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From the Editor

Recently, for the first time in over two years, I started playing once again in local tournaments. I had not realized how much I missed the environment. Seeing friends, the comradery and just playing again in a tournament atmosphere made the experience wonderful. Needless to say I have embolden myself to play over-the-board more often.

Though in my first tournament back my play was lacking in any sort of assemblance of good results, the feeling of why I play chess was reinforced and I thoroughly had a wonderful time. Now that my personal situation has changed, I am looking forward to more tournaments to play in, even those held in other parts of Colorado as well as across our country. I suspect that I will have great memories now, that will last me a lifetime. And if my rating improves, even better.

Do not forget, this will be the last issue before the Colorado Chess Festival and the election of the Board of Directors. So as always, get involved and have in mind those you would like to serve, if not yourself.

May Caissa be with you.

Fred Eric Spell



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President's Message

This quarter has been very busy. The visit by GM Gata Kamsky was definitely one of the highlights. Starting at the top.

The Colorado Closed played as a featured stand-a-lone event in the Sheraton DTC April 10-12. The Closed added a third section this year to open the experience to additional players. The Scholastic Closed stayed at two sections.

Lior Lapid played strong chess winning the Championship section. Philipp Ponomarev returned to the chess battles in this event. It was good to see him playing again! This was the strongest Closed in years. In the Challenger section, Robert Ramirez and Gunnar Andersen tied with Robert being promoted based on tiebreaks. The Booster section Dean Clowe won the section and is promoted to the Challenger 2016.

The Scholastic Championship had a tie at the top between Victor Huang and Andy Wu. Victor had the better tiebreaks. In the Challenger, Deanna Alter was the clear winner. In an interesting side note two sisters played in this section—that maybe a first!

Special thank you to Yueping Zhou, Tim Brennan, and Zach Bekkedahl for sponsoring coffee for the participants and guests. The Board wanted to make this event special for our top players and due to lots of work by many people, it was!

The Class Championships was also held in the Sheraton DTC. May 9-10, 58 players gathered to play on a stormy (bad weather) weekend. There were seven sections: Brian Wall edged Gunnar Andersen and Marc Jimenz to win the Master-Expert title. The A title was a three way tie between Mark Krowczyk, Brady Barkemeyer, and DuWayne Langseth. Akshat Jain won the B title with Lone Star Bottinelli finishing second. Eric Barkemeyer was a clear winner of the C title. Nelson Perez repeated as the Class D Champion. Newcomer, Dan Prutz won the Class E title.

The Colorado Blitz Championship was held on Saturday night after round 2 and featured 28 players. This year we played the G/3 with 2 second delay, a popular blitz time control. The players seemed to like it. Philipp Ponomarev swept the field for a 6.0 win. Daniel Herman surprised everyone with 5 wins for clear second place. This was a fun way to relax after a long day of playing chess!

On May 3 our Scholastic Girl's Championships were played. Deanna Alter won the event with Rebecca and Sara Herman and Amrita Nag rounding out the competitors. Deanna will represent Colorado at the All-Girls event in Phoenix.

The new Battle of the Ages tournament (June 6-7) combined the Senior Championship, The Tweeners Championship and the Junior U21 Championship. The Senior Championships has a two way tie with Roger Martin and Jack Woehr being named Co-Champions! This event was held in the new Pikes Peak Library C21, a beautiful facility and a great place to play fighting chess. 29 players attend this event.

The Junior event drew 9 players while the Tweeners only drew three so those sections were combined. The Junior Champion and overall winner was Justin Alter with only a draw against Daniel Herman to prevent a perfect score. In an unusual set of events, all three of the "Tweeners" finished with 2.5 points.

June 20th featured Colorado winning the annual match against New Mexico in the Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge. It was a hard fought match with Colorado pulling ahead in the final round. The match featured our Champions verse their Champions. You play the same person twice, once with white and once with black. Total team score wins. NM won the last game to make the score close but the final Colorado 10 New Mexico 8 was rewarding. In the six years this match has been played, Colorado leads the series 4 to 2. NM had won the last two matches so this win was sweet. It was a team effort and New Mexico's player don't quit—they are fighters. Congrats to both teams for outstanding sportsmanship and great camaraderie.

We have already had 10 tour events this year with more on the schedule. The increase is due to the resurgence of the Denver Chess Club putting their events on the tour. Other clubs have, for the most part, repeated their schedules.

The Colorado Chess Festival will feature several events this year. Friday evening will start with the Colorado Chess Hall of Fame's first class of enrollees at 6 PM. Randy Canney is in charge of this project. Next is the Colorado Quick Chess Championships starting at 7:15 PM (registration 6 to 7).

Colorado Open offers an early bird discount (postmarked by Aug 29th) and will be taking registrations on both Friday evening and Saturday morning (8-9:15). We are anticipating a large event as the prize funds much higher this year. The Open section is open to all players. Under sections also have very nice prize funds. This could be your year to have a great chess weekend, sign up early!

Paul Covington
President / CSCA



2015 Boulder Open

by Jackson Chen

Fifty-one players participated in this year's Boulder Open during March 27th - 29th. This is the 2nd year since I resumed this tournament, whose history goes back 1978 (thank you NM Todd Bardwick for pointing this out). This tournament consists of two sections (Open and U1700 Reserved) and uniquely offers 3-day and 2-day schedules. It is not unusual for a titled player to win the tournament, within its nearly 40-year history: in fact many past winners of Boulder Open were IM's or even GM's. However, scholastic players have been setting a new trend by winning this tournament for two years in a row. This year's winner, and a good friend of mine, is 15 year old Ryan Swerdlin, currently the youngest National Master in Colorado. Ryan won clear first with 4.5/5 points! LM Brian Wall and Carlos Santillan tied for 2nd, only half a point behind Ryan. Dean Clow and Morgan Robb tied for the 4th with 3.5 points.

Ben Spannuth won the reserved section with a perfect 5.0/5, a full point ahead of the field! Felix Yu won clear 2nd with 4.0 points while Deanna Alter and Cory Kohler tied for 3rd with 3.5 points. Congratulations to the winners and thank you all for supporting Boulder Open! I hope to see you all again next year.

Games from the Boulder Open (inputted and commented by LM Brian Wall):

Andy Wu (1876)

LM Brian Wall (2239)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 e6 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.d3 d5 8.O-O Nf6 9.Qe1 Ba6 10.e5 Nd7 11.Qf2 O-O 12.Na4 c4 13.dxc4 Bxc4 14.Rd1 f6 15.Nd4 Qe8 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Nc5 e5 18.Nde6 Ne4 19.Qh4 Nxc5 20.Nxc5 d4 21.b3 Bd5 22.fxe5 Qxe5 23.Re1 Qf5 24.Nd3 Rae8 25.Ba3 Bf6 26.Qg3 Re3 27.Rxe3 dxe3 28.Re1 Re8 29.Bc5 e2 30.Qf2 Qe4 31.Nf4 Qxc2 32.Nxd5 cxd5 33.Bxa7 Bc3 34.Bd4 Bxe1 35.Qf6 Bf2+ 36.Bxf2 e1R+ 0-1 (*Andy Wu resigns with a smile*).

Alex Stiger (1745)

Chris Peterson (2180)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Nf6 4.d4 Qxd5

5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 e6 8.O-O a6 9.Nc3 Qd6 10.a3 Nc6 11.Be3 Be7 12.Qd2 Rd8 13.Rfd1 Nd5 14.Bg5 O-O 15.Rac1 h6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Qxh6 Qf4 18.Qxf4 Nxf4 19.h3 Bh5 20.b4 Kh8 21.Rc2 Rg8 22.Ne1 Bg6 23.Rcd2 Bf6 24.Nf3 Bf5 25.Bf1 Bxh3 26.g3 Bg4 27.Bg2 Nxc2 28.Kxc2 Bxf3+ 29.Kxf3 Nxd4+ 30.Kg2 Nb5 31.Nxb5 axb5 32.Rd7 Kg7 33.f4 b6 34.Kf3 Rxd7 35.Rxd7 Ra8 36.g4 Rxa3+ 37.Ke4 Rb3 0-1

Tim Martinson (1881)

Todd Burge (1376)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Be3 Bg7 6.Nc3 a6 7.Bc4 d6 8.Qd2 Nf6 9.f3 h5 10.O-O-O b5 11.Nxc6 Qc7 12.Bd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Bd7 14.Rhe1 Bxc6 15.dxc6 Qxc6 16.Qd5 Qc8 17.Bg5 O-O 18.Bxe7 Re8 19.Bxd6 Rd8 20.Re7 Qf5 21.Qxf5 gxf5 22.Be5 Bh6+ 23.f4 Re8 24.Rdd7 Rxe7 25.Rxe7 Rd8 26.g3 b4 27.Ne2 Rd5 28.Nd4 Kf8 29.Nxf5 a5 30.Bd6 Rxd6 31.Nxd6 Kxe7 32.Nf5+ Kf6 33.Nxh6 Ke6 34.Kd2 f5 35.Kd3 Kf6 36.Kc4 Kg6 37.Nxf5 Kxf5 38.Kb5 1-0 (*This is why the Black QN usually goes to d7 in the Dragdorf*).

Dean Brown (1510)

Mark Howell (Unrated)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e5 4.fxe5 Nxe5 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.O-O Be7 8.Bxd7+ Qxd7 9.Nd5 Bd8 10.b3 Nf6

11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Rb1 O-O 13.Bb2 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Bxb2 15.Rxb2 Rae8 16.d3 Re6 17.Qg4 d5 18.c3 dxe4 19.dxe4 Qc6 20.Re2 Rfe8 21.Rf4 f5 22.Qxf5 Rf6 23.Qg4 Rxf4 24.Qxf4 Rf8 25.Qe3 Qf6 26.Rf2 Qd6 27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.g3 Qd1+ 29.Kf2 Qc2+ 30.Kf3 b6 31.Qf4+ Ke7 32.Qg5+ Kf7 33.Qf5+ Ke7 34.Qe5+ Kf7 35.Qc7+ Kg6 36.Qd6+ Kf7 37.Qd7+ Kf6 38.Qf5+ Ke7 39.Qxh7 Qxc3+ 40.Kf4 Qd2+ 41.Kg4 Qe2+ 42.Kh3 Qf1+ 43.Kg4 Qe2+ 1/2 - 1/2 (*Dean got tired of trying to convert a difficult pawn up Queen ending and as a result Mark Howell leapfrogs over Dean's rating on his first try*).

Ben Spannuth (1285)

Chris Cannon (1483)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qc7 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Bg5 f6 9.exf6 Nxf6 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.O-O O-O-O 12.Nbd2 h5 13.h4 e5 14.dxe5 fxe5 15.Ng5 Bd7 16.Nf7 Bg4 17.f3 Qxf7 18.fxg4 Qg6 19.g5 Bd6 20.Rf6 Qg7 21.Qf3 e4 22.Qf5+ Qd7 23.Rf1 Rdf8 24.g6 Rxf6 25.Qxf6 Qe7 26.Qxh8+ 1-0 (*A star is born, Ben Spannuth wins every game and gains 300 rating points*).

Victor Huang (2019)

Brandon Reams (1689)

1 e4 e6 2.d3 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 Nge7 5.Bg2 d5 6.Nbd2 f5 7.O-O Ng6 8.h4 Bd6 9.exd5 exd5 10.Ng5 Nce7 11.c4 f4 12.cxd5 O-O 13.Nde4 Nxd5 14.Nxd5



Qxd6 15.Qb3 Rd8 16.Re1 Bf5 17.h5 fxg3 18.fxg3 c4 19.Qxc4 Ne5 20.Rxe5 Qxe5 21.Bf4 Rac8 22.Bxe5 Rxc4 23.dxc4 Ne3 24.Bd5+ Nxd5 25.cxd5 Rxd5 26.Bc3 Bg4 27.Ne4 Bf3 28.Nd2 Bxh5 29.Rf1 a5 30.Re1 Bf7 31.Re7 Rd3 32.Rxb7 Bd5 33.Rxg7+ Kf8 34.Rg4 Bc6 35.Bxa5 h5 36.Rf4+ Ke8 37.Kf2 Rd5 38.Bc3 Rd3 39.Rd4 Rxd4 40.Bxd4 Kd7 41.Ke3 Ke6 42.b3 Bg2 43.a4 Kd7 44.Ne4 1-0 (*Who needs openings? Rhett Langseth, Dean Clow and Victor Huang have all become strong experts with one opening. Brandon Reams was reanimated at the Zombie Apocalypse.*)

Zydrunas Gimbutas (Unrated)
Daniel Herman (1904)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3 c4 Bg4 4.e3 e5 5.Be2 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bxe2 7.Qxe2 Nxd4 8.exd4+ Be7 9.O-O Qd7 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 Nf6 12.Bf4 c6 13.Rfe1 O-O 14.Rad1 Rad8 15.Be5 Rfe8 16.Qd3 Nd5



17.Qf3 Bf8 18.Qg3 Re6 19.Ne4 Rg6 20.Qf3 Qg4 21.Qxg4 Rxg4 22.f3 Rg6 23.Nc3 Re6 24.Bg3 Rxe1+ 25.Rxe1 Bb4 26.Rc1 h6 27.Nxd5 Rxd5 28.Bf2 Be7 29.Re1 Bf6 30.Re8+ Kh7 31.Ra8 Bxd4 32.Bxd4 Rxd4 33.Rxa7 Rd1+ 34.Kf2 Rd2+ 35.Ke3 Rxb2 36.g4 Rxh2 37.Rxb7 Rxa2 38.Rxf7 Rc2 39.Rc7 Kg6 40.f4 Rc4 41.Kf3 Kf6 42.g5+ hxg5 43.fxg5+ Kxg5 44.Rxg7+ Kf6 45.Ra7 Ke5 46.Ke3 Rc3+ 47.Kd2 Rf3 48.Ra5+ Kd4 49.Ra4+ Kc5 50.Kc2 Kb5 51.Rh4 c5 52.Rg4 c4 53.Rg8 Kc5 54.Rc8+ Kd4 55.Rd8+ Ke4 56.Re8+ Kd5 57.Rd8+ Ke6 58.Rc8 ½ - ½ (*Zydrunas Gimbutas leapfrogs over Daniel Herman's rating on his first try with Philidor's Defense.*)

David Logan (1627)
Joshua Romero (1991)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.f4 Qc7 10.Bf3 Nbd7 11.f5 Ne5 12.a4 Bd7 13.Qe1 Rac8 14.Qg3 Kh8 15.Be2 d5 16.fxe6 fxe6 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 exd5 19.b3 Bd6 20.Bf4 Rxf4 21.Qxf4 Nc6 22.Qd2 Nxd4 23.Bd3 Bxh2+ 24.Kh1 Qg3 25.Rf7 Qh4 26.Qd1 Bg3+ 27.Kg1 Qh2+ 28.Kf1 Qh1# 0-1 (*The Dragon has a huge Colorado following, Joshua Romero, Chris Peterson, Jack Woehr, Zachary Bekkedahl, Brad Lundstrom, Suhaas Naryanan, Robert Ramirez, Gunnar Anderson, David Hufnagel, Avinaya Subedi, Jackson Chen to name a few fanatics. Josh Romero suddenly switches to the Najdorf and instantly breaks into the expert level for the first time. What if they all did that? David Logan bravely played in the Open section and won one game.*)

Ryan Swerdlin (2199)
Ken Doykos (1769)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.d5 Qb6 4.Bxf6 gxf6 5.Qc1 f5 6.e3 Bg7 7.c3 d6 8.Nd2 Nd7 9.a4 Nf6 10.a5 Qc7 11.c4 e5 12.Ne2 Qe7 13.Nc3 Bd7 14.Be2 h5 15.h3 h4 16.Ra3 e4 17.Qb1 Qe5 18.b4 cxb4 19.Qxb4 O-O 20.Nd1 Rab8 21.Nb3 b6 22.axb6 Rxb6 23.Qc3 Qxc3+ 24.Nxc3 Rfb8 25.Nd4 R8b7 26.O-O Rb2 27.Rfal f4 28.Rxa7 fxe3 29.fxe3 Bh6 30.Nd1 Rb1 31.Nc2 R7b2 32.Rxb1 Rxb1 33.Kf2 Rb3 34.Ra6 Ne8 35.c5 Bf8 36.c6 Bf5 37.Nd4 Bg6 38.Nxb3 1-0 (*The 2015 Boulder Open was a triumph for youth, 17 year old Jackson Chen organized the tournament and 15 year old Chessmaster Ryan Swerdlin won clear first. The Trompowsky has been championed in Colorado by Ken Doykos, Paul Anderson and LM Brian Wall in the past but Ryan Swerdlin is the main proponent now. Chauffeur Ken Doykos must have asked USCF to lower his 1800 floor.*)

Joseph Davison (1489)
Tom Needham (1298)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bf4 Nc6 4.e3 e6 5.c5 a6 6.a3 Be7 7.Nf3 O-O 8.Bd3 Nh5 9.Bg3 Nxc3 10.hxc3 h6 11.Nc3 Bf6 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Qd3 Kf8 14.O-O e5 15.Qh7 exd4 16.exd4 Nxd4 17.Rad1 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 c6 19.Rd3 Ke7 20.Re1+ Be6 21.Qf5 Kf8

22.Qf4 Bg5 23.Qb4 Bf5 24.Rxe8+ Qxe8 25.Qxb7 Bxd3 26.Bxd3 Rb8 27.Qxa6 Rxb2 28.Na4 Qe1+ 29.Kg2 Rxf2+ 30.Kh3 Qe6+ 31.g4 Rxf3+ 0-1 (*Mate in five.*)

Clifton Ford (1811)
Morgan Robb (2023)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bf4 Qb6 7.Na4 Qb4+ 8.Bd2 Qd6 9.Rc1 Ne4 10.a3 g6 11.e3 Bg7 12.Be2 O-O 13.O-O Bd7 14.Nc5 Nxc5 15.dxc5 Qc7 16.Bc3 e6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7



18.Nd4 a6 19.b4 e5 20.Nxc6 bxc6 21.Rc3 Be6 22.f4 exf4 23.Qd4+ Kg8 24.exf4 Rfe8 25.g4 Bd7 26.Bf3 Rab8 27.f5 a5 28.fxg6 hxg6 29.Bg2 Qe5 30.Qxe5 Rxe5 31.Rcf3 Re7 32.bxa5 Bxg4 33.Rf4 Bf5 34.a6 Ra8 35.Ra4 Rea7 36.Re1 Rxa6 37.Re8+ Rxe8 38.Rxa6 Rc8 39.Kf2 Bd3 40.Ra5 Rb8 41.Ke3 Bc4 42.Bf3 Kg7 43.h3 Kf6 44.Ra7 Rb3+ 45.Kf2 Rb5 46.Rc7 Rxc5 47.Bg4 Bb5 48.Bd7 d4 49.Be8 Rf5+ 50.Ke1 Re5+ 0-1 (*Morgan Robb reaches a personal best of 2046 in his home town.*)

Shamik Bhat (1492)
Robert Carlson (1691)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.Be2 Nf6 6.Bf4 Be7 7.O-O O-O 8.Nc3 c6 9.h3 Bh5 10.Ne5 Bg6 11.Bf3 Nbd7 12.Nxc6 fxg6 13.Re1 Bb4 14.Bd2 Nb6 15.a3 Bd6 16.Bg5 h6 17.Bh4 Qc7 18.Ne2 Rae8 19.Bg3 Ne4 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Nc3 Re6 23.Rxe6 Qxe6 24.Qe2 Re8 25.Qxe6+ Rxe6 26.b3 Nd7 27.Kf1 Nf6 28.Re1 Kf7 29.f3 Nh5 30.Rxe6 Kxe6 31.Kf2 Nf4 32.Nd1 Kd6 33.Nb2 b6 34.Nd3 Nxd3+ 35.cxd3 a5 36.Ke3 b5 37.g4 Ke6 38.f4 h5 39.Kf3 Kf6 40.Kg3 Ke6 41.gxh5 gxh5 42.Kh4 g6 43.Kg5 Kf7 44.f5 gxh5 45.Kxf5 h4 46.Kg5 Ke6



solid endgame specialist brother, Justin Alter. A little later Deanna became the 2015 Colorado Girls Champion.)

Carlos Santillan (2002)

Jeffrey Baffo (1772)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bg4 8.Nc3 Qd7 9.d5 Bxf3 10.gxf3 1-0 (This may be a world record, Carlos Santillan knocks Jeffrey Baffo out of the Boulder Open in 10 moves. Carlos is an ex-Chessmaster; if the knight moves, Bb5 pins the queen.)

Sara Herman (1585)

Nick Biehl (Unrated)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Qd3 d6 5.O-O-O Nc6 6.f3 Be6 7.d5 Nxd5 8.Nxd5 Bxd5 9.Qxd5 Nb4 10.Qb5+ Nc6 11.Qxb7 Na5 12.Qb5+ c6 13.Qa4 Qb6 14.b3 O-O 15.Bxe7 Rfe8 16.Bxd6 Rad8 17.e4 Qe3+ 18.Rd2 Rxd6 19.Qxa5 Qe1+ 20.Rd1 Qxa5 0-1 (Nick Biehl leapfrogs over Sara's rating on his first try. Sara was a piece up but on Move 15 she should stop eating more chocolates and start developing pieces. The only way to lose a chess position a piece up is if you forget to activate what you already have and start chasing butterflies.)

Aleksandr Bozhenov (1877)

Dean Clow (2104)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 Be7 7.Ng3 Nd7 8.f4 Bh4 9.Bd3 Qb6 10.f5 Qxd4 11.fxg6 hxg6 12.Rf1 Nxe5 13.Be2 Qb6 14.Bf4 Nd7 15.Qd2 e5 16.Be3 d4 17.Bg1 Qxb2 18.Rb1 Qxc3 19.Qxc3 dxc3 20.Rxb7 Ngf6 21.Rxa7 O-O 22.Be4 Rxa7 23.Bxa7 Nxc4 24.Bg1 Ngf6 25.Ke2 Bxc3 26.hxg3 Nd5 27.a4 Ra8 28.Bb3 f5 29.Ra1 Ra5 30.Kd3 Kf8 31.Bxd5 cxd5 32.Kxc3 d4+ 33.Kb4 Ra8 34.a5 Ke7 35.a6 Kd6 36.a7 Kc7 37.c3 dxc3 38.Kxc3 Nf6 39.Kc4 g5 40.Ra5 Nd7 41.Kd5 f4 42.Ke4 Kb7 43.Kf5 f3 44.Kxg5 Rf8 45.Bf2 e4 46.Ra4 Re8 47.Kf4 Nf6 48.Rb4+ Ka8 49.Rb5 Nd7 50.g4 ½ - ½ (Dean Clow's initial piece sac was about even, 17...Qxb2 was +3.00, then somehow Dean drifted to even again.)

Aidan Marco (1659)

Suhaas Naryanan (1970)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.f4 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.d3 e6 6.g4 b4 7.Ne2 h5 8.g5 h4 9.Bh3 d5

47.Kxh4 Kf5 ½ - ½ (The final position is an easy win for Shamik Bhat.)

Lennon Gashwazra (1691)

Felix Yu (1386)

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bd6 5.Be2 Ne7 6.O-O Bf5 7.Nc3 a6 8.Bg5 f6 9.Be3 O-O 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nd7 12.Ne2 Ng6 13.c4 dxc4 14.Qxc4+ Kh8 15.Rad1 Nb6 16.Qb3 a5 17.d5 Re8 18.Nc3 Qd7 19.Rfe1 a4 20.Qc2 Nc4 21.Ne4 Nxe3 22.Rxe3 Qf5 23.Rde1 Re7 24.Qd2 Bf4 25.Qb4 Bxe3 26.Qxe7 Nxe7 27.Rxe3 Nxd5 28.Re1 Re8 29.Nfd2 Qd7 30.Rd1 Re5 31.h3 Qe7 32.Nf3 Rxe4 33.Rxd5 g6 34.Rd2 Re2 35.Rd4 Rxb2 36.Rxa4 Kg7 37.Nh4 Rb1+ 38.Kh2 Qd6+ 39.f4 Qd1 40.Rc4 Qd7 41.Nf3 b5 42.Rd4 Qe7 43.a3 c5 44.Rd5 c4 45.Nd4 c3 46.h4 Rb2 47.f5 Qb7 48.Ne6+ Kh6 49.Nf4 Qxd5 50.Nxd5 c2 51.Nxf6 c1Q 52.Ng4+ Kg7 53.f6+ Kf7 54.a4 Qc2 55.Ne3 0-1 (Felix Yu is always underrated.)

Jason Lee (1513)

Norbert Martinez (1681)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.Qb3 b6 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Nxd5 Nxd5 9.Qxd5 Be6 10.Qe4 g6 11.e3 Bg7 12.Bb5 O-O 13.O-O h6 14.Bf4 Nf6 15.Qd3 Nd5 16.Bg3 a6 17.Bc4 b5 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Nd2 Re8 20.a4 Qb6 21.Rfb1 Rfd8 22.f3 e5 23.e4 Bc4 24.Nxc4 bxc4 25.Qe2 exd4 26.Bf2 Qc6

27.Qd2 c3 28.Qd3 cxb2 29.Rxb2 Qc3 30.Qb1 d3 31.Rb3 Qc2 32.Be3 Bxa1 0-1 (Jason Lee started out great, a pawn up but wrestling coach Norbert Martinez got two points for a reversal.)

Cory Kohler (1686)

Meint Olthof (1488)

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 Nc6 4.f4 Ne4 5.Bxe4 dxe4 6.Nc3 f5 7.Nge2 e6 8.a3 Bd7 9.Ng3 a6 10.d5 exd5 11.Qxd5 Qf6 12.O-O O-O-O 13.Qd1 Be6 14.Qe2 Bd6 15.Bd2 Qf7 16.Rfd1 h6 17.Qf2 g5 18.Nce2 Qe7 19.Bc3 Rhg8 20.Nh5 gxf4 21.Nexf4 Qg5 22.Bf6 Qg4 23.h3 Qxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Bxf4 25.Rxd8+ Nxd8 26.Qxf4 Nf7 27.Ng7 Bd7 28.Nxf5 1-0 (Teen Cory traps the queen of the DCC Secretary.)

Jovanny Juarez (1251)

Deanna Alter (1730)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 Bf5 4.Nc3 c6 5.dxc6 Nxc6 6.d3 e5 7.g3 Bb4 8.Bd2 O-O 9.Bg2 Bxd3 10.a3 Nd4 11.Rc1 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 Qb6 13.Qxd3 Rad8 14.Ne2 Nb3 15.Qc2 Nxc1 16.Qxc1 Rfe8 17.O-O Rc8 18.Qe3 Qa6 19.c5 Ng4 20.Qg5 Qxe2 21.Re1 Qxf2+ 22.Kh1 Rxc5 23.Qxg4 Rxc3 24.Rf1 Qxb2 25.Qf5 Rf8 26.Qxe5 Rc2 27.Qd5 Rc1 28.Qd3 Rxf1+ 29.Bxf1 g6 30.h4 Rc8 31.g4 Rc2 32.Qe3 Qc3 33.Qe8+ Kg7 34.Qe1 Qxe1 0-1 (Deanna Alter has always had a fantastic attacking style from day 1, the polar opposite of her

10.g6 f6 11.e5 d4 12.O-O f5 13.Ng5 Qd5 14.c4 Qh1+ 15.Kf2 Qxh2+ 16.Ke1 Nh6 17.Ng1 Qg3+ 18.Ke2 Ng4 19.N1f3 Be7 20.Nxe6 Qxh3 21.Nxg7+ Kd8 22.Ne6+ Kd7 23.Neg5 Bxg5 24.e6+ Ke7 25.g7 Rg8 26.Nxg5 Qg2+ 27.Ke1 Qg3+ 28.Ke2 Bg2 29.Bd2 Ne3 30.Qa4 Bxf1+ 31.Rxf1 Nxf1 32.Kxf1 h3 33.Qa5 Qg2+ 34.Ke1 Qc6 35.Bxb4 cxb4 36.Qxb4+ Ke8 37.Nh7 Qxe6+ 38.Kf2 Nd7 39.Qb7 Rb8 40.Qc7 Qe3+ 41.Kf1 Qxd3+ 42.Ke1 Qe4+ 43.Kd1 Qb1+ 44.Ke2 Rxb2+ 45.Kf3 Qf1+ 46.Kg3 Qg2+ 47.Kh4 Qg4# 0-1

Rhett Langseth (2044)

Ted Doykos (1874)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.Nbd2 O-O 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 c5 7.O-O Nc6 8.a4 Ng4 9.Re1 f5 10.Ng5 h6 11.Ngf3 Be6 12.Nh4 g5 13.Nxf5 Nxf2 14.Kxf2 Bxf5 15.exf5 Rxf5+ 16.Kg1 d5 17.Bg4 Rf8 18.Be6+ Kh8 19.Qh5 Qb6 20.Nf3 c4+ 21.d4 Rf6 22.Bxg5 Nxd4 23.Nxd4 Rxe6 24.Rxe6 Bxd4+ 25.cxd4 1-0 (*The one bright spot for Rhett.*)

Kevin Seidler (2099)

Paul Baxter (1932)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 f5 3.Nc3 fxe4 4.Nxe4 d5 5.Ng3 e5 6.Bb5 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nf6 9.d3 Bc5 10.Bg5 O-O 11.Bxc6 bxc6



12.O-O Qd7 13.Qf5 Qd6 14.Rael Rae8 15.Qf3 e4 16.dxe4 Nxe4 17.Nxe4 Rxe4 18.Qd1 Qg3 19.Be3 Rxe3 20.fxe3 Bxe3+ 21.Kh1 Rxf1+ 22.Rxf1 Bf4 23.Kg1 Qh2+ 24.Kf2 Qg3+ 1/2-1/2 (*Very entertaining. First Paul Baxter uses the Colorado defense popularized by Longmont's Paul Szeligowski. A series of sharp moves ends in equality. A lucky escape for Kevin.*)

Brady Barkemyer (1902)

Dwight Sehler (1688)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.a3 Bg7 4.c4 d6 5.Nf3 O-O 6.b4 Nbd7 7.Bb2 e6 8.Nbd2 Qe7 9.Be2 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.e4 a5 12.c5 Nh5 13.g3 Nb8 14.Bf1 Nc6 15.b5 Nd4 16.Nxd4 exd4 17.Qc2 Be6 18.O-O-O a4 19.Bc4 Qxc5 20.Bxe6 Qxc2+ 21.Kxc2 fxe6 22.f4 c5 23.bxc6 d3+ 24.Kb1 Bxb2 25.Kxb2 bxc6 26.Kc3 e5 27.fxe5 Rab8 28.Kxd3 Ng7 29.Rb1 Rbd8+ 30.Ke3 Ne6 31.Nf3 Nc5 32.Rhd1 Nb3 33.Rd6 c5 34.Rbd1 Rde8 35.Ra6 Rxf3+ 36.Kxf3 Rxe5 37.Rxa4 Nd4+ 38.Kf4 Re6 39.Rdxd4 cxd4 40.Rxd4 Rc6 1-0 (*Dwight Sehler was reanimated at the Zombie Apocalypse. Brady sends him back.*)

LM Brian Wall (2239)

Victor Huang (2019)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 Re8 8.Qd2 a6 9.a4 Nbd7 10.Nh3 Nf8 11.Nf2 Rb8 12.Be2 e6 13.O-O e5 14.a5 h5 15.Rfb1 N8h7 16.Be3 h4 17.b4 cxb4 18.Na4 Nh5 19.c5 f5 20.cxd6 g5 21.Ba7 Ra8 22.Bb6 Qxd6 23.Qxb4 Qg6 24.Bc7 Nf4 25.Qe1 g4 26.fxg4 fxg4 27.Rb6 Bf6 28.g3 Nh5 29.Ra3 Ng5 30.Nc5 Nf3+ 31.Bxf3 gxf3 32.Rxf3 hxg3 33.hxg3 Re7 34.Bd6 Re8 35.Kg2 Nf4+ 36.Rxf4 exf4 37.Bxf4 Qg7 38.Nfd3 Bd4 39.Qe2 Bg4 40.Qc2 Rac8 41.e5 Qh7 42.Bh6 Rxc5 43.Qd2 Qe4+ 44.Kh2 Be3 45.Nxc5 Qxe5 46.Bxe3 Qh5+ 47.Kg1 Rxe3 48.Qxe3 Bf3 49.Qe6+ 1-0 (*Wild up and down game. On move 44 with 90 seconds left ...Be3?? is a blunder while 44...Rc2!! is a complicated checkmate, 45.Qxc2 Rxe5!! Full analysis at www.DenverChess.com.*)

Chris Peterson (2180)

Tim Martinson (1881)

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.O-O e6 6.d4 Be7 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.Nd3 Qb6 10.Nc3 O-O 11.e3 Rac8 12.Nf4 Bb4 13.Bd2 Bxc3 14.Bxc3 Ne4 15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.f3 Bg6 17.h4 h6 18.Nxg6 fxe6 19.Qd3 Rf6 20.Kg2 Rcf8 21.Rac1 Nb8 22.e4 Qa6 23.Qxa6 Nxa6 24.a3 dxe4 25.fxe4 Rxf1 26.Rxf1 Rxf1 27.Kxf1 Kf7 28.Ke2 Nc7 29.Kf3 Ne8 30.Kf4 Nf6 31.Ke5 Ke7 32.Bb4+ Kd7 33.Bf8 g5 34.hxg5 hxg5 35.d5 Ng4+ 36.Kd4 e5+ 37.Kd3 g6 38.Bc5 a5 39.Be3 b5 40.a4 bxa4 41.Bd2 Nf2+ 42.Ke3 Nd1+ 43.Kf3 Nxb2 44.Bxa5 Nc4 45.Bc3 a3

46.Ke2 Kd6 47.Bb4+ Kd7 48.Kd3 a2 49.Bc3 Nd6 50.Bxe5 g4 51.Ba1 Nb7 52.Kd4 Na5 53.Bb2 Nb3+ 54.Ke5 a1Q 55.Bxa1 Nxa1 56.Kf6 Nc2 57.Kxg6 Kd6 58.Kf5 Ne3+ 59.Kf6 Nc4 60.Kf5 Ne3+ 61.Kf4 Nc4 62.Kxg4 Ke5 63.Kh5 Nd6 64.g4 Nxe4 1/2-1/2 (*Chris tried his best but Tim hung tough.*)

Shirley Herman (1116)

Dean Brown (1510)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.Bxb4 Qxb4+ 6.Qd2 Qxc4 7.e4 Qc6 8.Qc3 Nxe4 9.Bb5 Qxb5 10.Qxc7 Na6 11.Qc2 Qb4+ 12.Nbd2 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Nb4 15.O-O Nc2 16.Rad1 Nxd4 17.Nc4 Ne2+ 18.Kh1 Nf4 19.Rd4 Ng6 20.Nd6+ Ke7 21.Rfd1 Rd8 22.f4 a6 23.g4 h6 24.Nc4 d5 25.Nb6 Rb8 26.Re1 Kf8 27.Rc1 Bd7 28.Rc7 Bc6 29.Kg2 e5 30.fxe5 Nxe5 31.Kg3 g5 32.Rd2 d4 33.Rf2 d3 34.Nc4 Nd7 35.Nb6 Ke7 36.Rf5 Kd6 37.Nxd7 Bxd7 38.Rc3 Bxf5 39.gxf5 Ke5 0-1

Mark Howell (Unrated)

Chris Cannon (1483)

1.c4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 b6 5.Nc3 Bb7 6.Bd2 c5 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.cxd5 Nxd5 9.O-O cxd4 10.Nxd4 Bc5 11.Nf3 O-O 12.a3 a5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.b4 axb4 15.axb4 Rxa1 16.Qxa1 Be7 17.Bc3 Bf6



18.Nd4 Qa8 19.Bf3 Bxd4 20.Bxd5 Qxd5 21.Bxd4 e5 22.Bc3 Qe6 23.f4 exf4 24.Bxg7 Qxe3+ 25.Kh1 Re8 26.Bh8 Ne5 27.Re1 Qxe1+ 28.Qxe1 Kxh8 29.h3 Re6 30.Qc3 Kg7 31.Qd4 Kf8 32.Qxf4 Nd3 33.Qd2 Rd6 34.Qc3 Kg8 35.Qc8+ Kg7 36.Qg4+ Kf8 37.Qf5 Kg8 38.b5 h6 39.Qc8+ Kh7 40.Qc7 Nf2+ 41.Kg1 Rf6 42.Qe5 Kg7 43.Qg3+ Kh7 44.Kh2 Ne4 45.Qd3 Re6 46.g4 Kg7 47.Qd4+ Kg6 48.h4 f6 49.Qd5 Kf7 50.Qf5 Re5

51.Qh7+ Ke6 52.Qxh6 Rxb5 53.Qc1 Re5
54.Qb1 Rc4 55.Qxb6+ Nd6 56.Qb3 Ke5
57.Qb2+ Ke6 58.Kh3 Kf7 59.Qd2 Ne4
60.Qd5+ 1-0 (*A 4th Boulder Open
unrated leapfrogs over his opponent on
his first try. This is why there was unrated
prize cap at the 2015 Denver Open. Until
the last blunder this plays out like a GM
game.*)

Daniel Herman (1904)

David Hugnagel (1769)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Qa5+
5.Nd2 Nf6 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nc6 8.e3 g6
9.Bd3 Nb4 10.Bc4 Nbd5 11.Ne2 b5
12.Bb3 Nxf4 13.Nxf4 Bb7 14.O-O Bh6
15.Re1 O-O 16.Nd3 d6 17.a4 Bd5 18.f4
Rfc8 19.Bxd5 Nxd5 20.b4 Qa6 21.Qb3
Qb7 22.axb5 Rc3 23.Qb1 Qxb5 24.Ne4
Rxd3 25.Ra5 Qxb4 26.Rxd5 Qxb1
27.Rxb1 Rxe3 28.Ng5 Bxg5 29.fxg5 a5
30.Kf2 Rc3 31.Rb7 Kf8 32.Rdb5 Rd3
33.Rb8+ Rxb8 34.Rxb8+ Kg7 35.Ra8
Rxd4 36.Rxa5 f6 37.Ra7 Kf7 38.Ke3 Rg4
39.gxf6 Kxf6 40.Kf3 Rc4 41.g4 g5
42.Ra8 Rc3+ 43.Kf2 e5 44.Rf8+ Ke7
45.Rh8 Rh3 46.Kg2 Rh6 47.Rg8 Rg6
48.Rh8 h6 49.Kf3 d5 50.Rh7+ Kd6
51.Rh8 Rf6+ 52.Ke3 d4+ 53.Ke4 Rf4+
54.Kd3 Rxc4 55.Rxh6+ Kd5 56.Rg6 e4+
57.Kd2 Rg2+ 58.Kd1 Kc4 59.h4 Kd3
60.Rxc5 Rh2 61.Rg3+ e3 62.Rg1 Ra2 0-1
(*Daniel is new to the Trompowsky.*)

Gary Bagstad (1722)

David Logan (1627)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Be7
5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.O-O O-O 8.d3 e5
9.Ne2 b5 10.h3 Bb7 11.g4 h6 12.Ng3
Nd4 13.c3 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Nh7 15.Nf5
Bf6 16.Qg3 a5 17.h4 Re8 18.g5 exf4
19.Bxf4 hxg5 20.hxg5 Be5 21.Nxd6
Qxd6 0-1

Tom Needham (1298)

Ben Spannuth (1285)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d5 4.e5 Bg4 5.d4
cxd4 6.cxd4 Bxf3 7.gxf3 e6 8.a3 Nge7
9.Bg5 Qb6 10.b4 Qxd4 11.Qxd4 Nxd4
12.Be3 Nc2+ 13.Kd1 Nxa1 14.Nd2 a5
15.b5 a4 16.Bd3 Nf5 17.Bxf5 exf5
18.Bd4 Nb3 19.Nxb3 axb3 0-1 (*Ben
continues his 5-0 300 rating point bull
elephant rampage.*)



Deanna Alter (1730)

Cory Kohler (1686)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nc6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bf5
5.c3 e6 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Be7 8.Nbd2
O-O 9.O-O h6 10.Rfel Bd6 11.Ne5 Bxe5
12.dxe5 Nd7 13.Nf3 a6 14.Rad1 Nc5
15.Qc2 Qe7 16.Nd4 Nxd4 17.exd4 Ne4
18.f3 Ng5 19.Bxg5 Qxg5 20.Qd2 Qxd2
21.Rxd2 Rac8 22.Rc2 c5 23.Rec1 Rc6
24.b4 c4 25.a4 Ra8 26.Ra2 Rcc8 27.a5
Kf8 28.g4 Ke7 29.f4 g6 30.h4 Rg8
31.Rf1 h5 32.g5 Kd7 ½-½

Morgan Robb (2023)

Brady Barkemeyer (1902)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.Bc4
Nf6 5.Nf3 Bf5 6.d4 e6 7.Bg5 c6 8.Qd2
Be7 9.O-O Ne4 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.Bxe7
Qxe7 12.Ng5 Bf5 13.Rfe1 O-O 14.h3 h6
15.Nxf7 Qxf7 16.g4 Qg6 17.Kf1 Be4
18.Qe2 Bd5 19.Bd3 Qf6 20.c4 Qf3
21.Qxf3 Bxf3 22.Rxe6 Na6 23.Bf5 Rae8
24.Rael Rxe6 25.Rxe6 Rf6 26.Re3 g6
27.Bc8 c5 28.d5 Nb4 29.Bxb7 h5 30.Bc8
hxg4 31.hxg4 Kf8 32.d6 Nc6 33.Bb7
Rxd6 34.Rxf3+ Ke7 35.Re3+ Kd7
36.Bxc6+ Kxc6 37.Ke2 Kb7 38.b3 a5
39.f4 a4 40.bxa4 Rd4 41.f5 gxf5 42.gxf5
Rxc4 43.f6 Rf4 44.Rf3 Re4+ 45.Kd3 Re8
46.f7 Rf8 47.Kc4 1-0 (*Morgan Robb
reached a personal best in his home town.
Brady was definitely winning this game.
Later Brady was winning a playoff game
against Mark Krowczyk in the Class*

*Championship that would have allowed
the first father-son team in the Colorado
vs New Mexico match. Brady needs some
conversion therapy.)*

Paul Baxter (1932)

Aleksandr Bozhenov (1877)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.O-O O-O
5.d3 d6 6.e4 e5 7.Ne1 Nc6 8.f4 d5 9.fxe5
Nxe5 10.Bf4 Nc6 11.Nc3 dxe4 12.dxe4
Qe7 13.Nd3 Be6 14.Qc1 Ng4 15.h3 Nge5
16.Nd5 Qd7 17.Nc5 Qc8 18.Nxe6 fxe6
19.Ne3 Qe8 20.Rd1 Rd8 21.Rxd8 Qxd8
22.Qd1 Qxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.Rxd8+
Nxd8 25.c3 c5 26.Bf1 a6 27.Nc4 Ndc6
28.Nd6 b5 29.Ne8 Nb8 30.Nxg7 1-0
(*Aleksandr was under pressure but his
last move blundered a piece.*)

Robert Carlson (1691)

Lennon Gashwazra (1691)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.e3
Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.Bb5 Nf6 8.O-O O-O
9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.Qc2 a6 11.Bxc6 bxc6
12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Nb3 Ne4 14.Nbd2
Nxd2 15.Qxd2 e5 16.e4 Be6 17.Rfel
Rfe8 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.c4 e4 20.Ng5 h6
21.Nxe4 Qg6 22.cxd5 Rxe4 23.Rxe4
Qxe4 24.d6 Rd8 25.d7 Qd5 26.Rd1 Rxd7
27.Qxd5 cxd5 28.f3 f5 29.Rd2 Kf7
30.Kf2 Ke6 31.Rc2 d4 32.Rc6+ Rd6
33.Rxd6+ Kxd6 34.Ke2 Kc5 35.Kd3 a5
36.b3 Kb4 37.Kxd4 Ka3 38.Kc3 Kxa2
39.g3 Ka3 40.h4 g6 41.f4 h5 42.Kc2 ½-½

(21.Nh3 would be an easy way to win a piece but Math Professor Carlson chose a more complicated method more difficult to convert. Lennon is a die hard non resigner and this time it paid off.)

Jason Lee (1513)

Sara Herman (1585)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Bg5 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 c5 5.Bxb4 cxb4 6.Nd2 Nc6 7.e3 O-O 8.Ng3 d6 9.Bd3 Re8 10.e4 e5 11.d5 Nb8 12.O-O Na6 13.b3 Bg4 14.h3 Bh5 15.Re1 Nc5 16.Bc2 a5 17.Qb1 Bg6 18.Nh4 Nfxe4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Qxh4 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Qc2 Rac8 23.Re4 Qg5 24.Qe2 f5 25.Re3 Rc5 26.Rf1 f4 27.Re4 Rb8 28.Ra1 b5 29.a3 bxc4 30.axb4 Rxb4 31.Rxc4 Rbxc4 32.bxc4 f3 33.Qxf3 Rxc4 34.Rxa5 e4 35.Ra8+ Kh7 36.Qf8 Rc1+ 37.Kh2 Qe5+ 38.f4 exf3+ 0-1 (38.g3 +9.00. "I almost resigned after 38.f4??, attacking my king and queen, but then I remembered en passant!" - Sara Herman.)

Norbert Martinez (1681)

Felix Yu (1386)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 Be7 5.O-O O-O 6.Nbd2 b6 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.Nc6 Qe8 9.f4 Bb7 10.Ne5 c5 11.c3 Qc8 12.Ndf3 Re8 13.Ng5 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Ne4 15.Nxf7 Rf8 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Nd6 Bxd6 18.exd6 Qd7 19.dxc5 bxc5 20.b4 Rxf1+ 21.Qxf1 Qxd6 22.Qb5 Qd1+ 23.Kf2 Rf8+ 24.Kg3 Qe1+ 25.Kh3 Bc8 26.Qc4 Kh8 27.Qxe4 e5+ 28.g4 Qf1+ 29.Kh4 Qf2+ 30.Kg5 Qf6+ 31.Kh5 Qh6# 0-1 (23.Qf1! stays in the game but 23.Kf2? is a helpmate.)

Ted Doykos (1874)

Aidan Marco (1659)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bd2 Ngf6 12.O-O-O Qc7 13.Ne4 O-O-O 14.Nxf6 Nxf6 15.Qe2 Nd5 16.Ne5 Nb4 17.Kb1 Rxd4 18.c3 Rd5 19.Nxf7 Qxf7 20.cxb4 Qf5+ 21.Ka1 Be7 22.Bc3 Bf6 23.g4 Qg5 24.Qxe6+ Kb8 25.Rxd5 Qxd5 26.Re1 Bxc3 27.bxc3 Qd2 28.Qe5+ Ka8 29.Qe8+ 1-0 (Aidan probably thought it was checkmate but 29...Qd8 30.Qxd8+ Rxd8 31.Re7 Rg8 32.Kb2 would be a difficult no fun ending anyway.)

Meint Olthof (1488)

Jovanny Juarez (1251)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e6 4.e3 Nf6 5.Nf3 b6 6.Bd3 Ba6 7.cxd5 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 cxd5 9.O-O Nc6 10.Qb5 Qc7 11.Ne5 Rc8 12.h3 Bd6 13.f4 O-O 14.Qe2 Ne7 15.Nb5 Qb8 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.a3 Ne4 18.Nd3 Ng3 19.Qf2 Nxf1 20.Qxf1 a5 21.Bd2 Rc2 22.Bc3 Rc8 23.Qd1 R8xc3 24.bxc3 Rxc3 25.a4 Nf5 26.Qd2 Rc6 27.Kf2 g6 28.Ne5 Rc7 29.Rb1 f6 30.Nd3 Rc6 31.g4 Qc7 32.Rc1 Rxc1 33.Nxc1 Nd6 34.Nd3 Ne4+ 0-1 (Meint helps Jovanny rise 190 points.)

Nicholas Biehl (Unrated)

Shamik Bhat (1492)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.b3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Be7 7.Bd3 a6 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.Nf3 O-O 10.Qd2 Qc7 11.O-O-O d5 12.exd5 exd5 13.a3 Be6 14.Na4 Bd6



15.g3 b5 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qh6 f5 18.Ng5 f6 19.Nxe6 Qb7 20.Nxf8 Bxf8 21.Qxf6 bxa4 22.b4 Nxb4 23.axb4 a3 24.Bxf5 Bg7 25.Be6+ Kh8 26.Qf3 Bb2+ 27.Kd2 Qxb4+ 28.Ke2 Qc4+ 29.Rd3 Re8 30.Kf1 Qe4 31.Bxd5 Qxf3 32.Bxf3 a2 33.Kg2 a1Q 34.Rxa1 Bxa1 35.Rd6 a5 36.Bc6 Rc8 37.Ba4 Rc4 38.Bb3 Rc8 39.Ra6 Bc3 40.h4 h5 41.Rh6+ Kg7 42.Rxh5 1-0 (Nicholas Biehl starts out with a strong attack and a decent rating. Shamik put up a good fight.)

Andy Wu (1876)

Zydrunas Gimbutas (Unrated)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.O-O Nf6 8.Qe1 Be7 9.d3 O-O 10.b3 Qc7 11.Na4 Nd7 12.Nd2 Bf6 13.e5 Nxe5 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.Bb2 Bxh2+ 16.Kh1 Bd6 17.Qf2 e5 18.Ba3 f5 19.Bxc5 Be6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6

21.Kg1 Bf7 22.Qc5 Qg6 23.Nb6 Rac8 24.Nxc8 Rxc8 25.Qe3 Re8 26.Rae1 Qh5 27.Rf3 ... ½-½ (A great battle. Andy Wu is one of those kids whose rating goes straight up, Zydrunas Gimbutas rises to 1934 on his first try.)

Brandon Reams (1689)

Alex Stiger (1745)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.e4 dxe4 5.f3 exf3 6.Nxf3 e6 7.Bd3 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.Qe2 c5 10.Ne4 cxd4 11.Kh1 Nd5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Nxd4 N7f6 14.Rf3 e5 15.Nxf6+ Nxf6 16.Raf1 Bg4 17.Nf5 Qe6 18.Nh6+ gxh6 19.Rg3 Kh8 20.Qd2 Nh5 21.Rxg4 Qxg4 22.Qxh6 f5 23.Qe3 e4 24.Be2 Qg6 25.Rd1 Rg8 26.g3 Nf6 27.Qc3 Rac8 28.Qb3 b6 29.Rd6 Rcd8 30.Re6 Qg5 31.Qc3 Rgf8 32.Bh5 Qxh5 33.Rxf6 Qd1+ 34. Kg2 Rd2+ 0-1 (Alex later took third mixed doubles with a Grandmaster in the 2015 Chicago Open. Brandon Reams was reanimated at the Zombie Apocalypse.)

Joshua Romero (1991)

Ryan Swerdlin (2199)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.O-O Ne7 7.a4 c5 8.Nc3 a6 9.Be3 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxe5 11.g4 Bg6 12.f4 N5c6 13.f5 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 exf5 15.gxf5 Nxf5 16.Rxf5 Bxf5 17.Nxd5 Be6 18.c4 Rc8 19.Qe5 Qd6 20.Qe4 Be7 21.Rd1 Bxd5 22.cxd5 O-O 23.Bf4 Qb6+ 24.Kh1 Bd6 25.Be3 Qxb2 26.Bd4 Qc2 27.Qg4 Qg6 28.Qf3 Qh6 29.Qg2 Rc1 0-1 (Joshua missed the same strong move I did in my game with Ryan, 15.Rae1!! and young master Ryan ended up in clear first. Joshua became an expert for the first time.)

Dwight Sehler (1688)

Clifton Ford (1811)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 Be7 4.O-O O-O 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 c5 7.e4 Nc6 8.e5 Nd7 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Qe2 b5 11.h4 Ba6 12.Nf1 Rac8 13.Bf4 b4 14.N1h2 Nb6 15.Ng5 Nd4 16.Qh5 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Nd7 18.Ng4 Nxc2 19.Nf6+ Nxf6 20.Bxf6 Nxe1 21.Qg5 1-0 (Dwight Sehler was reanimated after a deep sleep of over 10 years at the Zombie Apocalypse. This victory felt like an old school Bobby Fischer win.)





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Interference

by NM Todd Bardwick

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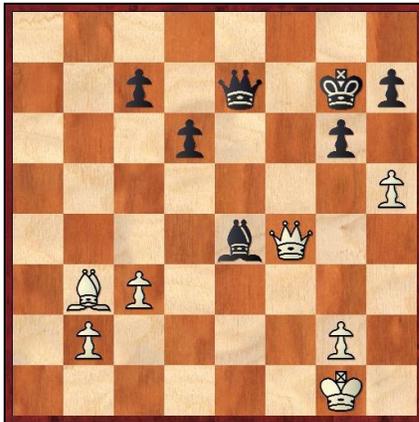
Interference or obstruction occurs when a player interposes and sacrifices a piece to interrupt or cut off an opponent's piece from defending a key square on a file or diagonal.

This type of tactic is often overlooked because of its rarity.

In a sense, an interference move is the opposite of a clearance move.

Here is a position from Yugoslavia in 1973 between Bozidar Ivanovic and Petar Popovic.

Petar Popovic



Bozidar Ivanovic

White to move

Black's king is more exposed and White goes on the attack with **1.h6+ Kh8**.

White would love to attack Black's king on the a1-h8 diagonal or the backrank.

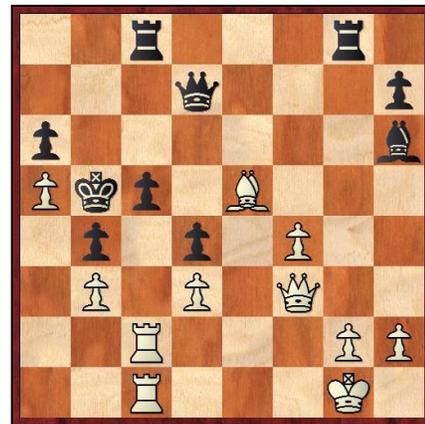
He plays the clever interference move and cuts off the queen's protection of the e4 bishop by playing **2.Be6! Resigns**.

After 2...d5 3.Qe5+ (the bishop move also cut off the queen from protecting e5 after the d-pawn moves) 3...Qg7 4.Qxg7 mate. 2...Qxe6 3.Qf8+ Qg8 4.Qf6+ Qg7 5.Qxg7 mate also doesn't work for Black. If Black moves his bishop, White can play 3.Qd4+ with mate to follow.

Here is an example where an interference move interrupts two lines of defense simultaneously!

This position arose in a game between Siegbert Tarrasch and Allies in Naples, Italy, in 1914.

Allies



Siegbert Tarrasch

Position after 30...Kb5
White to move

Notice that Black's pawn on c5 is attacked twice and defended twice. If the Black rook weren't defending it, 31.Rxc5 would be mate. The Black queen also defends a mate threat by protecting b7. If she were not able to defend b7, White could play 31.Qb7+ Kxa5 32.Ra1+ or 32.Ra2+ leading to mate.

White played the ingenious, **31.Bc7!** interfering with both the queen and the rook and **Black Resigned**.

Black's defending attempt of 31...Rxc7 loses to 32.Qb7+! Rxb7 33.Rxc5 mate or 32...Kxa5 33.Ra1+ Qa4 34.Rxa4 mate.

If instead Black responds, 31...Qxc7, 32.Rxc5+ Qxc5 33.Qb7+ Kxa5 34.Ra1 mate (or 33...Qb6 34.Qxb6 mate).

Fred Reinfeld is quoted as saying, "White's last move (31.Bc7!) is one of the most beautiful ever played on the chessboard."



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2015 Colorado Scholastic Team Chess Championship

by Jackson Chen

The second K-12 Colorado Scholastic Team Chess Championship tournament was hosted on March 21, 2015 at the splendid north campus of Westwood College, centrally located in Denver, Colorado. Even though the event was scheduled during the Spring Break (to avoid conflicts with regional scholastic chess events), we still had a great turnout! The top 14 teams from five regions in Colorado (Colorado Springs, Denver Central, Denver North, Fort Collins, and Boulder) competed in the three sections (high, middle and elementary school) of the tournament. We added an additional region from last year's regional structure. We would like to welcome our new Central Denver region, coordinated by NM Todd Bardwick, a long time scholastic chess activist from the Denver area. We would like to give a shout out to Lawrence Beshear for handling the projection of the games of the top boards in each section to the skittles room, where IM Michael Mulyar and Peter Wise commentated. There were total of 63 scholastic players in the tournament, 26 of them were new CSCA and USCF members. Zachary Bekkedahl, our state scholastic coordinator, offered all of the new players free USCF memberships. We would like to welcome these newcomers, and we wish all of them the best in our wonderful Colorado chess community.

This was an one-day, invitation only tournament. More information about the tournament is posted on the tournament website at www.chenjackson.com/chess/team/.

As always, this tournament was only made possible with the following generous contributions:

- ◆ Firstly, our thanks go to the Westwood College and its president, Daniel Snyder, for their generous sponsorship. They have provided us with many spacious rooms including two playing rooms, a skittles room, a registration room and a break room. They also provided WiFi for everyone, all at no cost to us.
- ◆ Thanks to IM Michael Mulyar and Peter Wise for providing live game commentary throughout the entire day.
- ◆ Thanks to Lawrence Beshear for setting up the digital chess board, game transmission, projection and playing room tables and chairs.
- ◆ Thanks to Peter Wise for taking professional photos for the tournament.
- ◆ Thanks to Brad Lundstrom for helping TD the tournament.
- ◆ Special thanks go to our regional coordinators: Todd Bardwick, Zachary Bekkedahl, Jesse Cohen, Michael Mulyar and Lee Simmons for hosting regional qualification tournaments and for selecting their top teams for our state tournament.
- ◆ Finally, the ultimate success of the tournament can be attributed to all of players and parents for their support of this tournament. It was truly a statewide team effort that made this tournament possible.

If you have any suggestions or guidance on how to improve this tournament in the future, please let myself or Zach know. My email address is jackson@chenjackson.com, and Zach's email address is info@chessmatesfc.com. We would really appreciate it. We hope to see you all again next year!

Winners from the 2015 Colorado Scholastic Team Chess Championship are:

Elementary School	Middle School	High School
First - Ridgeview Elementary School	Kinard Middle School	Fossil Ridge High School
Second - Traut Elementary School	Prairie Winds Elementary School	Monarch High School

Grades K-5

Sami Al-adsani (1366)

Eshaan Palanati (1076)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bf5
5.a3 e6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Qb3 h6
9.Qxb7 hxg5 10.Qxc6+ Bd7 11.Qa6 g4
12.Ne5 Bf5 13.e3 O-O 14.Nc6 Qd6
15.Nxe7+ Qxe7 16.Qc6 Rab8 17.Nxd5
Nxd5 18.Qxd5 Bc2 19.b4 Be4 20.Qc5
Rfe8 21.Bc4 Bxg2 22.Rg1 Bf3 23.Qxa7
Qe4 24.Qxc7 Rf8 25.Rc1 Rbc8 26.Qf4

Rxc4 27.Qxe4 Rxc1+ 28.Kd2 Rg1
29.Qe5 Rd1+ 30.Kc2 Rc8+ 31.Kb3 Rb1+
32.Ka4 Bc6+ 33.Ka5 Ra1 34.Kb6 Rxa3
35.Qf5 Raa8 36.d5 Rab8+ 37.Ka5 Ra8+
38.Kb6 Be8 39.d6 Rc6+ 40.Kb7 Rca6
41.d7 R8a7+ 42.Kc8 Bxd7+ 43.Qxd7
Rxd7 44.Kxd7 Rh6 45.b5 Rb6 46.Kc7
Rxb5 47.Kc6 Rb2 48.Kd5 Rxf2 49.Ke4
Rxh2 50.Kf4 f5 51.Kg3 Re2 52.Kf4 g5+
53.Kg3 Rxe3+ 54.Kf2 f4 55.Kg2 Kf7
56.Kf2 Ke6 57.Kg2 Ke5 58.Kf2 Ke4
59.Kg2 Re2+ 60.Kf1 Kf3 61.Kg1 g3
62.Kh1 Re1# 0-1

Rahul Ghosh (1003)

Sami Al-adsani (1366)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.exd6 exd6
5.c4 Nf6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.g3 O-O
9.Bg2 Re8+ 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Nd5 c6 12.h3
cxd5 13.hxg4 dxc4 14.Qc2 d5 15.O-O-O
Bxg4 16.Rd2 Nc6 17.Re2 Nb4 18.Qc3
Nxa2+ 19.Kc2 Nxc3 20.Kxc3 Qa5+
21.Kc2 Qa4+ 22.Kd2 Qb3 23.Kc1 Qd3
24.Rd1 Qxe2 25.Rd2 Qxd2+ 26.Bxd2
Re2 27.Be3 Re8 28.Bf1 Bxf3 29.Bxe2
Bxe2 30.Kd2 Bd3 31.f4 f5 32.g4 0-1

Sami Al-adsani (1366)
Joshua Miller (1154)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 dxc4 4.e4 c5
5.Bxc4 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 a6 8.dxc5
Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 Ng4 10.Bg5 Bxc5 11.O-O
O-O 12.h3 Nge5 13.Nxe5 Nxe5 14.Bb3
b5 15.Rd2 Bb7 16.Bf4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 bxc4
18.Rd7 Be6 19.Rc7 Rfc8 20.Rxc8+ Rxc8
21.Rd1 Bb4 22.a3 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Bxe4
24.Rd7 h6 25.Ra7 Rc6 26.Rc7 Rxc7
27.Bxc7 Kf8 28.Kf1 Ke7 29.g3 Kd7
30.Be5 f6 31.Bd4 e5 32.Bc5 Kc6 33.Bf8
Kb5 34.Ke2 Ka4 35.Kd2 Kb3 36.Bb4 g5
37.Ke3 Bg2 38.h4 gxh4 39.gxh4 Ka4
40.f4 a5 41.Bc5 exf4+ 42.Kxf4 Kb3
43.Bb6 a4 44.Ba5 Kxa3 45.Ke3 Kb2
46.Bb4 a3 47.Bxa3+ Kxa3 48.Ke2 Kb3
49.Kd2 f5 50.h5 f4 0-1

Sami Al-adsani (1366)
Peter Richardson (643)

1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 c6 3.Bb2 e6 4.d4 Bd6 5.c4
dxc4 6.bxc4 Bb4+ 7.Bc3 Bxc3+ 8.Nxc3
Nf6 9.Kd2 Ng4 10.Ke1 O-O 11.e4 Qa5
12.Qc2 Nd7 13.h3 Ngf6 14.Rc1 Nxe4
15.Qxe4 Nf6 16.Qe2 b5 17.Qd2 bxc4
18.Bxc4 Rd8 19.Qc2 e5 20.dxe5 Nd7
21.Ng5 Qxe5+ 22.Nge4 Nc5 23.Kf1
Nxe4 24.Nxe4 Bf5 25.Qe2 Bxe4 26.f3
Bd5 27.Qxe5 Bxc4+ 28.Rxc4 Rd1+
29.Kf2 h5 30.Rxd1 Rf8 31.Rxc6 f6
32.Qe7 g5 33.Rd7 Rf7 34.Qxf7+ Kh8
35.Rcc7 g4 36.Qh7# 1-0

Gavin Rodriguez (600)
Sami Al-adsani (1366)

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bb5+ c6 4.Bd3 e5
5.Nf3 Bg4 6.O-O d4 7.Ne2 Bxf3 8.gxf3
Nh5 9.Bc4 b5 10.Ng3 Nxc3 11.fxc3 bxc4
12.d3 Be5 13.h4 Qd7 14.b3 Qh3 15.Bg5
Qxg3+ 16.Kh1 f6 17.Bd2 c3 18.Be1
Qh3+ 19.Kg1 Rg8 20.f4 g5 21.Qh5+ Kf8
22.fxc3 Rxc3+ 23.Kf2 Rg2# 0-1

Grades 6-8

Jack Kiechlin (1055)
Brett Barton (Unrated)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6
5.Nc3 Bb4 6.e3 O-O 7.Bd3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3
Nbd7 9.O-O dxc4 10.Bb1 b6 11.Ne5 c5
12.dxc5 Nxe5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.Bxf6
gxf6 15.f4 Ng6 16.Bc2 Bb7 17.e4 e5
18.fxe5 fxe5 19.Rad1 bxc5 20.a3 Nf4
21.Rf3 Rxd1+ 22.Bxd1 Bxe4 23.Re3 f5
24.g3 Nh3+ 25.Kf1 Rd8 26.Be2 Bd3
27.Rxe5 Rb8 28.Rxc5 Rb1+ 29.Kg2

Bxe2 30.Kxh3 Bd3 31.Rc8+ Kf7
32.Rc7+ Kg6 33.Rxa7 Re1 34.a4 Kg5
35.Rxh7 Bf1# 0-1

Aidan Marco (1666)
Suhaas Narayanan (1963)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.f4 b5 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.d3
e6 6.g3 b4 7.Ne2 d5 8.exd5 Bxd5 9.Bg2
Nf6 10.O-O Be7 11.b3 O-O 12.Bb2 Ng4
13.Qd2 Bf6 14.Bxf6 Nxf6 15.c4 Bb7
16.d4 Nbd7 17.dxc5 Qa5 18.Kh1 Qxc5
19.Rad1 Rad8 20.Ned4 Ne4 21.Qd3 Qb6
22.Qe3 Ndf6 23.Rfe1 Ng4 24.Qe2 Ngf2+
25.Kg1 Nxd1 26.Qxd1 Nc3 27.Qc2 Bxf3
28.Bxf3 Qxd4+ 29.Kf1 Qd3+ 30.Qxd3
Rxd3 0-1

Aidan Marco (1666)
Michael Matl (500)

1.e4 c6 2.Bc4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bb3 Nf6
5.Qf3 Bg4 6.Qc3 e6 7.f3 Bf5 8.g4 Bg6
9.d3 Nc6 10.Ba4 Qb6 11.Na3 Bb4
12.Qxb4 Qxb4+ 13.c3 Qxa4 14.b3 Qa6
15.c4 Bxd3 16.Bg5 Qxa3 17.Rd1 dxc4
18.bxc4 Qc3+ 19.Kf2 O-O 20.Ne2 Bxe2
21.Kxe2 Nd4+ 22.Kf2 Qxf3+ 23.Ke1
Qe2# 0-1

Anthony Christopher (936)
Tyson Whitman (1128)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 Be7
5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.e5 Be7 7.a3 O-O 8.Bd3
Nc6 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.Nh3
Qd7 12.O-O h6 13.Qd3 b5 14.b4 a5
15.bxa5 Rxa5 16.Qd2 Rxa3 17.Rxa3
Bxa3 18.g4 b4 19.Na2 b3 20.cxb3 Be7
21.Nc3 Bb4 22.Qd3 Bxc3 23.Qxc3 Ra8
24.Qd3 Bb5 25.Qb1 Bxf1 26.Kxf1 Qb5+
27.Kg2 Rb8 28.g5 Qxb3 29.Qc1 Qb2
30.Qxc7 Qb7 31.Qc2 hxg5 32.Nxc5 g6
33.Qe2 Kg7 34.Qf3 Kh6 35.Nxf7+ Kg7
36.Qf6+ Kg8 37.Nh6+ Kh7 38.Qh4 g5
39.Qh3 Kg6 40.Qxe6+ Kg7 41.Nf5+ Kf8
42.Qf6+ Qf7 43.Qd6+ Kg8 44.Qxb8+
Kh7 45.Ne3 Qf4 46.Qb7+ Kh6 47.Qc6+
Kg7 48.Qd7+ Kg6 49.Qd6+ Kg7
50.Qd7+ Kg6 51.Qxd5 Qf7 52.Qxf7+
Kxf7 53.Kg3 Ke6 54.Kg4 Kf7 55.Kf5
Ke7 56.Kxg5 Kf7 57.d5 Ke7 58.Kf5 Kf7
59.e6+ Ke7 60.Nc4 Kf8 61.Kf6 Ke8
62.e7 Kd7 63.Kf7 Kc7 64.e8Q Kb7
65.Qc6+ Kb8 66.Qc5 Kb7 67.Ke7 Ka6
68.Qb4 Ka7 69.Kd7 Ka8 70.Kc7 Ka7
71.Qb7# 1-0

Suhaas Narayanan (1963)
Michael Matl (500)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Qf6 3.Nf3 Nh6 4.Nc3 c5
5.Bg5 Qg6 6.Nb5 Na6 7.Qa4 cxd4
8.O-O-O Ng4 9.Qxa6 bxa6 10.Nc7# 1-0

Jack Kiechlin (1055)
Suhaas Narayanan (1963)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.cxd5 exd5 4.Bf4 c5
5.dxc5 Bxc5 6.Nc3 d4 7.Nb5 Qa5+
8.Qd2 Bb4 9.Nc7+ Kd8 10.Nxa8 Bxd2+
11.Bxd2 Qf5 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.g3 Nge7
14.Bf4 Nd5 15.Bd6 Qf6 16.Bc7+ Nxc7
17.Nxc7 Kxc7 18.Bg2 d3 19.exd3 Re8+
20.Kf1 Bg4 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Kxe1 Bxf3
23.Bxf3 Qxf3 24.Rg1 Nd4 25.Kf1 Nf5
26.Rg2 Ne3+ 27.Ke1 Qd1# 0-1

Michael Matl (500)
Brett Barton (Unrated)

1.e3 d5 2.Qf3 Nf6 3.Nh3 Nc6 4.b3 Bg4
5.Qg3 e5 6.d3 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+
8.Kxd2 e4 9.dxe4 Nxe4+ 10.Ke1 Nxc3
11.fxc3 Qe7 12.Kf2 Qf6+ 13.Ke1 Qxa1
14.Kd2 Qxb1 15.Ng5 Qd1+ 16.Kc3 d4+
17.exd4 Qxd4# 0-1

Brett Barton (Unrated)
Aidan Marco (1666)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 d4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.e3
Bb4+ 6.Bd2 dxe3 7.fxe3 Bg4 8.Bxb4
Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Nxb4 10.Be2 O-O-O+
11.Kc1 Bf5 12.Rd1 Nc2 13.Rxd8+ Kxd8
14.Nd4 Nxe3 15.Kd2 Bxb1 16.Rxb1
Nxc2 17.Bf3 Nf4 18.Bxb7 Ne7 19.Rf1
Neg6 20.Ke3 Ne6 21.Rxf7 Nxd4
22.Kxd4 1/2-1/2

Michael Matl (500)
Jack Kiechlin (1055)

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Bc5 3.Qh5 Nh6 4.d4 Bxd4
5.Bxh6 g6 6.Qf3 Qe7 7.c3 Bc5 8.h4 Nc6
9.Bg5 Qf8 10.Na3 Ne7 11.Nb5 Bb6
12.Rd1 d6 13.a4 a5 14.Ne2 Bd7 15.Qe3
Bxe3 16.fxe3 O-O-O 17.Bxe7 Qxe7
18.Rd5 Be6 19.Na7+ Kb8 20.Rxa5 Bxc4
21.b3 b6 22.Nc6+ Kb7 23.Nxe7 bxa5
24.bxc4 Rd7 25.Nd5 Kc6 26.O-O Rf8 0-1

Grades 9-12

Zaky Laovar (732)
Patrick Liu (Unrated)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.b3 g6 7.Bb2 Bg7 8.Qd2 Nbd7
9.Be2 O-O 10.h4 e5 11.Nf3 Nc5

12.O-O-O Ncxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Qe3 Nf6 15.Nxe5 Re8 16.Qf4 Qc7 17.Nc4 Rxe2 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Qxf6 b5 20.Rd2 Re6 21.Qf4 bxc4 22.b4 Rb8 23.c3 Bd7 24.h5 gxh5 25.Rxh5 Re1+ 26.Kc2 Ba4+ 27.Kb2 Rxb4+ 28.Ka3 Rb5 29.Rxb5 axb5 30.Rb2 Qa7 31.Kb4 Qc5+ 32.Ka5 Re8 33.Ka6 Ra8+ 34.Kb7 Qc8+ 35.Kb6 Rb8+ 36.Ka5 Ra8+ 37.Kb6 Ra6# 0-1

Amrita Nag (1594)

Zaky Laovar (732)

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 g6 5.Qb3 Bg7 6.Bxb7 Bxb7 7.Qxb7 Nbd7 8.Nf3 O-O 9.Ne4 e5 10.Nxd6 Qe7 11.Ne4 Qe6 12.Nxf6+ Nxf6 13.d3 Rfb8 14.Qc7 Nd7 15.Ng5 Qe7 16.Qc6 h6 17.Ne4 Rc8 18.Qd6 Qe8 19.Be3 a5 20.Nxc5 Bf8 21.Qxd7 Qxd7 22.Nxd7 Bb4+ 23.Bd2 Bxd2+ 24.Kxd2 Re8 25.Nf6+ Kf8 26.Nxe8 Kxe8 27.Rhc1 Ke7 28.c5 Rc8 29.a3 Rc6 30.b4 1-0

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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.c4 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 f6 8.Nc3 Nd7 9.Qe3 Qc7 10.Be2 O-O-O 11.c5 Bg4 12.exf6 Ngxf6 13.Ng5 Nf8 14.Nxe6 Bxe6 15.O-O-O Bg4 16.f3 Bd7 17.Qg5 Ne6 18.Qe3 Qf4 19.Qxf4 Nxf4 20.Bf1 g5 21.g3 Ng6 22.Bd3 Rde8 23.Rhf1 Rhg8 24.Kd2 h5 25.Rde1 Rxe1 26.Rxe1 h4 27.Ne2 hxg3 28.hxg3 Nh5 29.g4 Nhf4 30.Nxf4 Nxf4 31.Bc2 Ne6 32.Bf5 Nxd4 33.Bxd7+ Kxd7 34.Re3 Rf8 35.Kc3 Nxf3 36.b4 d4+ 0-1



Corrigendum Regarding the A.R.B. System Article

by Colin James III

LM Brian Wall and Paul Covington kindly forwarded comments about the A.R.B. System (ARB) article in the last issue of the Colorado Chess Informant (April, 2015), from its inventor Anthony R. Brown, and which I rephrase for readability:

1. ARB always plays the first six pawns first, for White or Black as a reversed board, before subsequent pieces are developed and unless forced to block a check. For example, below is how ARB as White would start using the game example in the article: 1.e3 e5 2.d3 d5 3.h3 Nf6 4.a3 c5 5.g3 Nc6 6.b3. ARB should be played by the rule that *“the six pawns are always played first before other pieces.”*
2. The example games by Brown are now played at 180 seconds per ply instead of the previously used 60 seconds per ply.
3. It is a mistake to assert that a computer move selected in a game transcript is the strongest move available from the chess engine, because time control limits for each side are in effect.
4. ARB is an optimal system for obtaining draws as based on many example games. Computer engines make the same mistakes based on incorrect assumptions programmed into the engines. It is those mistakes in the engines from which ARB gains an advantage.
5. Here is a recent game to illustrate ARB:

Event: ARB-Game 06-Short

Date: 2015.04.08

Origin: UK

White: Stockfish 6 / Elo: 3300+

Black: Anthony R Brown / Elo: ?

Opening: A40 Unusual replies to 1.d4

Control: 180 seconds / ply

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 h6 4.e4 a6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 b6 7.O-O Bg7 8.Be3 Ne7 9.Qd2 Bb7 10.d5 e5 11.b4 Nd7 12.c5 Bc8 13.c6 Nf6 14.Qd1 Ng4 15.Bd2 f5 16.Ne1 Nf6 17.f3 f4 18.Nd3 g5 19.Nf2 h5 20.Be1 Ng6 21.a4 Kf7 22.Rb1 Qg8 23.Rb2 Qh7 24.Nd3 g4 25.Qc1 Bh6 26.Qb1 Bg5 27.Qc2 Qh6 28.b5 a5 29.Nd1 Kg7



30.Qb1 Bh4 31.Bd2 g3 32.h3 Ng4 33.Bc3 Nh2 34.Kh1 Bf6 35.Ne1 Qg5 36.Qc2 Qh4 37.Bd3 Bxh3 38.gxh3 Qxh3 39.Qg2 Qxg2+ 40.Kxg2 Nxf1 41.Bxf1 h4 42.Kh3 Nf8 43.Kg2 h3+ 44.Kg1 Ng6 45.Rd2 Rag8 46.Nb2 Kf7 47.Nbd3 g2 48.Nxg2 Nh4 49.Ne1 Rg3 50.Rf2 hxg2 51.Bxg2 Nxg2 52.Rxg2 Rgh3 53.Kf1 Bh4 54.Ke2 Bxe1 55.Bxe1 Rh2 56.Rxh2 Rxh2+ 57.Bf2 Rh1 58.Be1 Ke7 59.Kd2 Rh2+ 60.Kc3 Ke8 61.Kc4 Rh3 62.Bf2 Kd8 63.Be1 Rxf3 64.Bh4+ Kc8 65.Be7 Re3 66.Bh4 Rxe4+ 67.Kd3 Rxa4 68.Be1 e4+ 69.Ke2 Ra2+ 70.Kf1 e3 71.Bc3 Rc2 72.Bd4 Rd2 73.Bf6 f3 74.Kg1 f2+ 75.Kg2 Rd1 76.Bg5 f1Q+ 77.Kg3 Rd2 78.Kg4 Rg2+ 79.Kh5 Qf5 80.Kh6 Qxg5+ 81.Kh7 Qg7# 0-1

What follows below is further commentary by the author of the original article.

This analysis is for 180 seconds per ply on a Dell 8700S using Houdini Pro 4 x64B with 22 GB hash table uncleared at up to over 13 million nodes per second. On this machine a 3 minute run per ply typically takes the forward analysis into a depth of 26 moves.

The game above is kept intact through the pawn moves at move 6, from which the computer analysis begins. In contrast to 14.Qd1 (+0.68) above is 14.Qc2 (+0.80) leading to a white win.

The main rule of ARB is to move a unique pawn forward by one rank only once in each move of the first six moves. To capture this rule, computer value rankings are tabulated for the next available such pawn move within the first six moves. Without showing intermediary tables for Black pawn replies, three pawn openings as Black are presented here for 1.e4, 1.d4, and 1.c4.

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nc3 h6 (transposes 3.e4 h6) 4.e4 d6 5.f4 g6 6.Nf3 a6 (transposes Bd3 a6) 7.Bd3 (+0.87) Nd7 8.0-0 Bg7 (transposes 8.Be3 Bb7 9.0-0 Bg7 10.f5) 9.Be3 Bb7 10.f5 gxf5 11.exf5 e5 (+0.88).

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 a6 3.d4 d6 4.Bd3 h6 5.c4 c6 6.Nc3 b6 7.0-0 (+1.06).

1.c4 e6 2.d4 b6 3.e4 h6 4.Bd3 d6 5.Nf3 a6 6.Nc3 c6 7.0-0 (+1.03).

(It is noted that f6 is not usually played in ARB within the first six moves because f6 exposes the king to attack. To a lesser extent, c6 is not played because it can expose the queen to indirect attack by pin.)

The three openings above imply that ARB for Black against computer chess engines as White has better success against 1.d4 than against either 1.e4 or 1.c4.



Tactics Time!

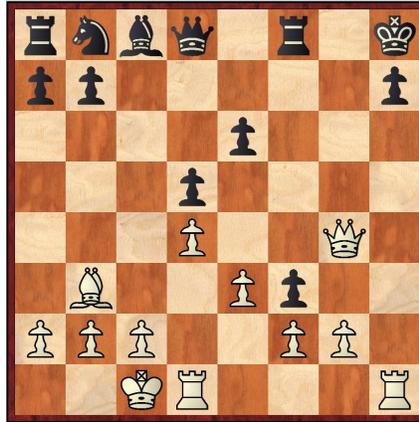
by Tim Brennan

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 the next page.

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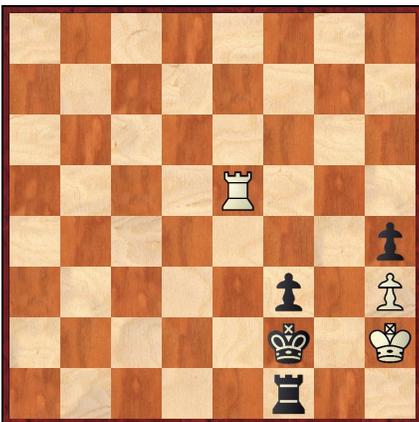
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Boulder Open / 2015
 White to move



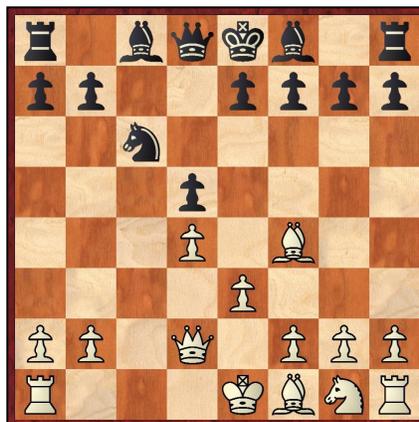
2. Chris Peterson - Mark Krowczyk
Attack of the Clones / 2015
 White to move



3. Tim Brennan - Dean Brown
Attack of the Clones / 2015
 White to move



4. LM Brian Wall - Josh Bloomer
Colorado Closed / 2015
 White to move



5. Henry Poston - Gunnar Andersen
Colorado Springs Open / 2015
 Black to move



6. David Green - Jeffrey Baffo
Colorado Class / 2015
 Black to move



7. LM Brian Wall - James LaMorgese
92nd Corner Bakery Blitz / 2015
 White to move



8. Mihaly Toth - Shirley Herman
Colorado Springs Open / 2015
 White to move



9. David Hufnagel - Mark Krowczyk
Colorado Springs Open / 2015
 Black to move



Tactics Time Answers:

1. **9.d5!** Attacks the Black knight, which can't move because of Bb5 pinning the queen to the king.
2. Fritz 13 gave **18.Rxh7+!!** a double exclamation. It's a forced mate after **18...Kxh7 19.Rh1+ Qh4 20.Rxh4#**
3. White sends in the Clones with **20.Rd7+ Nxd7 21.Qxd7#**
4. Brian forgot the rule of thumb, "*Always check, it might be stalemate!*", and missed **135.Re2+!** forcing the draw, and resigned 3 moves later.
5. "*Poston Strangler*" Gunnar stomps the tromp with **8...e5!** This attacks the bishop on f4, and threatens Bb4 pinning the White queen to the king.
6. It's not easy being Green when your opponent plays moves like **34...Qxf1+! 35.Kxf1 Nd1+** discovered check, attacking the queen, and trading down into an easily won endgame.
7. Black helpmated with **9...Nbd7** on the previous move allowing **10.Qg6#**
8. Mihaly castled queenside here missing a cute mate in two with **21.Ke2** and **22.f3#**
9. On your Mark! Get Set! Krow! **28...Rxf5!** Wins a piece. If **29.Qxf5 Nh4+** forks the king and queen. The g-pawn is pinned.

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RMTCC: Team Colorado - 10, Team New Mexico - 8

by Paul Covington

The *Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge* was held June 20th at the Raton Convention Center, 901 South 3rd Street, Raton, NM. The facility was nice, lots of room and was comfortable. The heat came from the chess boards as the 9 player teams played two games against the same opponent. Team Colorado had a turbulent week leading into the match. Three players dropped out so the scramble was on to find players who were able to go on such short notice. The team that make the trip represented Colorado well winning a hard fought, very close match. I wonder if we were a little over confident going into the match?

The first round was nip and tuck, as we would get a one or two point advantage only to be caught by a scrappy New Mexico team. The team score was tied at 4.5 points each after the first round.

We had pizza for lunch furnished by the host team (NM). Then we took team photos. That was the most fun we had until late in the afternoon. I encouraged the team in a team meeting to just concentrate on their game and we would be fine.

The second round went better for us, Team Colorado pulled out to a two point lead and held that lead until late when Team New Mexico closed the gap by winning the final game. Below are the scores and opponents of each player representing Colorado.

Team Colorado:

Board 1 Gunnar Andersen - 1.5
 Board 2 Victor Huang - 1
 Board 3 Deanna Alter - 1
 Board 4 LM Brian Wall - 1.5
 Board 5 Jack Woehr - 1
 Board 6 Akshat Jain - 2
 Board 7 Eric Barkemeyer - 1
 Board 8 Todd Burge - 0
 Board 9 Dan Prutz - 1
Paul Covington / Team Captain

Team New Mexico:

Zach Stuart, state champion - .5
 Asher Nathan State Scholastic Champion - 1
 Holly McRoberts, State Women's Champion - 1
 Douglas Thigpen, Master/Expert Class - .5
 Steve Perea, Class A - 1
 Visudev Kenkre, Class B - 0
 Paul Porter, Class C - 1
 Jorge Cardenas, Class D - 2
 Gary Roybal, Class E - 1

This was a satisfying win. It brings the series with New Mexico to, Colorado: 4 - New Mexico: 2. During that time we have had 44 games with Team New Mexico and the players have enjoyed these contests.

The side event this year only had one game as Dean Brown defeated a lady from New Mexico twice.

I have some extra Team polo shirts if anyone is interested. Jeffrey Baffo, I have the one you ordered. Others are all large, preshrunk and seem a little bigger than most marked with the L.



Fundraising Committee for Scholastic Chess

by Jackson Chen

Dear Scholastic Chess Enthusiasts,

The scholastic chess community represents more than half of the Colorado chess community and will be the next generation chess players of Colorado. Zach and I believe that these hardworking scholastic chess players should be awarded, such as with scholarships. Lately, scholastic activists such as NM Jesse Cohen have also pushed for the idea of scholarships to incentivize for our scholastic chess players. I have contacted several local colleges, who were willing to sponsor us with free venues for our state team championship tournament, to see if they were also willing to provide any chess scholarships. However, there are 130+ local colleges in Colorado. Therefore having a group of people working together to search for chess scholarships would be much more efficient than just me. With the approval of our state scholastic coordinator, Zach Bekkedahl, I would like to create a fundraising committee to help scholastic chess. I plan to lead the committee and its fundraising efforts, under the supervision of Zach, and I would gladly accept any volunteers to join the committee. I hope to have 5-10 passionate fundraising committee members, preferably chess players. Adults and parents are welcome to help and even join the committee, but I am aiming to give priority to our junior players. Ideally, the committee should be geographically diverse, with members coming from different regions (like Colorado Springs, Denver, Fort Collins, Boulder, etc) within our chess community. Here is my proposed plan for the committee (once committee is created, we will finalize the plans):

- ◆ Fundraise through social media campaigns that target our scholastic chess community. With Zach's approval, I purchased the domain name www.cscascholastic.org. This site will be used to accept donations.
- ◆ Plan and organize fundraising events. Our first fundraising event this year is planned to be a chess simultaneous exhibition, called "Who wants to challenge a top chess kid?". I hope to gather the top Colorado junior players in order to offer the simul. Depending how many juniors we can get, there can be 2 or even more simuls happening at the same time. If adult masters are willing to help, we could also arrange other activities at the same time (maybe even host a blindfold simul which can be electronically projected onto a canvas for people to watch). It should be a fun event! We will encourage existing regional scholastic chess activists to send their students to this event. I will work with the committee to come up with further details.
- ◆ Find connections, contact funding/scholarship offices of local colleges and universities for chess scholarships.
- ◆ Find connections, contact local businesses and organizations for sponsorships. I believe that our scholastic community (as well as general Coloradan chess community) has potential funding connections.

Please, email me or Zach if you would like to join the committee. Thanks!



Pics From the Denver Open



TD Bob Crume & Organizer Randy Schine



GM Gata Kamsky taking on Earle Wikle



Philipp Ponomarev awaiting his opponent



**TD Bob Crume with upset prize winner
(Name withheld for privacy reason.)**

The Denver Open was a great success with 130 players in four sections dueling it out. GM Gata Kamsky not only played but held a simul the evening before. Below is Jesse Cohen's simul game against the Grandmaster in which he drew.

GM Gata Kamsky - Jesse Cohen / June 13, 2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 b6 6.Nbd2 Bb7 7.Bd3 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.a3 d6 10.e4 h6 11.Bh4 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Re1 Rc8 14.g3 Rc7 15.Qe2 Qa8 16.Rad1 Rd8 17.Bb1 cxd4 18.cxd4 Nf6 19.Nh4 a6 20.Ng2 Nc6 21.Nf3 Na5 22.Nd2 b5 23.f3 Qa7 24.Qf2 Ba8 25.g4 Nc4 26.Nf1 Rcc8 27.h4 Qe7 28.Ng3 Nh7 29.d5 Nf8 30.f4 Ng6 31.g5 hxg5 32.hxg5 Qc7 33.Re2 Qb6 34.Qxb6 Nxb6 35.dxe6 fxe6 36. 5 Bxg2 37.Rxg2 Nxf4 ½ - ½ (Jesse - In the final position I am winning however it was late, Gata was tired and I was content with the draw.)



From the Fountain of Chess

by Matthew O'Hara

Matthew O'Hara (2090)

Shaun MacMillan (1971)

Bobbie Brown Memorial / May 23, 2015 / Round 3

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 (I tried 3.c3 against Wojtkiewicz and should have trotted it out this time. 3.c3 Bg7 (3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nf6 6.c4 Qe4+ 7.Be2 White has some pressure.) 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d5 6.e5 Bg4 (6...Nc6 7.h3 Nh6 8.Bf4 e6 9.Nc3 Nf5 White is doing OK. 10.Qd2) 7.Nc3 (7.Bb5+ Nd7 8.0-0 e6 9.Be3 a6 10.Bd3 Ne7 11.Nbd2 0-0 12.Rc1 leaves white with a small plus.) 7...Nc6 8.Be2 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 e6 10.Be3 Nge7 11.g4 f6 12.exf6 I offered a draw here and my opponent said, "How can you offer a draw here. You are worse!" 12...Bxf6 13.Qa4 0-0! 14.Bg2 Nc8 15.0-0! Nb6 16.Qd1 Nc4 17.b3 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Qa5 19.Na4 Be7 20.Qc2 Bd6 21.Nc5 Bxc5 22.dxc5 Ne5 23.e4 d4 24.Rfc1 Rf4 25.b4 Qa3 26.h3 Qe3+ 27.Kh1 Nd3 28.Qb3 Nxc1 29.Qxe6+ Rf7 0-1 (29) O'Hara-Wojtkiewicz,A (2576)- Rochester NY USA 2001.)

3...cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nf6 (White is hoping for 4...f6 5.Bf4 (5.c4 Nc6 6.Qd1 Nh6 1/2-1/2 (44) Rublevsky,S (2676)-Savchenko,B (2583) Moscow 2007) 5...Nc6 6.Qd2 with a good game.)

5.Qa4 Nc6 6.e5 Nd5 7.c4 (White would do better with 7.Qe4 Nb6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Bf4 f6 (9...0-0 10.0-0-0) 10.exf6 Bxf6 11.Rd1 with a manageable position.)

7...Nc7 8.Bf4 Bg7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.0-0-0 (10.Be2 Ne6 11.Bg3 may be an improvement.)

10...a6 11.Nd5 b5 12.Qa3 (While this is probably best, I did not like my position, and was hoping for my opponent to stumble.)

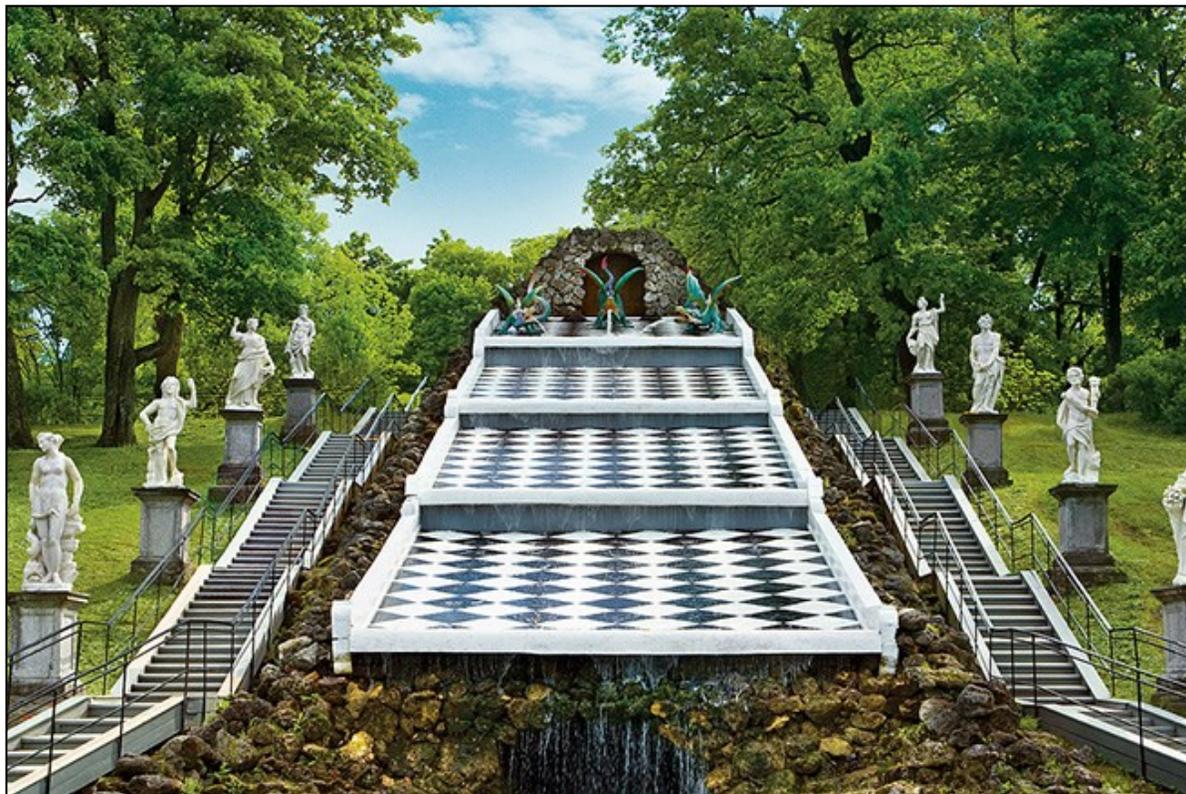
12...Bb7 (12...Rb8 13.Rd2 bxc4 14.Bxc4 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Nb4 with a big edge.)

13.Nb6 Ne6 14.Be3 b4 15.Qa4 (15.Qd3 Qc7 (15...d6 16.exd6 exd6 17.Nxa8) 16.Qxd7 with a little pull.)

15...Nxe5 (15...Bh6 turns the tables. Black is better after either 16.Nxd7 (or 16.Bxh6 Nc5 17.Rxd7 Qxb6 18.Be3 Bc8 19.Bxc5 Qxc5 20.Rd5) 16...Bxe3+ 17.fxe3 Qc7 18.Nxf8 Nc5.)

16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Nxd7 Bd6 18.Nxf8 Qxf8 19.h4 h5 20.f3 Qc8 21.Qc2 Qc7 22.Bd3 Nf4 23.Kb1 (23.Be4 works better.)

23...Nxd3 24.Qxd3 Rc8 25.b3 Be5 26.Bd4 Rd8?? 27.Bxe5 1-0



A Balancing Act

Submitted by Jack Woehr & Annotated by Mark Krowczyk

The opportunity presented itself to pick my favorite game from the Colorado Class Championship and it is with great appreciation and honor to provide my analysis.

Jack Woehr (1950)

Mark Krowczyk (1900)

Colorado Class Championship / May 9 2015

Komodo 8 64-bit (10m)

A86: Dutch Defence: Leningrad System: Unusual lines and 5.Nh3

1.g3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c5 4.Nf3 [4.d5 b5 5.cxb5 a6 6.bxa6 g6 7.Bg2 d6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Nh3 Nxa6 10.Nf4 Nc7 11.h4 Rb8 12.h5 g5 13.h6 Bxh6 14.Rxh6 gxf4 15.Qa4+ Bd7 16.Qxf4 Rb4 17.Qd2 Rd4 18.Qc2 Ncxd5 Cruz, C (2508)-Almeida Quintana, O (2524) Canovelles 2008 1-0 (36)]

4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 d6 [This move is only to establish a half open file, which is easier to defend. White is happy here because of the diagonal and d-file control. If I can stay vigilant regarding these two things, I can work around this and try to equalize.]

6.Bg2 Na6 7.0-0 g6 8.Nc3 Bg7 9.Rb1 Nc5 [I get this move in spite of white's attempt to prevent it. The role given to a knight in the Dutch is to go to e4 and block the diagonal scope.]

10.b4 Nce4 11.Bb2 0-0 12.e3 Bd7 13.f3 [From this moment onward, Black obtains a slight advantage with "compounding interest" for the remainder of the game. I never relinquished my advantage, which I haven't been able to do in thousands of games!][13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Nb3 Rc8]

13...Nxc3= 14.Bxc3 [Obviously I get the c-file, but I get to divert the queen away from the d-file and becomes a potential target as it resides in the forefront of it's other pieces!]

14...Rc8 15.Qb3 Kh8 16.Rfc1 a6 [e5 is coming, but at a better moment. After 16...a6, I get to force a retreat with a better position. 16...e5 17.Nb5 Qb6 18.Bd2]

17.Be1 [Prior to this, White has 5 out of 6 pieces on the queenside! I couldn't believe the overload, but how can Black be fluid enough to tip scale on kingside?]

17...e5 18.Ne2 Be6 19.Qd3 Qe7 20.e4? [This move helps Black open the f-file, and achieve better piece prospects on the kingside light squares. I think this pawn push should've been timed better.][20.c5!? dxc5 21.bxc5]

20...fxe4 21.fxe4 Qf7 22.c5 dxc5 23.bxc5 [23.Rxc5 Bc4 24.Qf3 Rcd8-+]

23...Bxa2 24.Rb2µ Be6 [24...Rfd8 25.Qe3]

25.Rcb1 [25.Qb1 Rc7]

25...Bc4 26.Qc2 [26.Qe3 Ng4 27.Qg5 h5 28.Rxb7 Rc7 29.Rxc7 Qxc7]

26...Bb5 [I was fixated on this setup from the onset, so finding the Ng4 move was difficult.][26...Ng4 27.Qc3 b5 28.h3-+]

27.h3 [27.Nc3 Bc6]

27...Nd7 [27...Rfd8 28.Rxb5 axb5 29.Ba5]

28.Rxb5 [The good thing about being up on material, is that your combinational, attacking, and defensive prospects are 10 times more successful!][28.Nc3!? Rxc5 29.Qd1]

28...axb5 29.Rxb5 Nb8 30.Qb2 Rc7 31.Nc3 Nc6 32.Nd5 Rd7 33.Kh2 Nd4 34.Bc3? [34.Ra5]

34...Nxb5-+ 35.Qxb5 Qe6 36.Qb2 Rdf7 37.Ne3 h5 38.h4 [38.Be1 Kh7-+]

38...Ra8 [38...Rf2 39.Qxb7 Re2-+]

39.Nd5 Raf8 40.Ne3 Kh7 [40...Rf2 41.Qb1-+]

41.Nd5 [41.Be1 Ra8 42.Nd5 Qa6-+]

41...Qc6 [41...Rf2 42.Qxb7 Qg4-+]

42.Bxe5 Qxc5 [42...Rf2!? 43.Qa1 Bxe5 44.Qxe5-+]

43.Bxg7 Rxg7 44.Nf6+ Kh6 45.Qd2+ g5 46.Nd7? [46.e5 Qxe5 47.Ne4-+]

46...Rd8 47.hxg5+ [47.Bh3 Qe7-+]

47...Qxg5 48.Qd6+ [48.Qxg5+ Rxg5 49.Nf6-+]

48...Rg6 49.Qc7 [49.Qe5 h4 50.Qxg5+ Rxg5 51.Bh3 hxg3+ 52.Kg2-+]

49...Rxd7! [This game was a good example of strategic success on the open c and f files, combined with blatant targets that Black could exploit by applying good "principles of economy".] [49...Rxd7 50.Qc3 Qxg3+ 51.Qxg3 Rxg3 52.Bf1 h4 53.e5 Rd2+ 54.Kh1 h3 55.e6 h2 56.Bg2 Rg2 57.e7 Rg1#]

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2014-2015 Colorado Tour Standings after the Denver Open

Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	LM Brian Wall	2246	360.2	45
2	Dean Clow	2063	289.6	40
3	Daniel Herman	1871	255.1	43
4	Mark Krowczyk	1895	248.6	42
5	Rhett Langseth	2031	235.9	36
6	Chris Peterson	2172	234.6	32
7	Ryan Swerdlin	2167	226.9	32
8	Sara Herman	1598	220.7	43
9	Atharva Vispute	1674	209.2	34
10	Carlos Santillan	2016	207.3	26

Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	LM Brian Wall	2246	360.2	45
2	Daniel Herman	1871	255.1	43
3	Sara Herman	1598	220.7	43
4	Shirley Herman	1277	182.2	43
5	Mark Krowczyk	1895	248.6	42
6	Dean Brown	1502	194.4	41
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Expert

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5	Carlos Santillan	2016	207.3	26
6	Gunnar Andersen	2190	189.1	26
7	Justin Alter	2017	159.5	27
8	Richard Buchanan	2000	159.1	26
9	Kevin Seidler	2087	146.2	23
10	Avinaya Subedi	2110	136.9	17

Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Daniel Herman	1871	255.1	43
2	Mark Krowczyk	1895	248.6	42
3	Earle Wikle	1995	188.5	29
4	Jack Woehr	1889	180.4	24
5	Andy Wu	1853	174.0	31
6	Suhaas Narayanan	1956	160.6	27
7	Anthea Carson	1802	150.5	23
8	Tim Brennan	1822	145.9	23
9	Aleksandr Bozhenov	1889	125.6	19
10	DuWayne Langseth	1964	116.8	18

Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Atharva Vispute	1674	209.2	34
2	Jeffrey Baffo	1771	166.5	24
3	Deanna Alter	1686	161.2	24
4	David Logan	1635	158.1	28
5	Gary Bagstad	1710	153.7	21
6	Lennon Gashwazra	1634	145.0	25
7	Vibi Varghese	1605	144.3	27
8	Cory Foster	1712	125.5	21
9	Gene Lucas	1617	120.4	19
10	Alexander Freeman	1772	116.9	21

Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Sara Herman	1598	220.7	43
2	Dean Brown	1502	194.4	41
3	Rebecca Herman	1562	114.9	21
4	Christopher Cannon	1407	110.0	19
5	Evan Akhavan	1438	106.6	10
6	Felix Yu	1456	92.1	12
7	Alexander Marsh	1401	91.9	18
8	Mike Madsen	1558	87.2	14
9	Alex Mekonnen	1597	82.7	13
10	William Wolf	1485	77.9	17

Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Shirley Herman	1277	182.2	43
2	Sullivan McConnell	1297	176.2	32
3	Griffin McConnell	1292	138.8	32
4	Priya Bhavikatti	1328	116.7	23
5	Neil Bhavikatti	1393	116.2	23
6	Jesse Williams	1264	111.8	18
7	Joshua Williams	1200	106.4	18
8	Shamik Bhat	1364	92.6	15
9	Nelson Perez	1314	91.4	16
10	Jordan Dorchuck	1246	81.9	16

Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Tara Martinez	1042	120.8	27
2	Teah Williams	1096	106.8	18
3	Selah Williams	851	91.7	18
4	Devon Wall	1099	87.4	14
5	Mukund Gurumurthi	1114	78.8	23
6	Pranav Maddali	957	66.8	15
7	Douglas Field	1075	54.7	9
8	Braeden Weaver	868	52.9	14
9	Gary Crites	1154	51.0	10
10	Owen Honeycutt	1077	45.0	5

COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

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 gimmygaige@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 Kakhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main Street, Carbondale. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Please contact Majid Kakhak at (970) 704-0622 or email: Mkakhak@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 <http://HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org>. Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or by email: FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.

Chessmates Chess Club: (Fort 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.

Denver Chess Club: Meets on Tuesdays, 6:00-10:00pm at the Third Christian Reformed Church, 2400 South Ash Street, Denver. (303) 733-8940. www.DenverChess.com

Denver Chess / Meetup.com: This group is run through the social site Meetup.com, and our page is www.Meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess/. Players must join in order to receive information and sign up for events. Contact: David Costantino at avs1cup@yahoo.com or through the group's Meetup.com page.

Durango Chess Club: Meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00pm at Durango Joe's Coffee Shop, 732 East College Drive.

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_heyana@msn.com. On the net - http://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 Chess Club: Meets Mondays at 6:30pm in the Safeway at Starbucks, 2901 Patterson Road. Call Rick Lovato at (970) 243-1073.

Grand Junction Junior Chess Club: Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building, 2853 North Avenue. Call Rand Dodd at (970) 245-4015.

Greeley Chess Club: Meets Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00pm at Your Place Coffee, 2308 West 17th Street, Greeley. Contact Brad Lundstrom at ChessCoach2014@gmail.com. Or call him at (970) 415-3855.

Lafayette Chess Club: Meets Mondays, from 6:00-9:00pm at the Mojo Coffeehouse, 211 North Public Road in Lafayette. Contact Victor Creazzi at (303) 332-7039 or by email at aerofirewp@yahoo.com for more information.

Longmont Chess Club: Meets Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00pm. Check www.LongmontChess.com for current meeting location. Contact Todd Burge at (720) 220-5240 or by email at Admin@LongmontChess.com.

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.

Pagosa Springs Chess Club: Meets on Tuesdays (6:00-9:00pm) and on Saturday mornings (9:00-Noon) at Nello's Restaurant, 135 Country Center Drive, #A. For more information contact Anthony Steventon by email at asteveton@centurytel.net or at (970) 731-3029.

Pueblo Chess Club: Meets at the Daily Grind Café, 209 South Union on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 6:30pm. For more info contact Liz Nickovich at chessliz@comcast.net or by phone at (719) 696-8389.

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.



UPCOMING COLORADO TOURNAMENTS

CSCC July Swiss Tuesdays July 7 - 28, 2015

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/90; inc/30.

Site: Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Open: One section open to all USCF members

Entry fee: \$10 includes 4 rounds over 4 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for CSCC Supporting Members. \$4 for one night (\$2 for CSCC Supporting Members). Exact cash preferred. No checks for entry fees.

Prizes: Cash based on entries.

Registration: About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

Rounds: 7:00 p.m.

Entries: Paul Anderson

Phone: (719) 310-9635 SMS available.

E-mail: cschess@live.com

Player responsibility: Inform the TD if you are unable to make any round. You will be paired each round once you have registered even if you haven't arrived at pairing time. Late players have an hour from the start time to show up and move before they forfeit. Forfeit results in \$5 fee.

DCC July Tuesdays Tournament July 7 - 28, 2015

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/70; d/05.

Site: Third Christian Reform Church at 2400 South Ash Street, Denver, CO 80222.

Directions: One block East of South Colorado Blvd. on Wesley. Please use rear entrance.

Open: Open to all USCF members.

Entry fee: DCC members, \$6 per night or \$20 per month. Non DCC members, \$8 and \$30.

Prizes: Based on entries

Registration: 6:30pm - 7:15pm

Rounds: Begins at 7:30pm.

Entries: At the door each Tuesday.

Phone: 303 883 2684

E-mail: liencam2@yahoo.com

One round each Tuesday. Only one bye may apply to a players score, with regards to winning prize money. Last round bye must be requested before the start of the penultimate round. Casual players and spectators are welcome.

Colorado State Bughouse Championship July 10, 2015

12 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/5; d/0.

Site: Quality Inn & Suites Garden of the Gods. (719) 593-9119. 555 West Garden of Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907.

Directions: Exit 146 off I-25 on the mountain side.

Open Teams: Unrated event - no membership required. No team rating restrictions. No elimination. Win or lose - play all 12

rounds. Teams may face each other more than once if turn out is low or switch to round robin is possible.

SCHOLASTIC bughouse lovers are encouraged to attend.

Bye Policy: 4 half-point requested byes allowed in first half if declared before round 1 or for late entrants.

Ratings: Team Rating will be the higher of the teammates ratings. USCF Blitz used if available; USCF Regular if no Blitz rating. Unrated players may be assigned a rating by the director based on interview or personal knowledge of play.

Entry fee: \$10 per person, \$8 for Jrs<21 Srs65+

Prizes: Cash prizes based on entries. Based on 40 players - G\$100 1st prize. Under prizes if entries warrant.

Registration: 6:00pm - 6:45pm.

Rounds: Starting at 7:00pm back-to-back till about 9:30pm.

Entries: Mail checks payable to CSCA, c/o Shirley Herman, 1450 Old North Gate Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80921.

Checks must be received by Wednesday, July 8.

Thereafter, CASH ONLY.

Phone: (719) 510-0169 SMS available.

E-mail: shirley@northgatechess.com

LIMIT: 20 Teams of 2 people each. If you don't have a teammate, come and meet one.

Player responsibility: (1) No food/drink at the boards. (2) Bring sets and clocks please if you have them. But don't let it keep you away if you don't. A few will be available.

Sponsored by the Colorado State Chess Association.

2nd North Gate Open July 11 - 12, 2015

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/90; inc/30.

Site: Quality Inn & Suites Garden of the Gods (719) 593-9119 (chess rate expired one month before event). 555 West Garden of Gods Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80907 (exit 146 off I-25).

Three Sections: Open, Under 1800, Under 1500. Open to all USCF and CSCA members within rating range and Unrated (Right reserved to combine sections of fewer than 8.)

Attention Unrateds: Unrated players may play in any section at -\$20 discounted rate but are eligible for place prizes only in the Open Section only (no place prize eligibility in Under Sections). An adult unrated player could play in an Under Section for \$10 if they register by July 1. A Jr/Sr unrated player could play for only \$5! This discount helps to offset the cost of becoming USCF and CSCA members while encouraging players to get rated, get some tournament experience, and discouraging "sandbagging" by those who have played unrated or online for years increasing strength. Though there is no chance of a cash place prize in the Under Sections, players will establish a provisional rating for future months that will gain them more prize eligibility in upcoming tournaments after August 1 if they play all four rounds in this event. Strong unrated players wishing to play for cash place prizes should choose to play in the Open Section.

Entry fee: \$50 Open Section and \$40 Under Sections. ~Early Discounts~ Pay earlier; Save more. \$10 off if paid by two

Wednesdays in advance, July 1. \$5 off if paid by the preceding Wednesday, July 8. ~Special Discounts~ \$5 off if Junior(<21)/Senior(65+) for Under Sections Only. \$20 off for Unrated (no place prize eligibility in Under Sections). A small Unrated only prize may be added to any section with at least two unrated players if one of them scores 2.5+.

Prizes: Cash (or check) based on entries.

Registration: At the door: 8:30am - 9:30am on Saturday, July 11, CASH ONLY. 9:50am All Players Meeting

Rounds: 10:00am, 3:00pm on Saturday and Sunday.

Entries: Mail checks payable to: Shirley Herman, 1450 Old North Gate Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80921. Must be received by early discount cutoff or difference will be due at the door before player is paired.

Phone: Cell (719) 510-0169 SMS available.

E-mail: shirley@northgatechess.com

USCF REGULAR RATED

USCF membership required and available onsite by cash or credit card for small PayPal fee.

CSCA Tour Event. CSCA membership required and accepted onsite (Year: \$15 adult; \$10 <20Jr, 65+Sr; \$3 discount to additional family members. One event: \$5 adult). Check to CSCA or cash. CSCA checks may be mailed to Shirley with entry fee checks. OSA (Other State Association membership accepted). BYES/FORFEITS/WITHDRAWS: One ½ point requested game bye allowed. Byes must be requested in writing at least 15 minutes before the round for rounds 1-3. Half-point byes for the last two rounds must be requested in writing before round 2 and are irrevocable. TD discretion for emergency. 0 point byes are available for any round but the last one before the pairings are made. Unplayed last round without a bye is considered withdraw with no prize eligibility. Forfeit fee is \$10 to re-enter and retain previous score and prize eligibility and must be paid before the pairings are made for the re-entry round. Please be courteous and notify the TD before the pairings are made if you are withdrawing so unnecessary forfeit wins are avoided. Players causing a forfeit will not be entered in future North Gate Chess events without first paying a \$10 forfeit fee. Please, get the TD contact information. Late entries may take ½ point byes for all missed rounds if paying at the door price.

~Capacity Limited – The Earlier You Register the More You Save~

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Pikes Peak Open August 1 - 2, 2015

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Rounds 1-2, G/90; d/05;

Rounds 3-5 G/90; inc/30.

Site: Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Avenue, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.

Sections: One Open Section.

Entry fee: \$35 if rec'd by 7/28, \$40 at site. \$5 discount for juniors, seniors, unrateds. Additional \$5 discount for Supporting Members of Colorado Springs Chess Club.

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries.

Registration: 8:30am - 9:30am.

Rounds: 10:00am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm Saturday;

9:00am, 3:00pm Sunday.

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

Phone: (719) 685-1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

CSCA membership required: \$15, juniors & seniors \$10. OSA.

Colorado Tour Event

CSCC August Swiss Tuesdays August 4 - 25, 2015

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/90; inc/30.

Site: Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Open: One section open to all USCF members.

Entry fee: \$10 includes 4 rounds over 4 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for CSCC Supporting Members. \$4 for one night (\$2 for CSCC Supporting Members). Exact cash preferred. No checks for entry fees.

Prizes: Cash based on entries.

Registration: About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

Rounds: 7:00pm.

Entries: Paul Anderson

Phone: (719) 310-9635 SMS available.

E-mail: cschess@live.com

Player responsibility: Inform the TD if you are unable to make any round. You will be paired each round once you have registered even if you haven't arrived at pairing time. Late players have an hour from the start time to show up and move before they forfeit. Forfeit results in \$5 fee.

CSCC September Swiss Tuesdays September 1 - 22, 2015

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/90; inc/30.

Site: Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903.

Open: One section open to all USCF members.

Entry fee: \$10 includes 4 rounds over 4 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for CSCC Supporting Members. \$4 for one night (\$2 for CSCC Supporting Members). Exact cash preferred. No checks for entry fees.

Prizes: Cash based on entries.

Registration: About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

Rounds: 7:00pm.

Entries: Paul Anderson

Phone: (719) 310-9635 SMS available.

E-mail: cschess@live.com

Player responsibility: Inform the TD if you are unable to make any round. You will be paired each round once you have registered even if you haven't arrived at pairing time. Late players have an hour from the start time to show up and move before they forfeit. Forfeit results in \$5 fee.

**Colorado Chess Festival 2015
Colorado Quick Championship
September 4, 2015**

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/15; d/03

Site: Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel, 7007 South Clinton Street, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80112.

Directions: From I-25 exit 197, go east, turn right onto South Clinton St., Sheraton is on the right.

One Open Section: Open to all USCF and CSCA members.

Bye Policy: 1/2-point bye available for any round, request before Rd. 2. Rds. 4&5 1/2-point bye requests are irrevocable. 0 pt. byes any rd up to 30 mins. before round time except the last.

Entry fee: \$15, \$12 if postmarked by August 29.

Prizes: Minimum 70% of entries w/1st G\$100.

Registration: 6:00pm - 7:00pm.

Rounds: Start at 7:15pm.

Entries: Payable to CSCA c/o Shirley Herman 1450 Old North Gate Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921.

Phone: (719) 310-9635 SMS available. Paul Covington.

E-mail: Checkmate@CovingtonComputers.com

USCF Quick Rated only. CSCA membership required. \$15 Adults, \$10 Jr<20 Sr65+, \$5 one event. OSA.

Colorado Chess Hall of Fame Ceremony, Friday 6:00pm.

**Colorado Chess Festival 2015
Colorado Open Championship
September 5 - 6, 2015**

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Rounds 1&2 G/100; d/05;

Rounds 3-5 G/90; inc/30

Site: Sheraton Denver Tech Center Hotel, 7007 South Clinton Street, Greenwood Village, Colorado 80112. (303) 799-6200.

Room Reservations: (888) 627-7813, ask for \$79 chess rate including free WiFi and parking.

Directions: From I-25 exit 197, go east, turn right onto South Clinton Street, Sheraton is on the right.

4 Sections: Open State Championship, Under 1900, Under 1600, Under 1300: Unrateds may play in any section but are eligible only for place prizes in the Open and special Unrated prize in any section where there are at least two unrated players in section and one scores 2 points.

Bye Policy: Bye Policy: 1/2-point bye available for any round, request before Rd. 2. Rds. 4&5 1/2-point bye requests are irrevocable. 0 pt. byes any rd up to 30 mins. before round time except the last.

Entry fee: Early bird if postmarked by Saturday, August 29: Open \$55; Under Sections \$45 – Both \$10 higher at site. Unrated players (Sept Supplement) - \$10 discount on early or at the site entry fee.

Prizes: 70% of entries with self-supporting sections. \$5550 based on 160 entries. Open b/50: G\$700 G\$400 \$250 \$225, U2100 1st \$225, 2nd \$200. Under 1900 b/40 \$500 \$250 \$200, U1750 1st \$200, 2nd \$150. Under 1600 b/40 \$500 \$250 \$200, U1450 1st \$200, 2nd \$150. Under 1300 b/30: \$400 \$250, U1200 \$100, U1100 \$100, U1000 \$100.

Registration: 5:45pm - 9:30pm Friday and 8:00am - 9:15am

Saturday. Arrivals after 9:00am. may receive 1/2-point bye in the first round so that rounds may start on time.

Rounds: Saturday 10:00am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm;
Sunday 9:30am, 4:00pm.

(All CSCA Members Meeting: 2:00pm Sunday).

Entries: Payable to CSCA c/o Shirley Herman 1450 Old North Gate Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80921.

Phone: (719) 310-9635 SMS available. Paul Covington.

E-mail: Checkmate@CovingtonComputers.com

Please register early and save or arrive early and avoid a last minute line.

Colorado Tour Event. USCF & CSCA (\$15 Adults, \$10 Jr<20 Sr65+) required, OSA.

Don't miss Colorado Quick Championship, Sept. 4, Friday evening, and Colorado Chess Hall of Fame Ceremony, Friday 6:00pm.

**DCC Halloween Tournament
October 31, 2015**

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/60; d/05

Site: Corner Bakery Cafe, 1147 16th Street, Denver CO. 80202.

Directions: Downtown Denver, on the 16th street mall, near the clock tower at 16th and Arapahoe.

Open: Open to all USCF members.

Entry fee: Non DCC members, \$30 before 10/29/15. \$35 at site. DCC members, \$20 at any time.

Prizes: Based on entries.

Registration: 8:00am - 9:15am.

Rounds: 9:30am, 12:30pm, 2:45pm, 5:00pm.

Entries: Randolph Schine, 8101 East Dartmouth Avenue #15, Denver, CO 80231.

Phone: (303) 695-7839.

E-mail: brianwallchess3@taom.com

All entry fees half price, if in costume. Best costume, entry fee refunded. Enjoy Halloween night life in downtown Denver after the tournament. Join the DCC on the day of the tournament, and receive the discounted entry. Only one bye may apply with regards to prize money. Last round bye must be requested before the penultimate round. Make checks payable to the Denver Chess Club or preregister at www.denverchess.com.

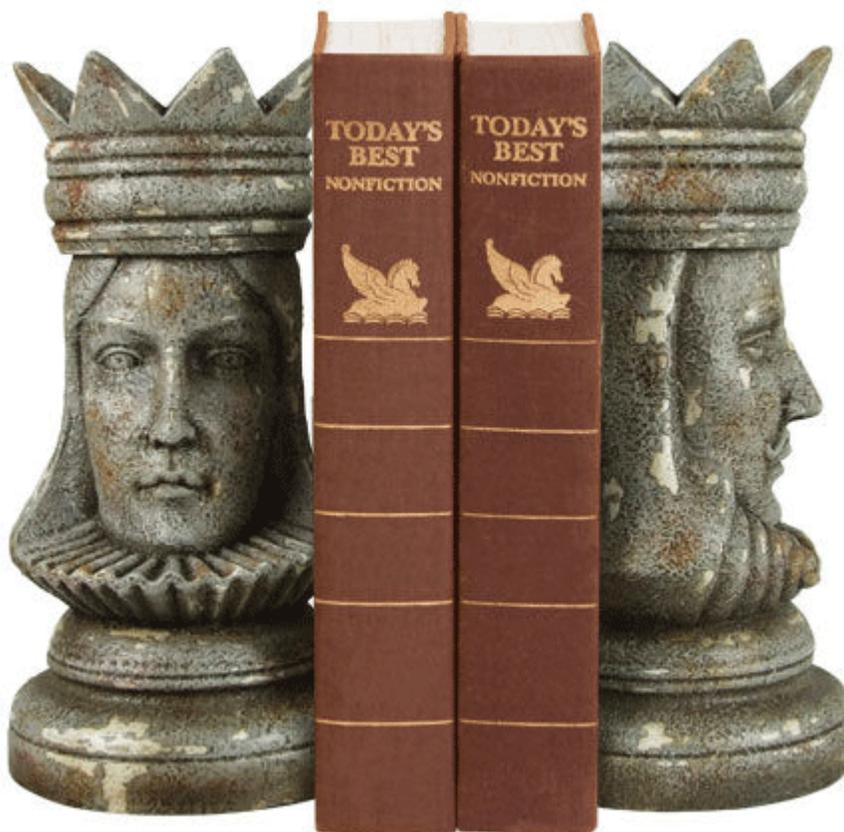
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www.ColoradoChess.com.*



Sara Herman (1635)
Tim Brennan (1835)

Bobbie Brown Memorial - Fountain, CO (Round 3), May 23 2015

1.d4 b5 2.e4 a6 3.c4 bxc4 4.Bxc4 e6 5.Nc3 Bb7 6.d5 Nf6 7.dxe6 fxe6 8.e5 Bxg2 9.exf6 Qxf6 10.Nh3 Bxh1
 11.Bg5 Qf5 12.Qd2 Qxh3 13.0-0-0 Bf3 14.Bxe6 dxe6 15.Qd8+ Kf7 16.Qxc7+ Kg6 17.Rg1 Bg2 18.Ne4 Bxe4
 19.Bh4+ Bg2 20.Qd8 Qxh2 21.Qe8+ Kf5 22.Qh5+ Ke4 23.Re1+ Kd3 24.Re3+ Kc4 25.Rc3+ Kd4 26.Qd1+
 Ke4 27.Qd3+ Ke5 28.Bg3+ Qxg3 29.Qxg3+ Kf6 30.Qxg2 Ra7 31.Qg4 Ke7 32.Qb4+ Kf7 33.Qxb8 Rd7
 34.Qf4+ Kg8 35.Rf3 h6 36.Qxf8+ Kh7 37.Qb4 Rc8+ 38.Rc3 Rcd8 39.Qe4+ Kh8 40.Rc4 Rd1+ 41.Kc2 R8d2+
 42.Kb3 Rd3+ 43.Rc3 Rd8 44.Qxe6 R1d6 45.Qh3 Kh7 46.Qf5+ Kh8 47.Rc8 Rd3+ 48.Qxd3 Rxc8 49.Qxa6
 Rb8+ 50.Kc3 Rf8 51.Qb6 Rf6 52.Qd8+ Kh7 53.Qd3+ Kh8 54.f3 h5 55.a4 h4 56.f4 Rxf4 57.a5 Ra4 58.a6 Kg8
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- Adult (20-64) (\$15)
- Senior (over 64) (\$10)

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