

John Siddeek 1959-2010

by Richard "Buck" Buchanan



At a Scholastics tournament a while back, I heard my name called and saw a gentleman I didn't recognize. It was John Siddeek, chess master and old friend, who I hadn't seen for more than twenty years. He was living in Grand Junction and was at the tournament with his son. We had an all-too-short visit, and I was hoping to see him again when we could spend more time together.

Then recently, Randy Canney sent out a notice that John had died of cancer on October 8, 2010.

As a young man John had fought off cancer and defeated it. But when it returned a second time it wouldn't be denied, and after a three year struggle it checkmated him.

John was one of a generation of strong chess players who came out of the Fischer era. He was an active Colorado player in parts of the '70s and '80s, winning many tournaments and fine games. He tied for first place in the 1984 Colorado Open, but Jim McCarty took the title on tie breaks. In 1985 he won first prize in the Colorado Chess Tour. I was a very active tournament player myself in those days, and John and I played many tournament games. He was very likeable and led a rich, full life. He was a good man and a good friend.

For more about him, see his obituary at:

www.legacy.com/obituaries/gjsentinel/obituary.aspx?n=john-siddeek&pid=145988988 (This link is available on a Brian Wall e-mail from 11/29.)

In the next issue I will reprint some of his games from back issues of the Informant.



A Few Games Of John Siddeek

by Richard "Buck" Buchanan

(Editor's Note: Last issue, Buck eulogized his friend John and promised that in this issue he would present some of his games. So here they are. Enjoy!)

Tom McClew (1815)

John Siddeek (1647)

(1975 Colorado Open)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.0-0 Nc5
9.Nd2 a5 10.b3 Ne8 11.a3 f5 12.Rb1 Nf6
13.f3 b6 14.b4 Nb7 15.Nb3 f4 16.Bd2 g5
17.Be1 Kh8 18.Bf2 Rg8 19.c5 bxc5
20.bxc5 Bf8 21.c6 Nc5 22.Bxc5 dxc5
23.Bc4 Bd6 24.Na4 Qe7 25.Qd2 g4
26.Kf2? gxf3 27.gxf3 Nxe4+! 28.fxe4
Qh4+ 29.Ke2 Rg2+ 0-1

Tim Roth (1672)

John Siddeek (1868)

(1976 Colorado Open)

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d5 4.Bb5 Bd6
5.Nf3 Qe7 6.c4 Nf6 7.cxd5 Nxd5
8.Bxc6+ bxc6 9.a3 Ba6 10.d4 e4 11.Qc2
0-0! 12.Qxc6 Nxe3! 13.fxe3 exf3
14.Qxf3 Rae8 15.Kf2 f5 16.Nd2 c5 17.d5
f4 18.e4 Qh4+ 19.Kg1 c4 20.bxc4 Bc5+
21.Kf1 Rxe4! 22.g3 Qh3+ 0-1

John Siddeek (1798)

Dmitry Agrachov (2098)

(1978 Colorado Junior Championship)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 c6 4.Nc3 Be6 5.d3
Nf6 6.e4 d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Qb3 Nc6
9.cxd5 Nd4 10.Qxb7 Bf5 11.Nf3 Rb8
12.Qxa7 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 Bxd3 14.Qe3 e4
15.Bxe4 Bxe4 16.Nxe4 Bb4+ 17.Nc3+
Kf8 18.Bd2 Nxd5 19.Nxd5 Qxd5
20.Bxb4+ Rxb4 21.0-0 Rb8 22.Rfe1 h5
23.b3 h4 24.Rad1 Qa8 25.Rd7 Kg8
26.Qe7 Rf8 27.Red1 hxg3 28.fxg3 Qxa2
29.Qxf8+ Kxf8 30.Rd8+ Ke7 31.Rxh8
Qxb3 32.Re1+ Kf6 33.Rf1+ Kg6 34.Rh4
f6 35.Rhf4 ½-½

John Siddeek (1788)

Steven Steinshouer (1759)

(1978 Denver Open)

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.f3
0-0 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c5 8.Nge2 cxd4
9.Nxd4 Qa5 10.0-0 Ne5 11.Rc1 Nxd3

12.Qxd3 a6 13.b3 Qh5 14.Nde2 Bd7
15.Nf4 Qe5 16.Nfd5 e6 17.Bd4 Qxd4+
18.Qxd4 Nxd5 19.Qd3 Nxc3 20.Rxc3
Bxc3 21.Qxc3 Bc6 22.Rd1 Rfd8 23.Qa5
Kg7 24.Rxd6 Rxd6 25.Qe5+ Kf8
26.Qxd6+ Ke8 27.Qd4 Rd8 28.Qc3 Rd1+
29.Kf2 Ke7 30.b4 Kd7 31.Kg3 Ke8
32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qxh7 Ra1 34.Qh4+ Kd7
35.Qf6 Rxa2 36.Qxf7+ Kd6 37.c5+ Ke5
38.Qg7# 1-0

John Siddeek (2156)

Richard Buchanan (2079)

(1983 Colorado Masters/Experts)

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7
5.b3 c6 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.Bb2 e5 8.d3 Bd6
9.g3 0-0 10.Bg2 Nc5 11.Rd1 Be6 12.0-0
Qd7 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.d4 exd4 15.Nxd4
Bh3 16.Nde2 Bxg2 17.Kxg2 Rac8
18.Qd2 Be5 19.Nd4 Nce4 20.Qd3 Ng5?!
21.f4 Qh3+ 22.Kg1 Ng4 23.Rd2 Bxd4
24.Qxd4 Ne6 25.Qd3 d4 26.exd4 Rfd8
27.d5 Rd7 28.Rfd1 Rcd8 29.Qe2 Nc7
30.Ne4 h6 31.d6 Ne8 32.Rd5 f5 33.Rxf5
Ne3 34.Rh5 ... 1-0

Randy Canney (2160)

John Siddeek (2156)

(1983 Colorado Masters/Experts)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3
Qb6 6.a3 a5!? 7.Be2 Bd7 8.0-0 a4 9.dxc5
Bxc5 10.c4 dxc4 11.Nc3 Nd4 12.Bxc4
Bc6 13.Nxd4 Bxd4 14.Qe2 Ne7 15.Nb5
Bxb5 16.Bxb5+ Nc6 17.Bf4 Ra5
18.Bxc6+ bxc6 19.Rab1 0-0! 20.Bg3
Rb8 21.Rfd1 Rd5 22.Qc4 Ra8 23.h3 h6
24.Qe2 Rad8 25.Kh2 Qb3 26.Kh1 Ba7
27.Rxd5 cxd5 28.Rc1 Bd4 29.Rc7 Bxb2
30.Qh5 Rf8 *(And White resigned on move
37. Randy calls this a "very good game.")*
0-1

John Siddeek (2156)

David Jellison (2144)

(1983 Colorado Masters/Experts)

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.b3 Nf6 4.g3 Be7 5.Bg2
0-0 6.Bb2 d6 7.0-0 Qe8 8.d4 c6 9.Qc2
Qh5 10.Nc3 e5? 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Nxe5
Bd6 13.Nf3 Nbd7 14.Rad1 Bb4 15.a3
Ba5 16.Rd4! Ng4 17.b4 Bc7 18.h3 g5?!
19.Qd2 Ngf6 20.Nxg5 Ne5 21.f4 c5
22.fxe5 cxd4 23.exf6 h6 24.Bd5+ Kh8
25.Nce4 Be5 26.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 27.Qxd4
hxg5 28.f7+ 1-0

Robert Shean (2188)

John Siddeek (2208)

(1983 Colorado Class Championship)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3
Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.0-0 a5
9.Nbd2 a4 10.c4 Nge7 11.Qe2 h6 12.g4
Nb4 13.Bb1 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qa6 15.a3
Bb5 16.Nfd2 Nbd5 17.Bd3 0-0 18.Ne4
Rac8 19.g5 Bxc4 20.Bxc4 Qxc4 21.Qxc4
Bxf2+ 22.Rxf2 Rxc4 23.Nd6 Rg4+
24.Kh1 hxg5 25.Nxb7 Nc6 26.h3 Re4
27.Bxg5 Rxe5 28.Rg1 Nce7 29.Nc5 Ra8
30.Nd7 Rf5 31.Rfg2 Rf3 32.Kh2 Ng6
33.h4 Ndf4 34.Rg3 Rf2+ 35.Kh1 Rc8
36.Rg4 Nh3 37.Be3 Re2 38.R1g3 Rxe3
39.Rxg6 Rxg3 40.Rxg3 Nf2+ 41.Kg1
Ne4 42.Re3 f5 43.b4 Rc1+ 44.Kg2 Rc2+
45.Kg1 Kf7 46.Nb6 Rc3 47.Rxc3 Nxc3
48.Kf2 f4 49.Nc4 Kf6 50.Kf3 e5 51.h5
Ke6 52.Kg4 Kd5 53.Nd2 Nb5 54.Kf5
Nxa3 55.Kg6 Nb5 56.Kxg7 a3 *(At this
point, both players' score sheets became
unreadable. Pity! This game was some-
how drawn on move 66 or 67.)* ½-½

John Siddeek (2123)

Alan Bardwick (1956)

(1983 Loveland Open)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 e4?! 4.Ng5 b5
5.d3! bxc4 6.dxe4 h6 7.Nxf7 Kxf7 8.e5
Bb7 9.exf6 Qxf6 10.e4 Bb4 11.Bxc4+
Ke8 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Ba6 14.e5 Qg6
15.Bxa6 Nxa6 16.Ba3 Rb8 17.Qd4! Rb6
18.Rad1 Qe6 19.f4 Nb8 20.c4 Ra6 21.f5
Qb6 22.Bc5 Qc6 23.f6 gxf6 24.exf6 Kf7
25.Qe5 Qe6 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.Qg6# 1-0

David Jellison (2261)

John Siddeek (2158)

(1984 Colorado Open)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 *(The Tarasch
was popular at this time, in part because
of its use by a young GM named Gary
Kasparov.)* 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3
Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bf4 Be6
10.Rc1 Qd7? 11.Ne5! Qc8 12.dxc5 Rd8
13.Nb5 Nh5 14.Nd3 Nxf4 15.Nxf4 a6
16.Nc3 Bg5! 17.Na4 Bxf4 18.gxf4?
(18.Nb6!) 18...Bh3! 19.e3 Bxg2 20.Kxg2
Qf5! 21.Nb6 Rab8 22.Qf3 Nb4 23.Rcd1
Nd3 24.Rd2 d4 25.Nd5 Qxd5 26.Qxd5
Nxf4+ 27.exf4 Rxd5 28.Rc1 Rc8 29.b4
Kf8 30.Kf3 a5 31.Ke4 Rh5 32.Rxd4?
axb4 33.Rxb4 Rc7 34.Kd4 Rxh2 35.Rb2
Rh3 36.Kc4 Rf3 37.Kb5 Rc6! 38.Rc4 h5
39.a4 h4 40.Re4 h3

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41.Rd2 g6 42.Kc4 h2 43.Rd1 Rxf2
44.Rh1 Kg7 45.Kd5 Kf6 46.Rb4 Rd2+
47.Rd4 Rb2 48.Re1 Re6 49.Rf1 Kf5
50.Rc4 Rd2+ 51.Rd4 Rxd4+ 52.Kxd4
Re4+ 53.Kd5 Rxf4 54.Rh1 (*And White's
flag fell in a hopeless position.*) 0-1

Steve Towbin (2040)

John Siddeek (2158)

(1984 Denver Open)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7
9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.Bd2 Nf6 12.f3
f4 13.c5 g5 14.Qc2 Bd7 15.cxd6 cxd6
16.Nf2 a6 17.b4 h5 18.h3 Qe8 19.b5 axb2
20.Rab1 Qg6 21.Nxb5 g4 22.fxg4 hxg4
23.Nxg4 Nxe4 24.Bd3 Bf5 25.Nf2 Nc5
26.Bxf5 Nxf5 27.Rfe1 Rac8 28.Qd1 Nh6
29.Nc3 f3 30.g4 Rce8 31.Nce4 Nxe4
32.Rxe4 Bf6 33.Rxb7 Bh4 34.Qa4 Ra8
35.Qc2 Nf7 36.Rc4 Qf6 37.Qf5 Bxf2+
38.Kxf2 Qh4+ 39.Ke3 Ra3+ 40.Rc3
Rxc3+ 41.Bxc3 Qh6+ 42.Kf2 Nd8
43.Qd7 Nxb7 44.Qxb7 Qxh3 45.Qb2
Qg2+ 0-1

John Siddeek (2203)

GM John Fedorowicz (2606)

(1984 US Masters Open)

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.g3 b6
5.Bg2 Bb7 6.0-0 Nc6 7.d4 Nxd4 8.Nxd4
Bxg2 9.Nxe6!? fxe6 10.Kxg2 d5
11.Qa4+! Qd7 12.Qxd7+ Kxd7 13.cxd5
exd5 14.Bg5 Kc6 15.Rfd1 Be7 16.Rac1
Rad8 17.b4! c4 18.b5+ Kc5 19.Rb1! h6
20.Bc1? (*20.Bf4!*) 20...Kd6 21.Ba3+ Ke6
22.Bxe7 Kxe7 23.Rd4 Rd7 24.Re1 Rc8
25.Kf3 Ke6 ... ½-½

David Barnett (2026)

John Siddeek (2203)

(1984 US Masters Open)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5
5.g3?! Nc6!? (*5...cxd4!*) 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Bg2
Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Na4 Be7
11.Bf4 Re8 12.Rc1 Bg4 13.h3 Bh5 14.a3
Rc8 15.Be3 Bg6 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.Bg5
Be4?! 18.f3 Bg6 19.f4 Nc4 20.f5 Bh5
21.g4 Nxg4 22.Bxe7 Qxe7 23.hxg4 Ne3
24.Qe1 Nxf1 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.gxh5!
Ne3 27.Nc3 Qg5 28.Qf2 Ng4 29.Qf3
Qc1+ 30.Bf1 Ne3 31.Nxd5 Nxd5
32.Qxd5 Qe3+ 33.Kh1 Qf2 34.Bg2 Qh4+
35.Kg1 Rd8 36.Nf3 Rxd5 37.Nxh4 Rd4
38.Nf3 Rf4 39.Bh3 ½-½

Richard Buchanan (2064)

John Siddeek (2177)

(1985 Colorado Masters/Experts)

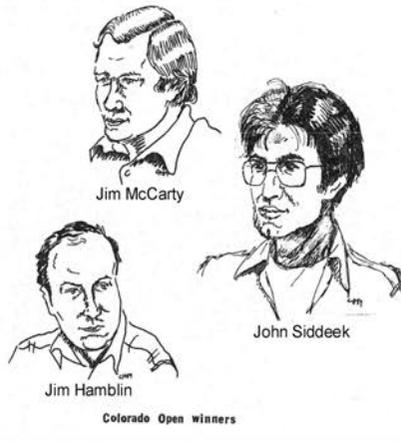
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6
5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 a6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.Be3 Ne5
9.Nd2 Neg4 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bxf6 Nxf6
12.N2b3 Be7 13.Qe2 d6 14.f4 0-0
15.Rae1 Nd7 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Nc5
18.Kh1 Bd7 19.Qh5 Rad8 20.Rf4 Be8
21.Qg4 Bg5 22.Rf2 Qb6 23.h4 Nxb3
24.hxg5 h5 25.Qxh5 Nxd4 26.g6 fxg6
27.Rxf8+ Kxf8 28.Qh8+ Kf7 29.Rf1+
Nf5 30.g4 Bb5 0-1

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John Siddeek (2171)

Peter Dettelis (1844)

(1985 Northern Colorado Open)

1.c4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Nbd7
5.b3 e5 6.0-0 Be7 7.Bb2 d4 8.e3 c5
9.exd4 exd4 10.d3 Rb8 11.Re1 0-0
12.Bc1 Bd6 13.a3 Re8 14.Nbd2 Rxe1+
15.Qxe1 Qe7 16.Qxe7 Bxe7 17.b4 b6
18.Nb3 Bd6 19.Bd2 Ng4? 20.Re1 Nge5
21.Nxe5 Nxe5 22.f4 Ng6 23.Re8+ Nf8
24.Be4 g6 25.f5! Kg7 26.Bf4! Bxf4
27.gxf4 Nd7 28.fxg6 hxg6 29.Bc6 Nf8
30.Kf2 Ne6 31.Kg3 Kf6 32.Bd7 Kg7
33.Rxc8 ... 1-0

John Siddeek (2156)

Robert Fordon (2229)

(1985 Vail Open)

(*In his very fine notes to these three Vail
games, John stresses the common theme*

*of the importance of a Larsen-like ad-
vance of a rook pawn.*) 1.c4 e5 2.Qc2 Nf6
3.a3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.b4 d5
7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bb2 Be6 9.Nf3 f5?
10.Nxd5 Qxd5 11.Ng5 Qb3 12.Rc1 Qxc2
13.Rxc2 Bd5 14.Bc4? (*14.Rxc7*)
14...Bxc4 15.Rxc4 Bf6 16.Ne6 Rc8
17.Rxc7 Na6 18.Rxb7 Rc2 19.b5 Rxb2
20.bxa6 Rb8 21.Ke2 R8xb7 22.axb7
Rxb7 23.Rc1 Be7 24.Rc8+ Kf7 25.Nd8+
Bxd8 26.Rxd8 Ke7 27.Rc8 h5? (*27...Kd6*)
28.Rc6 Kf7 29.h4? (*Wrong rook pawn -
29.a4!*) 29...Rd7 30.d3? Rb7 31.Kd2
Rb2+ 32.Rc2 Rb7 33.d4 exd4 34.exd4
Ke6 35.Kd3 Kd6 36.Rc3 Rb2 37.Ke3
Ra2 38.g3 Kd5? 39.Rc5+ Ke6 40.Ra5
1-0

John Siddeek (2156)

David Jellison (2322)

(1985 Vail Open)

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 c5
5.cxd5 exd5 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0
0-0 9.Bg5 Be6 10.dxc5 Bxc5 11.Bxf6
gxf6?! 12.Rc1 d4 13.Na4 Be7 14.a3 Rc8
15.Nc5 Bxc5 16.Rxc5 Qb6 17.b4 Rfd8
18.Qd2 Rd5 19.Rxd5 Bxd5 20.Qf4 Bxf3
21.Bxf3 Ne5 22.Be4 Rc3 23.Qf5?
(*23.Rd1*) 23...Ng6?! (*23...Rc6*) 24.h4 Qe6
25.Rd1 Qxf5 26.Bxf5 Rxa3 27.Rxd4 Rb3
28.h5 Ne7 29.Bd3 Nc6 30.Rg4+ Kf8
31.Bxh7 Rxb4 32.Rg8+ Ke7 33.h6 Rb5
34.Bd3 Rh5 35.h7 Rxh7 36.Bxh7 b5
37.Rc8 Kd6 38.Be4 Nb4 39.Ra8 a6
40.Bb7 Kc5 41.Bxa6 Nd5 42.Bxb5 Kxb5
43.Rf8 Kc5 44.Rxf7 Kd4 1-0

Andy Rea (2167)

John Siddeek (2156)

(1985 Vail Open)

(*In this round John needed only a draw to
win first place and he was also distracted
by a Broncos game on TV, so he played a
game of "not the highest quality." But the
advancing a-pawn assured him of the half
point.*) 1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7
8.0-0 0-0 9.Bg5 cxd4 10.Nxd4 h6
11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.e3 Nxd4 13.exd4 Be6
14.Qb3 Bxd4 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Bxd5
Qb6 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Rfd1 Bxb2
19.Rab1 Bf6 20.Rxb6 Rfb8 21.Bb3 Ra6
22.Rxa6 bxa6 23.Rd7 a5 24.Bxf7+ Kf8
25.Bb3 Rd8 26.Rf7+ Ke8 27.Ra7 Bc3
28.Kg2 Rd2 29.Rf7?! a4 30.Be6 a3
31.Rf3 Bb2 32.h4 Ke7 33.Bg8 Rd8
34.Bb3 Rf8 35.g4 Rxf3 36.Kxf3 Kf6

37.Ke4 g5 38.hxg5+ hxg5 ½-½

John Siddeek (2156)
Edwin Schreiber (2048)

(1985 Benjamin Gerash Memorial)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Qc2 Bxc3 4.Qxc3
d6 5.b3 f5 6.Bb2 Nf6 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 Nc6
9.Nf3 Ne4 10.Qc2 Nb4 11.Qb1 a5 12.a3
Nc6 13.0-0 Be6 14.d3 Nf6 15.Qc2 Nh5?!
16.d4 exd4 17.Nxd4 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 c6
19.Rad1 Qe7 20.e3 Nf6 21.Rd2 Rfd8
22.Rfd1 Ne8 23.Bb2 Nc7 24.Bh3 Qf8
25.Qc3 d5 26.Qe5 Qf7 27.cxd5 Rxd5
28.Rxd5 Nxd5 29.e4 Nf6 30.Bxf5 Bxb3
31.Rd6 Re8 32.Qf4 Be6 33.Bxf6 Qxf6
34.Bxe6+ Rxe6 35.Rxe6 Qxe6 36.Qb8+
Kf7 37.Qxb7+ Kg6 38.Qb1 Qe5 39.Qd3
Qb5 40.Qd6+ Kf7 41.Kg2 Qa4 42.Qd7+
Kf8 43.Qf5+ Kg8 44.e5 Qxa3 45.Qc8+
Kf7 46.Qxc6 Qb4 47.Qd7+ Kf8 48.Qf5+
Kg8 49.Kh3 a4 50.Qd7 a3 51.e6 h5
52.Qf7+ Kh7 53.Qxh5+ Kg8 54.Qf7+
1-0

John Siddeek (2165)
Mark Ludwig (2015)

(1985 Rocky Mountain Team)

1.c4 e5 2.Qc2 Nc6 3.e3 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7
5.a3 f5 6.b4 Nf6 7.Bb2 0-0 8.d3 d6 9.Nf3
h6 10.Be2 Qe8 11.d4 e4 12.Nd2 f4!?
13.Ndx4 fxe3 14.fxe3 Bf5 15.Nxf6+
Bxf6 16.Qd2 Bh4+ 17.g3 Be4 18.gxh4!
Bxh1 19.0-0-0 Be4 20.d5 Nd8 21.Nxe4
Qxe4 22.Bd3 Qxh4 23.Qc3 Qe7 24.Bxg6
Qe5 25.Qd3 Qg5 26.Bh7+ Kf7 27.Qe4!
1-0

John Siddeek (2165)
Eric Anderson (2165)

(1985 Rocky Mountain Team)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.e3 e6
5.d4 d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.a3 cxd4 8.exd4
Be7 9.Bc4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.0-0 b6
12.Re1 Bb7 13.Qd3 Rc8 14.Ba2 Bf6
15.Bf4 Na5 16.Ne5 Bd5 17.c4 Bxe5
18.Rxe5 Bxc4 19.Bxc4 Nxc4 20.Rh5 f5
21.Re1 e5 22.Qh3! exf4 23.Rxh7 Qg5
24.Rh8+ Kf7 25.Rh5 Rh8 26.Rxh8 Rxh8
27.Qxh8 Nd6 28.Qa8 Ne4 29.Qxa7+ Kg8
30.Qa8+ Kh7 31.f3 Nd2 32.Re8 1-0

John Siddeek (2165)
Edwin Schreiber (2048)

(1986 Holiday Open)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Nd5 e4
5.Nxb4 exf3 6.Nxc6 fxg2 7.Bxg2 bxc6

8.b3 Nf6 9.Ba3 Bb7 10.Qc2 d6 11.c5 d5
12.Bb2 Qe7 13.0-0 0-0 14.d3 Rfe8
15.Rae1 Rad8 16.b4 Bc8 17.Qd2 Ng4
18.Qf4 f6 19.Qg3 Nh6 20.e4 Qf7 21.Bc1
Kh8 22.Bxh6 gxh6 23.Qf4 Rg8 24.Kh1
Rg6 25.Bf3 Rg5 26.h4 Rg7 27.Rg1 Qd7
28.Rxg7 Qh3+ 29.Kg1 Kxg7 30.exd5
Rg8 31.Bg2 Kf7 32.Qe4 Qg4 33.Qe7+
Kg6 34.Re3 Kh5 35.Rg3 Qd1+ 36.Kh2
Rxg3 37.fxg3 Bf5 38.Qf7+ Bg6 39.Qxf6
Qxd3 40.Qf3+ 1-0

Dan Gollub (2086)
John Siddeek (2271)

(1986 Boulder Open)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Ne7
5.Nge2 Ng6 6.a3 Be7 7.b4 a5 8.b5 0-0
9.Nf4 c5 10.Na4? cxd4 11.Qxd4 Nxe5!
12.Qxe5 Bf6 13.Qe3 Bxa1 14.c3 d4
15.Qg3 Bxc3+ 16.Nxc3 dxc3 17.Nh5 g6
18.Bd3 Nd7 19.0-0 Nf6 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6
21.Re1 Re8 22.Bg5 Qd4 23.Re4 Qc5
24.Rc4 Qxa3 25.Qe5 Qf8 26.Rc7 a4
27.Qf4 e5 28.Qf3 e4! 29.Bxe4 Bf5! 30.g4
Bxe4 0-1

Robert Mahoney (1790)
John Siddeek (2231)

(1987 Boulder Open)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5
5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bg5 0-0 7.Be2 h6 8.Bh4 c6
9.0-0 Bf5 10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nbd7
12.Ne5 Qc7 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Bg3 Qd8
15.Nd1 f5! 16.Bf4 Qf6 17.a3 Ba5 18.c4
g5 19.Bc1 f4 20.f3 Rfe8 21.cxd5 cxd5
22.Qb5 Qxd4+ 23.Kh1 Qc4! 24.Qxc4
dxc4 25.Nc3 Bxc3 26.bxc3 Re2 27.Rb1
Nc5 28.h4 Rae8 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Rb5
Nd3 31.Rxg5+ Kf7 32.Bxf4 Kf6 33.g4
Nf2+ 34.Rxf2 Rxf2 35.Rf5+ Ke6 36.Be5
Rd8 37.Bd4 Rxd4! 38.cxd4 c3 39.Rc5 c2
40.Re5+ Kd6 41.Re1 Rd2 0-1

Peter Kurucz (2048)
John Siddeek (2240)

(1987 Wendy's Big Classic)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5
5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Nb3
Nf6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.a4
Qc7 12.Qe2 Bd6 13.h3 0-0 14.c3 h6
15.Bb3 e5 16.Nc2 Bd7 17.Ne3 Rfe8
18.Rd1 Rad8 19.Nc4 Bc5 20.Be3 b5
21.Bxc5 bxc4 22.Bd6 Qb6 23.Bc2 Bxh3
24.gxh3 Rxd6 25.Rxd6 Qxd6 26.Qxc4 e4
27.Bb3 e3! 28.Qxf7+ Kh8 29.Qg6 exf2+
30.Kf1 Qd2 31.Qg3 Re1+ 0-1

David Jellison (2237)
John Siddeek (2264)

(1988 Colorado Closed)

(This game won the Best Played Game prize in the tournament.) 1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6
3.e4 Bb7 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd3 f5 6.Qe2 Nf6
7.f3 Nc6! 8.Be3 f4 9.Bf2 e5 10.dxe5
Nxe5 11.Qd2 0-0 12.Nge2 Ba6! 13.b3 c6
14.0-0-0 d5 15.exd5 cxd5 16.Qxf4 Qc7
17.Bg3 Bd6 18.Qh4 dxc4 19.Bxe5 cxd3
20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Kb2 Rfd8 22.Rd2 Rac8
23.Rc1 Qe7 24.Ng1 Rc5 25.Nh3 Rdc8
26.Qd4 Rd8 27.Qh4 Qc7 28.Qf4 Qc6
29.g3? Rc8 30.Qd4 Qxf3 31.Nf4 Ne4
32.Qxe4 Qxe4 33.Nxe4 Rxc1 34.Nxd3
Bxd3 35.Rxd3 R1c2+ 36.Ka3 Rxh2
37.Rd7 Rcc2 38.Kb4 Rxa2 39.Nd6 h6
40.Nf5 g6 41.Rg7+ Kf8 42.Rxg6 Kf7
43.Rc6 h5 44.Rh6 Ra5 45.Nd4 Kg7
46.Rd6 Rh3 47.Nb5 Rxg3 48.Rd7+ Kf6
49.Nxa7 Rg4+ 50.Kc3 Rc5+ 51.Kd3 Rg7
52.Rxg7 Kxg7 53.Nc8 b5 0-1

Joe Abbott (2133)
John Siddeek (2264)

(1988 Colorado Closed)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3
Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxg7
Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4
dxc3 12.Qd3 Bd7 13.Nxc3 a6 14.Rb1
Na5 15.g3 Nc4 16.Bh3 0-0-0 17.Rf1
Rh8 18.g4 Rh4 19.Rf3 d4 20.Ne4 Bb5
21.Nd6+ Nxd6 22.exd6 Qxd6 23.c4 Bc6
24.Rg3 Ng6 25.Bg2 Bxg2 26.Rxg2 Nxf4
27.Bxf4 Qxf4 28.Qb3 Rd7 29.h3 d3
30.Qb4 Qe3+ 31.Kf1 Rxh3 32.Qf8+ Rd8
33.Qxf7 Rh1+ 0-1

Richard Buchanan (2113)
John Siddeek (2264)

(1988 Lakewood Cheapo IV)

(I'm sure my friend wouldn't object to my sneaking this game in.) 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5
3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4
6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6
9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7
12.Bb3 Bd6 13.h3 0-0 14.Bg5 b5
15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Re4 f5 17.Rh4 Be7
18.Rh5 Bf6 19.Qd2 Rd8 20.c3 Bg7
21.Qg5 Bd7 22.Re1 Qc5 23.Re3 Kf8
24.Rxh7 Bxd4 25.cxd4 Qxd4 26.Rg3 Be8
27.Bxe6! Qe5 28.Bb3 Rac8 29.Qh4!
Rc1+ 30.Kh2 f6 31.Qh6# 1-0



John Siddeek Obituary



John Siddeek May 24, 1959 – October 8, 2010 John Siddeek of Grand Junction, Colorado was a Liverpool soccer fan. On October 8, 2010 after a courageous battle with cancer he died at the age of 51. John was born in 1959 in Breckenridge to Maria Neubuerger of Munich, Germany and Satee Siddeek of Mosul, Iraq. He received his bachelor's degree from Pomona College in 1981, and a law degree from New York University in 1991. In 1986, John married the love of his life, Gail Perrone. They have two children, Zack and Jesse Siddeek. As a young attorney, John worked in New York City for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, providing legal counsel to individuals seeking political asylum. Following this, he was hired by the Washington D.C. firm of Wilmer, Cutler, and Pickering where he worked for five years. In 1995, John and the family moved to Grand Junction where he became a partner in the law firm of Hoskin, Farina and Kampf. John loved learning, mentoring, and most of all spending time with family and friends. He was intellectual and witty, with a love of classics, philosophy, and jazz. In his teens and twenties he played competitive chess, twice earning the title of state champion, and eventually earning his master's rating. For the last ten years, he directed the Western Slope Mock Trial Tournament to give high school students

experience in presenting and defending legal cases. The tournament has now been named in his honor. Working with GYMSEA teams from 1996 to 2008 combined his passion for soccer with coaching youth. John loved nature, enjoying spending time hiking in Arches National Park and climbing all the 14'ers in the state of Colorado. John had an indomitable spirit. He beat Hodgkins Disease in his early twenties, going on to live a full life before fighting this second cancer for three years. Throughout it all he kept his gentle spirit, sense of humor, and unique way of looking at the world. Throughout his illness many stepped forward in support. The family would like to give special thanks to Bob Franz, Hoskin, Farina, and Kampf, Debbie Campbell, the Pomona Gang, Kathan Hartle, Sandi Antonelli, David Leserman, Gordon Kennedy, Sean Wynn, Rob Hazard, the Perrone family and the Neuburger/McCarthy clan. John is survived by his wife Gail; their two children, Zack and Jesse, and his dog Tucker. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, October 16, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at Redlands United Methodist Church, 527 Village Way, Grand Junction, CO 81507.