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From The Editor

Being a part of something special is truly wonderful. I was asked by organizer Joe Fromme to be the Tournament Director for the *Salute To Bobby Fischer* chess tournament. It was an honor and privilege to be there and work with him on this tournament. After a year's absence it was held at the beautiful *Inn at Palmer Divide* in Palmer Lake. Joe poured his heart and soul into making this a premier event and the reactions from the players showed that it was well worth the effort. Joe is now in the position to make this a regular, yearly tournament, complete with all the benefits of this year's event. Well done Joe and thank you for allowing me to be a part of this wonderful experience!

The debate on the Colorado Tour continues. Please read the letters from some players in this issue on their opinions. You will be asked at the CSCA annual meeting in September to voice your own. With enough input, the Tour will become the showcase for chess in Colorado.

Also remember, at this same meeting, new officers will be elected to the Board of Directors. The offices of President and Vice President will be filled with new faces as Lee Lahti and Jerry Maier have both stated that they will not be running for re-election.

Another issue that will be brought up in the annual meeting will be the future of publishing the *Informant*. Should it continue as a printed publication or be made available as an online version only? Voice your ideas and be heard. As printing costs continue to rise, this is an important issue to face right now. I will be at the meeting to address any questions you might have. Hope to see you there!

May Caissa be with you.

Fred Eric Spell



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From The Readership

In the January 2011, Colorado Chess Informant, Liz Wood made an excellent response to Larry Wutt's article. If you haven't done so already, I urge you to go back and read it. Since I agree with about 95% of her column, I will try not to rehash too many of her ideas.

Here are five arguments that I believe are being made against Pueblo's tournaments.

1. Pueblo chess draws players away from the "real tournaments" (2-day tournaments) either by cluttering the schedule or by making it impossible to win the Colorado Tour without going to Pueblo events.

Trivia Question. What do the Loveland Open, Colorado Springs Open, Southern Colorado Open, Pikes Peak Open, Colorado Open, and Winter Springs Open have in common? If you answered that they are the only two-day open tournaments that were held in Colorado in both 2008 and 2010, AND that every single one of them had higher attendance in 2010, then you would be correct. The six tournaments combined had 234 entries in 2008, and 325 in 2010, an increase of nearly 40% over a two-year span. In addition, there are two new highly successful annual tournaments that debuted in 2009, the Colorado Chess Festival (93 players in 2010), and the Monument Open (47 players in 2010). Although it's still a long way from its heyday, Colorado Chess is no longer dying, but has vastly improved in the last few years.

Jerry and Liz began directing multiple Pueblo events in the 2008-09 tour year, and I've always had a firm belief that they were a primary factor in both the upswing in tournament attendance and the strengthening of CSCA's financial position that year and since.

2. Pueblo holds too many tour events.

Looking at the tournament history page, it's difficult to tell which tournaments were Tour events, but I believe that Pueblo held/will hold ten Colorado tour events in 2010-2011. As a contrast, Colorado Springs has held seven events during the same time period, I think most of the oth-

er cities/clubs have held at most one or two.

If other cities were holding a healthy number of tour events, it might be a good idea to put a ceiling on the number of tour events that can be held in a city, say six events, but right now, nobody else is holding these tournaments. If the alternative to a Pueblo event is no event at all, I think Colorado should choose the Pueblo event.

3. It's very difficult or impossible to win the Colorado Tour without playing in Pueblo.

This is probably true, although Eric Montay, the leader of the 2010-2011 tour as of the April Informant hasn't yet played in a Pueblo event this year. However, I could make a similar argument that it is difficult or impossible to win the Tour without attending any Colorado Springs events (after all there were more tour points awarded in Colorado Springs events than Pueblo events). It's also difficult to win the Tour without playing in the Colorado Open. In 2010, a perfect score in the Colorado Open netted Randy Canney 134 points. If someone had been able to attend all seven tour events held so far held in Pueblo in 2010-2011, and earn a perfect score in each, they would do little better, only about 143 points. With the three Pueblo events remaining in the tour season, a perfect record in every Pueblo tournament (over forty-five games) would probably be around 200 points. Nobody is even close to accomplishing this feat, and I am doubtful that any player will score more from Pueblo tournaments than Randy Canney did in one weekend at the Colorado Open.

4. The tournament location is too small, people could be refused entry if it fills up.

Having too many players for the location is, as the joke goes, 'a good problem to have'. Had players been refused entry to a Colorado Tour event because there was no room, I agree that this would be a serious problem that would require immediate attention, but this is a non-existent problem, as no Pueblo event (and no Tour event to my knowledge) has refused entry to players because there was no room.

Every location has its breaking point. If 100 players had shown up to the Boulder Open when I organized it a few years

ago, well at least 20 players would have been out of luck. Nobody has been refused entry at a Pueblo event, so moot point.

5. The tournament playing hall conditions are poor (tournament is held in a restaurant, it's too noisy, players are pressured to purchase food, etc.).

This is probably the best argument that I've heard, after all, who wants to play in a noisy environment? Having played at the Daily Grind several times, I can say that although the location is not ideal, neither is it particularly noisy. I would rank it about on par with the tour events held at the CSU food court (Super Saturday events) and the DCC tour events held at the Tabor Center. Both of these events were popular, and there was no similar outrage against the playing conditions. It seems to me that Pueblo is unfairly being singled out.

I've met and spoken with Liz and Jerry several times during my time in Colorado, and I am positive that they are two of the biggest reasons why Colorado Chess is as successful as it is today. If you were to make a list of people who have contributed to Colorado Chess over the past decade, both Liz and Jerry would be high on that list. It is therefore frustrating that they are being blamed for something that isn't even true (declining participation in tournament chess).

It is my belief as a player, as a director, as an organizer, and as a past CSCA President that any motion to restrict, discourage, or stop them from hosting tour events should be viewed very carefully by the CSCA membership in September.

Klaus Johnson
Former President of the CSCA

I have a few brief comments on the letters in the April issue.

The Colorado Chess Tour exists to promote chess, both in quantity and quality. We want to promote it in different communities, and as such we deal with different kinds of tournament conditions based on availability and cost. Sometimes there have been unusual events created in order to attract players by awarding more Tour points. For example, in the early years of the Tour I remem-

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ber a city in northern Colorado that would hold three different Tour events on the same weekend, all G/30 tournaments – two on Saturday, one on Sunday. And of course, we have seen a few people playing in two different sections of a tournament simultaneously. But these have not been serious disruptions of the Tour, and we look at them with a sense of humor and an appreciation of the players' dedication.

The current disputes revolve around the Pueblo coffee house tournaments. I have two points to make. First, there seems to be a misunderstanding about the calculating of Tour points. Playing in a few large tournaments can earn players as many points as they can get in a lot of small ones. The formula for calculating Tour points takes into account both the size of the tournament and the section in which the player participates. So no one is going to win the Tour just by playing in a lot of small tournaments. For more information on calculating Tour points, see the article in this issue or on the CSCA website.

I understand that the Pueblo tournaments now have more privacy and playing space. But even if they didn't, a basic question is whether a tournament in a small, inexpensive venue should be allowed to participate fully in Colorado Chess. And the answer must be Yes, Absolutely! The players will decide; they vote with their entry fees. If they don't attend a tournament, it won't continue. If they attend in large numbers, that will motivate the sponsors to risk money in order to provide a different kind of playing site.

What's important is to respect people. All the chess promoters in this state are good people doing good work. There is no reason for creating divisiveness and resentment over these issues. There's a lot of good chess going on in Colorado, and we have a chess Tour to help draw players into it. Let's keep it going!

Richard "Buck" Buchanan



Calculating Colorado Tour Points

by Paul Grimm

(Editor's Note: This article was written about a decade ago. Be sure to continue on to Jerry Maier's addendum at the end of it for some updated information.)

I've always wondered how Colorado Tour points were calculated. Upon assuming the position of CSCA Secretary, outgoing secretary Mike Fuchs showed me how this works. Now I will pass this knowledge onto you for information's sake. It's actually quite simple, not requiring any advanced math degrees.

For new readers, the Colorado Tour is a series of Colorado Chess tournaments starting with the Colorado Open in September. Winners are announced at the following Colorado Open and receive cash prizes based on score (i.e., performance).

I'll demonstrate by using myself for the following examples.

Example 1 (One Open Section):

I played in the Colorado Membership Open, (3 games) which had one open section. My post tournament rating from those 3 games is 1655, as calculated by Swiss Sys paring program. Twenty other players played.

Step 1: I add up every players post-tourney rating and divide by 1000. That number is 30.54.

Step 2: I take my score of 2 points and divide by the max points possible, then multiply by 30.54. So: $2/3 * 30.54 = 20.36$ tour points.

That's basically it! Now this was easy because there is only one section. What if there is more than one section?

Example 2 (multiple sections):

Let me make an example of 2 up-and-coming "scholastic chess monsters" from 2 different sections of the 2002 Colorado Open: The "Incredible" Tyler Hughes (Open Section), and the "Cool" Richard Herbst (Reserve Section).

Step 1 (Open Section): I add up every open players' post-tourney rating

(calculated automatically by SwissSys using USCF rating formulas) and divide by 1000 to get 53.11.

Step 2 (Open Section): Since Tyler is bravely playing in the Open section instead of lower sections, he gets extra credit in this way: There are 58 other people in lower sections, in this case just one section, namely the reserve. Add 58 to 53.11 to get 111.11.

Step 3 (Open Section): Now I take Tyler's score, divide by the number of games, and multiply by 111.11. Or $3/6 * 111.11 = 55.55$. Tyler earns 55.55 CO Tour points using this methodology.

OK, what about the "Cool" Richard Herbst in the reserve section?

Step 1 (Reserve Section): Sum of all post-tourney ratings divided by 1000 in the reserve section is 78.66.

Step 2 (Reserve Section): Richard scores 3.5 so his tour points are $3.5/6 * 78.66 = 45.89$. Done!

Now if there were a third lower section, then we wouldn't be done.

Theoretical Step 3 (Reserve Section): Richard's Colorado Tour points would be his score divided by total games multiplied by the quantity $78.66 + \text{number of people in lower sections}$. Or in math terms, $3.5/6 * (78.66 + \text{number of players in lower sections})$. And then Tyler Hughes' points would be $3/6 * [53.11 + 58 (\text{people in reserve section}) + (\text{number of players in lower sections})]$.

That's basically it, but let me add one more nuance to complete the full picture here. People who opt for 1/2 point byes do not have the 1/2 point count towards Colorado Tour points. For example someone who scores 2.5 with a single half-point bye really has a score of 2 for points calculation purposes. On the other hand, if someone is FORCED to have a 1-point bye, then that point does count towards calculating tour points.

You may wonder how Average Ratings are calculated throughout the course of the year. This is important in determining who the top players in each Class are.

Average rating at any point in time is calculated by taking the sum of games played from each tournament times that tournament's pre-tournament rating. This sum is then divided by the total games

played. Basically it's a weighted average. Here's my last example:

Example 3 (calculating average rating): Another strong scholastic player, Dustin "Deepkeyz" Eager (ICC handle) played 6 games in the CO Open and 5 games in the Elk Hunt with pre-tournament ratings of 1568 and 1627, respectively (nice improvement dude!). So his average rating at this point is merely $(6 \cdot 1568 + 5 \cdot 1627) / 11 = 1595$.

If the Colorado Tour ended today, "Deepkeyz" Eager would be compared to other Class C players (1400 to 1600) in determining the top Class C player, NOT Class B players! Rad!!

Note: pre-tournament ratings (from USCF Supplement) determine average rating; post-tournament ratings determine Colorado Tour points. This should make sense, right?

That's how Colorado Tour points are calculated. While mathematically simple, in practice updating the tour standings after each event is actually somewhat tedious. The easy part is doing the math - I let the *Microsoft Excel* spreadsheet program do the work. The tedious part is setting up the math formulas in the beginning (luckily, this is done only once), ensuring new people are added to an ever-growing list of participants, and doing "editing", such as re-sorted names in order of most games, points, and rating categories.

(This could probably be done easier in *MS Access* Database, but I don't do it on my home PC, nor do I have the time to learn it).

Time permitting, it's my goal to increase Colorado Tour publicity by updating Tour standings within two weeks of each event. This, plus announcements at each Colorado Tour event should "hype" the race up a bit more.

Let me add a note that the job of calculating the Colorado Tour IS NOT specifically a CSCA Secretary responsibility; ANY volunteer can perform this task. If you have the interest, time, and a comfortable use of the *MS Excel* (or *MS Access*), let me know. Otherwise, see you somewhere on the CO Tour!

The following notes are from Jerry Maier, Vice President of the CSCA, 2010-2011:

The calculation of player's points has not changed since Paul Grimm wrote this article on the subject nearly a decade ago.

Paul's article is located on the CSCA website following this path:

- a. Go to www.colorado-chess.com
- b. Click on "Colorado Chess Tour" by Randy Reynolds
- c. Click on "Calculate" in the phrase "How To Calculate Colorado Tour Points"

There was a change to the determination of Colorado Tour Points, to award a tournament director points if they were playing in the event they were directing. Using the tournament director's pre-tournament rating, the director is put into the section their rating falls into (e.g. if a director has a rating of 1350 and the sections are U1500 and Open, they are put into the U1500 section) and the number of scored points awarded is half of the number of rounds of the event (e.g. a 5 round Swiss will mean the director gets 2.5 points).

The Colorado Tour was developed by the CSCA Board of Directors at a time when people would have to wait two months or longer to play in a chess tournament in Colorado. It was created to promote the growth of chess throughout Colorado; although, in recent years, it is primarily the Front Range area that has hosted tour events. The scoring system that Paul described above is still in use today. The scoring system requires an individual to not merely play in Colorado tour events, but to also perform well in those events. Additionally, it awards more points to those events that have a larger participation than smaller events. It is a fair and balanced system and much like the lottery, you have to be in it to win it.

All proceeds for the Colorado Tour are returned back to the Colorado Tour players at the Membership meeting held during the Colorado Open. The total prize fund collected over the span of the year is distributed to the players who amass the greatest amount of tour points for their class, from Class E players up to Experts, as well as an Overall Most Active tour player.



The 2010-2011 CSCA Board appointed Dean Brown to be the Colorado Tour Appointee. Dean calculates the tour points for each Colorado Tour Event and maintains the records of the standings. As this is the first year that the CSCA Secretary has not been tasked with this in a long time, the publication of the standings is not nearly as fast as Paul Grimm's article suggests. Currently it is updated for Informant publications. Hopefully more frequent postings will be made on the CSCA website as the next Colorado Open approaches. Preferably monthly, but that may not be feasible.



CSCA Elections 2011:

At the Colorado Class Championships, Lee and Jerry asked me if I would consider running for President as Lee and Jerry are stepping down due to job commitments. I wasn't sure. I consulted with a number of Colorado chess players and came to a decision to run. If I am elected to serve you, I would like to have the following slate: *Paul Covington* (Colorado Springs) President; *Brad Lundstrom* (Denver) Vice President; *Eric Montanty* (Ft Collins) Secretary; *Richard "Buck" Buchanan* (Colorado Springs) Treasurer; *Ginny Gage* (Broomfield) Member at Large; *Tom Nelson* (Scholastic Rep); and our junior player representative. Each of these individuals have the skills that can support Colorado Chess. Thank you, and I ask for your vote!

Paul Covington

Sportsmanship & Consideration

by Joe Fromme
Salute To Bobby Fischer
 Tournament Organizer

Do blue skies, mild temperatures, with no rain, snow, or wind constitute perfect weather? If so, then we had it on May 21st and May 22nd in Palmer Lake for the 2nd Annual *Salute to Bobby Fischer* Chess Tournament. Basically, all went smoothly except for the coffee and water occasionally running out; but on good authority, the organizer in 2012 will be all over that aspect like a chess player on a tax refund.

In my forty years of chess tournament experience, this particular tournament had two distinct features. First, the behavior and sportsmanship of the adults and children was outstanding! Parents not hovering over their child's board like a guardian grizzly bear was appreciated. Kudos to the parents. Noticing participants actually going out of their way to be quiet was very pleasing for myself and the Tournament Director. Secondly, the players were cooperative and polite in all that was asked of them. Specifically, the rear door traffic remaining off limits due to the constant flow of the very merry wedding party people.

So far, every Fischer Tournament for me has a special moment. In 2008 while working the display board, surveying the scene and feeling good about creating a venue for fellow chess players to experience timelessness in contemplation is for me a memory not to be forgotten. In 2011, myself and fifteen other players crowding around the Anthea Carson vs. Rhett Langseth round three battle royale, was very exciting. Up and down, zigging and zagging with intense drama, it felt special being utterly surrounded by my fellow chess players. That too will be a memory for me that will never be forgotten. Ted Doykos defeating an Expert in round four, thus tying for first place - amazing! Ten and a half year old Tara Martinez sitting on the floor by her Mother's board for hours with nary a peep... unbelievable! Myself acquiring some Fischer memorabilia from courteous Ron Rossi... groovy baby! Forty-Six players attending... not bad! Jim Johnston, Dr.

Edward McKigney and Art Glassman all from New Mexico, coming all the way up here for the tournament was delightful. Like Kyra Sedgewick in "The Closer" would say "Thank you sooo much!"

Fred Spell's individual board displays, chess decorations, and attention to detail was refreshing. Thanks to our official photographer, Mike Wokurka, for the five hours spent going through hundreds of pictures for the framed displays of our Champion.

Master Renard Anderson, Master Brian Wall, and A Player Ted Doykos all split the big money for First Place at 3 ½ points. However, because of tie breaks, Renard gets the glory. Hope to see you all next year!

Games From The Second Annual "Salute To Bobby Fischer" Chess Tournament

Renard Anderson (2259)
Joshua Jex (1964)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5 5.Nxe5 Nd7 6.Nxd7 Bxd7 7.0-0 Be7 8.c4 c6 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.Bf4 Bf5 13.Re1 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Re5 Qd7 16.Qf3 Bg6 17.h4 h6 18.h5 Bh7 19.Rae1 Rfe8 20.Qh3



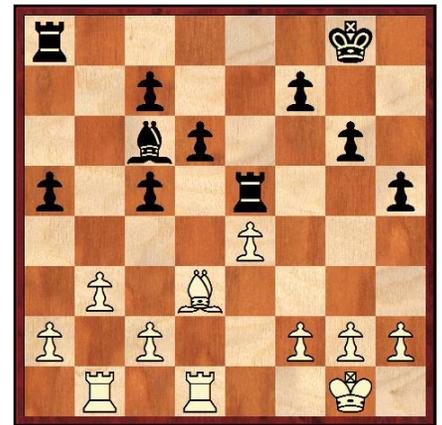
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20...Rxe5 21.Qxd7 Rxe1+ 22.Kh2 Rb1 23.Bxf7+ Kh8 24.Bb3 Rb2 25.Qxb7 Rf8 26.f3 Bg8 27.Qe7 Rxf3 28.Bxg8 Kxg8 29.Qe6+ Rf7 30.Qe8+ Rf8 31.Qxc6 Rff2 32.a4 a5 33.Qd5+ Kh8 34.c4 Rb4 35.Qe6 Rd2 36.Qc8+ Kh7 37.d5 Rxa4 38.Qf5+ Kh8 39.Qf8+ Kh7 40.Qf4 Raa2 41.Qe4+ Kh8 42.c5 Rac2 43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.Qg6+

Kh8 45.c6 a4 46.d6 a3 47.d7 a2 48.Qxc2 Rxc2 49.d8Q+ Kh7 50.Qd3+ Kh8 51.Qxc2 a1Q 52.c7 Qe5+ 53.g3 Qxh5+ 54.Kg1 1-0

DuWayne Langseth (1939)
Brian Wall (2210)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Be2 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.b3 e5 7.dxe5 Ng4 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Nbd2 Ngxe5 10.Nd4 h5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Rb1 Bd7 13.Nf3 Qe7 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Qxe5 16.Qd4 Rfe8 17.Qxe5 Rxe5 18.Rfd1 a5 19.Bd3 c5 20.e4 Bc6



21.f3 Kg7 22.Kf2 Rae8 23.Bc4 f6 24.Bd5 Bb5 25.Rd2 Rb8 26.Rdd1 Kf8 27.a4 Bd7 28.Bc4 Rb4 29.Bd3 Kf7 30.c3 Rb6 31.c4 Re8 32.h3 h4 33.Bc2 Reb8 34.Rbc1 g5 35.Rb1 Be6 36.Ke3 Ke7 37.Kf2 Bf7 38.Ke3 Ke6 39.Rdcl Ke5 40.Rd1 Rb4 41.Rf1 c6 42.f4+ gxf4+ 43.Rxf4 Bxc4 44.Rxh4 Bxb3 45.Rh5+ Ke6 46.Bd3 Bxa4 47.Rf1 Bb5 48.Rh6 Rf8 49.Bxb5 cxb5 50.g4 Rb3+ 51.Kf4 Ke7 52.Kf5 a4 53.Kg6 a3 54.h4 a2 55.Rh7+ Ke6 56.Ra1 Ra3 57.g5 b4 58.Rh6 b3 59.Kg7 Rf7+ 60.Kg8 Ra8# 0-1

Joshua Samuel (1981)
Ronald Rossi (1815)

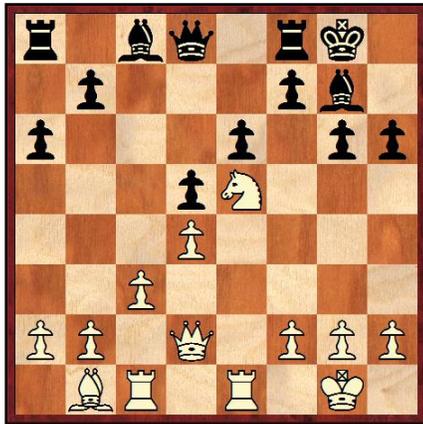
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Jason Loving (1817)**John Irwin (1952)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e6 6.Be2 Bb4 7.Bg5 Qa5 8.Nxc6
Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxg5 10.Nd4 Nxe4
11.Qd3 Qxg2 12.Rf1 Nf6 13.0-0-0 Qe4
14.Qg3 0-0 15.Rg1 Qg6 16.Qh4 d5
17.Rxg6 hxg6 18.Nf3 Ne4 19.Bd3 Nf6
20.Rg1 Re8 21.Ne5 Nd7 22.Nxf7 1-0

Tim Brennan (1754)**Alexander Freeman (1585)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 c5 5.c3
Nc6 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Nbd2 h6
9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.0-0-0 11.Re1 Qc7
12.Rc1 a6 13.Bb1 g6 14.Nb3 Na5
15.Nxa5 Qxa5 16.Qd2 Bg7 17.Ne5 Qd8



18.f4 Bd7 19.Re3 Bb5 20.Rg3 Qf6
21.Re1 Be8 22.Qe3 h5 23.Rf1 Bh6
24.Qf3 Rc8 25.Qxh5 Bg7 26.Qg4 Bb5
27.Rf2 Be8 28.f5 exf5 29.Bxf5 gxf5
30.Rxf5 Qh6 31.Rg5 Kh8 32.Rh5 Qxh5
33.Qxg7# 1-0

Gary Bagstad (1715)**Tim Kohler (1437)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.d3 h6
5.f4 d6 6.f5 Na5 7.Bb3 Nxb3 8.axb3 d5
9.Bd2 dxe4 10.dxe4 Bb4 11.Nge2 Bc5
12.Ng3 Qd4 13.Qf3 Bd7 14.Nge2 Qd6
15.0-0-0 Qa6 16.Kb1 0-0-0 17.Na4
Bxa4 18.bxa4 Qxa4 19.Bc3 Nxe4
20.Bxe5 0-1

Brad Lundstrom (2012)**Renard Anderson (2259)**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.b3 bxc4
5.bxc4 d6 6.Bb2 Nbd7 7.Nc3 g6 8.Nf3
Rb8 9.Rb1 Bg7 10.Qc2 Qa5 11.Nd2 0-0
12.e3 Ne8 13.Be2 Rxb2 14.Rxb2 Qxc3
15.Qxc3 Bxc3 16.Rb3 Bg7 17.0-0 Nc7
18.Rfb1 Ba6 19.a4 Nb6 20.a5 Nbx5

21.cxd5 Bxe2 22.Rb7 Nxd5 23.Rxa7 f5
24.Rbb7 Bf6 25.f3 c4 26.Kf2 Bd3 27.Kg3
c3 28.Nb3 Nxe3 29.Nc1 f4+ 30.Kh3 Bf1
0-1

*“I like the moment when
I break a man’s ego.”*

- Bobby Fischer

Brian Wall (2210)**Paul Covington (1965)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5
5.Nb3 Bb6 6.c4 a6 7.Nc3 Ne7 8.Bf4 0-0
9.Bd6 Nbc6 10.f4 Bc7 11.c5 b6 12.cxb6
Bxb6 13.Na4 Bc7 14.Be2 f5 15.e5 Bxd6
16.Qxd6 Nd5 17.g3 Nxf4 18.Bf3 Ng6
19.Bxc6 dxc6 20.0-0-0 Qxd6 21.exd6
Bd7 22.Nb6 Ra7 23.Nxd7 Rxd7 24.Nc5
Rfd8 25.Nxe6 Re8 26.Nc5 Rdd8 27.d7
Re7 28.Rd6 Ne5 29.Rhd1 a5 30.b3 Kf7
31.Kb2 g5 32.Rf1 f4 33.gxf4 gxf4
34.Rxf4+ Kg8 35.Ka3 a4 36.Ne6 1-0

Timothy Duesing (2077)**Jason Loving (1817)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 b5 8.0-0 Bb7
9.Re1 Be7 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.Nxe6 Qd7
12.Nxg7+ Kd8 13.Nf5 Rg8 14.f3 Nc6
15.Bf4 Kc7 16.Qe2 Rad8 17.Red1 Qe6
18.Qf2 Ne5 19.b4 Nh5 20.Be3 Nc4 21.a4
Bf6 22.Nd4 Bxd4 23.Rxd4 Qh3
24.Rxc4+ bxc4 25.Bb6+ Kd7 26.Bxd8
Kxd8 27.g4 Nf4 28.Qg3 Qh6 29.Rd1 Qf6
30.Qe1 Rf8 31.Qe3 Kc7 32.Rd4 Qe6
33.b5 h5 34.bxa6 Bxa6 35.Nd5+ Nxd5
36.Rxd5 hxg4 37.Qa7+ Bb7 38.Rb5 Ra8
39.Qb6+ Kd7 40.Rg5 Qh6 41.f4 Qh8
42.e5 Bc6 43.e6+ Kxe6 44.Rg6+ Kf7 0-1

John Irwin (1952)**Jim Johnston (1874)**

1.c4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Nc3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7
9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.f3 Nf6 12.c5 a6
13.b4 c6 14.Qb3 cxd5 15.exd5 Kh8
16.Be3 Nfxd5 17.Nxd5 Be6 18.Rad1
Nxd5 19.Bf2 e4 20.Nc1 Nf4 21.Bc4 d5
22.Qe3 Qg5 0-1

Rhett Langseth (1800)**Isaac Martinez (1853)**

1.d3 d5 2.c3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nbd2 Nf6
5.h3 0-0 6.g4 b6 7.g5 Nh5 8.e4 dxe4

9.Nxe4 Bb7 10.Qc2 c5 11.Be2 Nd7
12.Nh2 Ne5 13.f4 Bxe4 14.dxe4 Ng3
15.Rg1 Nxe2 16.Qxe2 Nd3+ 17.Kf1 Qd7
18.Rg3 Rad8 19.Nf3 f6 20.Kg2 fxg5
21.Nxg5 Rxf4 22.Rxd3 Qxd3 23.Qxd3
Rg4+ 24.Qg3 Rxg3+ 25.Kxg3 Rd1
26.Ne6 Bh6 27.Nf4 e5 28.Ne2 Re1
29.Kf2 Rh1 30.Ng1 Bxc1 31.Rxc1 Rh2+
32.Ke3 Rxb2 33.Ra1 Rh2 34.a4 Kf7
35.Kd3 Ke6 36.Kc4 Kd6 37.a5 Kc6
38.axb6 axb6 39.Kb3 Rf2 40.Rd1 Rf4
41.Re1 h5 42.Re3 h4 43.Nf3 Kd6 44.Kc4
Ke6 45.Kb5 Kf6 46.Kxb6 g5 47.Kxc5 g4
48.Nxh4 gxh3 49.Nf3 Rg4 50.Nh2 Rh4
51.Kd5 Rh5 52.Rf3+ Ke7 53.Rf5 Rh6
54.Rxe5+ Kd7 55.Kd4 Kc6 56.c4 Rd6+
57.Rd5 Rh6 58.Rc5+ Kb6 59.e5 Rh4+
60.Kd5 Rh5 61.Rc6+ Kb7 ... 1-0

Anthea Carson (1790)**James Powers (1730)**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c6 4.Bd3 e6
5.Ne5 Nbd7 6.f4 Bd6 7.0-0-0 8.Nd2 c5
9.c3 Ne8 10.Rf3 f5 11.Rh3 Nef6 12.Ndf3
Re8 13.Ng5 Nf8 14.Ngf7 Qc7 15.Qf3
Bxe5 16.Nxe5 c4 17.Bc2 Re7 18.Bd2
Bd7 19.Be1 Be8 20.Bh4 Ng6 21.Bxf6
gxf6 22.Nxg6 hxg6 23.Qg3 Rh7 24.Rh4
g5 25.Rxh7 Kxh7 26.Re1 Bh5 27.Qh3
Kh6 28.Bd1 g4 29.Qh4 Qg7 30.h3 Rg8
31.Be2 b5 32.b3 Rb8 33.Rb1 Qg6 34.Rb2
Kg7 35.bxc4 dxc4 36.Bxc4 g3 37.Rxb5
Rc8 38.Rc5 Rb8 39.Bb3 Bd1 40.Rc7+
Kf8 41.Qh8+ Qg8 42.Qxf6+ 1-0

Dean Brown (1581)**Gene Osegovic (Unrated)**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 g6
5.Bb5 Bg7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.Bxc6
bxc6 9.Qd3 e6 10.Be3 Ne7 11.0-0 0-0
12.Nf3 d5 13.Bc5 Re8 14.Ne5 f6
15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Rae1
Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Rad8 19.Na4 Qb4 20.Qb3
Rb8 21.c3 Qxb3 22.axb3 Rxb3 23.g4 e5
24.exd5 cxd5 25.fxe5 fxe5 26.Rf2 Bh6
27.Nc5 Rb5 28.Na6 Re7 29.Rfe2 Bf4
30.Rf2 g5 31.h4 h6 32.Kg2 Kf7 33.Nb4
Kf6 34.Nc6 Re6 35.hxg5+ hxg5 36.Nb4
e4 37.Ree2 d4 38.Rf1 a5 39.Na2 d3
40.Rd2 Ke5 41.Rdd1 Rxb2+ 42.Rf2
Rxf2+ 43.Kxf2 Rb6 44.Ra1 Rb2+ 45.Kf1
e3 46.Nc1 Ke4 47.Ra4+ Kf3 48.Nxd3
e2+ 0-1

Cory Kohler (1388)**Tom Mullikin (1259)**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.d3 d6 6.Ng5 Bg4 *(continued on next page)*

7.f3 Bh5 8.Nd5 h6 9.Nh3 Qd7 10.c3 a6
11.Qb3 Na5 12.Qc2 Nxc4 13.dxc4 Bxf3
14.gxf3 Qxh3 15.Nxc7+ Kd7 16.Nxa8
Qxf3 17.Rf1 Qh5 18.Qg2 Qh4+ 19.Kd1
Rxa8 20.Bd2 Ke6 21.Be1 Qg4+
22.Qxg4+ Nxg4 23.Ke2 Nxb2 24.Rh1
Ng4 25.Bg3 g5 26.Kf3 f5 27.Rh5 Kf6
28.Rah1 Rh8 29.b4 Be3 30.Rd1 Kg6
31.Rh3 Rd8 32.Rdh1 Rc8 33.Rd1 Rc6
34.a4 b5 35.axb5 axb5 36.cxb5 Rxc3
37.Rxd6+ Nf6 38.Ke2 g4 39.Rh1 f4
40.Bh4 f3+ 41.Kf1 Rc1+ 42.Be1 Kg5
43.b6 Nxe4 44.Rg1 Nxd6
0-1

Deanna Alter (1292)
Victor Creazzi (1334)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6
5.c4 d6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Be3 Qb6
9.Nxe6 Qa5 10.Nd4 Be7 11.a3 0-0 12.b4
Qc7 13.f4 Re8 14.f5 Ne5 15.Kd2 Nxc4+
16.Bxc4 Qxc4 17.g4 Nxg4 18.Qxg4 Bf6
19.Qe2 Qc7 20.h4 b5 21.h5 h6 22.Rag1
Kf8 23.Rh2 Bb7 24.Qd3 Qc4 25.Rhg2
Qxd3+ 26.Kxd3 Rac8 27.Nd5 Bxd5
28.exd5 Rc4 29.Rg4 Re5 30.a4 Rxb4
31.Ne6+ fxe6 32.Rxb4 Rxd5+ 33.Ke2
Rxf5 34.Rh1 Kf7 35.axb5 axb5 36.Rhb1
Rxb5 37.Rxb5 Rxb5 38.Rxb5 e5 39.Kf3
Ke6 40.Kg4 d5 41.Rb6+ Kf7 42.Bxb6
gxh6 43.Kf5 Bg7 44.Rb7+ Kg8 45.Kg6
Bf8 46.Rb5 Ba3 47.Rxd5 Kf8 48.Rxe5
Bb2 49.Re6 Ba1 50.Ra6 Bb2 51.Kxb6
Bc3 52.Ra7 Bb2 53.Kg6 Bc3 54.Rf7+
Kg8 55.Rc7 Bb4 56.Rc8+ Bf8 57.Kf6 1-0

DuWayne Langseth (1939)
Ted Doykos (1850)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Be2 0-0
5.0-0 c5 6.b3 d5 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4
Nbd7 9.Nd2 e5 10.N4f3 Re8 11.c4 e4
12.Nd4 Nc5 13.b4 Ne6 14.c5 a6 15.Qc2
Bd7 16.a4 Rc8 17.N2b3 Qe7 18.Rfcl
Nh5 19.Nxe6 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Qxe6 21.b5
axb5 22.axb5 Rc7 23.Ra7 Rb8 24.c6 Bc8
25.Na5 Qd6 26.b6 Rxc6 27.Rxc6 bxc6
28.Rc7?? Qxc7 29.bxc7 Rxb2 30.Nxc6
Rxe2 31.Ne7+ ... 0-1

Jim Johnston (1874)
Brad Lundstrom (2012)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nc5
9.Qc2 a5 10.b3 Nh5 11.Ne1 Nf4 12.Nd3
Nfxd3 13.Bxd3 f5 14.f3 Nxd3 15.Qxd3
f4 16.Bd2 g5 17.a3 h5 18.b4 g4 19.c5 g3
20.h3 Qh4 21.Qe2 Rf7 22.Nb5 Bf8
23.cxd6 cxd6 24.Rfc1 Bxb3 25.gxh3 g2

26.Rc7 Be7 27.Rxe7 Rxe7 28.Nxd6 Qxh3
29.Nf5 Qh1+ 30.Kf2 Rc7 31.Rg1 Kh7
32.Rxg2 Rg8 33.Rxg8 Kxg8 34.d6 Rc2
35.Qd3 Qh2+ 36.Ke1 Qg1+ 37.Ke2
Qg2+ 38.Kd1 Rc6? 39.Ne7+ Kf8
40.Nxc6 Qh1+ 41.Kc2 Qa1 42.d7 Qa2+
43.Kd1 1-0

*"I don't believe in psychology.
I believe in good moves."*

- Bobby Fischer

Brian Rountree (1705)
Robert Rountree (1633)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5
5.Be3 Qf6 6.c3 Nge7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.0-0
Nxd4 9.cxd4 Bb6 10.Nc3 c6 11.Qd2 Ng6
12.e5 Qd8 13.Ne4 d5 14.exd6 Bf5
15.Bg5 Qc8 16.Nc5 h6 17.Be7 Nxe7
18.dxe7 Re8 19.Rfe1 Bc7 20.Qe2 Bd6
21.Qh5 g6 22.Qxh6 Rxe7 23.Rxe7 Bxe7
24.Re1 Bf8 25.Qg5 Bg7 26.Re7 Qd8
27.Bxf7+ Kf8 28.Re8+ Qxe8 29.Bxe8
Rxe8 30.g4 Bc8 31.Qxg6 b6 32.Nd3 Re6
33.Qf5+ Ke7 34.Qf4 Bd7 35.g5 Rd6
36.Ne5 Be8 37.h4 c5 38.dxc5 bxc5
39.Qe3 Rd1+ 40.Kh2 Kd6 41.Nc4+ Kd7
42.Qxc5 Bf7 43.Qxa7+ Ke6 44.Qe3+
Kd7 45.Ne5+ Bxe5+ 46.Qxe5 Bd5 47.g6
Rh1+ 48.Kg3 Kc6 49.g7 Rg1+ 50.Kf4
Rh1 51.g8Q Rxh4+ 52.Qg4 1-0

Gary Bagstad (1715)
Gene Osegovic (Unrated)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.f4
Bg7 6.d3 e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3
Nd4 10.Rb1 Nec6 11.Ne2 e5 12.c3
Nxe2+ 13.Qxe2 h6 14.h3 Be6 15.a3 a5
16.Nh4 exf4 17.Bf2 fxg3 18.Bxg3 Qd7
19.Kh2 Be5 20.Qe3 Kh7 21.Rf2 Qe7
22.Rbfl Qxh4 0-1

Ted Doykos (1851)
Mark Schlagenhauf (2055)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 c6 5.Nf3
Qb6 6.Rb1 Bg4 7.Be3 Bxf3 8.gxf3 f5
9.Qd2 Nd7 10.d5 Qc7 11.dxc6 bxc6
12.Bc4 Nh6 13.Rg1 Rb8 14.Bd4 Bxd4
15.Qxd4 Nf6 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nd7
18.f4 Rd8 19.Rd1 Qb6 20.Na4 Qxd4
21.Rxd4 Nb6 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8 23.Nxb6
axb6 24.Rg2 Ng4 25.Re2 Kc7 26.h3 Nh6
27.Rd2 Rd8 28.a4 Ra8 29.b3 Rf8 30.Be6

Nf7 31.Rd7+ Kb8 32.Rxe7 Nd8 33.Bd7
h6 34.Rg7 g5 35.e6 Nxe6 36.Bxe6 Re8
37.Rg6 Kc7 38.Kf2 gxf4 39.Rxh6 b5
40.axb5 cxb5 41.Bxf5 Re5 42.Bd3 Rc5
43.Kf3 Rc3 44.Kxf4 b4 45.h4 Rc5
46.Rg6 Ra5 47.Rg5 Ra1 48.h5 Rh1
49.Be4 Rh2 50.Kg3 Re2 51.Bd3 Re1
52.h6 1-0

Brad Lundstrom (2012)
Tim Duesing (2077)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7
5.Nge2 d6 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 Nge7 8.Be3 0-0
9.Qd2 Rb8 10.Bh6 d5 11.Bxg7 Kxg7
12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Qc3+
Qf6 15.Qxf6+ Kxf6 16.Bxd5 Nb4 17.Bb3
Re8 18.Rfe1 Bf5 19.Nc3 Rxe1+ 20.Rxe1
c4 21.dxc4 Nxc2 22.Nd5+ Kg7 23.Bxc2
Bxc2 24.f3 a5 25.Kf2 Rc8 26.b3 Rc5
27.Rc1 Bf5 28.Ke3 h5 29.Kd4 Rc8
30.Re1 Be6 31.Nf4 Kf6 32.Nxe6 fxe6
33.f4 Rd8+ 34.Kc5 Rd2 35.Kb6 Rxh2
36.a4 Rh3 37.Kxb7 Rxg3 38.Rb1 Rc3
39.Kb6 Kf5 40.Kxa5 Kxf4 41.Kb4 Rd3
42.a5 h4 43.a6 Rd8 44.Kc5 g5 45.b4 h3
46.b5 Rc8+ 47.Kd6 Ra8 48.Ra1 g4 49.b6
h2 50.b7 h1Q 51.Rxh1 Rxa6+ 52.Kc7
Ra7 53.Kc8 Rxb7 54.Kxb7 1-0

Gene Osegovic (Unrated)
Isaac Martinez (1853)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 g6 4.Nf3 Nc6
5.g3 Bg7 6.Bg2 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.e4 b6
9.h3 Bb7 10.Rb1 a6 11.b4 Re8 12.Be3
Nd7 13.Qd2 Qe7 14.Nd5 Qd8 15.Bh6
Bh8 16.Nh4 Nf6 17.b5 axb5 18.cxb5 Nd4
19.Ne3 Qd7 20.f4 exf4 21.Bxf4 Nxb5
22.Qb2 Na3 23.Bg5 Nxb1 24.Bxf6 Bxf6
25.Qxf6 Na3 26.Nhf5 1-0

Alexander Freeman (1585)
Gary Bagstad (1715)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bg5 d6 7.e4 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3
h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nh5 11.Be2 Nxg3
12.hxg3 Kg7 13.e5 dxe5 14.dxe5 Nc6
15.Rd1 Qc7 16.Nxg5 Qxe5 17.Qh7+ Kf7
18.Qxh6+ Ke7 19.Rd3 Bd7 20.Nf3 Qe7
21.Qg5+ f6 22.Rh7+ Rf7 23.Qxc5+ 1-0



Pictures From The "Salute To Bobby Fischer" Chess Tournament

by Michael Wokurka



Colorado Correspondence Report

by Klaus Johnson

It's been seventeen months since the 2010 Colorado Correspondence Championship has begun, but there's still no clear winner in sight! As of June 1st, there are still four players with good chances to capture the title, 2009 champion Jeff Baffo, correspondent expert and US championship semi-finalist Jiri Kovats, and Ted and Ken Doykos.

In the 2011 Colorado Championship, Jiri Kovats is off to a roaring 5/5 start. The only other player that can pass him is Jay Shaeffer.

If you're thinking of playing in 2012, please let me know via email (cscemailcc@gmail.com). We'll be deciding the format of the 2012 tournament over the next few months and I'll definitely want your input.

2010 STANDINGS

Player	Rating	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	Total	SB
Jeffrey Baffo	2303	(1)	--	1/2		1	1	1/2	3.0	4.0
Jiri Kovats	2116	(2)	1/2	--		1		1	2.5	3.5
Ted Doykos	1904	(3)			--		1	1	2.0	1.5
Ken Doykos	1776	(4)				--	1/2	1	1.5	1.0
Klaus Johnson	1603	(5)	0	0			--	1/2	1.5	1.0
Tim Brennan	1536	(6)	0	0	1/2	1/2		--	1.0	1.5
Archie Shipp	1508	(7)	1/2	0	0	0	0	--	0.5	1.5

2011 STANDINGS

Player	Rating	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	Total	SB
Jiri Kovats	2116	(1)	--		1	1	1	1	5.0	7.0
Jay Shaeffer	1746	(2)		--		1		1	2.0	2.0
Klaus Johnson	1603	(3)	0		--	0	1		2.0	2.0
Lee Lahti	1480	(4)	0		1	--		1	2.0	2.0
Archie Shipp	1508	(5)	0	0	0		--	1	2.0	1.0
Matt Lasley	1393	(6)	0			0	--	1	1.0	0.0
Cory Foster	1213	(7)	0	0	0	0	0	--	0.0	0.0



Colorado Championships

by Richard "Buck" Buchanan
& Paul Covington

The Colorado Championships were moved to Manitou Springs this year. The event was well attended with 92 players in 8 sections played March 25-27, 2011. Lee Lahti was the Chief TD with Buck Buchanan the Assistant TD. Jerry Maier helped with tasks as assigned by Lee. Our thanks to all who helped make this a smooth tournament.

The Colorado Closed Championship (CCC) is an invitation only event. This year four newcomers played including the first time that a lady has played in the CCC. Randy Canney took first with three wins and two draws. David Hartsook and Eric Montany tied for second place with 3 points. Brian Wall finished with 2.5 points followed by Nino Neilson with 2 points and Damian Nash at 0.5 point. Damian had a rough tournament and had the quote that spoke to the honor of playing in this event: "I have wanted to play in this tournament all my life". It is unfortunate that it wasn't more fun for him. Nino (our first lady to ever play in this event) played very well and could easily had a higher score with a break or two. This was fighting chess at its best. Thanks to each contestant for their sportsmanship.

The Scholastic Closed Championship had six of our young stars pitted against each other. This was a tough tournament with every player having at least one loss! Jackson Chen finished a half point ahead of the field. Nabil Spann (3.5), Kurt Kondracki (2.5), Daniel Zhou (2.5), Alexander Yu (1.5), and Rhett Langseth (1.0) completed the field. Hard fought games seemed to be the norm in this tournament. Congrats to all this contestants!

The Class A Championships had 21 players and went to the wire. Mark Schwarman (an expert) played in this section and finished tied with Paul Covington with 3.5 of 4. That made Paul the Class A Champion this year.

His last round win verses his longtime friend, Brad Lundstrom, was an exciting comeback win. Welcomes go to a new-

comer to Colorado Chess, John Irwin who played well losing only to the expert. Friendly but competitive chess marked this event with camaraderie between the players that exemplified the sportsmanship that is Colorado Chess!

The Class B section had 16 players with Jason Loving finishing a half point ahead of three players: Isaac Martinez, Brian Rountree, and Joe Fromme. The number of young players in this section is a salute to our scholastic program.

The Class C section had 18 players who fought it out with Brady Barkemeyer finishing with a perfect score with 4 wins while Peter Augros had a last round bye to go with his three wins. Several powerful C players(4) could only muster one point, proof of how tough this section played.

The Class D section had one undefeated player, Archie Shipp, leading the field of 9 players. Second with three wins and a single loss was Spencer Shook.

The Class E section had 15 players with Deanna Alter winning all of her games! Gary Crites and Daniel Herman tied for second with 3 of 4 both only lost to Deanna!

The Winners of each section are to represent Colorado in the Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge on August 13, 2011 in Taos, NM. See the state website for more details. I was proud of the sportsmanship that marked this entire event. This was one of the best run tournaments I have attended. Thanks to all!

Games from the Colorado Closed Championship:

Randy Canney (2252)
Nia Neilson (2050)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d3 e5 6.f4 Bd6 7.fxe5 Bxe5 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.0-0 Nf6 10.Qe1 Bxf3 11.Rxf3 Qc7 12.h3 0-0-0 13.Be3 b6 14.Rb1 Rhe8 15.Na4 Bd4 16.c3 Bxe3+ 17.Qxe3 Kb7 18.Qf2 c4 19.e5 Rxe5 20.d4 Re7 21.b3 Ne4 22.Qc2 cxb3 23.Rxb3 b5 24.Re3 Nd6 25.Nc5+ Kb6 26.Rxe7 Qxe7 27.a4 Nc4 28.axb5 cxb5 29.Qa2 Qe3+ 30.Kh2 Qf4+ 31.Kg1 Ra8 32.Rb1 Nd2 33.Re1 Nc4 34.Re7 Qc1+ 35.Kh2 Qxc3 36.Rb7+ Kc6 37.Qf2 Nd6 38.Rd7 Re8 39.Qf4 Re6

40.Ra7 Rg6 41.Rxa6+ Kc7 42.Rxd6 Rxd6 43.Qxd6+ Kxd6 44.Ne4+ Kd5 45.Nxc3+ Kc4 46.d5 Kc5 47.d6 Kxd6 48.Nxb5+ Ke5 49.Kg3 f5 50.Kf3 g5 51.Nc3 h5 52.g3 Kd4 53.Ne2+ Ke5 54.Ke3 h4 55.gxh4 gxh4 56.Kf3 Ke6 57.Kf4 Kf6 58.Nd4 Kg6 59.Nxf5 Kh5 60.Ne7 Kh6 61.Kg4 1-0

Brian Wall (2203)
David Hartsook (2049)

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Qxd4 Qxd4 6.Nxd4 Bd7 7.Bf4 Bc5 8.Nb3 Bb6 9.N1d2 Nc6 10.c3 Nf6 11.Nc4 0-0 12.Nxb6 Rfe8+ 13.Be2 cxb6 14.Rd1 Bf5 15.Nc1 Rad8 16.0-0 Bc2 17.Rxd8 Nxd8 18.f3 Nc6 19.Re1 h6 20.Kf2 Nd5 21.Bd2 Bf5 22.g4 Bg6 23.Nd3 Rd8 24.Nc1 Re8 (*Draw offer by Black*) 25.a3 Nf6 26.Bc4 Rxe1 27.Kxe1 Ne5 28.Be2 Nc6 29.Nd3 Kf8 30.Bf4 Ke7 31.Ne5 Nxe5 32.Bxe5 Ne8 33.Kd2 f6 34.Bb8 a6 35.Ba7 b5 36.Ke3 Bf7 37.Bc5+ Kd7 38.Bf8 Bb3 39.Bd3 Bf7 40.Bf5+ Kc7 41.Kd4 h5 42.Be4 hxg4 43.fxg4 b6 44.h4 Kd7 45.h5 Be6 46.Bf3 Bg8 47.Bb7 Nc7 48.Bxg7 Ne6+ 49.Ke4 Nxe7 50.Bxa6 Kc6 51.Bc8 Bh7+ 52.Kf4 Kd6 53.h6 (*Draw offer by White*) 53...Ne6+ 54.Ke3 Ke5 55.Bxe6 Kxe6 56.Kd4 Kf7 57.Kd5 Bd3 58.Kc6 Kg6 59.Kxb6 Kxh6 0-1

Eric Montany (2087)
Damian Nash (2049)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 (*This was a tournament full of unusual openings. - RB*) 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 Qe7 7.e3 Ngxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Be2 a5 10.0-0 Ra6 11.a3 Bxd2 12.Qxd2 g5 13.Bxe5 Qxe5 14.Qd4 Qxd4 15.exd4 Rb6 16.Rab1 d6 (*16...d5!*) 17.c5 dxc5 18.dxc5 Rf6 19.Bb5+ Kf8 20.Rfd1 Ke7 21.Kf1 Rd8 22.Rxd8 Kxd8 23.Re1 Re6 24.Rxe6 Bxe6 25.Ke2 b6 26.cxb6 cxb6 27.Ke3 Ke7 28.Kd4 f6 29.Bc4 Bc8 30.Bg8 h6 31.Kd5 Bb7+ 32.Kc4 Ba6+ 33.Kd5 Bb7+ 34.Kc4 Ba6+ 35.Kd4 Kd6 36.Bc4 Bb7 37.g3 Bc6 38.Bd3 Bd7 39.b4 axb4 40.axb4 Be6 41.Bc4?? Bf5?? (*After 41...Bxc4 42 Kxd4 g4! Black wins.*) 1/2-1/2

David Hartsook (2068)
Damian Nash (2049)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nc3 d6 3.d4 e5 4.dxe5 Nxe5 5.f4 Bg4 6.Be2 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Nd7 8.Nf3 a6 9.0-0 Ngf6 10.e5 dxe5 11.fxe5 Bc5+

12.Kh1 Ng4 13.e6 0-0 14.exd7 Qxd7
 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 Bd6 17.Qf5 Qxf5
 18.Rxf5 Rfe8 19.Rf1 c6 20.Bf4 Bb4
 21.Rfe1 f6 22.Kg1 g5 23.Rxe8+ Rxe8
 24.Bg3 Kf7 25.Re1 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Rd8
 27.Kf2 Rd5 28.a3 f5 29.Bc7 f4 30.c4 Rd4
 31.Ke2 Rxc4 32.Kd3 Ra4 33.Bd6 Kf6
 34.Bb4 b5 35.Bd6 a5 36.Re4 b4 37.axb4
 Ra3+ 38.c3 Ra1 39.Re2 axb4 40.Bxb4 h5
 41.h3 Kf5 42.Kc4 Rf1 43.Kc5 f3 44.gxf3
 Rxf3 45.Rh2 g4 46.hxg4+ hxg4 47.Kxc6
 g3 48.Rh8 Ke4 49.Rg8 Kd3 50.Rg4 Ke2
 51.c4 Kf1 52.Bc5 g2 53.Bd4 Ke2
 54.Rxg2+ Kd3 55.Kd5 Rf5+ 56.Be5 Rf1
 57.Rg3+ Ke2 58.c5 Rd1+ 59.Ke6 Rh1
 60.c6 Rh6+ 61.Bf6 Rh7 62.Rg7 Rh1
 63.c7 Rc1 64.Be5 Kd3 65.Rg8 Ke4
 66.c8Q Re1 67.Qc4+ Kf3 68.Rg3+ Kf2
 69.Qf4+ Ke2 70.Re3+ Kd1 71.Qd4+ Kc2
 72.Rc3+ Kb2 73.Qb4+ Ka2 74.Ra3# (Is
 diss a system? - RB) 1-0

Nia Neilson (2051)
Brian Wall (2203)

1.d4 Nc6 2.e3 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.c4 Ng6
 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Bd2 a5 7.Nc3 d6 8.Qc2 Bd7
 9.Ne4 Nf6 10.Nxc5 dxc5 11.Bxg6 hxg6
 12.0-0-0 Bf5 13.Qa4+ Qd7 14.Qxd7+
 Nxd7 15.f3 Nb6 16.e4 Bd7 17.Be3 Nxc4
 18.Bxc5 b6 19.Bf2 Nd6 20.Ne2 g5 21.g3
 g4 22.Nc3 gxf3 23.h4 0-0-0 24.Rd3 Bg4
 25.Re1 Rhe8 26.Nb1 f5 27.exf5 e4
 28.Rc3 Kb7 29.Nd2 Bxf5 30.Rce3 g6
 31.Rg1 Re5 32.Nxf3 Rxd5 33.Nd2 Rxd2
 34.Kxd2 Nc4+ 35.Ke2 Rd2+ 36.Ke1
 Rxb2 37.Rc3 Rb1+ 38.Ke2 Bg4+ 0-1

Damian Nash (2049)
Randy Canney (2252)

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 e6 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bb4
 5.Bd2 Nc6 6.Nce2 Bd6 7.Bf4 Nge7
 8.Qd2 0-0 9.0-0-0 b5 10.Bxd6 Qxd6
 11.Qf4 Qd8 12.g4 b4 13.h4 f5 14.g5 a5
 15.Nf3 a4 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 c5
 18.Bg2 Be6 19.Rh3 Qb6 20.Rhd3 Rad8
 21.Qd2 d4 22.b3 Bd5 23.Bxd5+ Nxd5
 24.Rf3 axb3 25.cxb3 Qa5 26.Qc2 Nc3
 27.Nxc3 bxc3 28.Qe2 Rde8 29.Rfd3
 Qa3+ 30.Kb1 Rxe5 31.Qc2 Rfe8 32.Qc1
 Qa5 33.a4 Qb4 34.Qc2 Re2 35.Rxd4
 cxd4 0-1

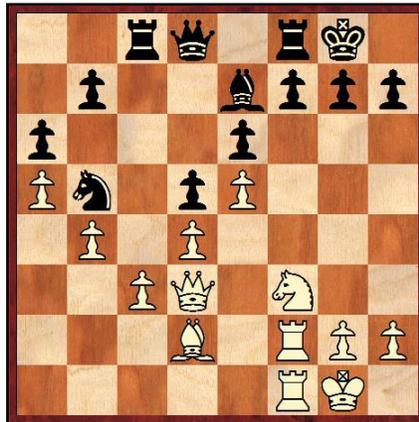
Nia Neilson (2050)
David Hartsook (2049)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
 5.c3 d6 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 Qc7
 9.Rc1 b6 10.d4 Ng4 11.Bc4 Na5 12.Bd5

Bb7 13.b4 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Bxd5 15.exd5
 Nb7 16.Qe2 a5 17.Ne4 h6 18.Rc2 Rac8
 19.Rfc1 c4 20.a4 Qd7 21.b5 Rc7 22.Ned2
 Rfc8 23.e6 Nd8 24.Rf1 Kh7 25.Qe3 Rb8
 26.Rcc1 e4 27.Rce1 exd5 28.exd5 f5
 29.Nh4 Bf6 30.Ndf3 Qf7 31.Qf4 Qxd5
 32.g4 Ne6 33.Qe3 Ng5 34.gxf5 gxf5
 35.Nxg5+ Bxg5 36.Qf3 Qxf3 37.Nxf3
 Rg8 38.Kh1 Rg6 39.Re2 Kg7 40.Rfe1
 Kf7 41.Re8 Rb7 42.Rc8 Be7 43.Rxc4
 Re6 44.Kg2 Rxe1 45.Nxe1 Ke6 46.Kf3
 Bg5 47.Nd3 Kd7 48.Nf4 Rc7 49.Rxc7+
 Kxc7 50.Nd5+ Kb7 51.Ne3 Kc7 52.Nd5+
 Kb7 53.c4 Bd2 54.Ne3 Bxe3 55.Kxe3 d5
 56.cxd5 Kc7 57.Kf4 Kd6 58.Kxf5 Kxd5
 59.Kg6 1-0

Randy Canney (2252)
Brian Wall (2203)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Nc3 c6 4.d4 d6
 5.Nxd5 cxd5 6.f4 Nc6 7.c3 dxe5 8.fxe5
 Bf5 9.Nf3 e6 10.Bd3 Bg6 11.0-0 Be7
 12.a4 Rc8 13.Bf4 Na5 14.Rf2 a6 15.Qe2
 Nc4 16.b3 Na5 17.b4 Nc4 18.Raf1 0-0
 19.a5 Na3 20.Bd2 Bxd3 21.Qxd3 Nb5



22.Rc1 Rc6 23.Qe3 Qe7 24.Ne1 Bxb4
 25.cxb4 Rxc1 26.Bxc1 Nxd4 27.Qxd4
 Qxc1 28.Rf1 Rc8 29.Nf3 Qc2 30.Ng5
 Rc7 31.Qa7 h6 32.Nxf7 Kh7 33.Qb6 Rc4
 34.Qxe6 d4 35.Nd6 Rxb4 36.h3 Rb2
 37.Qd5 d3 38.Qe4+ Kg8 39.Qd5+ Kh7
 40.e6 d2 41.Qe4+ Qxe4 42.Nxe4 Rb5
 43.Nxd2 Re5 44.Rb1 Rxe6 45.Rxb7 Re5
 46.Nb3 1-0

Damian Nash (2049)
Nia Neilson (2050)

1.Nc3 Nf6 2.e4 e5 3.d3 Be7 4.Bg5 h6
 5.Be3 Nc6 6.h3 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5
 Qxd5 9.Qf3 Be6 10.Qxd5 Bxd5 11.a3 f5
 12.0-0-0 0-0-0 13.f4 exf4 14.Bxf4 g5
 15.Bd2 Rhe8 16.Ne2 Bc5 17.Nc3 Nd4
 18.Nxd5 Rxd5 19.Re1 Rxe1+ 20.Bxe1

Re5 21.Bb4 Bxb4 22.axb4 Ne2+ 23.Bxe2
 Rxe2 24.Rg1 f4 25.Kd1 Re3 26.Re1
 Rxe1+ 27.Kxe1 h5 28.b5 Kd7 29.c4 Ke6
 30.Kd2 Kf5 31.c5 c6 32.bxc6 bxc6 33.b4
 a6 34.Kc3 g4 35.hxg4+ hxg4 36.Kd2 Ke5
 37.Ke2 Kd4 38.Kd2 f3 39.g3 f2 40.Ke2
 f1Q+ 41.Kxf1 Kxd3 42.Kf2 Kd2 43.Kf1
 Kc3 44.Ke2 Kxb4 45.Ke3 a5 46.Kf4 a4
 47.Kxg4 a3 0-1

Eric Montany (2087)
Nia Neilson (2050)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.Nc3 Nf6
 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Rc1 Bb7 8.cxd5
 Nxd5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Bd3 Nb4 11.Bb1
 c5 12.0-0 N8a6 13.a3 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5
 15.Qd3 g6 16.Rfd1 Rad8 17.Ba2 c4
 18.Qd2 b5 19.Qa5 b4 20.b3 c3 21.Bb1
 Rc8 22.Bd3 Rc6 23.Ne5 Rb6 24.Bxa6
 Bxa6 25.axb4 Qxb4 26.Qxb4 Rxb4
 27.Rxc3 Rfb8 28.Nc6 Be2 29.Rb1 a5
 30.Nxb8 Rxb8 31.Rbc1 Kg7 32.f3 Rb4
 33.Ra1 Rb5 34.Kf2 1-0

Brian Wall (2203)
Damian Nash (2049)

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nxe4 Bf5 4.Ng3
 Bg6 5.h4 h6 6.d4 e6 7.Bc4 Nf6 8.N1e2 c6
 9.Nf4 Bh7 10.0-0 Nd5 11.Re1 Be7
 12.Ngh5 Rg8 13.Rxe6 fxe6 14.Nxe6 Qc8
 15.Nhxg7+ Kf7 16.Bxh6 Bf6 17.Qf3
 Rxc7 18.Nxg7 Qd8 19.Re1 b5 20.Bb3 a5
 21.Ne6 Qd7 22.Nf4 Ra7 23.Qh5+ Kg8
 24.Re8+ Qxe8 25.Qxe8# 1-0

**Games from the
 Colorado Scholastic Championship:**

Rhett Langseth (1799)
Nabil Spann (1717)

1.d3 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e6 4.Nbd2 Nf6
 5.h3 Bd6 6.e4 Bd7 7.a3 Qe7 8.b4 a6 9.c4
 dxe4 10.dxe4 Bf4 11.Bb2 e5 12.Qc2 0-0
 13.Rd1 Rfe8 14.g3 Nd4 15.Nxd4 Bxd2+
 16.Rxd2 exd4 17.f3 Bc6 18.Bg2 Qd6
 19.Bxd4 Qxg3+ 20.Kf1 Nh5 21.Rg1 Qf4
 22.Bf2 Ng3+ 23.Bxg3 Qxg3 24.a4 f5
 25.b5 fxe4 26.bxc6 exf3 27.Rf2 Re2
 28.Rxe2 fxe2+ 29.Kxe2 Re8+ 30.Kd1
 Qe3 31.Bd5+ Kh8 32.Qg2 Qd3+ 33.Kc1
 Qc3+ 34.Kb1 bxc6 35.Bxc6 Rb8+
 36.Bb7 Qb3+ 37.Ka1 Qa3+ 38.Kb1 Qb3+
 39.Kc1 Qxc4+ 40.Kb1 Qb3+ 41.Kc1
 Qc3+ 42.Kb1 h6 43.Ka2 Qc4+ 44.Kb2
 Qd4+ 45.Ka2 Rxb7 46.Qxb7 Qxg1
 47.Qxa6 Qf2+

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48.Ka3 Qc5+ 49.Kb3 Qb6+ 50.Qxb6
cxb6 51.Kb4 g5 52.Kb5 h5 53.Kxb6 g4
54.hxg4 h4 ... 0-1

Nabil Spann (1720)
Jackson Chen (1920)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bf4 c5
5.e3 Qb6 6.Qc1 Nc6 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.Nbd2
Nxd2 9.Nxd2 e5 10.Bg3 Bf5 11.Bd3
Bxd3 12.cxd3 Qb5 13.Nf3 Bb4+ 14.Kf1
Qxd3+ 15.Kg1 f6 16.a3 Be7 17.h3 0-0
18.Kh2 Qb5 19.Rd1 Rfd8 20.b4 a5
21.bxa5 Rxa5 22.Qc3 Qa6 23.Qb3 Rb5
24.Qa2 Kh8 25.Rd3 e4 26.a4 Ra5
27.Rdd1 exf3 28.Bc7 Bd6+ 29.Bxd6
Rxd6 30.gxf3 Ne5 31.f4 Nc4 32.e4 h6
33.f3 Ne3 34.Rg1 Qd3 35.Rac1 Nc4
36.Qg2 Rd7 37.Qg4 Nb6 38.Qe6 Ra8
39.Qxb6 dxe4 40.fxe4 Qxe4 41.Qf2 Rad8
42.Rc2 Qxa4 43.Rg2 Qe4 44.Qg3 Qe7
45.Qg6 Rd3 46.Rce2 Qd7 47.Rc2 Qxh3+
48.Kg1 Rd1+ 49.Kf2 R8d2+ 50.Rxd2
Rxd2+ 51.Kg1 Qe3+ 52.Kh1 Qe1+
53.Kh2 Qh4+ 54.Kg1 Rd1# 0-1

Kurt Kondracki (1933)
Rhett Langseth (1799)

1.d4 d6 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.f4 Qa5 5.e5
dxe5 6.fxe5 Nd5 7.Qf3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bf5
9.Bc4 e6 10.Bb3 Be4 11.Qxe4 Qxc3+
12.Ke2 Qxa1 13.Qe3 Bb4 14.Nf3 Qc3
15.Qf4 Be7 16.Bd2 Qb2 17.Rf1 Qa3
18.Ng5 f6 19.Nxe6 Nd7 20.Nc7+ Kd8
21.Nxa8 fxe5 22.dxe5 Rf8 23.Qd4 Rxf1
24.Kxf1 Bc5 25.Qc3 Nf8 26.e6 Bd6
27.Qxg7 Qc5 28.Bg5+ Kc8 29.Qf6 b6
30.e7 Bxe7 31.Qxe7 Qf5+ 32.Kg1 Kb8
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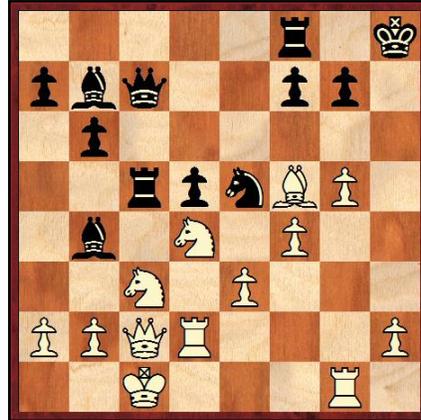
Jackson Chen (1900)
Alex Yu (1700)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 Bg7
5.Qd2 0-0 6.f3 a6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Nge2
Rb8 9.Bh6 b5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.0-0 e5
12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Nd1 Nd4 14.Ne3 c5
15.b3 Be6 16.c3 Nxe2+ 17.Qxe2 Qb6
18.c4 b4 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.exd5 Rfe8
21.Qf2 Nh5 22.Rae1 f5 23.Qb2 Qf6
24.Re3 Rb7 25.Rfe1 Rbe7 26.a3 a5
27.axb4 axb4 28.Ra1 Nf4 29.Bf1 Kf7
30.Ra5 Rc8 31.Qa1 Qg5 32.Kh1 e4
33.fxe4 fxe4 34.d6 Rd7 35.Rxe4 Ne6
36.Ra7 Rcd8 37.Qa4 Nf8 38.Re7+ Kg8
39.Qa1 Qh6 40.Qf6 Rxa7 41.Rxa7 Rd7
42.Rxd7 Nxd7 43.Qe6+ Kh8 44.Qxd7
Qf4 45.Qe8+ Kg7 46.Qe2 Qxd6 47.Qf3
Qe5 48.h3 Qc3 49.Qxc3+ bxc3 50.Bd3

Kf6 51.Kg1 Ke5 52.Kf2 1-0

Kurt Kondracki (1935)
Nabil Spann (1720)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4
5.Qc2 0-0 6.Bd2 c5 7.e3 b6 8.cxd5 exd5
9.Bd3 Bb7 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.g4 cxd4
12.Nxd4 Rc8 13.f3 Ne5 14.Bf5 Rc5
15.g5 Nfd7 16.Bxh7+ Kh8 17.Bf5 Nc4
18.Rhg1 Nde5 19.f4 Nxd2 20.Rxd2 Qc7



21.Rg3 g6 22.Ndb5 Rxb5 23.fxe5 Bxc3
24.bxc3 Rc5 25.e4 gxf5 26.Rh3+ Kg8
27.exf5 Qxe5 28.f6 Qe4 29.Qxe4 dxe4
30.Rf2 Rfe8 31.Kd2 Rxc5 32.Rf4 Rg6
33.Rf2 Rc6 34.Rf4 Rxc6 35.Rfh4 Kf8
36.Rh5 Rg2+ 37.Ke3 Rf3+ 0-1

Rhett Langseth (1799)
Daniel Zhou (1740)

1.d3 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c3 e6 4.g4 h6
5.Nbd2 Bd7 6.h3 c5 7.e4 dxe4 8.dxe4
Nc6 9.e5 Nd5 10.c4 Nb6 11.Bd3 Qc7
12.Qe2 Rd8 13.Nb3 Nb4 14.0-0 Nxd3
15.Qxd3 Bc6 16.Qe2 Nxc4 17.Qxc4 Bxf3
18.Qa4+ Bc6 19.Qxa7 Qxe5 20.Na5 Bd5
21.Nb3 Bd6 22.f4 Qe4 23.Kf2 Qg2+
24.Ke1 Bc4 25.Nd2 0-1

Jackson Chen (1920)
Kurt Kondracki (1930)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 d5
9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0-0 e6 11.g4 Qa5
12.a3 Rb8 13.Bd4 c5 14.Bxf6 Bxf6
15.exd5 Bd7 16.Bc4 Rxb2 17.Kxb2 Rb8+
18.Bb3 c4 19.Ka2 Bxc3 20.Qf4 cxb3+
21.cxb3 e5 22.Qc4 Bb4 23.Qc1 Rc8
24.Qb2 Bxa3 25.Qe2 Bc5+ 26.Kb1 Bd4
27.Rxd4 exd4 28.Rd1 Qc3 29.Ka2 Rc5
30.Qb2 Qxb2+ 31.Kxb2 Rxd5 0-1

Nabil Spann (1720)
Daniel Zhou (1740)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.Nbd2 Be7
5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 0-0 8.0-0 b6
9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Bb7 11.Re1 Rc8
12.Qe2 Nd5 13.Qd2 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxg5
15.Qxg5 Qxg5 16.Nxg5 h6 17.Ng3 Nc5
18.Bf1 Nf4 19.Rad1 Rfd8 20.g3 Ng6
21.Bg2 Bxf3 22.Nxf3 Na4 23.Rb1 Nc5
24.Nd4 Ne7 25.Rbd1 Na4 26.Rd2 Nf5
27.Nxf5 exf5 28.Red1 Rxd2 29.Rxd2 Rc7
30.Bf3 Nc5 31.Rd4 Re7 32.Kf1 g6
33.Bc6 Kg7 34.b4 Rc7 35.bxc5 Rxc6
36.cxb6 Rxb6 37.Rb4 Rc6 38.c4 a5
39.Ra4 Rc5 40.Ke2 Kf6 41.f4 Ke6
42.Kd3 Kd6 43.Kd4 f6 44.Ra3 h5 45.h4
g5 46.hxg5 fxg5 47.fxg5 Re5 48.Re3
Rxe3 49.Kxe3 Ke5 50.c5 Kd5 51.g6 Ke6
52.c6 1-0

Alex Yu (1736)
Rhett Langseth (1799)

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Qa5
5.Bd2 Qb6 6.Bd3 Qxb2 7.Rb1 Qa3 8.Rb3
Qa5 9.Nd5 Qd8 10.Nxf6+ gxf6 11.0-0 e5
12.d5 Rg8 13.Kh1 cxd5 14.Bb5+ Bd7
15.Bxd7+ Qxd7 16.exd5 Na6 17.Qe2
Nc5 18.Rb4 Be7 19.h3 a6 20.Rfb1 Bd8
21.Be3 b6 22.Bd2 Bc7 23.Nd4 Rg6
24.Nc6 Qf5 25.Be3 h5 26.Rh4 Kd7
27.Rbb4 Rag8 28.g3 e4 29.Rxh5 Rg5
30.Bxg5 fxg5 31.Qg4 Qxg4 32.hxg4 a5
33.Rb5 Na4 34.Rb3 b5 35.a3 Bb6 36.Kg2
Rg6 37.c3 Rf6 38.Nd4 Nxc3 39.Rxc3
Bxd4 40.Rc2 Rf3 41.Rxg5 Rxa3 42.Rf5
Rc3 43.Rxc3 Bxc3 44.Rxf7+ Kc8 45.Kf1
Kb8 46.Re7 a4 47.Re8+ Kb7 48.Rxe4 a3
49.f4 a2 50.g5 a1Q+ 51.Kg2 Qa2+
52.Kh3 Qxd5 53.Re7+ Kc6 54.Kg4 b4
55.f5 Qd1+ 56.Kh4 Qf3 0-1

Daniel Zhou (1770)
Kurt Kondracki (1931)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3
Qa5 9.0-0 Rd8 10.f4 e6 11.Qf3 d5
12.exd5 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 exd5 14.h3 h5
15.Rad1 Be6 16.Kh1 b5 17.Bxf6 Bxf6
18.Nxd5 Bxb2 19.Ne7+ Kg7 20.Nc6 Qc7
21.Nxd8 Rxd8 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Rxd8
Qxd8 24.Rd1 Qc7 25.Qb3 Bf6 26.Qxb5
Qxc2 27.Qb3 Qe4 28.Qf3 Qa4 29.Rd2 e5
30.f5 e4 31.Qg3 g5 32.Qc7+ Kf8
33.Qc8+ Kg7 34.Rd7+ Kh6 35.Qf8+ 1-0

Games from the Colorado Class Championship:

John Irwin (1970)
Ted Doykos (1839)

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7
9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.f3 Nf6 12.Bd2
f4 13.Rc1 g5 14.c5 c6 15.dxc6 Nxc6
16.cxd6 Qxd6 17.Nb5 Qd8 18.Nb4 Be6
19.Nxc6 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 bxc6 21.Nd6
Bxa2 22.Qa4 Be6 23.Bc4 Nd5 24.Ba5
Qxb2 25.Qxc6 Ne3 26.Bxe6+ Kh8
27.Rg1 h5 28.Nf7+ Kh7 29.Nxg5+ Kg6
30.Bf7+ Kxg5 31.Qg6+ Kh4 32.Qxh5#
1-0

Pierre Jullien (1815)
Ron Rossi (1830)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.Nf3 e6 6.Bf4 a6 7.e3 Be7 8.Bd3 Nc6
9.Rc1 Qb6 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Na4 Qa5 12.a3
Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Qxa4 14.Qe2 0-0 15.Rc3
Rac8 16.Rfcl Rxc3 17.Rxc3 Rc8 18.Bc7
Ne4 19.Bxe4 dxe4 20.Rc4 Bb5 21.Rxa4
Bxe2 22.Nxe2 Rxc7 23.Nc3 Bf6 24.Rb4
Bxc3 25.bxc3 Rxc3 26.g3 b5 27.a4 Rc4
28.Rxc4 bxc4 29.Kf1 Kf8 30.Ke2 Ke7
31.Kd2 Kd6 32.Kc3 Kc5 33.g4 g5 34.h3
e5 0-1

Mark Schwarman (2080)
John Irwin (1970)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6
5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.g3 Bg7 8.Bg2 d6
9.Nf3 0-0 10.Rb1 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nb6
12.b3 Ra7 13.Re1 Na8 14.Bb2 Nc7 15.e4
Qa8 16.h3 Rb8 17.Qc2 c4? (*Often a good
move in this opening, but not this time.*)
18.Nd4 cxb3 19.axb3 Bb7 20.Na4 Nxd5
21.exd5 Nxd5 22.Bf1 Nb4 23.Qd2 Bd5
24.Nb5 Bxb3 25.Nxa7 Bxa4 26.Bxg7 1-0

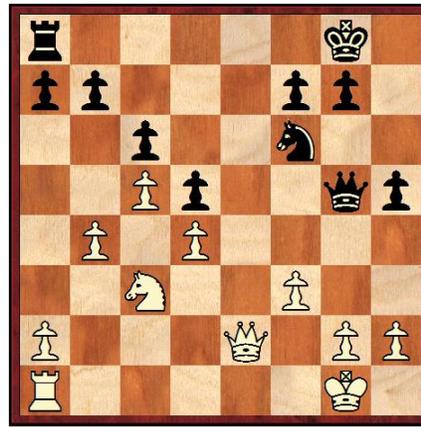
Richard Buchanan (2000)
William Barefield (1934)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Nc3
Nxc3 5.dxc3 f6 6.0-0 g6 (*I was told after
the game that William was well prepared
for this Boden-Kieseritsky Gambit.*)
7.Re1 Qe7 8.Be3 c6 9.Bb3 d6 10.Nd4
Kd8 11.Ne2 Be6 12.f4 Nd7 13.fxe5 dxe5
14.Qd2 Kc7 15.Rad1 Bg7 16.Ng3 Rhd8
17.Ne4 Bxb3 18.axb3 Qe6 19.Qf2 b6
20.c4 f5 21.Ng5 Qg8 22.c5 h6 23.Nf3
Qe8 24.b4 b5 25.Bd4 Bf6 26.Bc3 Kb7
27.Rd2 e4 28.Rxd7+ Rxd7 29.Bxf6 Qf8
30.Be5 exf3 31.Bd6 Qf7 32.Qxf3 Re8

33.Rd1 Qc4 34.c3 Qe2 (*Black's patient
defense has held off my attempts at at-
tack, and now the game is all his.*)
35.Qxe2 Rxe2 36.Rb1 Rd8 37.b3 Rde8
38.Bg3 Rd8 39.c4 bxc4 40.bxc4 Rdd2
41.b5 Rb2 42.Rd1 Rxc2+ 43.Kf1 Rgd2
44.Re1 cxb5 45.Re7+ Kc8 46.Re1 bxc4
47.c6 Rd8 48.c7 Rf8 49.Ra1 f4 50.Bf2
Rxf2+ 0-1

Ron Rossi (1830)
Alex Cacas (1819)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Bd3 c6 6.Ne2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbc3
Bg4 9.f3 Bh5 10.c5 Bg6 11.Bxg6 hxg6
12.Bg5 Nbd7 13.Re1 Re8 14.b4 Nh5
15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Ng3 Qg5 17.Nxh5
gxh5 18.Qd3 Nf6 19.Re2 Rxe2 20.Qxe2



Re8 21.Qf2 Qe3 22.Qxe3 Rxe3 23.Rc1
Rd3 24.Rc2 Rxd4 25.a3 Rc4 26.Rc1 Nd7
27.Ne2 Rxc1+ 28.Nxc1 Ne5 29.Kf2 Kf8
30.a4 Ke7 31.Ke3 Kf6 32.Ne2 Ng6 33.h3
Ne7 34.g4 hxg4 35.hxg4 Kg5 36.b5 f5
37.gxf5 Nxf5+ 38.Kd3 Kf6 39.Nf4 g5
40.Ne2 Ke5 41.Ng1 Nd4 42.b6 a6 43.Kc3
Ne6 44.Kb4 Kd4 45.Ne2+ Ke3 46.Nc3
Nf4 47.Ka5 Kd4 48.Na2 Nd3 49.Nc3
Kxc3 50.f4 (*A cute stalemate try, but...*)
50...Nc1 0-1

Andre Patin (1611)
Dennis Bolshakov (1568)

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.c3
f6 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Nh4 fxe5
9.Nxf5 exf5 10.dxe5 Bc5 11.Nd2 Ne7
12.Qh5+ g6 13.Qh6 Qd7 14.b4 Ba7
15.Qg7 0-0-0 16.Nb3 Rdf8 17.Be3 Bxe3
18.fxe3 h6 19.Nc5 Qe8 20.e6 g5 21.Nxa6
f4 22.Qd4 Kb7 23.Nc5+ Kc8 24.Nd7 Qh5
25.Qa7 Kd8 26.Qa8+ Nc8 27.Qxc6 Qh4+
28.g3 fxg3 29.Nxf8 g2+ 30.Ke2 Qc4+
31.Qxc4 (*The score sheet now says
31...dxc4, which still looks good for White*

*after 32 Rg1 Rxf8 33 Rxg2. But
31...gxh1Q 32.Rxh1 dxc4 is more likely
the way it went.*) ½-½

Alex Freeman (1634)
Dean Brown (1591)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6
5.e4 Bb7 6.Bd3 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e5 Ne4
9.Nf3 g6 10.Bh6 Qe7 11.0-0 Bxc3
12.bxc3 Qa3 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Ng5 Qe7
15.Nxe4 Qh4 16.Nf6+ Ke7 17.Qd2! Qxf6
(*18.Bg5 was a super-threat.*) 18.exf6+
Kd7 19.Rae1 Nc6 20.d5 Na5 21.Re7+
Kd6 22.Bf4+ 1-0

Omar Al-Mutlaq (1564)
Matt Lasley (1522)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ne4 (*The wild
Fajarowicz Variation, which Omar han-
dles calmly.*) 4.Nf3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Qe7 6.a3
Bxd2+ 7.Nbxd2 f5 8.exf6 Nxf6 9.g3 Nc6
10.Bg2 a5 11.b3 d6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Re1
Bg4 14.Qc2 Rae8 15.Ra2 Kh8 16.e3 Qd7
17.Qc3 Bh3 18.Bh1 b6 19.Nd4 Ng4
20.N2f3 Nce5 21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.f4 Qf7
23.Bd5 Qf6 24.Nf3 Rh5 25.Qxf6 Rxf6
26.Ng5 Rxc5 27.fxc5 Rf5 28.Bg2 Bxg2
29.Kxc5 Rxc5 30.Rae2 Rf5 31.h3 Ne5
32.Rf1 Rf6 33.Rxf6 gxf6 34.g4 Kg7
35.Kg3 Kf7 36.Rf2 h6 37.h4 Ke6 38.Rf5
c6 39.e4 Nd3 40.Rh5 Nc5 41.Rxh6 Nxb3
42.g5 b5 43.Rxf6+ Ke7 44.h5 bxc4 45.h6
c3 46.h7 c2 47.h8Q c1Q 48.Qf8+ Kd7
49.Rf7+ Ke6 50.Qe7# 1-0

Spencer Shook (1385)
Steve Endersbee (1367)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.d3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Qd2 h6 8.Bh4 0-0
9.0-0-0 a6 10.a3 b5 11.Ba2 Nd4
12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Ne2 e5 14.h3 Be6
15.Bb1 d5 16.f3 Qd6 17.Rdf1 dxe4
18.fxe4 g5 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.Qxg5+ Kh7
21.Rxf6 Bxf6 22.Qxf6 Rg8 23.Ng3 Rg6
24.Qh4+ Rh6 25.Nh5 Qd8 26.Qxd8 Rxd8
27.g4 f5 28.exf5 Bxf5 29.Rf1 Rxh5
30.gxh5 Bxh3 31.Rf6 a5 32.b4 axb4
33.axb4 Ra8 34.Kb2 Ra4 35.c3 Bg4
36.h6 dxc3+ 37.Kxc3 Ra3+ 38.Kb2 Ra4
39.Kb3 Bd1+ 40.Kc3 Ra3+ 41.Kd2 Rb3
42.Kc1 Bg4 43.d4+ (*When the buried
alive bishop returns to the game, it's sud-
denly over.*) 1-0



Games From The Colorado Springs Open (Part 2)

by Richard "Buck" Buchanan

Victor Creazzi (1323)

Barry Hepsley (1739)

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 Qxd5
5.Nc3 Qd8 6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3 Nbd7 8.Be2
c6 9.Bf4 Nb6 10.Bg3 0-0 11.0-0 Be6
12.Re1 Bh6 13.Bd3 Qc8 14.Ne4 Nh5
15.Neg5 Nxg3 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.fgx3 Nd5
18.Ne5 Be3+ 19.Kh2 Bxd4 20.c3 Bxe5
21.Rxe5 Rf6 22.Qe2 Qd7 23.Re1 Nc7
24.Bc4 Rd8 25.Bxe6+ Nxe6 26.Rxe6
Rxe6 27.Qxe6+ Qxe6 28.Rxe6 Kf7
29.Re2 e6 30.g4 Rd3 31.g3 b5 32.h4 a5
33.g5 e5 34.Kg2 Ke6 35.g4 Kd5 36.h5 b4
37.cxb4 axb4 38.Kf2 e4 39.Re3 Rd2+
40.Re2 Rxe2+ 41.Kxe2 Kd4 42.a3 (42.a4
would be more forceful.) 42...b3 43.a4
Kc4 44.Ke3 Kb4 45.Kxe4 Kxa4 46.Ke5
(46 Kd3 is better.) 46...c5 47.Kf6 c4
48.Kg7 c3 49.Kxh7 cxb2 50.Kxg6 b1Q+
51.Kh6 Qc1 52.Kh7 Qxg5 0-1

Andrew Pineda (1670)

David Hartsook (2044)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Nf3
(4.Bf4 is necessary if White wants to hang
onto the pawn.) 4...Bc5 5.e3 Nc6 6.a3 a5
7.Nc3 Ngxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Bd3 d6
10.Qe2 0-0 11.Be4 c6 12.b3 f5 13.Bf3
Be6 14.Bb2 a4! 15.Nxa4 Rxa4 16.Bxe5
dxe5 17.bxa4 e4 18.Bh5 g6 19.Bxg6
Qa5+ 20.Qd2 Qxd2+ 21.Kxd2 hxg6
22.Kc3 Ra8 23.Rhd1 Rxa4 24.Rd8+ Kf7
25.Rad1 Rxc4+ 26.Kb2 b5 27.Ra8 b4
28.a4 b3 29.Rdd8 Rc2+ 30.Kb1 Rxf2
31.a5 Ba3 32.Ra7+ Kf6 33.Rd1 Bc4
34.Rad7 Bd3+ 35.R7xd3 exd3 36.a6
Rb2+ 37.Ka1 Ra2+ 38.Kb1 d2 39.a7 Bc1
40.Rxc1 Ra1+! (A beautifully played
game by David.) 0-1

Tom Mullikin (1326)

Gregg Ford (1624)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6
5.Bc4 e6 6.Nf3 Bc5 7.Qe2 Nge7 8.Bf4
Nd4 9.Nxd4 Bxd4 10.Qd2 Nc6 11.Bd6 a6
12.0-0 Be5 13.Rad1 Bxd6 14.Qxd6 Qe7
15.Qxe7+ Kxe7 16.Rfe1 b5 17.Nd5+ Kd8
18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Nxc8 Rxc8 20.Bb3 Na5
21.Rd6 Nxb3 22.axb3 Rc6 23.e5 Ke7
24.Red1 Rxd6 25.exd6+ Kf6 26.f4 Rc8

27.Rd2 Rc5 28.g4 Rd5 29.Rxd5 exd5
30.Kf2 Ke6 31.Ke3 Kxd6 32.Kd4 f6
33.h4 Kc6 34.b4 g6 35.g5 f5 36.b3 d6
37.Kc3 Kb6 38.Kd4 a5 39.bxa5+ Kxa5
40.Kxd5 Kb4 41.Kc6 d5 42.Kxd5 Kxb3
43.Ke5 Kc4 44.h5 b4 45.hxg6 hxg6
46.Kf6 b3 47.Kxg6 b2 48.Kh6 b1Q 49.g6
Qh1+ 50.Kg5 Qd5 51.g7 Qg8 52.Kf6
Kd3 53.Kg6 Ke3 54.Kh6 Kxf4 55.Kg6
Ke3 56.Kh6 f4 57.Kg6 Qxg7+ 58.Kxg7
f3 0-1

Peter Swan (1401)

Cory Foster (1672)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5
5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2
Qa5 9.Qb3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Be3 e6
12.f4 cxd4 13.cxd4 a6 14.a4 Rd8 15.Rfd1
Qh5 16.e5 Na5 17.Qb6 Nc6 18.Ng3 Qh4
19.Ne4 Rb8 20.g3 Qe7 21.Rd2 Nb4
22.Qc5 Qxc5 23.dxc5 Nd5 24.Bd4 Bd7
25.a5 Bc6 26.Nd6 Rd7 27.Bb3 Rbd8
28.Ba4 Ne7 29.Bc2 Nf5 30.Bc3 h5
31.Re1 Bh6 32.Be4 h4 33.Bxc6 bxc6
34.Rd3 hxg3 35.hxg3 Rb8 36.Bd2 Rb2
37.Rd1 Rd8 38.Bc1 Rc2 39.Ba3 Rb8
40.Ne4 Kg7 41.Nf6 Rc4 42.Ng4

(There's surely something to be said for
42.Rd8) 42...Ra4 43.Nxh6 Nxh6 44.Kg2
Rxa5 45.Kh3 Nf5 46.g4 Rh8+ 47.Kg2
Ne7 48.Bb4 Ra4 49.Be1 Rxf4 50.Kg3
Re4 51.Rd7 Nd5 52.Ba5 Rxe5 53.Rf1
Nf6 54.Bc3 Re3+ 55.Rf3 Rxf3+ 56.Kxf3
Rh3+ 57.Kf4 Rxc3 58.g5 Nxd7 0-1

Barry Hepsley (1739)

Justin Alter (1505)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 Bb4
5.e4 0-0 6.Nge2 d6 7.a3 Ba5 8.0-0 Be6
9.d3 Nbd7 10.h3 Bxc3 11.Nxc3 Nb6
12.Be3 Rc8 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.Rfc1 Rfd8
15.b4 Qe7 16.Bxb6 axb6 17.Qe3 c5 18.b5
Ra8 19.f4 exf4 20.gxf4 Bd7 21.Rf1 Ra7
22.a4 Rda8 23.Rae1 Ne8 24.Qg3 Nc7
25.Kh1 Qf8 26.f5 Rd8 27.e5 dxe5
28.Qxe5 Ne8 29.Nd5 Qd6 30.Qxd6 Nxd6
31.f6 gxf6 32.Nxf6+ Kg7 33.Nxd7 Rxd7
34.Ra1 Ne8 35.Rg1 Kf8 36.Be4 Nf6
37.Bf5 Re7 38.Kg2 Re5 39.Rgf1 Kg7
40.Rf2 Re7 41.Kf1 Nd7 42.Bxd7 Rxd7
43.Ke2 Kg6 44.Kd2 f6 45.Kc3 Rd8 46.h4
Rda8 47.h5+ Kxh5 48.Rg2 1-0

Fred Eric Spell (1404)

Sara Herman (664)

1.d4 e5 2.d5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5
Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 6.e4 0-0 7.Nf3 Qa5
8.Bxf6 Qxc3+ 9.Nd2 gxf6 10.Bd3 d6

11.0-0 Kh8 12.Nc4 Rg8 13.Qf3 Rg6
14.h3 Na6 15.Nxd6 Bd7 16.Nxf7+ Kg8
17.Nd6 Kh8 18.g4 Rag8 19.Nf5 Bxf5
20.Qxf5 c4 21.Be2 Qxh3 22.Rfd1 h5
(22...Rxc4+ 0-1) 23.f3 hxg4 24.Kf2
Qh2+ 25.Ke3 Qf4+ 26.Qxf4 exf4+
27.Kxf4 g3 28.Rh1+ Kg7 29.Rh4 g2
30.Rg4 Rxg4+ 31.fxg4 Kf7 32.Bxc4 f5
33.d6+ Kg7 34.Bxg8 Kxg8 35.d7 ... 1-0

Cory Foster (1672)

Andre Patin (1565)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e5 6.Nb3 h6 7.a3 d6 8.Be2 Be6
9.Be3 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.f4 a6 12.f5 Bd7
13.Qe1 Qc8 14.Qg3 Kh8 15.Qh3 Kh7
16.g4 Rh8 17.g5 Ne8 18.gxh6 Kg8
19.Qg3 Rh7 20.Nd5 Bd8 21.Kh1 b5
22.Rg1 Ne7 23.Nxe7+ Bxe7 24.c3 Nf6
25.Nd2 Qb7 26.Bf3 Bc6 27.Qg2 Bf8
28.Bg5 Be7 29.Rae1 Ne8 30.hxg7 Rxg7
31.Bxe7! Rxg2 32.Rxg2+ Kh7 33.f6 d5
34.Rg4 dxe4 35.Rh4+ (or 35 Reg1)
35...Kg6 36.Nxe4 Nc7 37.h3 Ne6
38.Rg1+ Kf5 39.Nd6# 1-0

Zlatko Vasilj (1595P)

Fred Eric Spell (1404)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3
5.Qxd3 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.0-0
a6 9.a3 Nb6 10.b4 Nc4 11.Nd2 b5
12.Nxc4 bxc4 13.Qg3 g6 14.f4 Bh4
15.Qf3 h5 16.Na4 Be7 17.Nc5 Bxc5
18.bxc5 Ne7 19.Rb1 Rb8 20.Bd2 Nf5
21.c3 0-0 22.g4 hxg4 23.Qxg4 Qh4
24.Qxh4 Nxh4 25.Rb4 Rxb4 26.axb4 Rc8
27.Kf2 Rb8 28.Ra1 Rb7 29.Kg3 Nf5+
30.Kg4 Kg7 31.Kg5 Ne7 32.h4 Nf5 33.h5
gxh5 34.Kxh5 Ng3+ 35.Kg4 Ne4 36.Be1
f5+ 37.exf6+ Kxf6 38.Bh4+ Kg6 39.Rc1
Nf6+ 40.Kf3 Nh5 41.Rg1+ Kf7 42.Bg5
Nf6 43.Rh1 Kg7 44.Rh6 Rf7 45.b5 Ne4
46.Ke3 Nxg5 47.fgx5 cxb5 48.Rxe6 Rd7
49.Rd6 Rc7 50.c6 Kf8 51.g6 Ke8 52.Kf4
a5 53.Rxd5 Rxc6 54.Rxb5 Rxg6 55.Rxa5
Rc6 56.Ke5 Rc7 57.Kd5 Kd7 58.Ra4 Rc6
59.Rxc4 Rd6+ 60.Kc5 Rc6+ 61.Kb5 Rd6
62.Rc5 Ke6 63.Rh5 Kd7 64.Rh7+ Kc8
65.Kc5 Rg6 66.d5 Rg8 67.Kc6 Rg6+
68.d6 Rg8 69.c4 Rd8 70.d7+ Kb8 71.Re7
1-0



2011 Colorado Springs Open Final Standings

1	RANDY C CANNEY	2241	4.5	W	16 W	5 H	0 W	18 W	3
2	DAVID HARTSOOK	2044	4.5	D	24 W	10 W	32 W	8 W	7
3	BRIAN D WALL	2201	4.0	W	17 W	20 W	14 W	4 L	1
4	ERIC MONTANY	2085	4.0	W	29 W	23 W	19 L	3 W	14
5	ISAAC MARTINEZ	1669	4.0	W	35 L	1 W	30 W	26 W	12
6	JEFFREY J CSIMA	1964	3.5	H	0 W	24 L	12 W	31 W	20
7	M PAUL COVINGTON	1900	3.5	W	30 W	15 W	25 H	0 L	2
8	RONALD J ROSSI	1822	3.5	W	40 W	31 H	0 L	2 W	25
9	TIMOTHY MICHAEL MARTINSON	1820	3.5	W	39 L	25 W	17 W	21 D	11
10	ANDREW PINEDA	1670	3.5	D	42 L	2 W	37 W	38 W	19
11	DAVID MICHAEL WISE	1470	3.5	W	28 L	19 W	23 W	15 D	9
12	JOHN IRWIN	1990	3.0	L	32 W	42 W	6 W	16 L	5
13	RHETT LANGSETH	1815	3.0	L	34 W	43 L	31 W	36 W	32
14	BARRY L HEPSLEY	1739	3.0	W	43 W	34 L	3 W	32 L	4
15	CORY EDWARD FOSTER	1672	3.0	W	37 L	7 W	34 L	11 W	31
16	GREGG J FORD	1624	3.0	L	1 W	45 W	46 L	12 W	30
17	KATHERINE ELIZABETH WISE	1588	3.0	L	3 W	36 L	9 W	43 W	33
18	WILLIAM SEAN SCOTT	1949	2.5	W	26 W	22 H	0 L	1 U	0
19	ANTHEA J CARSON	1800	2.5	W	45 W	11 L	4 D	25 L	10
20	MICHAEL STUART FILPPU	1720	2.5	W	36 L	3 W	33 H	0 L	6
21	GARY BAGSTAD	1728	2.5	W	44 W	46 H	0 L	9 U	0
22	ROBERT ROUNTREE	1669	2.5	W	47 L	18 H	0 W	24 U	0
23	DRAGAN PLAKALOVIC	1688	2.5	W	41 L	4 L	11 W	45 D	26
24	ZLATKO VASILJ	1595P	2.5	D	2 L	6 W	42 L	22 W	40
25	JAMES POWERS	1588	2.5	W	48 W	9 L	7 D	19 L	8
26	DEAN W BROWN	1562	2.5	L	18 W	47 W	28 L	5 D	23
27	ALEX CACAS	1840	2.0	W	33 L	32 H	0 D	29 U	0
28	JEFFREY BAFFO	1820	2.0	L	11 W	39 L	26 W	44 U	0
29	JOSEPH T FROMME	1650	2.0	L	4 D	44 W	35 D	27 U	0
30	ALEXANDER L FREEMAN	1657	2.0	L	7 W	48 L	5 W	34 L	16
31	ANDRE L PATIN	1565	2.0	W	38 L	8 W	13 L	6 L	15
32	JUSTIN ALTER	1505	2.0	W	12 W	27 L	2 L	14 L	13
33	JOSEPH E DAVISON	1533	2.0	L	27 W	41 L	20 W	46 L	17
34	PETER LEE SWAN	1401	2.0	W	13 L	14 L	15 L	30 W	44
35	DON WAYNE AUSTIN	1396	2.0	L	5 H	0 L	29 W	48 D	39
36	TIKILA L NICHOLS	1303	2.0	L	20 L	17 W	39 L	13 W	45
37	SARA HERMAN	664	2.0	L	15 B	0 L	10 L	40 W	46
38	DUWAYNE LANGSETH	1928	1.5	L	31 W	40 H	0 L	10 U	0
39	JIRI F KOVATS	1424	1.5	L	9 L	28 L	36 W	42 D	35
40	FRED ERIC SPELL	1404	1.5	L	8 L	38 H	0 W	37 L	24
41	DANIEL HERMAN	1166	1.5	L	23 L	33 L	43 D	47 W	48
42	KATHY A SCHNEIDER	887	1.5	D	10 L	12 L	24 L	39 B	0
43	VICTOR CREAZZI	1323	1.0	L	14 L	13 W	41 L	17 U	0
44	JOHN A HUDETZ	1318	1.0	L	21 D	29 H	0 L	28 L	34
45	THOMAS LEE MULLIKIN	1326	1.0	L	19 L	16 W	47 L	23 L	36
46	BRAYDEN MAKAI NORMAN	705P	1.0	B	0 L	21 L	16 L	33 L	37
47	DANIEL T KLOEPFER	1264	0.5	L	22 L	26 L	45 D	41 U	0
48	HOLLIS E HUDETZ	UNR	0.5	L	25 L	30 H	0 L	35 L	41

2010-2011 Colorado Tour Top Ten Standings as of July 1, 2011

Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Brian Wall	2206	312.97	38
2	Brad Lundstrom	1954	312.65	48
3	Dean Brown	1547	306.58	101
4	Eric Montany	2094	303.74	30
5	Julian Evans	1993	297.46	59
6	Isaac Martinez	1710	292.20	52
7	Randy Canney	2233	276.97	14
8	Zachary Bekkedahl	1960	262.30	25
9	Barry Hepsley	1750	258.31	41
10	Anthea Carson	1749	257.52	40

Expert

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Eric Montany	2094	303.74	30
2	Richard Buchanan	2000	229.67	28
3	David Hartsook	2050	197.61	15
4	Robert Ramirez	2062	100.20	12
5	Kevin Seidler	2028	94.49	5
6	Mark Schwarman	2080	92.39	4
7	Matthew Campbell	2026	53.99	3
8	Nino Neilson	2050	39.48	5
9	Timothy Duesing	2099	31.49	4
10	Andrew Rea	2090	29.26	5

Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Isaac Martinez	1710	292.20	52
2	Barry Hepsley	1750	258.31	41
3	Anthea Carson	1749	257.52	40
4	Ronald Rossi	1734	225.77	25
5	Nabil Spann	1722	153.73	18
6	Jose Llacza	1703	135.31	24
7	Alexander Yu	1726	134.85	24
8	Robert Rountree	1665	132.86	33
9	Joe Fromme	1631	125.23	21
10	Pierre Julien	1780	122.87	32

Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Archie Shipp	1342	74.76	17
2	Timofei Bolshakov	1229	68.02	17
3	Tom Mullikin	1342	67.02	31
4	Don Austin	1383	63.80	16
5	Peter Swan	1333	59.71	23
6	Spencer Shook	1322	41.28	9
7	Artem Bolshakov	1288	38.27	9
8	Tikila Nichols	1331	37.57	13
9	Steven Mechels	1266	37.43	9
10	Steven Endersbee	1353	37.09	12

Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	929	143.82	105
2	Dean Brown	1547	306.58	101
3	Alexander Freeman	1581	215.58	67
4	Jerry Maier	1456	130.72	61
5	Julian Evans	1993	297.46	59
6	Cory Foster	1591	229.86	53
7	Isaac Martinez	1710	292.20	52
8	Brad Lundstrom	1954	312.65	48
9	Kevin Lucas	1525	139.86	47
10	Barry Hepsley	1750	258.31	41

Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Brad Lundstrom	1954	312.65	48
2	Julian Evans	1993	297.46	59
3	Zachary Bekkedahl	1960	262.30	25
4	Jeffrey Csima	1904	232.62	29
5	Joshua Samuel	1988	206.08	29
6	Paul Covington	1901	193.95	12
7	Ted Doykos	1835	177.58	17
8	Joshua Jex	1962	149.17	10
9	William Scott	1947	137.20	18
10	Avinaya Subedi	1941	135.39	14

Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean Brown	1547	306.58	101
2	Cory Foster	1591	229.86	53
3	Alexander Freeman	1581	215.58	67
4	Lee Lahti	1569	168.37	31
5	Alexa Lasley	1531	150.91	28
6	Kevin Lucas	1525	139.86	47
7	Jerry Maier	1456	130.72	61
8	Peter Cannici	1521	125.65	13
9	Joe Ford	1561	107.99	5
10	Justin Alter	1502	86.57	18

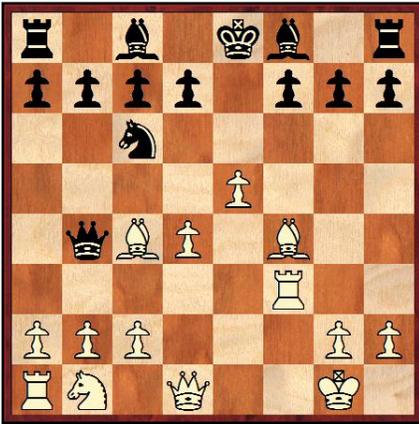
Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	929	143.82	105
2	Victor Creazzi	1198	80.87	25
3	Sara Herman	712	48.90	12
4	Daniel Herman	985	48.09	14
5	Robert Hartelt	1104	44.47	20
6	Felix Yu	948	39.32	12
7	Gary Crites	1153	38.32	9
8	Erik Csima	762	33.41	29
9	Brayden Norman	723	29.62	13
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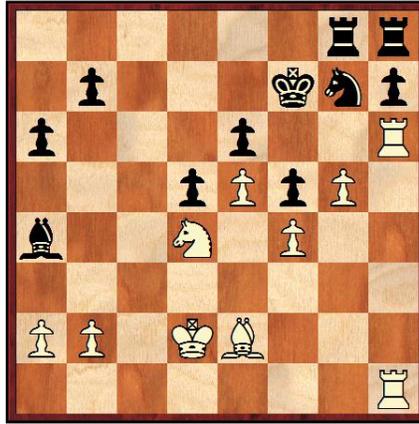
Tactics Time!

by Tim Brennan

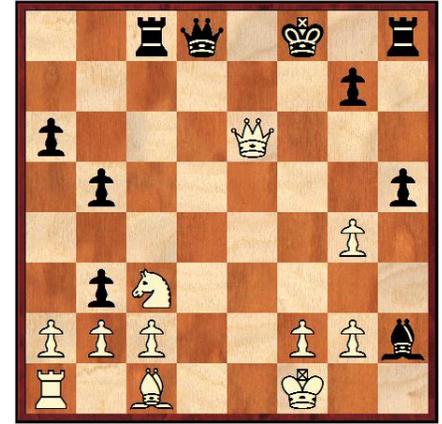
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following, from games played by Colorado players. Answers are on page 27.



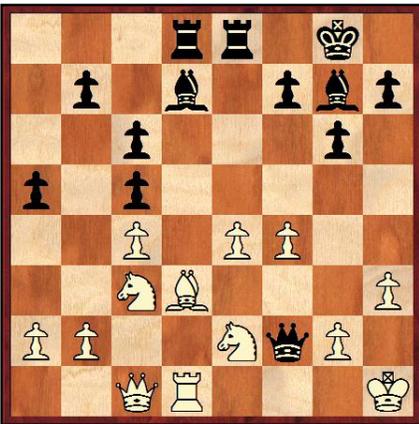
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Pueblo Open / 2011
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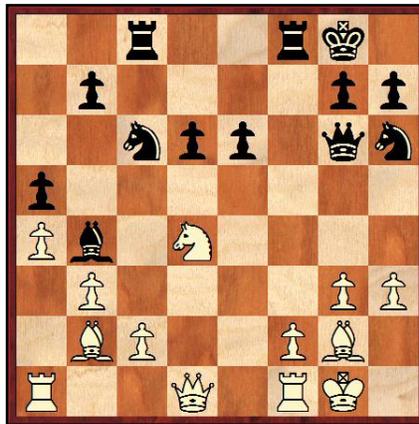
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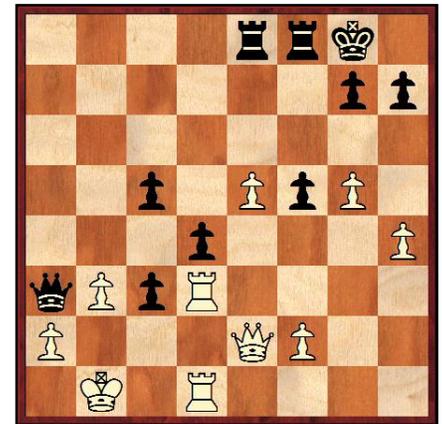
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Denver Chess Club / 2011
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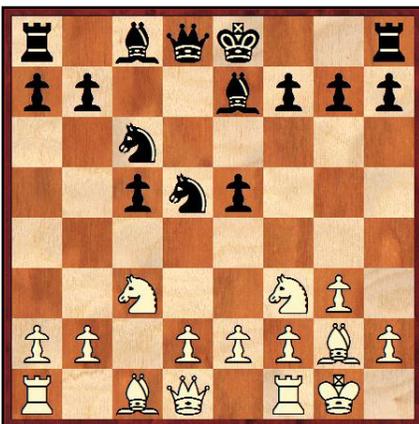
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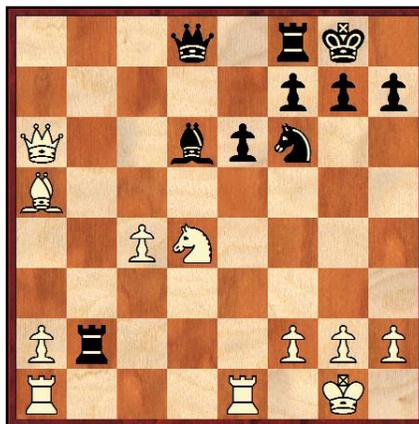
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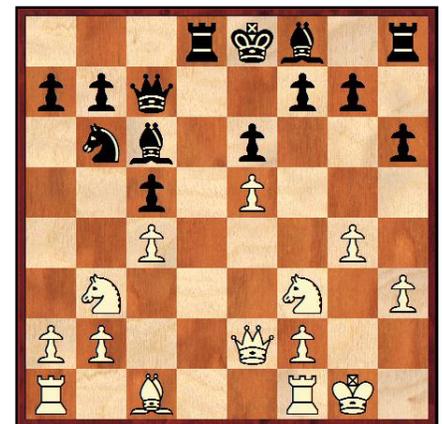
6. Damian Nash - Randy Canney
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 Black to Move



7. A. Telinbacco - J. Irwin
Colorado Class / 2011
 White to Move



8. Fred Spell - Ken MacRae
East Coast Deli, May / 2011
 Black to Move



9. Rhett Langseth - Daniel Zhou
Scholastic Closed / 2011
 White to Move

Promoting A Pawn

by NM Todd Bardwick

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Since bringing the queen back to life is one of the main goals in the endgame, promoting a pawn is a skill that every chess player needs to learn to master. Let's take a look at several examples of how to chase away your opponent's pieces to clear the path for the pawn to promote.

In this game that took place in Gstaad, Switzerland in 1973, White skillfully sacrifices several pieces to clear the path to promotion.

Carlo Micheli



Raymond Keene

Position after 27...Re6

Although White's pawn on e7 is only one square away from promoting, it appears to be going nowhere as it is surrounded by Black's pieces.

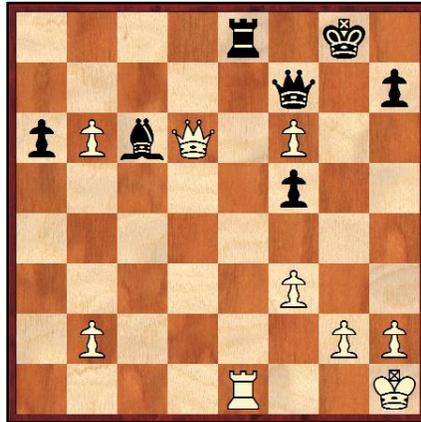
White plays **28.Rxc7! Nxc7 29.Qxe6!** Black's knight is overworked, protecting both his rook and defending the promotion square.

29...Nxe6 30.e8=Q Nd4 31.Bd5 Black Resigns.

White is threatening **32.Qg8 mate** and if **31...g5 32.Be4+ Nf5 33.Bxf5 mate.**

In this position from Yerevan, Armenia in 2006. White has two dangerous passed pawns. Can you figure out how he deflected away the defenders?

Eesha Karavade



Yang Shen

Position after 31...Re8

White played **32.Qg3+ Kf8 33.Qg7+** **Black Resigns.**

If Black plays **33...Qxg7**, White can play **34.fxg7+Kxg7 35.Rxe8 Bxe8 36.b7** and the pawn promotes because the bishop has been deflected away from c6 where it protects the critical b7 square.

Here is a cool example from Bad Neuenahr, Germany, in 1957, where White sacrifices both his pieces and overpowers Black's rook with three(!) passed pawns.

Georg Hodakowsky



Paul Troeger

Position after 41...Kg6

“...promoting a pawn is a skill that every chess player needs to learn to master.”

White achieves victory by playing two sacrifices: **42.Rxd5! exd5 43.Nxa7! Rxa7.**

White's queenside pawns are mobile and are planning to march up the board together as one big happy family as Black's poor rook is overmatched.

The game continued, **44.b6 Rb7 45.b5 Black Resigns.**

White threatens **46.a6 Rxb6 47.a7** and Black can't stop White's pawn from promoting on a8.

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Striking The Colors

by Jeffrey Baffo

Jeffrey Baffo (2310)
Klaus Johnson (1784)

Colorado Correspondence (Web Server)
Championship Final 2010/2011

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 e6 Both players have reason to be happy here, as the French figures prominently (albeit on opposite sides) in both our repertoires.

3.d4 Bb4 The Winawer! Still the source of multiple raging debates in myriad lines despite nine plus decades (Nimzowitsch began playing it in the 1920's) of efforts in theory works and tournament praxis.

4.e5 Ne7 5.Qg4 The French is so annoyingly solid! If the first player has any intentions of playing for the full point when facing this debut, he or she must always be always on the lookout for innovations. We must try and get Black out of his comfort zone. This is one such attempt which I found in Watson's excellent "*Dangerous Weapons**" book on the French.

5...c5 6.dxc5!?! Rarely seen in practice and very underrated in theoretical sources.

6...Bxc3+ Ng6, 0-0, Qa5, and Nd7 are all decent moves here. Usually at this point most Francophiles are in a mild to moderate state of discomfort, and usually respond with somewhat of a startled reaction. To be fair, it's not bad at all. Training and experience says White simply does not jettison his d4 bulwark so easily. Tripling the c-pawns seems solid and is very in-character for this opening. Interestingly, in my experience, if Black ever does see this line again, most Black players do NOT choose the text again.

7.bxc3 0-0?!? Watson says this "...may already be categorized as a mistake..." I wouldn't be that harsh, but it certainly does give White a fixed target.

8.Bd3 Nd7 9.Nf3 f5 All Frenchies know that aggressive use of the f-pawn (either f6 or f5) is almost mandatory, so Black's move here is firmly grounded in time-tested Chess wisdom. Even Watson says it's Black's best option. However, this reaction also has it's down side, mainly weakening of the light squares for Black

in and around e6. This is not a responsibility Black can take lightly as the further course to this game resoundingly confirms.

10.exf6 Nxf6 11.Qh4 Qc7 11...Nc6 is an important alternative and resulted in a draw in the only game I can find in my data bases.

12.0-0 Qxc5 13.a4 I wanted to get away from theory (Watson likes 13.Be3 here and says the situation will eventually resolve into a queenless middlegame favoring White) here and had to trust my judgment that my move was not a positional blunder. As it turns out, it's not too shabby. White's unopposed dark squared Bishop now has opportunities on two important diagonals, increasing Black's defensive burden.

13...Qc7 Black's ancient problem of getting the c8 Bishop into the game is causing a cascade effect; problem piece causes bad development causes sensitive back rank. ("For want of a nail...") But it's hard to suggest good ways for Black to untangle here. As usual Fritz has a bizarre-looking-but-effective idea which I'd expect humans would have a hard time spotting; 13..b6!/? Trying to use my carbon-based processor to understand the intentions of Fritz's silicon based engine, I assume that this would be played not to fianchetto Black's bishop (e6 still needs protection) but rather to allow the Black queen some elbow room on the 2nd rank, so that White's Bf4 is no longer a strong threat (as it would be after say 14...h6 15. Bf4! Qxc3 15.Bd6! with a strong attack) for instance, after 15.Ba3 Re8 16.Re3 h6 17.Rae1 Bd7 Black is fully in this game.

14.Re1 As Nimzovitch taught us, lack of a pawn presence in the center is no problem...IF however you have sufficient piece control of the key squares. Here is a good example, if White dallies, say with 14.Ba3?! Re8 15.Rad1? e5! Black has equalized or better. Part of White's goals in the French must be preventative; Black's pawn center must not be allowed to become a steamroller.

14...Nf5 There are "Greek Gift" ideas floating around here, making straight forward development awkward if not down-right hazardous, for instance; 14... Bd7? 15.Ba3 Rfe8 16.Bxe7 Rxe7 17.Bxh7+! and Black either parts with his

rook (17...Nxb7 18.Qxe7) or allows White's knight and queen to converge on the Black king.

15.Bxf5 exf5 16.Ba3 Re8 17.Rxe8+ Nxe8 18.Qb4 Qf7 19.Ng5 Qf6 20.Qc5 Nc7? Black has skillfully simplified the position but now stumbles. What a shame as he is very close to achieving a solid and defensible position. A slight tweaking of Black's move order seems to yield decent drawing chances, to wit; 20...h6! This pawn sacrifice with check actually gains time for Black and allows him to fight on (albeit with nagging deficiencies) certainly very much alive! For example; 21.Qxd5+ Kh8 22.Re1 Nc7! 23.Nf7+ Kh7 and Black can set White very hard problems.

21.Qxc7 Qxg5 22.Re1 1-0! Somewhat surprising. Black's position is not ideal, but (at least visually) doesn't seem as if it should be lost! Analysis proves Black's decision is in no way premature; If this were a WWII naval battle, Black would have a Battleship, a Cruiser and two Destroyers sitting at anchor in their home port while the rest of the ships try to fight on against a full Armada. In effect, Black's queen is fighting single handed against six "enemy ships", i.e. three White pieces and three supporting pawns. Black's end would come after something like 22...h5 23.Re8+ Kh7 24.g3! and Black can't save everything; his queen is at risk, his king is under threat and his "fleet-at-anchor" is ripe for destruction. Black is powerless to prevent White's principle threat: to simply capture twice on c8. All that, convinced Klaus to strike his colors here.

*(John Watson, 2007, *Everyman Chess*, ISBN 185744353)



"HMS Iphigenia striking her colours at the Battle of Grand Port"

by Pierre Julien Gilbert

Shipp's Log

by Archie Shipp

The following games are both from the 2011 Colorado Class Championships. Even though I won Class D with a perfect score, I really wasn't *On Course* the whole time. As you will see in the 3rd round game against Timofe, I played horribly in the opening but managed to grind it out through some terribly rough, but self-inflicted waters. In the 4th round, I held course by playing ultra-safe against Don.

Timofe Bolshakov (1368)
Archie Shipp (1383)

Colorado Class Championships
Manitou Springs (Round 3)
March 27, 2011

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Qf3 Bg4?? While it is part of the Scandinavian for Black to bring out the queen early, it isn't a normal White move. I completely ignored the threat it was making, came down with a case of diagonal blindness, and figured I would just develop with a threat. Bad idea! Houdini (score 7.05 at depth 14) thinks this is a blunder and either c6 or even Nc6, which is normally not a good idea for black when his queen is on a5, are both much better!

6.Qxb7 c6 7.d3 Qb6 At this point, I'm thinking that if he trades queens, I'm only down a pawn. If not, perhaps I can trap his queen.

8.Qxa8 Bc8 9.Na4 Qc7 10.Be3 e6 I spent a lot of time here, when I realizes that one way or another, his lady would escape. The best thing for me to do was just develop and castle. What follows is actually a comedy of errors for both players, according to the computer.

11.Bxa7? Houdini (score 6.61 at depth 15) thinks this is not the quickest way to win. [Houdini suggests: 11.Qxa7 Bb7 12.Qb6 Qc8 13.Nc5 Bxc5 14.Qxc5]

11...Qa5+? Houdini (score 8.10 at depth 15) thinks this move loses more quickly [Houdini suggests: 11...Nfd7 12.c3 Bd6 13.Bxb8 Nxb8 14.b4 0-0]

12.Nc3?? Houdini (score 4.77 at depth 15) thinks this is a blunder [Houdini sug-

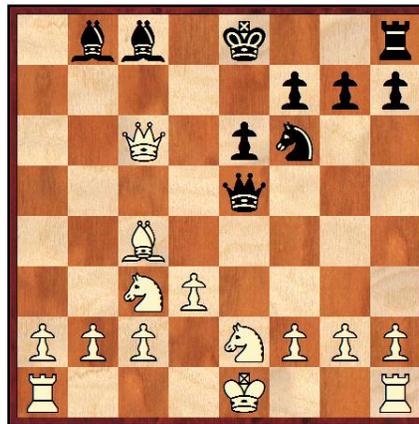
gests: 12.c3 Bd6 13.Nb6 Bd7 14.Bxb8 Qe5+ 15.Kf1]

12...Qe5+?? Houdini (score 7.82 at depth 16) thinks a good move has been missed [Houdini suggests: 12...Nfd7 13.Nge2+- (score 4.77 at depth 15)]

13.Nge2 Bd6 Believe it or not, this is a position I was playing for during the last several moves.

14.Bxb8? Houdini (score 7.27 at depth 15) thinks this is not the quickest way to win [Houdini suggests: 14.Bd4 Qf5 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Ne4 Qe7 17.Nxd6+ Qxd6 18.Qa3]

14...Bxb8 15.Qxc6+ I am now down a rook and three pawns, and we're only on move 15! If I were smart, I'd have resigned, gone back to the hotel with my wife, and soaked my wounds in the hot tub.



15...Bd7 16.Qf3 0-0 I'm finally castled and semi-safe, but I'm missing a queenside. My wife walked through about here and gave me a look like "What in the world did you do!"

17.0-0 Rc8 18.h4 Bc6 19.Qe3 Qf5? Houdini (score 9.18 at depth 14) thinks this move loses more quickly, but its suggestion is similar in strategy to the positions I reach later. [Houdini suggests: 19...Qa5 20.Nd4 Bd7]

20.Ng3? Houdini (score 6.69 at depth 14) thinks this is not the quickest way to win [Houdini suggests: 20.Nd4 Qc5 21.Nxe6 Qd6 22.Ng5 Rf8 23.Nxf7 Rxf7 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7]

20...Qg4 21.Nce2 Bxg2 Stole back one pawn.

22.Rh2 Nd5 23.Bxd5 Bxd5 24.b3 Qb4 25.Kb1 Bd6 26.Qd4 Qa3 27.h5?? Hou-

dini (score 3.49 at depth 13) thinks this is a blunder [Houdini suggests: 27.Nh5 f6 28.Qg4 Qa7 29.Nxf6+ Kh8 30.Nxd5 Bxh2 31.Qxe6 Rf8 32.a4]

27...Ra8?? Houdini (score 7.09 at depth 12) thinks a good move has been missed [Houdini suggests: 27...Rxc2 28.Kxc2+- (score 3.49 at depth 13)]

28.Qb2 Now Timofe wants to trade...

28...Qa5 but I really don't anymore.

29.a4 Houdini didn't like this line, and during the game, I kept thinking of ways I could use it and b3 as part of a pin.

29...Bf3 30.Rg1 Be5 31.d4 Bf6 Dual purpose place for the bishop...defense and discovered attack on the queen.

32.h6 g6 33.Nf4 Now I can create some targets again.

33...Qd2 34.Ngh5 Bxd4 35.Qc1?? Houdini (score -13.57 at depth 14) thinks this is a blunder [Houdini suggests: 35.c3 Be4+ 36.Ka2 Qxc3 37.Qxc3 Bxc3]. The chess engines list 35.Qc1?? as the huge turning point in the game, but I think if Timofe would have just castled kingside and pushed his queenside pawns, there isn't a whole lot I could have done about it.

35...Qc3?? Houdini (score 0.00 at depth 16) thinks a good move has been missed [Houdini suggests: 35...Rxa4+- (score -13.57 at depth 14)]

36.Qa3?? This offers a mate in 6 to the opponent [Houdini suggests: 36.Ka2 Rxa4+ 37.bxa4 Qc4+ 38.Ka3 Qc3+ 39.Ka2 Qc4+= (score 0.00 at depth 16)]

36...Rxa4 I think I was shaking as I made this move. I knew I'd just come back from the brink to win from a completely lost position.

37.Nf6+ Timofe starts throwing everything he has at me in case I make a mistake.

37...Bxf6 38.Rxg6+ fxxg6 39.Nxg6 Rxa3 [Mate in 2 missed 39...Qe1+ 40.Ka2 Qa1# or 39...Qa1+ 40.Qxa1 Rxa1# I have to admit that these are prettier mates than what I found.]

40.Ne7+ Kf7 41.Kc1 Ra1# 0-1 Before I conclude, this was a highly charged game for both Timofe and myself, and I would like to extend apologies to those players that were near us as we finished.

Archie Shipp (1383)
Don Austin (1396)

Colorado Class Championships
 Manitou Springs (Round 4)
 March 28, 2011

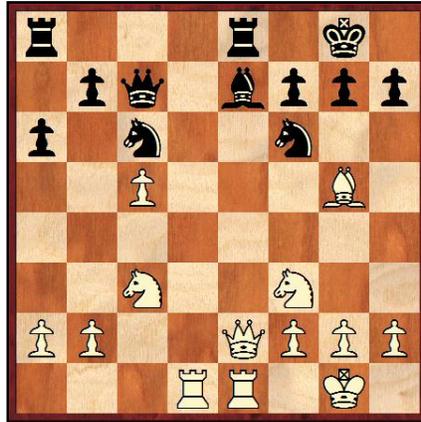
1.c4 I'd never played Don before, although I've seen him at a number of tournaments. I was about as calm as I've ever been going into a money round. I was a full point ahead of the field and would win or share first place, regardless of the outcome.

1...e6 2.e4 Lately, I've been getting myself in trouble by not getting my e-pawn out quick enough.

2...c5 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.cxd5 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Qd8 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Re1+ Be7 10.Qe2 Bxb5 11.Qxb5+ Qd7 12.d4 Nc6? Houdini (score 3.84 at depth 13) thinks this is not a good move [Houdini suggests: 12...cxd4 13.Nxd4+– (score 1.26 at depth 12)]

13.dxc5? Houdini (score 1.31 at depth 15) thinks a good move has been missed [Houdini suggests: 13.d5 0-0 14.dxc6 bxc6 15.Qc4 (score 3.84)]

13...0-0 14.Bg5 a6 15.Qe2 Rfe8 16.Rad1 Qc7?? Houdini (score 4.38 at depth 13) thinks this is a blunder [Houdini suggests: 16...Bxc5 17.Rxd7 Rxe2 18.Bxf6 Bxf2+ 19.Kf1 Rxe1+ 20.Nxe1 Bxe1 21.Kxe1 gxf6 22.Rxb7]



17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nd5 Qb8? Houdini (score 7.11 at depth 12) thinks this is not a good move [Houdini suggests: 18...Qc8 19.b4+– (score 4.66 at depth 13)]

19.Nxe7+?? Houdini (score 1.69 at depth 14) thinks this is a blunder [Houdini suggests: 19.Nd4 Qe5 20.Nxc6 Qxe2 21.Rxe2 bxc6 22.Nxe7+ Kg7]

19...Rxe7 20.Qc4 Rxe1+ 21.Rxe1 Qf8 22.Qg4+ Qg7 23.Qd7 Rd8 Houdini suggests Rb8, but I'm still going to play...

24.Re8+?? Even though Houdini (score 1.24 at depth 15) now thinks a good move has been missed [Houdini suggests: 24.Qxb7+– (score 4.40 at depth 14)]

24...Rxe8 25.Qxe8+ Qf8 26.Qxf8+ Kxf8 I'm up a pawn on the queenside and Don's Kingside pawns are disconnected.

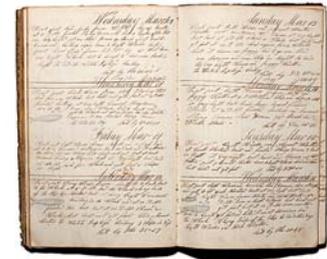
27.Kf1 Ne5 28.Nxe5 I've just eliminated the last true threat.

28...fxe5 29.b4 Ke2 was best, but it wasn't a game maker.

29...Ke7 30.Ke2 Ke6 31.Ke3 Kd5 32.Kd3 Here Don did something I've never had happen during a game...he checked the clock and took about a ten minute smoke break. I'm not sure I've ever played anyone more relaxed than he seemed at that moment. Quite the contrast from my third round game.

32...h5 33.f3 a5 34.a3 f5 35.g3 axb4 36.axb4 e4+? [Houdini suggests: 36...f4 37.gxf4+– (score 3.78 at depth 20)]

37.fxe4+ fxe4+ 38.Ke3 Kc4 39.Kxe4 Kxb4 40.Kd5 Kb5 41.h3 1-0 Don couldn't stop the promotion and resigned. I've been on the top board in several of tournaments I've played in the last year, but I'd finally closed the deal and won a section!



Dispute Policy for the Colorado State Chess Association

(Revised June 20, 2011)

The following text outlines the policy should a dispute arise in Colorado involving chess or chess players. This policy is general in nature and is designed to allow the Board of Directors maximum freedom to use good judgment and common sense to solve problems with the aim being to promote problem free chess in Colorado.

These guidelines should prevent minor differences from growing into major problems.

1. Should two persons have a disagreement, they should talk in an honest attempt to resolve their differences.
2. The nature of the problem is important. The Board will not get involved in a dispute which falls under the rules set by the USCF. (Example: a pairing dispute).
3. The Board will not make any decision before both parties have had an opportunity to support their point of view.
4. The Board may appoint a committee to investigate should that become necessary.
5. After the information gathering phase, the Board will decide how to handle a particular problem and the CSCA President or their representative will report the Board's decision.

The persons having the dispute are expected to accept the decision of the Board.

The purpose of this policy is to establish a method to solve disputes. Publishing this information tells everyone the CSCA Board will follow this policy to settle any dispute.

Clarification for this procedure is available from any member of the board.

Selected Games: Spring Is Sprung Open April 2, 2011

by Jerry Maier

The Daily Grind recently made a modest expansion after having purchased the building next to them. They were gracious enough to let us try the space out first. It was a snug environment and we had players spilling out into the regular café. However, the additional space was appreciated and all found room for their elbows; players and patrons alike.

It was a great surprise and thrill to have Brian Wall and Brad Lundstrom swing down from parts north. Also joining us were the Csimas, although father Jeffrey was only an observer. Julian Evans making his usual trek. There were the regular players from Colorado Springs and Pueblo, and the journey from Cotopaxi was made by Robert Rountree, sans Russ Stark. It was yet another event providing a chess fix for those who need it.

All told, we had 16 players for this 5 round, Game in 30 with a 5 second delay event. Julian Evans continued his winning streak, taking clear 1st and the accompanying \$50 cash prize and a chess set. The U2000/U1700 cash prizes were summed and divided by Brad Lundstrom and Dragan Plakalovic; each player received \$41 with Brad getting the U2000 chess set and Dragan getting the U1700 chess set. The U1600 cash prize of \$32 as well as the U1600 chess set went to Tom Mullikin. The U1200/Unrated cash prize was split by Kathy Schneider and Liz Wood, with Kathy winning that section's chess set on tie-breakers. Our continued thanks are extended to the *Pueblo Chess Club* for the generous donation of chess sets. Selected games follow. Enjoy!

Liz Wood (1097)

Brent Skipper (Unrated)

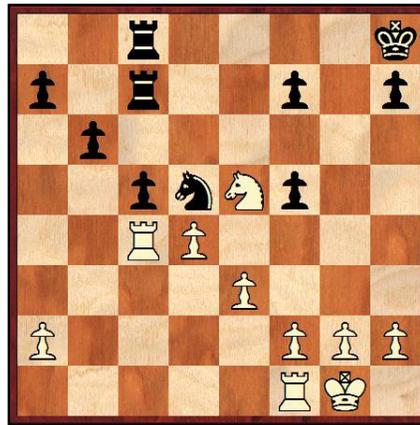
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24.Rae1 Bf5 25.Qg8+ Kd7 26.Bd1 Rxc8 0-1

Julian Evans (2024)

Brian Wall (2201)

1.d4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 d5 4.e3 Bd6 5.Bg3 Nf6 6.c4 0-0 7.Nc3 b6 8.Be2 Ba6 9.cxd5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 exd5 11.Bh4 Bb4 12.Qb5 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 Qd6 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.c4 dxc4 16.Qxc4 Ne7 17.Rc1 c6 18.Nd2 Rac8 19.0-0 Rc7 20.Qe2 Kh8 21.Qf3 f5 22.Nc4 Qe6 23.Qf4 Nd5 24.Qe5+ Qxe5 25.Nxe5 Rfc8 26.Rc4 c5



27.dxc5 Rxc5 28.Rxc5 Rxc5 29.Nxf7+ Kg7 30.Nd6 Kg6 31.e4 fxe4 32.Nxe4 Ra5 33.Ra1 Ra3 34.g3 Nb4 35.Rb1 Nxa2 36.f4 Nc3 37.Nxc3 Rxc3 38.Ra1 a5 39.Rb1 Rc6 40.Kg2 Kf5 41.Re1 Re6 42.Rb1 Ke4 43.h4 h5 44.Rb5 Kd4 45.Rxh5 a4 46.Rh8 Kc5 47.Ra8 b5 48.Rb8 Kc4 49.f5 Ra6 50.Rc8+ Kb3 51.g4 a3 52.g5 Kb2 53.Re8 a2 54.Re1 a1Q 55.Rxa1 Kxa1 56.g6 b4 57.g7 Ra8 58.f6 b3 59.f7 Ra2+ 60.Kh3 b2 61.g8Q Ra3+ 62.Kh2 b1Q 63.Qg7+ Ka2 64.f8Q Rb3 65.Qa8+ Ra3 66.Qgg2+ Kb3 67.Qab7+ 1-0

Dragan Plakalovic (1688)

Kevin Lucas (1488)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Qf6 5.Be3 Bc5 6.c3 Nge7 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.Nxc6 Qxc6 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Bxc5 Qxc5 12.Bf3 Be6 13.Nd2 c6 14.Nb3 Qb6 15.Re1 Rad8 16.Qc2 Nf6 17.Nd4 Bd5 18.b3 Bxf3 19.Nxf3 h6 20.h3 Rfe8 21.Rxe8+ Rxe8 22.Rd1 Rd8 23.Re1 Re8 24.Rxe8+ Nxe8 25.Qe4 Qd8 26.Nd4 Nf6 27.Qf3 Qd5 28.Qf4 Qd8 29.Kh2 Nd5 30.Qf3 Qf6 31.Qxf6 Nxf6 32.c4 Ne4 33.f3 Nc3 34.a4 a6 ½-½

Brad Lundstrom (1958)

Julian Evans (2024)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Ne5 0-0 8.e3 Re8 9.Bd3 Qc7 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Nxd7 Bxd7 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.Qf3 Ng4 14.Qg3 Qxg3 15.hxg3 Re7 16.Ne2 Rae8 17.Rab1 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Rxe3 19.Nf4 Bg4 20.Bc2 g5 21.Nd3 Be2 22.Ne5 Bxf1 23.Rxf1 Re2 24.Rf2 Rxf2 25.Kxf2 f6 26.Ng4 Kg7 27.Bxh7 Rh8 28.Bf5 Rh1 29.Ne3 Ra1 30.a3 Kf7 31.Ke2 Ke7 32.Kd2 Rg1 33.Bc8 b6 34.Bh3 Rb1 35.Kc2 Re1 36.Nf5+ Kd8 37.a4 a5 38.Kd2 ½-½

Kevin Lucas (1488)

Jerry Maier (1524)

1.d4 b6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 f6 4.e3 Nc6 5.exf6 Nxf6 6.Nf3 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 a5 8.a3 Be7 9.Bd3 Ba6 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 d5 12.cxd5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Qxd5 14.Bc3 Qh5 15.Qc4+ Qd5 16.Qxd5+ Nxd5 17.Nd4 Nxc3 18.Nxc3 Ne5 19.Ne6 Rf6 20.Nxc7 Nf3+ 21.gxf3 Rg6+ 22.Kh1 Rf8 23.f4 Rf5 24.Rg1 Rh6 25.N3d5 Kf7 26.Nxe7 Kxe7 27.Rad1 Rfh5 28.Rxg7+ Kf6 29.Rg2 Kf7 30.Rd5 Rh3 ... 1-0

Liz Wood (1097)

Kathy Schneider (887)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 f6 4.Bc4 Nxd4 5.Nxd4 exd4 6.Qxd4 c5 7.Qd5 Qe7 8.0-0 d6 9.Re1 Be6 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Qxb7 Rd8 12.Nc3 Bxb5 13.Qxb5+ Qd7 14.Bf4 Qxb5 15.Nxb5 Be7 16.Nxa7 g5 17.Bg3 h5 18.Nc6 Rd7 19.Nxe7 Nxe7 20.c4 h4 21.e5 hxg3 22.h3 gxf2+ 23.Kxf2 fxe5 24.Rad1 Rf8+ 25.Kg1 Ng6 26.g3 Ke7 27.b3 Ke6 28.Kg2 Ne7 29.g4 Ng6 30.Kg3 Rf4 31.Re3 Rdf7 32.Red3 Rd4 33.Rxd4 cxd4 34.Rd3 Nf4 35.Rf3 d3 36.a4 d2 37.Rf1 Ne2+ 38.Kg2 Rxf1 39.Kxf1 ... 0-1



Selected Games: The Daffy Down Dil-ly Open May 7, 2011

by Jerry Maier

CAR SHOW! At least the main access to the tournament site wasn't blocked this year by rows and rows of vintage muscle cars. However, some of the parking areas were unavailable as the roads that were blocked were one block west. Some of the players took in the additional sights in between rounds.

In addition to the normal supplemental prizes of chess sets, the *Pueblo Chess Club* brought in chess books. The books, from the collection of Warren Barter, were free to those in attendance. Most of the players left with additional reading material.

I was forced to do much of the onsite printing old school style as my printer just would not cooperate. Nothing more frustrating than having your printer refuse to do its job as you are trying to get the pairings done! At least it was only the printer and not the entire computer. I was able to fix it at home, but during the event, it was my red sharpie that saved the day!

We had 12 players for this 4 round, Game in 40 with a 5 second delay event. Isaac Martinez had a draw against Julian Evans in the final round and beat him overall in the standings, thus denying him his usual gas money. For his efforts, Isaac took clear 1st and was awarded \$22. The U1800 and U1700 cash prizes were summed and split so that \$19.50 went to Anthea Carson and Dean Brown. The U1400 cash prize of \$16 went to Liz Wood.

There were 5 chess sets which were prizes at this event. Due to the disparity between the playing strengths of the upper level and lower level players, mixed with the fact that the tournament was rather top-heavy, the classifications for awarding the chess sets were a bit creative. Julian Evans did not leave empty handed as he garnered the chess set for players rated 1775-2020. Isaac Martinez added a chess set to his winnings by taking the chess set

for players rated 1700-1774. Jose Llacza claimed the 1600-1699 chess set. Dean Brown took home the 1200-1599 chess set. Kathy Schneider was awarded the 890-1199 chess set. Our continued thanks are extended to the *Pueblo Chess Club* for the generous donation of chess sets and books. Selected games follow. Enjoy!

Scott Massey (1776) Anthea Carson (1773)

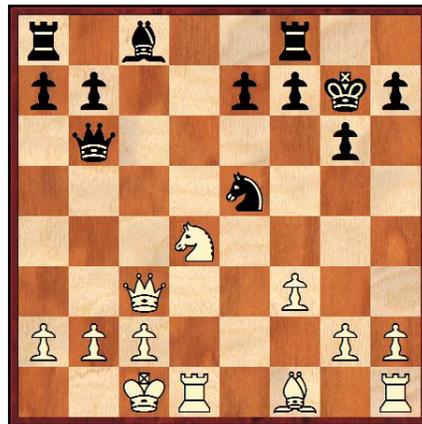
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Jose Llacza (1716) Jerry Maier (1374)

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.cxd5 Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qa5 5.d4 c6 6.Bd2 Qc7 7.e4 Bg4 8.Be2 Nbd7 9.Rc1 e5 10.d5 Bb4 11.h3 Bxc3 12.Rxc3 Nxe4 13.hxg4 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 f6 15.Qd3 cxd5 16.Qxd5 0-0-0 17.Qe6 Kb8 18.Bb5 Nc5 19.Qf5 e4 20.Nd4 Nd3+ 21.Bxd3 exd3 22.Qxd3 Rhe8+ 23.Kd2 Qf4+ 24.Kc2 Qxf2+ 25.Kb3 Qxg2 26.Rxh7 Qd5+ 27.Ka3 Rd6 28.Qg3 Re5 29.b3 Qc5+ 30.b4 Ra6+ 31.Kb2 Qc4 32.a3 Rd6 33.Rh8+ Kc7 34.Rh7 Rxd4 35.Bxd4 Qxd4+ 1/2-1/2

Robert Rountree (1660) Dean Brown (1513)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Ne5 9.Bh6 d5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.0-0-0 Nxc3 13.Qxc3 Qb6



14.Nb3 f6 15.Qc5 Qxc5 16.Nxc5 b6 17.Nd3 Nc4 18.Re1 e5 19.b3 Nd6 20.Nb4 Bb7 21.Ba6 Bxa6 22.Nxa6 Rac8 23.Rd1

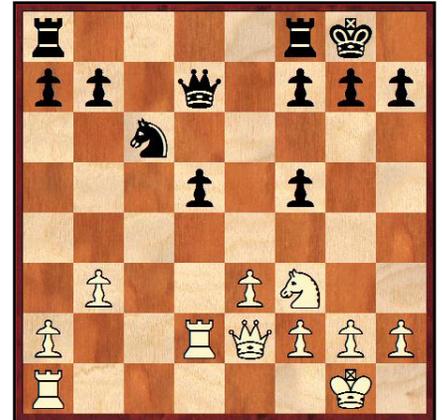
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Dean Brown (1513) Jose Llacza (1716)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.d4 Bd6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Nxe5 Bxe5 7.f4 d5 8.fxe5 dxc4 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.exf6 gxf6 11.0-0 Ke7 12.Nc3 c6 13.b3 cxb3 14.cxb3 Rg8 15.Rf3 Be6 16.Ba3+ Kd7 17.Rd1+ Kc7 18.Rxf6 Rg7 19.Bd6+ Kb6 20.Na4+ Kb5 21.Rc1 Rag8 22.g3 Rg4 23.Rc5+ Ka6 24.Rh5 b6 25.Nc3 Rd8 26.Bf4 Rd3 27.Na4 Rd1+ 28.Kf2 Ra1 29.Nc3 b5 30.Kf3 Rg8 31.Rxh7 Rd8 32.Ke3 Re1+ 33.Kf2 Ra1 34.Ke3 b4 35.Ne2 Rxa2 36.Nd4 Bxb3 37.Rd6 ... 1-0

Isaac Martinez (1812) Julian Evans (2039)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Bf5 4.Be2 e6 5.0-0 c5 6.b3 Nc6 7.Bb2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd6 9.Nxf5 exf5 10.Nd2 Be5 11.c3 Ne4 12.Nf3 Bxc3 13.Bxc3 Nxc3 14.Qc2 Nxe2+ 15.Qxe2 Qd7 16.Rfd1 0-0 17.Rd2



Rfd8 18.Rad1 Qe6 19.Qb5 Qe7 20.Rxd5 g6 21.Nd4 Rxd5 22.Qxd5 Nxd4 23.Qxd4 a6 24.Qc3 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Qxd8 26.h3 h5 27.g3 Qd1+ 28.Kh2 Qf3 29.Qd2 Kh7 30.Kg1 h4 31.Qd7 hxg3 32.Qxf7+ Kh6 33.Qf8+ Kg5 34.Qd8+ Kh6 35.Qh8+ Kg5 1/2-1/2



Bolt Out Of The Blue

by Paul Covington

This game was unique because it was the first time Brad Lundstrom and I have played since 1988 (or 1989). We had previously played three times in Rapid City, South Dakota, when I was in the US Air Force serving as a Missile Combat Crew Commander and he was the manager of the Safeway store there in the late 1980s. After this game Brad shared with me that this game was a roller coaster for him, seeing me in distress over realizing that I had dropped a piece and thinking he was going to even the record (he previously had two draws and a loss) only to have the game end suddenly to a discovered mate.

Paul Covington (1905)
Brad Lundstrom (1958)

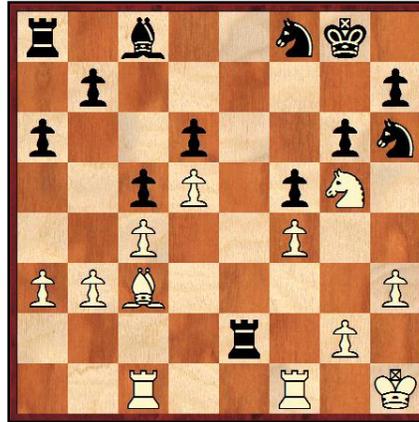
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1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Be2 O-O 5.O-O d6 6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 c6 8.c4 Qc7 9.Nc3 e5 10.Rc1 Re8 11.d5 c5 12.Qc2 Nf8 13.Nd2 Ng4 14.h3 Nh6 15.Nde4 a6 16.a3 f5 17.Ng5 Qe7 18.f4

After I made this move, I felt the blood rush up my neck as I realized I had blundered and was going to drop a pawn with a very bad position or a piece. As I studied

what I had done, I thought I saw a way to get the piece back but it was very vague. Brad was looking confident and I was thinking I had really blown the game and my chance to represent Colorado in the Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge against New Mexico - one of my goals!

18...exf4 19.exf4 Qe3+ 20.Kh1 Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Qxc3 22.Bxc3 Rxe2



It is done, I am a piece down. As I sat there, I was dejected (as only a chess player can be!). I considered resigning for about five minutes. Then, I started wondering, what can Brad do if I trade off a rook pair? I will have control of the e-file. I made the move: Rook to e1. Brad went into a long think. During this time as I looked at the position, I began to realize I could invade into his camp with the rook and get an attack going. I was thinking at that point, I should be able to check him

with the rook on g7 then go capture something, getting a discovered check and then repeating the process and so win back my material. I thought this would give me a draw at least. Then I saw the rook captures the g-pawn giving discovered checkmate. I couldn't believe it! I checked the moves maybe ten times as I started getting excited.

23.Rce1 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 Nf7 25.Re7 Nxc5 26.Rg7+ Kh8 27.Rxg6#

I don't know when Brad saw the checkmate coming, his face revealed no hint that he was in trouble - he would be a better poker player than I in this regard. But as a true gentleman, after he checked all the possibilities, he stopped the clock and offered me his hand in congratulations! I thanked him for the game and we went outside to discuss the game.

This tournament was one in which I was very lucky. My three wins were all unlikely wins against very good players. The only sure one was the half point bye I took for Sunday morning to operate the sound board at the Salvation Army! Representing Colorado in the RMTCC match is a dream come true.

I hope you have enjoyed this insight into what a chess player goes through during a game.



Secretary's Report

by Paul Covington

Ongoing discussion with board members via email are covering a wide range of topics. We have decided to ask for members to vote on whether the *Colorado Chess Informant* should go electronic or remain paper. Continued rising printing costs are driving this discussion. To illustrate this point, if we adjusted the price of annual membership by the per cent of printing costs increase, that cost would be \$21.75. The exact proposal wording is being worked out by the Board of Directors.

Several questions regarding the Colorado Tour have been raised in the last two Informants. We have examined the issues and the board is split on this subject. Some members have contacted me and want to have a discussion about the Tour - the purpose, the best way to structure it, etc. So be prepared to concisely discuss this if you have something to say. (We are limited to one hour for the entire meeting!)

Are you satisfied with the location of the Colorado Open (in Denver) and the Class Championships (Manitou Springs)?

Elections. Both Lee (President) and Jerry (Vice President) are stepping down this year.

We have three scholastic players representing Colorado in national level tournaments! Giant Hoorah to the Scholastic program. Additionally, the Class tournament, scholastic closed, and Colorado closed produce the seven player team to represent Colorado vs. New Mexico in the Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge. We are asking for ideas to help raise funds to support these individuals as they represent Colorado.

These have been the highlights of our discussions.



How To Lose Without Resigning

by Paul Anderson

I was talking with one of the readers of my newsletter about the uniqueness of the ending of a chess game. There are many sports that end because of a clock. Football, basketball, and hockey all last a specific period of time. The loser doesn't ever concede defeat; they just run out of time on their comeback. They have a built-in excuse, "If the game was only X minutes longer, we would have won it."

There are many sports that end not by a clock, but rather by a predetermined number of intervals. Tennis, bowling, and baseball aren't limited to a specific period of time. However, the interval method is just a different way of measuring time. Once the prescribed number of intervals is over the winner is declared. Again, the excuse is built-in, "We were better the whole game. If it had ended one inning (set or frame, whatever the case may be) earlier, we would have won it."

There are even sports that end with a judge's decision. Boxing, gymnastics, and figure skating aren't dependent on a clock or a number of intervals, but rather by a decision from a panel of experts. Of course, the loser will surely claim some bias on the part of the Soviet judges. In any case, nobody is resigning. The Miami Heat didn't resign the NBA Finals after dropping game 2 with a hideous 15-point 4th quarter blunder. The Vancouver Canucks didn't resign after the 2nd adjournment in a clearly losing position. Almost all sports have to play it out until the bitter end.

Chess is nobler. It offers the option of resignation. There is no need for garbage time where your seconds sub in to get some moves on their stat sheet in a totally lost position. However, being the only sport, in its purest form, where the object is to get your opponent to admit failure doesn't work well with ignoble human beings. After all, who likes to admit they failed. Perhaps chess could gain some of the popularity of the other sports if it removed the gracious concession. There is a lot of skill in knowing when to give up the fight, and no one is teaching the art of resignation. In fact, I have heard there are

coaches who won't even let their students resign. Chess, in its practical mode, has already had to adopt the shortcomings from the other sports. Tournament games end because of a clock. Champion matches have a predetermined number of intervals. There are even some games that are adjudicated by an arbiter. So, why not go all the way and move the game of chess totally into the land of bitter-enders?

If you are not sure how to end your chess battle in a spiteful fashion, I have put together a list of the different ways to lose. Since chess is a war game, I have taken my inspiration from some famous battles throughout history. Check over the list and see which type of bitter-ender suites your personality the best. Bear in mind that you are more than welcome to choose multiple styles to employ in various situations.

"There is a lot of skill in knowing when to give up the fight, and no one is teaching the art of resignation."

1. The Bridge Builders (The Helpmate)

– In the Battle of Pasir Panjang (February 13, 1942), 1,400 Allied forces faced off against 13,000 Japanese troops in an attempt to save Singapore. The Japanese suffered a disproportionately high number of casualties because of these men's bravery. However, the prisoners of war were pressed into service to build a bridge over the river Kwai, which they did diligently, helping the Japanese to finish a bridge they were struggling to complete. So, when your chess game has gone horribly wrong and you have lost the will to fight, don't resign. Give your opponent as much help as you can. Stop defending the king, move him out in the open, and make the mate as obvious as possible. If you got mated accidentally, be sure to tell your opponent, "I let you win."

2. This Is Sparta! (The Basic Mate) –

At the Last Stand at Thermopylae (circa 480 BC), 300 Spartans took on an army of 6,000 Persians. When a Persian envoy boasted, "Our arrows will blot out the Sun." The Spartans replied, "So much the better, for then we shall fight in the shade!" And they all fought to the death. So, if the writing is on the wall, don't resign. Give away all your pieces. Throw one piece after another at him until everything is gone and you have to be mated with just a king on the board.

3. Samurai (Stalemate) –

In the Battle of Shiroyama (September 24, 1877), the Emperor was pushing aside the samurai way of life for modern weaponry. However, the samurai commander would not surrender and committed ritual suicide to avoid the dishonor of capture. So, you can take the Spartan way out or you can be a bit more sneaky and take away any honor from your opponent's crushing position by holding onto that rook until it gains super powers.

4. Swiss Cheese (Flag When Winning) –

At the Last Stand of the Swiss Guard (May 6, 1527), 189 Guardsmen held off 20,000 troops on the steps of St. Peter's Basilica to allow Pope Clement VII to escape. While the troops of the Holy Roman Empire under Emperor Charles V sacked the city and wiped out all but 42 of the Swiss Guard, it was a hollow victory as the Pope got away. So, if you ever have a winning position, but lose on time, this style is for you. The key is the post-mortem where you can poke holes in your opponent's attack and slice up his defense.

5. The Legion (Flag When Losing) –

In Battle of Camaron (April 30, 1863), the French Foreign Legion began the legend, "The Legion dies, it does not surrender," when a handful of Legionnaires faced Mexican forces. The bullets ran out and only six men remained. Still they refused to surrender and fixed their bayonets. The final three were asked to surrender, but they demanded their own conditions. And got them. So, if your opponent asks you to resign, don't settle for his offer. Go out on your own terms. Just let that clock run. This style is especially effective for online chess. Your opponent won't be able to tell that you aren't just thinking, but rather have gone to the kitchen to get a soda.

6. Nuts! (Disconnect) – At the Siege of Bastogne (December 19, 1944 - December 26, 1944), 15 Divisions of Germans surrounded the 101st Airborne Division with meager supplies. When asked to surrender, Captain McAuliffe replied, “Nuts!” Of course, this style only applies to online chess, but if you are playing that bad, it is better to just type “Nuts!” and get back to real life.

7. Remember The Alamo! (Resign When Mating) – In the Battle of the Alamo (February 23, 1936 to March 6, 1836) 182 poorly armed Texans held off Santa Anna and 2000 Mexican troops for 12 days. Only the women and children were spared. So, if you are not quite ready to abandon resignation altogether, here is a stepping-stone for you, but you can't resign until it is almost completely over. Mate in one is best; mate in two is borderline.

8. Tin Can Sailors (Resign When Winning) – At the Battle Off Samar (October 25, 1944), a Japanese decoy fleet lured Admiral William Halsey, Jr. and the U.S. Third Fleet away from the Japanese navy, leaving only a tiny force of tiny ships to guard the rear. Despite having one of the greatest military mismatches in naval

history, Vice Admiral Takeo Kurita was confused by the tiny force's bold defense (also known as “The Last Stand of the Tin Can Sailors”) and withdrew. While this style includes resigning, it perverts the true nature of a resignation so much that it would have to be considered mind games. It is comparable to Bobby Fischer forfeiting game 2 of the World Championship match with Boris Spassky.

For example, I played chess at the 16th Street Mall in Denver for the first time this year. It was a lot of fun, but the guy I played left me confused. He lost every game we played, and when he was finally winning, he resigned. I don't remember his name, but he looked a lot like GM Boris Gulko.

Paul Anderson
“Boris Gulko”

16th Street Mall Denver
April 28, 2011

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 b5 4.Nc3 c6
5.Nf3 Bb7 6.Be3 a6 7.e5 e6 8.a3 Ne7
9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 Qc7 11.Be2 Nd5
12.Ne4 Be7 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.Nd6+ Kf8
15.Qc2 Qc7 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Nd2 f5 18.g4
Nf4 19.Rae1 c5 20.Bf3 Bxf3 21.Nxf3
Qc6 22.Re3 fxe4



My tiny ships were easily sunk with 22...cxd4! Was he confused by some imaginary forces he thought I had in reserve? Or was this really the Grandmaster using some kind of mind game. I couldn't help wondering if he was just trying to get into my head in case we ever met for the World Chess Championship someday.

23.Re4 Nh3+ 24.Kg2 h5 25.Nh4 Rh6
26.f3 cxd4 27.fxe4+ Kg8 28.Kxh3 d3
29.Qf2 Rf8 30.Rf4 1-0



Tactics Time answers:

(From Page 17)

Tactics Time is now on the interwebz! Check out <http://tacticstime.com>. I have a newsletter that I send out every other day with a new tactics problem. If you enjoy my column here, you are sure to enjoy my website and newsletter! TimmyBx@aol.com

1. White can play **1.Bxf7+!** If **1...Kxf7 2.Bd2+** discovered check, wins the Black queen. Isaac and I ended up drawing this game, and he went on to be the new Pueblo Open champ! Nice work Isaac! Plus we racked up tons of Colorado Tour Points! Sweet!!
2. **1.g6+** makes Blacks position about as comfortable as Shaq's feet in a pair of size 6 stiletto high heels.
3. **1.Bg5** is a nice developing with tempo deflection move against the Black queen. The bishop can't be captured, because the rook on c8 would be hanging with check. Either **1...Qe8** or **1...Qc7** should be followed up with **2.Be7+ Qxe7 3.Qxc8+** winning the exchange.
4. **Bxh3!** is a nice little tactic that wins a pawn that is guarding the king **2. gxh3 Qf3+ 3. Kh2** (or **Kg1 Rxd3** hands out an old-fashioned woodshed whippin'!
5. Taking time out from his starring role in “Bobby Fischer Against the World”, Brian had time to play **1.Nxe6!** Which grabs a pawn that appears to be protected, but really isn't. If **1...Qxe6?? 2.Bd5** pins the queen to the Black king.
6. **1...Rxe5** nabs White's passed pawn, activates the rook, and takes control of the open file. White can't capture the rook - **2.Qxe5 Qb2#** If Mad Money's Jim Kramer was describing this move, he would give it a stuttering “*Babababab BOOYAH!*”
7. **1.Nxe5!** steals a valuable center pawn like a kleptomaniac.
8. **1...Bxh2+** is like the credit card reward program - “It pays to Discover”. This move discovers an attack against the knight on d4, which will put the queen on a killer square in the middle of the board, while all of White's pieces are stuck on the fringe. **2.Kxh2 Qxd4.**
9. **1...Nxc4** takes a trip to the pawn shop **2.Qxc4 Bxf3.**

COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

Aurora Chess Club meets Saturdays, 12:00-6:00pm, at the Orchard Road Christian Center, 8081 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village. They now have a coach for those that want to learn to play. Contact Jeff Baffo at email: jbaffo2004@msn.com or at (303) 210-2160.

Boulder Chess Club is back in business and meets every Wednesday at the UMC Alferd Packer Grill 6:30-11:30pm. Contact Ginny Gaige at ginnygaige@gmail.com or Julian Evans at julian.evans@colorado.edu for more information.

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.

Castle Rock Chess Club meets every Monday from 6:00-9:00pm at the Philip S. Miller Library, 100 South Wilcox Street, Castle Rock.

Chess Knights (Highlands Ranch) meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. From C-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 HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org. Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or by email: FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.

Chessmates Chess Club (Ft. Collins) 111 North College Ave. Meeting upstairs, Monday 3:45-4:45pm & Thursday 4:45-6:15pm. For kids ages 6-14 of all levels. Instructed by Zachary Bekkedahl. For more information go to www.chessmatesfc.com or email: info@chessmatesfc.com.

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7:00-10:00pm, in the ballroom 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 on Tuesdays, 6:00-10:00pm at the Grant Avenue Community Center & Sacred Place, Inc. 216 South Grant Street, Denver. (303) 733-8940.

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 at (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.

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

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



UPCOMING COLORADO TOURNAMENTS

East Coast Deli Wednesdays - July 2011 July 6 - 27, 2011

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Game/85; TD/5

Site: East Coast Deli's Back Room, 24 S. Tejon St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Directions: The Deli is located between Pikes Peak and Colorado Avenues.

Open: Open to all USCF Members. The EF covers all 4 rounds but you may join the event on any Wednesday and finish the month's rounds at cost of the EF.

Entry Fee: \$10; *\$5 if a CSCC Supporting Member

Prizes: 1st, and Under Prizes per entries. At least 75% of EFs will be returned in prizes.

Registration: By 5:45 pm any Wednesday, Rounds: 6PM on July 6, 13, 20, 27.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176

Email: navajo36us80917@comcast.net

A 1/2 point bye may be taken in place of one round, if desired. The East Coast Deli provides the room for free so, if possible, please support the deli with food and/or drink purchases but please don't bring food or drink from outside the Deli. A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event.

Steel City Summer Sizzler July 9, 2011

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/40, 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: \$15; Sr, Jr, Unr \$11; CSCA & USCF required, OSA. Pre-registration entry fee: \$11; Sr, Jr, Unr \$8, 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: 9:00-9:45, Rounds: 10, 11:30, 2:00, 3:30.

Entries: Liz Wood

Phone: (719) 566-6929

Email: chessliz@comcast.net

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

Send pre-registrations to: Jerry Maier at 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919-2213. Make checks payable to Jerry Maier. Must be received by July 7th.

Colorado Tour Event

Wild West Chess 2011 July 15 - 17, 2011

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/90 + 5 sec delay

Site: Saratoga Resort & Spa, 601 East Pic Pike Road, Saratoga, WY, 82331. Phone: (800) 594-0178.

www.saratogaresortandspa.com

Open: Open to all players. Prizes: \$650 plus free entry and 3 night's hotel for 2012 Wild West Chess -400-200, top U2250: \$275-145, top U2000: \$275-145. If tie for first, top 2 on tiebreak play 2-game blitz match (G/5 + 2 sec delay) then Armageddon game (if needed) for title & 2012 entry/hotel room prize.

Under 1800: Open to all players under 1800 and unrated. Prizes: \$400-275-145. Unrated Prize Limit: \$200.

Under 1600: Open to all players under 1600 and unrated. Prizes: \$400-275-145. Unrated Prize Limit: \$150.

Under 1400: Open to all players under 1400 and unrated. Prizes: \$400-275-145. Unrated Prize Limit: \$125.

Under 1200: Open to all players under 1200 and unrated. Prizes: \$375-250-120, top U1000/Unrated: \$120-85. Unrated Prize Limit: \$100.

Entry Fee: \$49 (\$39 for each additional entry from same family) by June 24th, \$59 per player thereafter. Free Entry for GM/IM/WGM/WIM (no deduction of entry fee from prizes). Checks accepted through July 4th, credit card thereafter, cash also accepted onsite.

Prizes: \$5,500 based on 100 players. \$3,000 Guaranteed!!! (All prizes paid 55% minimum.), in 5 sections.

Registration: 7:30-9:00am, Rounds: 7/16, 9:30am & 2:00pm; 7/17, 9:00am & 1:00pm Two 1/2 point byes available, request before round 2 and are irrevocable.

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

Phone: (970) 372-8590

Email: lee.lahti@comcast.net

- Your Chess Vacation in the West!
- USCF Grand Prix Tournament – 30 Points!
- Players Social - July 15th, 6pm.
- Simul with GM Sergey Kudrin - July 15th, 730pm. \$15, \$10 for each additional entry from same family (by June 24th). \$20 per player thereafter.
- Family BBQ – July 16th, 530pm.
- 2011 US G/15 Championships – July 16th, 730pm. \$29, \$19 for each additional entry from same family (by June 24th). \$35 per player thereafter.
- Time to Enjoy Resort Amenities – Hot Springs, Spa, Golf, Fishing, Hiking and more.
- Hotel Rate: \$109/night for singles & doubles (must be requested), \$155/night for suites, by June 24th. Higher rates possible after June 24th. All include continental breakfast (daily), sandwich buffet lunch (7/16-17 only), and Family BBQ; 800-594-0178 (mention chess tournament).
- Tournament Website: www.saratogachess.com; Entry Forms and Online Entry coming soon.

2011 US G/15 Championships July 16, 2011

6 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/15

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Site: Saratoga Resort & Spa, 601 East Pic Pike Road, Saratoga, WY, 82331. Phone: (800) 594-0178.

www.saratogaresortandspa.com

Open: One Section. All players have a chance to win a National Championship!

Entry fee: \$29 (\$19 for each additional entry from same family) by June 24th, \$35 per player thereafter. Free Entry for GM/IM/WGM/WIM (no deduction of entry fee from prizes). Checks accepted through July 4th, credit card thereafter, cash also accepted onsite.

Prizes: \$1300 based on 50 players. \$715 Guaranteed (All prizes paid 55% minimum.) \$300-150-100; U2250, U2000, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, U1000: \$100 each; Unrated: \$50.

Registration: 6:30-7:15pm, Rounds: 7:30pm, 8:10pm, 8:50pm, 9:30pm, 10:10pm, 10:50pm. Two ½ point byes available, request before round 2 and are irrevocable.

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

Phone: (970) 372-8590

Email: lee.lahti@comcast.net

- Part of the 2011 Wild West Chess Festival.
- USCF Grand Prix Tournament – 10 Points!
- Tournament Website: www.saratogachess.com; Entry Forms and Online Entry coming soon.

2011 Denver Blitz Championship July 23, 2011

Time Control: 3 min + 2 sec increment

Site: Tivoli Student Union Room 320 - Baerresen Ballroom AB

Open: Open Tournament, anyone can play. Unrated, no memberships required

Entry Fee: \$20 on Site, \$16 pre-register (free parking).

Prizes: 90% of entries.

Registration: 11:00am, Rounds: Start at 1:00pm.

Entries: 1915 Washington St #4667, Denver CO 80203

Phone: (720) 383-0477

Email: admin@denverchess.com

Register online at <http://challonge.com/tournament/signup/ohsptpz5vz>

East Coast Deli Wednesdays - August 2011 August 3 - 31, 2011

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Game/85; 5-sec Delay

Site: East Coast Deli's Back Room, 24 S. Tejon St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Directions: The Deli is located between Pikes Peak and Colorado Avenues.

Open: Open to all USCF Members. The EF covers all 5 rounds but you may join the event on any Wednesday and finish the month's rounds at cost of the EF.

Entry Fee: \$10; *\$5 if a CSCC Supporting Member

Prizes: 1st, and Under Prizes per entries. At least 75% of EFs will be returned in prizes.

Registration: By 5:45 pm any Wednesday, Rounds: 6PM on August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31.

Entries: Fred Spell, 16845 Buffalo Valley Path, Monument, CO

80132

Phone: (719) 491-1040

Email: gentlemenschessclub@hotmail.com

A 1/2 point bye may be taken in place of one round, if desired.

The East Coast Deli provides the room for free so, if possible, please support the deli with food and/or drink purchases but please don't bring food or drink from outside the Deli. A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event.

Pikes Peak Open August 6 - 7, 2011

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Rds 1-3 40/90 and G/1; Rds 4-5 40/2 and G/1.

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

Open: One open section.

Entry Fee: \$30 if rec'd by Aug. 3, \$35 at site. \$8 EF discount for juniors, seniors, unrated. \$5 off entry fees for Supporting Members of the Colorado Springs Chess Club.

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries.

Registration: 8:30 - 9:30, Rounds: 10, 2:30, 7:00; 9:00 AM, 3:00.

Entries: Richard Buchanan 1 Sutherland Rd, Manitou Springs CO 80829

Phone: (719) 685-1984

Email: buckpeace@pcisys.net

CSCA required, (\$15, jrs & srs 10), OSA.

Colorado Tour Event

Daily Grind Open August 13, 2011

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; Sr, Jr, Unr \$11, 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: 9:00-9:45, Rounds: 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.

Entries: Liz Wood

Phone: (719) 566-6929

Email: chessliz@comcast.net

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

Send pre-registrations to: Jerry Maier at 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919-2213. Make checks payable to Jerry Maier. Must be received by August 11th.

Colorado Tour Event

Monument Open III August 20 - 21, 2011

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/120

Site: The Inn at Palmer Divide, 443 State Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133

Open: One open section.

Entry Fee: \$40; Pre-registration entry fee: \$35, which must be paid at the time of pre-registration (Go to eagleandking.webs.com & click on "Upcoming Chess Tournaments" for pre-registration form).

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

Registration: 8:30-9:45, Rounds: Sat. Aug. 20th: 10:15am, 3:00pm, 7:00pm; Sun. Aug. 21st: 9:00am, 2:00pm..

Entries: Fred Spell

Phone: (719) 491-1040

Email: gentlemenschessclub@hotmail.com

Send pre-registrations with checks payable to: Fred Spell, 16845 Buffalo Valley Path, Monument, CO 80132.

Pre-registrations must be received and paid in full by August 18th in order to qualify for the reduced entry fee.

Wheelchair accessible.

USCF membership required.

Presented by the Gentlemen's Chess Club.

62nd Colorado Open September 3-4, 2011

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Rounds 1-2: G/90, Rounds 3-5: 40/90, G/1.

Site: Doubletree Hotel Tech Center, 7801 East Orchard Road, Greenwood Village, CO. Phone: 303-779-6161. Hotel Rate of \$79 per night if you mention Chess Tournament Rate.

Prizes: \$2500 based on 100 entries, in 3 sections. 50% of All Prizes Guaranteed.

Open: Open to all players. Prizes: \$350-150-100, top U2000: \$150-100.

Under 1800: Open to all players under 1800 and unrated. Prizes: \$300-150-100, top U1600: \$150-100. Unrated Player Prize Limit: \$150.

Under 1400: Open to all players under 1400 and unrated. Prizes: \$300-150-100, top U1200: \$150-100, top U1000/Unrated: \$50. Unrated Player Prize Limit: \$100.

Entry fee: If received by 8/31: \$45, \$35 for Jr. (under 18)/Sr. (65+)/Unrated. \$5 more for late registration after 8/31.

Registration: 8:00-9:30am. Players registering after 9:30am will receive a 1/2 point bye for round 1.

Rounds: 9/3, 10am, 2pm, 5:30pm; 9/4, 9am & 3:30pm. CSCA Annual Meeting will be held on 9/4 between rounds 4-5 at 2:30pm.

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

Phone: 719-685-1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

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

One 1/2 point bye available. 1/2 point byes for rounds 1-4 may be requested at any time. Last round 1/2 point byes must be request-

ed before round 1 and are irrevocable.

Colorado Tour Event

Palmer Divide G/29 September 24, 2011

6 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Game/29 – TD/5

Site: The Inn at Palmer Divide, 443 State Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133.

Open: One section

Entry Fee: \$30, onsite. \$25, pre-registration entry fee.

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

Registration: 8:30-9:30am, Rounds: 10:00am, 11:30am, 1:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:00pm, 6:30pm..

Entries: Fred Spell 16845 Buffalo Valley Path, Monument, CO 80132

Phone: (719) 491-1040

Email: gentlemenschessclub@hotmail.com

Pre-registrations must be received and paid in full by September 22, 2011 in order to qualify for the reduced entry fee. Go to the "Upcoming Chess Tournaments" link at eagleandking.webs.com for entry form.

Wheelchair accessible.

USCF membership required.

Presented by the Gentlemen's Chess Club.

Tri-Lakes Open October 1 - 2, 2011

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: All Rounds: G/90+30" Increment

Site: The Inn at Palmer Divide, 443 State Highway 105, Palmer Lake, CO 80133.

Sections: Open

Entry Fee: \$40; Pre-registration entry fee: \$35, 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: 8:30-9:30am, Rounds: Sat. Oct. 1st: 10am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm; Sun. Oct. 2nd: 9:00am, 3:00pm.

Entries: Fred Spell 16845 Buffalo Valley Path, Monument, CO 80132

Phone: (719) 491-1040

Email: gentlemenschessclub@hotmail.com

Pre-registration must be received and paid in full by September 29th in order to qualify for the reduced entry fee.

Go to "Upcoming Chess Tournaments" at eagleandking.webs.com for pre-registration entry form.

Wheelchair accessible.

USCF membership required.

Presented by the Gentlemen's Chess Club.

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The **Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge** will be held in Taos, New Mexico on August 13, 2011. Last year Colorado won 10 to 4. It might be hard to match that first year's record but we will try! As it stands right now: Board one - David Hartsook (Randy Canney has a scheduling conflict); Board two - Jackson Chen; Board Three - Paul Covington; Board Four - Jason Loving; Board Five - Brady Barkemeyer; Board Six - Archie Shipp (if he can work out his schedule) or Spencer Shook; and Board Seven - Deanna Alter. NM is running a parallel tournament at the same location (not announced yet--watch the Colorado Chess website) on Saturday, August 13 and another tournaments on August 14th. These side tournaments are open for anyone. This will allow you to support your state chess team and play a little chess on the side! See you there!

