3+ 36.Ke2
 Qc2+ 37.Ke1 0-1

10-12 Grade, Round 6
Dave Bitzko (1504)
Richard Herbst (2103)

(Heavily favored Richard converts a space advantage to win an opposite colored bishop ending with a two pawn advantage against Dave's tough defense to defend his title and represent Colorado in the Denker. Both players are battling the clock in the end.)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5
 5.Nb3 d6 6.Nc3 Be6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.f3 Be7
 9.Qd2 d5 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Nxd5 Qxd5
 12.Qxd5 Bxd5 13.O-O-O O-O-O 14.Bb5
 Kb8 15.Kb1 f5 16.Bd3 Rhf8 17.Rhf1 b6
 18.a3 Bxb3 19.cxb3 Nd4 20.Bxd4 Rxd4
 21.b4 Rfd8 22.Be2 Rd2 23.Rfe1 Bf6



24.Rxd2 Rxd2 25.Bf1 e4 26.fxe4 fxe4
 27.Kc1 Rf2 28.a4 Bxb2+ 29.Kb1 Bc3
 30.Rc1 Bxb4 31.Ba6 Bc5 32.Rc2 e3
 33.Rxf2 exf2 34.Kc2 Kc7 35.Kd2 Kd6
 36.Bf1 Bb4+ 37.Ke3 Bc5+ 38.Kd2 Kd5
 39.Kd3 g5 40.Be2 h5 41.Bf1 Ke5 42.Be2
 h4 43.Bf1 Kf4 44.Be2 Kf5 45.Bf1 Bd6
 46.Ke2 Bc5 47.Kd3 Ke5 48.Be2 Kd5
 49.Bf1 Kc6 50.Kd2 Kd5 51.Kd3 Bd4
 52.Be2 Kc5 53.Kd2 Kb4 54.Bb5 a6
 55.Bxa6 Kxa4 56.Bd3 b5 57.Kc2 b4
 58.Kb1 Kb3 59.Bf1 Kc3 60.Ba6 Kd2 0-1

7-9 Grade, Round 6
Kurt Kondracki (1558)
Nabil J Spann (1490)

(An exciting game for the championship...with both players in time pressure at the finish line!)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+
 5.bxc3 b6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.e3 O-O 8.Bd3 d5
 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Qc2 Nbd7 11.Ng5 h6
 12.h4 c5 13.Nf3 Re8 14.Rg1 Ng4 15.Be2
 c4 16.a4 Qc7 17.Ba3 Re6 18.Ng5 hxg5
 19.Bxg4 Re4 20.Bxd7 Qxd7 21.hxg5 Qf5
 22.O-O-O Qxg5 23.g3 Re6 24.Rh1 Rh6
 25.Rdg1 Rd8 26.Qd1 Bc8 27.Rxh6 Qxh6
 28.Rh1 Qg6 29.Qg1 f6 30.Qh2 Kf7
 31.Qg2 Bf5 32.f3 Bd7 33.e4 dxe4 34.fxe4

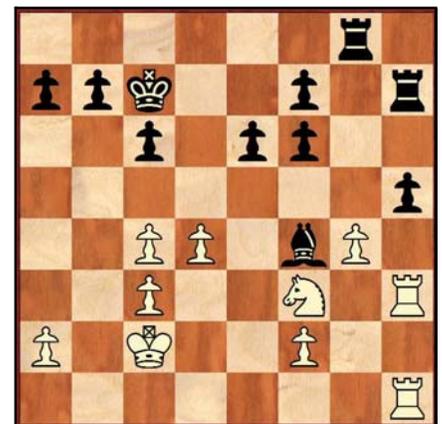


Bxa4 35.Rf1 Qg5+ 36.Kb1 Qe3 37.Rc1
 Re8 38.e5 fxe5 39.Qd5+ Kg6 40.Qxc4
 Qe4+ 41.Kb2 Qc6 42.Qd3+ e4 43.Qe3
 Qb5+ 44.Ka1 Qb3 45.Bd6 Qd5 46.Qf4
 Qf5 47.Qe3 Qf3 48.Qd2 e3 49.Qd3+ Qe4
 50.Qxe4+ Rxe4 51.Re1 e2 52.Kb2 Bd1
 53.Bf4 Re8 54.c4 Rh8 55.d5 Kf7 56.Kc3
 Rh2 57.Kd3 Rf2 58.d6 Rf1 59.Bd2 Ke6
 60.d7 Kxd7 61.Kc3 Kc6 62.Kb4 a5+
 63.Kc3 a4 64.Kb4 Kc7 65.Ka3 Kc6
 66.Kb4 g5 67.g4 Kd6 68.Ka3 Kc5
 69.Kb2 Kxc4 70.Ka3 b5 71.Kb2 b4
 72.Ka2 b3+ 73.Kb2 Kd4 74.Bc3+ Ke4
 75.Bd2 Kf3 76.Kc1 Kxg4 77.Kb2 Kh3
 78.Bxg5 Rxe1 79.Bd2 Rf1 80.Ka3 e1Q
 81.Bxe1 Rxe1 82.Kb2 Re2+ 83.Ka3
 Ra2+ 84.Kb4 a3 85.Kc3 b2 0-1

4-6 Grade, Round 6
Jackson Chen (1896)
Ryan Swerdlin (1639)

(Ryan plays solidly and draws against fellow Boulderite and top seed, Jackson, to win the title!)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6
 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 e6 8.Be3
 Qc7 9.Qd2 Nd7 10.O-O-O O-O-O
 11.Qc3 Nb6 12.Qb3 Nd5 13.Kb1 Bd6
 14.h3 Bh5 15.c4 Nf4 16.Bxf4 Bxf4 17.g4
 Bg6+ 18.Bd3 Rhe8 19.Bxg6 hxg6
 20.Rhe1 Rh8 21.h4 Qa5 22.Qc3 Qxc3
 23.bxc3 Rd7 24.Rh1 Rdd8 25.Kc2 Kc7
 26.Rh3 Rh7 27.h5 Rg8 28.Rdh1 gxf5



29.gxf5 Rg2 30.Rf1 Rg8 31.Kd3 f5
 32.Rg1 Rxg1 33.Nxg1 b6 34.Nf3 f6
 35.d5 e5 36.Ne1 e4+ 37.Ke2 Kd6 38.Ng2
 Be5 39.dxc6 Kxc6 40.Ne3 f4 41.Nd1 f3+
 42.Kd2 f5 43.Nb2 Bf4+ 44.Kc2 Kd6
 1/2-1/2



2010 Colorado Scholastic Championship Recap

by Randy Reynolds

Nearly 250 scholastic aged students from all over the state took part in this year's Colorado State Scholastic Championship at the Auraria Campus in Denver. It was an exciting tournament that ran relatively smooth, as one of the biggest logistical problems was getting the 4-6 section tournament room opened up on Saturday morning. It was great to see the enthusiasm of the kids coming to play over the weekend, and each of the sections had some wonderful competition.

Now in its 2nd year, the unrated K-1 division wasn't quite the draw of last year with only 15 participants this year, but there still were some strong games throughout. Through the common "chess triangle" (where A beats B, B beats C, and C beats A), the co-champions of the section were Felix Yu, Rhys Dextras and Aiden Bub, with Felix winning the 1st place trophy through tiebreaks. It looks like a strong group is ready to jump into the K-3 fray for next year.

In the K-3 division, 2nd grader Suhaas Narayanan wouldn't allow any upsets, as he stayed on the top board throughout the tournament and won 1st place in that division. His closest competition seemed to come from either Jacob Stephens or Madisyn Duffy, who both kept it close until the endgame finally opened things up for Suhaas. His rating of 1325 is now established, which should put him about 13th in the nation for kids 7 and under when the April supplement is released.

In the heavily contested 4-6 division (with 87 players), Jackson Chen at 1896 tried to stay on the top board throughout the tournament. But Brady Barkemeyer managed to get up a knight and grab a draw against him in the 5th round, giving 4th grader Ryan Swerdlin the inside track for the championship. After a hard-fought draw against Jackson in the final round, Ryan claimed the first place trophy with 5.5 points and co-champion of the division along with Alex Yu and Webb Harrington.

The 7-9 division was also a heavily populated division with 81 players. Daniel Zhou had the top board in the section at 1683 but could only keep the board until the 3rd round, when Frank Riley (finishing 8th) upset him. This cleared the way for four players to still be undefeated after 4 rounds. In a match-up for Fort Collins players, Nabil Spann beat Luke Stephens, and the other match had Kurt Kondracki finally outlasting Benjamin Twerskoi. In the final round, Nabil Spann won out in a tough endgame to become the 7-9 grade champion with a perfect 6-0 score.

In the 10-12 division, expert class player Richard Herbst at 2103 was already expected to make a strong run at retaining his championship crown from last year. The disparity between ratings became even more obvious when 2nd seed Ben Reilly was not able to attend, so the next highest rating was Rhett Langseth at 1684. Richard faced an early challenge in round 3 when he was paired against 2nd place finisher Katherine Wise. But he was able to win that match and continued on to a perfect 6-0 victory. Richard will be invited to represent Colorado in the 2010 Denker Tournament of Champions, July 31st - August 3rd. The good news for everyone not a senior, is that this is the final year for Herbst and the Scudder brothers, who finished 3rd and 4th. We wish them well in future college chess based pursuits.

Thanks to all the parents who sacrificed their weekend to support their sons and daughters interests, as well as the many volunteers that helped make the weekend a success with their talents! Hope to see you all next year (with a little less snow, hopefully)!

For some of the games from the tournament, please see pages 20 & 21.

(The following pictures are courtesy of Randy Reynolds. A picture of K-1 Grade Champion Felix Yu was not available at press time.)



K-3 Grade Champion
Suhaas Narayanan



4-6 Grade Champion
Ryan Swerdlin



7-9 Grade Champion
Nabil Spann



10-12 Grade Champion
Richard Herbst

Colorado's 1st All-Girls Scholastic Championship

by Matt Lasley

The first annual All-Girls chess championship for Colorado happened on March 13th in Colorado Springs. What a great event for the young ladies of Colorado! Their own dedicated tournament would decide the top girl for the state, changing from past years when the top female performance in the 10-12 grade section of the State Scholastic Championship determined the top girl in chess.

The Embassy Suites of Colorado Springs hosted the event, which provided a pleasant atmosphere for the girls. A dual format allowed any girl to play in an open section, regardless of rating. The rated girls who wanted to go for the title competed in the Qualifier section. With six girls in that category, a round-robin format was possible. The open section was conducted with a G/40 time control while the Qualifier started with G/45 and the last two rounds used G/60.

The Open section combined the High School and Elementary girls. Only two girls were in the older section and they faced each other in the final round to determine the winner. Theresa Cafaro-Stauffer started with a loss but rebounded to take a 3-1 score against Tessa Lasley (2-2) in the final winner-take-all round. Theresa prevailed to take top honors. Zoe LeRoux took first in the Elementary after a strong start by handing Theresa her only loss. Clair Stufflebeam tied with Zoe and Theresa with 4/5.

The Qualifier's opening round upsets set the tone early that this would be anyone's tournament. Rebecca Isacoff overtook Melissa LeRoux for the first upset win. Katie Wise and Alexa Lasley played the anticipated top-rating face-off.

Katie Wise (1548)
Alexa Lasley (1445)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bf5 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 Nb4 7.Qa4+ Nc6?! Rybka's evaluation with a computeresque suggestion that would be very hard to

spot. [7...Bd7!? 8.Qxb4 e5 (This cute discovery on the Queen is what makes 7...Bd7 work) 9.Qxc4 exf4]

8.Bxc4 e6 9.Bb5 Rc8?! 10.Ne5 a6?! 11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.Qxc6+ Nd7 Alexa has been steadily losing ground, resulting in the diagrammed position where Katie missed another computer-clever move. Perhaps you can find it.



13.Nxd7?! [13.e4!? Bg6 14.h4 (The bishop is basically trapped, and the White queen will gobble the e & a pawns if Black's f or g pawns are moved) **14...Bb4 (14...f6 15.Qxe6+ Qe7 16.Qxa6 Qd8; 14...h6 15.Nxg6 fxc6 16.Qxe6+ Be7 17.Qxg6+) 15.h5 Bxe4 16.Qxe4]**

13...Qxd7 14.Qxa6 Be7 15.O-O O-O 16.Rfd1 Rfd8 17.Qc4 c6 18.Rac1 Qb7 19.e4 Bg6 20.Rd2 Bf6 21.Na4 Qa7 22.Nc5 e5 23.dxe5 Rxd2 24.Bxd2 Bxe5 25.Bc3 Bf4 26.Rd1 Re8 27.Rd7 Qb8 Katie has the game well in hand, but time is short. Here Katie had 5 minutes to Alexa's 3, and recording stopped. Observers tell me when both players were below a minute that Katie made an illegal move during time pressure, and Alexa claimed 2 minutes added for her clock. Katie queened a pawn, but with only 2 seconds to convert the win, she lost on time. **Brutal. 0-1**

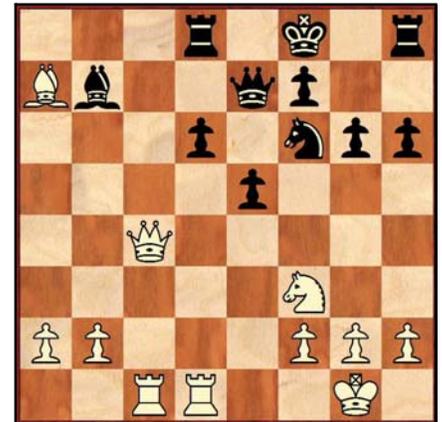
Rebecca added to her strong performance with another upset in round 2, while Melissa came back with an upset of her own. That left Rebecca and Alexa the sole undefeated girls going into the 3rd round.

Alexa and Rebecca both won their games in round 3, so each remained undefeated going into round 4. Amrita Nag scored her own upset against Alexa in the 4th.

Alexa Lasley (1445)
Amrita Nag (1400)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 e5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bb5 d6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.O-O Be7 9.Nd5 Nxe4? 10.Nxe7 Qxe7 11.Qd5? Nf6 12.Bxc6+ Kf8 13.Qb5 bxc6 14.Qxc6 Bb7 15.Qc4 h6 16.Rac1 Rd8 17.Bxa7?! The problem with this move only gets worse.

17...g6? 18.Rfd1?? Now White can really be made to suffer. Can you spot the killer move in the diagram? [18.Be3! -0.56]



18...Rc8?? They both miss the dangerous move that captures a piece with discovery on another piece. Amrita has held a lead the whole time, but this might have put things away for good. This theme remains for the next few moves. [18...Bxf3! 19.gxf3 Qxa7]

19.Qb4?! Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Kg7 21.Bb6?? Rybka's criticism is really left over from the 18th move, but now Black has a slightly different variation on the same theme. [21.Be3! Nd5 22.Qd2 -0.48]

21...Qe6?? The opportunity changes character but it's still there a bit longer [21...Nd5! 22.Qb5 Nxb6 and Black is up a piece. If White takes the Black knight, then the same bishop-takes knight theme works, but now it's the checking fork from the Black queen on g5 that would take the loose rook on c1.]

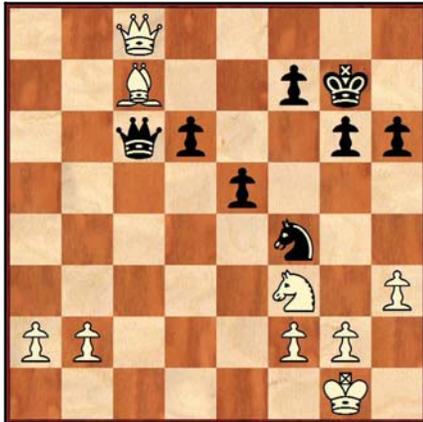
22.Bc7? [-1.72, 22.Ne1! Nd5 23.Qb3 Rc8 24.Rxc8 Qxc8 25.Be3 Nxe3 -0.44]

22...Rc8??+ [2.38 Last chance. Now White has the piece and the advantage. **22...Bxf3! -1.72]**

23.Qxb7 Nd5 24.h3 Nf4 25.Rc6 Qd5 This puts an x-ray threat of mate on the g2 square in place, but the White knight

on f3 blocks it. So, what piece must White NOT move?

26.Qxc8?! Qxc6



27.Nxe5?? It's ironic that Alexa was plotting a discovery of her own. The knight cannot be captured by the pawn, because the bishop recaptures with check, with a discovered attack on the Black queen. This was a good idea, but needed a safety move first. [27.Kh2! Ne6 28.Nxe5 +1.56]

27...Qxg2# 0-1 Alexa's note in her score sheet sums it up nicely: "Oops!" This quick turn was dramatic as it happened, but in the big picture, Amrita had a won game from early on.

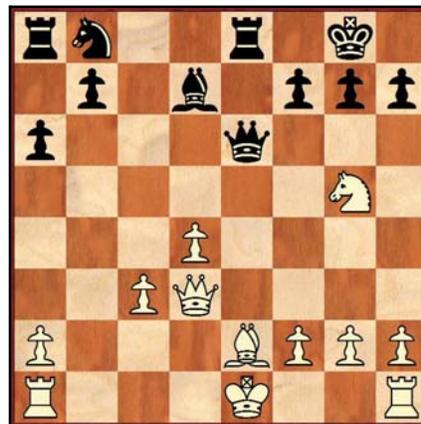
This game finished before the others, opening a window for Rebecca to pull ahead. However, Katie had recovered from her early losses winning in the 3rd and shutting down Rebecca here in the 4th. Alexa and Rebecca would face each other in the final round for a climactic winner-take all finish.

The Dad-committee would kick around the subject of possible coin-flip ending to the tournament should Alexa and Rebecca draw. It was a complicated possi-

bility where if Katie and Amrita's results were the same in the final round, then a draw by the leaders would have no resolution in the tie-breaks. Such a result would have been odd, but rare, as no game had ended indecisively for the entire tournament so far. Perhaps that's one area where the top world Grandmasters could take a lesson from the Colorado girls.

**Alexa Lasley (1445)
Rebecca Isacoff (1107)**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Bb4 7.Qb3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qe7+ 9.Be2 O-O 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bxf6 Qxf6 12.Qxd5 Re8 13.Qb5 Qe6 14.Nf3 Bd7 15.Qd3 a6 16.Ng5 Most of Rybka's suggestions are fairly minor so far, with a tight game to this point. Rebecca has serious threats against White, but Alexa found this aggressive move which poses Rebecca a tough problem:

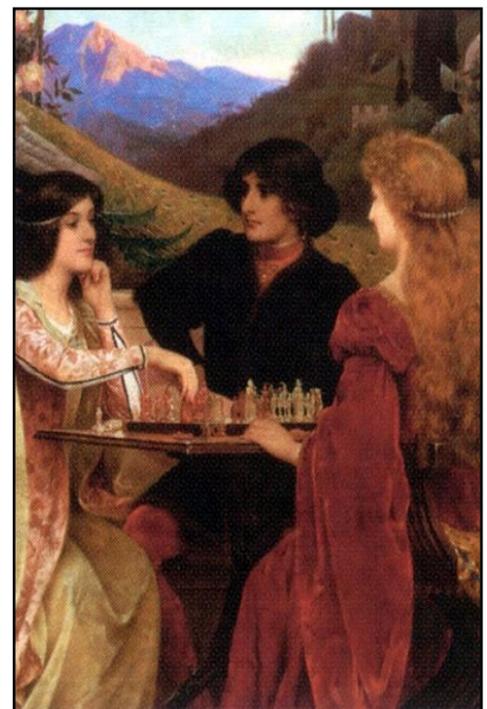


16...Bb5?? This was the threat which seems to win a queen or mate, but the knight move dealt with it by providing White with a checking escape for the queen as well as the forking death for the Black queen. [16...Qh6! (Lee Simmons showed this move to the Dad-committee,

which was in deeply involved discussions gathered around Rebecca's Monroi after the conclusion) 17.h4 Nc6 Rybka agrees with Lee on this safe course for Black]

17.Qxh7+ Kf8 18.Nxe6+ Rxe6 19.O-O Rxe2 20.Rfe1 Nd7 21.Qh8+ Ke7 22.Qxa8 Nf6 23.Rxe2+ Bxe2 24.Re1 Kd6 25.Rxe2 Nd5 26.Qxb7 a5 27.Qa6+ Kd7 28.Rb2 Nc7 29.Rb7 Kd8 30.Qb6 Ke8 31.Qxc7 Kf8 32.Qxf7# 1-0

With that, Alexa took the top girls' spot in Colorado scholastic chess. The remaining games left three girls in a tie for 2nd place. Even the tie-breaks left the order of trophies unresolved. The 3-way coin flip tied on the first attempt with tails all around! (Lee told me this was a "Goocher", and I'll leave the phrasing to his expertise). Eventually coins determined the trophy order, but all three share that 2nd spot, serving as a reminder that girls' chess is growing in Colorado. I'm sure they join with me in looking forward to next year's Colorado All-Girls tournament, which is currently expected in January, so mark your calendars now!



*"Joueurs d'échecs"
by Wagrèz Jacques Clément*

2010 All-Girls Qualifier Final Standings

	Rating	1	2	3	4	5	6	Total	SB	
Alexa Lasley	1445	1	*	1	1	1	0	1	4.0	9.0
Rebecca Isacoff	1107	2	0	*	1	0	1	1	3.0	5.0
Melissa LeRoux	1296	3	0	0	*	1	1	1	3.0	5.0
Katie Wise	1548	4	0	1	0	*	1	1	3.0	5.0
Amrita Nag	1400	5	1	0	0	0	*	1	2.0	4.0
Sherry Langseth	926	6	0	0	0	0	0	*	0.0	0.0

G/29 Grand Prix Update

by Lee Lahti

The 2009 G/29 Grand Prix came to an end in December 2009 with the completion of the 14th G/29 event of the year. The 2nd year of G/29 events was even more successful than the original edition, with 112 players participating in a G/29 tournament during 2009; 51 players participating in multiple events. A total of almost \$1,100 in prize money was awarded at G/29 events this past year – not bad for a tournament series where most of the events have a \$3 entry fee. When all the dust had settled, ten overall Grand Prix prizes for 2009 were awarded. Fort Collins players did very well in the 2009 Grand Prix, taking 7 of the 10 overall prizes.

1st Overall – Lee Lahti

2nd Overall – Frank Deming

3rd Overall – Cory Foster

Top Under 1800 – Randy Reynolds

Top Under 1500 – Tim Kohler

Top Under 1200 – Cory Kohler

Strong Start (Most Points/

January – June) – Lee Lahti

Frenzied Finish (Most Points/

July – December) – Lee Lahti

Biggest Upset – Colton Zadkovic

(a 1213 point upset)

Boobie Prize (Most Game Losses During

Year) – Cory Foster (20 losses in 48 games)

Congratulations to all the 2009 G/29 Grand Prix overall prize winners.

The G/29 Grand Prix is back for a 3rd year in 2010. Learning in 2009 how difficult it was to schedule 2 events (a Monthly and Super Saturday event) in the same month, the 2010 Grand Prix will have only 1 event per month, for 12 total events during the year. There will be 8 Monthly events and 4 Super tournaments (3 Super Saturdays and the first Super Sunday event). The Boulder, Denver, Fort Collins and Greeley Chess Clubs will all be participating again in the 2010 G/29 Grand Prix, with each hosting multiple events. Unfortunately, the Cheyenne Chess Club has chosen to withdraw from the G/29 Grand Prix due to dwindling participation at their events. To bring the G/29 Grand Prix to even more players,

the Colorado Springs Chess Club will be hosting its first ever G/29 event, Super Sunday #1 on May 22nd in Manitou Springs.

During the first 2 years of the G/29 Grand Prix, to win an overall Grand Prix prize at the end of the year a player must have participated in the majority of the G/29 events during the year. There are a number of G/29 Grand Prix players who occasionally travel to the different cities to participate in events, but most players only play in their home city events and/or the weekend Super tournaments. To “spread the wealth” of the overall Grand Prix Prize Fund among more players, a new category of prize is being introduced in 2010 – City Winners. Each participating city in the G/29 Grand Prix will host 3 tournaments during 2010, 2 Monthly and 1 Super event. An overall Grand Prix prize will be award to the player who scores the most combined points between all events in each city. For City Winner prize purposes, the Denver (hosting 2 Monthly events) and Colorado Springs (hosting 1 Super event) events will be combined into a single city. There will also be a prize for the player who scores the most combined points in the 4 Super events. That makes 15 overall Grand Prix prizes for 2010.

1st Overall:

15% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

2nd Overall:

10% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

3rd Overall:

7% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

Top Under 1800:

7% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

Top Under 1500:

7% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

Top Under 1200:

7% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

City Winner – Boulder:

7% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

City Winner – Colorado Springs/Denver:

7% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

City Winner – Fort Collins:

7% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

City Winner – Greeley:

7% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

City Winner – Super Events:

7% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

Strong Start (most points, January-June

events): 3% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

Frenzied Finish (most points,

July-December events): 3% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

Biggest Upset:

3% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

Boobie Prize (Most Game Losses):

3% of Grand Prix Prize Fund

The Greeley Chess Club hosted the first 2010 G/29 Grand Prix event in January, with 22 players participating. Pierre Julien was the only player to finish with a perfect 3 points taking clear 1st and won \$16. Gannon White was clear 2nd with 2.5 points, earning \$8. Israel Robledo and Aaron Evensiosky split the \$8 Top Under 1500 prize with 2 points each. And Chad Marostica and Derek William each scored 1 point to split the Top Under 1200 prize of \$4.

The Boulder Chess Club hosted the February 2010 Monthly tournament, with 16 players competing. Mitesh Shridhar survived the carnage to finish clear 1st with 3/3 and won \$15. 7 players finished tied for 2nd with a score of 2 points. I was the only player with 2 points rated less than 1500 so I won the Top Under 1500 prize of \$7. The other 6 players tied with 2 points (Randy Canney, Jeff Darensbourg, Pierre Julien, Julian Evans, Frank Deming, and Joseph Davison) split the 2nd place prize, each winning \$1.25. Ginny Gaige, Elena Novik, and Cory Kohler each scored 1 point to split the \$3 Top Under 1200 prize. In total, 11 of the 16 participants won prize money at the February 2010 event – a good percentage, but only 2 of the prize winners won enough to cover their \$3 entry fee.

The G/29 Grand Prix continues with a Monthly event in Denver on March 30th (which will be completed by the time you read this), a Super Saturday in Fort Collins on April 17th, and the first Super Sunday in Manitou Springs on May 22nd. As always, if you have any questions about the G/29 Grand Prix, please contact me at lee.lahti@comcast.net.



2010 Correspondence Championship Update

by Klaus Johnson

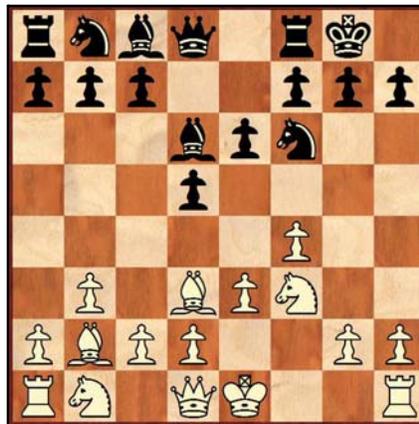
Last year you may remember, nine players signed up for the Colorado Correspondence Championship. This year, participation swelled to fourteen entries. There were too many players to have in one final section (round robins are necessary in correspondence tournaments, swiss tournaments would take WAY too long), so twelve players were paired into three semi-final groups. The winners of each semi-final group, plus any player who scores at least 4.5 points will join Jeff Baffo (the 2009 Champion) and Klaus Johnson (the 2009 Runner-up) in the final. If there are fewer than five qualifiers, then the next highest second-placed finishers will also qualify so that the final will be a seven-player round robin. Instead of playing games through email, we're using the web server on ICCF. You can check up-to-date standings on www.iccf-webchess.com. The semi-finals began on January 2nd this year. With few CC games in this Informant, George Kovats has agreed to annotate one of his Golden Knights victories from the 2003 Golden Knights Finals.

The following game is one of my games from Golden Knights Final (03NF04). This tournament was played between September 28, 2007 and March 27, 2009. The game was played by mail up to move 30 then it was finished by e-mail. I achieved 2 1/2 points out of 6 points available in this tournament.

Robert Hampton (2240)
Jiri (George) F. Kovats (2134)

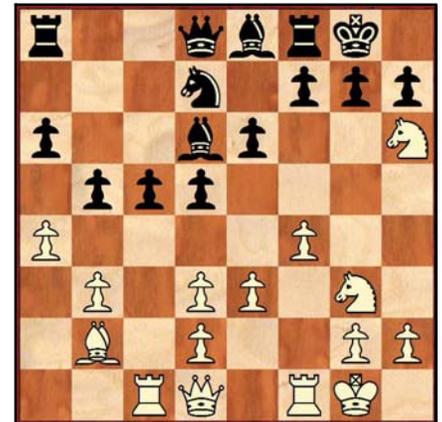
1.f4 The Bird! Although I hate to defend against the Bird and play White against the Dutch Defense I had pretty good results in the past playing against these openings. Some time ago, I played a correspondence chess game against Claude F. Bloodgood, a known Bird specialist rated around 2200, and I won. Surprised myself, that's for sure. You may recall that Claude F. Bloodgood was notorious for the murder of his mother in 1950's

and at the time of our game Claude was sitting on the death row. His sentence was later commuted to life imprisonment. He died of cancer in 2001. **1...Nf6** Natural for me. I know that MCO recommends 1...d5 but I like 1...Nf6 **2.Nf3 d5...**and here is my d5. **3.e3 e6** I played e6 here instead of the usual c5 just because I'm used to it from my QGD games. **4.b3 Bd6** White is preparing queen bishop fianchetto and I was trying to decide between 4...Be7 and 4...Bd6. Standard response for Black here is 4...Nc6. 4...Be7 defends the Knight on f6 but for some unknown reason I went against the prevailing wisdom and played 4...Bd6. I trusted my queen to defend the knight. In addition, I suppose some observant chess player can say that 4...Bd6 is a violation of the "knights before bishops" principle but all I have to say in my defense is that I may be an unprincipled guy. I liked Bd6. Period. **5.Bb2 0-0 6.Bd3**



...Bd3? Where did that come from? Shouldn't White play 5.Bb5 here? But with the Black knight missing from c6 5.Bb5 may be a waste of tempo for White...so where else is White supposed to park his king's bishop but on d3? **6...c5** At this point there are only four games in the database two of which were won by Black, one won by White and one was a draw. I did not have a database at the time of this game so I was happily oblivious to the uniqueness of this game. I'm playing a kind of QGD just because I'm used to it. Will it work? **7.Nc3 Nc6** I guess by now we are totally out of the book or so I felt. **8.0-0 a6** To prevent White's knight from coming to b5 and to prepare my own b5. **9.Ne2 Nb4** I decided to eliminate the bishop just because I could. **10.Ng3 Nxd3** Mission accomplished! **11.exd3...**and I messed up

White's pawn structure on the queen side to boot, hee, hee! I felt joy. **11...Bd7** Defending the knight. I think I should have played 4...Be7 after all. **12.Ne5** Attacking the queen bishop and taking a central post. **12...Bb5** saving the bishop and attacking the pawn on d3. **13.a4** Oops! I was afraid of this. **13...Be8** Making the rook pretty much unusable but keeping the bishop. **14.Rc1 b5** I decided to open the back door for my rooks. **15.Ng4 Nd7** I didn't want to part with my knight. Not yet anyway. **16.Nh6+**



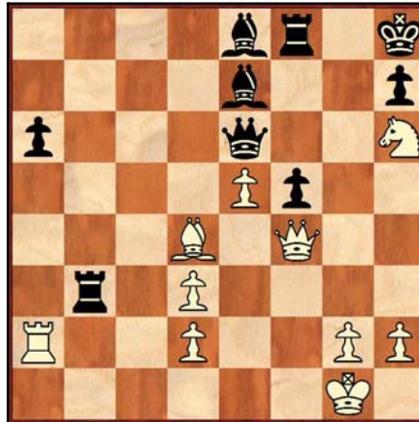
Yes, I was aware of the possibility of this age old trick to put a big hole in my king's fortress. **16...Kh8** But I did not fall for it. **17.Qg4** Big guns are coming but my assessment at this point is that the position is good for Black **17...d4** Trying to shut the top hatch to limit the scope of White's bishop on c3 **18.Nh5** Mate is threatened. I really expected the exchange of pawns on d4. My main concern here is blocking the bishop on c3. I planned 18...Nf6 threatening the queen and 19...Nd5 to block the pawn and, therefore, the bishop. I feel good about the position. **18...g6 19.exd4??**



I believe that this White move is a blun-

der and actually decided the outcome of the game. It also gave me the time to take the knight on h5 with the next move and thus alleviate the pressure on the Black king and threaten the White queen all at once. **19...gxh5! 20.Qxh5 bxa4** Here, I figured I might try to make a run for it. **21.Rf3** Too little too late. **21...f5** Discovering an attack on the White queen and limiting its scope and movement while creating more space to defend the Black king if necessary. **22.Qh3 Qf6 23.Re1 cxd4** Finally taking the pawn on d4 and banishing the White bishop. **24.Rfe3** True I can't take the rook without losing my queen but I viewed this as a desperation move. **24...a3** Heading north for metamorphosis on the queening square. **25.Rxe6** As expected. **26.Qxe6** I believe this is the only effective move. **26.Bxd4+** Perhaps Rxe6 is marginally better. **26...Ne5** To block the bishop, the White rook has to stay put to defend against my pawn queening. **27.Qh4 a2 28.fxe5 Be7** Keeping the bishop diagonal blocked and attacking the White queen. **29.Qf4 Rb8 30.Ra1** I don't think that this move is necessary as the bishop guards the queening square. I think White wanted to make sure I do not queen but in

the process sped up his own demise
30...Rxb3 31. Rxa2??



Second White blunder of the game, well, there may have been more than two. **31...Rb1+ 32.Kf2 Qxa2 33.e6+ Rf6** I have the luxury of sacrificing a rook. **34.Nxf5 Qxe6 35.Nxe7** Observe that White is now in a position to mate in two if it was his move. The difference a tempo makes! **35...Qe1+ 36.Kf3 Qf1+ 0-1**

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1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 b6
5.O-O Bb7 6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2 O-O 8.Nbd2
Qe8 9.c4 Qh5 10.h3 g5 11.d5 g4 12.Ne5
d6 13.hxg4 fxg4 14.dxe6 dxe5 15.e4 Nc6
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9.Qd3 Nd5 10.Qe4 Nxc3 11.Qxg4 Nd5
12.Bc4 Ne6 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.O-O e6
15.Bg5 Be7 16.Qf3 O-O 17.Bh6 f5
18.Bxf8 Bxf8 19.Bb3 Qc8 20.Kh1 Bc5
21.g4 Ne3 22.gxf5 Nxf5 23.Qg4 Kg7
24.Qc4 Qf8 25.Rad1 Qe7 26.Qxe6
27.Bxe6 Re8 28.Bxf5 gxf5 29.Rxf5 1-0

Any correspondence chess questions?
Email me at cscaemailcc@gmail.com.



Tactics Time Answers:

This issue I decided to feature games from Red Hot Pawn (www.redhotpawn.com) which is a fun place to play correspondence chess on the internet. There are quite a few Colorado players on there and their games are featured here. There is a Colorado group, where many of them play in tournaments together. It is a lot of fun! Also, be sure and check out my chess blog at www.timmybx.com for light hearted news about Colorado chess. You can send me an email at TimmyBx@aol.com also.

- 1...Bxf2+** (1...Ne4 also works) **2.Kxf2** (2.Kd2 Ne4+ wins a piece) **Ng4+ 3.Ke1 Qxg5** wins a pawn, and leaves White's king stuck like a Toyota break pedal in the middle of the board.
- BillyDean aka Dean Brown is an animal on RHP. You don't want to mess with him! His rating is over 2000, and he is the king of time out wins, earning him the nickname "Mr. Timeout". Dean plays as slow as a dead snail, and wins games on timeout after his opponents die of old age. In this wild game Dean got the party started right with **1.Qh5+ g6 2.Nxg6 hxxg6 3.Qxh8** which is a good tactic to know, as this theme comes up often.
- Jeff Baffo is really fun to play against because he makes lots of fun comments quoting people such as Frank Castle the Punisher, Weird Al, and the ghost of Fred Reinfeld during the games. Here Jeff, aka "1.Nc3", punishes his opponent with **1...Bxc3 2.Kf1 Bxb2** picking up two pawns.
- Eagle and King, aka CCI Editor Fred Spell, removes the defenders of the back rank with **1...a5 2.Bc5 b4!** In the game White played **3.Na4** which allowed the spellcheck **Rd1+** and mate on the next move.
- FrolickingFerret is über TD Jerry Maier, best known for playing oddball openings, never ever resigning a game and pairing players who are out of town. We love you Jerry! Thanks for all your hard work. Here White can pin it and win it with **1.f5**.
- RedwoodPete is my BFF Pete Short. Pete's hobbies include skiing, geocaching, and writing "Clogs and Plungers" stories about the DCC for my blog. Here the discovered attack **1...Rc1+** is gonna leave a mark.
- Yes this position really happened! It is so absurd, I had to include it. My buddy and chess wingman Francisco Baltier, aka "zonograd", was quite proud of himself for mating with the moves **1.Kg6+ Kg8 2.Kf6+ Kf8 3.Ke6+ Ke8 4.Kd6#** Of course there are dozens of ways to mate here.
- "Klaus Johnson" aka Klaus Johnson, wins a pawn with **1...Nxe4** discovering an attack on the queen.
- The founder and fearless leader of the Club Colorado group on RHP, SapanRinpoche, wins 10 points for Gryffindor with **1.Qe6#**

COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

Adams State College Chess Club meets Tuesdays, 6:30-10:00pm, at Adams State College Student Center in the food court. Meets during academic year. Late August through April. For info call Joe Kolupke at (719) 589-9354 or email: jkolupke@adams.edu for more details.

Aurora Chess Club meets Saturdays, 1:00-4:00pm, at the Aurora Public Library, 14949 East Alameda. They now have a coach for those that want to learn to play. Contact Jeff Baffo at email: jbaffo2004@msn.com or at (303) 617-9123.

Boulder Chess Club is back in business and meets every Wednesday at the UMC Alfred Packer Grill 6:30-11:30pm. See www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub or email: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com for more details.

Carbondale Chess Club meets every Tuesday from 6:00pm until the wee hours at Kahhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main Street, Carbondale. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Please contact Majid Kahhak at (970) 704-0622 or email: Mkahhak@sopris.net.

Chess Knights (Highlands Ranch) meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. 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 groups.yahoo.com/group/HighlandsRanch-ChessClub. Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or email: frank_atwood80120@yahoo.com.

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7:00-10:00pm, in the downstairs game room of the Acacia Apartments Building, 104 East Platte. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8:00pm (must show up by 8:00pm or you might be locked out). For information see their website at www.springschess.org or email Buck Buchanan at buckpeace@pcisys.net or call (719) 685-1984.

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

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

Denver Chess Club meets Tuesdays 6:30-11:00pm at the 1st Avenue Presbyterian Church (1 block West of Broadway and 1st & Acoma). Contact Bruce Bain at (720) 318-6496 or email: yaxisx@aol.com for more info.

Durango Chess Club meets at 6:30pm 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 (970) 259-4718.

Fort Collins Chess Club currently meets Tuesdays, 7:00pm, in the food court of the Lory Student Center (2nd level), Colorado State University. You can email Randy Reynolds at randy_teyana@msn.com. On the net - groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess.

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. For more info, 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.

Greeley Chess Club meets Thursdays, 7:00-10:00pm, Best Western Inn, Lopiano's Restaurant, 8th Avenue and 8th Street. Call Herb Conley at (970) 352-6142.

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

Northeast Denver Chess Club meets Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-8:00pm at 2575 Vine Street, Denver. Call (303) 320-6716 for more info.

Pueblo Chess Club meets at the Daily Grind Café, 209 South Union on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 6:30pm. For more info contact Liz Wood at chessliz@comcast.net or (719) 566-6929.

Rifle Chess Club meets Thursdays, 6:30-9:00pm, at City Hall. For information email Dane Lyons at duilen@gmail.com.

Right Move Public Chess Club of Colorado Springs is a week-night chess club meeting every Thursday evening at the following location beginning at 6:00pm and concluding at 9:30pm. The main event or tournament of the evening will begin at approximately 6:30pm. Informal "friendly" games of chess are available anytime during club hours. First United Methodist Church 420 North Nevada Avenue, Classroom #234 Colorado Springs, CO 80903. Contact info: www.rightmovechess.com / email: rightmovechess@yahoo.com / (719) 442-1808.

Stonebridge Games Chess Club (Longmont) meets Tuesdays at 5:00pm. 449 Main Street, Longmont. Call (303) 776-3796 for more info.

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

*To add to or update listing information
please email Fred Eric Spell at
spellfe@hotmail.com.*



UPCOMING COLORADO TOURNAMENTS

Panera Bread Thursday's - April 2010 April 1 - 29, 2010

5 Round, Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/90 - TD/5.

Site: Panera Bread North Academy, 7344 North Academy, Colorado Springs, in the Meeting Room.

Directions: Panera Bread is on the west side of Academy Blvd between Woodmen Road and Briargate Blvd. From the North on I-25, depart south at the Academy Blvd Exit 150, on the right about a mile. From the South on I-25, depart east at the Woodmen Rd Exit 149 then turn north on Academy Blvd, on the left about a half mile.

Section: Open. USCF Membership required (can be obtained at registration). One round (game) each Thursday. Two half-point byes may be requested for any round.

Entry Fee: \$10 covers the entire month of Thursdays.

Prizes: Per entries (greater than 85% of EFs). 1st, 2nd, and "Under" prizes.

Registration: 5:15-5:45pm any Thursday.

Rounds: 6:00pm, April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176.

E-mail: navajo36us80917@comcast.net

Please support Panera Bread if possible; they are providing the site for free. Do not bring food or drink in from outside the restaurant. Sponsored by Southern Colorado Chess. With your support this will be a monthly event. Tournament Directors: Dean Brown and Jerry Maier.

Right Move Public Chess G/30 Swiss Bout #1 April 1 - 8, 2010

4 Round, Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/30.

Site: First United Methodist Church, 420 North Nevada Avenue, Classroom #234 Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Directions: Nevada Avenue between Boulder and St Vrain in downtown Colorado Springs.

Entry Fee: \$10.00 USCF membership required.

Prizes: Total cash payout is 75% of gross receipts. 1st=40%, 2nd=20%, 1st U/1600=15%.

Registration: 6:00-6:20pm.

Rounds: April 1 - 6:30pm, 8:00pm. April 8 - 6:30pm, 8:00pm.

Phone: (719) 442-1808.

E-mail: rightmovechess@yahoo.com

Half point byes are available for any one round if requested before round 1.

Entries: On-site registration only.

For more information visit www.rightmovechess.com.

Springs Fundraiser April 3, 2010

4 Round, Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/30.

Site: Grace Place Church, 2403 Templeton Gap Road, Colorado Springs.

Open: Played in sections if entries warrant.

Entry Fee: \$20 (\$15 for juniors, seniors, unrated), \$2 off if received by April 1 (\$15, \$10 juniors, seniors).

Prizes: Modest cash prizes per entries. Most of tournament income will go to help Colorado State Scholastic.

Registration: 8:30-9:30am.

Rounds: 1st round - 10:00am.

Entries: Richard Buchanan 1 Sutherland Road, Manitou Springs CO 80829.

Phone: (719) 685-1984.

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

Champions attend the Denker and Polgar tournaments.

Held in conjunction with Series Finale Scholastic Tournament. CSCA membership required. OSA.

Colorado Tour Event.

Fort Collins Chess Club April G/75 Open April 6 - 27, 2010

4 Round, Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/75.

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 section, USCF membership required.

Entry Fee: \$1 covers entry in any / all rounds for the month.

Prizes: None. Entry fee covers rating fees. Intention is to have rated games available. Accumulated results over 5 monthly (Feb, Apr, June, Aug, Sept) 4-round tournaments will be used to qualify and seed 2010 Fort Collins Chess Club Championships.

Registration: 6:30-6:50pm any Tuesday. Must sign in each week by 6:55pm to be paired.

Rounds: 4/6, 4/13, 4/20, 4/27: 7:00pm.

Entries: Frank Deming.

Phone: (970) 980-7906.

E-mail: fdeming@lpbroadband.net

2010 April East Coast Deli April 7 - 28, 2010

4 Round, Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/85 - TD/5.

Site: East Coast Deli, 24 S. Tejon Street, Colorado Springs.

Directions: Located between Pikes Peak and Colorado Avenues a block west of Nevada St. \$1 parking garage around the corner (SW corner of Nevada @ Colorado) and free on-street parking.

Section: Open. USCF Membership required (can be obtained at registration). One round (game) each Wednesday. One half-point bye may be requested for any of the rounds.

Entry Fee: \$10 covers the entire month of Wednesdays.

Prizes: Per entries (greater than 85% of EFs). 1st, 2nd, and

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"Under" prizes.

Registration: 5:15-5:45pm any Wednesday.

Rounds: 6:00pm, April 7, 14, 21, 28.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176.

E-mail: navajo36us80917@comcast.net

Once in the Deli, take the long hall to the back room. Please support the deli if able; the site is free. Please do not bring food or drink in from outside the restaurant. Nice playing area with plenty of room for a large turnout. Directed by Dean Brown and Jerry Maier.

Spring is Sprung One Day Rated Tournament April 10, 2010

5 Round, Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/30 - TD/5.

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

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

Sections: Open.

Entry Fee: \$20; Sr, Jr, Unr \$15; CSCA & USCF required, OSA.

Pre-registration entry fee: \$15, which must be paid at the time of pre-registration.

Prizes: Cash prizes based on entry fees will be distributed at the conclusion of the event.

Registration: 9:00-9:45am.

Rounds: 10:00am, 11:15am, 12:30pm, 2:30pm, 3:45pm.

Entries: Liz Wood.

Phone: (719) 566-6929.

E-mail: chessliz@comcast.net

Send Pre-registrations to: Jerry Maier at 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919-2213 or pmjer77@aim.com by April 8th.

Final round byes must be requested before the start of Round 2, and are irrevocable.

Colorado Tour Event.

Right Move Public Chess G/15 Quickie #1 April 15, 2010

4 Round, Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/15 - TD/3.

Site: First United Methodist Church 420 North Nevada Avenue, Classroom #234 Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Directions: Nevada Avenue between Boulder and St. Vrain in downtown Colorado Springs.

Entry Fee: \$1.00. USCF membership required.

Prizes: None.

Registration: 6:00-6:20pm.

Rounds: 6:30pm, 7:15pm, 8:00pm, 8:45pm.

Phone: (719) 442-1808.

E-mail: rightmovechess@yahoo.com

Entries: On-site registration only.

For more information visit www.rightmovechess.com.

Super Saturday #3 G/29 Grand Prix Event April 17, 2010

6 Round, Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/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 section. Accelerated Pairings will NOT be used. CSCA and USCF membership required, OSA.

Entry Fee: \$12, \$9 for Juniors (under 18), Seniors (65+) and Unrated (no standard or quick rating).

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating and CO Tour fees. (70% of total entry fees for tourney prizes, remainder after fees to Grand Prix Prize Fund).

Registration: 8:30-9:30am

Rounds: 9:45am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm, 3:30pm, 4:45pm.

Entries: Lee Lahti 2836 Sombrero Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Phone: (970) 372-8590.

E-mail: lee.lahti@comcast.net

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

Colorado Tour Event.

Right Move Public Chess G/30 Action Quads #1 April 22, 2010

3 Round, Round Robin System Tournament.

Time Control: G/30.

Site: First United Methodist Church 420 North Nevada Avenue, Classroom #234 Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Directions: Nevada Avenue between Boulder and St. Vrain in downtown Colorado Springs.

Entry Fee: \$5.00. USCF Membership required.

Prizes: \$15 to first place in each quad.

Registration: 6:00-6:20pm. 4-Player sections divided by USCF rating. If there are not an even number of people to make all groups Quads of 4 players each, it may be necessary to put 5 or 6 persons in a group and shorten the time control for that group.

Rounds: 1st round starts at 6:30pm.

E-mail: rightmovechess@yahoo.com

Entries: On-site registration only.

For more information visit www.rightmovechess.com.

Colorado Closed April 23 - 25, 2010

5 Round, Round Robin System Tournament.

Time Control: 40/2 - G/1.

Site: Doubletree Hotel Tech Center, 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, CO. Phone: 303-253-3500. Hotel Rate of \$79 per night if booked by April 20th. Mention Colorado State Chess Tournament.

6-Player Invitational: 6 highest rated Colorado residents in February 2010 Supplement who meet qualifications and accept

invitation by 3/31 will participate.

Entry Fee: \$45, must be received by April 17th to participate.

Prizes: \$300 for 1st, \$100 for 2nd. Winner will represent CO in team match against NM in the Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge on May 22nd.

Round Times: 4/23 - 6:00pm; 4/24 - 10:00am & 4:30pm; 4/25 - 9:00am & 3:30pm.

Entries: Lee Lahti 2836 Sombrero Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Phone: (970) 372-8590.

E-mail: lee.lahti@comcast.net

Colorado Tour Event.

CSCA membership required (\$15, \$10 Jr/Sr).

Invitations are initially issued to the following players.

Additional invitations will be issued, if needed.

GM Dashzegve Sharavdorj (2502), IM Michael Mulyar (2471), Philipp Ponomarev (2367), Tyler Hughes (2337), FM Renard Anderson (2260), Josh Bloomer (2227), Brian Wall (2211), Randy Canney (2204), Richard Herbst (2103), Mitesh Shridhar (2087), Robert Ramirez (2023), Daoud Zupa (2010), David Hartsook (2010), Richard Buchanan (2002), Kevin Seidler (1999), Julian Evans (1994).

Scholastic Closed April 23 - 25, 2010

5 Round, Round Robin System Tournament.

Time Control: 40/2 - G/1.

Site: Doubletree Hotel Tech Center, 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, CO. Phone: 303-253-3500. Hotel Rate of \$79 per night if booked by April 20th. Mention Colorado State Chess Tournament.

6-Player Invitational: 6 highest rated Colorado residents in February 2010 Supplement in grades K-12 who meet qualifications and accept invitation by 3/31 will participate.

Entry Fee: \$30, must be received by April 17th to participate.

Prizes: \$150 for 1st, \$75 for 2nd. Winner will represent CO in team match against NM in the Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge on May 22nd.

Round Times: 4/23 - 6:00pm; 4/24 - 10:00am & 4:30pm; 4/25 - 9:00am & 3:30pm.

Entries: Lee Lahti 2836 Sombrero Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Phone: (970) 372-8590.

E-mail: lee.lahti@comcast.net

Colorado Tour Event.

CSCA membership required (\$15, \$10 Jr/Sr).

Invitations are initially issued to the following players.

Additional invitations will be issued, if needed.

Richard Herbst (2103), Jackson Chen (1896), Ben Reilly (1864), Dylan Lehti (1759), Rhett Langseth (1684), Daniel Zhou (1683), David Twerski (1657), Corey Fineman (1643), Ryan Swerdlin (1639), Alex Li (1611), Losol Amarbayasgalan (1609), Kaylor Scudder (1601), Kurt Kondracki (1558), Brady Barkemeyer (1535), Dave Bitzko (1504), Phillip Scudder (1501).

NM Todd Bardwick Simultaneous Exhibition April 24, 2010

Site: Colorado Mills Mall Food Court (West Colfax and Indiana Street).

Open: Open to kids and adults.

Entry Fee: \$5 to play.

Prizes: Autographed certificate if you win or draw; 20% off all chess merchandise at It's Your Move Game store.

Registration: 11:30am - 3:00pm.

Rounds: Simul starts at noon.

Entries: Todd Bardwick

Phone: (303) 277-1290.

For more information visit www.coloradomasterchess.com/simul.htm

Colorado Class Championships April 24 - 25, 2010

4 Round, Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: 40/2 - G/1.

Site: Doubletree Hotel Tech Center, 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, CO. Phone: 303-253-3500. Hotel Rate of \$79 per night if booked by April 20th. Mention Colorado State Chess Tournament.

Class Sections: Class A (1800-1999 & unrated), Class B (1600-1799), Class C (1400-1599), Class D (1200-1399), Class E (under 1200). Players must play in section.

Entry Fee: \$35, \$30 if received by April 20th, 25% discount for Jr/Sr/Unrated.

Prizes: Based on entries. Section winners will represent CO in team match against NM in the Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge on May 22nd.

Registration: 8:00-9:30am

Rounds: 4/24 - 10am & 4:30pm; 4/25 - 9:00am & 3:30pm.

Entries: Lee Lahti 2836 Sombrero Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80525.

Phone: (970) 372-8590.

E-mail: lee.lahti@comcast.net

Colorado Tour Event.

CSCA membership required (\$15, \$10 Jr/Sr), OSA.

For more listings on upcoming Colorado events, please visit the CSCA website at www.colorado-chess.com.



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