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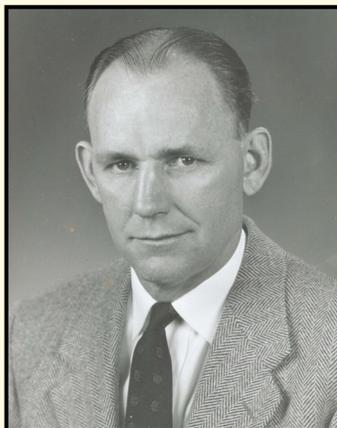
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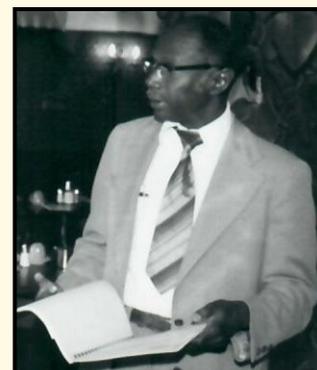
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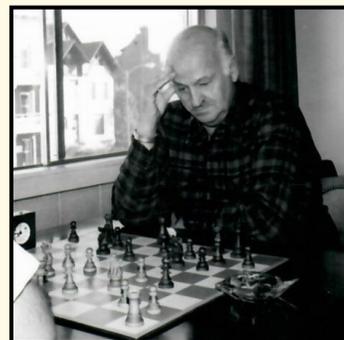
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Many relatively unknown pieces of Colorado & U.S. chess history are included.

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## Richard W. “Buck” Buchanan



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Richard William Buchanan was born on September 28, 1944 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He has 2 brothers and 1 sister.

Buck grew up in Wilmington, Ohio (a small agricultural town near Cincinnati and Dayton) and learned how to play chess from his uncle.

He fell in love with the game during his junior high and high school years when he studied many of the classic chess books by Reinfeld, Chernev, and Horowitz.

Buck played chess at the local Historical Society; there wasn't scholastic chess in Wilmington at the time. As a kid, Buck fondly recalls playing a retired judge, Rolland Carey, and his best friend during those years, Kirk Halliday, who became a regular chess partner as well as a music buddy (playing the guitar and singing) during the 1960s Folk Music era.

Buchanan graduated high school in 1962 and began college in nearby Miami University of Ohio, where he started playing in rated chess tournaments. At age 20, in 1964, Buck achieved his first rating of 1485. During college he beat his first 2000 rated player.

Buck graduated from college in 1966 with a teaching degree from Miami University of Ohio. The following year, he started a lifelong teaching career in Dayton.

The Dayton Chess Club had over 40 members and was a strong club with several Experts and Class A players. Buck thrived with the new competition and soon won the club championship. Buck gave back to chess by being part of the club administration and became editor of *The Dayton Chess Club Review*. It was a monthly publication sent out to about a hundred players and featured many games, something Buck always believed in and made a priority in his many stints as a chess writer and editor. Buck created the magazine with a hand cranked mimeograph machine in his basement.

In 1968, Buck married his wife, Dee. They have two children and four grandchildren.

In the early 1970s, Buck began directing tournaments on a club level and then on weekends.

In 1977, Buck accepted a teaching assignment and moved west to teach at Arapahoe School in Colorado, near the Kansas border. He started a chess club there where 15 of the 30 members became USCF members. He also ran rated events in eastern Colorado, drawing players from nearby Kansas and Nebraska.

Buck also started playing in Colorado tournaments and was a Class A player when he competed in his first Colorado Open in 1977.

Buck continued his college studies and graduated from Adams State in 1981, with a Master's degree in secondary education. It was there in Alamosa that Buck performed in his first theatrical play.

In 1982, Buchanan moved to New Mexico, where he accepted a job teaching math in Cimarron. Here he became editor of the *New Mexico Desert Knight* state chess publication from 1982-1984.

Then in 1984, Buck moved back to Colorado where he taught in La Veta (southern part of the state) for a couple years before moving to Colorado Springs to teach. Buck was also involved in college theater and drama. He has sung 1<sup>st</sup> Tenor in the Pueblo Choral Society and the Colorado Springs Chorale. He has also sung in the Colorado Opera Festival.

Among Buck's other accomplishments, he is an avid hiker and has climbed the Barr Trail from Manitou Springs to the top of Pikes Peak over 25 times.

## Tournament Victories

Buchanan has played well over 2000 rated games in over 500 tournaments.

In rated games he has played GMs Anatoly Lein and Joel Benjamin, who he drew when Joel was a young master. He has beaten Ruben Schochron, a master who Bobby Fischer included in his famous book, "*My 60 Memorable Games*". He has also defeated masters Micheal Mulyar, Dave Jellison, John Siddeek, Jim Burden, and Renard Anderson.

In simul, Buchanan has played against GMs Svetozar Gligoric, Bent Larsen, Arthur Bisguier, and Donald Byrne when was an IM. He won a simul game against Senior Master John Hall.

Buchanan has been an active member of the Colorado Springs Chess Club since 1987. He was Colorado Springs Chess Club Champion in 1992, 2003, and 2012.

Buck broke the coveted 2200 master level by beating Jim Burden in the final round of the 1992 Colorado Springs Championship to achieve his career peak rating of 2204.

## Organizing, Directing, and Promoting Chess

Buck is the elder statesman of Colorado Chess and is the only current player with a CSCA Lifetime Membership, awarded by past CSCA President, Mark Kriseler.

When Buck moved to Colorado in 1978, he was a USCF Delegate for both Ohio and Colorado during the meeting at the U.S. Open in Phoenix. Buck has since been a delegate representing Colorado many years at the U.S. Open.

Buck has also served on the USCF Ethics Committee for many years and was the USCF Vice-President for Region IX in August of 1995.

Buchanan was CSCA President from 1991 to September 2002.

In 1991, as CSCA President, defense attorney and fellow chess player Walter Gerash called Buck as a witness during the one of the most publicized robbery and murder trials in Denver history to testify that Jim King was an active chess player and answer chess questions. King was a long-time Denver chess player accused and found innocent of the Father's Day Bank Massacre and Robbery that took place on June 16, 1991 in Downtown Denver.

Buchanan was the editor of the *Colorado Chess Informant* from October 1984 to July 1994.

Buck has directed hundreds of tournaments and is an Associate National Tournament Director (ANTD).

He was head tournament director for the Colorado Open in 1985, 1992-94, 1996-2002, 2008-2011, 2013-2016, and 2019. Buchanan also directed Colorado Closed from 2000-2002, 2013-2014, 2016, 2017, 2019, and 2022, the Denver Open in 2013, and the Colorado State Scholastic Championships in 2003.

He organized and directed Winter Springs Open, Colorado Springs Open, and Pikes Peak Open each year in Colorado Springs from about 1992 to 2020.

Buck is a member and has held board positions in Colorado Springs Chess Club over the years.

Buchanan received a USCF Longtime Service Award signed by form USCF Past-President, Harold Winston.

Larkspur hosts a *Renaissance Festival* every summer for eight weekends during June and July. Starting in 1985, Buck dressed up as a monk at the *Festival* playing chess against all comers. Most of the time Buck played 2 boards at the same time. Opponents paid \$1 to play.

He has also played in a chess booth at the Memorial Day *Territory Days Festival* in the Old Colorado City neighborhood of Colorado Springs.



1980



1977 Colorado Open



1978 U.S. Open



1970



Buck the Monk at Renaissance Festival



Buck with Paul Anderson



2019 Denver Open



Dressed for the Opera, Lucia di Lammermoor, circa 1995



2018 Colorado Open



2018 Colorado Open

Buck's first win against a high rated player.

[Event "Queen City Open"]

[Site "Cincinnati, Ohio"]

[Date "December 4, 1966"]

[Round "2"]

[White "Bert Edwards (2088)"]

[Black "Richard Buchanan (1538)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. d4 e6 2. e4 b6 3. c4 d5 4. cxd5 exd5 5. e5 c5 6. Bb5+ Bd7 7. Bxd7+ Qxd7  
8. Nc3 Nc6 9. Be3 Nge7 10. Nf3 Rd8 11. O-O Nf5 12. Bg5 Be7 13. Bxe7 Nfxe7  
14. Re1 O-O 15. dxc5 bxc5 16. Qe2 Rfe8 17. e6 fxe6 18. Qxe6+ Qxe6 19. Rxe6  
h6 20. Nb5 Rd7 21. Rae1 Rb8 22. a4 a6 23. Nd6 Rxb2 24. Nf5 Nxf5 25. Rxc6 c4  
26. g4 Ne7 27. Rxa6 c3 28. Ra8+ Kh7 29. Kg2 c2 30. Nd4 Rc7 31. Rc1 Rc4  
32. Ne2 d4 33. Rd8 Nc6 34. Rd6 Rb1 35. Kf1 Nb4 0-1



Position after 27.Rxa6

Joel Benjamin was the youngest ever chess master at this time (a record previously held by Bobby Fischer) and went on to become a three-time U.S. Champion.

[Event "1977 U.S. Open"]

[Site "Columbus, Ohio"]

[Date "August 12, 1977"]

[Round "6"]

[White "Richard Buchanan (1916)"]

[Black "Joel Benjamin"]

[Result "1/2-1/2"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 a5 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.Nc3 O-O 8.O-O d6  
9.Bf4 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Nbd7 11.Re1 Re8 12.Nd2 Bxg2 13.Kxg2 e5 14.Be3 Ng4  
15.Nf1 Qe7 16.h3 Ngf6 17.Bd2 exd4 18.cxd4 Qe4+ 19.f3 Qxd4 20.Qc2 Qc5  
21.Rac1 Ne5 22.e4 Nc6 23.Ne3 Ne7 24.Qb3 Qe5 25.Nd5 Nexd5 26.cxd5 Qe7  
27.Rc6 Rec8 28.Rec1 Ne8 29.Be3 Rd8 30.h4 Rd7 31.Qc3 Qd8 32.Bd4 f6 33.Qc4  
Rf7 34.Re1 Qd7 35.f4 Rd8 36.Qc2 Re7 37.Qc4 Kh8 38.Re2 Qg4 39.Re3 Qd1  
40.Bc3 Qg4 41.Qe2 Qxe2+ 42.Rxe2 Kg8 43.Kf3 Kf7 44.g4 g6 45.a4 Rdd7  
46.Rc4 Rd8 47.Rc6 h6 48.Rc4 Rdd7 49.Rd4 Kf8 50.Rd1 Rf7 51.f5 g5 52.h5  
1/2-1/2



Position after 32.Bd4

Dave Jellison had a peak rating in the 2300s and was the 1989 Colorado Closed Champion and the Denver Open Champion in 1986 and 1988.

[Event "1977 Queen City Bonanza"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "December 10, 1977"]

[Round "1"]

[White "David Jellison (2067)"]

[Black "Richard Buchanan (1803)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. Nf3 e6 2. g3 Nf6 3. Bg2 d5 4. d4 c5 5. dxc5 Bxc5 6. c4 Nc6 7. cxd5 Qxd5  
8. Nbd2 O-O 9. O-O Qh5 10. a3 e5 11. Qc2 Bb6 12. Nc4 e4 13. Nxb6 axb6  
14. Nd2 Nd4 15. Qd1 Nxe2+ 16. Kh1 Ng4 17. h4 Nxf2+ 18. Rxf2 Nxf3+  
19. Kh2 Qxd1 20. Nxe4 Nxe4 21. Bxe4 Ra4 22. Rf4 Qe2+ 23. Bg2 Rxf4  
24. Bxf4 Bd7 0-1



Position after 16.Kh1

Buck tied for 4th place with this victory over fellow Colorado Hall of Fame member Brian Wall.

[Event "Al Wallace Memorial"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "March 9, 1980"]

[Round "4"]

[White "Richard Buchanan (1940)"]

[Black "Brian Wall (2045)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. d4 a6 2. e4 e6 3. Be3 Nf6 4. Nd2 d5 5. e5 Nfd7 6. Ngf3 f5 7. Ng5 Qe7 8. Bd3 g6 9. g4 c5 10. c3 h6 11. Nh3 Nc6 12. gxf5 gxf5 13. Qh5+ Qf7 14. Be2 Qxh5 15. Bxh5+ Kd8 16. Nf4 cxd4 17. cxd4 Nb6 18. Rcl Kc7 19. Bf7 Kd8 20. Bxe6 Bxe6 21. Nxe6+ Kd7 22. Nxf8+ Raxf8 23. Nb3 Nc4 24. Nc5+ Ke7 25. b3 Nxe3 26. fxe3 Nb4 27. a3 Nc6 28. Nxb7 Rb8 29. Rxc6 Rxb7 30. Rg1 Rh7 31. Rxa6 Rf7 32. b4 Rc7 33. Kd2 Kf8 34. b5 f4 35. exf4 Rxf4 36. Rf6+ Rxf6 37. exf6 Ra7 38. Rg3 Ra4 39. b6 Rxd4+ 40. Rd3 Re4 1-0



Position after 24...Ke7

Jim Hamblin had a peak rating in the 2300s and was the 2003 Colorado Open Champion. He won the Denver Open in 1972, 1976, and 1990. Buck won his last round game against Paul Sharpe to tie for first place in the tournament with Joe Eversole, Gerald Georges, and Randy Canney.

[Event "1980 Pueblo Open"]

[Site "Pueblo, Colorado"]

[Date "October 26, 1980"]

[Round "3"]

[White "James E Hamblin (2106)"]

[Black "Richard Buchanan (1974)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nf3 g5 4. Bc4 Bg7 5. O-O g4 6. Ne1 Bd4+ 7. Kh1 d5 8. exd5 Qh4 9. Rxf4 Bc5 10. d4 Bd6 11. Re4+ Kd8 12. Bf4 Nf6 13. Re5 Bxe5 14. dxe5 Ne4 15. Qc1 g3 16. Nf3 Nf2+ 17. Kg1 gxh2+ 18. Nxh2 Rg8 19. Kf1 Ng4 20. Nxf4 Rxf4 21. Be3 Qh1+ 0-1



Position after 16.Nf3

Joe Abbott was one of the stronger active players in Colorado in the late 1980s where he eventually achieved a master rating.

[Event "1987 Northern Colorado Open"]

[Site "Greeley, Colorado"]

[Date "May 2, 1987"]

[Round "2"]

[White "Joe Abbott (2198)"]

[Black "Richard Buchanan (2120)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 d6 5. O-O Bg4 6. h3 h5 7. d3 Qf6 8. Nbd2 Ne7 9. c3 b5 10. Bc2 Ng6 11. d4 Nf4 12. Re1 Bxh3 13. dxe5 dxe5 14. Nxe5 Nxe5 15. Nf3 Rd8 16. Bxf4 Rxd1 17. Bxe5 Rxe1+ 18. Rxe1 Qg6 19. Nh4 Qg5 20. Bg3 Bc5 21. Kh2 Qd2 0-1



Position after 12.Re1

With this last round victory, Buck finished in clear second behind Jim Burden.

[Event "Denver Chess Marathon III"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "April 28, 1991"]

[Round "5"]

[White "Richard Buchanan (2100)"]

[Black "Jim Hamblin (2162)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 d6 5. Bxc6+ bxc6 6. d4 f6 7. Nc3 Bg4 8. h3 Bh5 9. Be3 Rb8 10. Qd3 Qc8 11. b3 g5 12. dxe5 dxe5 13. Rd1 h6 14. Na4 Rh7 15. Qc4 Ne7 16. Nc5 Ra8 17. Nd7 Bg7 18. Qe6 Bxf3 19. gxf3 Bh8 20. Bc5 1-0



Position after 14...Rh7

This victory against the recent Colorado Open Champion and fellow Colorado Chess Hall of Fame member Michael Mulyar guaranteed Buck a tie for second place in the tournament.

[Event "Weld County Open"]

[Site "Greeley, Colorado"]

[Date "October 25, 1992"]

[Round "4"]

[White "Richard Buchanan (2110)"]

[Black "Micheal Mulyar (2347)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Nc6 3. cxd5 Qxd5 4. Nf3 Bg4 5. Nc3 Qh5 6. Bf4 Bxf3 7. gxf3 O-O-O 8. Be3 Nxd4 9. Bxd4 e5 10. Qa4 exd4 11. Nb5 a6 12. Nxd4 Bc5 13. Nb3 Bd6 14. O-O-O Nf6 15. h4 Rhe8 16. Bh3+ Kb8 17. Bg4 Qe5 18. e3 h5 19. Bh3 c5 20. Bg2 Qe6 21. Na5 Bc7 22. f4 Ne4 23. Bxe4 Qxe4 24. Qxe4 Rxe4 25. Nb3 Kc8 26. Rxd8+ Bxd8 27. Kd2 b6 28. Nc1 Bf6 29. b3 Kc7 30. Ne2 g6 31. Nc3 Re6 32. Nd5+ Kc6 33. Nxf6 Rxf6 34. Kc2 b5 35. Rd1 Rd6 36. Rg1 c4 37. bxc4 bxc4 38. f5 Rf6 39. fxg6 Rxf6 40. Rd1 Rg2 41. Rd2 Rh2 42. Kc3 Rxh4 43. f4 Rh3 44. Kd4 h4 45. Rc2 Kb5 46. Rxc4 Rh1 47. Rc2 h3 48. Ke5 Re1 49. e4 a5 50. f5 Kb4 51. Rh2 Re3 52. Kf6 Ka3 53. Kxf7 Rxe4 54. f6 Rf4 55. Ke7 Re4+ 56. Kf8 a4 57. f7 Re1 58. Rf2 Rb1 59. Kg8 Rb8+ 60. f8=Q+ Rxf8+ 61. Kxf8 1-0



Position after 20...Qe6

This victory over Jim Burden put Buck's rating over 2200. Burden was the Colorado Springs Chess Club Champion from 1989-1991.

[Event "1992 Colorado Springs Championship"]

[Site "Colorado Springs, Colorado"]

[Date "November 16, 1992"]

[Round "5"]

[White "Jim Burden (2230)"]

[Black "Richard Buchanan (2181)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nc3 e6 5. g4 Bg6 6. Nge2 c5 7. h4 h6 8. Be3 exd4 9. Nxd4 Bb4 10. Bb5+ Nd7 11. f4 Bxc3+ 12. bxc3 Be4 13. Rh2 Ne7 14. Rb1 a6 15. Bd3 Qc7 16. Bxe4 dxe4 17. Bd2 Nd5 18. Ne2 b5 19. Kf1 Rd8 20. Qc1 Nc5 21. Qa3 Na4 22. Kg2 Ndb6 23. Nd4 Ne4 24. Qe1 Nxd2 25. Qxd2 Qxc3 26. Qxc3 Nxc3 27. Rb3 Rxd4 28. Rxc3 O-O 29. Rh1 Rfd8 30. Kf2 Ra4 31. a3 Rd2+ 32. Ke3 Rg2 33. Rc8+ Kh7 34. g5 Rg3+ 35. Kf2 Rxa3 36. gxh6 gxh6 37. h5 Raf3+ 38. Ke2 Rg2+ 39. Ke1 Rxf4 40. Rh3 Rf5 41. c4 bxc4 42. Rxc4 Rxe5 43. Kf1 Rgg5 44. Kf2 Rxh5 45. Rg3 e3+ 46. Ke2 Rh2+ 47. Ke1 e2 48. Rg1 Rg5 49. Rfg5 hxg5 50. Ra4 Kg6 51. Rxa6 g4 52. Ra3 f5 53. Re3 Kf6 54. Kd2 f4 0-1



Position after 23.Nd4

Renard Anderson was the 1998 Colorado Open Champion, had a peak rating in the 2400s, and has lots of experience playing in large national tournaments.

[Event "2000 Boulder Open"]

[Site "Boulder, Colorado"]

[Date "April 16, 2000"]

[Round "3"]

[White "Richard Buchanan (2110)"]

[Black "Renard Anderson (2205)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 b5 4. b3 bxc4 5. bxc4 g6 6. Bb2 Bg7 7. Nf3 O-O 8. Nbd2 d6 9. e4 Qa5 10. Qc2 Nxe4 11. Bxg7 Nxd2 12. Be3 Nxf3+ 13. gxf3 Qd8 14. Bd3 Nd7 15. h4 Ne5 16. h5 Nxd3+ 17. Qxd3 e5 18. dxe6 Qe7 19. Kd2 Qxe6 20. Rae1 Qf5 21. Qe3 Ba6 22. hxg6 fxg6 23. Rxh7 1-0



Position after 22...fxg6

## Alexander G. Fishbein



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Alex Gregory Fishbein was born on May 8, 1968 in Saint Petersburg, Russia (then Leningrad, USSR). He learned the moves at the age of four from his father, Gregory.

In 1975, Alex began studying with Vladimir Zak. Probably the most highly esteemed children's chess coach in the country, Zak had previously worked with Spassky and Korchnoi, and later with Kamsky. Alex credits his lifelong passion for chess to having been guided by a coach for whom chess was the very meaning of life.

The Fishbein family left the Soviet Union in 1979, arriving in Denver on August 23. Only nine days later, Alex and Gregory debuted in the Colorado Open. Gregory tied for second in the Open section. He went on to reach a peak USCF rating of about 2330. Alex took clear first (5.5 out of 6) in the Reserve, achieving a USCF rating of about 1800.

In a few months, he was an expert. In May 1980, Alex moved with his mother, Alla, to Casper, where she found work in the oil industry. Alex won the Wyoming Open and became a master in 1982, and he continued to play frequently in Colorado, moving back here in 1983.

In 1984, the CSCA arranged for GM Dmitry Gurevich to stay with Fishbein before the U.S. Masters Open in Estes Park, where Alex also played. Dmitry became Alex's coach, and results followed quickly.

Alex's rating went over 2400 in the summer of 1985, and as the 1985 Colorado High School Champion, he traveled to and won the inaugural Denker tournament of High School Champions, representing Colorado. That year he also won the Colorado Open for the first time. Alex also won the Colorado Open in 1987 and 1988, the Colorado Closed in 1987, as well as the Denver Open in 1984.

Fishbein attended the University of Colorado at Boulder from 1985 until 1989. He continued to play actively in Colorado as well as nationally and internationally.

In 1990, Fishbein, now an IM, received the Samford award, a fellowship program for talented young players which continues to this day. The Fellowship allowed him to spend two years focusing on chess, and Alex earned the GM title in 1992. His biggest tournament successes during this period were clear first in Stavanger, Norway (his final GM norm, 1992) and equal firsts in Herning, Denmark (1991) and the National Open in Chicago (1991).

In 1993, Fishbein, now living in New Jersey, started working in finance, specializing in mortgage-backed bonds, a career that continues to this day. For the next 20 years, chess took a back seat to work and family responsibilities, but he still played from time to time. His peak rating so far was in 1994 (#150 in the world at 2550 FIDE and #13 in the US at 2648 USCF), but his best results during this period came later.

In 1996, Alex tied for first in the Chicago Open, and then in 1999, in the World Open. He played in the US Championship four times and was competitive each time, with his best result there in 2006 (4th place in one of the two 32-player groups).

In the early 2010s, Fishbein's sons, Samuel and Mitch, exhibited an interest in chess. This proved to be an impetus for Alex's returning to active tournament play. Mitch had talent and passion for the game, and father and son began playing in many tournaments. Mitch became a master in 2019.

Since 2012, Alex has regularly played in the Grand Prix tournaments in the Eastern United States and has many times finished first or tied for first. He moved to Tennessee in 2021.

His best results during the last few years have been: 3rd place tie in the 2021 US Masters; 2nd place tie in the 2018 US Open; 1st place in the inaugural John T. Irwin National Tournament of Senior State Champions in 2018, and again in 2020; 2019 New Jersey State Championship with 6-0 score, and a threepeat in the Tennessee State Championship (2021, 2022, 2023).

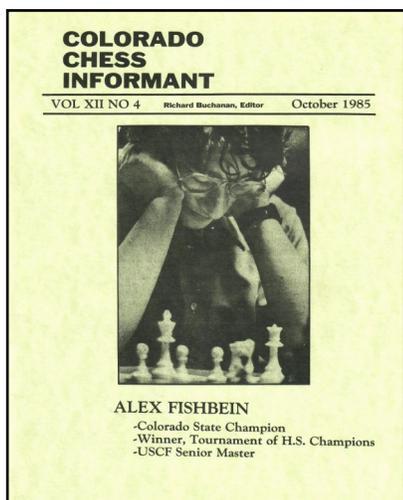
Alex continues to be very active on the tournament circuit, one of only a few American GMs over 50 who still play frequently. He finds it most interesting to play against players several times younger, who have more energy and are quickly improving. Rather than playing mainly against other Seniors, he seeks out opportunities to compete against much younger GMs. Alex Fishbein sees in competitive chess a way to stay mentally sharp at an older age.

### Journalist and Author

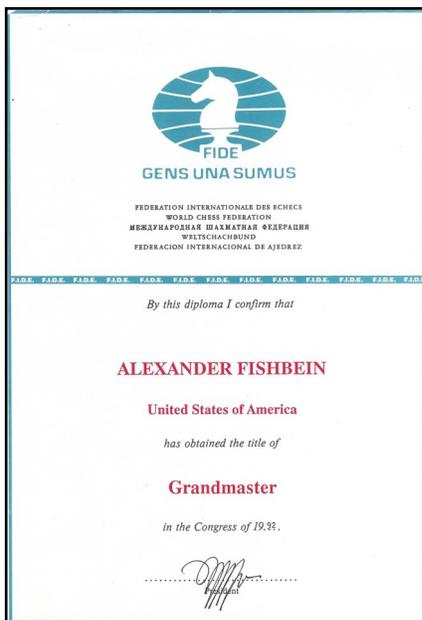
Fishbein has written numerous articles in chess publications like *Chess Life*, *American Chess Magazine*, and *New In Chess*.

Alex is a prolific author. His most recent books, all published by Russell Enterprises, are: *Scotch Gambit* (2018), *Exchange French Comes to Life* (2021), and *Endgame Corner* (2023) (with Karsten Müller). Fishbein's earlier books are *Fischer!* (1996) and *King and Pawn Endings* (1993).

His latest book project, published in April 2024, is a new revision of the classic book *My System*.



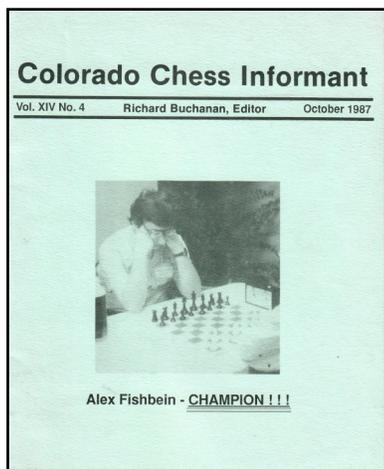
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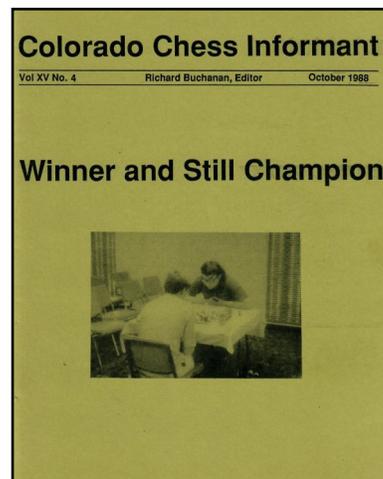
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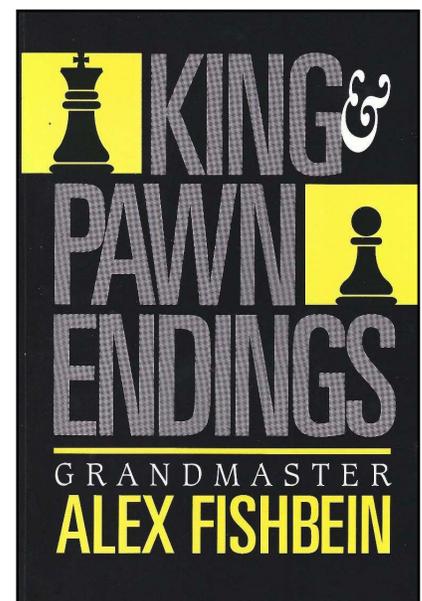
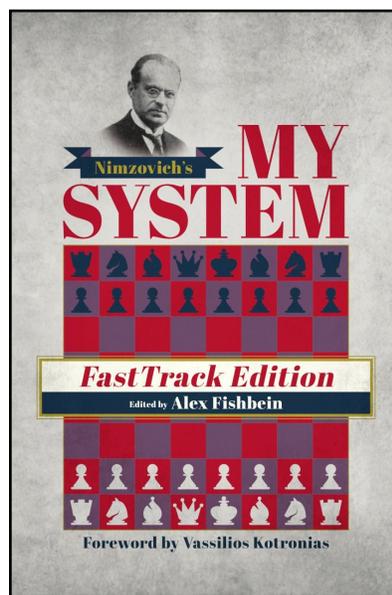
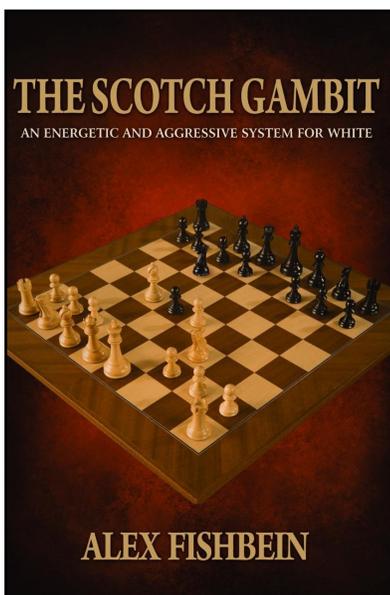
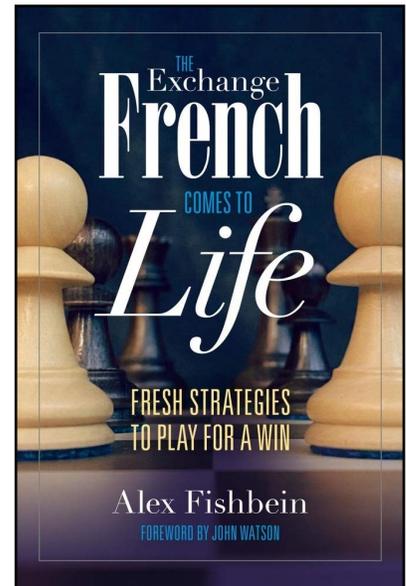
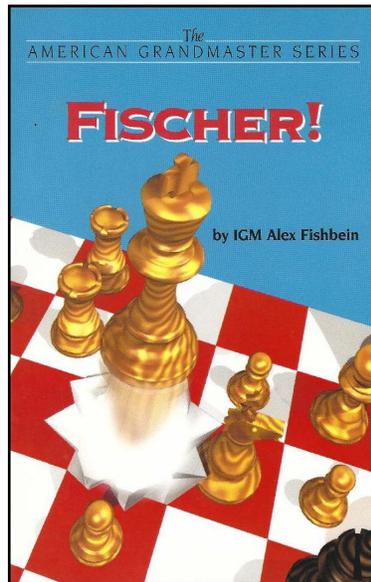
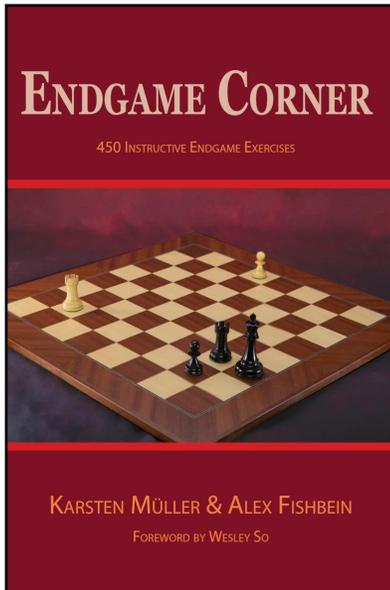
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*American Gambit 1988  
Kasparov vs. US Junior Team*



*Alex Fishbein & Garry Kasparov*



## All annotations are by Alex Fishbein

{I was proud of this game at the time. I sacrificed a knight to trade to an ending with a rook for two bishops which I evaluated correctly. The pawn promotion combination at the end has some similarities to my game with Shirov which is probably my most famous combination so far.}

[Event "1984 Denver Open"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "July 8, 1984"]

[Round "4"]

[White "John Siddeek (2158)"]

[Black "Alexander Fishbein (2250)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 O-O 5. e4 d6 6. Nge2 e5 7. O-O Nc6 8. d3 Be6 9. Nd5 Nd7 10. Be3 Nd4 11. f4 f5 12. Qd2 Nxe2+ 13. Qxe2 c6 14. exf5 Bxf5 15. Nc3 exf4 16. Rxf4 Be5 17. Rff1 Re8 18. Qd2 Bxc3 19. bxc3 Ne5 20. Rxf5 gxf5 21. Rf1 Ng4 22. Bg5 Qd7 23. d4 Qe6 24. h3 Ne3 25. Re1 Nxc4 26. Rxe6 Nxd2 27. Rxe8+ Rxe8 28. Bxd2 Re2 29. Bf4 d5 30. c4 dxc4 31. d5 Rxa2 32. dxc6 bxc6 33. Bxc6 Ra1+ 34. Kf2 c3 35. Bd5+ Kf8 36. Bb3 c2 37. Be6 c1=Q 38. Bxc1 Rxc1 39. Bxf5 a5 40. Ke2 a4 41. Kd2 Rg1 42. Kc2 a3 43. Kb3 Rvg3+ 44. Ka2 h6 45. h4 Ke7 46. h5 Kf6 47. Bd7 Kg5 48. Be8 Rh3 0-1



Position after 24.h3

{Although this game was drawn, it's one of my memorable games in Colorado. David Jellison was a difficult opponent for me and I hadn't figured out how to play against him. I felt that this result was like a win for me because it left me tied for first with a much easier opponent, and a clear path to clear first place. Bob Palmer announced on Channel 4 news that night that I was the favorite and I "delivered".}

[Event "1985 Colorado Open"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "September 2, 1985"]

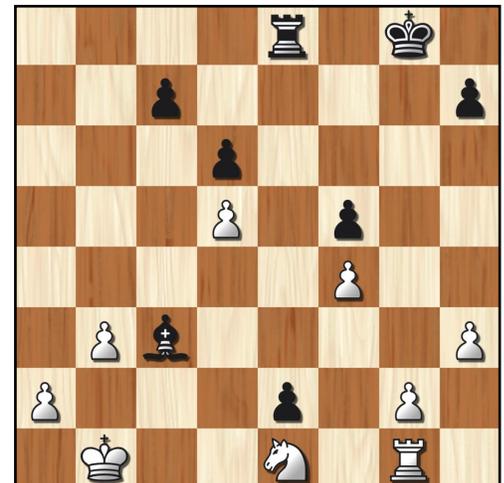
[Round "5"]

[White "David Jellison (2322)"]

[Black "Alexander Fishbein (2372)"]

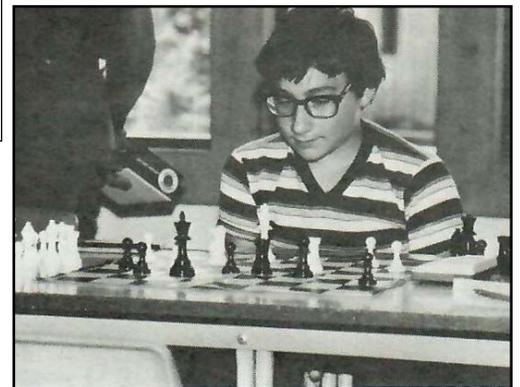
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1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. f3 O-O 6. Be3 Nbd7 7. Nh3 e5 8. d5 Nh5 9. Nf2 f5 10. exf5 gxf5 11. Qc2 e4 12. f4 Nc5 13. Be2 Nf6 14. O-O-O a6 15. h3 b5 16. cxb5 axb5 17. Bxb5 Bd7 18. Kb1 Bxb5 19. Nxb5 Qd7 20. Nc3 Rfb8 21. Bd4 Na4 22. Nxa4 Rxa4 23. Rhe1 Qb5 24. Re3 Rc4 25. Rc3 Rxc3 26. Qxc3 Qb4 27. Bxf6 Qxc3 28. Bxc3 Bxc3 29. b3 e3 30. Nd3 e2 31. Rg1 Re8 32. Ne1 Bd4 33. Rh1 Re4 34. g3 Bf2 35. Kc2 Rd4 36. Nf3 Rxd5 37. g4 Kg7 38. b4 Bg3 39. a4 Bxf4 40. Re1 fvg4 41. hxg4 h5 42. Rxe2 hxg4 43. Re4 Bh6 44. Rvg4+ Kf6 45. Re4 Rf5 46. Ne1 d5 47. Re8 Re5 48. Rxe5 Kxe5 49. Nd3+ Kd6 50. b5 c5 51. b6 c4 52. Nb4 d4 53. a5 d3+ 54. Kd1 Be3 55. b7 Ba7 56. Kd2 Kc5 57. Nxd3+ 1/2-1/2



Position after 32.Ne1

{David was an immensely talented player, was fun to be around, and a serious student of the game -- in all ways such a blessing to Colorado chess in the time he lived here. Dave is dearly missed.}



1982 WINTER PARK OPEN CHAMPION ALEX FISHBEIN

{James Mann de Toledo lived in Colorado for a short period of time but is well remembered here. He is a talented player who later moved back to Brazil and then back to the United States. This victory over him was key to winning the 1987 Colorado Open. As you can see from the opening, in those days it was possible to take an opponent out of book and get a good position with Black.}

[Event "1987 Colorado Open"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "September 7, 1987"] [Round "5"]

[White "James Mann de Toledo (2346)"]

[Black "Alexander Fishbein (2512)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 a6 3. Nc3 c5 4. d5 b5 5. Bg5 b4 6. Bxf6 exf6 7. Ne4 d6 8. e3 f5 9. Nd2 g6 10. Qc2 Bg7 11. g3 O-O 12. Ne2 a5 13. Bg2 a4 14. Rb1 Nd7 15. h3 Ba6 16. b3 Bb7 17. O-O Ra7 18. Rbel Qc7 19. f4 Rfa8 20. Ncl Qd8 21. Re2 axb3 22. axb3 Ra1 23. Bf3 Qf6 24. Nb1 Qe7 25. g4 fxg4 26. hxg4 h6 27. Rff2 Bc8 28. Rg2 Qf6 29. Ref2 Qe7 30. Qd3 Rxb1 31. Qxb1 Ra1 32. Qxa1 Bxa1 33. Re2 Nf6 34. Nd3 Bc3 35. e4 Bd4+ 36. Kfl Nxc4 37. Bxc4 Qh4 38. Nf2 Bxf2 39. Bxc8 Bd4 40. Rh2 Qg3 41. Ref2 Bxf2 42. Rxf2 Qxb3 0-1



Position after 30.Qd3

{This game was played in a six-board simul: the American juniors vs the world champion. We lost the match 4-2 which was a respectable score. I was lucky to escape with a draw at the end. The other players Kasparov played in the simul were Patrick Wolff, Stuart Rachels, Daniel Edelman, Ilya Gurevich, and Vivek Rao. This event was filmed and a 30-minute 3-part documentary called American Gambit, featuring this simul, can be found on YouTube.}

[Event "New York Simul"]

[Site "New York"]

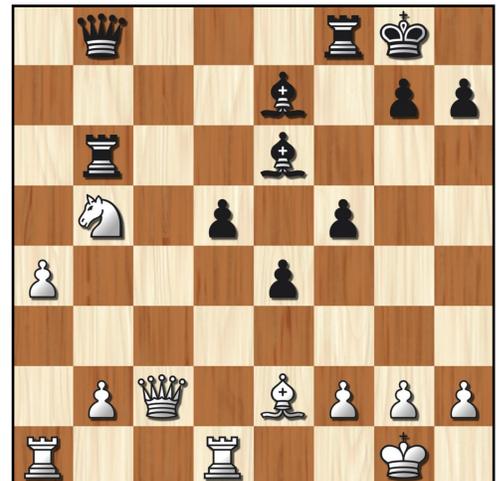
[Date "February 24, 1988"]

[White "Alexander Fishbein, FIDE - 2435"]

[Black "Garry Kasparov, FIDE - 2750"]

[Result "1/2-1/2"]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 Qa5+ 11.Bd2 Qd8 12.Bg5 Qa5+ 13.Bd2 Qd8 14.c4 Nxe4 15.cxb5 Be6 16.Nc3 Nxd2 17.Qxd2 Nd4 18.bxa6 Be7 19.Bd3 0-0 20.0-0 d5 21.Nc2 Nxc2 22.Qxc2 e4 23.Be2 f5 24.Nb5 Rxa6 25.Rfd1 Rb6 26.a4 Qb8 27.Qc7 (27.a5! Rxb5 28.Qc6 Qe5! with wild complications, computer says that it is equal.) 27...Bf6 28.Qxb8 Rfxb8 29.Rab1 Kf7 30.b3 Rc6 31.b4 Rc2 32.Bf1 Bb2 33.Nd4 Bxd4 34.Rxd4 Kf6 35.b5 Ke5 36.Rbd1 Ra2 37.Rb4 Rb6 38.Rdb1 g5 39.R1b2 Ra3 40.R2b3 Rxb3 41.Rxb3 d4 42.Rb1 d3 43.a5 Rd6 44.a6 Be8 45.h3 Bxa6 46.bxa6 Rxa6 47.g3 Rd6 48.Kg2 f4 49.gxf4+ gxf4 50.Rb5+ Kf6 51.Rb1 f3+ 52.Kh2 Ke5 53.h4 Kf4 54.Rd1 h5 55.Kh3 Rd8 56.Kh2 Rd6 57.Kh3 Rd4 58.Kh2 e3? 59.fxe3+ Kxe3 60.Bxd3! Rxd3 61.Ra1 Ke2 62.Kg3 Rd2 63.Rb1 Ra2 1/2-1/2



Position after 26...Qb8

{This game was my first to be published in many magazines internationally. Judit Polgar was 12 years old at the time and already rated #55 in the world.}

[Event "New York Open"]

[Site "New York"]

[Date "March 23, 1989"] [Round "4"]

[White "Alexander Fishbein, FIDE - 2490"]

[Black "Judit Polgar, FIDE - 2555"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nc6 5. Nb5 d6 6. Bf4 e5 7. Be3 Nf6 8. Bg5 a6 9. Bxf6 gxf6 10. N5c3 f5 11. Be4 Qg5 12. O-O Rg8 13. g3 f4 14. Nd5 Rb8 15. Nbc3 Nd4 16. Kh1 b5 17. Be2 b4 18. Nc7+ Kd8 19. N3d5 Qg6 20. Qd3 f5 21. Nxa6 Rb5 22. a4 Ra5 23. Qc4 Qf7 24. Qxb4 Rxd5 25. Qb6+ Ke7 26. Qc7+ Bd7 27. Nb8 Re5 28. Qxd7+ Kf6 29. Qxf7+ Kxf7 30. Bh5+ Ke7 31. exf5 Rxc2 32. a5 Bh6 33. Na6 Nxf5 34. Nb4 Rxb2 35. Nd5+ Ke6 36. a6 Rgb8 37. Bf3 Nd4 38. Be4 Re2 39. a7 Rf8 40. Nc3 Rxe4 41. Nxe4 Ra8 42. Rfb1 Nc6 43. Rb6 1-0



Position after 23...Qf7

{David Jellison was always a tough opponent for me, beating me several times including once when I was already above 2400. Looking at my games with him now, I can see that he was a very talented player and had a much more classical style than I thought at the time. I was finally able to figure him out and won several games against him in the late 1980s, including this one which decided the Colorado Open in 1988 and featured a combination which I published in the FIDE Informant.}

[Event "1988 Colorado Open"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "September 5, 1988"]

[Round "6"]

[White "Alexander Fishbein (2568)"]

[Black "David Jellison (2302)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.e3 c5 4.b4 g6 5.bxc5 Nc6 6.exd4 Bg7 7.Bb2 Bg4 8.Be2 Nh6  
9.Qb3 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Bxg4 Nxg4 12.Qb5+ Kf8 13.0-0 Qc7 14.g3 Rd8  
15.Bxd4 Rxd4 16.Nc3 Rxd2 17.Rae1 Ne5 18.Nd5 Nf3+ 19.Kh1 Qc8 20.Qb3 Qg4  
21.Qc3 Rg8 22.Rxe7! Rxd5 [22...Qh3 23.Rxf7+ Kxf7 (23...Ke8 24.Qe3+)  
24.Qf6+] 23.Qf6 Rg7 24.Rxb7 Qc8 25.cxd5 Qxb7 26.Qd8# 1-0



Position after 21...Rg8

{This last round must-win in my first international round robin gave me my first GM norm.}

[Event "GM Norm Tournament"]

[Site "New York"]

[Date "April 1990"]

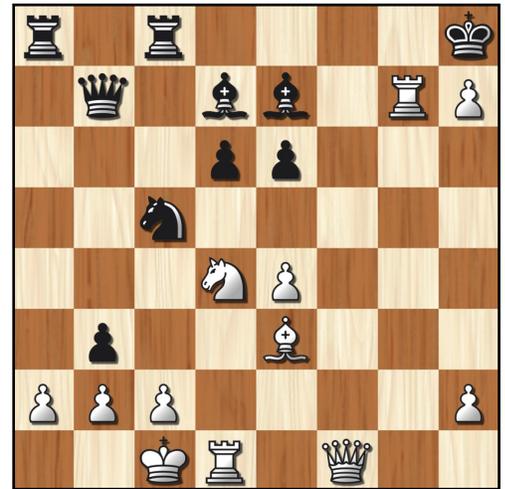
[Round "9"]

[White "Bosko Abramovic, FIDE - 2495"]

[Black "Alexander Fishbein, FIDE - 2470"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Qb6 5. Nb3 Nf6 6. Nc3 e6 7. Be3 Qc7  
8. Bd3 a6 9. f4 d6 10. Qe2 Be7 11. g4 b5 12. O-O-O Nd7 13. g5 Nb4 14. Rhg1  
Nxd3+ 15. Qxd3 b4 16. Nb1 a5 17. Nd4 Nc5 18. Qb5+ Bd7 19. Qc4 Qb7 20. Nd2  
O-O 21. f5 Rfc8 22. g6 fxe6 23. fxe6 a4 24. Qf1 b3 25. N2xb3 axb3 26. gxh7+  
Kh8 27.Rxg7 Nd3+ 28. Rxd3 bxa2 29. Rg8+ Rxg8 30. hxg8=Q+ Kxg8 31. Qg2+  
Kf7 32. Qf3+ Bf6 33. Qh5+ Kf8 34. Bh6+ Ke7 35. Bg5 a1=Q+ 36. Kd2 Qa5+ 0-1



Position after 27.Rxg7

{This category-11 round robin was the strongest I have ever played in, and I made a plus score, defeating the eventual winner, legendary grandmaster Bent Larsen.}

[Event "WFW - GM Norm"]

[Site "New York"]

[Date "September 1990"]

[Round "4"]

[White "Alexander Fishbein, FIDE - 2470"]

[Black "Bent Larsen, FIDE - 2545"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 c5 3. d5 g6 4. Nc3 d6 5. e4 Bg7 6. Nf3 O-O 7. h3 e6 8. Bd3 exd5  
9. cxd5 Re8 10. O-O c4 11. Be2 Bd7 12. Bf4 Qb6 13. Rb1 Na6 14. e5 dxe5  
15. Nxe5 Rac8 16. d6 Nb8 17. Qf3 Nc6 18. Nxd7 Nxd7 19. Ba4 Qa5 20. Bxc6  
Rxc6 21. Rfe1 Re6 22. Rxe6 fxe6 23. Re1 Qf5 24. g4 Qf7 25. Qe4 e5 26. Be3 a6  
27. Qg2 Rxd6 28. Qxb7 Nf6 29. Qc8+ Qe8 30. Qxc4+ Kh8 31. Rd1 Rxd1+  
32. Nxd1 h5 33. Nc3 hxg4 34. hxg4 Qd7 35. f3 Qb7 36. Qe2 e4 37. f4 Nd5  
38. Nxd5 Qxd5 39. b3 a5 40. Qd2 Qb5 41. Bd4 Qd7 42. Bxg7+ Qxg7 43. Kf2  
Qa7+ 44. Qe3 Qd7 45. g5 Kh7 46. Qxe4 Qd2+ 47. Kg3 Qxa2 48. Qe7+ Kg8  
49. Qe6+ 1-0



Position after 26...a6

{Alexey Shirov was already #22 in the world at the time and on a fast upward trajectory. After the game, he highly praised my combination starting on move 37, which was based on the weakness of White's first rank. Coming from him, that compliment meant a lot.}

[Event "GM Norm"]

[Site "Kerteminde, Denmark"]

[Date "February 21, 1991"]

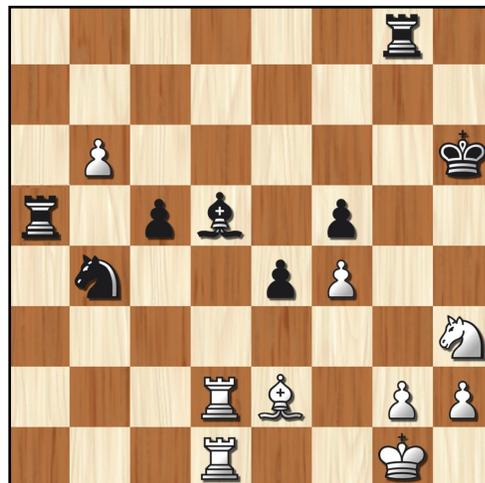
[Round "8"]

[White "Alexei Shirov, FIDE - 2615"]

[Black "Alexander Fishbein, FIDE - 2465"]

[Result "0-1"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2 a5 10.a3 Nd7 11.Rb1 f5 12.b4 Kh8 13.Qc2 Ng8 14.exf5 gxf5 15.f4 Ne7 16.Nf3 e4 17.Ng5 Nf6 18.Bb2 axb4 19.axb4 c6 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.Rfd1 Qc7 22.Qd2 h6 23.Nh3 Rd8 24.b5 Be6 25.Qe3 e5 26.Qg3 Rg8 27.Rd2 d5 28.cxd5 Nxd5 29.Nxd5 Nxd5 30.Qh4 Bxb2 31.Qxh6+ Qh7 32.Qxh7+ Kxh7 33.Rdxb2 Kh6 34.b6 Nb4 35.Rc1 Ra5 36.Rd2 Bd5 37.Rcd1 e3! 38.Rxd5 Nxd5 39.Rxd5 Ra1+ 40.Rd1 Rxd1+ 41.Bxd1 Rd8 42.Kf1 (42.Be2 c4! 43.Bxc4 Rd1+ 44.Bf1 e2; 42.Ba4 Rd4 43.Bc2 Rd2 44.b7 Rxc2 45.b8Q Rcl#) 42...Rxd1+ 43.Ke2 Rd2+ 44.Kxe3 Rxc2 45.Nf2 Rg6 46.Nd3 Rxb6 47.Nxc5 Rb2 48.Ne6 Rxh2 49.Nd4 Rh3+ 50.Kf2 Kg6 51.Ke2 Ra3 52.Nc2 Ra2 53.Kd3 Ra4 54.Ke3 Rc4 55.Nd4 Rc3+ 56.Ke2 Rc5 57.Nf3 Kh5 58.Ne5 Rc3 59.Kf2 Kh4 60.Kg2 Rb3 0-1



Position after 37.Rcd1

{With this first round win, I was on my way to one of my best results ever, 7 out of 9 against a field that included Peter Heine Nielsen, Victor Bologan and 5 other GMs or future GMs. I thus achieved my third and final GM norm in Stavanger, Norway, a city famous in the chess world now. At the time, however, Magnus Carlsen was 1 year old.}

[Event "1991 Stavanger Open"]

[Site "Stavanger, Norway"]

[Date "December 28, 1991"]

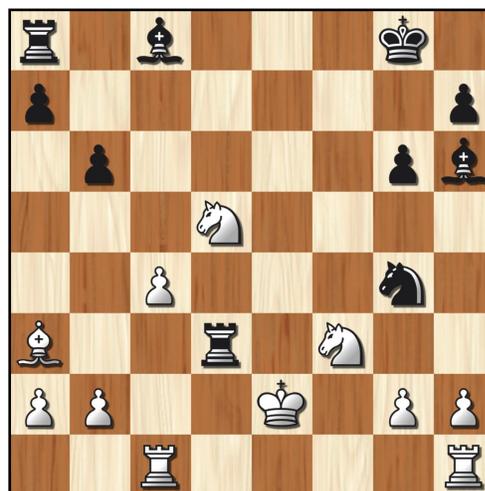
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[White "Lars Bo Hansen, FIDE - 2510"]

[Black "Alexander Fishbein, FIDE - 2460"]

[Result "0-1"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.e5 Nfd7 9.f4 Nc6 10.Nf3 f6 11.exf6 Nxf6 12.Qxd8 Rxd8 13.Bxc5 b6 14.Ba3 Ng4 15.Rc1 e5 16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Be2 Nd3+ 18.Bxd3 Rxd3 19.Nd5 Bh6 20.Ke2 Rxd5! 21.cxd5 Ba6+ 22.Kd1 Nf2+ 23.Kc2 Rc8+ 24.Kb1 Bxc1 25.Re1 Bd3+ 26.Ka1 Ng4 27.d6 Ne3 28.Nd4 Bd2 29.Rg1 Nc4 30.Nc6 Rxc6 31.d7 Bg5 0-1



Position after 20.Ke2

{Igor Ivanov frequently played in Colorado in the 1980s and 1990s. I played him many times, across the country and three times in Colorado, with about an even score. This was my only victory against him with Black, in a tournament where I also defeated Michael Mulyar and won with 6-0.}

[Event "Rocky Mountain Chess Rendezvous"]

[Site "Grand Junction, Colorado"]

[Date "May 29, 1994"]

[Round "3"]

[White "Igor Ivanov (2591)"]

[Black "Alexander Fishbein (2612)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4. g3 O-O 5. Bg2 d6 6. Nf3 c6 7. O-O Nbd7 8. e4 e5 9. h3 Qb6 10. Re1 exd4 11. Nxd4 Ne8 12. Nb3 a5 13. Na4 Qb4 14. Nd2 Nc5 15. Nxc5 Qxc5 16. Qe2 Be6 17. Rb1 a4 18. Bf1 Nf6 19. b4 axb3 20. axb3 Ra2 21. b4 Qd4 22. Rb3 Nd7 23. Qe3 b5 24. Qxd4 Bxd4 25. Rd3 c5 26. cxb5 Ne5 27. Rxd4 cxd4 28. f4 Nd7 29. Nf3 d3 30. f5 gxf5 31. Bh6 Rc8 32. exf5 Bd5 33. Re7 Bxf3 34. Rxd7 d2 35.Bxd2 Rxd2 36. b6 Rcl 0-1



Position after 25.Rd3

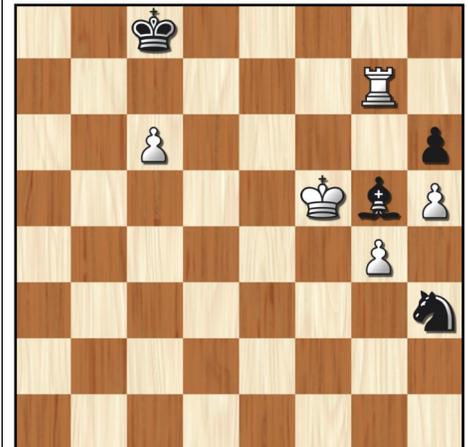
{In this game, I played for a win in an ending that most observers considered slightly worse for me. I turned down many repetitions and eventually prevailed. This game was instrumental in my winning the Bent Larsen prize for fighting chess in this US Championship. As I described several years later in Chess Life's "My Best Move" column, that prize led directly to a promotion at work. I was working in the financial services industry, and my supervisors felt I would be a good risk-taker.}

[Event "2005 U.S. Championships"]  
 [Site "San Diego, California"]  
 [Date "November 26, 2004"]  
 [Round "3"]  
 [White "Alexander Fishbein, 2505"]  
 [Black "Brucci Lopez, 2403"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 d6 5. d4 O-O 6. Be2 e5 7. Be3 exd4 8. Nxd4 Re8 9. f3 c6 10. Bf2 d5 11. exd5 cxd5 12. O-O Nc6 13. c5 Nh5 14. Qd2 Be5 15. g3 Ng7 16. Rfd1 Ne6 17. Nxe6 Bxe6 18. f4 Bg7 19. Nb5 Qd7 20. Nd6 Red8 21. Rac1 Bf8 22. f5 Bxf5 23. Qxd5 Be6 24. Qe4 Qc7 25. b4 a6 26. a4 Bb3 27. Rd3 Bxa4 28. Ra3 Bb5 29. Nxb5 axb5 30. Rxa8 Rxa8 31. Bxb5 Rd8 32. Be3 Bg7 33. Kg2 Qc8 34. Rf1 Re8 35. Qf4 Qe6 36. Bc4 Qxe3 37. Bxf7+ Kh8 38. Bxe8 Qxe8 39. Qc4 Nd4 40. Qd3 Qc6+ 41. Kg1 h6 42. Rf4 Ne6 43. Rh4 Kh7 44. Qd6 Kg8 45. Qxc6 bxc6 46. Kf2 Nc7 47. Ke2 Kf7 48. Kd3 Ke6 49. Kc4 Nb5 50. Rf4 Na3+ 51. Kb3 Nb5 52. Kc4 Na3+ 53. Kd3 Nb5 54. Rf2 Bf6 55. Ra2 Nd4 56. Ra8 Nf3 57. Ke4 Nd2+ 58. Kd3 Nf3 59. Ra7 Be5 60. Ke4 Nd2+ 61. Kd3 Nf3 62. Ra2 Kd5 63. Rf2 Ng5 64. Rf8 Ne6 65. Rf7 Nc7 66. Rd7+ Ke6 67. Rd8 Nd5 68. Rg8 Ne7 69. Re8 Kd7 70. Rf8 Nd5 71. Rg8 Ne7 72. Ra8 Nd5 73. Rg8 Ne7 74. Ra8 Nd5 75. b5 exb5 76. Ke4 Nc7 77. Rg8 Bb2 78. Rxxg6 Bc1 79. h4 Ne6 80. Kd5 Nc7+ 81. Ke4 Ne6 82. c6+ Ke7 83. Ke5 Nc7 84. Rg7+ Kd8 85. Rg8+ Ke7 86. Rg7+ Kd8 87. Rd7+ Kc8 88. Rh7 Kd8 89. Rd7+ Kc8 90. Rh7 Kd8 91. Kd4 Bd2 92. g4 Bc1 93. Kd3 Ne6 94. Kc3 Nc7 95. Rd7+ Kc8 96. Kb4 Be3 97. Rf7 Kd8 98. Rd7+ Kc8 99. Rf7 Kd8 100. Ka5 Ne8 101. Rd7+ Kc8 102. Re7 Nd6 103. Kb4 Bf2 104. h5 Bd4 105. Rd7 Be5 106. Kc5 Ne4+ 107. Kxb5 Nf6 108. Rg7 Bf4 109. Rf7 Bg5 110. Kc5 Ne4+ 111. Kd5 Nf6+ 112. Ke6 Ne4 113. Ke5 Nc5 114. Kf5 Nd3 115. Rg7 Bc1 116. Ke4 Nf2+ 117. Kf5 Nh3 118. Rh7 Nf2 119. Rd7 Bg5 120. Rg7 Nh3 121. Rxxg5 Nxxg5 122. Kg6 Kc7 123. Kxh6 Nf7+ 124. Kg7 1-0



Alex Fishbein at the 2019 Denver Open

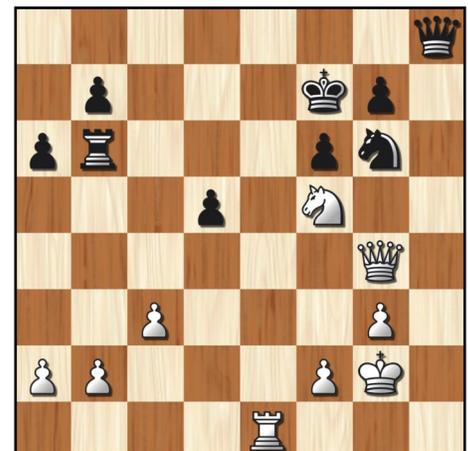


Position after 120...Nh3

{This game, featuring a flawless kingside attack starting with move 34, capped my best-ever result in the US Championship (6 out of 9).}

[Event "2006 U.S. Championships - Group B"]  
 [Site "San Diego, California"]  
 [Date "March 3, 2006"]  
 [Round "9"]  
 [White "Alexander Fishbein, FIDE - 2519"]  
 [Black "Yuri Shulman, FIDE - 2581"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. exd5 exd5 5. Ngf3 Nc6 6. Bb5 Bd6 7. dxc5 Bxc5 8. O-O Nge7 9. Nb3 Bd6 10. c3 Bg4 11. Be2 O-O 12. Be3 Re8 13. h3 Bh5 14. Re1 Bg6 15. Bd3 Qc7 16. Bxxg6 hxxg6 17. Qd3 Rad8 18. Nbd4 a6 19. Nxc6 Nxc6 20. Bg5 Be7 21. Bxe7 Rxe7 22. Rxe7 Qxe7 23. Re1 Qf6 24. h4 Qf5 25. Qe3 Qd7 26. Rd1 f6 27. g3 Kf7 28. Kg2 Qe6 29. Qb6 Rd7 30. Re1 Qd6 31. Nd4 Ne5 32. Qb3 Nc6 33. Rd1 Ne5 34. Qc2 Rd8 35. h5 gxh5 36. Qh7 Qf8 37. Qxxh5+ Ng6 38. Re1 Qh8 39. Qg4 Rd6 40. Nf5 Rb6 41. Nh6+ Qxxh6 42. Qd7+ Ne7 43. Qxxe7+ Kg6 44. Qe8+ Kf5 45. g4+ Kxxg4 46. Qe2+ Kf5 47. Qd3+ Kg4 48. Qf3+ Kg5 49. Qe3+ Kg4 50. Qxb6 1-0



Position after 40...Rb6

{My best-ever game so far against a player of this caliber. The exchange sacrifice, which I had foreseen on move 21, surprised my opponent.}

[Event "2013 World Open"]

[Site "Arlington, Virginia"]

[Date "July 4, 2013"]

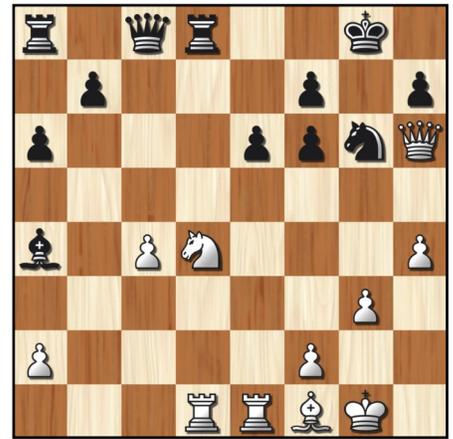
[Round "3"]

[White "Alexander Fishbein, FIDE - 2504"]

[Black "Batista Lazaro, FIDE - 2689"]

[Result "1-0"]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.g3 Bb4 7.Nb3 Nf6 8.Bg2 0-0  
9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.c4 Qxc4 13.Bb2 Nd7 14.Re1 N7f6 15.Qd2  
Bd7 16.Bf1 Qc8 17.c4 Ne7 18.Bxf6 gxf6 19.Rad1 Bc6 20.Qh6 Ng6 21.h4 Rd8  
22.Nd4 Ba4 23.h5! Bxd1 24.hxg6 fxe6 25.Nxe6 Qd7 26.Bg2! Kh8 27.Bd5 Ba4  
(27...Bg4 28.Nxd8 Rxd8 29.f3 Bf5 30.g4 Re8 31.Kf2 Bc2 32.Qf4 Rf8 33.Re6 g5  
34.Qd4±) 28.Nc5 Qd6 29.Nxa4 Qb4 30.Re6 Re8 31.Rxf6 Qe1+ 32.Kg2 1-0



Position after 22...Ba4

{Hans Niemann was not yet a GM, but was certainly that strength already. The transfer of the queen to h6 is reminiscent of a similar maneuver in the famous game Johner - Nimzovich. With this victory, I won the NJ state title with a 6-0 score, a result rarely if ever matched in that tournament, especially against this strong a field (I had also defeated future GM Brandon Jacobson).}

[Event "2019 New Jersey Open"]

[Site "Morristown, New Jersey"]

[Date "September 2, 2019"]

[Round "6"]

[White "Hans Niemann (2507)"]

[Black "Alexander Fishbein (2536)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. g3 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 O-O 6. Bg2 d6 7. Nf3 Nc6 8. O-O  
Re8 9. Nd2 e5 10. d5 Na5 11. Ba3 b6 12. Bb4 Nb7 13. e4 Nc5 14. Rb1 Qd7 15. Bxc5  
bxc5 16. f4 Qe7 17. f5 Nd7 18. Rf2 a5 19. Nf1 Ba6 20. Ne3 Qg5 21. Qf3 h5! 22. h4  
Qh6 23. Rfb2 Nf6 24. Bf1 Rf8 25. Bh3 Kh8 26. Rf2 Rab8 27. Rbfl a4 28. Re1 Rb6  
29. Bf1 Rfb8 30. Bd3 Bc8 31. Ree2 Bd7 32. Rg2 a3 33.Bc2 Rb2 34. Bb3 R8xb3  
35. axb3 a2 0-1



Position after 21.Qf3

{In the 2021 US Masters I had one of my best results of all time, an undefeated 6.5 out of 9, including 4.5 out of 7 against GMs. This game was unique in that the first 29 moves repeated exactly an earlier game I had won against IM Raven Sturt (which was not published in the database).}

[Event "2021 U.S. Masters"]

[Site "Charlotte, North Carolina"]

[Date "November 26, 2021"]

[Round "4"]

[White "Robby Kevlishvili, FIDE - 2495"]

[Black "Alexander Fishbein, FIDE - 2431"]

[Result "0-1"]

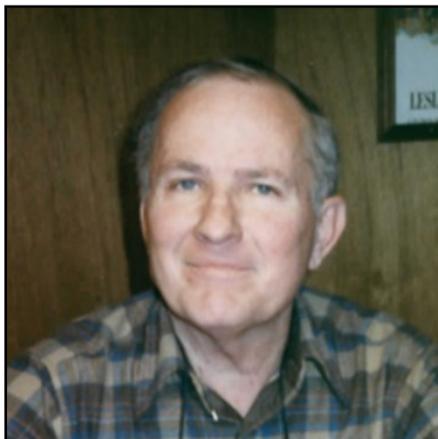
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3  
Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.a3 h6 13.Bc2 Nb8 14.b4 Nbd7 15.Bb2 a5 16.Bd3 c6  
17.Nb3 axb4 18.cxb4 exd4 19.Nbxd4 Nb6 20.Rc1 Nc4! 21.Bxc4 bxc4 22.e5 dxe5  
23.Rxe5 Rxe5 24.Nxe5 c5 25.bxc5 Bxc5 26.Nxc4 Ne4! =+ 27.Ne3 Qf6 28.Ng4 Qb6  
29.Rb1 Rd8 30.Qe1 (30.Qb3? Nd2!-+ was Sturt - Fishbein, US Amateur Team East  
2020.) 30...Ba8 31.Nf5 Nxf2! 32.Nfxh6+ Kh7 33.Nxf2 Qxh6 34.Kh1 Qc6 0-1



Position after 31.Nf5

## Royal E. Franklin

May 5, 1930 – January 26, 2018



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Royal Franklin was born and raised in Sterling, Colorado. As a boy he worked for Goodrich Dairy and in his twenties founded Royal Printing Company with his brother Earl.

Royal's son, Rod, believes his father learned how to play chess soon after graduating from high school. Royal later became a Class B tournament player.

Royal raised five kids with his wife Dollee, who he married on February 5, 1950.

In 1961, he sold the printing company to his brother and moved to south Denver. Royal worked as a trader at Boetcher & Company for a year in 1961-62 and started a map company, Royal Map Company, which he ran for 4-5 years. He joined Permalite installing and selling storm windows into the 1970s.

Early in the 1970s, Royal started a part-time printing business in his basement, which turned into Royal Printing in the 1980s. He ran Royal Printing through 2014. He bought the printing press that he used to print the CSCA Bulletin with from the Denver Broncos in 1971.

Royal was on the CSCA Board (Secretary) from 1973-75 and starting in 1974 he was a CSCA Advisor to Bulletin Editor, John Watson (in June 1975 Robert O'Donnell took over editorship of the CSCA Bulletin from Watson).

Franklin was President of the Colorado State Chess Association from 1975-76.

Royal was a leader in the move toward getting chess organizations recognized as non-profits. In 1976, the CSCA Articles of Incorporation were amended to apply for tax-exempt status (CSCA was one of only three State Associations to enjoy tax-exempt status at that time). Franklin was the author of a booklet called *Chess Organizations and 501 (C) (3)* which he distributed to other USCF State Affiliates. USCF recognized his work, naming Franklin Chairman of the USCF Non-Profit Committee. Royal received inquiries from state organizations and gave advice on getting tax-exempt status. In his booklet he gave Colorado's Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws as examples of the documents that were needed. [The chess rating system was presented as a teaching process (ie – educational) as a main argument to getting 501 (C) (3) status from the IRS.]

Franklin was Editor of CSCA Bulletin from 1976-1978, gaining national recognition for the quality publication.

In a letter from Dean College in Massachusetts, the Chairman of the Math/Science Department, Peter E. Sakkinen, one of the driving forces behind the birth of the program, wrote to: Royal Franklin, CSCA Bulletin editor (June 27, 1977) "...You should be very proud of the high quality and content of your bulletin. For a chess player in Colorado, the inclusion of photos along with games of their efforts must make the bulletin a very personal document with lasting value. One of our objectives is to put together a superb library. I shall be arguing for funds for securing, among other items, key state publications from across the country. The CSCA Bulletin will surely be included because of its exceptional quality."

CSCA President Haynes Hendee wrote on page 3 of the Oct-Nov 1978 CSCA Bulletin, "...Royal Franklin performed so well as Bulletin editor that he gained considerable national attention. The Illinois delegation to the annual delegates' meeting wanted to replace the *Chess Life & Review* editor with Franklin. The USCF Policy Board went so far as to invite Royal to dinner to discuss the possibility of becoming editor of *Chess Life & Review*. However, the Policy Board also invited Burt Hochberg, the present editor, to the same dinner, thus putting Royal in an awkward position. Royal laid out his ideas anyway."

Franklin stayed on the CSCA Board from 1976-78 and was an Alternate Delegate to USCF from Colorado in 1976-77.

He was also USCF Vice-President for Region IX from 1977-1980.

Victor Korchnoi's Denver visit in 1977 was arranged by Franklin. Korchnoi gave a lecture on political and personal pressures of being a Soviet chess player and the reasons for his defection, before giving a simultaneous exhibition. Denver was one of only 12 cities in the U.S. to host Korchnoi.

In April of 1978, Royal hosted former World Chess Champion Tigran Petrosian's visit to Denver. Dollee and Royal took Tigran and his wife Rona shopping and to a Denver Nuggets playoff game. Petrosian beat all 25 players in only two hours on April 17 in the simul.

Royal was friends and corresponded with chess luminaries George Koltanowski and Arpad Elo.

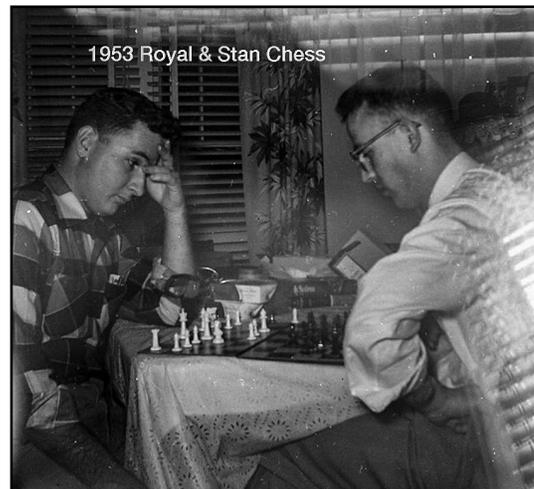
Franklin was also a professional rosarian. In the early 1980s, Royal studied the soil and invented Mile High Rose Food fertilizer (kelp and alfalfa were supplements added to the rose feed mix) which was specifically tailored for Colorado soils and was well known up and down the Colorado front range for decades.

Royal was an avid skydiver and traveled the world. At age 80, he visited the base camp in Nepal where climbers begin their final ascent to the summit of Mount Everest. Three years later, he met the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India. Royal took a trip down the Yangtze River in China, across Russia on the Trans-Siberian Railway, climbed Ayers Rock in Australia, and Mount Sinai in Egypt. He visited the rock-cut city of Petra in Jordan, petted lions in Zimbabwe, and hiked the Grand Canyon more than 25 times in the 1980s and 90s.

Royal Edwin Franklin passed away on January 26, 2018 of neck squamous cell cancer.



1951 Sterling Chess Club - Royal standing with pipe



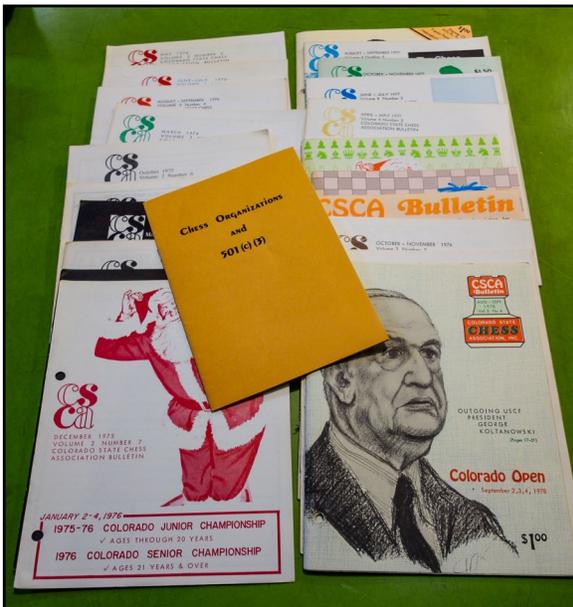
1953 - Royal playing his brother Stan



1975 CSCA Board - standing left to right - Scott Lett, Bob Shapiro, Gil Humprey, John Harris, Robert Overdorff - seated left to right - Rudy Ramsey, Royal Franklin, John Stine



Royal Franklin with Jay Whitehead at 1977 US Junior Invitational



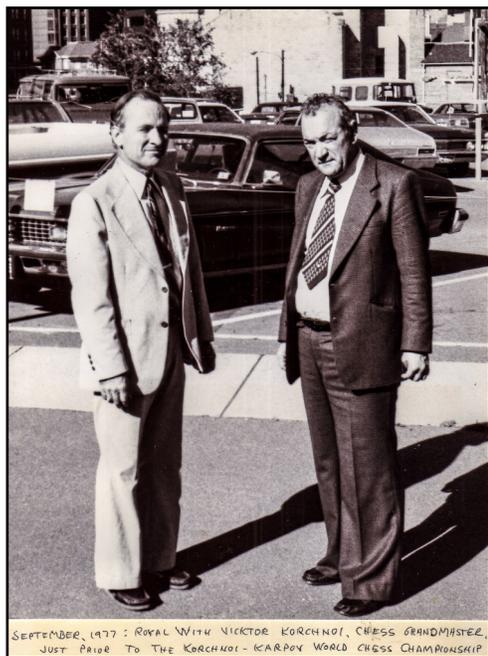
1975-1977 CSCA Bulletins and 501 (c) (3)



Printing press used to print the CSCA Bulletin purchased from the Denver Broncos in 1971

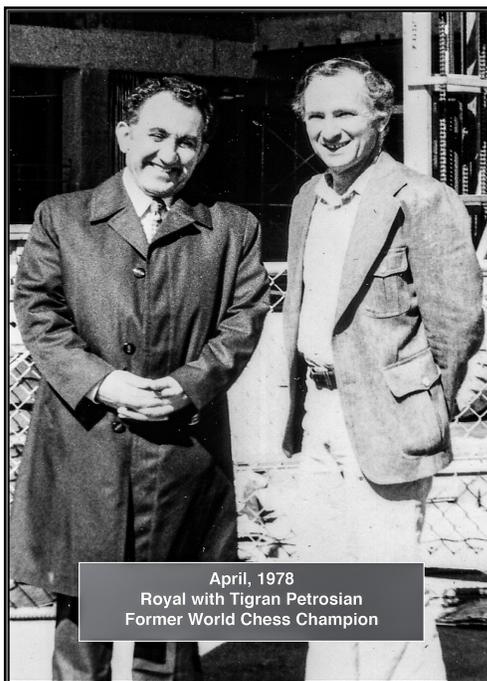


Royal trimming his miniature roses in 2008



SEPTEMBER 1977: ROYAL WITH VIKTOR KORCHNOI, CHESS GRANDMASTER, JUST PRIOR TO THE KORCHNOI-KARPON WORLD CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal Franklin (l) welcoming Victor Korchnoi to Denver in 1977



April, 1978  
Royal with Tigran Petrosian  
Former World Chess Champion

Tigran Petrosian and his wife with the Franklins in 1978



Royal with Mrs. Tigran Petrosian



Dollee with Mrs. Tigran Petrosian  
Denver Nuggets Basketball

7/31/78 **CHESS NOTES** . . . GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI  
International Chess Master  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE  
905 Mission Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Royal -  
On my way to Seattle for the US Junior  
Open - called yesterday but missed  
getting you. Wanted to thank you for  
your kind remarks in your magazine!  
Hope to get a number of copies  
in the future from you.  
Best wishes,  
Sincerely,  
George

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Chess Notes from Kolty - July 31, 1978

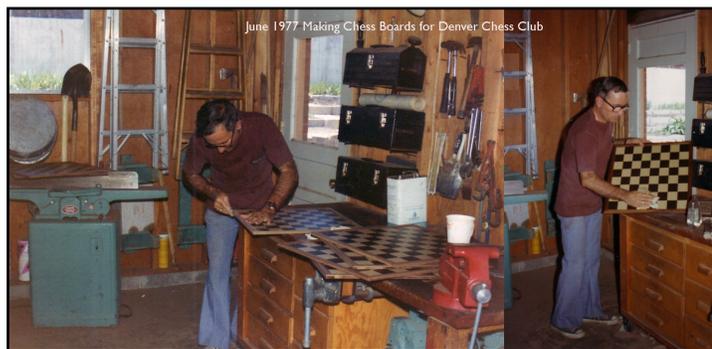
NOV 2 **CHESS NOTES**..1978 GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI  
International Chess Master  
SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE  
901 Mission Street  
San Francisco, Ca 94119

Dear Mr. Franklin: Thank  
you for your letter and copy of the  
copy of the CSCA Bulletin. Presently, George is in  
Buenos Aires, Argentina attending the FIDE meetings  
and the Chess Olympics. He is scheduled to return  
around November 12th. It was most thoughtful of  
you to write. I know that George always looks  
forward to hearing from you. Thanks again for  
your kindness and courtesies, at all times. Good  
luck and best wishes in all your chess endeavors.

Sincerely yours,  
George Koltanowski  
Mrs. G. Koltanowski

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Chess Notes from Mrs. Kolty - November 2, 1978



June 1977 Making Chess Boards for Denver Chess Club

Royal making chess boards for the Denver Chess Club with their name on them - these were at the DCC when it was at the Capital Hill Community at Chesseman Park in the early to mid-1980s



Colorado State Chess Association  
Sheraton Denver Tech Hotel, Denver CO  
September 4, 2015

Hall of Fame Induction on September 4, 2015 with Randy Canney

Royal E. Franklin, 3072 E. Peakview Cir., Littleton, Colo.  
 September 15, 1977

I have this date received \$500.00 cash from  
 Mr. Royal Franklin for simultaneous exhibition  
 and lecture of September 14.

*shop*  
 Viktor Korchnoi

Receipt of payment from Korchnoi -September 15, 1977

ARPAD E. ELO  
 3945 FIEBRANTZ DRIVE  
 BROOKFIELD, WISCONSIN 53005  
 July 17, 1978

Mr. Royal Franklin, Editor  
 CSCA Bulletin

Dear Mr. Franklin:

Thank you very much for sending me the copies of the CSCA Bulletin. You have put together a fine little magazine, well organized and interesting all the way through. You can feel justified pride in your product.

Your selections from the papers presented at the Lincoln Conference were well chosen. I think you got the essential ideas across very well for your readers. It was good reporting.

It was very nice to meet you in Lincoln and I hope we may have another opportunity to meet and talk about chess and culture.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,  
*Arpad E. Elo*  
 Arpad E. Elo

Arpad Elo letter, July 17, 1978

6/21/78

Dear Royal:  
 Thanks for the information.  
 You should be getting posters,  
 publicity and scorebooks by the  
 middle of July.  
 Have some stories and articles - but  
 don't know if they are up to par.  
 Will have to Code for further photos.  
 Am going to Pasadena to hand out  
 the prizes in the U.S. Championship next  
 Monday.  
 Best wishes,  
*Jim Corch*  
*Jorge Koltanowski*

Koltanowski letter - June 21, 1978

MEMO  
 from the desk of  
 GEORGE KOLTANOWSKI  
 1205 OGDEN STREET - 2ND FLOOR  
 SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF. 94109

6/24/78

Dear Royal:  
 Enclosed a couple of small  
 articles.  
 Have a story, never published  
 before, but . . . .  
 ① Too long  
 ② Has not been corrected  
 ③ Doubt if it has any  
 value. . . .  
 So will see what I can  
 come up with, after I return  
 from Pasadena, where I  
 have to hand out the  
 prizes in the U.S. Championship.  
 Best wishes,  
*Jim Corch*  
*Jorge Koltanowski*

ANSWERED JUL 27 1978

Koltanowski letter - June 24, 1978

Rod Franklin is with Luke Gallegos.  
 February 2, 2018

Here's a sad one from one of those guys who doesn't post very much on Facebook.

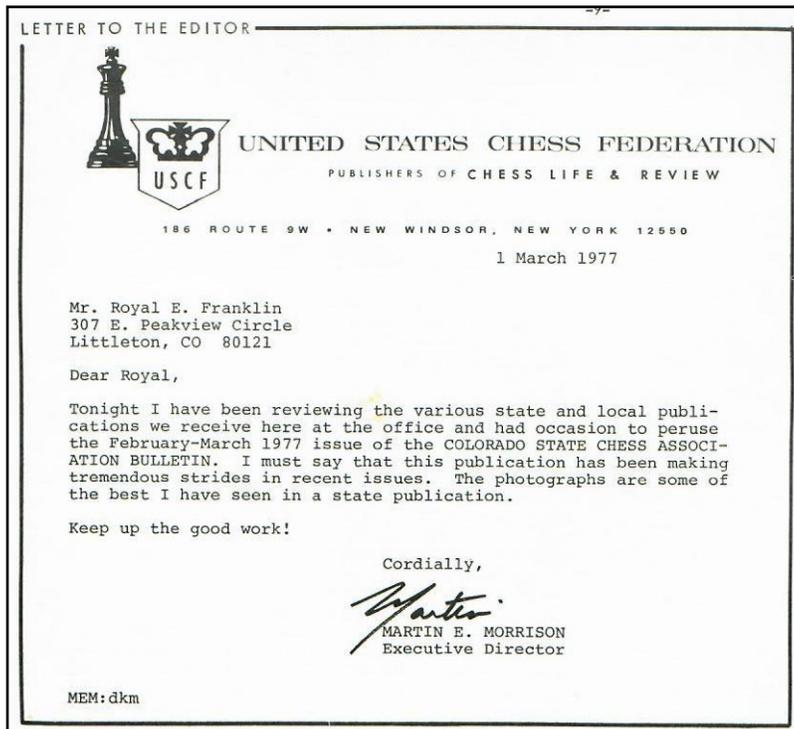
A tribute to Royal Edwin Franklin, my wonderful 87 year old father, who died of squamous cell cancer on Jan. 26, 2018.

Love you so much, Dad, for everything you did, for everything you taught, and for everything you are.

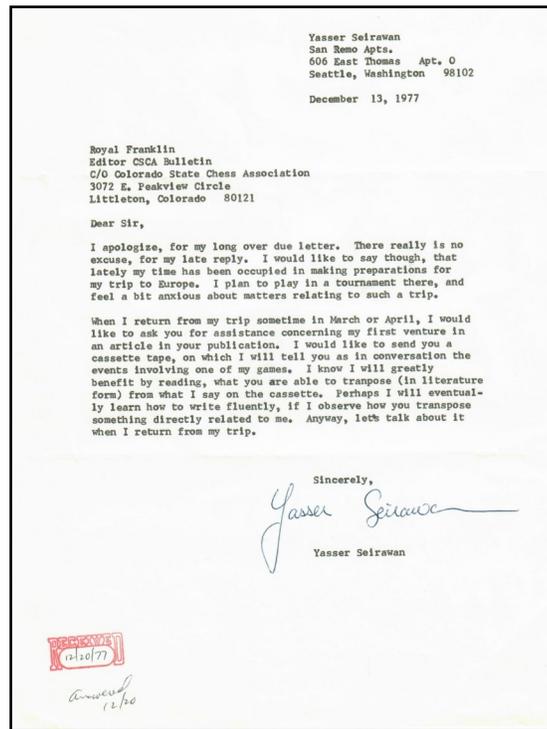
- \* A man who grew up in the farming community of Sterling, Colorado, but who always went his own way and raised his five kids on Beethoven, Mozart, Tchaikovsky and Bach instead of country and western music.
- \* A man who was always a biker at heart, but of the loving family-man variety and not the tough-guy variety. A man who kicked off his lifetime of adventures on a huge Harley Davidson Electra Glide way back in the late 1960s, with a trip down to the Panama Canal, and followed that with additional bike trips all over Alaska and the United States. A man who still continued to own one of those giant Harley Davidsons in his late 70s.
- \* A master rosarian who did so much to bring the beauty of roses into this world when he invented Mile Hi Rose Feed (<http://milehirosefeed.com/>), a rose fertilizer specifically tailored for Colorado soils and well known up and down Colorado's front range for decades.
- \* A traveler extraordinaire who led his wife Dollee around the planet time and time again, visiting more places than I can even recall. Even at age 80, he felt compelled to visit the base camp in Nepal where climbers begin their final ascent to the summit of Mount Everest. Three years later at age 83 he met the Dalai Lama in Dharamsala, India. Dad loved to take lengthy trips, like the one they took down the Yangtze River in China, and another across the length of Russia on the Trans Siberian Railway. He climbed Ayers Rock in central Australia. He climbed Mount Sinai in Egypt. They visited the rock-cut city of Petra in Jordan. Dad petted lions in Zimbabwe. He traveled all over Europe with one of his friends to visit the homes of classical music composers.
- \* An early riser and outdoorsman who lived his whole life in beautiful Colorado, but was totally addicted to the Grand Canyon, hiking it with friends and family more than 25 times in the 80s and 90s.
- \* An old-school publisher who worked for years out of his basement to print business materials for Denver area clients, using an offset printing press once owned by the Denver Broncos.
- \* A brilliant chess player who read books on the subject, served as president of the Colorado Chess Association, and used to greet the grandmasters from Russia and elsewhere when they arrived in Denver for national and international chess tournaments.
- \* A self-taught carpenter, electrician, welder and plumber who built his own garage and wired his own house.

Love you always, Dad.

Facebook Tribute from Royal's son Rod



USCF Letter from Executive Director - page 9, April-May CSCA Bulletin

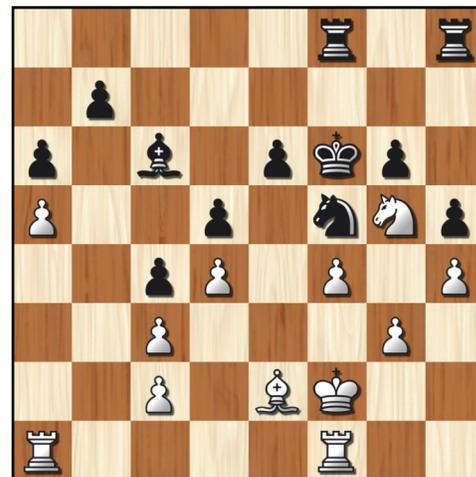


Yasser Seirawan letter - December 13, 1977

Wicker won the Premier Section of the 1974 Colorado Open winning 5.5 out of 6 points with a draw Franklin. Wicker was a quickly improving teenager who took clear second behind John Watson in the 1975 Colorado Open and tied for first in the 1976 Al Wallace Memorial tournament with Paul Nikitovich and Bob O'Donnell.

[Event "1974 Colorado Open"]  
 [Site "Heart O'Denver Motel (1150 E. Colfax Ave.)"]  
 [Date "August 31, 1974"]  
 [Round "2"]  
 [White "Scott Wicker (1618)"]  
 [Black "Royal Franklin (1472)"]  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 c4 7. Qg4 g6 8. a4 Bd7 9. h4 h5 10. Qf3 Nc6 11. Bg5 Nce7 12. Nh3 Bc6 13. a5 a6 14. Be2 Qd7 15. Bxe7 Qxe7 16. g3 O-O-O 17. O-O Rf8 18. Qe3 Nh6 19. Qg5 Kd7 20. Qxe7+ Kxe7 21. f4 Nf5 22. Kf2 f6 23. exf6+ Kxf6 24. Ng5 Nd6 25. Kg2 Nb5 26. Rf3 Nd6 27. Bf1 Nf7 28. Nxf7 Rxf7 29. Re3 Re8 30. Kf3 Rfe7 31. Bh3 Kf7 32. Re5 Kf6 33. Rae1 Bd7 34. R1e2 Kf7 35. g4 hxg4+ 36. Bxg4 Kf6 37. Kg3 Kf7 38. h5 Rg8 39. h6 Kf6 40. Kf3 Rh8 41. Rh2 Reh7 42. Ree2 Re7 Draw



Position after 24.Ng5



At Mt. Everest Base Camp  
September 15, 2010



Meeting the Dalai Lama in 2013



Lion Walk, Victoria Falls, Zimbabwe, 11/18/09

## Christine L. Hendrickson

February 8, 1949 – June 27, 2005



Christine Hendrickson grew up in Denver and was a lifelong devotee to chess, the strongest woman chess player in Colorado for almost 30 years, and perennially ranked in the Top 50 female players in the United States.

In September of 1977, she was ranked 29<sup>th</sup> among women chess players in the country and in April of 1994 she was ranked number 43.

Hendrickson received a BA in Psychology (she also specialized in Slavic languages) from the University of Colorado at Boulder in 1971 and worked for over twenty-seven years at the C.U. Library (as a cataloger, specializing in the disposition and cataloging of books in foreign languages). Chris spoke many languages, several of them fluently.

She was also a volunteer firefighter with the Four Mile Fire Protection District for twenty-one years.

Chris built her own log cabin and was a world traveler, playing overseas in international chess tournaments.

Hendrickson always had an amazingly positive attitude and was a friend to all. She was a huge fan of the CU Buffalos and the Denver Broncos. For decades she would attend the CSCA Membership Meetings during the Colorado Open dressed in her CU football gear to cheer on her Buffalos against the rival Colorado State Rams.

Chris ran the CSCA Prison Chess program from 1981-2003 and was a Department of Corrections Program Volunteer. Over the years she arranged for many Colorado masters to visit prisons to give simultaneous exhibitions. She donated books, magazines, and chess boards to the prisoners. Hendrickson also served on the board of the United States Chess Federation Prison Program.

Hendrickson, a gifted artist, drew illustrations for the CSCA Bulletin including portraits of the entrants of the U.S. Junior Invitational held in Denver from August 27-September 2, 1977. Her sketches of various chess players appeared in the CSCA Bulletin from 1979-1985. Chris was also the artist for *Chessman* comic book, written by John Watson. She helped John Watson run the Chess House near downtown Denver in the early to mid-1970s.

Chris's rating of 1975 earned her an invitation to play in the 1989 US Women's Championship held July 6-16 in Spartanburg, South Carolina.

One of Hendrickson's greatest chess accomplishments was representing the United States by playing Board 4 on the 1992 Ladies Correspondence Chess Olympiad V chess team.

IM John Watson thanked Chris for her support and friendship over the years in his 2022 US Chess Hall of Fame acceptance speech <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SophxPYqt4k> 6:12 into the speech, he says Chris was the "most remarkable chess personality" in his chess journey. She promoted women's chess, got John started teaching, organizing tournaments, working with school kids, and volunteering for prison chess programs. "Chris was beloved by all and one of a kind."

Christine Lynn Hendrickson passed away way far too soon on June 27, 2005 from cancer.

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**THE IRRELEVANT ADVENTURES**  
OF **CHESSMAN THE COSMIC CHESSPLAYER**

UNAPPROVED  
BY THE  
  
USCF

"DREARY SORT OF COLLEGE HUMOR" M. Lee Hyder

"BADLY CONCEIVED, POORLY DRAWN, UNFUNNY...  
WOULD INSULT THE INTELLIGENCE OF A GRADE  
SCHOOL PUPIL"

Harry T. Conover

"OUR EDITORIAL EFFORTS WERE NOT INVOLVED"

Chess Life & Review

BY AN AMAZING STROKE OF BAD LUCK YOUR EDITOR HAS ATTAINED THE "SECOND HALF" OF THE "CHESSMAN" COMICS THAT WERE MISTAKENLY PUBLISHED IN THE OCTOBER 1979 ISSUE OF CHESS LIFE & REVIEW. PLEASE FORGIVE ME.

AND IT SOON BECOMES CLEAR THAT CHESSMAN IS FIGHTING FOR SOMETHING MORE THAN MERE MONEY! YES, IT'S A ...

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WHICH SEEMS TO AFFECT HIS ATTITUDE...

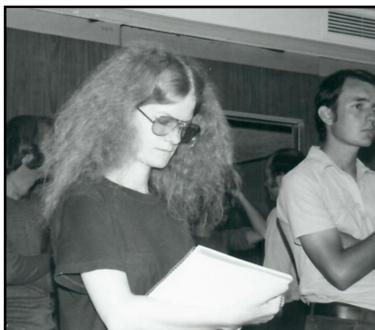
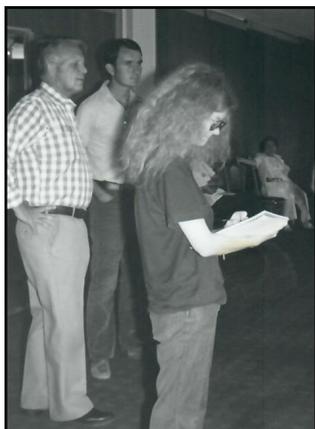
DRAW? DRAW? DRAW?

Гулько



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CHRIS HENDRICKSON, CSCA Bulletin Artist extraordinary, is on her way to Denmark!! Yep, the sweetheart of Colorado Chess has made it big, and will play in Esbjerg, Denmark at the Danmarksgade Skola from July 16th through 22nd. Four grandmasters, four IM's and six untitled Danish players will play in the top section; Chris will play in a Master section (Danish masters are equivalent to our 1900-2100 players). Chris is one of America's leading female players and her trip in part is being sponsored by the CSCA Events Fund. She asked that thanks be expressed to all those who contributed to the fund, and especially "Ruth Wiley, Haynes Hendee and Gary MacDonald".

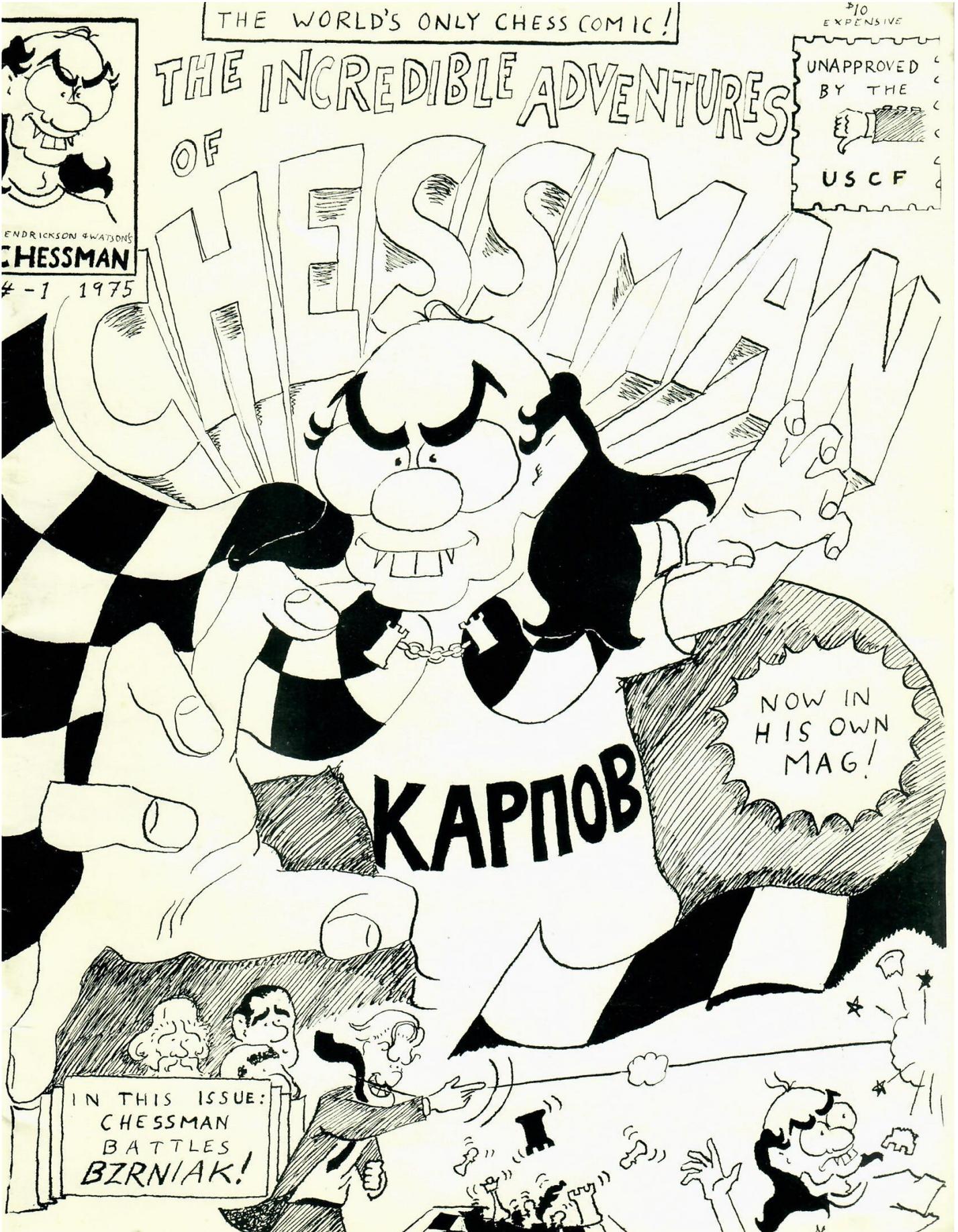


Christine sketching during tournaments

Her sketch of John Watson



Chessman Comics Issue #1 1975 Illustrations by Christine Hendrickson



Chessman Illustrations by Christine Hendrickson Oct. 1979 Chess Life & Review

WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT IT? RIGHT HERE, IN THE PAGES OF *CHESS LIFE & REVIEW*...

# CHESSMAN

THE COSMIC CHESSPLAYER  
=IN=

**CHESSMAN HITS THE BIG TIME!**

by JOHN WATSON/drawn by CHRIS HENDRICKSON

READERS HAVE ASKED: WHY DOESN'T CHESSMAN (WHO ALWAYS MANAGES TO WIN) PLAY IN INVITATIONALS WHERE THE BIG BUCKS ARE?

THE THOUGHT HAS CROSSED HIS MIND...

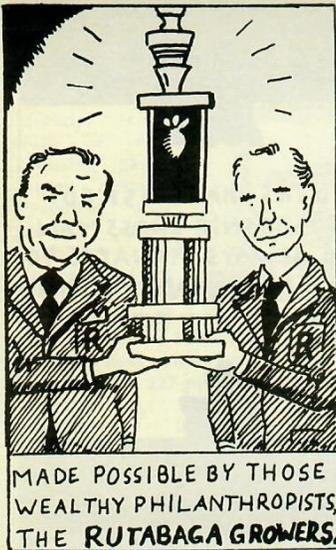
BUT FIRST, ONE NEEDS AN INVITATION!

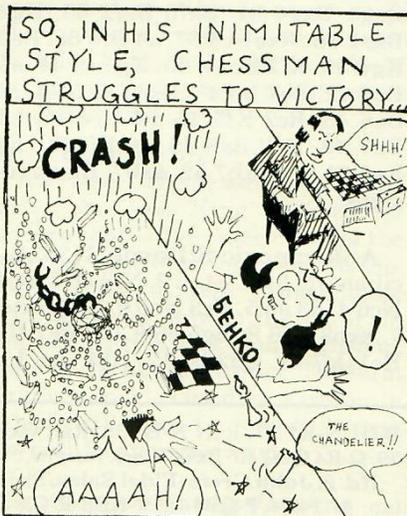
**E4**

GREAT GULKO! I MADE IT INTO DEAD BUG!

YES, CHESSMAN'S BEEN INVITED TO THE 1979 RUTABAGA INTERNATIONAL!

LOCATED IN THAT FABULOUS RESORT: DEAD BUG, IOWA!

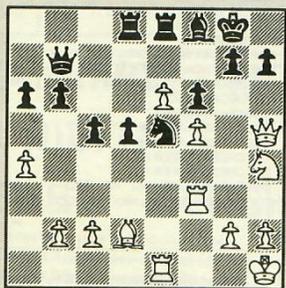




Due to circumstances beyond our control, Chessman will continue ...

### Can You Solve This?

White needs all four attacking pieces and two pawns to do it.



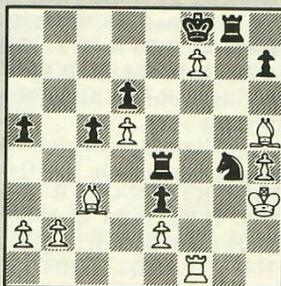
White to move



1. R-XN P-xR 2. Q-xPch! K-xQ 3. N-N6 and mates.

### Or This?

Leave White the advantage of the two Bishops and a lost game.



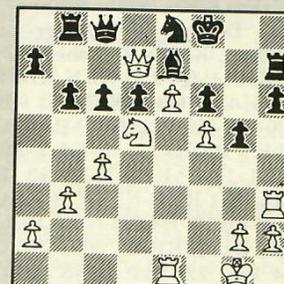
Black to move



1. ... N-B7ch 2. R-XN R-xPch!! 3. K-xR P-xR

### Or This?

It's the second move that's hard to find.



White to move



1. R-xP Q-xQ 2. R-xR! Q-Q1 3. R-B7ch R-N1 4. N-xBch K-R1 5. R-K3.

## Brian Wall tribute from July 2005

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### REMEMBERING CHRISTINE HENDRICKSON

FEBRUARY 8, 1949–JUNE 27, 2005

WITH BRIAN WALL

I talked to Christine Hendrickson 2 days before she died.

Her last words to me were, " I love you, Brian but I have to go now."

I asked if I could visit her in Boulder but she said it was only family now.

When she was 18 she wanted to move to Haight-Ashbury and become a hippie. Her mom went with her for a month to get her set up and then left her alone.

The love of her life was IM John Watson who was her friend to the end. Many of us that were around 30 years ago remember the Chess House at 5th and Banrock in Denver, Colorado they set up - Chess tables on the first floor and living quarters upstairs. Chrissy said John was the first man she met that could remember whole games in his head.

Chrissy also had a crush on the Highlander guy - she belonged to this club that would set up Highlander events around the world. She once told him - " You are the ultimate man. "

After her big affair with John was over she decided she was going to support herself. She went to the Boulder library, told them she was going to work there 30 years and retire (she

almost made it). She built her own log cabin which is worth about a quarter million today. She said when she was building it she had lots of muscles and felt like Superwoman.

Chrissy told me once she had a policy that if any man asked her to marry her she would say Yes. I asked her last week if it was too late for the honeymoon.

Christine Hendrickson is also known as the artist of Chessman Comic Book, written by Watson.

Christine told me that she really enjoyed going to Europe to get John his IM title. They were young and foolish without much money. Christine would draw a guy in a bar and tell him the next drawing would cost him \$10. One time John got interested in something and took off. Christine did not know what to do. She said she just stayed exactly where she was and John came back later that day.

Christine was also very proud of her US Postal Women's Olympic team jacket. I smiled when I saw a handmade black, wooden Chess table from the Chess house in her log cabin.

Christine was also a highly valued member of the Boulder Volunteer Firefighter Squad. Christine told me once a fire had cut her off and she was prepared to

die. She survived by bounding down a steep mountainside like a mountain goat, the only way out. Her fellow firefighters had given her up for dead and were quite shocked to see her.

Christine always hand drew her own Christmas cards displaying important events of the year. She used a funny drawing of me when I was very young as her artist calling card for many years.

One time John prepared Chrissy with an innovation in the French against GM Shamkovitch. I think it was a U.S. Open. Chrissy was winning for a long time and the GM was sweating. He did not know what was wrong and told his friends, "I just cannot play against women! " Eventually the difference in playing strengths was too much. Chrissy still remembered what she did wrong in that game. IM Watson is a world renowned French expert, writing 3 books and numerous articles about it. At my first Denver seminar with Roman Dzindzichashvili 3 years ago Chrissy played the French and drew Roman which I made an email about. Roman roared when he saw it - " Thanks a lot, Brian!! "

You can see more writing about Chrissy at [www.walverine.com](http://www.walverine.com) and type Christine in the search field.

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One time 30 years ago I was bragging to friends I could beat Watson and Chrissy at a nearby table shocked me by shouting fiercely, " I will bet you money you don't win your game!! ". I had to back down. From that moment to now, I realized how much Christine loved and believed in John down to her DNA. It was visceral. Later in the 1977 Colorado Open I did manage to beat Watson in the last round, beating Dave Jellison on tie breaks for the title. Beating Watson felt like an impossible task. I was 23 and I guess I just wanted it more. Watson told Christine, " I can't even win in Colorado any more ". The game wasn't that great. John played 1 c4, which he wrote at least 4 books on. I answered with the King's Indian because Nikitovitch and I used to play a lot of those in college together. At some point John just had a momentary lapse and dropped an exchange. He almost lost on time and I pleaded with him to hurry up and make the time control and to trust me. They had some unusual, tricky deal going that tournament. I got my best piece of Chess advice ever that game. I had no clue what to do and was quite terrified and Curt Carlson said, "Remember, Brian, he has to beat you, you don't have to do anything. " which calmed me down because usually I have to create chances from drawn positions.

I don't know how some people do it but I never heard a bad word from anyone about Chrissy. Everyone liked her. She was fun to be around. Chrissy told me she considered it a major breakthrough when I could no longer beat her at 5 minutes to 30 seconds. She always liked playing blitz with me. She was one of the highest rated women to ever play in Colorado. I think only Chrissy and Debra Johnson became experts. Christine was highly sensitive and cared about everyone and everything. She said some local teenage jerks stole a cat and sold him to science or just killed him for fun. It haunted her deeply for many years. Her father is still alive - he must be in his 80's. I saw him at the hospital.

Danielle Rice and I remember the Chess House days and visited Christine in the Boulder hospital 2 months ago and both played her blitz. Renae circulated a card from the Colorado Springs crowd and sent it to her. Chrissy had a lot of friends at the hospital from all the different parts of her life, like Chessplayers, firefighters, family, Highlander girls and library people.

Christine was still playing postal Chess with people all over the world. Her European adventures made her extra useful at the library with rare volumes in foreign languages.

Christine was one of the really fun, interesting people to be around when I started in Chess and she stayed that way her whole life. If I can get some old scoresheets of hers, I can bring her back to life.

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**David Letterman's  
Top Ten Moments  
When You Should  
Sense Danger in Chess!**

10. Your opponent has 3 bishops.
9. Your draw offer sends all the people watching your game into uncontrollable laughter.
8. You don't control any squares at all.
7. Just as you make your opening move your opponent announces mate in 11.
6. After completing your development you sense your opponent playing the endgame.
5. Before game begins you notice your opponents 1st initials are 'GM'.
4. The Tournament Director tells you not to bother turning in your scoresheet after the game.
3. You have a position won but your opponent has a gun.
2. Your opponent begins to throw pawns at your eyes.
1. There has been a change in the pawn structure. Your opponent has 8 and you don't have any.

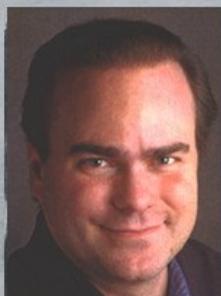
## Rocky Mountain News obituary from August 1, 2005

MONDAY, AUGUST 1, 2005

# Farewell to one who moved us

Christine Hendrickson, Colorado's strongest female chess player for the last 30 years, died June 27 at her home outside of Boulder at age 56.

Hendrickson received a bachelor's in psychology from the University of Colorado in 1971 and worked for more than 27 years at the school's library. She also



**Todd Bardwick**  
**COLORADO CHESS**

was a volunteer firefighter with the Four Mile Fire Protection District for 21 years.

In the early 1970s, Hendrickson and John Watson ran the Chess House near downtown Denver.

Hendrickson was a gifted artist and illustrat-

ed *Chessman Comic*, written by Watson.

One of Hendrickson's greatest chess accomplishments was representing the United States by playing Board 4 on the 1992 Ladies Correspondence Chess Olympiad V chess team.

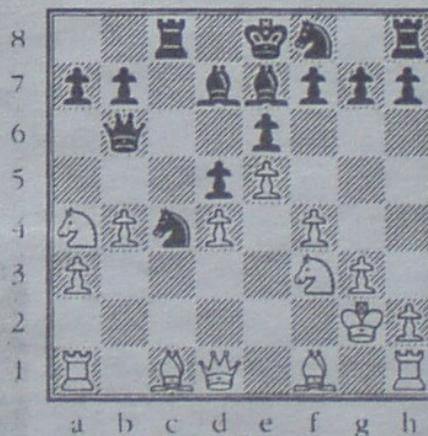
For 30 years, Hendrickson ran the prison chess program for the Colorado State Chess Association, where she arranged simultaneous exhibitions in the prisons, taking Dave Jellison, Joe Eversole, Glenn Miller, Jim Burden, Randy Canney, Brian Wall and myself to play against the inmates. Hendrickson also served on the board of the United States Chess Federation Prison Program.

Hendrickson always had an amazingly positive attitude and was a friend to all. She was a huge CU Buffaloes fan and Denver Broncos buff. The Colorado chess community will miss her dearly.

Here is one of Hendrickson's favorite games from the 1992 Ladies Correspondence Chess Olympiad V against Marie Bazantova of the Czech Republic.

*Todd Bardwick is a National Chess Master and runs the Chess Academy of Denver. He can be reached through his website at [www.ColoradoMasterChess.com](http://www.ColoradoMasterChess.com)*

**Hendrickson**



**Bazantova**

Bazantova (Czech Republic) -  
Hendrickson (United States), French Defence

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.g3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Bb4+ 10.Kf2 Nf8 11.Kg2 Bd7 12.Ne2 Be7 13.a3 Na5 14.b4 Nc4 15.Nc3 Rc8 16.Na4 Draw Agreed**

## Games of Christine Hendrickson



Christine playing in Dmitry Agrachov simul at DCC June 30, 1977

Chris finished in clear second place behind Ray Haskins in the 1984 Benjamin Gerash Memorial, ahead of masters Alex Fishbein, David Rice, Dave Jellison, and 11 Experts.

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[Site "Denver"]

[Date "September 16, 1984"]

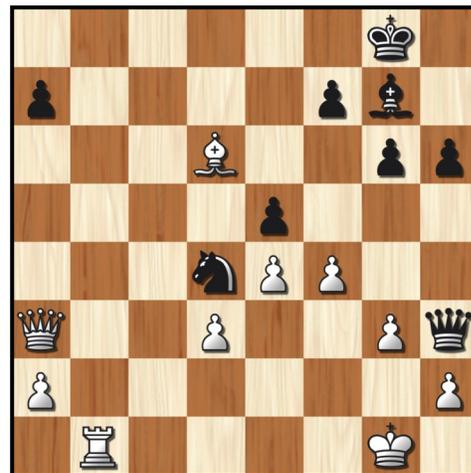
[Round "3"]

[White "John Siddeek (2158)"]

[Black "Chris Hendrickson (1735)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. c4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. O-O e5 6. Nc3 Nge7 7. d3 O-O  
8. Ne1 d6 9. Nc2 Be6 10. Ne3 Qd7 11. Ned5 Bxd5 12. Nxd5 Nxd5 13. Bxd5  
Ne7 14. Bg2 Rab8 15. Bd2 b5 16. cxb5 Qxb5 17. Rb1 h6 18. b4 cxb4 19. Bxb4  
Qd7 20. Qc1 Rfc8 21. Qa3 Nf5 22. Bh3 Qc6 23. e4 Nd4 24. Bxc8 Qxc8  
25. Bxd6 Rxb1 26. Rxb1 Qh3 27. f4 Ne2+ 28. Kf2 Qxh2+ 29. Ke1 exf4  
30. Rb8+ Kh7 31. Qxa7 Nd4 32. Qxd4 Bxd4 33. gxf4 Qxa2 34. Kd1 Bc3  
35. Kc1 Qd2+ 36. Kb1 Qxd3+ 0-1



Position after 27.f4

Hendrickson played in the 1984 U.S. Masters as a house player and upset Alan Piper of Kansas in the first round.

[Event "1984 U.S. Masters"]

[Site "Estes Park"]

[Date "October 8, 1984"]

[Round "1"]

[White "Alan Piper (2211)"]

[Black "Chris Hendrickson (1942)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. a3 Bxc3+ 5. bxc3 dxe4 6. Qg4 Nf6 7. Qxg7 Rg8  
8. Qh6 Rg6 9. Qd2 c5 10. Bb2 Nc6 11. Ne2 Qb6 12. O-O-O cxd4 13. cxd4 Bd7  
14. Nf4 Rg8 15. d5 Nxd5 16. e4 Na5 17. Nxd5 exd5 18. Qxd5 O-O-O 19. Qxe4  
Qxf2 20. Qe1 Qf4+ 21. Kb1 Bf5+ 22. Ka1 Rxd1+ 23. Qxd1 Qe3 24. g3 Rd8  
25. Qe2 Nb3+ 26. Ka2 Nc1+ 27. Bxc1 Qxc1 28. Bh3 Rd2+ 29. Kb3 Qc2+  
30. Kb4 Rxe2 31. Bxf5+ Qxf5 0-1



Position after 25.Qe2

This is Chris's favorite game from the 1989 U.S. Women's Championship.

[Event "1989 U.S. Women's Championship"]  
 [Site "Spartanburg, South Carolina"]  
 [Date "July 7, 1989"]  
 [Round "2"]  
 [White "Chris Hendrickson (1975)"]  
 [Black "Natasha Us (1945)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Bb4 3. g3 Bxc3 4. bxc3 d6 5. Bg2 Ne7 6. e4 O-O 7. Ne2 Be6  
 8.d3 Nd7 9. O-O Qc8 10. h3 Nb6 11. Kh2 f6 12. Be3 Qd7 13. a4 Nbc8 14. f4  
 Nc6 15. f5 Bf7 16. g4 N8e7 17. Ng3 Na5 18. g5 fxg5 19. Bxg5 c6 20.Nh5 Bxh5  
 21. Qxh5 d5 22.cxd5 cxd5 23. Bxe7 Qxe7 24. exd5 Nb3 25. Ra2 Nc5 26. Be4  
 Qd6 27. Rg2 Nxa4 28. f6 Rxf6 29. Qxh7+ Kf8 30. Qxg7+ Ke8 31. Rxf6 1-0



Position after 27...Nxa4

John Dunning became a Senior Master in 1995.

[Event "Colorado Springs Open"]  
 [Site "Colorado Springs"]  
 [Date "March 3, 1990"]  
 [Round "3"]  
 [White "Chris Hendrickson (1894)"]  
 [Black "John Dunning (2386)"]  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. Na3 Nf6 2. e4 c5 3. g3 e6 4. Bg2 d5 5. d3 Nc6 6. Nf3 Be7 7. O-O O-O  
 8. Bg5 b6 9. Rc1 Bb7 10. cxd5 Nxd5 11. Bxe7 Qxe7 12. Nc2 Rfd8 13. Qd2 e5  
 14. Qg5 f6 15.Qg4 Bc8 16. Qh5 Be6 17. Bh3 Rac8 18. Bxe6+ Qxe6 19. Nh4  
 Nde7 20. Ne3 Nd4 21.Rfe1 a5 22. b3 Rd7 23. Nc4 b5 24. Ne3 Ra7 25. Rxc5  
 Raa8 26. Rxc8+ Rxc8 27. Nf3 Nec6 28. Kf1 g6 29. Nxd4 exd4 30. Qd5 Kf7  
 31. Qxe6+ Kxe6 32.Nc2 Kd5 33. a3 Na7 34.Rc1 Rc3 35. Ne3+ Kc5 36. Rxc3+  
 dxc3 37. Ke1 Nc6 38. Nc2 b4 39. a4 Nd4 40.Nxd4 Kxd4 41. Kd1 Kd5 Draw

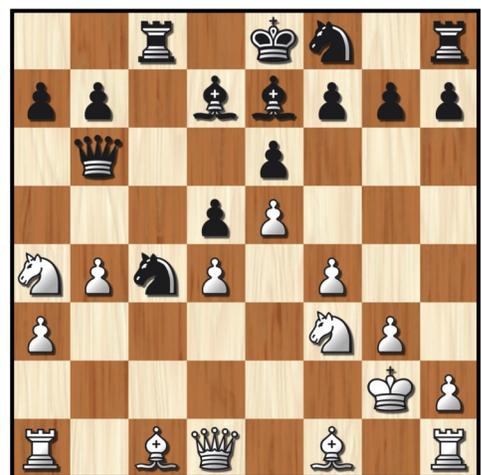


Position after 24...Ra7

This is one of Chris's favorite games from the 1992 Ladies Correspondence Chess Olympiad V.

[Event "1992 Ladies Correspondence Chess Olympiad V, Board 4"]  
 [Site "Correspondance Game"]  
 [Date "1992-1993"]  
 [White "Marie Bazantova (Czech Republic)"]  
 [Black "Chris Hendrickson (United States)"]  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. c3 Nc6 7. Ndf3 Qb6 8. g3  
 cxd4 9. cxd4 Bb4+ 10. Kf2 Nf8 11. Kg2 Bd7 12. Ne2 Be7 13. a3 Na5 14. b4  
 Nc4 15.Nc3 Rc8 16. Na4 Draw



Position after 16.Na4

## **John A. Howell**

*November 6, 1911 – March 7, 2000*



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John (Jack) Howell was born and raised in Worland, Wyoming.

In 1934, Howell attended the University of Wyoming.

Howell moved to Denver in the late 1930s. He joined the Army and was stationed in Okinawa where he ran a PX (a general store of sorts) and served in the Pacific from 1943-1946 during WWII.

In the late 1940s, Howell began his lifelong career as a Landman in the oil business.

John married Margaret Hellier in 1947; they raised four children and stayed married until John's death.

John's daughter Cathy remembers in late 1950's that her dad played chess frequently at the YMCA in downtown Denver at the Denver Chess Club. She recalls, "My mom would drive downtown w/me & Liz, and she would park and have us run into the YMCA, up the staircase to an upper floor, and find Dad in the chess room, which was quite smoky & ill-lit." "

### **Highlights of Howell's contributions to Colorado Chess:**

Howell was CSCA President from 1964-1965.

John was a member of the Denver Chess Club for over 25 years. In 1963 the Denver Chess Club fell on difficult times; financing was non-existent and membership dropped to 14 men. John launched a drive to save the Club and during the next 8 years, held every office on the Board of Directors from President to Playing Team Captain. John also followed through with CSCA's negotiations with the Heart O' Denver for permanent meeting quarters there for the Denver Chess Club. In 1975, Howell stepped in again to bail out the floundering Denver Chess Club which had gone through a number of hardships including mismanagement, embezzlement, and loss of a meeting place. Also in 1975, Howell copyrighted the Denver Chess Club name.

Howell made numerous trips to the USCF Headquarters in New York to lay the ground work for the 1968 US Open at Snowmass at Aspen. Along with John Harris, Michael Ohnmact, and Dr. Harold Harvey, Howell was influential in promoting the 1968 US Open at Snowmass at Aspen.

John was the USCF Region VII Vice-President from 1965-1969 and arranged for simulms in Denver during this time by Sammy Reshevsky (twice), Larry Evans (twice), Bobby Fischer (1964), William Lombardy, Anatoly Lein, and Laszlo Szabo.

He was a liaison between Denver Chess Club and Denver Petroleum Club to sponsor the Colorado Junior Championship (1967-1974) and because of contributions from sponsors, no entry fees were required.

Howell was Co-Chairman to General Chairman Caswell Silver for the 1971 Fischer-Larsen World Championship Quarter Final Match in Denver, held on the Temple Buell College Campus (today Denver School of the Arts). Howell and Silver wrote the checks to help get the match in Denver. This was first of its kind event held in the U.S. and made the cover of *Life Magazine* and was also featured in *Sports Illustrated*.

John acted as chairman of the 1977 U.S. Junior Invitational Championship held at the Denver Petroleum Club.

For his endless efforts to promote chess Howell was the recipient of the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Appreciation Award from CSCA in 1977.

Howell was the founder of the Sheridan, Wyoming YMCA chess program and for many years in the mid-late 1990s, he generously donated a scholarship for an underprivileged child to attend Todd Bardwick's Rocky Mountain Chess Camp.

Howell was a Class A rated player and as a TD, he directed the 1970 Denver Open.

John Ashby Howell, Jr. died of cancer on March 7, 2000, at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver.

### Denver lawyer and Howell's longtime friend, Walter Gerash, had this to say when John passed away:

*"I was honored to help make his last ten years enjoyable by playing each other informally at our homes. He always encouraged many young people to play chess and supported them in their efforts financially. John and I aided Alex Fishbein with his transportation costs and entry into European tournaments so that Alex could attain GM status. John was courteous and a kind gentleman in all his personal and chessic endeavors. He will be sorely missed."*

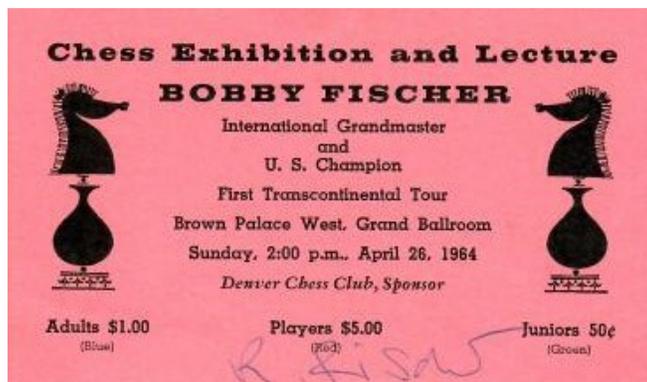
### Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan also had many kind words about John in an email he sent to Todd Bardwick:

*"Yes, I remember John Howell very well. His wife Margaret and daughter Cathy showed me such kindness in my visit there in 1977. And yes I did stay at their home. I also managed to see him in the 90's on a trip or two through Denver."*

*He was a marvelous man and I loved his stories. Remarkably, he never ran out of them either. Yes, he had some nice ones about Bobby (Fischer) and the comment I loved went like:*

*"All these folks were warning me about Bobby. Don't do it, don't get involved! You'll regret it! Well Bobby was fine, he was more than fine, I had no trouble with Bobby. You know why? Well I'll tell you why, I just gave him everything he wanted. When he ordered one steak, I bought him two! Of course winning 6 - 0 helps a lot ..."*

*Please do convey my deepest condolences to Margaret and her family. Let them know I cherish my memories of their hospitality and how enormously appreciative I am of their many kindnesses to me."*



*Autographed Fischer Denver Simul entry card*

**John A. Howell - Always A Leader**  
by Patrick Mahoney



John A. Howell-40 years a chess player, always a leader, winner of the Fourth Annual Appreciation Award presented by the Colorado State Chess Association.  
John has been a member of the Denver Chess Club for more than 25 years. Back in 1963 the Club fell on evil days, financing was non-existent, membership had dropped to 14 men. John launched a drive to save the Club and during the next 8 years he held every office on the Board of Directors from President to Playing Team Captain. These were years of solid growth for Colorado Chess during the tough "Fischer" days.  
John campaigned successfully for a 3 years term as Vice President of the United States Chess Federation, representing Region VII. He arranged for the first of the visiting Grandmasters and their lectures and simultaneous exhibitions: Sam Rastovsky (Twice), Larry Evans (Twice), Bobby Fischer, William Lombardy, and most recently, Anatoly Lein.  
John was President of the Colorado State Chess Association during 1964-65.  
Making numerous trips to the USCF Headquarters in New York, John was laying the ground work for our first National coup, Colorado's hosting of the US Open Championship at Snowmass in 1968.  
Working closely with Caswell Silver, John was a driving force behind Colorado's landing of the semi-final match for the 1971 World Championship between Bobby Fischer and Bent Larsen. He was Co-Chairman of the Host Committee for that match.  
In 1968 the Annual Junior Chess Championship of Colorado was one year old. John worked with other leaders, such as John Harris, George Pipiltingis, Bob Shean, Caswell Silver and George Bailey to guarantee continuity of Junior Chess in Colorado. He arranged playing sites and the co-sponsoring from the Denver Chess Club and the Petroleum Industry. Within 5 years the Junior Tourney was drawing more than 180 young players, with no registration fees and more than \$1,000 in prizes!  
By 1971 things looked healthier, the Denver Chess Club was up to 40 members and the "Fischer Boom Days" were just starting. More important, Colorado had become a known place in the National Chess scene. John turned over the reins to others, he devoted more time to his business interests in the Petroleum Industry, and watched from the background, always available as a consultant when the rest of us needed his experience.  
Then, in 1975 the "Fischer Bust Days" arrived and the cycle started over: New problems had developed, the Denver Chess Club found itself riddled with debt, locked out of its own quarters, victimized by embezzlement, for all practical purposes dead. John stepped in again. He heated lunchrooms with selected men with whom he shared a common interest: save the club. He followed through with the CSCA's negotiations with the Heart 'O Denver for permanent (continued on page 19)

John A. Howell (continued from page 3)  
ent meeting quarters there for the Denver Chess Club. He copyrighted the club name to insure continuity. Within two months the debts were paid and the club equipment was saved, within two years the membership has grown to 80 and the financial structure is sound. Tournaments and Grandmasters are again being hosted.  
During any discussion with John on Chess, he keeps returning to the young people... the youth... the youth... the strength of the new young players... he can recite the ratings and national standings of the top half dozen of the young Colorado players. He enjoys their successes and avidly follows their Chess careers.  
John's brand of leadership reminds me of Eric Hoffer's lines on "creativity": "A creative organizer creates an organization that can function well without him. When a genuine leader has done his work his followers will say, 'we have done it ourselves', and feel that they can do great things without a great leader."  
John has again turned over the reins and "retired" to the background. But it's comforting to know he's still keeping watch, still available. Colorado Chess owes John Howell a tremendous debt: 40 years a chessplayer, always a leader.

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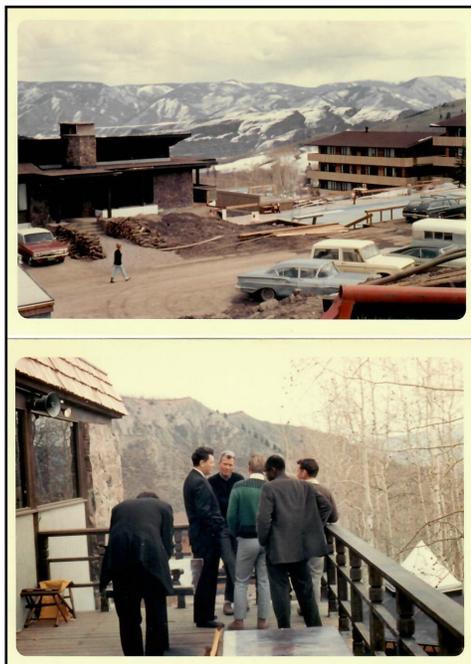
May 1975 - taken at the Heart of Denver Hotel



Bob Shean vs. John Howell - Nov 1976 - Denver Chess Club



John Howell - 1935



U.S. Open in Aspen Snowmass 1968







**Planning  
The  
Open**

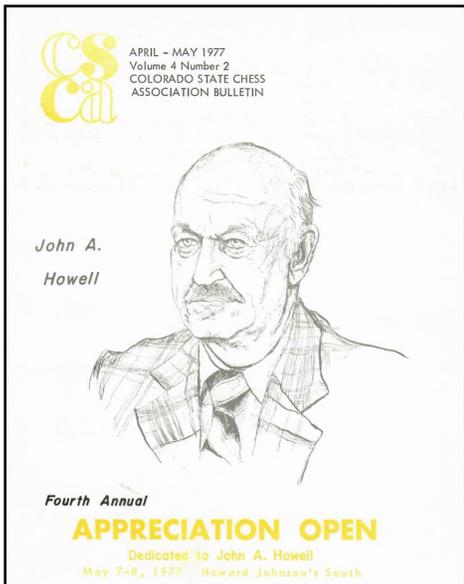
Planning the 1968 US Open from program book



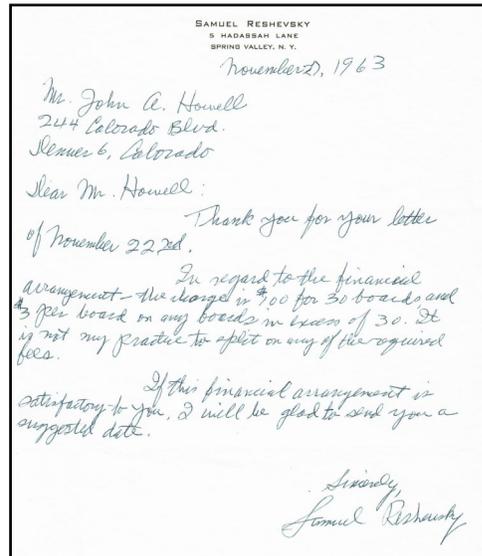
Harris and Howell - 1977 DCC Breakfast Banquet



John Howell - Oct 1976 Denver Chess Club



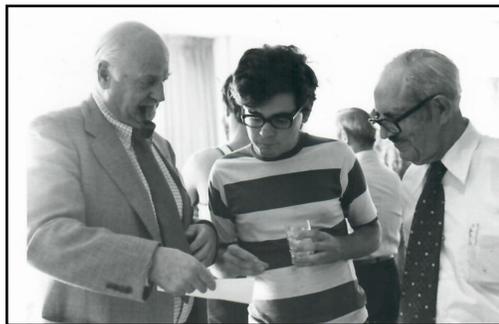
Shean and Howell - 1978 Colorado Jr. - Sr. Championship



November 27, 1963 letter from Sammy Reshevsky to John Howell



1977 US Junior Invitational - seated from left to right - John A. Harris, Bob Shean, Rod Avery (Assistant TD), GM Isaac Kashdan (TD), John A. Howell, Gil Humphrey



1977 US Junior Invitational - John Howell (l), Kenneth Regan (c), and GM Issac Kashdan (r)

### How to Become A Chess Master?

What does it take to become a master chess player?

"Good health, because you need the endurance," said George Pipirinos, president of the Colorado State Chess Assn.

"You also must have talent, creative imagination and visualization."

"And you need a keen sense of calculation," Pipirinos said. "The more you have, the higher you go."

Pipirinos, a geologist at the Denver Federal Center, is membership director of the Denver Chess Club, headquartered at the Central YMCA.

**Against Evans**

He and other members of the club competed against Larry Evans, current U.S. chess champion and international grand master, who simultaneously played all corners Sunday at the Central YMCA.

"Good chess players usually come from the poorer walks of life," Pipirinos said. "But most of them are professional men," he added.

He said Colorado probably is the nation's fastest growing chess state. This is primarily attributable to the organizational activity of the state's various chess clubs, beginning with the founding of the Colorado State Chess Assn. in 1959 by Juan Roser, dean

The United States has only 7000 registered chess club members compared to more than 19 million registered members in the Soviet Union, he said. Of these, 2 million participate in the Russian national championships each year.

"They take their chess seriously," Pipirinos said. "They even go into physical conditioning before their matches."

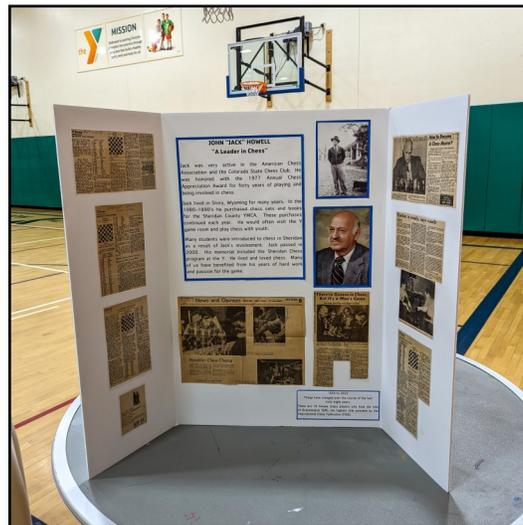
He said chess is a national pastime with the Russians.

"A 21-year-old Russian named Tal was awarded a life pension for having won the world chess championship," he said.

The Central YMCA Chess Club is the oldest in the state, having been founded more than 30 years ago.

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**"A Tribute to Worland...  
In Memory of Jack Howell"**

*Program Agenda - June 18, 2000*

- I. Helen (1904) and Ashby (1902-3) come to Wyoming in their own ways. (Deborah Hammons, Coby Howell, Larry Howell, Liz Howell)
- II. Worland History - the Early Days. (John Davis, Historian)
- III. Jack Howell is born (Nov. 6, 1911). Growing up in Worland. (Jackson Clarendon, grandson)
- IV. Out of School and Off to Work (with one year at UW). 1929-1943.

1929-34 - Worland: selling shoes, photographs to tourists, working in the sugar beet plant, road construction.

1934 - Attends University of Wyoming, "Dorm boy" track star.

1935-41 - Moving to Denver, working his way up to Division Manager for Service Station Equipment Co. 1940 - Dale Carnegie course in sales training and human relations.

1941 - Marries Louise (divorced 1946).

1942 - John Ashby Howell, III, is born.

1941-43 - Works his way up to Shift Foreman for the Remington Arms Company.

- V. 1943-46 - Joins the Service, off to the Pacific (Coby and Larry Howell)
- VI. 1946-49 - Begins his lifelong career as Landman in the oil business.
- VII. 1949-80 - The Mature Years, Denver Colorado

1925-2000 - Played a lifetime of great chess.

1947 - Marries Margaret Hellier, 1949 - Catherine Alice is born, 1950 - Elizabeth Coburn is born.

1963 - Denver Coin Club Chairman

1966 - English Speaking Union Vice Chairman

1971 - Brought Bobby Fisher to Denver.

1977 - Lifetime achievement award from the Colorado Chess Association.

- VIII. Homily of Jack Howell - November 6, 1911 to March 7, 2000 (Jug Brandjord)
- IX. Invitation to all to Share your Memories about Jack Howell

**There're Queens in Chess,  
But It's a Man's Game**

**The Gals Just Play at It, Expert Claims**

Chess - It's a man's game. And those who play it know it. Helen, left, and John Howell, right, are in the middle of a game. Helen, left, would be horrified if a woman interpreted their work out.

Chess is a game. It involves pawns, knights, queens, bishops, rooks and kings, which move about on a checkered board.

Kings used to play it, when there were still kings.

Nowadays, men and boys play it. Women just play at it.

At least that's the opinion of one of Denver's experts on the game, J. G. Howell, president of the Chess Club of the YMCA.

"We tried women out, but it didn't work too well," Brown explained.

**ARE WOMEN TOO MUCH?**

"The first time women played they were about as much in the room as from the room itself," he said.

"Chess is a tough game. It's hard work to play a good game of chess. You have to think, even in business, you have to think a little."

"And they can't keep quiet long enough for a game."

Brown, perfectly aware of the inflammatory nature of his remarks, chuckled.

He has known a couple of women who weren't too bad at the game. But you can't let them interfere too much with the real players."

**ALL CLUB MEMBERS**

All of which was Brown's way of reporting that interest in the game is spreading slowly but surely.

"I've known about 10 multi-talented people in our club area," he said. "I don't know if it's true, but we started to play about 10 or 12 years ago."

He said he has a lot of young girls who don't believe in the club. "They don't want to be a player."

Members of the club and retired professionals and business men. Brown said he doesn't find too many players among other competitors.

The big surge in interest is coming from young men and teens, he said, Brown said.

"They're especially interested in the game and culture," he said. "They have families with college boys."

"A lot of activities are interesting, too. They sleep in quite a lot for a game of two."

**REQUIRED TO PLAY**

"I've known people who are required to play in the Navy and in the Air Force," he said. "I've known people who are required to play in the Navy and in the Air Force."

Brown said the YMCA chess club, to which 75 members pay an additional \$5 yearly dues, is the only club in the Denver area that is actually open to women.

"I wish more people would go there and talk and they would be during a chess game of chess."

Rocky Mtn News - May 2, 1954, John Howell seated on the left

Monday, April 3, 2000

**Chess pioneer  
Howell dies**

**Todd Bardwick  
Colorado Chess**

Colorado chess pioneer John (Jack) Howell died March 7 after a short illness. He was 88.

Howell's contributions to chess in the 1960s and 1970s won't be forgotten.

He was Colorado State Chess Association president from 1964 to 1965 and United States Chess Federation Region VII vice president from 1965 to 1969. During his tenure, he brought Grandmasters Sammy Reshevsky, Larry Evans, Bobby Fischer, William Lombardy, Anatoly Lein, Bent Larsen and Laszlo Szabo to Denver.

Howell was co-chairman for the 1968 U.S. Open, held in Snowmass, and the 1971 Fischer-Larsen World Championship Semifinals, held at the old Colorado Women's College. He also was chairman for the 1977 U.S. Junior Championship, held at the Denver Petroleum Club.

He received the fourth Appreciation Award from the Colorado State Chess Association in 1977.

Tribute to Howell—Rocky Mtn. News

**COLORADO CHESS LOSES  
PIONEER JOHN HOWELL**  
BY TODD BARDWICK

Colorado chess pioneer, John (Jack) Howell, died peacefully March 7 after a short illness. He was 88.

Howell's contributions to chess in the 60's and 70's will not soon be forgotten.

Mr. Howell was Colorado State Chess Association President from 1964-1965, and United States Chess Federation Region VII Vice-President from 1965-1969. During his tenure, he brought grandmasters Sammy Reshevsky, Larry Evans, Bobby Fischer (1964), William Lombardy, Anatoly Lein, Bent Larsen, and Laszlo Szabo to Denver to give simultaneous exhibitions.

Howell acted as co-chairman for the 1968 U.S. Open held in Snowmass at Aspen and the 1971 Fischer-Larsen World Championship Semifinals held at the old Colorado Women's College. Howell also acted as chairman for the 1977 U.S. Junior Championship held at the Denver Petroleum Club.

Howell was also an officer of the Denver Chess Club from 1962-1970 during which time he copyrighted the club's name.

The 4th Appreciation Award from the Colorado State Chess Association was bestowed upon Howell in 1977.

Howell also helped found the Sheridan, Wyoming, YMCA chess program.

Walter Gerash, Howell's longtime friend, had this to say: "I was honored to help make his last ten years enjoyable by playing each other informally at our homes. He always encouraged many young people to play chess and supported them in their efforts financially. John and I aided Alex Fishbein with his transportation costs and entry into European tournaments so that Alex could attain GM status. John was courteous and a kind gentleman in all his personal and chess endeavors. He will be sorely missed."

Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan also had many kind words about John in an email he sent me: "Yes, I remember John Howell very well. His wife Margaret and daughter Cathy showed me such kindness in my visit there in 1977. And yes I did stay at their home. I also managed to see him in the 90's on a trip or two through Denver. He was a marvelous man and I loved his stories. Remarkably, he never ran out of them either. Yes, he had some nice ones about Bobby (Fischer) and the comment I loved went like: "All these folks were warning me about Bobby. Don't do it, don't get involved! You'll regret it! Well Bobby was fine, he was more than fine, I had no trouble with Bobby. You know why? Well I'll tell you why, I just gave him everything he wanted. He ordered a steak I gave him two. Of course winning 6 - 0 helps a lot..." Please do convey my deepest condolences to Margaret and her family. Let them know I cherish my memories of their hospitality and how enormously appreciative I am of their many kindnesses to me."

Like Yasser, I will never forget John's chess stories about Bobby Fischer and other chess greats from times past. I remember John as always being a gentleman and a leader since my childhood when I first met him back in the seventies. Every year he graciously donated a scholarship for an underprivileged child to attend the Rocky Mountain Chess Camp.

Colorado chess owes John Howell many thanks for all his hard work and contributions.

July 2000 Colorado Chess Informant

**Obituaries**

**John Ashby Howell, Jr.**

Award for his forty years as a chess player.

Chess played an important role in Jack's life as he has served as the Vice President of the United State Chess Federation and was a Past President of the Colorado Chess Assn. He was the driving force to obtain the semi-final chess match in Colorado of the World Championship in 1971 between Bobby Fischer and Bent Larsen.

His other hobbies included an intense interest in world travel, world events and the history of Wyoming.

Jack was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert; and his sister, Catherine Howell Pemberton.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of Denver; one son, John A. Meyer and two children of Warwick, R.I.; three daughters, Clare Creighton Howell of Brunswick, Maine, Catherine Alice Howell of Denver, and Elizabeth Coburn Howell and her son Jackson of Story.

Cremation has taken place.

A memorial service will be held at the Washakie Museum in Worland at a later date.

Memorials may be made to the Washakie Museum or to the Sheridan YMCA Chess Program at 417 N. Jefferson, Sheridan, Wyo., 82801.

Veile Mortuary of Worland is in charge of arrangements.

DENVER, Co — John "Jack" Ashby Howell, Jr., 88, of Denver and formerly of Worland, died of cancer on March 7, 2000 at the University of Colorado Medical Center in Denver.

Jack was born November 6, 1911 at Worland, the son of John Ashby and Helen (Coburn) Howell, Sr. He was raised in Worland and graduated from Washakie County High School in 1929. He then attended the University of Wyoming before entering the oil, gas, and coal exploration business where he had been a landman for many years.

Jack also worked in Wyoming and Colorado in sales, agriculture, construction, and in the oilfields.

Howell helped his father start the Worland Mercantile Co., later known as the Howell's Stores, Inc.

On August 24, 1947, he married Margaret Whitney Hellier at Sheridan. After their marriage, they maintained homes at Denver, Scottsdale, Ariz., and Story, Wyo.

He served in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater during World War II and moved to Denver following the war.

Jack was a member of the Denver Petroleum Club, Rocky Mountain Petroleum Pioneers, the Sheridan Elks Lodge, the American Chess Assn., the Colorado State Chess Assn., of which he was honored with the 1977 annual Chess Appreciation

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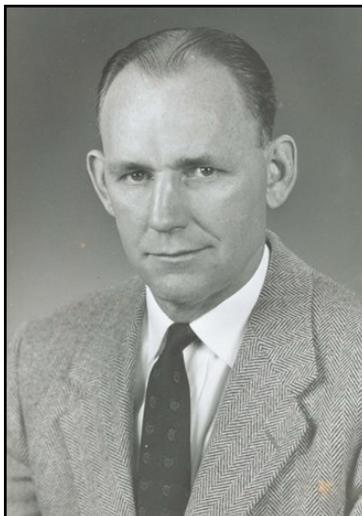
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## J. Juan Reid

*February 19, 1908 - March 18, 1981*



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Much of what is written below on Juan Reid can be found in Special Collections at Colorado College  
J. Juan Reid Papers, Ms 0176, Box 3, Folder 142  
Colorado College Photo File Bio – Reid, J. Juan

J. (John) Juan Reid was born in Jackson, Missouri, on February 19, 1908. The Reid family moved to Colorado Springs when Juan was 11. He was an outstanding athlete while attending Colorado Springs High School and later at Colorado College, where he earned nine varsity letters in football, basketball, and baseball before graduating in 1932.

Reid spent most of his adult life working at Colorado College in Colorado Springs.

In 1932, Reid coached freshman football and B-squad basketball. He became head basketball and baseball coach in 1933 and served as assistant football coach.

Reid married Margaret Killian on October 12, 1934; they had three children (Judith Reid Finley, John Reid, and Robert Reid) and five grandchildren.

In 1941, Juan became the Colorado College Tigers head football coach. That year his football team won the Rocky Mountain conference championship. In addition to coaching, Reid taught physical education as well as a course in coaching methods.

In the years 1942-1945, Juan joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, rising from First Lieutenant to Major as Director of Physical Training and Director of Personnel Services at Buckley and Lowry Fields in Denver.

After his discharge in November 1945, Reid returned to Colorado College as the Dean of Men from 1945-1968 and the Colorado College Athletic Director from 1948 to 1957.

During his time as Athletic Director, he was tournament chairman for nine NCAA hockey championships and two NCAA Golf Championships. The Colorado College Hockey team won NCAA titles in 1950 and 1957. Reid coached golf and directed the annual Pikes Peak Invitational golf tournament. He was head basketball coach from 1945-1948. Reid expanded the athletic program from eight to eleven sports with the addition of swimming, skiing, and soccer.

Reid Arena on the Colorado College campus is named after Juan.

For all his athletic accomplishments, Reid was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame on his birthday in 1979. Reid's induction page into the **Colorado Sports Hall of Fame** is at [www.coloradosports.org/hall-of-fame/athletes/1979-inductees/juan-reid/](http://www.coloradosports.org/hall-of-fame/athletes/1979-inductees/juan-reid/)

In May 1957, Reid received his masters degree after extensive research on Colorado College's athletic policy. His thesis, "A Historical Study of Colorado College Athletic Policy, 1874-1957", is considered an authoritative work on the subject.

In 1968, Reid left his position as Dean of Men to become Director of Alumni Affairs until his retirement in 1975.

In December 1979, Reid published, *Colorado College: The First Century, 1874-1974*, a comprehensive book on the school's history.

While Reid's life was devoted to Colorado College, he also became involved in many community activities. He served on the board of the Boys Club of the Pikes Peak Region (1963-1972), the Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Red Cross (1962-1968), the Pikes Peak Mental Health Clinic, the United Fund, and the Historical Society of the Pikes Peak Region. His memberships in other organizations include the El Paso County Pioneers Society, the Westerners Posse, and the National Association of Student Personnel Administration.

Further information on Reid's amazing life can be found at <https://libraryweb.coloradocollege.edu/library/specialcollections/Manuscript/Reid.html>

## Colorado Chess Service

According to his daughter Judith, Juan learned how to play chess in 1947 from her brother John. John, who was six at the time, taught his dad how to play after he learned the rules from the box of a chess set they bought.

Reid fell in love with the game and in 1948, he and Harold Wilcox organized what would become the Colorado Springs Chess Club. The members met at their various homes, and later at the YMCA.

In 1955, the club was permanently established at Colorado College, where it stayed for the next 12 years. During this time, Reid brought in such notables as Al Horowitz, Sammy Reshevsky, Larry Evans, and Bobby Fischer to Colorado Springs for lectures and simultaneous exhibitions. These events were held at the Broadmoor Hotel and the Rastall Center at Colorado College.

In 1958, the Colorado State Chess Association formed (originally proposed by Warren Barter, the President of the Pueblo Chess Club), in order to promote intercity play between Denver, Boulder, Colorado Springs, and Pueblo.

Reid was elected the CSCA's first president in 1958 (a post he held till 1961) and was its first representative to the USCF (Southwestern Region VII Vice-President) from 1958-1964. (CSCA was organized on August 31, 1958.)

Juan sent chess articles and event news for I.A. Horowitz's *Chess Review Magazine*. On September 5, 1964, at the annual CSCA Meeting, Reid was presented a plaque in appreciation for his work promoting chess in Colorado by then CSCA President, Victor Traibush. He left organized chess in 1966 due to heavy responsibilities at Colorado College. In 1971 Reid was included in a list of candidates for the selection of the initial group of twelve to receive USCF Merit Awards.

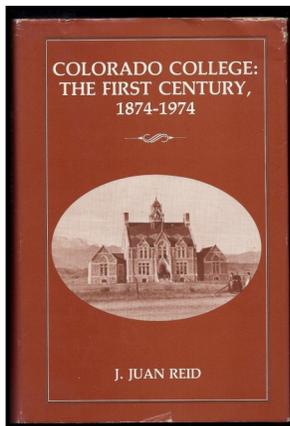
Reid excelled as a player in simultaneous exhibitions. According to the March 19, 1981 *Colorado Springs Gazette*, Reid was able to draw five GMs and four U.S. Open Champions in simuls, including the future World Champion Bobby Fischer. Reid drew Hans Berliner in a 1960 Simul at the Broadmoor Hotel.

Reid had the foresight to put some of the scoresheets from the simuls in in his file at Colorado College, kind of like a time-capsule, to be discovered many decades later!

{As a side note, Colorado College houses one of the rarest and most valuable chess book collections in the nation (some 300 titles – 234 bound volumes, plus various magazines and pamphlets). The collection was donated to Colorado College in December of 1957 by Philip S. Justice. The collection was assembled by his father, Alfred R. Justice of Philadelphia, who was a member of the Mercantile Chess Club in Philly and played a number of chess champions there in the 1890s. At the time of the donation in 1957, the collection was valued at \$5000. The material includes eight extremely rare books from the 16<sup>th</sup> Century, five from the 17<sup>th</sup> Century, and 22 from the 18<sup>th</sup> Century. One of the collection’s treasures is the Boston 1805 edition of Philidor, the second chess book published in the United States. Some of the other titles are authored by Ruy Lopez (published in 1584), Damiano of Odemira, Gianutio of Turin, Greco, Lolli, La Boudonnais, and Benjamin Franklin. Visitors can call Colorado College and arrange for a viewing.}

J. Juan Reid passed away on March 18, 1981.

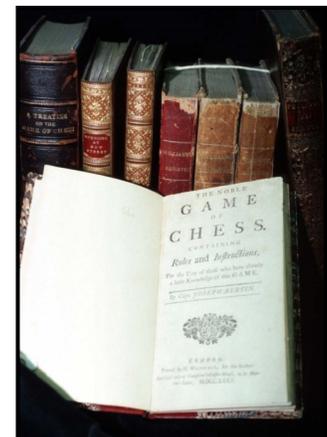
**Lloyd E. Werner, President of Colorado College said of Reid,** *“In his 50 years of dedicated service to Colorado College, Juan Reid has made innumerable contributions to the college both officially and unofficially. No one could have given more of himself. His friendship, leadership ability, energy, and character have been invaluable assets from which all of us have benefitted more than we had a right to expect. He will be sorely missed, but he will never be forgotten.”*



*Colorado College - The First Century, 1874-1974*



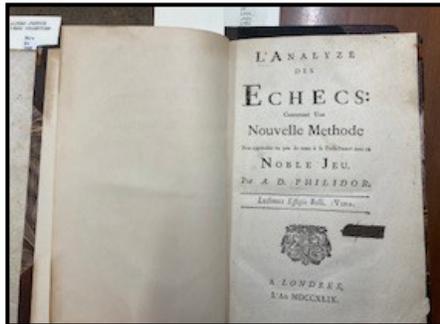
*Some rare chess books at Colorado College*



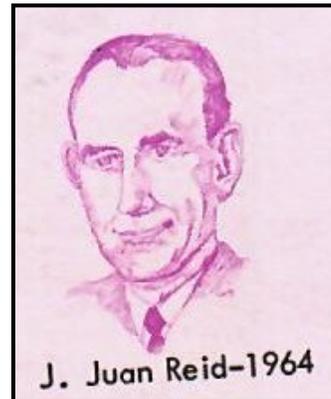
*Chess - Justice Collection*



Givoco De Gli Scacchi - Rui Lopez - 1584



L'Analyze de Echets Nouvelle Methode - Philidor - 1749



Juan Reid- CSCA Bulletin

Colorado Springs Gazette Telegraph 4/27/1964, A4:4

**Chess Exhibition Slated At Broadmoor Tuesday**

The Colorado Springs Chess Club and The Broadmoor Hotel are sponsoring an exhibition of simultaneous chess Tuesday, by America's greatest champion and main national hope in the World Championships, 20 year old Bobby Fischer of Brooklyn, New York.

As one of the few professional American chess players, Fischer is probably the most famous the nation has ever had and is regarded as the most brilliant since Paul Morphy 1837-1864 of New Orleans.

His genius became evident as early as 14 when he became one of America's twelve grandmasters of chess. Then on January 3, 1964, Fischer won the United States Chess Championship with a perfect score of 11-0, the first ever to do so in the history of the Championships. This success earned him his sixth U. S. Championship and a feature article in Life Magazine.

Tigran Petrosian of Russia is Fischer's prey, and Fischer is believed to be the only non-Russian player capable of taking the honor.

He has played Petrosian 10 games, winning only one, but these meetings were always in tournament team play, and Fischer feels that man-to-man contact is the only way to do the World Championship.

"All I want to do, ever, he says, is play chess." He, in fact, does nothing else and earns close to \$10,000 a year at it.

The simultaneous match Tuesday night, 7:30 p.m., in the Ballroom of The Broadmoor will be conducted by Fischer moving rapidly from board to board; they will be arranged on tables forming a large square. A fee of \$4 is to be paid by challengers, \$1 for spectators. Players must bring their own board and chessmen.

The Colorado Springs Chess Club and The Broadmoor Hotel are sponsoring several simultaneous chess exhibitions in recent years. The Club President is Col. John W. Romlein, Enr AFB, and Directors are Juan Reid, Colorado College, and Herman Stein, Manitou and Pikes Peak Railway Co.

Both Stein and Reid have done well in past competitions. Stein defeated Larry Evans, number two of the nation, and Reid tied Samuel Reshevsky, currently rated as number four.

The local Club is ten years old and meets every Monday night at 7:30 p.m. at Cozitt Hall, Colorado College. New members and guests are encouraged to attend.

**Soviet Engineers Try to Save City**

(Continued From Page One)

To divert the blocked, fast-rising river and remove the threat to Samarkand an ancient city of blue-tiled old mosques and new industries. It is 1,700 miles southeast of Moscow, near the juncture of the Soviet Union, Red China and Afghanistan.

Tass said the landslide occurred Friday when the Daryovz Mountain "cracked as a result of earth tremors" and was "cut in two by water."

The huge mass of earth and rock fell into the river, swollen by a month of heavy rains, and the slide formed a natural dam. A lake is forming 100 miles upstream from Samarkand, a city of 215,000 persons, but the earth dam threatens to break and unleash a raging torrent.

"This catastrophe is fraught with the danger of an unprecedented flood in the whole of the Zeravshan Valley," said Tass.

**Administration Would Accept Wilderness Bill**

(Continued From Page One)

endored last year by the Kennedy administration.

Udall said the bill, which calls for a large wilderness system with restrictions against commercial and other activities, "is of considerable merit and warrants a careful evaluation."

The secretary added, however, that a compromise measure offers a suitable basis upon which to proceed.

The compromise bill was worked out in negotiations between Rep. Wayne Aspinall, D-Colo., chairman of the Interior Committee, and White House advisers to the late President Kennedy.

It would provide a smaller wilderness system, give Congress more power in making future additions to the system and permit more commercial and other use.

Udall said primitive areas as well as wilderness areas should be blanketed into the system, or Congress should decide whether primitive areas should be classified as wilderness.

As to whether mining should be permitted, Udall said, some compromise may be desirable.

Rep. John F. Baldwin, R-Calif., sponsor of one of the 20 pending wilderness bills, said "we have reached a point where the most important thing is to make positive and constructive action to pass legislation under which a national wilderness preservation system can be established."

Baldwin's bill is similar to the Senate measure, which would give Congress veto power over additions to the wilderness system.

Aspinall agreed there is pressure from people in metropolitan areas. But he said "we can't take vast tracts of land away from the rural areas, where the people and the economy are bound to the areas."

Bobby Fischer Gazette 04-27-1964

**HOW TO BE A WINNER** — Bobby Fischer (right), now world chess champion, was 22 years old when this photo was taken in 1964 with Juan Reid during Fischer's lecture at the Broadmoor Hotel. Reid was the only one of 50 players not defeated by Fischer in a series of exhibition matches that evening.

(Photo by McIntyre)

**Leading Chess Player to Speak To Friends Group**

A new twist will be added to the Monday meeting of the Friends of the Penrose Library when Juan Reid, one of Colorado's leading chess players, will be featured speaker.

The meeting will be held at the Palmer Wing (Kiowa street entrance) at 7:30 p.m.

Reid, who is director of alumni affairs for Colorado College, will speak on "The Wonders and Marvels of the World of Chess," with members of the Colorado Springs Chess Club invited to attend as special guests.

During his chess career, Reid has battled to a draw game with five international grandmasters during their exhibition matches in Colorado Springs and also with Hans Berliner, a senior master and national postal chess champion.

One of Reid's most memorable encounters across a chess board occurred in 1964 when he battled to a draw with Bobby Fischer, present world champion, who played and defeated nearly 50 players in less than two hours in a series of exhibition matches at the Broadmoor Hotel.

Reid also drew with Berliner in 1960 during the latter's exhibition matches at the Broadmoor.

Reid's talk will be highlighted by some reminiscences of his matches with men who were invited to become U.S. champions, as well as some details of the history of chess and some of the more colorful players.

Mr. James Bower, president of the Friends organization, will preside at the meeting which is open free to the public.

**Peter Chisholm Is Commissioned**

Peter C. Chisholm, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Chisholm, 16 N. Roosevelt, was commissioned an Ensign in the United States Navy at Tri-Service ceremonies in Boulder.

Chisholm is a graduate of the University of Colorado and will be report to the Naval Air Station, Pensacola, Fla., for flight training.

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Simultaneous Match  
 Headmaster Hotel - April 24, 1964  
 WHITE: *Samuel Reshevsky* BLACK: *Juan Reid*

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2 N-KB3	P-Q3	27 P-Q2	P-Q2
3 P-Q4	N-KB3	28 Q-Q2	P-Q1
4 N-QB3	P-K2	29 Q-Q2	R-E
5 N-KP	B-K2	30 C-22	R-E4
6 P-KB3	Q-N-Q2	31 Draw	
7 B-KB3	N-K4		
8 Q-Q4	P-B4		
9 B-NK4	B-Q2		
10 N-B5	Q-C		
11 BxB	QxB		
12 Q-Q2	N-B5		
13 Q-K2	N-K3		
14 QxN	K-Q1		
15 P-KN4	B-B1		
16 B-K5	N-K1		
17 N-K4	Q-B2		
18 P-KP	BxP		
19 N(Q)AN	BxN		
20 N-K2	B-N4		
21 CAR	QxR		
22 R-Q1	QxP		
23 Q-K7	Q-N1		
24 R-Q7	Q-B1ch		
25 K-N1	P-KN3		

DATE: 1/8/61 ROUND: TIME ADJOURNED - WHITE: *N.J. Kozl* BLACK: *H.S. Tracy*

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3 Q-B2	PxP	33 N-Q2	N-Q4
4 P-Q3	N-KB3	34 B-Q4	N-KB1
5 N-K4	B-Q2	35 K-P3	P-B2
6 Q-Q4	P-B5	36 K-N4	N-K2
7 Q-B4	B-N4	37 N-B5	N-K4
8 Q-Q4	B-K2	38 BxN	P-N3
9 P-KB3	B-K2	39 B-Q2	K-K2
10 N-N3	B-N3	40 P-B3	N-N4
11 N-B5	Q-Q2	41 R-Q2	P-QB4
12 N-K2	QxN	42 KxP	PxP
13 K-B1	Q-Q1	43 B-B1	N-K4
14 B-N4	Q-N-Q1	44 K-B4	K-K4
15 N-B3	R-K1	45 K-N4	PxP
16 R-K1	Q-K2	46 PxP	N-B3
17 R-K1	Q-K2	47 K-R1	N-B3
18 BxB	RxR	48 K-R4	
19 P-Q3	K-K1	49	
20 K-K1	QxR	50	
21 Q-K3	Q-Q1	51	
22 BxB	RxR	52	
23 P-Q3	K-K1	53	
24 K-R4	K-K1	54	
25 N-B3	N-Q1	55	
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Fischer - Reid simul game score

Simultaneous Exhibition  
 January 21, 1963  
 WHITE: *Harry Evans* BLACK: *Juan Reid*

WHITE	BLACK	WHITE	BLACK
1 P-Q4	P-Q4	26 B-N3	N-N3
2 P-QB4	P-K3	27 K-K3	R-Q4
3 N-QB3	N-KB3	28 R-Q3	R-Q4
4 B-N5	Q-N-Q4	29 P(Q)-B3	K-B1
5 P-K3	Q-Q4	30 P-N4	K-K4
6 Q-B4	P-Q3	31 P-KB4	P-B3
7 Q-B4	P-Q3	32 Draw	
8 B-Q3	P-QB3		
9 N-B3	P-K3		
10 B-KB4	R-K1		
11 Q-O-O	P-QN4		
12 P-KN4	P-N5		
13 N-R4	N-N3		
14 P-N5	PxP		
15 BxP	NxN		
16 QxN	B-N5		
17 B-K4	N-K5		
18 BxB	QxB		
19 QR-B1	BxN		
20 BxB	NxP		
21 RxN	QxP+		
22 R-Q4	QxB		
23 R-N1	P-QB4		
24 PxP	Q-K6		
25 KR-Q1	QxP+		

Evans & Reshevsky simul score sheets vs. Reid

SAMUEL RESHEVSKY  
 5 HADASSAH LANE  
 SPRING VALLEY, N. Y.

June 25, 1957

Mr. J.J. Reid  
 Colorado College  
 Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Mr. Reid:

I have your letter, and I am very pleased that you were able to give your considerate attention to the matter I mentioned to you. Thank you very much.

I trust your chess group is flourishing. I am looking forward to seeing you and my other chess friends in your city in 1958.

Kind personal regards.

Cordially,  
*Samuel Reshevsky*

White	Black	White	Black
41 RxN	QR-K1	51	
42 R-Q5	K-B1	52	
43 C-G4	K-N1	53	
44 RxB4	PxR	54	
45 K-B2	RxQ	55	
46		56	
47		57	
48		58	
49		59	
50		60	

Event: Simultaneous Date: Feb. 17, 1964  
 White: *Sam. Reshevsky* Black: *Juan Reid*

White	Black	White	Black
1 P-Q4	P-Q4	21 N-N3	N-N3
2 P-QB4	P-K3	22 R-N4	R-Q4
3 N-QB3	N-KB3	23 R-Q4	Q-K1
4 PxP	PxP	24 P-B4	P-QN4
5 B-N5	B-K2	25 Q-K3	CAR
6 P-K3	Q-C	26 P-B5	N-N4
7 B-Q3	P-B5	27 N-N3	R-K1
8 Q-B2	P-KB3	28 R-B4	QR-P1
9 B-R4	N-R4	29 P-KB3	N-R2
10 BxB	QxB	30 N-B5	Q-K2
11 N-K2	R-K1	31 P-N4	R-B5
12 Q-C	N-B3	32 N-N3	Q-B2
13 QR-N1	Q-N-Q4	33 P-K5	N-R2
14 P-QN4	N-B1	34 N-K4	Q-N4
15 P-N7	B-Q4	35 R-Q2	Q-B2
16 PxP	BxP	36 Q-K3	QR-K1
17 Q-N3	N-K3	37 R-N4	QxP
18 B-N5	QR-N1	38 N-B4	N-N4
19 Q-R4	BxB	39 R-Q4	N-Q4
20 RxB	P-R3	40 Q-Q3	R-Q4

Position after White's 31st move

Reshevsky simul score sheet vs. Reid

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SAMUEL RESHEVSKY  
 5 HADASSAH LANE  
 SPRING VALLEY, NEW YORK

November 7, 1960

Mr. J. J. Reid  
 The Colorado College  
 Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Mr. Reid:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 31st. I am looking forward to seeing you and some of my other chess friends in Colorado Springs.

You will hear from me regarding a suggested date, as soon as I know more about my schedule. You will sufficient advance notice to enable you to give the exhibit adequate publicity.

Kind regards.

Sincerely yours,  
*Samuel Reshevsky*  
 Samuel Reshevsky

SAMUEL RESHEVSKY  
 5 HADASSAH LANE  
 SPRING VALLEY, N. Y.

May 21, 1957

Mr. J. Reid  
 Colorado College  
 Colorado Springs, Colorado

Dear Mr. Reid:

My very close friend, Mr. Jack Landau, of New York has a daughter attending your college. Her name is Miss Iris Landau and she is a freshman residing at Moregor Hall.

She applied for a scholarship which has not been acted upon yet. The granting of the scholarship would be of great help to my friend, who is not well off financially.

I would consider it a personal favor to me if you would interview Miss Landau and see that her application receives adequate consideration based upon merit.

Kind personal regards.

Cordially yours,  
*Samuel Reshevsky*  
 Samuel Reshevsky

Dear Juan,

Thank you for your letter of November 19 confirming Fischer's exhibition in Colorado Springs. Unfortunately I can't assign a definite date yet until we work out his entire itinerary and all the answers are in; but I would estimate sometime in April. Please advise if you have any preferred day(s) of the week and also if it would be any handicap if the exhibition were staged during the Easter vacation.

As George Pipiringos probably informed you the fee is \$250 for up to 50 boards, including lecture. Players who win or draw receive a free one year subscription to the AMERICAN CHESS QUARTERLY. By the middle of January we'll be able to confirm a definite date and time--which should give you ample room to publicize the event and perhaps also TV coverage.

I certainly remember the success of my exhibition there and recall my visit to your college with fondness. If you have any questions relating to any minor details of the exhibition, do not hesitate to contact me again.

Best regards  
*Larry Evans*  
Larry Evans

Larry Evans letter to Juan - 11-27-63

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November 13, 1962

Mr. J.J. Reid  
Dean of Men  
Colorado College  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Mr. Reid,

This is to confirm your letter of November 8, in regard to a proposed simultaneous exhibition in Colorado Springs.

As you know, I have been in touch with Mr. Pipiringos in Denver. In the event you would like to go ahead with the exhibition in Colorado Springs, I suggested 3pm, Sunday January 20. This means that I will give the Denver exhibition on the evening of January 21, instead of the 20th. So it would dovetail with my schedule.

The terms are a guarantee of \$100 for up to 35 boards.

Please let me know as soon as possible whether you would like to include your club on the itinerary.

Looking forward to a pleasant afternoon of chess.

Yours truly  
*Larry Evans*  
Larry Evans  
U.S. Chess Champion

SAMUEL RESHEVSKY  
90 JOHN STREET  
SPRING VALLEY, N. Y.

*5 Hadassah Lane*  
May 13, 1957

*Mr. J. Reid  
Colorado College  
Colorado Springs, Colorado*

Dear Mr. Reid:

*I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the Colorado Springs Chess Club and to Mr. John Lettler for the lovely gift. The dress set is very beautiful. Mr. Lettler can be rightly proud of it.*

*My best to you and all my chess friends in Colorado Springs.*

*Cecilia Reshevsky  
Samuel Reshevsky*

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3560 Broadway  
NY 31, NY

November 21, 1962

Mr. J.J. Reid  
Dean of Men  
Colorado College  
Colorado Springs, Colo.

Dear Mr. Reid,

This is to confirm your letter of November 16.

January 21, 7:30pm, at the Colo. College Student Union.

Thank you for suggesting accommodations, but the change in plans probably means I'll stay in Denver overnight.

I think it's wonderful that you can underwrite two such exhibitions in such a short span in your area. Enclosed is a photo which I hope can be used for publicity purposes, if so desired.

Looking forward to meeting you,

Sincerely  
*Larry Evans*  
Larry Evans  
U.S. Chess Champion

**Reid Held Fischer To Draw in Meet Here** 9/4/72

By LINDA DUVAL  
Gazette Telegraph Staff Writer

A 1964 chess match played at the Broadmoor Hotel took on a new measure of accomplishment for a Colorado Springs man Friday after he learned that Bobby Fischer defeated Boris Spassky for the world chess championship.

Juan Reid, director of alumni affairs at Colorado College, played the newly-crowned champion to a draw in their one meeting, eight years ago.

In April of 1964, Fischer was on a trans-continental tour playing matches against various chess notables. Fischer played 32 games on the tour, won 31 and had a draw with Reid.

Following the Reid-Fischer draw, the two and author Marshall Sprague, another chess buff, had dinner together at the Broadmoor.

Fischer had just won his sixth U. S. chess championship, and recalled, and was an inter-

national grandmaster at that time.

"When things aren't quiet, it bothers him," Reid said. "After all, chess is his only security." Fischer doesn't own a home. He literally lives out of a suitcase.

Reid theorized that Bobby's lateness at matches is designed "to show disdain for his opponent."

The temper flare-ups and audacity shown at Reykjavik are outgrowths of the personal insecurity he feels as a result of a childhood without a father

and an adolescence without any parent at all.

Reid pointed out in an interview Friday that Fischer nearly raised himself.

As a result, "he fights for every advantage he can get," Reid said. "He doesn't play to be gentlemanly. He was never raised that way."

"The only thing he knows is chess. He's nearly self-educated. He dropped out of high school at 16 and didn't spend much time in school before that."

He was too busy playing chess.

At the age of 13, Bobby Fischer won a game against Donald Byrne, a champion chess player. It was termed "the game of the century." Some of Fischer's moves were recognized as "pure genius."

Reid said this marked the real beginning of Bobby's career.

"He is one of the great chess geniuses of all time," Reid said. "There is no question about that."



# Juan Reid, CC coach, author, dies



J. Juan Reid

J. Juan Reid, a former Colorado College administrator whose association with the school spanned 50 years, died Wednesday in a Colorado Springs hospital after a long illness. He was 72.

Services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Monday at Shove Memorial Chapel on the Colorado College campus.

Mr. Reid, a Colorado Springs resident since 1919, was a longtime coach at Colorado College before serving as the school's dean of men from 1945 to 1968. He later served as director of alumni affairs until his retirement in 1975.

Having remained active on the periphery of athletics throughout his Colorado College tenure, he was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame on his birthday in 1979.

His crowning contribution to

Colorado College was the publication in December 1979 of the school's history, titled "Colorado College: The First Century, 1874-1974," that he had been commissioned to write after his official retirement.

"In his 50 years of dedicated service to Colorado College, Juan Reid has made innumerable contributions to the college both officially and unofficially," said Lloyd E. Wornor, Colorado College president.

"No one could have given more of himself. His friendship, leadership ability, energy and character have been invaluable assets from which all of us have benefited more than we had a right to expect. He will be sorely missed, but he will never be forgotten."

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J. Juan Reid Memorial Fund in care of Colorado College.

Mr. Reid was born Feb. 19, 1908, in Jackson, Mo. He moved with his family to Colorado Springs at age 11. He attended Colorado Springs High School and Colorado College, where he became an outstanding athlete. He earned nine varsity letters, participating in football, basketball and baseball before his graduation in 1932.

He remained at CC as freshman football coach and B-squad basketball coach, and became the school's head basketball coach in 1933. From then until 1942, he also served as head baseball coach, assistant football coach and assistant professor of physical education.

He was married on Oct. 12, 1934, to the former Margaret Killian.

Mr. Reid became the college's head football coach in 1941, and guided the Tigers to the Rocky Mountain Conference championship.

He joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in 1942, rising from first lieutenant to major as director of physical training and director of personnel services at Buckley and Lowry fields in Denver.

In 1945, Mr. Reid returned to Colorado College as dean of men and head basketball coach. Three years later, he became CC athletic director in addition to dean of men and held the athletic post until 1957. During those years he was tournament chairman for nine NCAA hockey championships and directed the annual Pikes Peak Invitational golf tournament.

Mr. Reid dropped his athletic duties in 1957, but remained dean of men for 11 more years before heading the CC alumni affairs office until his retirement.

After finishing work on the school's history, he completed a manuscript on the social history of Colorado Springs during the 1920s.

He also was an accomplished chess player, serving two years as vice president of the U.S. Chess Federation, and he had the distinc-

tion of having tied five international grand masters, including former world champion Bobby Fischer. He also tied four U.S. Open champions.

Mr. Reid's community activities included service on the boards of the Boys Club of the Pikes Peak Region from 1963 to 1972, the Pikes Peak Chapter of the American Red Cross from 1962 to 1968, the Pikes Peak Mental Health Clinic, the United Fund and the Historical Society of the Pikes Peak Region.

He also was a member of the El Paso County Pioneers Society, the Westerners Posse, Sigma Chi fraternity and the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators.

Survivors include his wife, a daughter, Judith Reid Finley of Colorado Springs; two sons, John Jay Reid of Colorado Springs and Robert Alan Reid of Del Mar, Calif.; three brothers, Dwight Reid of Denver, Monte Reid of Pueblo and Robert Mack Reid of Corvallis, Ore.; and five grandchildren.

## J. JUAN REID, R.I.P.

J. Juan Reid, a former USCF Southwestern Region Vice-President, died March 18, 1981 in a Colorado Springs hospital after a long illness. He was 72.

Mr. Reid, a Colorado Springs resident since 1919, had a long and arduous tenure in the state of Colorado. In 1948, Reid, Dean of Men at Colorado College, and Harold Wilcox founded the Colorado Springs Chess Club, as the city had long been an active center for Colorado chess players. The members met weekly for playing sessions in the homes of its members, and later at the YMCA. Then in 1955, the Club was permanently established at Colorado College, where it stayed for twelve years. During that period Reid brought such notables as Al Horowitz, Sammy Reshevsky, Larry Evans, and Bobby Fischer to Colorado Springs for lectures and simultaneous exhibitions. The chess events were held at the Broadmoor Hotel and at the Rastall Center at the College. He was an accomplished chess player and had the distinction of having drawn with five international grandmasters, including former world champion Bobby Fischer. He also drew with four U.S. Open Champions.

Mr. Reid was the first President of the Colorado State Chess Association. The Association was organized in Colorado Springs in 1958, and Reid served through 1961. He was USCF Southwestern Region Vice-President from 1958 to 1964. He was a constant correspondent of chess articles and event news for I.A. Horowitz's Chess Review Magazine. On September 5, 1964, at the annual meeting of the Colorado State Chess Association, a plaque was presented to J. Juan Reid in appreciation for his long and arduous work in promoting chess in Colorado. He was the first to receive the honor. In 1966, due to heavy responsibilities at the College, he left organized chess. In 1971 he was included among the list of candidates for the selection of the initial group of twelve to receive USCF Merit Awards.

Mr. Reid was also a long-time athletic coach at Colorado College before serving as the school's Dean of Men from 1945 to 1968. He later served as Director of Alumni Affairs until his retirement in 1975. Having remained active on the periphery of athletics throughout his Colorado College tenure, he was inducted into the Colorado Sports Hall of Fame on his birthday in 1979. He was an outstanding athlete during his attendance at Colorado Springs High School and Colorado College, earning nine varsity letters, participating in football, basketball, and baseball before his graduation in 1932.

In 1942 Mr. Reid joined the U.S. Army Air Corps, rising from First Lieutenant to Major as Director of Physical Training and Director of Personnel Services at Buckley and Lowry Fields in Denver. After the war he returned to the College serving in various capacities: head basketball coach, Dean of Men, Athletic Director, and Head of the Colorado College Alumni Affairs Office until his retirement. His crowning contribution to Colorado College was the publication in December 1979 of the school's history, "Colorado College: The First Century, 1874-1974," that he had been commissioned to write after his official retirement. He also completed a manuscript on the social history of Colorado Springs during the 1920s.

Mr. Reid's involvement with community service was unceasing. All who knew him will endorse the words of Lloyd E. Wornor, President of Colorado College: "No one could have given more of himself. His friendship, leadership ability, energy, and character have been invaluable assets from which all of us have benefited more than we had a right to expect. He will be sorely missed, but he will never be forgotten."

He is survived by his wife, a daughter, two sons, three brothers, and five grandchildren.

-- John A. Harris, former President, Colorado State Chess Association

## Springs man recalls Fischer draw

The exhibition match, in 1964 in Colorado Springs, didn't offer Bobby Fischer much of a challenge. Only one board out of the 32 gave him pause.

It was the board belonging to Juan Reid, director of Alumni Affairs at Colorado College in Colorado Springs. And as the match wore on, Reid said he offered the U.S. Champion draw which was accepted.

"But I was in a superior position," said Reid who claimed he had a queen, a rook and six pawns, while Fischer had the same but was a pawn short.

Reid said he offered the draw fearing that otherwise Fischer would draw by perpetual check.

**SERIOUS CHESS OUIZ**  
But for Reid, the days of serious chess are over. He had his fling at it, drawing three other matches against U.S. champions Sam Reshevsky, Al Horowitz and Larry Evans.

"When you go to bed at night and don't sleep because you're replaying the match, then it's time to quit serious chess and play for fun," said Reid, 64, who began the game 24 years ago.

But as for Fischer, who won the title Friday after his co-tender Reshevsky's Boris Spassky resigned in the 21st game,

by his father at the age of two, and by his mother 15 years later. "He's got to play chess he can call home," Reid said.

**EVERY MOVE RECALLED**  
Even dinner conversation at the Broadmoor following the match revolved around chess, occasionally shifting to religion.

Reid said Fischer recalled every move of the game, a trait which he said is typical among the players. "Most could play blindfolded," Reid maintained.

**HE FOLLOWED MATCH**  
From his home in Colorado Springs he closely followed the

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Spassky-Fischer match. "That Fischer's really a fighter," he said, commenting upon his refusal to play for a draw in the first game, but fighting the English.

Moreover, Fischer was totally unpredictable. He said, playing a "variation" of the Sicilian Defense which he had never been known to attempt.

In three games Reid said Fischer used the Alekhine Defense which many professionals deemed unsound.

But the champion pulled through, and Reid said he never doubted that he would.

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"It's not crazy like some people think, but simply becomes a different person in a chess situation. He plays for every advantage."

Asked if he'd like to play the master again, Reid said, "I'd jump at the chance although he'd beat the hell out of me."



WILL MOVE THE KNIGHT THREE -- Highlight of a recent regular meeting of the Colorado Springs Chess Club was the 1970 chess championship game.

Shown above are the two contestants, Carl Freeman, a former United States Chess Federation (USCF) master, left, and Dick Jourdan, USCF expert.

(Gazette Telegraph Photo)

## CC Dean Plays Chess Champion To Draw Tuesday

Colorado College's Dean of Men, Juan Reid, was the only one out of 32 competitors Tuesday night who managed to get by Bobby Fischer, 21-year-old United States chess champion.

Reid played a draw with the amazing Fischer who at 13 became the youngest player to win the National Junior Chess Championship. Fischer has been America's champion for the past six years.

The young player took one hour and 50 minutes to wrap up the match, which according to Marshall Sprague (who was beaten out in an hour's time) is much faster than any time ever.

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All the original scoresheets from the games below are in the Special Collections at Colorado College J. Juan Reid Papers, Ms 0176, Box 3, Folder 142

Larry Evans was one of top U.S. grandmasters from the late 1950s to the early 1970s. Evans won or tied for first in five U.S. Championships and was a prolific chess journalist and author.

[Event "1963 Larry Evans Simul"]

[Site "Colorado Springs, CO"]

[Date "January 21, 1963"]

[White "GM Larry Evans"]

[Black "Juan Reid"]

[Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 Nbd7 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 O-O 7. a3 c6 8. Qc2 Re8 9. Rc1 a6 10. Bd3 h6 11. Bh4 dxc4 12. Bxc4 Nd5 13. Bg3 Nxc3 14. Qxc3 Bf6 15. O-O Qe7 16. Rfd1 Nb6 17. Ba2 Bd7 18. Ne5 Nd5 19. Qc2 Rad8 20. e4 Bxe5 21. Bxe5 Nf6 22. f3 Bc8 23. Kf2 Nh7 24. Qc5 Qxc5 25. Rxc5 Nf8 26. Bg3 Ng6 27. Ke3 Rd7 28. Rd3 Red8 29. Rcc3 Kf8 30. b4 Ke7 31. h4 f6 Draw



Position after 23.Kf2

This is first of Sammy Reshevsky's Colorado Springs Simultaneous Exhibitions. Reshevsky was a serious contender for the World Championship from roughly 1935 to the mid-1960s.

[Event "1963 Sammy Reshevsky Simul"]

[Site "Colorado Springs, CO"]

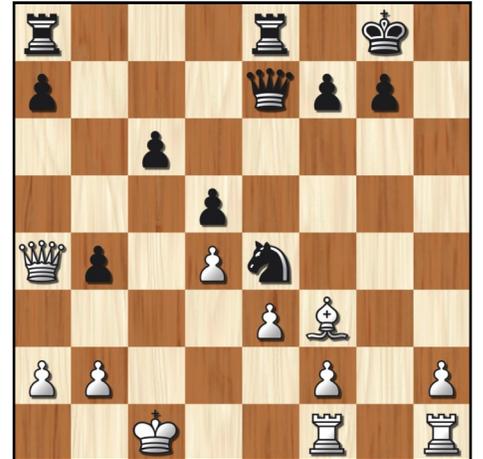
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[White "GM Sammy Reshevsky"]

[Black "Juan Reid"]

[Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Nbd7 5. cxd5 exd5 6. Qc2 Be7 7. e3 O-O 8. Bd3 c6 9. Nf3 h6 10. Bf4 Re8 11. O-O-O b5 12. g4 b4 13. Na4 Nb6 14. g5 hxg5 15. Bxg5 Nxa4 16. Qxa4 Bg4 17. Be2 Ne4 18. Bxe7 Qxe7 19. Rdf1 Bxf3 20. Bxf3 Nxf2 21. Rxf2 Qxe3+ 22. Rd2 Qxf3 23. Rg1 c5 24. dxc5 Qe3 25. Rd1 Qxc5+ 26. Kb1 Rad8 27. Rxd5 Qe7 Draw



Position after 20.Bxf3

[Event "1964 Sammy Reshevsky Simul"]

[Site "Colorado Springs, CO"]

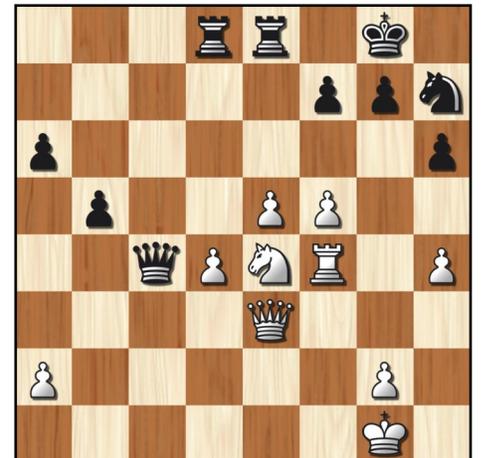
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[White "GM Sammy Reshevsky"]

[Black "Juan Reid"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. cxd5 exd5 5. Bg5 Be7 6. e3 O-O 7. Bd3 c6 8. Qc2 h6 9. Bh4 Nh5 10. Bxe7 Qxe7 11. Nge2 Re8 12. O-O Nf6 13. Rab1 Nbd7 14. b4 Nf8 15. b5 Bd7 16. bxc6 Bxc6 17. Qb3 Ne6 18. Bb5 Rab8 19. Qa4 Bxb5 20. Rxb5 a6 21. Nxd5 Nxd5 22. Rxd5 Rec8 23. Rd7 Qe8 24. f4 b5 25. Qb3 Qxd7 26. f5 Ng5 27. Ng3 Re8 28. Rf4 Rbc8 29. h4 Nh7 30. Nh5 Qe7 31. e4 Nf6 32. Ng3 Qc7 33. e5 Nh7 34. Ne4 Qc1+ 35. Rf1 Qc4 36. Qe3 Rcd8 37. Rf4 Qxd4 38. Nf6+ Nxf6 39. Rxd4 Nd7 40. Qd2 Rxe5 41. Rxd7 Rde8 42. Rd8 Kf8 43. Qd6+ Kg8 44. Rxe8+ Rxe8 45. Kf2 1-0



Position after 37.Rf4

This Fischer Colorado Springs Simul occurred during Bobby Fischer's famous nationwide 1964 Simul Tour. Fischer charged \$4 to play and \$1 for spectators. He played 32 opponents and finished in less than two hours. Nobody beat Fischer; Reid had the only draw. Two days earlier, on April 26, Fischer gave his Denver Simul at the Brown Palace.

[Event "1964 Bobby Fischer Simul"]  
 [Site "Broadmore Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO"]  
 [Date "April 28, 1964"]  
 [White "GM Bobby Fischer"]  
 [Black "Juan Reid"]  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Nf6 4. Nc3 exd4 5. Nxd4 Be7 6. f3 Nbd7 7. Be3 Ne5  
 8. Qd2 c5 9. Bb5+ Bd7 10. Nf5 O-O 11. Bxd7 Qxd7 12. O-O-O Nc4 13. Qe2 Nxe3  
 14. Qxe3 Rfd8 15. g4 Bf8 16. e5 Ne8 17. Ne4 Qc7 18. exd6 Nxd6 19. Nxd6 Bxd6  
 20. Nxd6 Rxd6 21. Rxd6 Qxd6 22. Rd1 Qxh2 23. Qe7 Qb8 24. Rd7 Qf4+ 25. Kb1  
 g6 26. Qe2 b6 27. a3 a6 28. Qd3 b5 29. Qd5 Re8 30. Ka2 Re5 Draw



Position after 12. O-O-O

By Marshall Sprague

NOTES ON BOBBY (Robert J.) Fischer, aged 21--his birthday in March. Andy Marshall and I met him in Broadmoor lobby about 5.45 p.m. Tuesday, April 28, 1964. Very tall, monosyllabic talker, strong Brooklyn accent but not particularly dese and dose; mainly ungrammatical in use of verb to do--He don't know nothin' idea. Very broad shoulders--lankiest of the lank--loose-jointed--has peculiar and not ungraceful lunging walk, leading with right shoulder, hands gangling and large, flopping at ends of wrists and othen folding over one another in front; clothes a light blue or blue-gray gaberdine suit, black shoes; hair unkempt in back, parted on side, plenty of it and lots of dandruff; not unkempt but certainly not tidy; considerable body odor but I suspect its just carelessness about taking baths; large hazel eyes, sallow skin. He seems to take everything in but doesn't ask many questions; he ordered largely at dinner but did not want a drink--drank two glasses of ice tea--had fish hors d'ouerves, veal, botterscotch ice cream--says Yeah frequently and that is about all--hesitant in speech as though nothing answerable simply; laughs easily and with a looking-away motif--occasionally looks at you hard and guilelessly. Very brief in talk. Interested in the Bible study--visited a bible school in Pasadena while on the west coast--found Chicago a hard place to play chess. Very diffident during lecture--does everything with a sort of sad abstraction--not unpleasantly but just abst racted; explains a game with great diffidence and speed; fast manipulating fingers on ancient magnetic board with magnetic chess men on flat cards; extremely deft. No elaboration whatever and when game over he just dropped it without explanation or apology or ending. Played thirty-two boards--moving with extreme rapidity--king pawn with all--played me Kings gambit and clobbered me from the third move--lunges from board to board; stopping he teeters back and forth on feet, sometimes fingers a pawn gently while deciding; takes men with a snap of wrsit and slap; no interest in girls; tired after exhibition; to bed early. I picked him up at 10 a.m. and fed him griddle cakes and ice tea; utterly unchanged; says ye has a lawyer who helpshim; a few friends; thinks of going to school but doesn't know how to arrange it; seems not to have looked into it really--plays at Marshall Chess Club and Manhattan, but not too often. I took him to NORAD briefing--oh yest, he was delighted to get introduced to King Hussein of Jordan and whispered to me to try to get his picture taken with the King; Harrie Hart pulled introduction off. At briefing express-ed doubt that computers might get dope wrong and listened wapply to expnanation. Sat completely absorbed. Worried about plane to Kansas City. Dinner at Penrose Room. Was very curious about Napoleon wall paper panels. Took him to Air Force Academy--he was amazed at how all that money got spent. We got lost in dental clinic of Fairchild Hall and finally wound up at General McDermott's officw ehre Captain Davis took us in hand--he didn't remember Davis thou h Davis had drew him in Denver--remembered the game perfectly. Wanted to see computers and how they worked--student computers; fascinated by chapel and the crackling noise faint made by the metal spires; I bought him a folder on the chapel. Then took him back to broadmoor; he offered me ragptag paper-back chess book; I didn't take it. Rejection. He phoned Mr. Gish

Marshall Sprague -Fischer stayed at Sprague's house - Fischer observations

## John L. Watson



John Leonard Watson was born on September 5, 1951 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

The Watson family moved to Omaha, Nebraska in 1960. John learned how to play chess from his father in 1962 when he was 11 years old.

In the summer of 1965, John immersed himself in chess books to improve his game. His favorites were *Modern Ideas in Chess* by Richard Reti and *The Golden Treasury of Chess* by I.A. Horowitz.

When he was 14, John entered his first rated tournament, the 1966 Iowa Open in Des Moines; he finished in second place, earning a 2161 rating. There were few tournaments in Omaha in those days, so John traveled to Kansas City, Des Moines, and Lincoln (Nebraska).

In 1969 Watson won the National High School Championship in New York, becoming the nation's first ever High School National Champion.

John moved to Denver in 1973 and on May 18, 1974, he opened The Chess House near downtown Denver at 138 West 5th Avenue with Chris Hendrickson. The Chess House rapidly became the center of chess activity in Denver. Checkers, Scrabble, Go, and Backgammon were also popular there. GM Bent Larsen visited The Chess House; John helped organize the Bent Larsen Simul on July 18, 1974.

Watson was the editor of the *Colorado Chess Bulletin* from February 1974 to June 1975, before passing it to Bob O'Donnell. John also wrote many instructional columns for the *Colorado Chess Bulletin* during the 1970s, notably annotating games for the 1977 Junior Invitational tournament held in downtown Denver at the Petroleum Club.

John won the Colorado Open in 1974 and 1975. He narrowly lost the State Championship on tiebreaks to Curtis Carlson in 1976.

John closed the Chess House in early 1976 and moved to Berkeley, California.

Watson was awarded the International Master title in 1979. He is a United States Chess Federation Senior and Life Master.

Watson has a degree in Electrical Engineering from the University of California in San Diego (1988) and worked as a communications engineer for Hughes Network Systems.

After leaving engineering, Watson has made a chess career as a player, teacher, and author. His most famous students are the 1997 World Junior Champion, GM Tal Shaked (who played in the 1998 U.S. Championships in Denver), Senior Master Patrick Hummel (the 1999 National High School Champion), and Abby Marshall, a woman FIDE Master who won the 2009 Denker Tournament of Champions. John has also taught other U.S. scholastic champions.

John was awarded the United States Chess Federation's Frank J. Marshall Award in 2008 and the USCF Outstanding Career Achievement Award in 2020.

For all his lifelong chess accomplishments, Watson was inducted into the US Chess Hall of Fame in 2022 (along with GM James Tarjan and the late Daniel Willard Fiske). <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SophxPYqt4k>

John married Maura Giles-Watson, who teaches English Literature at the University of San Diego in 2003.

## Tournament Success

Besides winning the 1979 U.S. High School Championship and Colorado State Championship in 1974 and 1975, Watson has won numerous chess tournaments.

Watson played in the prestigious Lone Pine International tournament in 1976, 1979, and 1981.

John's best tournament result was winning the 1979 Bar Point Invitational in New York.

Watson also tied for first with Nick de Firmian in the 1981 American Open.

He played in the U.S. Championship in 2003.

## Commentator

Watson was a commentator at the 1977 U.S. Junior Championships in Denver and the U.S. Championships from 2005-2007.

John hosted a weekly Internet radio show 'Chess Talk with John Watson' on Chess.FM, the radio arm of the Internet Chess Club. He recorded hundreds of chess instructional videos for the Internet Chess Club.

## Journalist and Author

Watson is likely best known for being one of the premier chess authors in the world.

Early in his career, John wrote the *Chessman* comics, which were illustrated by Chris Hendrickson and later Svein Myreng.

He has written articles for about a dozen state magazines, European chess magazines, *Chess Life*, *Inside Chess*, and *The Week in Chess* (London Chess Centre), among others. For twenty years he wrote a monthly theoretical column for ChessPublishing.com. John contributed book reviews to *The Week in Chess* for fifteen years, and is currently the book reviewer for *Chess Life*.

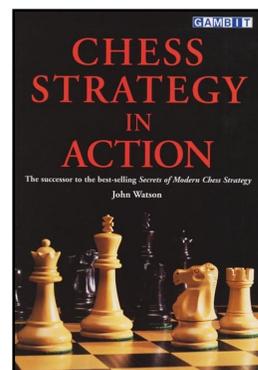
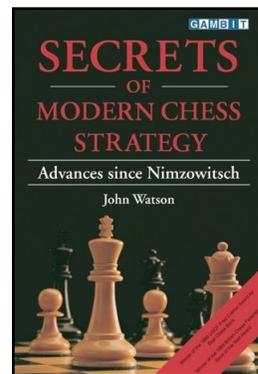
Watson has written over 30 chess books. His most famous are:

*Secrets of Modern Chess Strategy, Advances since Nimzowitsch* (1998) – won both British Chess Federation and U.S. Chess Federation Book of the Year Award.

*Chess Strategy in Action* (2003) – the successor to *Secrets of Modern Chess Strategy* - won the ChessCafe Book of the Year.

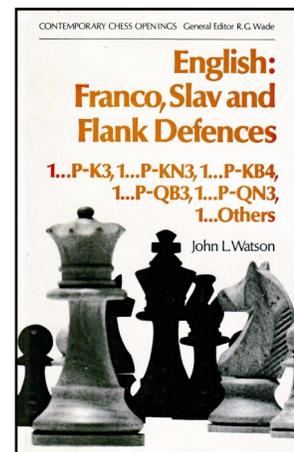
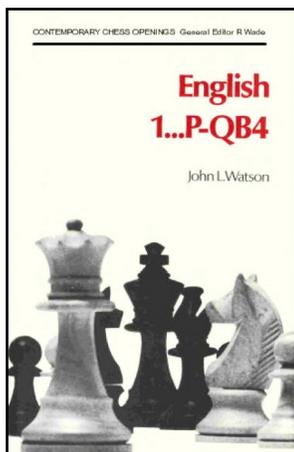
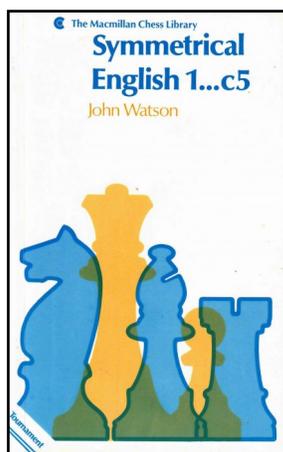
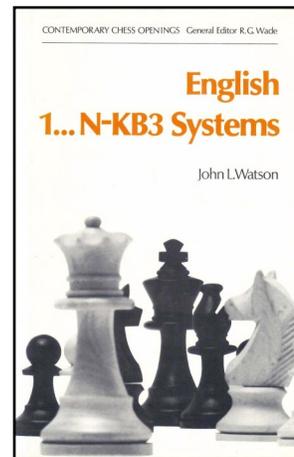
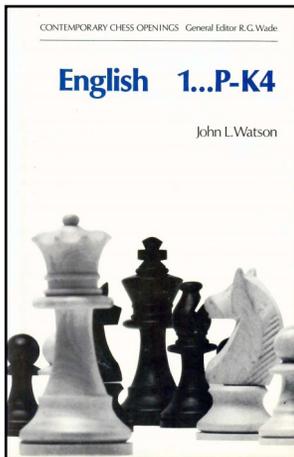
These two books explore and theorize how chess has radically changed since the early 20th century, and how old and supposedly 'time-tested' rules for the conduct of play have been replaced by broader and revolutionary practice. Both books have been translated into several languages.

Most of Watson's books are on the Opening; he is best known Opening books are on the English Opening and French Defense.



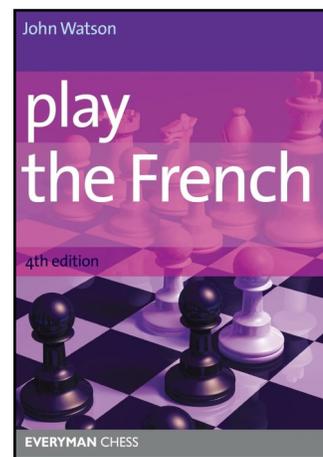
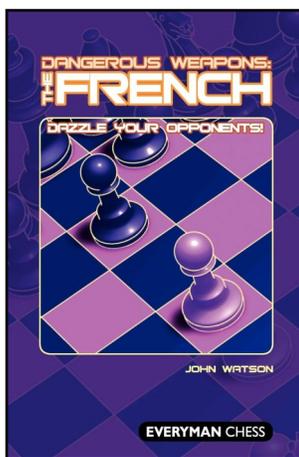
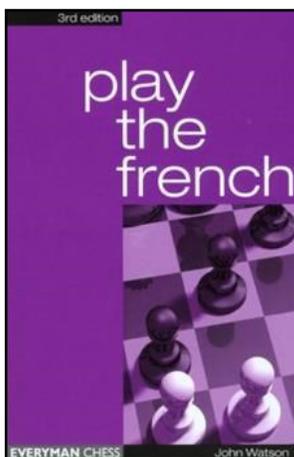
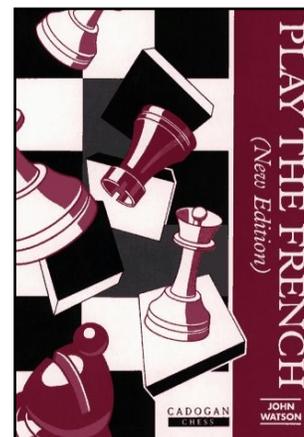
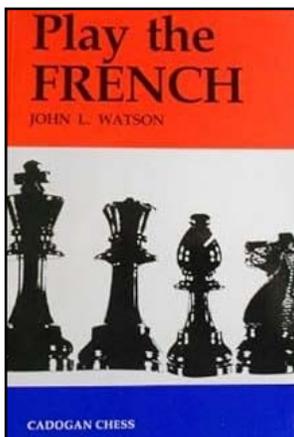
## Books on the English Opening

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- English 1...N-KB3 Systems* (1979)
- English 1...P-QB4* (1980)
- English: Franco, Slav and Flank Defenses* (1981)
- Symmetrical English: 1...c5* (1988)



## Book on the French Defense

- Play the French* (1984)
- Play the French (New Edition)* (1996)
- Play the French, 3rd Edition* (2003)
- Dangerous Weapons: The French* (2007)
- Play the French, 4th Edition* (2012)



**Other Opening books**

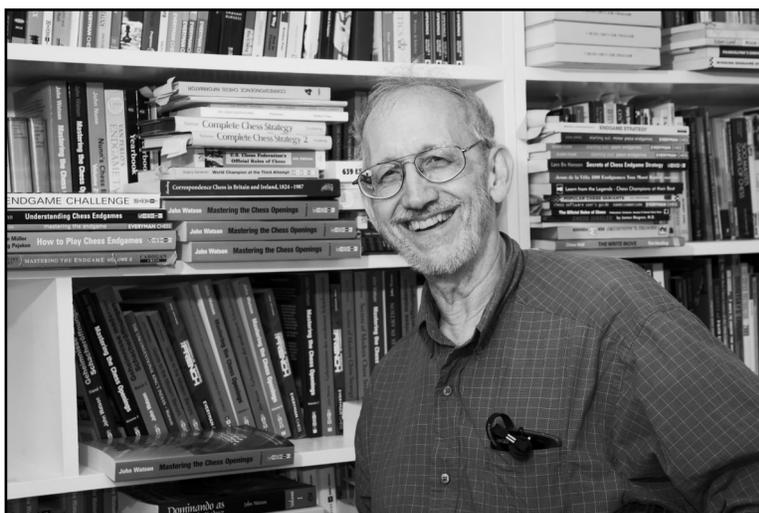
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- Taimanov and Knight's Tour Benoni* (1985)
- 4.Nc3 Gambit in the Queen's Gambit Accepted and Slav* (1986)
- The Kan Variation of the Sicilian* (1986)
- The Big Book of Busts* (1995) with Eric Schiller
- The Unconventional King's Indian Defense* (1997)
- The Gambit Guide to the Modern Benoni* (2001)
- Survive & Beat Annoying Chess Openings* (2003) with Eric Schiller
- How to Succeed in the Queen Pawn Openings* (2006) with Eric Schiller
- Mastering the Chess Opening, Volume 1* (2006)
- Mastering the Chess Openings, Volume 2* (2007)
- Mastering the Chess Openings, Volume 3* (2008)
- Mastering the Chess Openings, Volume 4* (2010)
- Chess Openings for Kids* (2011) with Graham Burgess
- A Strategic Chess Opening Repertoire for White* (2012)
- Taming Wild Chess Openings* (2015) with Eric Schiller



*The Chess House*

**John also authored:**

- 2nd Marshall International Chess Tournament, New York 1979* (1979)
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- 1983 U.S. Open* (1984) with Jim Marfia
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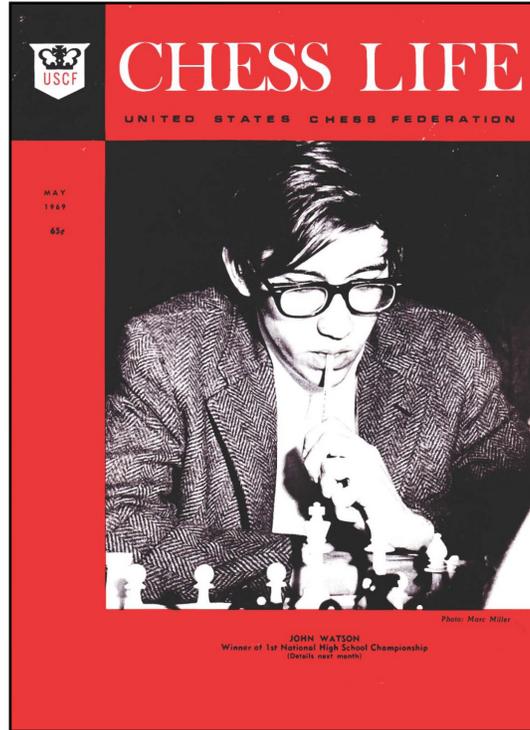


*John Watson with chess books*





Watson 1967



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### Candidate For USCF Secretary

**Eric D. Bone**

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Age: Twenty-nine.

Occupation: Computer Programmer for NASA at the Manned Spacecraft Center.

I am indeed pleased to be a candidate for the office of Secretary of the United States Chess Federation. I have been an active tournament player in the USCF since 1954, have been involved in chess promotion and organization since about 1960, and have been a USCF State Director from Texas since 1966. However, except for a few tournaments in Nevada and two Western Opens in Milwaukee, most of my activity has been confined to my own section of the country. For this reason, my name may be relatively unknown to many of you.

I am a USCF Expert whose rating makes occasional excursions into the

Master ranks—and then quickly retreats! I had my first taste of organizational work on a small scale while in college at the University of Texas. Since then I have been quite active in various capacities on a local and state level. I have participated in the affairs of the Houston Chess Club for the past seven years, serving variously during that period as President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Director of Tournaments and Matches (not to mention Janitor). I have acted as an organizer and promoter for most of the chess tournaments held in the Houston area in the last several years and have also directed quite a number of them.

On a state level, I have held office in the Texas Chess Association (TCA) since 1965. The first year I served as TCA Vice-President, and subsequently I have been three times elected to the combined office of Secretary-Treasurer

of the TCA. It is from my experience in this latter post in particular (one which has indeed been more than just a title) that I believe I have gained valuable background for the duties which I now seek.

If elected, I pledge to work very hard to carry out the duties of the office and to support the new administration and the Federation in every possible way. I do not believe that my physical distance from the other offices and from Newburgh would significantly render more difficult the duties of USCF Secretary or the coordination between that office and the USCF business office. On the contrary, I think that such geographical dispersion of the offices is, in general, a good and useful idea. I am looking forward to meeting many more of you, soon, and I hope I will be able to work with and for you for the next three years.

### NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIPS

With 370 players from 21 states, D.C., and Puerto Rico, the National High School Championship made a spectacularly successful debut at the McAlpin Hotel in New York April 11-13. Entrants came from as far as Hawaii and all eight USCF regions were represented. The Individual Champion, with a 7½-½ score, was John Watson, a senior at Brownell-Talbot High School, Omaha, Nebraska; while the team title, determined by combining the scores of each school's four best scorers, went to the "Gompers" team of Chicago, Ill., all of whose members attend Lane Technical High School.

This was a sensational tournament, in which what almost happened was perhaps as notable as what did. Pre-tournament ratings had John Jacobs of Bryan Adams, Dallas, Tex. (2206) ranked first, Eugene Meyer of Woodstock, N.Y. (2123) second, and Watson (2065) third. The three won their first four games, but in round five, Jacobs was upset by James MacFarland of Burnt Hills, N.Y. (1788), who tied Meyer. Watson, Elliott Winslow of University City, Mo. (1996), and Alexander Sze of Woodrow Wilson, Washington, D.C. (1898) for the lead at 5-0. Round six saw Meyer take a clear lead by defeating Sze, while Watson drew with Winslow and MacFarland lost to 12-year-old Paul Jacklyn of Cordello Elementary, Central Islip, N.Y. (1825) who had drawn a game earlier. Watson then scored a key victory over Meyer in the seventh round, but he was tied at 6½-½ by Jacklyn, who upset Winslow! The prospect of a sixth-grader becoming National High School Champion aroused much speculation as the final round and the decisive encounter, Watson vs. Jacklyn, were awaited. However,

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the outcome was somewhat of an anticlimax—Jacklyn mishandled the opening and was unable to put up much opposition thereafter, resigning on the 29th move.

Robert Enders of University City, Mo. placed second and last year's Eastern States High School Champion, Ray Tiltins of Brush, Cleveland, Ohio third, each with 7-1 scores. Both finished strong after being upset in the early going. Enders by John Bertschy of Horace Greeley, Chappaqua, N.Y., and Tiltins by David Hasegawa of the winning Gompers team. Fourth through twelfth with 6½-1½ were Paul Jacklyn; John Jacobs; Eugene Meyer; Daniel Harger of Roosevelt, Des Moines, Iowa; Elliott Winslow; Allan Savage of Woodrow Wilson, Washington, D.C.; Arthur Keske of Chardon, Ohio; Harold Boas of Evanston, Ill.; and Nicholas Ocipoff of Bayshore, Queens, N.Y. Best scoring 12th grader was Watson, 11th grader Meyer, 10th grader Enders, and 9th grader Boas. The 8th Grade Championship went to Danny Shapiro of Great Neck, N.Y. South JHS (rated only 1283) with 6 points; 7th Grade Champion with 3½ was Jose Berrocal of Perpetuo Socorro, Santurce, Puerto Rico. The B prize went to Nicholas Ocipoff; the C to Bob Norman of Eden Prairie, Minnesota; the D to Leonard Gross of Stuyvesant, New York, N.Y.; the E to James Glines of New Canaan, Conn.; the Under-1000 to Andrew Targoff of Stuyvesant; and the Under-800 to John Hauser of Great Neck, N.Y. North JHS. Robert Anderson of Gompers won the Unrated trophy with 6, on tie-break over 9th grader Vite Raczkowski of Churchill Area, Pittsburgh, Pa.; third with 5½ was Richard Lorenz of John F. Kennedy, Willingboro, N.J.

Robin Kavall, an 8th grader at Tetrard JHS, Bronx, N.Y., led four others to win the Girls Championship with 3 points, defeating second place Ann Marie Petrick of Notre Dame, Baltimore, Md. in the last round.

The Team Championship was another closely contested struggle. Gompers' 23½-8½ score edging second place Woodrow Wilson (Washington, D.C.) and third place Evanston Township (Evanston, Ill.) by a half point. The winners' top four scorers were David Hasegawa, Charles Ingersoll, Robert Anderson, and Larry Frye. Woodrow Wilson's team consisted of Allan Savage, Alexander Sze, Gary Meltzer, and Edward Friedman; Evanston's of Harold Boas, Philip Wong, Jay Adler, and Sidney Levin. 4th through 10th place prizewinners were Roosevelt (Des Moines, Iowa), Stuyvesant (New York, N.Y.), University City, Mo., Abraham Lincoln (Brooklyn, N.Y.), Brookline, Mass., Highland Park, N.J., and Seaholm (Birmingham, Mich.).

Many who did not participate cited "the great distance involved," which frequently was only a few hundred miles. Roger Calhoun and Christopher Au would probably find this claim humorous—they came all the way from Kailua, Hawaii—a distance of 5,000 miles! They posted respectable scores of 5 and 4 respectively. Also of note were the entry of 11 players from Churchill Area HS of Pittsburgh, 350 miles away (the most from any school); the entry of 7 from Marquette HS of Milwaukee, 800 miles distant, and the total of no less than 32 participants from the state of Illinois. Tournament Directors were William Goichberg and Sanford Greene, assisted by David Kaplan and Bob Moran.

The Second Annual National High

School Championship will be held at the same location April 3-5, 1970, and should draw well over 400 entrants. Many schools which didn't play in the first one have indicated they plan to enter next year. Regardless of where you are, your school can be represented—start planning now!

**GAMES FROM THE 1969 NATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL CHAMPIONSHIP**  
White: John Jacobs (Bryan Adams, Dallas, Tex.).  
Black: James MacFarland (Burnt Hills, N.Y.).

1. P-K4, P-K3; 2. P-Q4, P-Q4; 3. P-K5, P-QB4; 4. P-QB3, N-QB3; 5. N-B3, Q-N3; 6. P-QR3, N-K2; 7. P-QN4, P-B5; 8. P-QR4, N-B4; 9. B-K2, B-K2; 10. B-N5, P-B3; 11. B-B4, PXP ;12. NXP, NKN; 13. BxN, B-B3; 14. B-R3ch, K-K2; 15. Q-K2, B-Q2; 16. O-O, QR-KB1; 17. N-R3, K-Q1; 18. KR-N1, BxB; 19. PxB, Q-B2; 20. N-N5, BxN; 21. PxB, Q-N3; 22. Q-R2, K-B2; 23. QxRP, QxQ; 24. RxQ, N-K2; 25. B-N4, N-B4; 26. R1-R1, K-N3; 27. P-N3, R-B2; 28. R1-R6ch; PxR; 29. RxB, P-Q5; 30. PXP, P-B6; 31. B-B3, KxP; 32. B-K4, NXP; 33. R-Q7, P-B7; 34. R-QP7, P-B8(Q)ch; 35. RxQ, N-K7ch; White resigns.

White: James Cardamone (Northeast Catholic, Philadelphia, Pa.).

Black: John Watson (Brownell-Talbot, Omaha, Neb.).

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PXP; 4. NXP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-KN3; 6. P-B3, B-N2; 7. B-K3, O-O; 8. Q-Q2, N-B3; 9. O-O-O, NKN; 10. BxN, B-K3; 11. N-Q5, BxN; 12. PxB, R-B1; 13. K-N1, Q-B2; 14. R-B1, P-QR3; 15. P-KN4, P-QN4; 16. P-KR4, Q-N2; 17. P-QB4, PXP; 18. BxP, RxB7; 19. RxB, QXP; 20. Q-B37, N-R3ch; 21. Q-B1, QxR; 22. BxB, KxB; 23. PxN, QxKPxh; 24. K-R1, R-B1; 25. Q-Q1, R-B7; 26. P-R5, R-Q7; 27. P-R6ch, K-B1; 28. Q-QB1, Q-R7; and Black won.

White: Robert Enders (University City, Mo.).  
Black: Peter Koelsch (New Shrewsbury, N.J.).

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, N-QB3; 3. P-Q4, PXP; 4. NXP, N-B3; 5. N-QB3, P-Q3; 6. P-QB4, B-Q2; 7. B-K3, P-K3; 8. Q-K2, P-QR3; 9. B-N3, P-K2; 10. O-O-O, P-QN4; 11. P-B3, NKN; 12. BxN, B-B3; 13. P-N4, P-K4; 14. B-K3, O-O; 15. P-KR4, R-N1; 16. P-R5, P-R4; 17. P-N5, N-Q2; 18. P-N6, P-R5; 19. P-R6, RXP; 20. PXP, KXP; 21. B-R3ch, K-N1; 22. Q-R2, B-N4ch; 23. K-N1, B-B3; 24. B-N7, B-R5; 25. BxR, KxB; 26. QxB, QxQ; 27. RxQ, PxB; 28. RXP, PxBPxh; 29. KXP, R-B1; 30. R-R3ch, K-K2; 31. RxB, KxB; 32. R-KB8, N-B3; 33. P-R3, N-R4; 34. R-QN3, K-B4; 35. P-N3ch, K-Q3; 36. NxBch, BxN; 37. RxB, K-B3; 38. RXP, P-B3; 39. R-B3ch, K-N3; 40. P-R4, N-B5; 41. P-R5ch, K-R3; 42. R-B6ch, K-N4; 43. RXP, Black Resigns.

White: Paul Jacklyn (Cordello Elementary, Central Islip, N.Y.).  
Black: Larry Frye (Gompers LT, Chicago, Ill.).

1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-Q3; 3. P-Q4, PXP; 4. NXP, N-KB3; 5. N-QB3, P-QR3; 6. B-N5, P-K2; 7. Q-Q27, P-R3; 8. B-K3, B-K2; 9. B-K2, KN-Q2; 10. P-B4, Q-B2; 11. O-O, P-QN4; 12. B-B3, B-N2; 13. P-QR3, N-N3; 14. Q-B2, KN-Q2; 15. Q-N3, P-N4; 16. B-R5, O-O-O; 17. BxP, PXP; 18. BxP, P-K4; 19. N-B5, N-B5; 20.

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*Watson - May 1976*



*Smyslov reading Chessman comics*



*Watson - 1977 US Open*



*1977 US Open - Watson vs. Dmitry Agrachov*



*1977 US Open - GM William Lombardy vs. Watson*



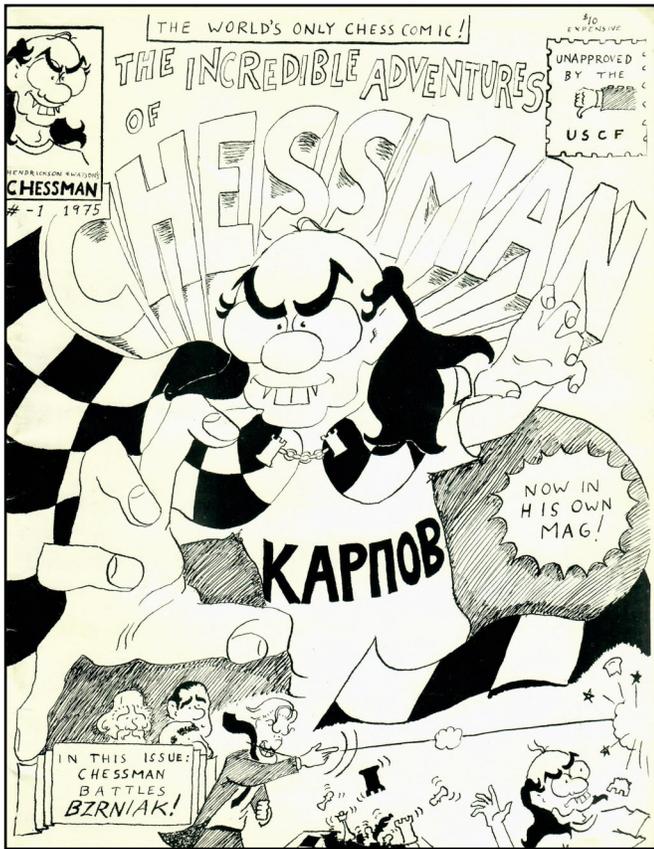
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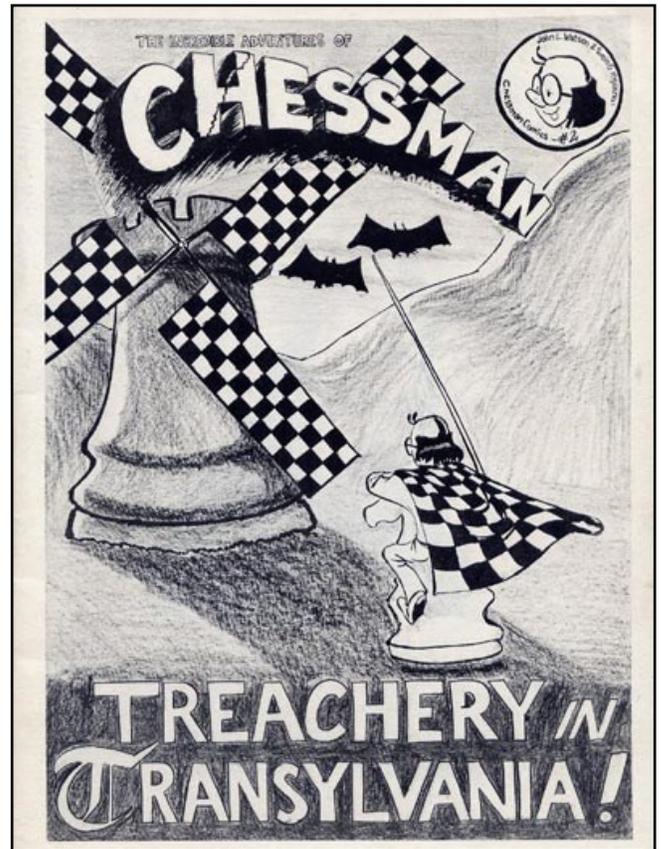
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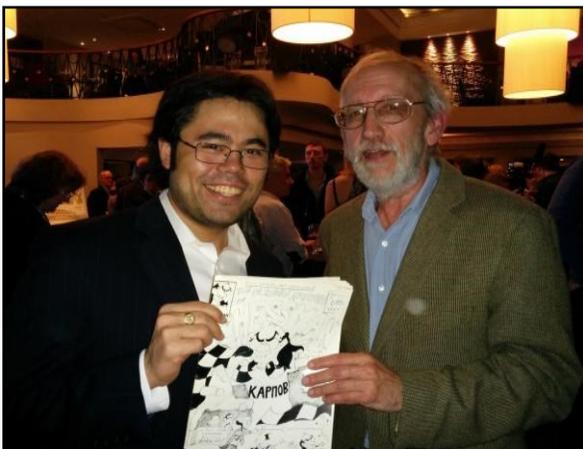
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*2003 US Chess Championship*



*2019 Denver Open*



*John with Hikaru Nakamura and Chessman Comic*



*John at the demonstration board*





Shamkovich was a Russian Grandmaster who left the Soviet Union in 1975, moving first to Israel, then Canada, and finally to the United States. He won the 1975 Canadian Chess Championship and was inducted into the World Chess Hall of Fame in 2004.

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[Date "April 1981"]

[Round "7"]

[White "John Watson (2489)"]

[Black "Leonid Shamkovich (2537)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. e4 d5 4. e5 Ne4 5. Nf3 Nc6 6. d4 Be7 7. Bd3 Nxc3 8. bxc3 dxc4 9. Bxc4 Na5 10. Bd3 c5 11. O-O Bd7 12. Be3 cxd4 13. cxd4 Bc6 14. Nd2 Qd5 15. Qg4 g6 16. Be4 Qd7 17. Rac1 Rd8 18. Rfd1 Bd5 19. h4 Nc6 20. h5 Nb4 21. a3 Nc6 22. Rc3 Bxe4 23. Nxe4 Nxe5 24. Qf4 Nc6 25. d5 f5 26. Rcd3 exd5 27. Rxd5 Qxd5 28. Rxd5 Rxd5 29. Nc3 Rd7 30. Qc4 Rf8 31. Nd5 Bd6 32. Bg5 Be5 33. g3 Rd6 34. Nf4 Rf7 35. Nd3 Bd4 36. Bf4 Rdd7 37. hxc6 hxc6 38. Qe6+ Rde7 39. Qxc6 Nd8 40. Bg5 Bg7 41. Bxe7 Kxe7 42. Qg5+ Kd7 43. Qd2 Kc8 44. Qe3 a6 45. Qe8 Bf8 46. Qe5 Bg7 47. Qd5 Bf8 48. Ne5 Rc7 49. Nc4 Rf7 50. a4 Kc7 51. a5 f4 52. Qe5+ Kc6 53. Qb8 Kb5 54. Ne5 Nc6 55. Nxc6 Kxc6 56. Qe8+ Rd7 57. Qc8+ Rc7 58. Qxf8 fxc3 59. Qf6+ Kd7 60. Qd4+ 1-0



Position after 24...Nc6

Ron Henley achieved the IM title in 1980 and GM title in 1982. In the 1990s he was a second, analyst, and trainer for former World Champion Anatoly Karpov in several matches.

[Event "1981 Edward Lasker Memorial"]

[Site "New York"]

[Date "April 1981"]

[Round "10"]

[White "Ron Henley (2480)"]

[Black "John Watson (2489)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.g3 f6 9.Bd3 cxd4 10.cxd4 Be7 11.Ne2 fxe5 12.fxe5 0-0 13.Nf4 Nxd4! 14.Nxd4 Nxe5 15.Nc2 Bb4+ 16.Bd2 Bxd2+ 17.Kxd2 Nxd3 18.Nxd3 e5 19.Kc1 Bf5 20.Kb1 Rac8 21.Rf1 Qb5 22.Rxf5 Rxf5 23.a4 Qb6 24.a5 Qb5 25.Ra3 d4 26.Qh1 Rcf8 27.Qe4 Rf1+ 28.Nde1 h6 29.Ka2 Qc4+ 30.Rb3 Qa4+ (30...Qa4+ 31.Ra3 Qb5 32.Nf3 Qc4+ 33.b3 Qc7) 0-1



Position after 13.Nf4

Arthur Bisguier won the 1954 U.S. Championship and three U.S. Open titles (1950, 1956, and 1959). Watson and Bisguier tied for third place with Joe Bradford and Tom Unger in the tournament, behind Andrew Soltis and William Martz.

[Event "1982 U.S. Open"]

[Site "St Paul, Minnesota"]

[Date "August 19, 1982"]

[Round "11"]

[White "Arthur Bisguier (2498)"]

[Black "John Watson (2503)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.Be2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Na6 9.Be3 Nc5 10.Bf3 Nfd7 11.0-0 e5! 12.Ndb5 exf4 13.Bxf4 Ne5 14.Be2 Be6 15.b3 a6 16.Nd4 Nc6 17.Nxc6 bxc6 18.Rc1 Qa5 19.Bd2 Qb6 20.Be3 Rad8 21.Kh1 Qb8 22.Bf3 Be5 =+ 23.Ne2 a5 24.Nd4 Bd7 25.Bg4 Qc8 26.Bxd7 Qxd7 27.Qf3 Rc8 28.Rcd1 Qe7 29.Rfe1 Rfe8 30.Bf2 Qg5 31.Qh3 Qe7 32.Nf3? Bc3 33.Bxc5 (33.Ng5 Qxc5 34.Qxc3 Nxe4 35.Qf3 f5 -/+) 33...Bxe1 34.Bxd6 Qxe4+ 35.Ng5 Qh4 36.Qxh4 Bxh4 37.Nf3 Bf6 38.a3 c5 39.Rd5 Re3 40.h4 Rxb3 41.Bxc5 Rc3 42.Nd2 Bxh4 43.Kh2 Bg3+ 44.Kg1 Re8 45.Nf1 Be1 46.Bb6 Rxc4 47.Bxa5 Bxa5 48.Rxa5 Rc2 49.Kh2 Re2 50.Ra8+ Kg7 0-1



Position after 32.Nf3



The Chess Palace, founded in 1990, is one of Southern California's premier chess clubs offering weekly tournaments, instruction, and large collection of chess books and merchandise. David Bronstein, Walter Browne, Susan Polgar, and Eduard Gufeld are some of the notable players who have visited the Chess Palace over the years.

[Event "Chess Palace March Championship"]  
 [Site "Long Beach, California"]  
 [Date "March 14, 1993"] [Round "3"]  
**[White "John Watson (2430)"]**  
**[Black "Juan Fong (2229)"]**  
 [Result "1-0"]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.g4 Nxc4 8.Rg1 Nxe2 9.Nxe2 Bxe2 10.Rxe2 Nf8! 11.Rg2 Bc7!? 12.e4 dxc4? (12...Ng6! 13.Bg5 f6 14.Bh6 +=) 13.Be3 b5 14.0-0-0 Bb7 15.d5?! (15.e5±) 15...Qe7! 16.Qd2! b4 (16...cxd5 17.Nxb5; 16...0-0-0 17.Qd4 Ng6! 18.Qxa7 Bb8 with an unclear position.) 17.Na4!?! (17.d6!?) 17...cxd5 18.Bc5 Bd6 19.Qxb4 0-0-0!?! (19...Bxc5! 20.Nxc5= Rc8!?! (20...Bc6) 21.Qxb7 Qxc5 22.exd5 +=) 20.Bxc4 (20.Rg7 Ng6 21.exd5 also unclear) 20...Ng6 21.exd5 Nf4?! 22.Rg3! += Nxd5 (22...exd5 23.Re3 Qc7 24.Bxd6 Rxd6 25.Kb1 +=) 23.Bxd5 Bxd5? (23...exd5 24.Bxd6 Qxd6 25.Nc5+-) 24.Rc3 Kd7 25.Rxd5 exd5 26.Qb5+ Kc7 27.Bb6+ Kb8 28.Bc7+ 1-0



Position after 19...0-0-0

Gata Kamsky just turned 19 at the time of this game. Two years later he was ranked 4th in the world. Kamsky lost to Anatoly Karpov in the final of the 1996 FIDE World Championship.

[Event "1993 World Open"]  
 [Site "Philadelphia, Pennsylvania"]  
 [Date "July 2, 1993"] [Round "2"]  
**[White "John Watson (2459)"]**  
**[Black "Gata Kamsky (2797)"]**  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3 e5 7.d5 Nh5 8.Nh2 Qe8 9.Be2 Nf4 10.Bf3 f5 11.g3 Nxe3 12.Bg2 f4 13.Nf3 g5 14.Bxe3 Qg6 15.Bg2 (15.Nh4 gxh3 16.g4 h5!) 15...gxf3 (15...fxg3?! 16.Nh4!) 16.Qxf3 Qg6 17.Bh3! Na6? (17...fxg3! 18.Qxg3 Qxg3 19.fxg3 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 Nd7 21.g4! +=; 17...Bxe3?! 18.Rxe3 Nd7 19.Bd2 Rf7 20.Qh1!) 18.Bxc8 Rxc8 19.g4? (19.gxf4! exf4 (19...Nb4 20.f5! Nc2+ 21.Kd1 Nxa1 22.Qh3) 20.Bd2!±) 19...c6! 20.Rh5?! (20.b3! is unclear) 20...Nb4! (now Black has the upper hand) 21.Kd2?! (21.Qd1 cxd5! 22.a3 Nc2+! 23.Qxc2 d4 -/+) 21...cxd5 22.cxd5 Rc4 23.a3 Rd4+ 24.Ke2 Nc2 (24...Rd3! 25.axb4 Rxf3 26.Kxf3 I thought this might be okay, but in the cold light of day Black is winning.) 25.Rb1 Rc4 (If 25...Rxd5, White has 26.Nxd5! Nd4+ 27.Kd3! Qxh5 28.gxh5 Nxf3 29.Bd2) 26.Qh1 Nxa3?! (26...Nd4+! 27.Kd3 Qxg4 28.f3 Qc8!) 27.bxa3 Rxc3! (27...f3+ 28.Kd3=) 28.f3! b6 29.Bd2! Rc4 30.g5! Rfc8 31.Qh3 (A complex game. We both played pretty poorly, but the moves weren't obvious and we were in some time trouble early on.) ½-½



Position after 16...Qg6



Josh Bloomer vs. John Watson  
 2019 Denver Open

Watson and Gufeld tied for third place with Jack Peters, Sergey Janovsky, Roland Eskstrom, and William Duckworth. Grandmaster Gufeld is one of the most prolific chess authors of all time, writing over 80 chess books.

[Event "1995 American Open"]  
 [Site "Los Angeles, California"]  
 [Date "November 24, 1995"] [Round "3"]  
 [White "John Watson (2444), FIDE - 2395"]  
 [Black "Eduard Gufeld (2591), FIDE - 2435"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 O-O 5. Nf3 d6 6. h3 a6 7. Be3 c6 8. Be2 b5 9. a3 Nbd7 10. O-O bxc4 11. Bxc4 d5 12. exd5 Nb6 13. Ba2 cxd5 14. Ne5 Be6 15. Qe2 Ne8 16. Nd3 Bc8 17. Nc5 e6 18. Rfd1 Nd6 19. Bf4 Nbc4 20. Bxc4 Nxc4 21. b3 Nd6 22. Be5 Bh6 23. Qf3 Nf5 24. Ra2 Nh4 25. Qf6 Qxf6 26. Bxf6 Nf5 27. g4 Bg7 28. Bxg7 Nxc7 29. Kg2 f6 30. b4 h5 31. f3 hxg4 32. hxg4 Ra7 33. Rh1 f5 34. Nd3 fxg4 35. fxg4 Rc7 36. Ne2 Bd7 37. Ne5 Be8 38. Rc1 Rb7 39. Rc8 g5 40. Rac2 Bb5 41. Ng1 Ne8 42. Ngf3 Rg7 43. Rd8 Nf6 44. Rxf8+ Kxf8 45. Re8+ Be8 46. Ra8 Ne4 47. Nd3 Ke7 48. Rxa6 Kf6 49. Ra8 Bb5 50. Nc5 Nxc5 51. bxc5 Bd3 52. Ne5 Be4+ 53. Kf2 Rb7 54. c6 Rb2+ 55. Ke3 Rb3+ 56. Kd2 Rb2+ 57. Kc3 Rc2+ 58. Kb3 Ke7 59. Ra7+ Ke8 60. c7 1-0



Position after 24...Nh4

Ivanov won the tournament by half a point. This was Igor's only loss - no draws. Ivanov won the U.S. Grand Prix many years.

[Event "1997 Lina Grumette Memorial Day"]  
 [Site "Irvine, California"]  
 [Date "May 25, 1997"]  
 [Round "3"]  
 [White "John Watson (2423)"]  
 [Black "Igor Ivanov (2522)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 c5 5.Nge2 d6 6.a3 Ba5 7.Rb1 Nc6!? (7...Na6!?) 8.d5!? (8.b4! cxb4 9.axb4 Bxb4 10.Rxb4 Nxb4 11.Qa4+ Nc6 12.d5 +=) 8...Ne7 (8...exd5! 9.cxd5 Ne5) 9.b4 Bb6 10.Ng3 cxb4 11.axb4 a5 12.Ba3! 0-0 13.Be2 exd5 14.Nxd5!? Nexd5 15.cxd5 axb4 16.Bxb4 Ba5 17.0-0?! Re8?! (17...Bxb4 18.Rxb4 Qa5 19.Rb5 +=) 18.Ba3! Re5 19.Bf3 Re8 20.Bb2 Nd7 21.Bg4! Nc5 22.Bxc8 Qxc8 (22...Rxc8? 23.Nh5±) 23.Rc1 (23.Nh5!? f6 24.Qf3) 23...f6 24.Rc4! b5? (24...Bd8!±) 25.Rg4 Kf8 26.Rh4! h6 27.Qh5 Qb7 28.Nf5! Re4 (28...Qxd5 29.Bxf6! Ne6 30.Rd1+-) 29.Bxf6! Rxh4 30.Qxh4 gxf6 31.Qxf6+ Kg8 (31...Qf7 32.Qxd6+ Ke8 33.Qc6+) 32.Ne7+ 1-0



Position after 23...f6

A few months before this tournament, at age 22, Polgar beat FIDE World Champion Anatoly Karpov in an exhibition match, 5-3.

[Event "1998 U.S. Open"]  
 [Site "Kona, Hawaii"]  
 [Date "August 4, 1998"]  
 [Round "4"]  
 [White "John Watson (2388), FIDE - 2398"]  
 [Black "Judit Polgar (2620), FIDE - 2715"]  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.g3 Qb6 7.Nb3 Ng4 8.e3 f5 9.Qe2 a5 10.Bg2 a4 11.Nd4! Bc5 (11...Nxd4 12.exd4 Qxd4 13.0-0 with an attack) 12.Ndb5 0-0 13.0-0 Nce5 14.Rb1 h5 15.b4! axb3 16.axb3 Qd8 17.b4 Be7 18.c5 h4 19.e4! fxe4 20.Nxe4 hxg3 21.hxg3 Nf6 22.Nxf6+ Bxf6 23.Bf4 Nf7 24.Be4!? (24.Qh5!) 24...Ng5! 25.Bg6? (25.Bxg5 Bxg5 26.Nd6) 25...Nh3+ 26.Kg2 Nxf4+ 27.gxf4 Bg5! 28.f5!? (28.Nd6 Bxf4 29.Qh5 Qg5+ 30.Qxg5 Bxg5 31.Ra1 Rb8 32.b5±) 28...Bh6! 29.Rb3 b6 30.Nd6 bxc5 31.Rh1! (31.fxe6 dxe6 32.bxc5 Qg5+ 33.Rg3 Qxc5=) 31...cxb4! (31...Qc7 32.Rxh6! gxf6 33.Qh5+-) 32.Rxh6? (32.Qg4!) 32...Qg5+ (32...gxh6 33.Rg3+-) 33.Rg3 Qxh6 34.Rh3!? (34.fxe6!± dxe6 35.Nxc8 Rf6! is unclear) 34...Qg5+ 35.Rg3 Qh6 36.Rh3 Qg5+ 37.Rg3 ½-½



Position after 18...h4

Julio Becerra Rivero (born in Cuba) achieved the Grandmaster title in 1997.

[Event "1999 Linares Tournament"]

[Site "Linares, Spain"]

[Tournament Date "February 21 - March 10, 1999"] [Round "7"]

[White "John Watson, FIDE - 2420"]

[Black "Julio Becerra Rivero, FIDE - 2550"]

[Result "1-0"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 Na6 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.Be3 Nd7  
 9.h3 Bxf3 10.Qxf3 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 (11...Ndc5 12.0-0-0!) 12.f5 Ndc5 (12...gxf5  
 13.exf5+; 12...Bh6!? 13.0-0-0! Bxe3+ 14.Qxe3 c6 15.h4!?!±) 13.Be2 Nd3+  
 (13...Bh6? 14.Rd1; 13...gxf5 14.exf5 e4 15.Qg3! Kh8 16.0-0+-) 14.Bxd3 Qxd3  
 15.Rd1 Qxc4 16.f6 Bh8 17.Nd5 Rfd8 18.b3! Qc2 (18...Qb5!? 19.a4 Qa5+ 20.Bd2  
 Qc5 21.b4 Qc4 22.Rc1 Qd4 23.Bc3 Qc4 24.Bb2 Qa2 25.Qa3! Qxa3 26.Bxa3+-)  
 19.0-0 Qxa2 20.Bh6 Rxd5 21.Rxd5 Nb4 22.Rxe5 Nc6 23.Rd5 Re8 24.Qc3 Qa6  
 25.e5 Qb6+ 26.Kh1 a5 27.Rd7 (27.e6!) 27...Qb5 28.Qc4 Qxc4 29.bxc4 Rxe5  
 30.Rxc7 Re8 31.Rxb7 a4 32.Rc7 Nd4 33.Re7 (33.Re7 Ra8 34.Rfe1 Ne6  
 35.R1xe6) 1-0



Position after 17...Rfd8

This game was played at the Mechanics' Institute Chess Club in San Francisco, the oldest continuous operating chess club in the United States that opened in 1854. Over the years, the Mechanics' Institute has hosted many national and international tournaments.

[Event "Falconer Scheveningen Team Mat"]

[Site "Mechanics' Institute - San Francisco, California"]

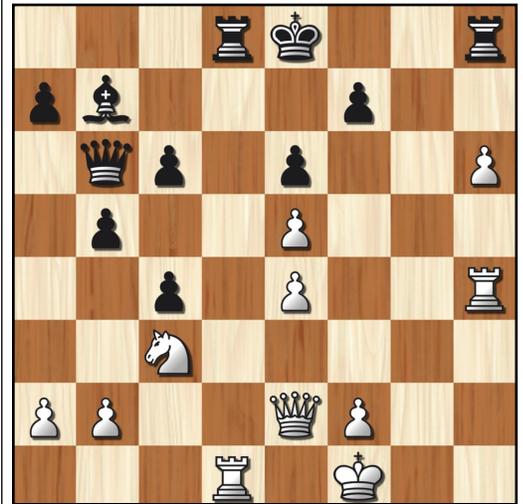
[Date "March 15, 1999"] [Round "4"]

[White "John Watson (2494)"]

[Black "Ronald Cusi (2424)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 dxc4 7.e4 g5 8.Bg3 b5  
 9.Qc2!? Nbd7 [9...g4 10.Ne5 Qxd4 11.Rd1 (11.Be2) 11...Qc5! (11...Qb6 12.Be2)  
 12.Rd8+!? Kxd8 13.Nxf7+ Ke8 14.Nxh8 e5 15.Ng6 Nbd7 16.Be2 is unclear]  
 10.Be2 Bb7 11.Rd1 Qb6 12.h4 Nh5 13.Be5! Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Nf4 15.hxg5 Nxg2+  
 16.Kf1 Nf4 17.Rh4 Nxe2 18.Qxe2 Bg7? (18...b4? 19.Qf3; 18...Qc7! 19.Qf3 Bg7  
 20.g6 fxg6 21.Nxg6 Rg8 22.Nf4±) 19.gxh6 Bxe5 20.dxe5 Rd8 (20...b4 21.Qg4  
 bxc3 22.Qg7 Rf8 23.h7+-) 21.Qg4! Rxd1+ 22.Nxd1 Qd8 23.Ne3 Kd7 24.Qd1+  
 Ke7 25.Qxd8+ Kxd8 26.Ng4 b4 27.Ke1 a5 28.Nf6 a4 29.Kd1 c5 30.h7 Ke7  
 31.Rg4 Rd8+ 32.Kc1 Rh8 33.Rg8 Rxh7 34.Nxh7 Bxe4 35.Nf6 Bc6 36.Rc8 1-0



Position after 20...Rd8

Gawain Jones became a Grandmaster in 2007. He represented England in the World Junior and World Youth Championships on many occasions and has been one of England's highest rated players in 2008.

[Event "2015 Gibraltar Tournament"] [Site "Gibraltar, British Overseas Territory"]

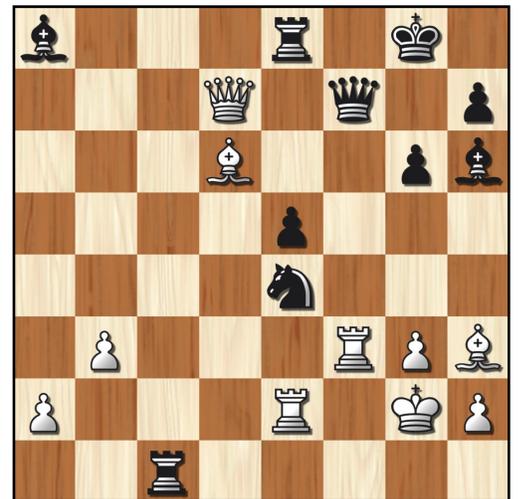
[Date "February 2, 2015"] [Round "7"]

[White "Gawain Jones, FIDE - 2671"]

[Black "John Watson, FIDE - 2319"]

[Result "0-1"]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.d4 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 a6 8.Qd2 Rb8  
 9.Rc1 Bd7 10.Nd1 Re8 11.Nf2 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.g3 e5 14.d5 Ne7 15.Bg2  
 (15.Rd1 c6 16.dxc6 Nxc6! 17.Qxd6 Qa5+ =+; 15.g4!? c6 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.g5 Nh5  
 18.Ng3 Nf4! 19.Ng4 Ba8= intending...d5) 15...c6 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.0-0 d5 18.Rfd1  
 Qd7!? 19.Be5 Qb7 20.Qb4 Nc8 21.Rc2 Nb6 22.b3 dxe4 23.fxe4 Bh6 24.Nc3  
 Nbd7 25.Bd6 Rbc8 26.Re2 Qb6 -/+ 27.Rd3?! Ng4 28.Ncd1 (28.Na4 Nxf2!  
 29.Nxb6 Nxd3 30.Qc3 Nc1+-) 28...Ba8 (28...Bb7!) 29.Bh3? (29.h3 Nxf2 30.Nxf2  
 Nc5 31.Bxc5 Rxc5 32.Kh2 Rec8 -/+) 29...Nxf2 30.Nxf2 (30.Rxf2 f5 with the idea  
 31.exf5 e4!+-) 30...Rc1+ 31.Kg2 [31.Re1 Rc2 32.Rf1 Nf6-+; 31.Bf1 Bb7! with  
 the idea 32.a4? (32.h3 Rec8+-) 32...bxa4 33.Qxb6 Nxb6 34.bxa4 Ba6+-] 31...f5-+  
 32.Be7 Qe6 33.Bd6 (33.Qd6 Qxd6 34.Bxd6 Nf6+-) 33...Nf6 34.Rf3 Qf7!?  
 (34...Nd5! 35.exd5 Qxd5) 35.Qxb5?! fxe4 36.Nxe4 Nxe4! 37.Qd7 (37.Rxf7  
 Nxd6+ 38.Kf2 Nxb5) 37...Qxf3+!? 38.Kxf3 Nf6+ (38...Nc5+!) 39.Kf2 Nxd7  
 40.Bxd7 Bf8 41.Bxe8 Bxd6 42.b4 Rh1 43.Ke3 Bxb4 44.Rc2 Bd5 0-1



Position after 37.Qd7

## Todd Bardwick



2023

*The Chess Detective*

Todd Bardwick was born on April 19, 1963 near Hartford, Connecticut. He learned how chess at age 6 from his father, Alan Bardwick.

Alan was the 1956 Unrated Chicago High School Champion, the 1986 Denver Chess Club Champion, and the 1987 Boulder Champion. Alan's highest rating was 2148 (in 1989), making the Bardwick father-son duo the third strongest in Colorado chess history (behind the Fishbeins, and Ponomarevs).

Alan Bardwick was the Colorado State Chess Association Treasurer from 1978-1979, Member at Large from 1979-1980, and Vice-President from 1980-1981. Alan was also the President of the Denver Chess Club from 1980-86 and a Senior Level Tournament Director, organizing and directing the Colorado Open and seven Denver Opens.

Todd won the Novice Trophy in his first tournament, the 1973 Al Wallace Memorial, and became an expert in high school and with Yury Oshmyansky, led Cherry Creek High School to three Colorado high school state titles from 1978-1980. Todd won the 1981 Colorado High School Championship.

Bardwick went to the University of Colorado in Boulder, graduating first in his Civil Engineering class in 1985. During his college years, he was the Denver Chess Club Champion from 1981-1983.

After college, he moved to San Diego for five years, where he worked as a rocket scientist for General Dynamics in the Structural Analysis group.

Todd moved back to Denver in late 1989 and finished in a tie for second place (with Michael Ginat) in the 1993 Colorado Open [the last three games were wins against James McCarty (2376), Randy Canney (2355), and a draw with Michael Mulyar (2413)], achieving the National Master title.

Bardwick is the only five-time consecutive Denver Open Champion (1992-1996) with an average performance rating over 2400 for those tournaments.

Todd was also the Colorado Chess Tour Winner in 1995-1996.

On September 5-6, 1995, in the fourth round of the Colorado Open, Bardwick survived rook and knight vs. rook end-game against FM David Lucky (who a month earlier tied for second in the U.S. Open) in a game that lasted 12 hours. This game is the record longest continuous chess game in the United States between masters.

### **Organizing, Directing, and Promoting Chess**

Todd was President of the Colorado State Chess Association from 2004-2006 and over the years has held every position on the CSCA Board except Secretary. Years of service on the CSCA Board were 1978-1979, 1993-1997, 2002-2008, and 2015-2019.

He has also been the CSCA Historian since John Harris passed away in 1995 and the CSCA Scholastic Coordinator.

Bardwick is a National Tournament Director (NTD) and has directed many of the largest tournaments in Colorado – Colorado Open, Denver Open (many times), Colorado Scholastic State Championship (over ten years), and Cherry Creek District Chess Tournament (over 25 years).

Todd was the head of the committee and made the successful bid that brought 1998 U.S. Championships and US Senior Open to Denver, winning the bid by finding a free hotel site and providing daily media coverage for nineteen straight days through his column in the *Rocky Mountain News* (Denver won the bid over New York City and Honolulu).

Twice a year for decades, Bardwick promoted chess by bringing new players to the game by making chess visible to the public through Simultaneous Exhibitions in local Denver malls. He also gave many simuls in local schools, the Denver Art Museum, and even Cirque du Soleil.

Bardwick also promoted chess to the public by speaking to thousands of attendees through annual Chess Knights at the Pepsi Center before Denver Nuggets basketball and Colorado Avalanche hockey games (2007-2016). After a lecture, he would perform the Knight's Tour blindfolded for the audience periodically stopping on squares to give out prizes to the kids.

## Coaching

Bardwick has been teaching chess to kids and adults through the Chess Academy of Denver and Colorado Master Chess full-time for over 30 years and is one of the most experienced and successful chess teachers in the country. He has taught over 15,000 classes (and many more private lessons) to children in before and after school programs, classes as part of school curriculums in the classroom during the school day, one-day chess rec center workshops, and summer camps.

Todd has taught numerous nationally ranked students and Colorado State Individual and Team Champions. His students have become expert and master rated players and one was the highest rated player for his age in the country and a two-time national champion.

Bardwick founded the summer annual Rocky Mountain Chess Camp for kids in 1995, one of the oldest chess camps in the nation. Thousands of kids have attended this camp over the years, many from across the country and even some from overseas. (2024 is the 30th year of the camp.)

Bardwick is also a USCF Level V – Professional Chess Coach, one of seven in the nation with this distinction. In 2023 the United States Chess Federation awarded Todd the prestigious Dan Heisman Award for Excellence in Chess Instruction. (2023 was the third time the Heisman Award was awarded.)

Also in 2023, Bardwick joined the USCF Scholastic Council & Committee after receiving an invitation from Scholastic Committee Chair, John D. Rockefeller V.

## Journalist and Author

Bardwick's chess articles and books have wide audiences in Denver, the United States, and around the world.

Todd wrote a monthly chess column in the Denver Rocky Mountain News newspaper (the 11th largest newspaper in the country at the time) from 1993 through 2009 when the paper closed. The column featured stories on local and national chess events and players, interviews with professional athletes who play chess, rules, famous games, and reviews of movies that featured chess.

In 2002, Todd started writing a chess column for *School Mates* which turned into *Chess Life for Kids*, the national chess magazine for children, where he became known nationally as the Chess Detective®.

Bardwick has also written a series of nine books that cover all the major aspects of the game from teachers to kids to advanced tournament players.

***Teaching Chess in the 21st Century*** (2005) is a book for teachers to justify teaching chess as part of the math curriculum showing how chess meets the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics Standards.

The beginner series consists of ***Chess Workbook for Children*** (2006) – a companion workbook to Teaching Chess in the 21st Century, ***Chess Concepts and Coloring Book for Kids*** (2019) – for real young players, and ***Chess Handbook*** (2020) – a comprehensive beginner book that also bridges the gap to intermediate players.

***Chess Workbook for Children*** and ***Chess Strategy Workbook*** have been translated into Russian and sold throughout Russia. ***Chess Workbook for Children*** has also been translated into Korean and Czechoslovakian and sold in those countries.

The intermediate/advanced books in the series for rated players consist of *Chess Strategy Workbook* (2010), *Chess Tactics and Combinations Workbook* (2019), *Attacking the Chess King Workbook* (2019), *Chess Endgame Workbook* (2021), and *Chess Openings* (2022).

Bardwick's contributions to the French Defense are in *Play the French* (New Edition) by IM John Watson, pages 47-48 for the Exchange Variation and *Inside Chess*, April 15, 1996, pages 29-30 in an article by Watson on the Advance Variation.

Todd is an acknowledged contributor to *A Legend on the Road – Bobby Fischer's 1964 Simul Tour – Second Edition*, by IM John Donaldson.

"Bobby Fischer's Visits to Colorado" <https://new.uschess.org/news/bobby-fischers-visits-colorado> won Honorable Mention for Best Historical Online article from the Chess Journalists of America. The full article was published in the August 2018 *Colorado Chess Informant*.



*First trophy - 1973*



*1982 Boulder Open playing GM Walter Browne*



*1982 Boulder Open playing GM Walter Browne (standing)*



*Alan Bardwick teaching at Rocky Mountain Chess Camp*



*March 2007 Simul at Colorado Mills Mall*



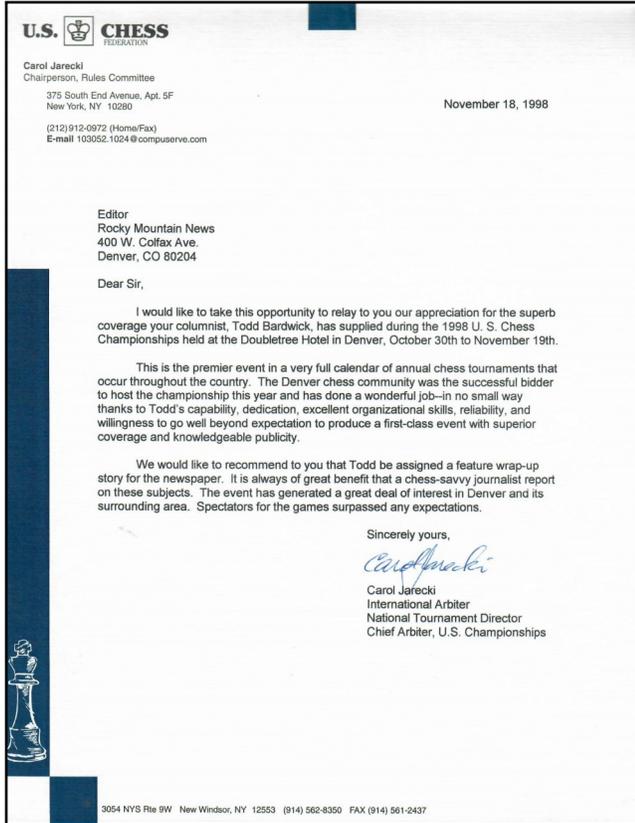
*October 2002 Simul from above*



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*October 2003 Simultaneous Exhibition at Colorado Mills Mall*



1998 Carol Jarecki letter to Rocky Mountain News



1998 US Championship Finals with Carol Jarecki



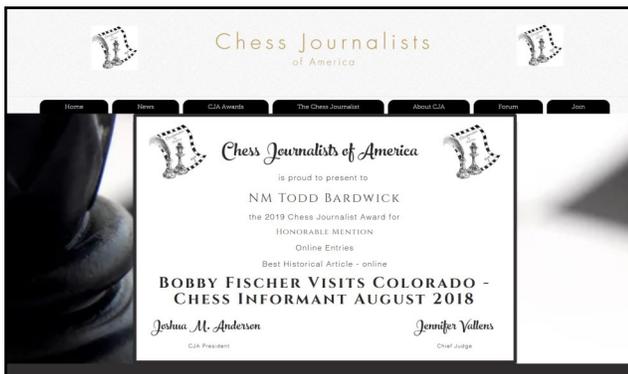
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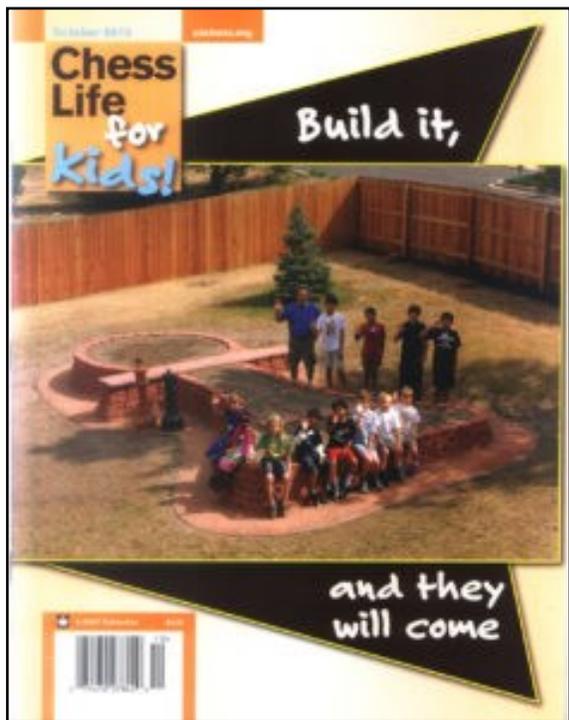
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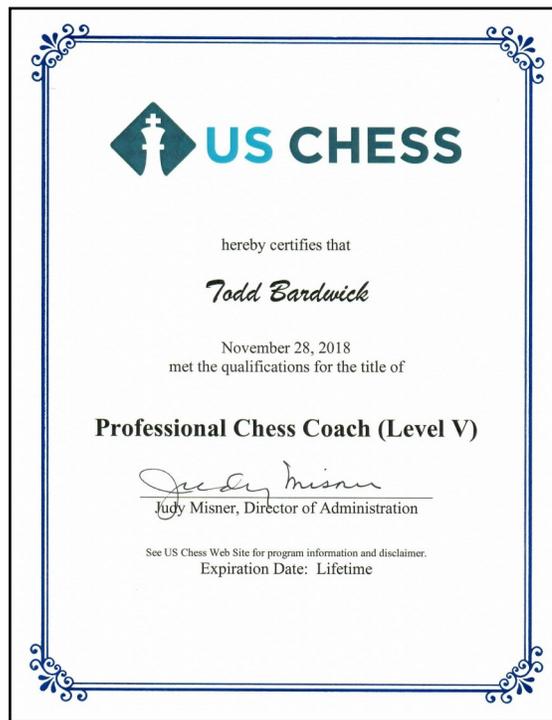
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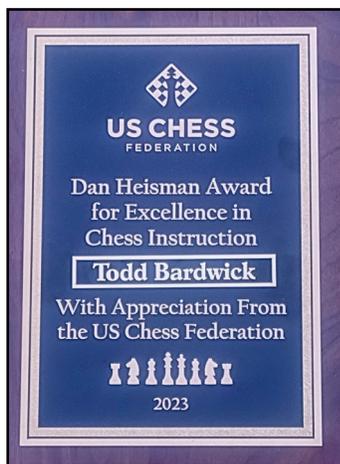
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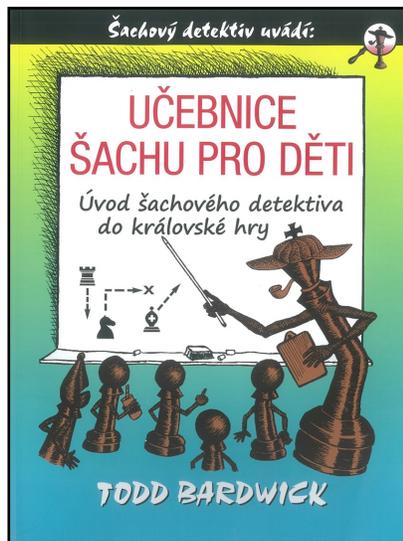
*Pawn Garden on the cover of the October 2012 Chess Life for Kids*



*USCF - Level V Coach*



*Dan Heisman Award for Excellence in Chess Instruction*



*Chess Workbook for Children Czech Republic cover*



*Chess Workbook for Children Korean cover*

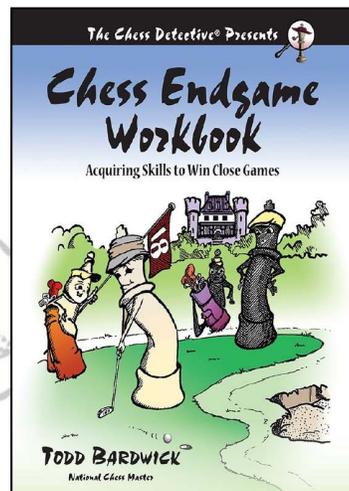
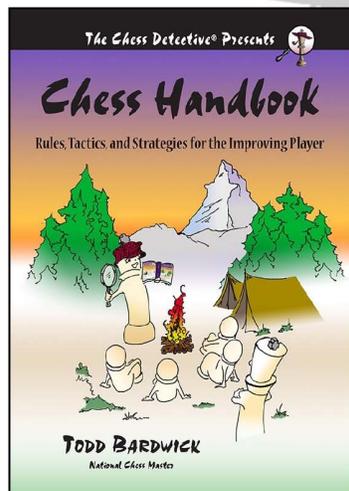
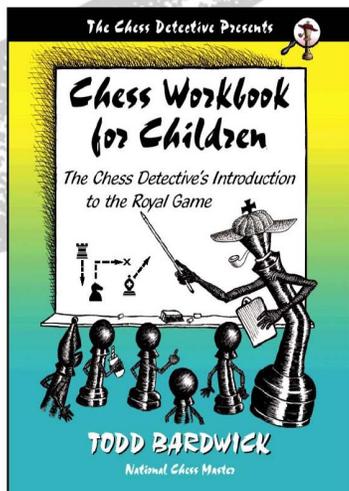
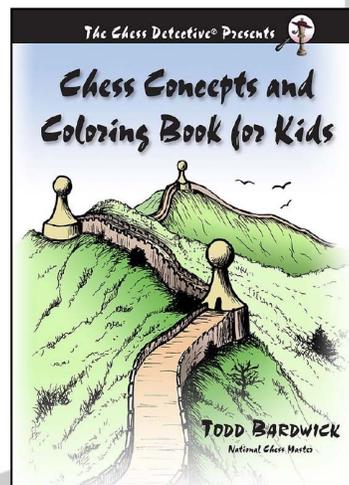
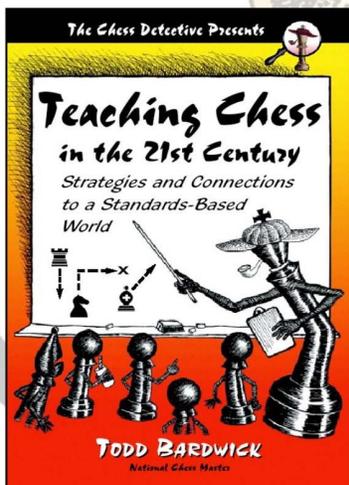
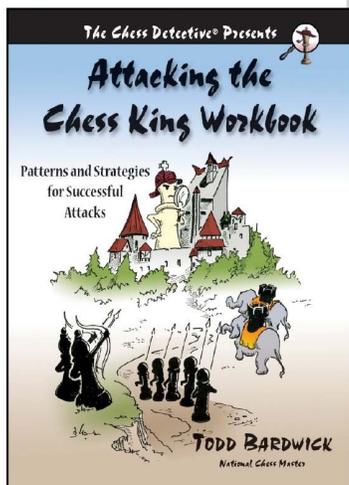
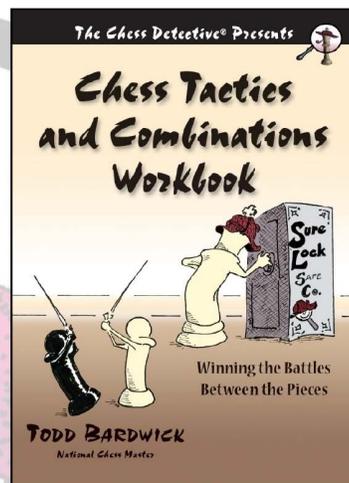
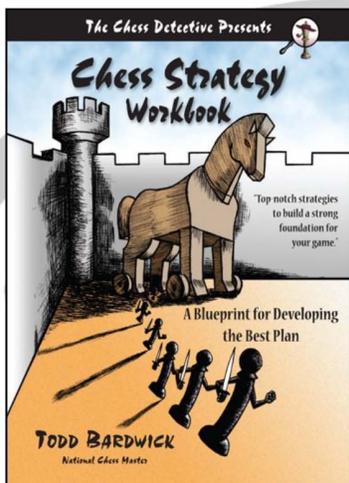
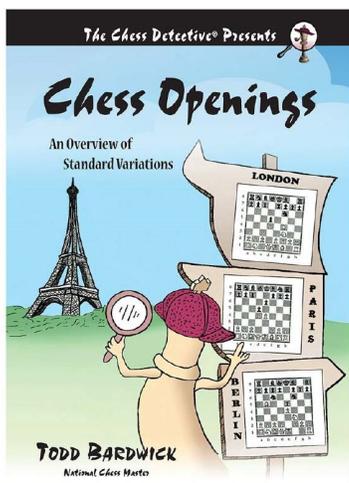


*Chess Workbook for Children - Russian Cover*



*Chess Strategy Workbook - Russian cover*

# Todd Bardwick's books in English



Todd was 11 years old when this simul game was played against Danish Grandmaster Bent Larsen. Larsen lost to Paul Nikitovich, Alan Bardwick, and Ron Leonhard in the simul. Three years earlier, Larsen lost the 1971 Quarter-Final World Championship Match in Denver to Bobby Fischer.

[Event "1974 Bent Larsen Simul"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

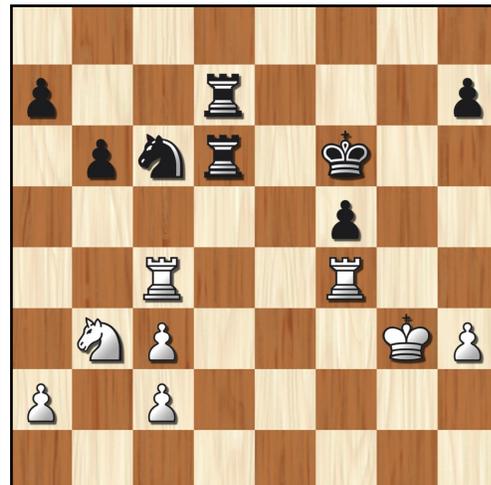
[Date "July 18, 1974"]

[White "Todd Bardwick (1205)"]

[Black "GM Bent Larsen"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 g6 5. f4 Bg7 6. Nb3 d6 7. Nc3 Nf6 8. Be2 O-O 9. O-O Be6 10. Bf3 Qc8 11. h3 Rd8 12. Be3 Be4 13. Rf2 e5 14. Be2 Bxe2 15. Qxe2 exf4 16. Bxf4 Qe6 17. Re1 Rac8 18. e5 Nh5 19. exd6 Qxe2 20. Rxe2 Bxc3 21. bxc3 Nxf4 22. Rxf4 Rxd6 23. g4 b6 24. Rc4 Rcd8 25. Kg2 R8d7 26. Kg3 Kg7 27. Ree4 f5 28. gxf5 gxf5 29. Rf4 Kf6 30. Nd4 Rg7+ 31. Kf2 Nxd4 32. cxd4 Re7 33. Rc3 Rd5 34. Re3 Rxe3 35. Kxe3 Ra5 36. Kd3 Rxa2 37. d5 Ke5 38. Rd4 Ra1 39. Kc3 Ra3+ 40. Kc4 Ra4+ 41. Kb5 Rxd4 42. Kc6 a5 43. d6 Rxd6+ 0-1



Position after 29...Kf6

Bob Fordon won the 1980 Colorado Open a few months after this game and was Boulder's only master and top rated player for many years.

[Event "1980 Al Wallace Memorial"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "March 9, 1980"]

[Round "3"]

[White "Todd Bardwick (1911)"]

[Black "Bob Fordon (2151)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nf6 3. Nf3 Nc6 4. g3 Bb4 5. Bg2 O-O 6. O-O Re8 7. Nd5 Bf8 8. e3 d6 9. h3 e4 10. Ne1 Ne5 11. b3 Bf5 12. f3 Nxd5 13. cxd5 exf3 14. Nxf3 Qd7 15. g4 Bd3 16. Rf2 Be7 17. Bb2 Bf6 18. Nxe5 Bxe5 19. Bxe5 dxe5 20. e4 Rac8 21. Qf3 Ba6 22. h4 c6 23. g5 Rc7 24. Qg3 cxd5 25. exd5 b6 26. Be4 Rec8 27. Kh2 Rc1 28. Rxc1 Rxc1 29. Qxe5 g6 30. Qf4 Be8 31. Qf3 Re1 32. h5 Qe7 33. d3 Qe5+ 34. Qf4 Qxf4+ 35. Rxf4 Re2+ 36. Kg3 Rxa2 37. hxg6 hxg6 38. d6 Bd7 39. Bd5 Ra5 40. Bxf7+ Kg7 41. Kh4 Rf5 42. Rxf5 Bxf5 43. Be4 Bd7 44. Kg3 b5 45. Bd5 a5 46. b4 a4 47. Kf4 a3 48. Ke5 Kf8 49. Kf6 Bf5 50. Bf7 1-0



Position after 20...Rac8

Jim Hamblin had a peak rating in the 2300s and was the 2003 Colorado Open Champion. He won the Denver Open in 1972, 1976, and 1990.

[Event "1980 Class Championships"]

[Site "Colorado Springs, Colorado"]

[Date "May 31, 1980"]

[Round "1"]

[White "Jim Hamblin (2122)"]

[Black "Todd Bardwick (1917)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Ne7 7. Qg4 O-O 8. Bd3 Nbc6 9. Nf3 f5 10. exf6 Rxf6 11. Bg5 Rf7 12. Ne5 Nxe5 13. dxe5 c4 14. Be2 Qc7 15. f4 Qa5 16. Qh3 Qb6 17. Bh5 g6 18. Bg4 Bd7 19. Rf1 h5 20. Bf6 Qb2 21. Rd1 Rxf6 22. exf6 hxg4 23. f7+ Kg7 24. Qxg4 Qxc3+ 25. Rd2 Qxa3 26. Qg5 Qa1+ 27. Kf2 Qf6 28. Qg3 Kxf7 29. Kg1 a5 30. Qa3 b5 31. c3 Nc6 32. Rb1 Rb8 33. f5 gxf5 34. Qd6 Qe7 0-1



Position after 15.f4



From the mid-1980s through the 1990s, McCarty was the top player at the Denver Chess Club and achieved a peak rating of 2416 in May of 1996. McCarty won the Colorado Open in 1984, 1989, and 1996. He won the Colorado Chess Tour in 1994-1995 and was Denver Open Champion in 1991, 1997, 1999, 2000, and 2002.

[Event "1993 Colorado Open"]  
 [Site "Denver, Colorado"]  
 [Date "September 5, 1993"] [Round "4"]  
 [White "James McCarty (2379)"]  
 [Black "Todd Bardwick (2184)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1.b3 c5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d5 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Rc8 8.0-0 a6 9.Bxc6+ Rxc6 10.d3 e6 11.Nd2 Be7 12.Qe2 0-0 13.e4 b5 14.e5 Nd7 15.c4 Qc7 16.f4 bxc4 17.dxc4 d4 18.Rf3 f5 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qe4 e5 21.Raf1 Re6 22.g4 Qc6 23.f5 Rd6 24.Qxc6 Rxc6 25.Ne4 Bh4 26.g5 h6 27.gxh6 Rxh6 28.Kh1 Nf6 29.Nxc5 e4 30.Rf4 Bg3 31.Rxe4 Nxe4 32.Nxe4 Rxh3+ 33.Kg1 Be5 34.Ba3 Rd8 35.Be7 Rd7 36.f6 gxf6 37.Bxf6 Re3 38.Nc5 Rf7 39.Bxe5 Rxe5 40.Rxf7 Kxf7 41.b4 Ke7 42.Kf2 Kd6 43.Nd3 Re3 44.c5+ Kc6 45.Nc1 Kb5 46.Nb3 Kc4 47.c6 Re8 48.Kf3 d3 49.Nd2+ Kd4 50.a4 Rf8+ 51.Kg4 Kc3 52.Ne4+ Kxb4 0-1



Position after 18.Rf3

Canney needed a win in this last round game to tie for first place with Michael Mulyar. Randy won the Colorado Open in 1978, 1991, and 2010 and the Colorado Closed in 1988 (reaching a 2405 rating), 1991, 1999, and 2011. He also won the Denver Open in 1981 and 1982.

[Event "1994 Colorado Closed"]  
 [Site "Denver, Colorado"]  
 [Date "March 27, 1994"] [Round "7"]  
 [White "Randy Canney (2329)"]  
 [Black "Todd Bardwick (2225)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Kf8 8.a4 b6 9.Nf3 h6 10.Bd3 Ba6 11.0-0 Bxd3 12.cxd3 Nd7 13.Ba3 Kg8 14.a5 Kh7 15.dxc5 bxc5 16.d4 Re8 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh3 Kg7 19.dxc5 Rc8 20.c4 Nxc5 21.cxd5 Nxd5 22.Rad1 Qxa5 23.Bc1 Rh8 24.Qh4 Qd8 25.Qg4 Nb3 26.Ba3 Qa5 27.Bd6 Qc3 28.Qa4 a5 29.Qd7 Qc6 30.Qxc6 Rxc6 31.Nd4 Nxd4 32.Rxd4 Ra8 33.Ra1 a4 34.Kf1 Rca6 35.Ra3 g5 36.h4 f5 37.hxg5 hxg5 38.38.g3 R8a7 39.Rc4 Kg6 40.Rc8 Rb7 41.Rc4 Rba7 42.Kg2 Kf7 43.Rc8 Ra8 44.Rc4 Ke8 45.f4 g4 46.Kf2 Kd7 47.Ke1 Rb6 48.Rxa4 Rxa4 49.Rxa4 Rb3 50.Ra3 Rxa3 51.Bxa3 Nc3 52.Kf2 Ne4+ 53.Kg2 Kc6 54.Be7 Kd5 55.Bd8 Kc4 56.Bc7 Kd3 57.Bb6 Ke2 58.Ba7 Nc3 59.Bb6 Nd1 60.Bd8 Ne3+ 61.Kg1 Kf3 62.Bh4 Ng2 63.Kf1 Nxh4 64.gxh4 and White Resigned 0-1



Position after 19.dxc5

Mulyar needed a win in this last round game to tie for second place with Randy Canney and Michael Ginat. Jerry Kearns won the tournament by a full in point - the eight player field average rating was 2320.

[Event "1995 Colorado Closed"]  
 [Site "Denver, Colorado"] [Date "April 2, 1995"] [Round "7"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2450)"]  
 [Black "Todd Bardwick (2239)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1.d4 e6 2.c4 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d5 5.Nh3 c6 6.Qc2 Be7 7.Nf4 0-0 8.Nd2 Ne4 9.f3 Nxd2 10.Bxd2 Bf6 11.e3 g5 12.Nd3 Nd7 13.0-0 Qe8 14.Bb4 Rf7 15.Bd6 dxc4 16.Qxc4 e5 17.Rae1 Nb6 18.Qc5 exd4 19.exd4 Be6 20.Bh3 Qd7 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 f4 23.Bg2 Nd5 24.b4 a6 25.a4 Re8 26.Rf2 Ne3 27.Rxe3 fxe3 28.Qxe3 Rg7 29.Qc5 Bd5 30.Bf1 Qe6 31.Bd3 Rf7 32.Qe3 h6 33.Qe2 Rg7 34.Qc2 Bb3 35.Qc2 Bd5 36.Bc2 Kh8 37.Qd3 Rd8 38.f4 gxf4 39.Rxf4 Qh3 40.Qd2 Rdg8 41.Bc5 Rxd3+ 42.hxd3 Rxd3+ 43.Kf2 Rg2+ 44.Ke1 Rxd2 45.Rf8+ Kg7 46.Kxd2 Qg2+ 47.Kc3 Qg3+ 48.Kd4 b6 49.Bd6 Qg1+ 50.Kc3 Qe3+ 51.Kb2 Qd4+ 52.Kc1 Qg1+ 53.Kb2 Qd4+ 54.Kc1 Qc3 55.Kb1 Ba2+ 56.Kxa2 Qxc2+ 57.Ka3 c5 58.bxc5 bxc5 59.Rf3 Qc1+ 60.Ka2 Qc4+ 61.Rb3 Qxa4+ 62.Kb2 Qd4+ 63.Kc2 c4 64.Ra3 h5 65.Rg3+ Kf7 66.Rf3+ Kg6 67.Ra3 Kf5 68.Rxa6 c3 69.e6 Qd2+ 70.Kb3 Qb2+ 71.Ka4 Qa2+ 72.Ba3 Qc4+ 73.Ka5 Qxa6+ 74.Kxa6 Kxe6 0-1



Position after 23...Nd5

This game lasted a little over five hours and was played in the morning before the record long Lucky-Bardwick game. Mikhail Ponomarev won the Colorado Open in 1990 and both the Colorado Open and Colorado Closed in 1997.

[Event "1995 Colorado Open"] [Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "September 3, 1995"] [Round "3"] [Result "1-0"]

[White "Todd Bardwick (2210)"]

[Black "Mikhail Ponomarev (2272)"]

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 b6 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.d3 Nc6 6.Be2 h6 7.0-0 Qe7 8.Nb5 Bd6 9.d4 exd4 10.Nxd6+ cxd6 11.Nxd4 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 0-0 13.f3 Qe5 14.Be3 Re8 15.Rad1 Re6 16.Qd2 Ba6 17.Bd4 Qa5 18.Qxa5 bxa5 19.Bxf6 Rxf6 20.Rd5 Rc8 21.Rxa5 Rc6 22.Rc1 Re6 23.b4 Re5 24.Rd5 Kf8 25.a4 Rxd5 26.exd5 Rc7 27.Kf2 Ke7 28.b5 Bb7 29.Re1 Kf6 30.Bd3 Rc8 31.f4 a6 32.Re2 axb5 33.axb5 Ra8 34.Ke3 Ke7 35.Kd4 Kd8 36.Bh7 Kc7 37.Re7 Rf8 38.Bf5 Bc8 39.c5 g6 40.b6+ Kd8 41.b7 Kxe7 42.b8=Q dxc5+ 43.Kxc5 gxf5 44.Qe5+ 1-0



Position after 13...Qe5

A couple weeks before this game, Lucky tied to second in the U.S. Open, beating GM Walter Browne in the 6th Round. This game lasted exactly 12 hours - the longest continuous master game in the U.S. history; from 5:00 pm on Sept 3 - 5:00 am on Sept 4. Another possible record in this game is that Lucky first moved his g1 knight on move 43 - extremely rare for a player of his strength.

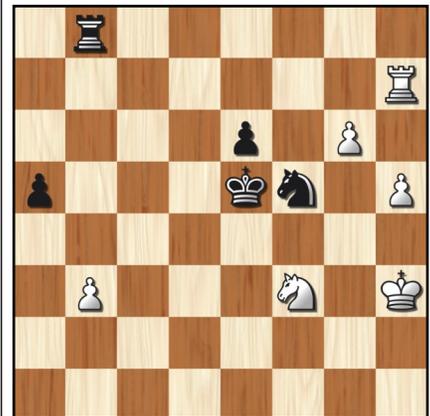
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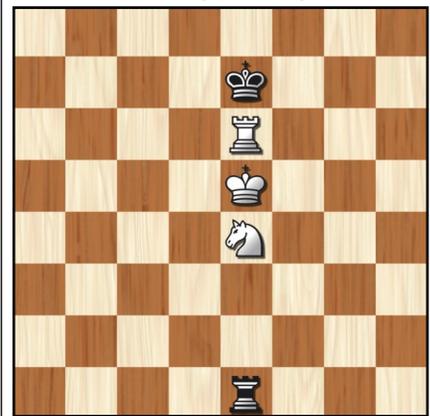
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[Black "Todd Bardwick (2210)"]

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Position after 54.Nf3+



Position after 93.Rxe6+

This game was a time scramble in an even position with seconds left and both player's flags hanging; White's flag fell first. IM Michael Valvo won the 1999 Colorado Open. He was considered one of the best blitz players in the U.S. in 1962 and won the 1963 U.S. Intercollegiate Championship. Valvo is best known in the computer chess world. He organized, moderated, commented, or acted in some official capacity in every World Computer Chess Championship from the early 1980s till his death in 2004.

[Event "Chess Emporium Thursday Night"] [Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "June 6, 1996"] [Round "2"] [Result "0-1"]

[White "Todd Bardwick (2199)"]

[Black "Michael Valvo (2429)"]

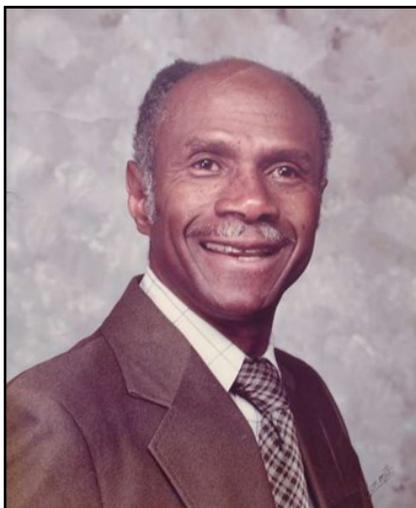
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Position after 21...g5

## John A. Harris

*March 18, 1925 – October 27, 1995*




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John Harris was born and raised in Denver. He graduated from Colorado State University and was a Senior Planning Engineer for the city of Denver.

John and his wife, Naomi, have two children, Jay (John, Jr.) and Melanie.

Harris came onto the chess scene in Denver soon after CSCA's inception in 1958. His contributions to Colorado Chess in the 1960's and early 1970's helped form the organization that is enjoyed today by Colorado chess players. Other organizers of that era were John Howell, Bob Shean, George Pippingos, George Bailey, Pat Mahoney, and Caswell Silver. This group brought the U.S. Open to Snowmass at Aspen in 1968, numerous Grandmaster simulms to Denver including Bobby Fischer in 1964, and the Fisher-Larsen World Championship Quarter Final Match in 1971.

Harris was the first Historian of Colorado State Chess Association. "Reflecting Back" was a series of historical columns he wrote in the CSCA Bulletin (1977-1978). John also wrote a column in the March-July 1983 Colorado Chess Informant entitled, "Colorado Open History", an Obituary to Caswell Silver in the January 1989 Colorado Chess Informant, and "Chess at Lowry AFB Fades Away" in the October 1993 Colorado Chess Informant. Much of the known history of CSCA at that time is from John's writings.

### **Other highlights of Harris's contributions to Colorado Chess:**

1962-64 Secretary of the Denver Chess League (which sponsored biweekly team matches between a large number of local clubs)

1963-1967 Secretary of CSCA

1966-1967 President of the Denver Chess League

President of the Colorado State Chess Association from 1968-1970 and 1971-1972

1975 CSCA Board member and 1976-77 Vice-President of the CSCA

Alternate Delegate to USCF from Colorado from 1976-1977

Harris was on the committee with Royal Franklin to get CSCA "tax-exempt" status in 1976

Colorado State Tournament Director for USCF for 8 terms

Permanent Member and Team Captain for CSCA Traveling Team

Along with others and John Howell, Harris founded the Colorado Junior Championship Tournament in 1967 and was its Tournament Director from 1967-1969.

John Harris (along with John Howell) was instrumental in bringing the U.S. Open to Snowmass at Aspen in 1968 and was the Official Host at the event.

Also in 1968, Harris directed the Denver Open and founded the Lowry Air Force Base Championship by contacting Joseph F. Sparling, who was directing very informal chess activity at the Air Force Base, and together they set up a tournament which involved 16 men, the top two to go to the Air Training Command Tournament. Harris directed the Lowry Air Force Base tournament for many years. (Lowry won four years in a row from 1972-1975, Donald Sutherland, was the Individual U.S. Armed Forces Champion and Colorado State Champion in 1973.) The Lowry Air Force Base Championship lasted many years until the base closed in 1994.

Harris was the Admissions Director for the 1971 Fischer-Larsen World Championship Quarter Finals Match and played tennis with Bobby Fischer during breaks of the match.

Harris established the chess prison program and team at Colorado State Prison in Canyon City and set up their Chess Library.

John designed the artwork for every Commemorative plaque given out at Colorado Tournaments, 1970-1980s.

From 1969-1975, he served on a 3-man USCF Merit Committee which presents Honor Awards to individuals across the nation who have distinguished themselves by their dedication and service to chess.

Harris was the Founder and Team Captain of the Glenarm Chess Club and the Director of the Explorer Scouts Chess Olympics in 1970 and 1972.

Harris, a Class C rated player, was the first official recipient of the Appreciation Award in 1974.

John Arberia Harris, Sr. passed away on October 27, 1995.



*Harris and George Pipingos - 1975*



*Bent Larsen and John Harris at 1968 Larsen Simul*

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# COLORADO STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

CSCA NEWSLETTER

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## APPRECIATION OPEN

May 25, 26, 27, 1974  
Sponsored by CSCA

Dedicated To

JOHN  
HARRIS



JOHN A. HARRIS: Secretary of Denver Chess League 1962-1964; President of Denver Chess League 1966-67; Secretary of the Colorado State Chess Ass'n 1963-67; President of the Colorado State Chess Ass'n 1967-1969, 1970-1971; Colorado State Director for the United States Chess Federation... 7 terms; Original Founder and Team Captain of the Glenarm Chess Club; Permanent Member and Team Captain of the C.S.C.A. Traveling Team; Founder of the Colorado State Junior Championship Tournament... also the Director of this Tournament for 1967-68-69; Instrumental in bringing the United States Open to Colorado in 1968, where John served as Official Host; Founder of the Lowry A. F. B. Championship Tournament, which he has Directed for the Last 6 years; Director of Explorer Scouts Chess Olympics 1970, 1972; Director of the Denver Open 1968; Director of Multiple 30-30 Tournaments; Admissions Director for the World Semi-finals Match Between Fischer/Larsen, 1971; Instrumental in Establishing the Chess Team at the Colorado State Prison at Cannon City, Including the Founding of their Chess Library; Has Designed Art Work for Every Commemorative Plaque Given Out at Colorado Tournaments.

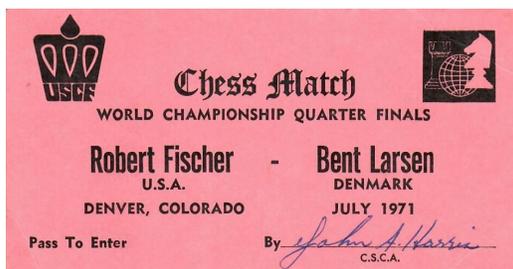
The primary problem encountered when writing a testimonial for a man such as John Harris is knowing when to stop the credits; they seemingly go on and on forever. John is involved. He always finds the time and energy for one more chore, one more committee, one more office.

For some time now, John has served on a three-man United States Chess Federation Committee... the Merit Committee. These men search out, investigate and present Honor Awards to Chess Players across the nation who have distinguished themselves by their dedication and service to Chess. When a man like John Harris, with his own record, is utilized to hand out the awards, those winners must be really something else!

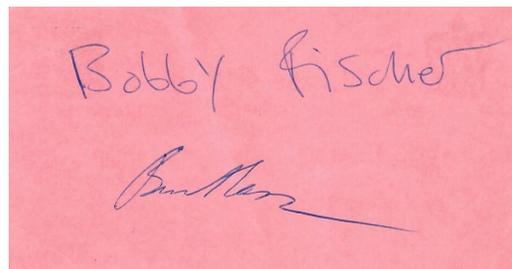
All of the Chess Players in the Rocky Mountain Region owe John Harris a debt of gratitude; we here in Colorado are intensely proud to have him. Thank you, John.

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Front of 1971 Fischer - Larsen Match Entry Pass - signed by Harris



Reverse of 1971 Fischer-Larsen Match Entry Pass - signed by Fischer and Larsen

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**COLORADO STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION**  
 AFFILIATED WITH THE UNITED STATES CHESS FEDERATION

August 11, 1968

**FELLOW CHESS PLAYERS:**

ON BEHALF OF THE COLORADO STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION, IT IS MY PLEASURE TO WELCOME EACH OF YOU TO THE SIXTY-NINTH ANNUAL U. S. OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP AT THE WEST VILLAGE CONFERENCE CENTER IN SNOWMASS-AT-BASEN, COLORADO.

WE, OF THE CHESS-PLAYING COMMUNITY OF COLORADO, HAVE PLEDGED ALL POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN MAKING YOUR STAY AN OUTSTANDING SUCCESS AND TOTALLY IN KEEPING WITH THE HIGHEST STANDARDS OF THE U. S. CHESS FEDERATION.

BE ASSURED THAT THE COLORADO STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION, ASPEN CHESS CLUB AND THE WEST VILLAGE CONFERENCE CENTER WILL COOPERATE WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO MAKE YOUR VISIT TO COLORADO A MEMORABLE EVENT.

FRATELERNALLY YOURS,  
*John A. Harris*  
 JOHN A. HARRIS  
 PRESIDENT

In Memory of  
**Al Wallace**

John Harris letter in 1968 US Open program book



1977 US Junior Invitational - seated from left to right - John A. Harris, Bob Shean, Rod Avery (Assistant TD), GM Isaac Kashdan (TD), John A. Howell, Gil Humphrey

**FUTURE COLORADO CHESS CHAMP ??**

**JOHN HARRIS SENIOR**, maitre of the Colorado Chess Community, is "pleased as punch" to show off the real bit of the 1978 Al Wallace Memorial, **JOHN HARRIS JUNIOR**. John Jr., who is handsome as his mother and "certain" as his dad shows a real aptitude for chess... he wants to play with the pieces! If his wife is eager to be coaxed into chess study, he will be, indeed, a future contender. John Jr. was born May 10, St. Anthony Hospital in Denver and weighed in at 6 pounds seven and one half ounces. His big sister, Malinda, is 2 1/2 years old. John Senior, who was awarded the Appreciation Open Award in 1974, has been Denver City Player since 1967. The family resides at 2530 S. Holly Place.

**Shean Wins Boulder Open**  
 Robert Shean of Denver, "took on the Big-ten" and won em all to take the 1978 Boulder Open Chess Tournament! Bob's five in a row included wins over Paul St. Germain, Bruce Bross, Carl Kozny, Robert Foddes and the Colorado Champ, Brian Wall.

The tournament, held this January 28-29 in Boulder, attracted thirty-eight players from Colorado and Wyoming. It was a one-section, five round affair, and was held at the College Inn and sponsored by the Boulder chess club, Gerth Courchis director.

Others in the honoree, and from left to right: 2 Robert Foddes, 3 Carl Kozny, 4 Brian Wall, 5 Hank Levy, 6 Jan Anderson, 7 Steve Dillon, 8 Paul Stasigowski, 9 Eugene Saito, 10 Bruce Bross, 11 Robert Shean, 12 Ken Carpenter, 13 Paul St Germain, 14 David Lander, 15 Ed Dinger, 16 Harold Collins, 17 Don Wilkinson, 18 Gilbert Humphrey, 19 Will Hill, 20 Bob Shean, 21 Lee Schumery, 22 Fred Hall, 23 Dick Hayer, 24 Michael Lander, 25 Joe Zagner, 26 James Kane, 27 Steve Bagshaw, 28 John Albee, 29 Chris Colter, 30 D. Wilson, 31 Pat Amers, 32 Carl Lissner, 33 James Kowalsky, 34 Robert Shapiro, 35 J. Vernon, 36 Tom Howe, 37 V. Van, 38 Al Avery.

**REGION NINE NEWS**  
**Royal Franklin**  
**USCP Regional VP**

Region Nine of the United States Chess Federation continues to show a good growth pattern. In the March issue of Chess Life and Review, Wyoming (11th), Kansas (2th) and Colorado (14) are shown as the top percentage-growth states of this area, and they contribute significantly to the standing of this Region. Also, of the top 100 Affiliates in the United States, CSCA is tied for eighth place with the Virginia Chess Federation and the Florida Chess Club, and is the top 100 members in the United States, James H. Francis of Colorado ranks 25th. Congratulations and kudos to all!!

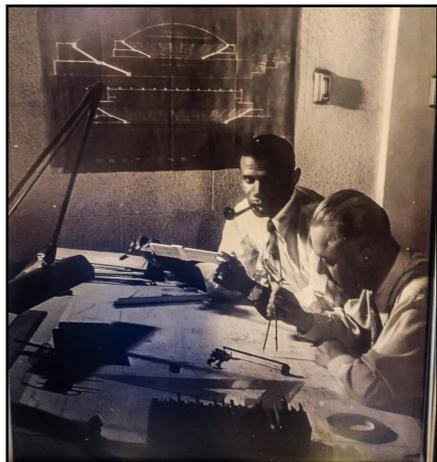
Nabesko continues to receive the central attention of this area! The coming Chess and the chessmen are being taken into the base and volume of a Culture Activity being sponsored by the Lincoln Chess Foundation and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. It is receiving much-deserved attention. USCF President George Follenweider will attend and address the conference. It plans to attend the first two days or so. The conference is made possible in part by a grant from the National Committee for the Humanities, a non-charitable program of the National Endowment for the Humanities. It will be held May 26 and 27, followed by the Third Nebraska Chess Organizes Invitational Chess Tournament on May 27, 28 and 29.

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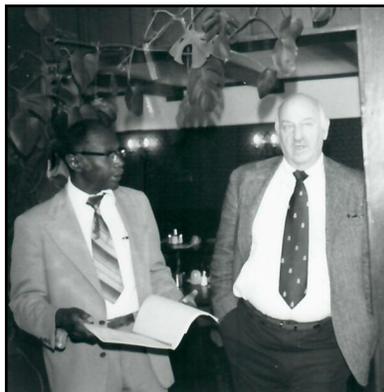
April - May 1978 CSCA Informant, page 15 Harris and son at 1978 Al Wallace Memorial tournament - John Harris, Jr.



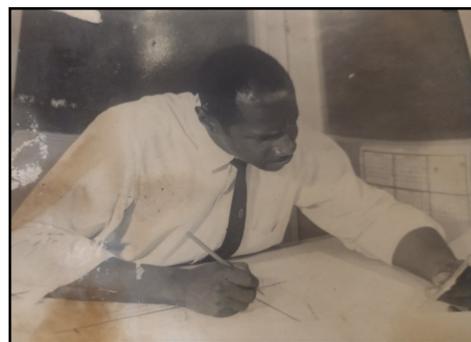
Trophy from 1960



John at work as a Senior Planning Engineer for the city of Denver



Harris and Howell - 1977 Denver Chess Club Breakfast Banquet



John at work at work as a Senior Planning Engineer for the city of Denver

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**Chess Tourney Winner**

John Harris, left, president of the Colorado Chess Assn., presents trophy and \$200 chess set to Robert O'Donnell of Boulder, winner of the May-D&F 6-round Swiss chess tournament. Steve Baldwin, right, won a timing clock for second place. Other winners included Tom and Steve Hornyak, both of Arapahoe County, and Art Hunter of Wheat Ridge. Some 60 players participated in the 3-day tourney in May-D&F suburban stores.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS PHOTO BY DICK DAVIS

John Harris - Rocky Mountain News - Dec 31, 1967



U.S. Open in Aspen Snowmass 1968

**A TRIBUTE TO JOHN HARRIS**  
1925-1995  
By Todd Bardwick with John Howell

This past October, John Harris, CSCA historian, past president, and organizer, passed away. John came into the chess scene soon after the CSCA's inception in 1958. John's contributions to Colorado Chess in the 1960's and early 1970's helped form the organization that is enjoyed by many Coloradans today.

John was an integral part of the CSCA. Organizers of that era included John Howell, Bob Shean, George Pippingos, George Bailey, Pat Mahoney, and Carwell Silver. This group of men brought the U.S. Open to Snowmass in Aspen in 1968, numerous Grandmaster simulms including Bobby Fischer's in 1969, and the Fischer-Larsen World Championship Quarter Final Match in 1971.

John was born and raised in Denver. He graduated from Colorado State University and was a Senior Planning Engineer for the city of Denver. In recent years, John has always attended the CSCA membership meeting where he could be seen taking lots of notes later to be transcribed into his records on CSCA history. John wrote a regular column for the CSCA Informant in the late 70's entitled "Reflecting Back", in which he would document the early years of CSCA's infancy. The Appreciation Open in 1974 was dedicated to John.

The following is a list of John's many chess contributions:

- \*Secretary of Denver Chess League, 1962-1964
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- \*Instrumental in establishing the Chess Team at the Colorado State Prison in Canon City, including founding it's chess library
- \*Designed the artwork for every Commemorative plaque given out at Colorado tournaments, 1970-1980's

John has been described by his peers as friendly, competent, organized, and always willing to be involved. All of the chess players in the Rocky Mountain region owe John Harris a debt of gratitude. We will surely miss him. ☹️

**Chess Tourney**  
Kf7 99.Nc3 Ra2 100.Nd5 Ra1  
End of fourth time control: 7:37; 8:32; 10:1, Rd6 Kg7 102.Kc5 Rd3  
103.Ra6 Kf7 104.Kd6 Ra1 105.Ra2  
Kg6 106.Ke6 Rg1 107.Nf4+ Kg7  
108.Kc7 Rg4 109.Ra4 Rg1 110.Ra6  
Rg5 111.Rd6 Ra3 112.Rg6+ Rk7  
113.Rg4 Ra7+ 114.Kb6 Ra6+ 115.Ne6  
Rb6 (see diagram)

The strategy for black is to keep the knight pinned to the king where it can not help to form a mating net. If the white king breaks the pin, black will try to perpetual check with the rook. Black must also try to keep his rook and king far apart so that they don't get forked by the knight.

116.Rb4+ Kg8 117.Ra4 Kd7  
118.Ra8 Rd8 119.Ra1 Rb6

Fortunately for black, he always has one escape square to avoid mate. Endgame with B+R vs. R give the stronger side better winning chances since the bishop can cover enemy king escape squares that the knight can not cover.

120.Ra2 Rd6  
End of fifth time control: 8:51; 9:43; 12:1, Rh2+ Kg8 122.Rb6 Ra6  
123.Kf5 Rb5+ 124.Kg6 Ra6 125.Kb5  
Ra1 126.Rb6 Rb1+ 127.Kg6 Rb1+  
128.Ng5 Rg2

A similar position as occurred on move 115. This position is rotated 90 degrees with the knight pinned one file from the edge of the board instead of two files.

129.Ra6 Kb8 130.Ra1 Rg4 131.Ra3  
Rg1 132.Kf6 Rf1+ 133.Nf3 Ra1  
134.Nd4 Rf1+ 135.Nf2 Rf2

We have seen this position's cousin before.

136.Ra3 Kc8 137.Rd3 Rf1 138.Rd2  
Rf4 139.Kc5 Rf1 140.Nd6+ Ke7  
End of sixth time control: 9:33; 10:23; 14:1, Ra2 Re1+ 142.Ne4 Kf7  
143.Ra7+ Kg6 Draw! ☹️

A Tribute to John Harris - Jan 1996 Colorado Chess Informant, page 20

In Loving Memory of  
MR. JOHN ARBERIA HARRIS, SR.

March 18, 1925 - October 27, 1995

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## Michael Mulyar



Michael Aaron Mulyar was born on October 30, 1978 in Kiev, Ukraine.

Michael learned how to play chess at the age of eight from his grandfather and started playing and taking lessons in Kiev when he was nine.

His game improved rapidly and Michael was around 1900 strength when the Mulyar family moved to Denver in 1988, where they still live today.

Michael's first tournament success was tying for first place in the Reserve Section of the National Open in Las Vegas in 1989 with a perfect 6-0 score. The result won free entry into the tournament the following year and secured an expert rating over 2000.

Mulyar became a National Master in September of 1991 at the age of 13.

He first victory in the Colorado Open was in 1992 at the age of 14 (finishing 5-1 in a tie with Michael Ginat who he beat out on tiebreaks).

Michael represented the United States in the World Under 16 Championship in Bratislava, Slovakia in 1993, finishing with a score of 5 out of 9 points.

Mulyar graduated from Standley Lake High School in Westminster, CO in 1996. He graduated from Yale University in 2000 with a B.A. in History and earned an M.A. in Linguistics from the University of Colorado Boulder in 2006.

Mulyar was awarded the prestigious Samford Fellowship in 2000. As a Samford fellow, he worked with GM Alex Yermolinsky in 2001 and GM Alex Onischuk in 2002.

### Colorado Success

Chess in Colorado had far and away the strongest players in the early to mid-1990s and Mulyar dominated the scene against many other strong masters.

Among Mulyar's many tournament wins, he is a record seven-time Colorado Open Champion; winning the tournament 1992, 1993, 1995, 2000, 2001, 2013, and 2015.

He won the Colorado Closed in 1993 and 1994 and was the Colorado Chess Tour winner in the 1991-92 and 1992-93 seasons.

### National Success

Michael won his first IM norm at the 1997 U.S. Open in Orlando and scored two additional IM norms in 1999 and was awarded the IM title in 2001 at the Charles Linklater Memorial tournament in San Francisco. He currently has one GM norm from the 2013 Washington International.

Michael was the U.S. Junior co-champion in 1998 (tying with IM Igor Shliperman, but losing the play-off).

Mulyar's best tournament result was the 1999 U.S. Open in which he defeated 3 Grandmasters (Gregory Serper, Utut Adianto, Sergey Kudrin), future GM Mark Paragua, and drew with GM Joel Benjamin on the way to tying for 1st place with a score of 7.5/9. According to PCA ratings of 2000 his level of play was 2485.

In 2007, he again tied for 1st place in the U.S. Open (tying with GMs Alexander Shabalov, Boris Gulko, Sergey Kudrin, Ben Finegold, Michael Rohde, and FM Anton Paolo Del Mundo).

Michael tied for 2nd place in the 2014 U.S. Open (losing the playoff to GM Conrad Holt).

Michael's highest FIDE rating was 2446 in 2002. His current FIDE rating in 2024 is 2361.

Today Michael teaches chess in Denver through his company Mile High Chess LLC, which he founded in 2008.

Mulyar believes that chess is a never-ending game and you learn something every time you play a game.



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Hall of Fame Induction with CSCA President Brad Lundstrom



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**MICHAEL MULYAR**  
 • Colorado State Champion  
 • 1992 Tour Winner



Attending Yale

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Michael wins it all --- again!  
 COLORADO OPEN: Tour winner and State Champion Michael Mulyar analyzes his last round game with Todd Bardwick, who tied for second place.

Mulyar won the 1992 Colorado Open with this last round victory.

[Event "1992 Colorado Open"]  
 [Site "Heart O' Denver Hotel; Denver, Colorado"]  
 [Date "September 7, 1992"]  
 [Round "6"]  
 [White "Mikhail Ponomarev (2320)"]  
 [Black "Michael Mulyar (2309)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. d4 d5 2. Nc3 e6 3. e4 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. Bd2 Ne7 6. Nb5 Bxd2+ 7. Qxd2 O-O  
 8. dxc5 Nd7 9. Nf3 Nxc5 10. Bd3 Nc6 11. O-O f5 12. exf6 Qxf6 13. c3 a6 14. Na3  
 e5 15. Bc2 Rd8 16. b4 Ne6 17. Bb3 Nf4 18. Ne1 Bg4 19. f3 Bf5 20. Nac2 Kh8  
 21. g3 Nh3+ 22. Kg2 Ng5 23. g4 Bxc2 24. Bxc2 Ne6 25. Kh1 a5 26. b5 Ne7  
 27. Ng2 Rac8 28. Rae1 d4 29. c4 d3 30. Bd1 Ng6 31. Qxa5 Ngf4 32. Nxf4 Nxf4  
 33. b6 Re8 34. c5 h5 35. Ba4 Re7 36. c6 bxc6 37. gxh5 c5 38. Qa6 Rb8 39. Rb1  
 Reb7 40. Qa5 Rxb6 41. Rxb6 Qxb6 42. Qe1 Qf6 43. Bb3 Rd8 44. Qf2 Rd4  
 45. Rc1 d2 46. Rd1 c4 47. Bc2 c3 48. Qe3 Qg5 49. Qf2 Nd3 50. Qe2 Ne1 51. h6  
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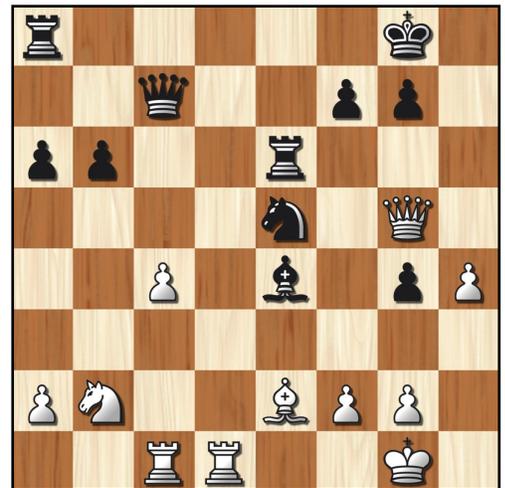


Position after 29.c4

Mark Paragua was a 15 year old IM at the time of this game and became the youngest ever Filipino GM at age 20 in 2005 (beating Eugenio Torre's record by about two years). Today Wesley So holds the Filipino record as the youngest player to achieve the GM title.

[Event "1999 U.S. Open"]  
 [Site "Reno, Nevada"]  
 [Date "August 15, 1999"]  
 [Round "5"]  
 [White "Mark Paragua (2413)"]  
 [Black "Michael Mulyar (2478)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. d4 d6 4. c4 Nb6 5. exd6 exd6 6. Nc3 Be7 7. h3 O-O 8. Nf3  
 Re8 9. Be2 Bf6 10. O-O Nc6 11. Be3 Bf5 12. Rc1 h6 13. d5 Ne5 14. Nd4 Bh7  
 15. b3 Nbd7 16. Na4 Nc5 17. Nxc5 dxc5 18. Nb5 a6 19. Nc3 Qd6 20. Qd2 Re7  
 21. Na4 b6 22. b4 Qd7 23. Nb2 cxb4 24. Qxb4 Bf5 25. Rfd1 Bg5 26. d6 Re6  
 27. Bxg5 hxg5 28. dxc7 Qxc7 29. Qd2 g4 30. Qg5 Be4 31. h4 Nf3+ 32. Bxf3 gxf3  
 33. h5 fxg2 34. Re1 Rae8 35. Rc3 Re5 36. Qh4 Bc6 37. Ree3 Rxe3 38. fxe3 Re4  
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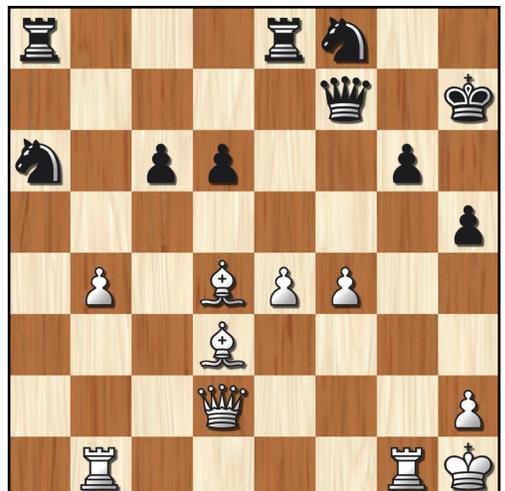


Position after 31.h4

Mulyar achieved the IM title in this tournament that started out well with this victory of IM Altounian.

[Event "Linklater Memorial"]  
 [Site "San Francisco, California"]  
 [Date "February 26, 2001"]  
 [Round "1"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2472)"]  
 [Black "Levon Altounian (2532)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. c4 g6 2. e4 Bg7 3. d4 d6 4. Nc3 Nf6 5. Be2 O-O 6. Nf3 e5 7. O-O exd4 8. Nxd4  
 Re8 9. f3 Nc6 10. Nc2 Be6 11. Be3 Nh5 12. g4 Nf6 13. Qd2 h5 14. g5 Nd7  
 15. Rad1 Kh7 16. Kh1 a5 17. b3 Nc5 18. Rg1 Be5 19. Nd5 Bxd5 20. cxd5 Nb8  
 21. Na3 Bg7 22. Nb5 Nbd7 23. Qc2 Be5 24. a3 Nf8 25. b4 axb4 26. axb4 Na6  
 27. Rb1 Qd7 28. Nd4 Qh3 29. Bf1 Qh4 30. Qd2 f5 31. gxf6 Qxf6 32. f4 Bxd4  
 33. Bxd4 Qf7 34. Bd3 c5 35. dxc6 bxc6 36. f5 c5 37. Qg5 cxd4 38. fxg6+ Nxg6  
 39. Rbf1 1-0



Position after 35...bxc6

Mulyar and Ashley both finished with 7.0 out of 9 points in a tie for 5th place with 23 other players that include Colorado Hall of Famer Alex Fishbein.

[Event "2001 U.S. Open"]  
 [Site "Framingham, Massachusetts"]  
 [Date "August 4, 2001"]  
 [Round "6"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2478)"]  
 [Black "Maurice Ashley (2579)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Be3 e6 7. f3 b5 8. Qd2 Nbd7 9. g4 Nb6 10. O-O Bb7 11. Kb1 Nfd7 12. Bg5 Qc8 13. Qf2 b4 14. Nce2 d5 15. Ng3 Qc7 16. Bd3 Ne5 17. Rhe1 Nxd3 18. Rxd3 Bc5 19. Nh5 O-O 20. Bf6 gxf6 21. Qd2 1-0



Position after 19...O-O

Grandmaster Berelowitsch won the Ukrainian Championship in 2001.

[Event "Essent Open"]  
 [Site "Hoogeveen, Netherlands"]  
 [Date "October 14, 2001"]  
 [Round "3"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar, FIDE - 2428"]  
 [Black "Alexander Berelowitsch, FIDE - 2512"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. f3 g6 4. c4 Bg7 5. Nc3 O-O 6. Be3 b6 7. Bd3 a6 8. Nge2 c5 9. d5 e6 10. a4 exd5 11. cxd5 Nbd7 12. Nc1 Nh5 13. O-O f5 14. exf5 gxf5 15. f4 Ndf6 16. h3 Re8 17. Bd2 Qc7 18. Bc4 Ng3 19. Rf3 Nge4 20. N1e2 Qf7 21. Ng3 Kh8 22. Qc2 Ra7 23. Re1 Rae7 24. Re2 Nxd2 25. Qxd2 Ne4 26. Qc2 Nxc3 27. Rxc3 Rxe2 28. Bxe2 Bd4+ 29. Kh2 Be3 30. Rf3 Qf6 31. Bd3 Qd4 32. Ne2 Qb4 33. Bxf5 Qd2 34. Bxh7 Qxc2 35. Bxc2 Bb7 36. Nc3 Bd4 37. Bd3 Re1 38. Bc4 Kg7 39. Ne2 Bxb2 40. Rb3 1-0

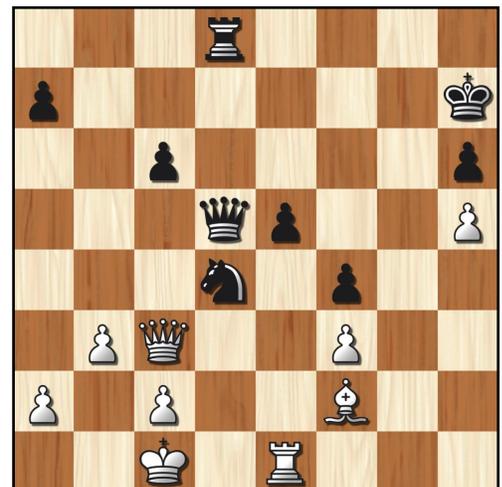


Position after 33...Qd2

Grandmaster Kudrin played in the 1998 U.S. Championships in Denver, where he qualified to play in the 1999 Las Vegas FIDE World Chess Championship.

[Event "2002 U.S. Championships"]  
 [Site "Seattle, Washington"]  
 [Date "January 7, 2002"]  
 [Round "3"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2491)"]  
 [Black "Sergey Kudrin (2622)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6. Be3 Bg7 7. f3 Nc6 8. Qd2 O-O 9. O-O-O d5 10. exd5 Nxd5 11. Nxc6 bxc6 12. Bd4 e5 13. Bc5 Be6 14. Ne4 Re8 15. Bc4 h6 16. g4 Qh4 17. Bf2 Qe7 18. Bc5 Qh4 19. Bf2 Qe7 20. h4 f5 21. gxf5 gxf5 22. Bc5 Qc7 23. Rhg1 Kh7 24. Rxc7+ Qxc7 25. Rg1 Qf7 26. Nd6 Qc7 27. Nxe8 Rxe8 28. h5 Rd8 29. Qe1 Nf4 30. Bxe6 Nxe6 31. Be3 Qf7 32. Qc3 f4 33. Bf2 Qd7 34. b3 Qd5 35. Re1 Nd4 36. Qd3+ Kh8 37. Qg6 Nxf3 38. Qxh6+ Kg8 39. Qg6+ Kh8 40. Bh4 Nxh4 41. Qh6+ Kg8 42. Rg1+ Ng2 43. Qg5+ Kf8 44. Rxc7 Rd7 45. Qf6+ Ke8 46. Qh8+ Ke7 47. Rg7+ Kd6 48. Qb8+ Kc5 49. Rxd7 Qxd7 50. Qxe5+ Kb6 51. Qxf4 1-0



Position after 35...Nd4

Larry Kaufman was an IM at the time of this game and earned the GM title in 2008. Kaufman is a noted researcher in the field of computer chess and excellent shogi player. He is the only person in the world to earn a 2400 rating in both chess and shogi.

[Event "2003 U.S. Championship"]  
 [Site "Seattle, Washington"]  
 [Date "January 13, 2003"] [Round "5"]  
 [White "Larry Kaufman (2465)"]  
 [Black "Michael Mulyar (2508)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 a6 5. Bd3 g6 6. O-O Bg7 7. b3 c5 8. Bb2 cxd4 9. Bxd4 Nc6 10. Bc3 O-O 11. cxd5 Qxd5 12. Be2 Bf5 13. Qxd5 Nxd5 14. Bxg7 Kxg7 15. Rc1 Ncb4 16. Nbd2 Nc2 17. e4 Nxa1 18. exf5 Nxb3 19. axb3 gxf5 20. Nd4 e6 21. Bf3 Rfd8 22. Nc4 Rac8 23. Re1 Nb4 24. Ne2 b5 25. Ne3 Rd2 26. Nf4 Rc3 27. Rb1 Kf8 28. h3 Ke7 29. Bh5 Na2 30. Ne2 Rcd3 31. Nf1 Rd1 32. Rxd1 Rxd1 33. g3 Rd3 34. Ne3 Rxb3 35. Kg2 Rd3 36. Bf3 b4 37. Nf4 Rd8 38. Bd1 Nc1 39. Bc2 a5 40. Kf1 b3 41. Bb1 a4 42. Nc4 Rd1+ 43. Kg2 Na2 44. Na3 Nc3 45. Bd3 b2 0-1

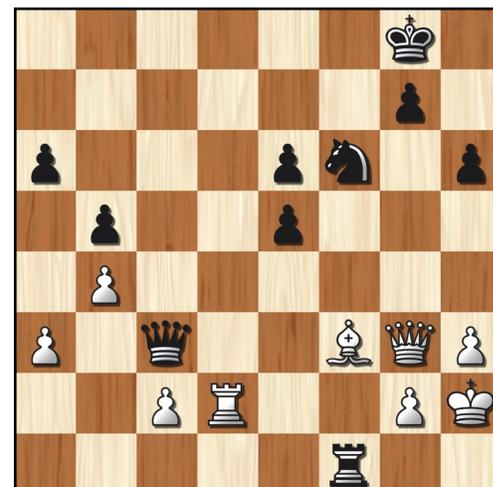


Position after 23.Re1

Grandmaster Serper won the World Open in 1999.

[Event "2003 U.S. Championship"]  
 [Site "Seattle, Washington"]  
 [Date "January 15, 2003"]  
 [Round "6"]  
 [White "Michael Mulyar (2508)"]  
 [Black "Gregory Serper (2615)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 a6 5. Nc3 Qc7 6. Be2 Nf6 7. O-O Be5 8. Be3 d6 9. Qd3 O-O 10. Nb3 Bxe3 11. Qxe3 b5 12. a3 Bb7 13. Rad1 Nbd7 14. f4 Rfd8 15. Bf3 Rab8 16. Kh1 Nb6 17. Na5 Ba8 18. b4 Nc4 19. Nxc4 Qxc4 20. Rd3 Rbc8 21. Rfd1 Qc7 22. h3 h6 23. R1d2 Ne8 24. Qf2 Qb8 25. Be2 Nf6 26. Bf3 Ne8 27. Ne2 Rc4 28. Ng3 Rdc8 29. f5 Qc7 30. fxe6 fxe6 31. Bh5 Bxe4 32. Nxe4 Rxe4 33. Bg6 Re5 34. Re3 Nf6 35. Rxe5 dxe5 36. Qf3 Rf8 37. Qg3 Nd5 38. Be4 Rf1+ 39. Kh2 Nf6 40. Bf3 Qc3 41. Rd8+ Kh7 42. Rd7 Ng4+ 43. Qxg4 1-0



Position after 40...Qc3

Ray Robson was only twelve years old when this game was played and earned the IM title soon afterwards in November of 2007. He became a GM in 2010.

[Event "2007 U.S. Championship"]  
 [Site "Stillwater, Oklahoma"]  
 [Date "May 19, 2007"]  
 [Round "5"]  
 [White "Ray Robson (2378)"]  
 [Black "Michael Mulyar (2420)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. Bd3 c5 6. c3 Nc6 7. Ne2 cxd4 8. cxd4 f6 9. Nf4 Nxd4 10. Qh5+ Ke7 11. exf6+ Nxf6 12. Ng6+ hxg6 13. Qxh8 Kf7 14. Qh4 e5 15. Nf3 Nxf3+ 16. gxf3 Bf5 17. Bxf5 gxf5 18. Bg5 Qa5+ 19. Kf1 Be7 20. Kg2 d4 21. Rhe1 Rd8 22. Rac1 d3 23. Bxf6 Bxf6 24. Qc4+ Kg6 25. Red1 e4 26. fxe4 Rd4 27. Qc8 fxe4 28. Rc5 Qd8 29. Qf5+ Kf7 30. Re5 Qd6 31. Rxe4 Qc6 32. Kf3 g6 33. Qg4 d2 34. Ke3 Rd6 35. Rxd2 Qc1 36. Qe2 Qc5+ 37. Kf3 Qf5+ 38. Ke3 Qh3+ 39. f3 Bg5+ 40. Rf4+ Bxf4+ 41. Kxf4 Qh6+ 42. Kg4 Qxd2 43. Qc4+ Qd5 44. Qc7+ Rd7 45. Qf4+ Qf5+ 0-1



Position after 20.Kg2

Grandmaster Walter Browne was a six-time U.S. Chess Champion and excellent poker player. He passed away on June 24, 2015.

[Event "2007 U.S. Championship"]

[Site "Stillwater, Oklahoma"]

[Date "May 21, 2007"]

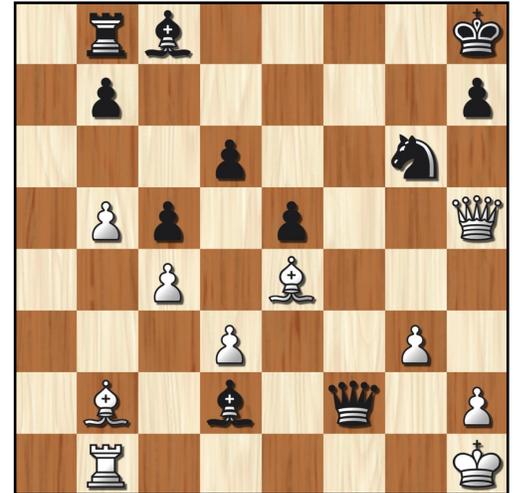
[Round "7"]

[White "Michael Mulyar (2420)"]

[Black "Walter Browne (2522)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. c4 e5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. Bg2 Bg7 5. e4 Nge7 6. Nge2 O-O 7. O-O Nd4  
8. b4 Nxe2+ 9. Nxe2 c6 10. Nc3 f5 11. exf5 gxf5 12. b5 d6 13. d3 f4 14. Rb1 Kh8  
15. Ba3 c5 16. Bb2 a6 17. a4 axb5 18. axb5 Rb8 19. Ne4 Ng6 20. Qh5 Rf5  
21. Qe2 Qf8 22. Nd2 Bh6 23. Be4 Rf6 24. Qh5 f3 25. f3 Be3+ 26. Kg2 Rf2+  
27. Kh1 Bxd2 28. Rxf2 Qxf2 29. Bxg6 h6 30. Be4 Qf6 31. Qe8+ Kg7 32. Bg2  
Qe6 33. Qh5 Bg5 34. Rf1 b6 35. h4 Be3 36. Qe2 Bb7 37. Kh2 Bxg2 38. Kxg2  
Bd4 39. Bxd4 cxd4 40. Qf3 Qe7 41. Qg4+ Kh7 42. Qf5+ Kg7 43. h5 Qg5  
44. Qd7+ Kg8 45. Qe6+ Kh8 46. Rf6 1-0



Position after 28...Qxf2

Mulyar wins a long and complicated rook endgame against long-time rival Randy Canney on his way to winning his 6th Colorado Open.

[Event "2013 Colorado Open"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "August 31, 2013"]

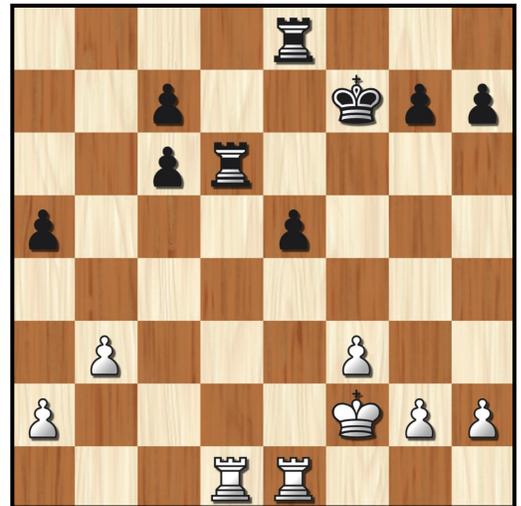
[Round "3"]

[White "Randy Canney (2238)"]

[Black "Michael Mulyar (2545)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. d4 exd4 6. O-O Be7 7. Re1 O-O  
8. e5 Ne8 9. c3 dxc3 10. Nxc3 d6 11. exd6 Nxd6 12. Nd5 Be6 13. Bxc6 bxc6  
14. Nxe7+ Qxe7 15. Nd4 Qf6 16. Nxe6 fxe6 17. Qe2 e5 18. Be3 Nf5 19. Rad1  
Qf7 20. b3 a5 21. Bc5 Rfe8 22. Qe4 Re6 23. f3 Rae8 24. Qc4 Nd6 25. Bxd6 Rxd6  
26. Qxf7+ Kxf7 27. Kf2 a4 28. Rc1 Rd2+ 29. Re2 Rxe2+ 30. Kxe2 axb3 31. axb3  
Re6 32. Rc5 Ke7 33. h4 Kd6 34. Rc4 Kd5 35. Ke3 c5 36. Rc3 Rb6 37. Rd3+  
Ke6 38. f4 Rb4 39. fxe5 Rxh4 40. Rd8 Rh5 41. Re8+ Kd7 42. Rg8 Rxe5+ 43. Kf4  
Re7 44. g4 Ke6 45. g5 g6 46. Rd8 Rf7+ 47. Ke4 Rf5 48. Rh8 Rxe5 49. Rxh7  
Kd6 50. Kd3 Rg3+ 51. Kc4 Rg4+ 52. Kc3 Kc6 53. Rg7 Kb6 54. Rg8 g5 55. Rb8+  
Kc6 56. Rg8 Rg1 57. Kc4 Rg4+ 58. Kc3 Kd5 59. Rd8+ Ke6 60. Rc8 Kd7 61. Rg8  
c6 62. Rg6 Kc7 63. Rg8 Kb7 64. Rg7+ Kb6 65. Rg8 Rg1 66. Kc4 Rc1+ 67. Kd3  
c4+ 68. bxc4 Rg1 69. Re8 Kc5 70. Re4 g4 71. Ke2 g3 72. Kf3 Kb4 73. Rg4 Rc1  
74. Ke2 g2 0-1



Position after 27.Kf2

Grandmaster Ivan Farago was the Hungarian Chess Champion in 1986 and an active player for over fifty years. He passed away on December 12, 2022.

[Event "FSGM September 2018"]

[Site "Budapest, Hungary"]

[Date "September 11, 2018"]

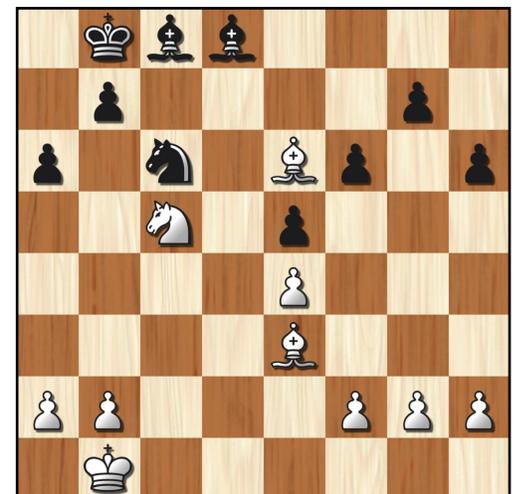
[Round "9"]

[White "Ivan Farago, FIDE - 2362"]

[Black "Michael A Mulyar, FIDE - 2374"]

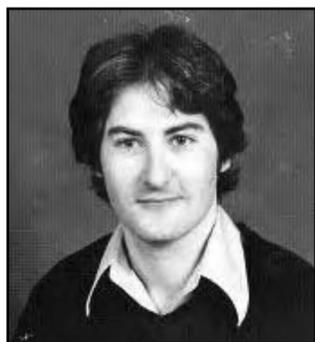
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1. d4 d5 2. c4 c6 3. exd5 cxd5 4. Bg5 f6 5. Bd2 Nc6 6. Nc3 e5 7. e4 Nxd4 8. Nge2  
Nxe2 9. Bxe2 Ne7 10. Qb3 Nc6 11. Qxd5 Qxd5 12. Nxd5 Bd6 13. Be3 Be6  
14. O-O-O O-O-O 15. Kb1 Kb8 16. Rd2 Ne7 17. Nc3 a6 18. Rhd1 Bc7 19. Na4  
Rxd2 20. Rxd2 Rd8 21. Rxd8+ Bxd8 22. Nc5 Bc8 23. Be4 Nc6 24. Bg8 h6  
25. Be6 Be7 26. Bxe8 Kxe8 27. Ne6 g5 28. Ng7 Kd7 29. Nf5 Bf8 30. Kc2 Ne7  
31. Ng3 Ng6 32. Nh5 Ke6 33. g4 Nh4 34. Ng3 Nf3 35. Nf1 Kf7 36. Kd3 b5  
37. Bb6 Kg6 38. Ke3 Ne1 39. Ke2 Ng2 40. Ne3 Nxe3 41. Bxe3 h5 42. h3 hxg4  
43. hxg4 Kf7 44. Kd3 1/2-1/2

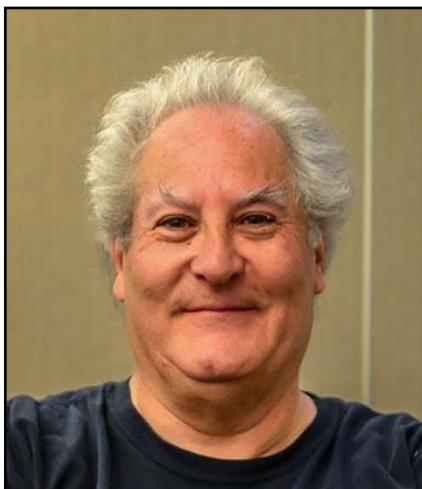


Position after 25.Be6

## Brian Wall



*1972 Colorado State Junior Chess Champion*



*Wall - 1977 Al Wallace Memorial tournament*

Brian Douglas Wall was born on March 26, 1955, in New York City. Brian is the oldest of nine boys.

The Wall family moved to Southern California in 1966 and then to Denver in 1968.

Brian's dad taught him how to play checkers and chess when he was 6 years old and soon afterwards he could beat his aunt at checkers.

His first chess tournament was in 1970 at the Gates Rubber Company Chess Club where he achieved a rating of 1555. Three years later his rating improved to 1977.

Wall graduated from North Denver High School in 1973 and attended the University of Colorado at Boulder where he studied math, archeology, and psychology.

Brian read lots of chess books to improve his game; his chess heroes were Robert Wendling and John Watson.

Young Brian was a spellbound youngster watching the 1971 World Championship Quarter Final match in Denver between Bobby Fischer and Bent Larsen. He was stuck by the players respect for each other and their mutual quest for the truth about the game.

The next year, he won the 1972 Colorado Junior Chess Championship 6-0.

Wall achieved his first master rating in 1980 while living in Denver. He is a Life Master, maintaining the master rating level for over 300 tournament games.

Brian moved from Colorado in 1981; living in Texas, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts. In New England, he developed lifelong friendships with a group of masters that included Jack Young, David Vigorito, Joseph Fang, and Joel Johnson. During that time, he attained his peak USCF rating of 2335. Wall moved back to Denver in 1995.

### Tournament Victories

Wall has played in over 1,000 rated tournaments, has won more Colorado chess tournaments than any other player, and was the 2011-2012 Colorado Chess Tour winner.

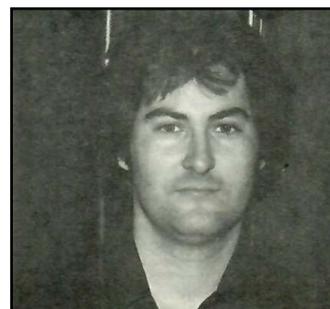
In Colorado, he has won outright or tied for first in:

3 Colorado Opens (1977, 2001, 2017)

4 Colorado Closeds (2002, 2005, 2007, 2013)

7 Denver Opens (1977, 1982, 2000, 2001, 2004, 2005, 2006)

3 Colorado Senior Opens (2018, 2019, 2020)



*1982*

In 2013, he won clear first Colorado Closed while also playing in the Colorado Senior Open at the same time!

Brian led five Colorado Teams in the Colorado vs. New Mexico matches.

He has tournament draws against GM's Anatoly Lein, Arthur Bisguier, Yuri Shulman, Marcin Tazbir, and Dashzegve Sharavdorj, and three wins against IM Igor Foygel. He also has a draw against 13 year old Hikaru Nakamura when he was a 2400 rated IM.

In the 2003 Governor's Cup in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Wall won against IM John Donaldson in the last round to tie for second place with GMs Aleksander Wojtkewicz, Yuri Shulman, Pavel Blatny, and Marcin Kaminski.

Wall also won the 1993 Massachusetts Blitz Championship, 2006 Wyoming Open, 2007 Kansas Open, and was clear first in the 2010 North American Open in Stillwater, Oklahoma.

## Coaching, Commentary, and Chess Service

Brian worked as a chess analyst in 2006 for the Internet Chess Club. He was the only non-GM or IM member contracted to be an analyst during the 2006 Kramnik-Topolov World Championship match, working side-by-side with GM Larry Christianson for one of the games. Wall's other analyst partners for high-level Grandmaster tournaments were GM Gregory Kaidanov, GM Varuzhan Akobian, GM Roman Dzindzichashvili, IM Cyrus Lakdawala, IM Vasik Rajlich, IM Billy Paschall, FM Robby Adamson, and NM Dan Heisman.

Wall has composed over 25,000 chess emails and has several chess training videos on YouTube. He is also a co-author of *How to Play Chess Like An Animal* (2007) with Anthea Carson.

Wall has given three simuls in Colorado prisons, arranged by Chris Hendrickson.

Tyler Hughes, Robert Ramirez, and Chris Peterson all see Brian as a chess mentor.

Wall has been an active member of the Denver Chess Club for decades, the DCC President from 2014-2021, and club champion in in 2004 and 2012 (the DCC hasn't always held a club championship during these years). He was a Member at Large on the CSCA Board from 2014-2017.

Brian has two children, Devon (who is a rated chess player) and Phyllis, and a granddaughter, Hazel Mae.



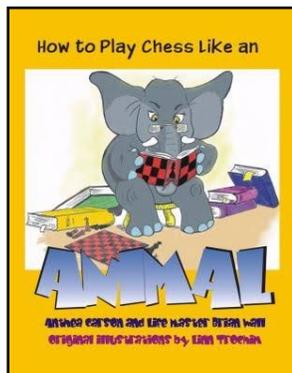
**Brian Wall - 1977  
Denver Open**



**Wall - 1978 Al Wallace Memorial tournament**



**Brian Wall - May 7, 1978**



**Wall family - Dad and brothers, circa 1985**



**St. Louis Chess Club 2015**



2016 Halloween Tournament



2019 Denver Open



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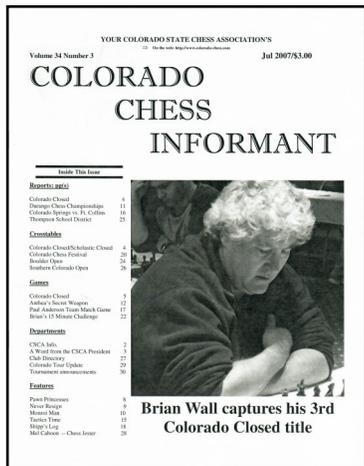
Brian Wall Simul 2021  
Parker Chess Club



Hall of Fame Induction 2021



Denver Chess Club 2022



July 2007 Colorado  
Chess Informant cover



Brian & Fabiano Caruana, Lawrence Trent & Ben  
Finegold at St. Louis Chess Club 2015



January 2023 Colorado  
Chess Informant cover



Brian at World Chess Hall of Fame 2015



Brian Wall & Yasser Seirawan 2015



Brian at 2015 Sinquefeld Cup

Wendling became the 1972 Colorado State Champion by winning this game.

[Event "1972 Colorado Open"] [Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "September 4, 1972"] [Round "6"]

[White "Brian Wall (1698)"]

[Black "Robert Wendling (2240)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. b3 e5 2. Bb2 Nc6 3. c4 f5 4. d3 Nf6 5. e3 d5 6. cxd5 Nxd5 7. a3 Be7 8. Qc2 O-O  
9. Nf3 Bf6 10. Nbd2 Kh8 11. Be2 Qe8 12. O-O-O Be6 13. Kb1 a5 14. Rc1 Rf7 15.  
Nc4 Bd7 16. Rhd1 b5 17. Ncd2 Be7 18. d4 e4 19. Bxb5 Rf6 20. Ne5 Nxe5 21. dxe5  
Bxb5 22. exf6 Bd3 23. fxe7 Qxe7 24. Ka1 Bxc2 25. Rxc2 h6 26. Nc4 Qe6 27. Rcd2  
c6 28. Ne5 Rb8 29. Nc4 a4 30. bxa4 Nc3 31. Bxc3 Qxc4 32. Rd8+ Rxd8 33. Rxd8+  
Kh7 34. Kb2 Qxa4 35. Rd7 Qb5+ 36. Kc2 Qe2+ 37. Kb3 Kg8 38. Rd2 Qb5+ 39. Kc2  
Qa4+ 40. Kb2 Qa7 41. Kb3 Kf7 42. a4 Qb8+ 43. Kc4 Qb1 44. g3 g5 45. a5 Qb5+ 0-1



*Position after 20.Ne5*

This game was played 2 days before Brian's 18th birthday against his local chess hero.

[Event "1973 Al Wallace Memorial"] [Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "March 24, 1973"] [Round "3"]

[White "Robert Wendling (2194)"]

[Black "Brian Wall (1997)"]

[Result "1-0"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. f4 e5 7. Nf3 Qc7 8. Bd3 b5  
9. O-O Be7 10. Qe1 O-O 11. fxe5 dxe5 12. Nh4 b4 13. Nd1 g6 14. Bh6 Rd8 15. Ne3  
Bb7 16. Nhf5 Nxe4 17. Nxe7+ Qxe7 18. Nf5 gxf5 19. Bxe4 f6 20. Bxb7 Qxb7 21. Rxf5  
Qe7 22. Rf3 Kh8 23. Rg3 Qc5+ 24. Kh1 Rg8 25. Rxg8+ Kxg8 26. Qg3+ Kf7 27. Qg7+  
Ke6 28. Rd1 Qe7 29. Qg8+ Qf7 30. Rd6+ Ke7 31. Qd8# 1-0



*Position after 21...Qe7*

Bob O'Donnell was the 1967 Colorado Jr. Champion & 1973 Denver Open Champion.

[Event "Second Match Game"] [Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "June 24, 1977"]

[White "Robert O'Donnell (2000)"]

[Black "Brian Wall (2000)"]

[Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. c4 g6 2. Nc3 Bg7 3. e4 d6 4. d4 Nf6 5. f3 c6 6. Be3 a6 7. a4 a5 8. Qd2 Na6 9. Bd3  
Nb4 10. Bb1 e5 11. Nge2 O-O 12. O-O Qe7 13. Ra3 exd4 14. Bxd4 d5 15. cxd5 cxd5  
16. Qe3 Re8 17. Be5 Qc7 18. Nb5 Qc6 19. Rc1 dxe4 20. Bxb4 exf3 21. Rxc6 axb4  
22. Rxc8 Raxc8 23. Qxf3 bxa3 24. Nd6 Rxe2 25. Nxc8 Rxb2 26. Qxa3 Rxb1+ 27. Kf2  
Ne4+ 28. Ke3 Re1+ 29. Kd3 Nf2+ 30. Kd2 Bc3+ 31. Kxc3 Re3+ 32. Kb4 Rxa3 33. Kxa3  
Kf8 34. Nd6 Ke7 35. Nxb7 Kd7 36. Kb4 Kc7 37. Nc5 Ng4 38. h3 Ne3 39. g3 Nf1  
40. g4 Ne3 41. Kb5 f5 42. g5 Nd5 43. a5 f4 44. Ne4 f3 45. Kc4 Nf4 46. Nf2 Ne6 47. h4  
Ng7 48. Kd5 Nf5 49. Ke5 Nxe4 50. Kf4 Kb7 51. Ne4 Nf5 52. Kxf3 Ka6 53. Kf4  
1/2 - 1/2



*Position after 19.Rc1*

Wall won the 1977 Colorado Open with this victory over John Watson, the 1974 and 1975 Colorado State Champion.

[Event "1977 Colorado Open"]

[Site "Denver, Colorado"]

[Date "September 5, 1977"] [Round "6"]

[White "John Watson (2332)"]

[Black "Brian Wall (2024)"]

[Result "0-1"]

1. c4 g6 2. Nf3 Bg7 3. g3 Nf6 4. Bg2 O-O 5. Nc3 d6 6. O-O e5 7. d4 Nbd7 8. e4 Re8  
9. h3 exd4 10. Nxd4 Nc5 11. Re1 c6 12. Rb1 a5 13. Bf4 Qe7 14. Nc2 Bf8 15. Be3 Bg7  
16. Qd2 Bd7 17. Bf4 Bf8 18. Rbd1 Be6 19. Ne3 Rad8 20. Ned5 Bxd5 21. exd5 Qd7  
22. Bg5 Rxe1+ 23. Rxe1 Bg7 24. Qf4 Nd3 25. dxc6 bxc6 26. Qd2 Nxe1 27. Qxe1 h6  
28. Be3 d5 29. cxd5 cxd5 30. Bd4 Ne4 31. Bxg7 Kxg7 32. Nxe4 dxe4 33. Qxa5 Re8  
34. Qc3+ Kg8 35. Qe3 Qd3 36. Bf1 Qc2 37. Qxh6 Qxb2 38. Bc4 Qb6 39. Qe3 Qxe3  
40. fxe3 Ra8 41. g4 g5 42. Kf2 Kg7 43. Kg3 Rc8 44. Bb3 Rc3 45. Kf2 f6 46. Ke2 Kf8  
47. Bd5 Rc2+ 48. Kd1 Rh2 49. a4 Rxh3 50. Kd2 Rh1 51. Kc3 Ke7 52. a5 Kd6  
53. Bxe4 Re1 54. Kd4 Ra1 55. Bf5 Ra4+ 56. Kd3 Ke5 57. Ke2 Rxa5 58. Kf3 Kd6  
59. Bg6 Re6 60. Kf2 Kc5 61. Ke2 Kc4 62. Bh7 Kc3 63. Bg6 Ra5 64. Bh7 Ra2+  
65. Kf3 Kd2 and White lost on time 0-1

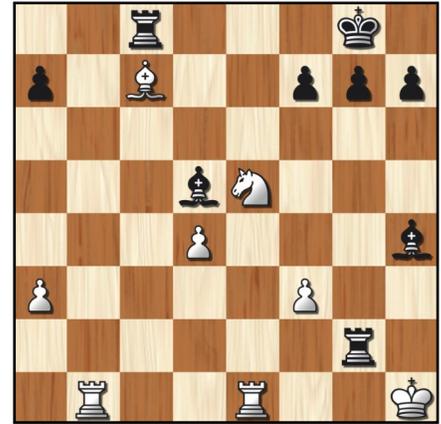


*Position after 19...Rad8*

Brian beats the 4th highest rated player in the final round of this strong tournament.

[Event "1983 Boulder Open"]  
 [Site "Boulder, Colorado"]  
 [Date "January 23, 1983"] [Round "5"]  
 [White "Boris Baczymsky (2348)"]  
 [Black "Brian Wall (2228)"]  
 [Result "0-1"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. Nxe5 Qe7 4. Nf3 Nxe4 5. Be2 Qd8 6. O-O Be7 7. d4 d5 8. Bd3 Nc6 9. Re1 Bf5 10. c4 Nb4 11. Bf1 dxc4 12. Bxc4 O-O 13. a3 Nd5 14. Nc3 Ndx3 15. bxc3 Nxc3 16. Qb3 Ne4 17. Qxb7 Nd6 18. Qa6 Bc8 19. Qa4 Nxc4 20. Qxc4 Bb7 21. Ne5 Bd5 22. Qc3 Bb7 23. Bf4 Bf6 24. Qg3 Re8 25. Rab1 Qd5 26. Rec1 Rac8 27. h4 Re6 28. Nf3 Bd8 29. Bxc7 Rg6 30. Re1 Bxh4 31. Qe5 Qxe5 32. Nxe5 Rxc7+ 33. Kh1 Bd5 34. f3 Rc2 35. Rec1 Rxc1+ 36. Rxc1 Bg5 37. Rc5 Ba8 38. d5 f6 39. Nc4 Bxd5 40. Rxd5 Rxc7 0-1



Position after 34.f3

Hikaru Nakamura was only 13 when this game was played. He went on to become a famous streamer and World Champion contender.

[Event "29th World Open"]  
 [Site "Philadelphia, Pennsylvania"]  
 [Date "April 7, 2001"] [Round "1"]  
 [White "Hikaru Nakamura (2429)"]  
 [Black "Brian Wall (2244)"]  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. e4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. Nc3 d5 4. exd5 Nf6 5. Bb5+ Nbd7 6. Nf3 O-O 7. O-O Nb6 8. Be2 Bg4 9. h3 Bxf3 10. Bxf3 Nbx5 11. Nxd5 Nxd5 12. Qe2 c6 13. c4 Nc7 14. Be3 Bxd4 15. Bxd4 Qxd4 16. Qxe7 Rac8 17. b3 Rfe8 18. Qb4 Qb6 19. Qc3 Ne6 20. Rad1 c5 21. Kh1 Nd4 22. Bd5 a5 23. Rfe1 Qc7 24. Qg3 Qxg3 25. fxg3 b6 26. Rf1 Rc7 27. Rf6 Re2 28. g4 Kg7 29. Rxb6 Rxa2 30. Rf1 f5 31. g5 Re2 32. Rb8 h6 33. h4 hxg5 34. hxg5 Ne6 35. Re8 Kf7 36. Rxe6 Rxe6 37. Re1 Rcc6 38. Re5 Ke7 39. Bxe6 Rxe6 40. Rxc5 Re3 41. Rb5 Rc3 42. Kh2 a4 43. bxa4 Rxc4 44. Rb7+ Ke6 45. a5 f4 46. Rb5 Rc3 47. Kg1 Rc2 48. Rb4 Ra2 49. Rxf4 Rxa5 50. Rf6+ Ke7 51. Rxc6 Kf7 52. Rc6 Rxc6 53. Kf2 Kg7 54. Kf3 Ra5 55. Kg4 Rb5 56. Kh4 Ra5 57. Re6 Kf7 58. Rh6 Kg7 59. Rh5 Ra6 60. g3 Rb6 61. Rd5 Ra6 62. Rd7+ Kg8 63. Kh5 Rb6 64. Kg5 Ra6 65. Kf5 Rb6 66. Re7 Ra6 67. Re6 Ra7 68. g4 Kf7 69. Re5 Ra6 70. Kg5 Kg7 71. Rf5 Rb6 72. Rd5 Ra6 73. Rd7+ Kg8 74. Kf5 Rb6 75. g5 Ra6 76. Re7 Rb6 77. Kg4 Ra6 78. Kh5 Rb6 79. Kh4 Ra6 80. Kg3 Ra4 81. Kf3 Rb4 82. Kg3 Ra4 83. Kh3 Rb4 84. Rd7 Ra4 85. Kg3 Rb4 86. Kf3 Ra4 87. Re7 Rb4 88. Re4 Rxe4 89. Kxe4 Kg7 90. Kf5 Kf7 91. g6+ Kg7 92. Kg5 Kg8 93. Kh6 Kh8 94. g7+ Kg8 95. Kg6 1/2-1/2



Position after 27.Rf6

Brian draws the 3-time U.S. Champion with his famous Fishing Pole Opening in the 2001 Christiansen Simul.

[Event "2001 Larry Christiansen Simul"]  
 [Site "Denver, Colorado"]  
 [Date "October 14, 2001"]  
 [White "GM Larry Christiansen"]  
 [Black "Brian Wall (2225)"]  
 [Result "1/2-1/2"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 Nf6 4. O-O Ng4 5. h3 h5 6. c3 Bc5 7. d4 Bb6 8. Na3 a6 9. Bxc6 dxc6 10. Nc4 f6 11. Nxb6 cxb6 12. dxe5 Qxd1 13. Rxd1 Nxe5 14. Nxe5 fxe5 15. Be3 b5 16. Rd6 Kf7 17. Rad1 Be6 18. a3 a5 19. f3 h4 20. Bc5 a4 21. Bb6 Rac8 22. Kf2 g5 23. Ke1 Kf6 24. Bd8+ Kf7 25. Bxg5 Rhg8 26. Bxh4 Rxc2 27. R6d2 Rcg8 28. Rxc2 Rxc2 29. Rd2 Rxd2 30. Kxd2 Bxh3 1/2 -1/2



Position after 16.Rd6

IM John Donaldson is a 14-time captain of the U.S. Chess Olympiad team and the author of many chess books.

[Event "2002 South Dakota Governor's Cup"]

[Site "Sioux Falls, South Dakota"]

[Date "October 13, 2002"]

[Round "5"]

[White "John Donaldson (2469)"]

[Black "Brian Wall (2203)"]

1. Nf3 d6 2. d4 Bg4 3. c4 c6 4. Nc3 Nd7 5. e4 e5 6. Be2 Be7 7. O-O Ngf6 8. Be3 O-O 9. d5 cxd5 10. cxd5 Ne8 11. Nd2 Bxe2 12. Qxe2 Bg5 13. Bxg5 Qxg5 14. Rfc1 a6 15. a4 g6 16. a5 f5 17. b4 Ndf6 18. Rc2 Rc8 19. exf5 gxf5 20. Rac1 Kh8 21. Nc4 Rc7 22. Nb6 Rg7 23. g3 h5 24. b5 h4 25. bxa6 bxa6 26. Kh1 Ng4 27. Rg1 Rfg8 28. Rg2 Nef6 29. Nd1 Rh7 30. Rc8 Rxc8 31. Nxc8 hxcg3 32. fxg3 Ne4 33. Kg1 Qc1 34. Qc2 Qa1 35. Re2 Qd4+ 0-1



Position after 23.g3

Wall won the 2006 Wyoming Open with this victory in the last round. Renard Anderson was the 1998 Colorado Open Champion, had a peak rating in the 2400s, and has extensive playing experience in large national tournaments.

[Event "Wyoming Open"]

[Site "Cheyenne, Wyoming"]

[Date "May 7, 2006"] [Round "5"]

[White "Brian Wall (2231)"]

[Black "Renard Anderson (2277)"]

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.c4 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.Nf3 Ne6 6.O-O f5 7.d3 Nf6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.Nd5 O-O 11.Rb1 Bg7 12.b4 g5 13.b5 Ne7 14.Nd2 Ng6 15.e3 g4 16.f4 h5 17.a4 Rb8 18.a5 Bd7 19.a6 b6 20.Nb3 Ne7 21.Nc1 Rc8 22.Na2 c6 23.Nxe7+ Qxe7 24.bxc6 Bxc6 25.Bxc6 Rxc6 26.Nb4 Rc5 27.Qd2 h4 28.Nd5 Qe6 29.fxe5 dxe5 30.Rf2 h3 31.Rbf1 Kh7 32.e4 Bh6 33.Qe2 f4 34.gxf4 exf4 35.Nxf4 Qd6 36.Nd5 Rxf2 37.Qxf2 Qe6 38.Qg3 Rc8 39.Rf6 Qd7 40.Rxb6 Bg7 41.Nf6+ Bxf6 42.Rb7 1-0



Position after 22...c6

This was the longest game in Oklahoma chess history.

[Event "2010 North American Open"]

[Site "Stillwater, Oklahoma"]

[Date "May 30, 2010"] [Round "6"]

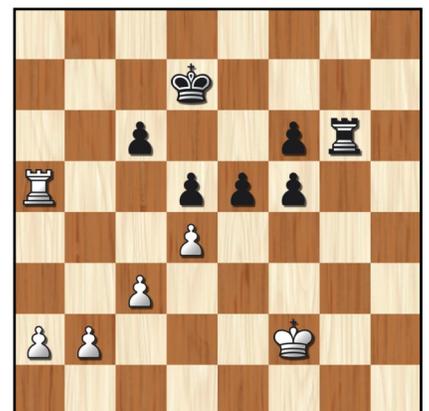
[White "Pete Karagianis (2264)"]

[Black "Brian Wall (2200)"]

1. d4 d6 2. Nf3 c6 3. e4 Qc7 4. Bc4 Nf6 5. e5 Nd5 6. O-O Bg4 7. exd6 Qxd6 8. Qd3 Nd7 9. Ng5 e6 10. Re1 Be7 11. Bxd5 cxd5 12. Nc3 Bf5 13. Qf3 Nf6 14. Bf4 Qc6 15. Qe2 a6 16. Nd1 O-O 17. Ne3 Bg6 18. Nf3 Nh5 19. Be5 Rac8 20. g4 Nf6 21. h4 h5 22. Bxf6 gxf6 23. gxh5 Bxh5 24. Ne5 Bxe2 25. Nxc6 bxc6 26. Rxe2 Kh7 27. f3 f5 28. c3 Rg8+ 29. Kf1 Rg3 30. Rg2 Rxf3+ 31. Ke2 Rh3 32. Rag1 Bf6 33. Nc2 Rxh4 34. Ne1 Rh6 35. Nd3 Rg6 36. Rh2+ Kg8 37. Rgh1 Kf8 38. Nc5 a5 39. Kf3 Ke7 40. Rh7 Rcg8 41. R1h2 Rg1 42. Nd3 R1g3+ 43. Ke2 Rg2+ 44. Kf1 Rxh2 45. Rxh2 Rg3 46. Ke2 Kd6 47. Rh7 Rg7 48. Rh6 Rg2+ 49. Kf1 Rd2 50. Rxf6 Ke7 51. Rh6 Rxd3 52. Ke2 Rg3 53. Rh2 Kd6 54. Kf2 Rg6 55. Rh8 f6 56. Rd8+ Kc7 57. Re8 Kd7 58. Ra8 e5 59. Rxa5 f4 60. c4 Ke6 61. cxd5+ cxd5 62. Ra6+ Kf5 63. dxe5 Kxe5 64. Ra8 Rh6 65. Re8+ Kf5 66. Rd8 Rh2+ 67. Kf3 Rh3+ 68. Kg2 Rd3 69. a4 Ke4 70. a5 Rd2+ 71. Kh3 Rxb2 72. Re8+ Kf3 73. a6 Ra2 74. Rd8 Rxa6 75. Rxd5 f5 76. Kh4 Ke4 77. Rb5 f3 78. Rb4+ Ke3 79. Rb3+ Kf4 80. Rb4+ Ke5 81. Rb5+ Kf6 82. Kg3 Kg5 83. Rb3 f2 84. Kxf2 Kg4 85. Rg3+ Kf4 86. Rf3+ Ke5 87. Re3+ Kf6 88. Kf3 Kg5 89. Rb3 Rh6 90. Kg2 f4 91. Rb8 Re6 92. Rb3 Kg4 93. Kf2 Ra6 94. Rb2 Ra3 95. Rc2 Rh3 96. Kg2 Rh7 97. Rc4 Rd7 98. Rc2 Rd3 99. Ra2 Rg3+ 100. Kf1 Kh3 101. Ra4 Rf3+ 102. Ke2 Kg3 103. Ra8 Rf2+ 104. Ke1 Rb2 105. Rg8+ Kf3 106. Rf8 Ra2 107. Rf7 Ra1+ 108. Kd2 Kg3 109. Ke2 Ra2+ 110. Kf1 Kf3 111. Ke1 Ra8 112. Rf6 Rh8 113. Rf7 Rh1+ 114. Kd2 Kg3 115. Ke2 Rh2+ 116. Kf1 Rf2+ 117. Ke1 Kg2 118. Rg7+ Kf3 119. Rf7 Re2+ 120. Kf1 Re5 121. Rb7 Re3 122. Rf7 Rb3 123. Ke1 Rb1+ 124. Kd2 Rg1 125. Rf8 Kg3 126. Ke2 Rg2+ 127. Kf1 Rh2 128. Rg8+ Kf3 129. Kg1 Rh3 130. Rf8 Rh6 131. Ra8 Rc6 132. Rf8 Rc1+ 133. Kh2 Rf1 134. Re8 Kf2 135. Ra8 Re1 136. Rf8 Re4 137. Ra8 Re2 138. Kh3 f3 139. Ra1 Rd2 140. Ra8 Ke1 141. Kg3 1/2-1/2



Position after 23...Bxh5



Position after 59.Rxa5

Damian Nash was the 1st Board on the 1981 Boulder High School Colorado State Champion Team, a Senior TD, and went on to become the President of the Hawaii Chess Federation.

[Event "Colorado Closed Championship"]  
 [Site "Manitou Springs, Colorado"]  
 [Date "March 27, 2011"] [Round "5"]  
 [White "Brian Wall (2203)"]  
 [Black "Damian Nash (2049)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

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. O-O Nd5 11. Re1 Be7 12. Ngh5 Rg8 13. Rxe6 fxe6 14. Nxe6 Qc8 15. Nhxg7+ Kf7 16. Bxh6 Bf6 17. Qf3 Rxf7 18. Nxf7 Qd8 19. Re1 b5 20. Bb3 a5 21. Ne6 Qd7 22. Nf4 Ra7 23. Qh5+ Kg8 24. Re8+ Qxe8 25. Qxe8# 1-0



Position after 12...Rg8

Tazbir Marcin is Polish Grandmaster and a 3-time Polish Junior Chess Champion.

[Event "Millionaire Chess 2"]  
 [Site "Planet Hollywood Casino, Las Vegas, Nevada"]  
 [Date "October 8, 2015"] [Round "2"]  
 [White "Brian Wall (2248)"]  
 [Black "GM Tazbir Marcin (2586)"]

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nf3 b6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. g3 Bb7 6. Bg2 O-O 7. O-O Bxc3 8. bxc3 d6 9. c5 dxc5 10. Ba3 Na6 11. dxc5 Qxd1 12. Rfxd1 Nxc5 13. Bxc5 bxc5 14. Ne5 Rab8 15. Rab1 Bxg2 16. Kxg2 Rb6 17. Rb3 h6 18. Ra3 Ra8 19. Nd7 Rb2 20. Nxf6+ gxf6 21. Kf3 a6 22. Rd7 Ra7 23. Ra5 c4 24. Rd4 Rc2 25. Rxc4 f5 26. Rac5 Rb7 27. a4 Rbb2 28. Re5 Ra2 29. a5 Ra3 30. Rxc7 Raxc3+ 31. Rxc3 Rxc3+ 32. Re3 Rc4 33. Ra3 Kg7 34. Ke3 Kf6 35. h4 Ke5 36. Kf3 Rb4 37. Re3+ Kf6 38. Ra3 h5 39. Ra2 Kg6 40. Ra3 Rb5 41. Ke3 f6 42. f4 e5 43. Kf3 Kf7 44. Ke3 Ke6 45. fxe5 fxe5 46. Kf3 Rc5 47. Rb3 Rxa5 1/2-1/2



Position after 18...Ra8

Bunmi Olape was a Nigerian Chess Champion who visited Denver in 2016.

[Event "2017 Fall Classic"]  
 [Site "Denver, Colorado"]  
 [Date "October 16, 2016"]  
 [Round "4"]  
 [White "Brian Wall (2234)"]  
 [Black "IM Bunmi Olape (2212)"]  
 [Result "1-0"]

1. e4 e5 2. f4 exf4 3. Nc3 Qh4+ 4. Ke2 Qd8 5. d4 Nf6 6. Bxf4 Bb4 7. Nd5 Nxd5 8. exd5 O-O 9. c3 Be7 10. Nf3 d6 11. Kf2 Nd7 12. Bd3 Nf6 13. c4 Ng4+ 14. Kg1 f5 15. h3 Nf6 16. Kh2 Nh5 17. Qd2 Nxf4 18. Qxf4 g5 19. Qg3 g4 20. hxg4 f4 21. Kg1 Rf7 22. Rh5 Rg7 23. Rf1 gxf3 24. Bxh7+ Kh8 25. Bg6+ Kg8 26. Qh2 Rxf6 27. Rh8+ Kg7 28. Qh7+ Kf6 29. Rxd8 Bxd8 30. Qh8+ Ke7 31. Rxf3 1-0



Position after 23...gxf3



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