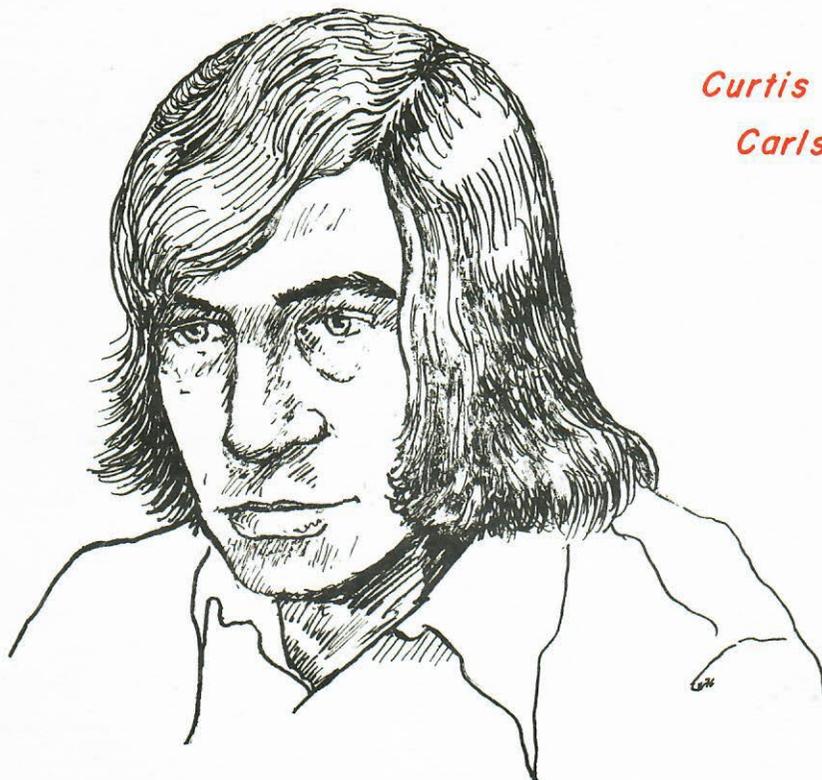




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## 1977 CSCA Tournaments

Jan 7,8,9, 1977, COLORADO JR - SR CHAMPIONSHIPS, Howard Johnson's South  
Mar 5,6, 1977, AL WALLACE MEMORIAL, Feb 4 Deadline for Bulletin Copy (Mailing Feb 14)  
May 13,14,15, 1977, APPRECIATION OPEN, April 8 Deadline for Bulletin Copy (Mailing April 18)  
July 2,3,4, 1977, DENVER OPEN, June 3 Deadline for Bulletin Copy (Mailing June 13)  
Sept 3,4,5, 1977, COLORADO OPEN, Aug 5 Deadline for Bulletin Copy (Mailing Aug 15)  
Nov 5,6, 1977, MILE HIGH, Oct 7 Deadline for Bulletin Copy (Mailing Oct 17)

## CSCA NOTES...

Our thanks to Curtis Carlson who this past month was given twenty-one trophies that he donated to the CSCA. The trophies are all in excellent condition, and we have been able to get new "parts" and plaques for them...C. Mark Smith, Chairman of the Promotion and Education Committee, asks that volunteers contact Rudy Ramsey for participation in CSCA sponsored postal chess activities or Robert Keatinge for help in Hospital Projects...from Mike McDonald we learn that Ken Case, past CSCA President and avid chess player regained, after five years, his experts rating (2001) after his fine performance in the North American Open in August. Ken scored 7 - 5 against higher rated players...also from Mike we learn that Dave Jellison, top-ranking Colorado Player, has recently moved to California and placed third in a tough-tournament there...

## CONTRIBUTORS - CSCA BULLETIN

Many thanks to all the contributors to the Dec-Jan CSCA Bulletin...Bob Shean who acted as games editor for this issue...John Harris and his great new column "reflecting back"...Chris Hendrickson for our front cover sketch of Curtis Carlson...Mike McDonald for the Wyoming Open story (and other)...Robert Fardon for his annotated game with D. Kinabrew from the Mile High Class Championships, Class A...Haynes Hendee for Denver Chess Club info...Gil Humphrey for the CSCA Board Meeting minutes...Rudy Ramsey for the preparation of all the mailing labels...USCF for the information on the USA victory in the 22nd Chess Olympiad...

## DENVER CHESS CLUB NEWS - TOURNEY SCHEDULE

On October 8th and 9th a four-round Swiss was held with 12 players participating, Mike McDonald and Martin Deschner shared first place with 31/2 - 1/2 scores.

On November 20 Curtis Carlson and Bob Shean shared first place with 31/2 points in a field of 17 players, in the Denver Chess Club's First Saturday Marathon Tourney. Alan Bardwick and Ron Leonard each had 3 points.

The Denver Chess Club schedule through February 5, 1977:

30-Minute Tournament: Saturday, December 18, noon registration. 4 rounds. Last checkmate to be around 4:30 PM. Entry fee \$2 members, \$4 others. Cash prizes.

WEDNESDAY'S TOURNAMENT: December 29, 7:30 PM registration. USCF rated. TC 40/100 and 30/60. Round robin or Swiss according to no of entrants. One round per week @ 8:00 PM. EF \$3 and \$6. Cash prizes.

FRIDAY'S TOURNAMENT: January 14, 7:30 PM registration. Particulars same as for the Wednesday Tournament above.

30-Minute Tournament: Saturday, Jan 15, noon to 4:30 PM is the duration of the Tourney. EF \$2 & \$4. Cash prizes. Unrated.

HUNGOVER & OUT: Saturday, January 22, 9:00 AM registration. One-day marathon four-round USCF rated tournament. TC 30/50, 35/60. First round scheduled for 9:30 AM. Later rounds begin shortly after completion of previous round. Take lunch and other breaks when you have a short game. EF \$3 & \$6. Guaranteed prizes: first \$40, second \$25, third \$12, Top C \$12. Bring sets and boards in the event we move to a larger room.

TUNA'S TURNUP TOURNEY: Saturday, February 5. Details are the same as for Jan 22 Tourney.

For information call the Denver Chess Club, Ramada Inn Hotel, Telephone 831-7700 Ext.334.

## CSCA - Nov. Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Bob Shean at 8:30 AM at the Ramada Inn with the following board members present: John Harris, Robert Overdorff, Rudy Ramsey, Gilbert Humphrey, Royal Franklin and Mark Smith. Non-member Tom Haas also attended.

Mark Smith reported on the first meeting of the Education and Promotion Committee. Minutes of that meeting, a draft charter, and a letter with 6 requests were presented and are attached to these minutes. The Board approved for a \$200 starting fund for the the committee (Request 4), and approved of Bob Keatinge's draft letter concerning "bids" for the committee's services (Request 3). Board action on Request 1 and 2 was deferred until the next meeting. The Secretary will make copies of the committee's requests available to all Board members in the meantime.

Bob Shean recommended that the Education and Promotion Committee's activities be mentioned in the CSCA Bulletin, and that chess players in Pueblo be contacted concerning chess programs in the Prison.

Mark Smith mentioned the possibility of news media coverage (such as "Newsreel") of Educational Committee activities.

Bob Shean recommended that morning rounds following late night rounds begin at 10:00 AM instead of 9:00 AM (No opposition).

Royal Franklin gave Section 501 (c) (3) Papers to the Secretary for storage with other official CSCA documents. Franklin also gave the Treasurer IRS Tax Forms for the first annual CSCA Tax Report due by February 28, 1977, to conform with IRS requirements for 501 (c) (3) designation.

Royal Franklin read a card from Larry Bell, President of the Kansas Chess Association, unhappy because of CSCA's refusal to honor out-of-state memberships. Franklin reported that he had written the IRS and requested and received an advance determination that honoring such cardholders would not affect our 501 (c) (3) status, however, it has been reported that it would affect the CSCA's non-profit status under Colorado laws.

Bob Shean recommended a letter of commendation for Ed Edmondson, who recently resigned.

Gil Humphrey reported on details for the Al Wallace Tournament to be held in March, 1977. Innovations include a \$5 Upset Prize for each round & class prizes set at ratings 1900, 1700 etc instead of the usual classes.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 AM.

(Gilbert Humphrey-Secretary)

# Curtis Carlson Wins First Colorado Invitational - Fordon, Roth, Ludwig, Leonhard, Thompson, Wylie & Bessol Win Titles

First Colorado Invitational, Nov. 1976

	CC	PN	SW	MS	RO	JH	RW	TOT
1. C. Carlson	X	1	1	1	1	-	1	5
2. P. Nikitovich	0	X	½	1	1	0	-	2½
3. S. Wicker	0	½	X	1	0	½	-	2
4. M. Sherbring	0	0	0	X	1	1	-	2
5. R. O'Donnell	0	0	1	0	X	1	-	2
6. J. Hamblin	-	1	½	0	0	X	-	1½
7. R. Wendling	0	-	-	-	-	-	X	0

Curtis Carlson, who was the winner of 4 CSCA Tournaments in 1976, capped a brilliant year with his 5-0 triumph at the First Colorado Invitational, held in conjunction with the 1976 Mile High Class Championships. Invitees to the Invitational were all previous CSCA Tournament winners in 1976.

Playing with great strength, Curtis coolly mowed down the opposition. Bob Wendling, who came out of retirement to participate in the event, provided Curtis with additional competition, however, at the end of Round 1, Curtis had his first win (over Wendling) and was off on his streak of victories.

Coming in a distant second with 21/2 points was Paul Nikitovich. Noticeably absent from the Tournament was John Watson, Colorado's highest ranking player (2368).

Since this event was felt to have great significance for Colorado Chess, the majority of the games from the event are being published in this Bulletin Issue. Due to budget necessity for the Bulletin, only the key Fordon-Kinabrew game from the Mile High Class Championships, Class A, is being published.

## Round 1. Robert Wendling vs. Curtis Carlson. Sicilian Defense.

1.P-K4,P-QB4 2.N-QB3,P-Q3 3.B-N5ch, N-Q2 4.P-KB4,P-QR3 5.BXNch,EXB 6.P-Q4,XPX 7.QXP,P-K3 8.N-B3,Q-B2 9.B-K3, N-K2 10.O-O-O,N-B3 11.Q-N6,QQX 12. BXQ,N-R2 13.B-B7,N-B1 14.P-K5,P-Q4



15.NXP,FXN 16.RXP,N-K2 17.R-Q2,N-B3 18.N-N5,B-KB4 19.P-K6,XPX 20.N-B3, B-B4 21.R-K1,R-QB1 22.R-Q5,B-K2 23. B-Q6,FXR 24.BXB,NXB 25.N-Q4,B-K5 26.RESIGNS

Round 1. Paul Nikitovich vs. Scott Wicker. Kings Indian Defense.  
1.Nf3,Nf6 2.g3,g6 3.Bg2,Bg7 4.c4,o4-O 5.d4,d6 6.O-O,c5 7.Nc3,Ne6 8.d5,Na5 9.Nd2,a6 10.Qe2,Bd7 11.b3,b5 12.Rb1, Rb8 13.Bb2,Re8 14.e4,e6 15.Re1,bxc 16.bxc,Ng4 17.h3,Ne5 18.Bf1,g5 19.N d1,Qf6 20.Ne3,Qg6 21.Bc3,Nb7 22.Rb6, Bb8 23.Reb1,a5 24.Nb3,Re8 25.Nb3,Re8 26.Nd2,Re7 27.Nf3,Bg7 28.Bd3,Qf6 29. Kg2,h5 30.e5,d4e 31.Nd2,Rd7 32.Be4, Qd8 33.Nf3,f5 34.d4e,f4e 35.e4d7, e4f3ch 36.Kg1,Qd7 37.Qg6,Qe7 38.Nd5, QF7 39.Nf6ch,Kf8 40.Nh7ch,Ke8 41. Qf7ch,Kf7 42.Ng5ch,Ke7 43.Rb7ch, Bb7 44.R:b7ch,Kf6 45.Ne4ch,Kf5 46. N:c5,Br6 47.Nd7,Rc8 48.Rb6,Be7 49. Rh6,Rd8 50.Nb6,Rd1ch 51.Kh2,Rf1 52. Rh5ch,Ke4 53.Nd7,Rf2ch 54.Kh1,Bd6 55.c5,Rf1ch 56.Kh2,Bc7 57.Nf6ch,Kd3 58.Rh7,Rf2ch 59.Kg1,Ke2 60.Ne4,Rf1ch



Paul Nikitovich

61.Kh2,Ke3 62.R:c7,K:e4 63.Rb7,Rf2ch 64.Kg1,R:a2 65.Rb1,a4 66.Rc1,Bg2ch 67.Kf1,R:g3 68.c6,Bg8 69.Rc4ch,Kd5 70.R:a4,K:c6 71.Kf2,Rf8 72.h4,Kd5 73.Ra5+,Ke6 74.Ra6+,Kd5 75.Ra5+,Ke6 The game was drawn by repetition.

## Round 1. Mark Sherbring vs. Robert O'Donnell. Sicilian Defense.

1.P-K4,P-QB4 2.N-KB3,N-QB3 3.N-B3,P -Q3 4.P-Q4,XPX 5.NXP,N-B3 6.B-QB4,P -K3 7.B-K3,B-K2 8.Q-K2,P-QR3 9.O-O-O, Q-B2 10.B-N3,O-O 11.KR-N1,P-QN4 12. P-KN4,NXN 13.BXN,N-Q2 14.P-N5,N-B4 15.Q-R5,B-N2 16.R-N4,KR-B1 17.BXNF, KXB 18.Q-R6ch,K-N1 19.R-R4,BXP 20. RXB,NXBch 21.RPXN,B-B1 22.Q-R5,Q-B4 23.R-KR4,Q-B4 24.R-Q3,B-N2 25.R-B3, Q-N3 26.N-K4,QQX 27.RXQ,K-B1 28.NXP, R-B2 29.RXP,R-Q1 30.N-K4,P-N5 31. R(7)-R3,B-K4 32.P-N6,P-B4 33.N-N5, R-B3 34.N-B7,R-Q4 35.NXB,RXN 36.R(B) -N3,R(4)-B4 37.P-n7ch,K-K2 38.P-N8/Q, RXPch 39.K-N1,R-B8ch 40.K-R2,R(3)- B4 41.R-R7ch,Resigns

Round 2. Mark Sherbring vs. James Hamblin. 1.e4,e5 2.Nf3,f5? 3.Bc4,Qf6 4.d4,Nc6 5.Bg5,Qg6 6.e4f7 7.O-O, e4 8.Re1,d5 9.B:d5,Q:d5 10.Nc3,Qf5 11.R:e4+,Be7 12.d5,Nd8 13.Qe2,Nf6 14.R:e7+,Kf8 15.B:f6,g:f6 16.Re8+, Kg7 17.R:h8,RESIGNS

Round 2. Curtis Carlson vs. Paul Nikitovich. Ruy Lopez-Cozio.  
1.e4,e5 2.Nf3,Ne6 3.Bb5,Nge7 4.O-O, d6 5.d4,Bd7 6.c3,Ng6 7.Nbd2,Be7 8. Re1,O-O 9.Nf1,h6 10.Ng3,a6 11.Ba4, b5 12.Bb3,Na5 13.Bc2,c5 14.d5,Bg5 15.N:g5,h:g5 16.Nf5,Nb7 17.g3,f6 18. Qg4,Nh8 19.h4,g6 20.h:g,g:f5 21.e:f5, Kf7 22.g6+,Ke7 23.g7,Rf7 24.Kg2,Qg8 25.g:h8/Q,Q:h8 26.Rh1,Qh7 27.Be3,Rg8 28.R:h7,Q:h7 29.Qh3,Qf7 30.Be4,Rg7 31.Rh1,Be8 32.b3,Kd8 33.Kf3,Na5 34. g4,Qb7 35.Qh6,Qe7 36.g5,f:g 37.f6, Rf7 38.B:g5,Qb7 39.Qh8,Qa8 40.Rh2,



Curtis Carlson

Qb7 41.R:f7,Q:f7 42.Be611,Q:g6 43. f7+,Ko7 44.f:e8/Q,Qe5+ 45.Ke2,Qg4+ 46.Kf1,RESIGNS

Round 2. Robert O'Donnell vs. Scott Wicker. Ruy Lopez.  
1.P-K4,P-K4 2.N-KB3,N-QB3 3.B-N5,P-Q R3 4.B-B4,N-B3 5.O-O,B-K2 6.R-K1,P-QN4 7.B-N3,O-O 8.P-B3,P-Q3 9.P-KR3, P-R3 10.P-Q4,R-K1 11.QN-Q2,B-B1 12. N-B1,B-N2 13.N-N3,N-QR4 14.B-B2,N-B5 15.P-N3,N-N3 16.B-N2,P-B4 17.PXKP, PXP 18.P-B4,Q-B2 19.B-Q3,P-N5 20.Q-B2,P-QR4 21.N-B1,P-R5 22.N-K3,P-N3 23.N-Q5,N(B)XN 24.BPXN,B-N2 25.QR-B1, P-R6 26.B-R1,QR-B1 27.N-Q2,P-KR4 28.N-B4,NXN 29.BXN,Q-Q3 30.Q-K2,B-K R3 31.QR-Q1,R-B2 32.P-N3,P-B3 33.P-B4,R-R2 34.PXP,XPX 35.R-KB1,B-QB1 36.K-R2,B-N4 37.R-Q3,R-B1 38.R(3)-B3, R(2)-B2 39.RXR,RXR 40.RXR,KXR 41.

Q-B1ch,K-N2 42.Q-B2,B-Q2 43.B-K2,B-K2 44.Q-B4,B-B3 45.Q-K3,K-R2 46.B-B1  
 B-K2 47.B-K2,Q-B3 48.K-N2,Q-N2 49.  
 B-B1,B-K1 50.B-R6,B-Q2 51.B-B1,K-N1  
 52.B-B4,K-B1 53.Q-B3ch,K-K1 54.Q-B4,  
 B-Q3 55.Q-N5,B-QB1 56.B-N5ch,B-Q2  
 57.B-K2,P-R5 58.PXP,B-K2 59.QXKP,Q-  
 R3 60.Q-R8ch,QXQ 61.BXQ,EXP 62.B-K5,  
 K-K2 63.B-R2,B-K8 64.B-Q3,B-B6 65.  
 P-K5,P-B5 66.PXP,B-B4 67.P-Q6ch,K-Q2  
 68.P-K6ch,EXP 69.BXBch,KXB 70.K-B3,  
 K-Q4 71.P-Q7,B-B3 72.B-E7,K-Q5 73.  
 K-K21,K-B6 74.B-K5ch,EXB 75.P-Q8/Q,  
 K-Q7 76.K-Q1,KXP 77.K-B2,B-B5 78.  
 Q-Q1,B-B8 79.QXB,RESIGNS

Round 3. Scott Wicker vs. Curtis  
 Carlson. Closed Sicilian.  
 1.P-K4,P-QB4 2.N-QB3,N-QB3 3.P-KN3,  
 P-KN3 4.B-N2,B-N2 5.P-Q3,P-K3 6.P-  
 B4,N-K2 7.N-KB3,P-Q4 8.O-O,O-O 9.Q-  
 K2,P-N3 10.N-Q1,E-R3 11.N-B2,P-B5  
 12.P-K5,EXP 13.NXP,N-N5 14.P-QR3,NX



Scott Wicker

N 15.PXN,Q-Q2 16.N-Q4,QR-B1 17.P-KN  
 4,N-B3 18.NXN,RXN 19.B-K3,KR-QE1  
 20.QR-B1,RXR 21.RXR,RXRch 22.BXR,Q-  
 N4 23.B-B1,Q-B4ch 24.B-K3,P-Q5 25.  
 B-B2,B-N2 26.B-N2,EXB 27.KXB,P-KN41  
 28.Q-K4,EXP 29.PXP,Q-B7oh 30.K-R3,  
 Q-B8 31.K-R4,Q-B8 32.Q-R8ch,B-B1  
 33.QXRP,Q-N7 34.P-R3,Q-N6ch 35.K-N5  
 ,P-R3oh 36.RESIGNS

Round 3. Paul Nikitovich vs. Mark  
 Sherbring. 1.e4,Nf6 2.Nc3,g6 3.g3,  
 Bg7 4.Bg2,e5 5.Nf3,Ne6 6.d4,O-O  
 7.O-O,d6 8.d5,Na5 9.Qd3,e5 10.d6f6,  
 B:e6 11.Nd2,Nc6 12.Nd5,Nid5 13.cd5  
 ,Nb4 14.Qb3,Bg4 15.a3,Na6 16.f3,Bo8  
 17.No4,Nc7 18.Bf4,Nid5 19.Bid6,Re8  
 20.B:c5,R:e2 21.Qd1,R:g2+ 22.K:g2,  
 26.3.Bf2,Qc8 24.Rd1,Bh3+ 25.Kg1,  
 B:f1 26.Q:f1,qf5 27.Qe2,Qg5 28.Rd1,  
 Nf4 29.Qe3,Ne6 30.f4,Qg4 31.Rd5,Re8  
 32.Ne5,Qf5 33.Kg2,Bh6 34.Qf3,Qc2  
 35.Rd7,Rc7 36.R:c7,Q:e7 37.Qe4,B:f4  
 38.Nd7,Bh6 39.Nf6+ ,Kh8 40.B:a7,Qo2+  
 41.Bf2,Q:b2 42.Ng4,Bg7 43.Qd7,Kg8  
 44.Qe8+ ,Nf8 45.a4,h5 46.Ne3,Qe2 47.  
 Qe4,Bh6 48.Qf3,Qf3 49.K:f3,Ne6 50.  
 Nc4,Bf8 51.Na5,Nc5 52.B:c5,B:c5 53.  
 N:b7,Bb2 54.Na5,Kf8 55.Nc6,Bo5 56.  
 a5,f5 57.a6,g5 58.a7,B:a7 59.N:a7,  
 f4 60.g:f4,g:f4 61.K:f4,Kf7 62.Kg5,  
 Kg7 63.K:h5,Kh7 64.Nc6,Kg7 65.Ne5,  
 Kh7 66.Nf7,Kg7 67.Na5,Kg8 68.Kg6,  
 Kh8 69.Nf7+ ,Kg8 70.h4,RESIGNS

Round 3. James Hamblin vs. Robert  
 O'Donnell. Modern Defense.  
 1.P-K4,P-KN3 2.P-Q4,B-N2 3.N-KB3,P-  
 Q3 4.B-QB4,N-KB3 5.Q-K2,O-O 6.O-O,  
 P-B3 7.B-N3,Q-B2 8.R-Q1,P-K4 9.PXP,



Bob O'Donnell

PXP 10.N-B3,QN-Q2 11.P-QR3,N-B4 12.  
 B-R2,N-K3 13.P-KR3,N-R4 14.B-K3,  
 N(4)-B5 15.Q-B1,K-R1 16.P-KN3,N-Q51  
 17.NXN,NXPch 18.K-R2,PXN 19.PXP,EXB  
 20.RXB,Q-N3 21.QR-Q1,QXP 22.R-Q8,B-  
 N5 23.RXQR,RXR 24.Q-B4,N-N4 25.R-Q  
 N1,QXRP 26.Q-Q4ch,K-N1 27.Q-B6,Q-B4  
 28.PXP,R-KB1 29.R-B7,B-B6 30.BXPch,  
 NXB 31.QXB,N-N4 32.RESIGNS

Round 4. James Hamblin vs. Paul  
 Nikitovich. Sicilian Defense.  
 1.e4,e5 2.c3,Nf6 3.e5,Nd5 4.d4,c:d  
 5.c:d,d6 6.e:d1,q:d6 7.Nc3,Ne6 8.Nf3  
 ,Bg4 9.Be2,e6 10.h3,Bh5 11.O-O,Be7  
 12.Ne4,Qc7 13.Be3,Q-O 14.Rc1,Qb6  
 15.b3,Rad8 16.Ng3,B:f3 17.B:f3,N:e3



James Hamblin

18.f:e3,N:d4(4)(...Bg51) 19.e:d4,R:d4  
 20.Qe1,Rg4+ 21.Kh1,Bb4 22.B:g4,B:e1  
 23.R:c1e1,Qc7 24.Ne2,f5 25.Nd4,Qa5  
 26.N:e6,Rf6 27.Be2,b5 28.Nd4,a6 29.  
 a4,Qc3 30.Rd1,g6 31.a:b,b:rb 32.B:c4

,Kg7 33.Bo4,Kh6 34.Rd4,Be3 35.Rh4+ ,  
 Kg7 36.Nc2,Qa7 37.Bb5,Rc7 38.Nd4,  
 g5 39.Ne6,Kg6 40.Ra4,Qf2 41.Be8,Qe2  
 42.Ra1,Kf6 43.B:f7,K:f7 44.N:e5+ ,  
 Kg6 45.Nf3,Qb2 46.Ra6+ ,Kh5 47.g4+  
 and Black resigns.

Round 4. Mark Sherbring vs. Scott  
 Wicker. Evans Gambit.  
 1.e4,e5 2.Nf3,Ne6 3.Bo4,Bo5 4.b4,  
 B:b4 5.e3,Be5 6.d4,e:d 7.O-O,d:c  
 8.Qb3,Qe7 9.N:c3,B:c3 10.Q:c3,f6  
 11.Ba3,d6 12.e5,f:e 13.N:e5,Qf6



Mark Sherbring

14.Qb3?,d:e 15.B:g8,Nd51 16.Qc4,b5  
 17.Q:c7,R:g8 18.Rf1,Be6 19.Rad1,  
 Rd8 20.Qa7,Rd7 21.Qa8+ ,Kf7 22.Qe4,  
 Rd8 23.Q:h7,Ne2+ 24.Kf1,Rd1 25.Qh5  
 + ,Kg8 26.R:d1,R:d1+ 27.Ke2+ ,Rd8  
 White lost on time

Round 4. Robert O'Donnell vs. Curtis  
 Carlson. Nimzo-Indian Defense.  
 1.P-Q4,N-KB3 2.P-QB4,P-K3 3.N-QB3,  
 B-N5 4.P-K3,P-B4 5.B-Q3,N-B3 6.N-B3,  
 BXNch 7.PXB,P-Q3 8.P-K4,P-K4 9.P-Q5,  
 N-K2 10.N-R4,P-KR3 11.O-O,P-KN4 12.  
 N-B5,NXN 13.PXN,Q-R4 14.Q-K2,B-Q2  
 15.P-KR4,R-N1 16.PXP,EXP 17.B-Q2,  
 O-O-O 18.P-KN4,R-N2 19.P-B3,R-R1 20.  
 K-N2,N-K1 21.QR-B1,P-B3 22.B-K3,R(2)  
 -R2 23.B-N1,N-B2 24.Q-N2,N-R1 25.R-  
 N1,N-N3 26.R-B2,B-K1 27.R-K2,N-R5  
 28.Q-R3,QXP 29.R-N3,Q-R4 30.K-B1,R-  
 R8 31.B-B2,Q-R3 32.R-Q3,QXP 33.B-Q1,  
 B-N4 34.R-N3,Q-Q5 35.RESIGNS

Round 5. Curtis Carlson vs. Mark  
 Sherbring. 1.e4,e5 2.Nf3,Ne6 3.Bb5,  
 f5 4.Nc3,f:e 5.N:e4,d5 6.Ne5,d:e4  
 7.N:c6,Qg5 8.Qe2,Nf6 9.f4,Qf4 10.d4  
 ,Qd6 11.Ne5+ ,e6 12.Bo4,Qd4: 13.Bf7+ ,  
 Ke7 14.Nf3,Qd6 15.Bb3,Be6 16.Ng5,B:  
 b3 17.a:b3,h6 18.N:e4,N:e4 19.Q:e4,  
 Qe6 20.Q:e6+ ,K:e6 21.Be3,b6 22.O-O,  
 Bo5 23.B:c5,B:c5 24.Rae1+ ,Kd6 25.Rf7+ ,  
 o4 26.b:c5,g5 27.Rf6+ ,Kc5 28.Re5+ ,  
 K:c4 29.R:c6,Kd4 30.Ra5,Rab8 31.b3,  
 Rhe8 32.Kf2,Rf8+ 33.Kg2,Rbe8 34.h6,  
 Re1+ 35.Kh2,Rf2 36.Rc4+ ,Ke3 37.Re5+ ,  
 Kd2 38.R:e1,K:e1 39.c3,Rb2 40.b4,Kf1  
 41.Rg4,a5 42.B:a,Ra2 43.h4,R:a5 44.  
 h:g,h:g 45.Rg3,Kf2 46.Rf3,Ke2 47.Kg3  
 ,R5 48.Kg4,Kd2 49.Kh5,Ke2 50.Rh3,  
 g4+ 51.K:g4,Rc4+ 52.Kf5,R5+ 53.Ke4,  
 Rg5 54.o4,R:g2 55.o5,Kd1 56.o6,Ro2  
 57.Kd5,Rd2+ 58.Ke6,Ra2 59.Rd7,Rd2+  
 60.Kc8,Rg2 61.o7,Rg8+ 62.Kb7,RESIGNS



# reflecting back

by John A. Harris

It is amazing how an episode of playing the children's game referred to as 'Musical Chairs' left a profound mark on our chess community. In the fall of 1967 a decision was rendered by the CSCA Board of Directors to have an open chess contest during the Christmas holiday season for all persons 18 years or younger. The winner of this tournament would be declared the Colorado Junior Champion.

The management of the May-D&F Department Store exhibited interest in this endeavor by providing space for this worthwhile venture. To stimulate maximum exposure it was decided that all three branch stores located in the various shopping centers be utilized as playing sites while the tournament progressed. The May-D&F store supplied the necessary tables, chairs and prizes for the 64 players.

In 1968, the Denver Petroleum Club (included among the Club's membership were patrons of the Royal Games of Chess, Messrs. Caswell Silver and John A. Howell) offered accommodations within their club building to continue the Colorado Junior Championship. Some Petroleum Club members became interested and contributed to the tournament prize fund.

The Colorado Junior Championship was held annually at this location until 1974 when the format of the tournament was changed to allow persons under 21 years to enter. Since that time the Colorado Junior Chess tournament with its new format consisting of a USCF-rated section and an unrated section (reserve) has been held at the Ramada Inn Heart O'Denver under the sponsorship of the CSCA and the Denver Chess Club, and, since 1975, under the sponsorship of CSCA.

The newly elected 1975 CSCA Board of Directors reviewed recommendations submitted to them by the membership concerning the state's chess activities. From that review, new innovations regarding tournament proceedings were considered. The Board rescheduled the Junior Chess Championship to be held at the first of the year, rather than the last, and introduced the Colorado Senior Championship limited to players over forty years of age, and in 1976 added the Top Twenties Section, for players aged 21 to 39 years. Thus, our next major Colorado Tournament is the 1977 Colorado Jr-Sr Championships as they exist today: The Colorado Junior Championships in two sections, and the Colorado Senior Championships in two sections. The 1977 Colorado Junior-Senior Championships will be held at Howard Johnson's South in Denver.

Reminiscing the first Colorado Junior Chess Championship tournament with the unusual setting was the forerunner of the current Junior-Senior Championships that we enjoy today. Listed below are the names of Colorado Junior Champion from the first 'musical chairs' chess tournament site arrangement, to the present, and the names of Colorado Senior Champions to the present:

1967 Colorado Junior Champion	Bob O'Donnell, Boulder
1968 Colorado Junior Champion	Eric Anderson, Denver
1969 Colorado Junior Champion	Steve Yamamoto, Denver
1970 Colorado Junior Champion	Alan Sebeckis, Denver
1971 Colorado Junior Champion	Peter Nowell, Evergreen
1972 Colorado Junior Champion	Brian Wall, Denver
1973 Colorado Junior Champion	James Hamblin, Lakewood
1974 Colorado Junior Champion	Tim Stevens (on tie break), Denver
1975 Colorado Over-Forty Champion	Dr. George N. Pipiringos, Denver
1975-76 Colorado Junior Champion	Paul Nikitovich, Englewood
1976 Colorado Top-Twenties Champion	Curtis Carlson, Denver
1976 Colorado Over-Forty Champion	Dr. George N. Pipiringos, Denver

Round 5. Paul Nikitovich vs. Robert O'Donnell. 1.d4,Nf6 2.Bg5,e5 3.d5, Ne4 4.Bc1,e5 5.Nd2,Nd2 6.Bd2,d6 7.e4,Be7 8.Bd3,0-0 9.Ne2,Bg5 10.Ng3, Nd2 11.0-0,Rb8 12.a4,b6 13.Ra3,Re8 14.Bg5,Qg5 15.Nf5,Qf6 16.Bb5,a6 17.Bc6,Rd8 18.Rg3,Nf8 19.Rig7e, Kh8 20.Qx4.Ne6 21.d:e6,f:e6 22.Qh5, 1-0

The following fourth round game between Fordon & Kinabrew turned out to be the decisive game in the A Section of the Mile High, since Kinabrew was in the lead by 1 point going into the round and his loss of this game together with his last round draw enabled Fordon to take the Title. (Annotations by Robert Fordon)

R. Fordon-1961 (white) D. Kinabrew-1991 (black)  
 1. c4 Nf6 2. g3 g6  
 3. Bg2 Bg7 4. Nc3 0-0  
 5. e3 ...

5. d4 leads to the main lines of the King's Indian. The text looks modest, but has the virtues of flexibility. White can break with b4, d4, or f4, depending on Black's response. Even e4 is possible, as the loss of time is not as important in a closed opening. Best of all, 5. e3 takes the opponent out of the books...

5. ... e5

In round 2 my opponent played d6 and c5, allowing me to expand on the Kingside with f4, f5, h3, g4, and g5; which led to a decisive attack.

6. Nge2 d6 7. 0-0 Nh5  
 8. d3 f5 9. b4? Nc6?

9. ... f4! was strong. Black thought 10. f3 was O.K. for White, but that seriously restricts the King's Bishop

10. b5 Ne7 11. f4 ...  
 White prevents Black's planned Kingside expansion and puts pressure on the center.

11. ... Nf6 12. Rb1 Kh8  
 Not really necessary, 12. ... , Rb8 immediately is better.

13. a4 Rb8 14. fe ...  
 Black can now meet 14. a5 with 14. ... , b6, so White decides to operate in the center.

14. ... de 15. d4 e4  
 16. Nf4? ...

A mistaken conception. White thinks the advance of Black's g pawn will weaken his f pawn, but actually Black will get good chances on the kingside. Instead, White should prepare the advance of his queenside majority; d5, c5, and d6.

16. ... g5 17. Nfe2 Bd7  
 18. Ba3 Re8 19. Bh3? ...

A waste of time. White wants to gain access to f4 but doesn't notice that Black gets the fine square f3 for his Knight. White was reluctant to play d5 because of Ng6, Ne5, Nd3... but then it can be driven off by Nc1 or Bf1.

19. ... g4 20. Bg2 Ng6  
 21. Qd2 Be6 22. Rf2 ...

Black wants to force d5 in order to play Ne5, but White is happy to trade his c pawn for the f pawn. Black had only about 15 minutes left here to get to move 40!

22. ... h5 23. Nf4! Nx f4

The Knight heads for f3.  
 25. d5 Ng5 26. Bc5! ...

White intends to exchange Black's King Bishop, leaving him weak on the dark squares.

26. ... b6 27. Bd4 Bd7

28. Rf2 Qe7 29. Ne2 H4?

30. gh NF3ch 31. Bxf3 gf

32. Nf4 Kh7 33. h5? ...

White should have exchanged Bishops, leaving him with a good Knight vs a bad Bishop and an extra pawn, while Black would have no counterplay... Black was in bad time trouble now.



1967 COLORADO JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP - May D&F, North Valley (Photo John Howell)

# USA Wins 1976 Chess Olympiad

By virtue of a whirlwind finish, the USA Team captured first place in the 22nd Chess Olympiad (World Team Championship) held in Haifa, Israel from October 25 through November 10. The victors scored 37 out of a possible 52 points in the 13-round Swiss System event.

After 9 rounds of play, the Netherlands held a 2½-point lead and practically everyone expected them to end up on top. England was also in hot contention and speculation had it that the USA would have a tough fight to take the third-place Bronze Medals. To their everlasting credit, our players didn't see it that way. They never quit scrapping and made an incredible 14 points out of the last 16 games. The Netherlands team finished second, a half point back.

The Swiss System made the entire Olympiad one of the most exciting ever and the last round was so dramatic as to be almost unbelievable. Long after all other games were completed, Franciscus Kuijpers of the Netherlands and Ilkka Saren of Finland struggled on in an encounter which determined the final standings. If Kuijpers won, the Netherlands would equal the 37 game points achieved by the USA and take the championship on tie-break (match points). Saren, however, held on for the draw in a difficult position. After it was all over, Ed Edmondson congratulated him on his perseverance in such an extended encounter during the last round of a long and tiring tournament. Saren made rather light of it, which moved Ed to ask: "How long was the game?" Saren replied: "Not so long—111 moves and 14½ hours. My record game was 159 moves long, in a recent Finnish Championship."

Kim Commons had the highest winning percentage of any player in this Olympiad, and every USA player achieved a convincing plus score.

33.... Bh6! 34.Ng6 ...  
As Bx4 leaves Bishops of opposite colors, White decides to give back the pawn and go for the point.  
34.... Qg5ch 35.Kh1 Qxh5  
36.Ne5 Rbd8 37.Rg1 Rf8!  
Not 37...f4, 38.Nxd7  
38.Qc2 ...  
White cannot allow f4 followed by B-h3-g2ch  
38.... Bc8 39.Rff1 Rg8  
40.c5! Time Forfeit 1-0  
Kinabrew reacted very graciously to this stunning blow, only one move before time control! Black is probably lost anyway, but he could have initiated some incredible complications with 40....f4!

The First Annual Mile High Chess Championships Tournament was a notable success, with 102 players participating in the five classes. 1976 Class Champions for Colorado are as follows: R. Fordon, Class A Champion; T. Roth, Class B Champion; M Ludwig, Class C Champion; D. Thompson, Class D Champion and R. Wylie and A. Bessol share the Class E Championship. The largest Class Section was D, with twenty-nine players, followed by C, with twenty-eight, B with twenty-four, A with fifteen and E with six. All class champions received trophies and cash awards. The complete rosters can be found on the back cover.

## Mike McDonald Wins Wyoming Open ...

## Marc Lynn Awarded Wyoming Championship

October 24, 1976: Mike McDonald (1812) of Greeley, Colorado today was declared the winner of the 1976 Wyoming Open, while Marc Lynn received the Title of Wyoming Champion as the highest placing Wyoming resident. This is the second time that Lynn as won the Wyoming Title. McDonald, with 41/2 points, was a clear winner, and his first USCF Tournament victory in over ten years of tournament play. Sixteen players participated in the five round Swiss held in Casper, Wyoming. First through third prizes were shared by the following:

1. Michael McDonald 1812 41/2 (First Place)
2. Marc Lynn 1810 4 (Wyoming Champ)
3. Charles Johnson 1942 3
4. Richard Durham 1891 3
5. Bruce Johnson 1670 3
6. Robert Malone 1754 3
7. Thomas McClew 1811 3
8. Gary McDonald 1508 3

Lynn and McDonald drew their game, and the Tournament might have ended in a tie had Lynn not offered Charles Johnson a draw in their last round game. The following games from the Wyoming Open were submitted by Mike McDonald.

Charles Johnson had just finished a six hour game when this encounter got underway...

Mike McDonald (white) Charles Johnson (black)  
1. P-K4, P-QB4; 2. N-KB3, P-K3; 3. P-Q4, PXP; 4. NXP, N-KB3; 5. B-Q3, N-QB3; 6. NXN, QP XN; 7. 0-0, P-K4; 8. P-KR3, B-Q3; 9. P-QR4, B-K3; 10. Q-K2, Q-K2; 11. N-Q2, 0-0; 12. K-R1, B-B2; 13. P-QN4, N1-Q2; 14. B-B4, P-KB4; 15. PXP, RXP; 16. BXB, QXB 17. N-K4, QR-B1; 18. B-K3, B-N3; 19. QR-Q1, BXB; 20. QXB, R-B5?; 21. N-N5, Q-B4; 22. Q-N3ch, K-R1; 23. N-K6, R-B6; 24. QXR, QXN; 25. Q-Q3?, N-N3; 26. Q-Q6, Q-B4; 27. P-R5?, N-Q4; 28. P-QB4, N-B5; 29. P-N4?, Q-K5?; 30. P-B3, Resigns

This is Mike McDonald's last round win that clinched first place for him...

Mike McDonald (white) Thomas McClew (black)  
1. P-K4, P-QB3 2. P-Q4, P-Q4 3. N-QB3, PXP 4. NXP, N-Q2 5. N-KB3, KN-B3 6. NXN, NXN 7. B-QB4, P-K3? 8. P-QB3, B-Q3 9. QB-N5, P-KR3 10. B-R4, Q-N3 11. Q-K2, B-Q2 12. B-KN3, Q-B2 13. N-K5, 0-0 14. 0-0, QR-Q1 15. P-QN4, P-QN4 16. B-N3, P-QR4 17. P-QR3, P-R5 18. B-

B2, B-K1 19. B-R4, B-K2 20. QR-K1, R-Q4 21. N-N6, B-Q3 22. NXR, BXPch 23. KR1, KXN 24. B XN, PXB 25. P-N3, BXP 26. PXB, QXP 27. QR2, QXB 28. QXRpch, K-K2 29. B-Q4, RXP 30. R-Q B1, Resigns

Although Steve Smith (1836) did not place in the Wyoming Open, he played well in the early phases of this game...

Gary McDonald (white) Steve Smith (black)  
1. P-K4, P-K4 2. N-KB3, N-QB3 3. B-N5, QP-R3, 4. B-R4, N-KB3 5. 0-0, B-K2 6. R-K1, P-N4 7. B-N3, 0-0 B-P3, P-Q4 9. PXP, NXP 10. NXP, N XN 11. RXN, P-B3 12. P-Q4, B-Q3 13. R-K1, QR 5 14. P-N3, QR6 15. B-K3, N-B3 16. QB3, B-N2 17. Q-N2, QB4 18. N-Q2, QR-K1 19. B-Q1, R-K 3 20. B-B3, KR-K1 21. P-QR4, N-N5 22. BXN, Q XB 23. Q-B3, QN3 24. PXP, RXPX 25. N-B1, KR-K2 26. P-KR4, QP-B4 27. P-Q5, QR7 28. R-K2, Q -N6 29. R-Q2, R-K5 30. QR-Q1, R-R5 31. P-R5, Q-B5 32. P-R6, QN5 33. Q-N2, P-B4 34. N-R2, QN3 35. QR3?, P-B5 36. BXQB, BXB 37. P-Q6, BXPX 38. PXR, PKNch 39. KB1, P-R8 (Q)ch 40. Q XQ, BXKP 41. QXB, QXP 42. R-Q8ch, Resigns



Marc Lynn  
1976 Wyoming Champion

Player	Won	Lost	Drawn
Robert Byrne	5	1	4
Lubomir Kavalek	3	2	3
Larry Evans	5	0	4
James Tarjan	3	2	2
William Lombardy	6	1	2
Kim Commons	6	0	3
Team Total	28	6	18

Grandmasters Timman (81/2-21/2) and Sosonko (6-2) had the best individual results on boards 1 and 2, their scores doing much to place the Netherlands Team second. Standings of the top ten teams were:

1. USA.....37.0
2. Netherlands....36.5
3. England.....35.5
4. Argentina.....33.0
5. West Germany...31.0
6. Israel.....29.5
7. Switzerland...29.0
8. Canada.....28.5
9. Spain.....28.5
10. Columbia.....28.0

Of the forty-eight teams that participated in the event, it is significant that four of the top ten are from the Americas. Regrettably, no teams from Eastern Europe participated. It is to be hoped that the USSR and others will take part in the 1978 Olympiads.





# 1977 Colorado Jr-Sr Championships

Howard Johnson's South - Jan 7,8,9

The Third Annual COLORADO JR-SR CHAMPIONSHIPS will be held this January 7,8,9 at Howard Johnson's South, 6300 East Hampden Ave., Denver, Colorado 80222, Telephone 758-2211. Motel Rates for participants; Single, \$22.00; Double \$30.00. The rooms are nice, parking is good and there is an excellent 24 hour resturant on the premises.

The Tournament will be a 5-SS, 40/100, to be held in 4 Sections with winners to be 1977 Colorado Champions. SPECIAL TROPHIES to top 3 in each section; no \$\$ prizes.

**JUNIOR OPEN:** Open to players through 20 years of age. Entry fee \$5.00 if received by January 5. Winner will be 1977 COLORADO JUNIOR CHESS CHAMPION.

**JUNIOR RESERVE:** Open to players through 15 years of age. Entry fee \$2.00 if received by January 5. (Non-Rated Tourney). Winner will be 1977 COLORADO JUNIOR RESERVE CHAMP.

**TOP 20'S:** Open to players aged 21 years through 39 years. Entry fee \$7.00 if received by January 5. Winner will be 1977 COLORADO TOP 20'S CHAMPION.

**OVER 40:** Open to players aged 40 years and over. Entry fee \$7.00 if received by January 5. Winner will be 1977 COLORADO OVER 40 CHAMPION.

**ALL:** Entry fee \$3.00 more at playing site. Both United States Chess Federation and Colorado State Chess Association Memberships required (except for Jr.-reserve)-available at site. USCF Memberships are \$15 per year for adults, \$8 per year for Juniors under 19 years at expiration. CSCA Memberships are \$5 per year for adults and \$2.50 per year for Juniors under 21 years at expiration, special short-term rates (CSCA) for out-of-state players, please inquire. Special rates for USCF Junior Memberships not wishing a subscription to Chess Life and Review...Special CSCA rates for players paying their USCF dues through CSCA...please inquire. Bring your current membership cards-you must show them at registration!!! Bring boards, sets and clocks, none will be supplied. Late registration from 5:30 to 7:00 PM on January 7; rounds 8:00 PM, 9-3, 9-3. (Entry form below).

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