

COLORADO CHESS

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INFORMANT

Long before a person decides to enter the fires of competitive play, something about this great game captures their imagination. Read about Buck Buchanan's 17 year odyssey as a "Monk sharing the faith" with chess "seekers." (pg. 5)



"The usual suspects..."

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**The Editor's Corner, by Colorado Chess Informant Editor
Jeffrey A. Baffo**

Hello again my highly esteemed readers. Our fourth issue. I am truly amazed. It does not seem possible that a full year's worth of Informant issues have now been completed. It seems like only a week or two ago I was nervously accepting this position. In any case, let me again thank all of you who have contributed, complimented, critiqued, or just plain put up with the Informant. Keep it up! Don't let me get away with anything.... With your help, I'm ready to go four more. Every issue seems to be more jam packed than the last, and this one continues that trend with a vengeance. A double handful of chess games, cross tables and tournament reports as usual. But you'll also hear about the Denver Chess Club's new activities, such as their very own Denver Chess Club Grand Prix and a nifty new web site. Chess students (that's all of us, right?) attention! Get out your notebooks, there will be a test! This issue has not one but two excellent lessons from Rocky Mountain News' NM Todd Bardwick and International Master Michael Mulyar. Check out Michael's letter to the Editor for his note announcing his debut as a chess instructor who's looking for students. What happened at the Colorado Open? Are any of your or your friend's games in here? Several CSCA positions up to and including the President's spot were open this year. Who are the new CSCA leaders? The USCF delegate's meeting did what?! Who are the Colorado Chess Tour winners? All these tasty treats are set out between these pages. Thanksgiving feasts may still be about a month away, but your own personal all-you-can-eat chess buffet is ready—now. In short, the table is set, all you need to do is dig in!

Yours in Chess fellowship,

Jeff (P.S. I got a Job!! Thanks to all my supporters)

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On the cover: People's Fair volunteers. Left to right: JC McNeil, Josh Smith, Brian Wall. Another example of sharing the faith. Way to go!

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Unofficial/Unapproved minutes from the Membership meeting

By Jeffrey A. Baffo

The elections of new officer's was the most important piece of new business, they are:

Officers:

- ⇒ President, new: Andy Rea (outgoing R. Buchanan)
- ⇒ VicePres, new: Todd Barwick (outgoing D. Helt)
- ⇒ Secretary, new: Paul Grimm (outgoing M. Fuchs)
- ⇒ Treasurer- - - (re-elected) Dean Brown
- ⇒ Member at large new: Billy Willson (outgoing A. Rea)
- ⇒ Junior Representative new: Brendan Kullback (outgoing M. Munafo) from a field of about 5 juniors.

Appointees:

- ⇒ Editor - - - (Returned) Jeffrey A. Baffo
- ⇒ Prison chess, new Richard Wyatt (outgoing C. Hendrikson)
- ⇒ Chess Tour, new Paul Grimm (Outgoing M. Fuchs)
- ⇒ Scholastic chess, new Karen Herbst (Outgoing B. Galler)
- ⇒ Webmaster (Irreplaceable) Rick Nelson

Other business: Amendments and clarifications as proposed by Richard Buchanan were read, approved, and adapted. Please see the web site or hardcopy July 2002 Informant for the complete text of these amendments.

Controversy corner:

Mikhail and Philipp Ponomarev appealed Philipp's 2 year ban from CSCA and Denver Chess Club activities, and Philipp asked to be allowed to play in the 2002 Open. The mention of "other measures" was made by the elder Ponomarev if the ban was not lifted. The history of the ban will not be repeated in detail here. Suffice it to say it was due to Philipp's repeated physical and verbal outbursts, culminating in an incident with another CSCA member. Verbal and written warnings had been given to both Ponomarevs several times prior to the ban being enacted. They based their appeal on several factors:

- ◇ 2 year ban too harsh

- ◇ Philipp's behavior flawless since last incident
- ◇ Philipp's ban affects Mikhail's participation in CSCA or DCC events unfairly as Philipp serves as interpreter, driver and body guard for his father
- ◇ Requirement for anger management course vague, insulting and unnecessary as Philipp's father is a Psychologist and much better qualified to assist Philipp
- ◇ Mikhail's personal guarantee of Philipp's future behavior
- ◇ Philipp was defending himself from an "assault" by the other DCC member, who, they say, instigated things and struck the 1st blow

The Ponomarev's request was denied by a vote of 31-27. The requirement of anger management was re-emphasized to Philipp.

Financial Report:

Given by Dean Brown. The bottom line is that CSCA is on very sound footing. Bank account stands at about \$6,000 (up over last year) and projected obligations/debts are covered.

Membership:

Membership growth is reported to be negligible with total numbers being stable. No significant growth or shrinkage.

A presentation of a silver mug was made by Todd Bardwick to out going President Richard (Buck) Buchanan. His incredible feat of 10 years of superb leadership was given a standing ovation. Buck got misty, though he denied that later.

Tour results:

Given by Mike Fuchs, please see final standings on page 38. The generous corporate contribution of \$1000.00 to the tour fund boosted tour prizes nicely and was again gratefully acknowledged.

Welcome new officers and appointees and our heartfelt thanks to outgoing servants of Colorado Chess!

CSCA information will be updated for Jan 2003 issue.

Letters to the Editor

Jeff,

Please add me to the list of coaches with the following information:
IM Michael Mulyar Ph: 303-438-5626 **Email:** mmulyar@attbi.com
Rating: 2504 **Location:** Denver area. **Willing to travel:** Unknown
Brief Description: Available for lessons with kids and adults Special rates available for juniors.

Highlights:

- Colorado State Champion
- US Junior Co-Champion

Signed, Michael Mulyar

Hi Jeff,

Thanks for putting together the July CO Informant. Just some (quick?) feedback now: Please use my correct e-mail and remove my (outdated) phone number--I thought I passed this on to you in Jan/Feb and understand how it could get lost in the in-box. Also reference www.denverchessclub.com from now on. This will become the DCC's main publicity vehicle. Also list Andy as a point of contact since he's the prez and I could be busy and not quick on replies.

I really liked Todd Bardwick's d5 article; that was the most useful thing I got out of the magazine.

Second most useful was seeing the CO tour standings.

Just a personal opinion here: Have more feature articles and less games. The Sam Galler article was a great example. Of questionable value are all the games published each issue. I never look at any of them; perhaps you've gotten feedback from others who like to have games in there? If so, then keep them. Otherwise, I suggest reducing or eliminating them since space is limited and you're getting a lot of stuff (like feature articles that could take higher precedence). **Maybe just publish [annotated?] "championship games" for each tourney's sections.**

Also consider not posting cross tables to anything except CO tour events and scholastic tourneys. For example, the DCC will no longer be sending you monthly DCC cross-tables or games of the month since: (1) We are launching our web site (if they don't have a computer, I estimate having a cross table in the CO Informant will do no more to draw them to the club than any other tourney) and (2) space in the CO Informant is extremely limited now for anything more than a page or two as you told me in an earlier e-mail.

The DCC will still send "feature articles" of tourneys or club current events for those who don't have a computer to see the web site. As mentioned we'd appreciate having a page or two for an article announcing the DCC Grand Prix and new web site.

Having a couple of pictures here and there breaks up the "continuous text". Of course, I guess you'd have to get pictures e-mailed to you. Just a thought.

Overall, the CO Informant is doing a good job. I also think there is room for improvement. These are just suggestions only.

Paul (email)

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CSCA Sense- Andy Rea

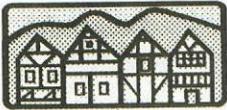
By new CSCA president Andy Rea

For those looking for "Buckspeak" my apologies. We have had a peaceful regime change at the CSCA! In an example of the democratic process in action, President for 11 years, Buck Buchanan has decided he has served long enough and stepped down. I have been elected president and I can tell you, these are going to be huge shoes (sandals?!) to fill!! Additionally we had several other volunteers choose to move on- VP Dave Helt, Secretary Mike Fuchs, Scholastics Bruce Galler, and Junior Rep Michael Munafo cannot be thanked enough for their substantial efforts to promote chess in Colorado!!

This leaves me and Treasurer Dean Brown as the lone holdovers, but our new Vice President Todd Bardwick has previously served on the CSCA Board; new Secretary Paul Grimm has been an Officer of the Denver Chess Club; Karen Herbst has been active with Scholastic Chess and is ready to take those reins; Member-At-Large Billy Willson has been a positive force with the DCC and Regis High School; and Brendan Kulbach is every bit the chess enthusiast as we had with Michael Munafo...

In short, it will be a challenge to measure up to the previous accomplishments of past CSCA Boards. Fortunately, we have a lot of talented, industrious people on our new Board! I look forward to working with them and with you to promote and develop chess in Colorado!!

Ed. Note: Got something to say? Send your comments to me. I even take (shudder) hard copy (limit two paragraphs, otherwise in email please. JAB)



17 years of chess at the Renaissance Festival ("Mate a Monk!")

by "Brother Buck" Buchanan

"Games of skill!" "Come, m' lord, prizes to be won!" "Mate a monk and win a prize!" "Cheap thrills!" "Skill is not necessary; a dollar is!" "Only a dollar, best value in the shire!" "Chess to be played, here in this place!"

The sounds of summer, gently drifting across a gentle Colorado hillside. No, change that to a noisy, raucous, dusty, hot, crowded street from an English village of some 500 years ago (times immensely approximate) where the natives quaff refreshing liquids, consume turkey legs and pretzels, and are entertained by a great variety of stuntspersons, costumed characters (and do we mean *characters!*), musicians, story-tellers, salesfolks, and creatures of unclassifiable species.

And chessplayers.

What, chessplayers? In this noise, with the distractions of crowds, scantily clad maidens, hecklers and hawkers? Sitting and standing under a tree for hours, devoting valuable weekend time to playing chess with beginners for a pittance?

Yeah, that's it. And the place is the Colorado Renaissance Festival in Larkspur, Colorado. For eight weeks each summer the Gaming Monks accept challenge from all comers. We don our monks' robes (and sometimes other costumes) and charge a dollar per game, giving prizes to those who win from us. What prizes?, you ask. And well you may ask, m'lord/lady. Why, we give tickets for refreshing liquid beverages (non-fermented) or exquisite chain mail bracelets fit for warrior or fair lady (kindly supplied to us at cost by Jeff Korenke, owner of Khatomar jewelry, who in our early years was a backgammon player for the Monks). On a busy day, the two industrious monks in the booth can battle through 100 games or more, with few if any losses.

The tale began, as most tales do, long ago in the distant year of 1985, when I attended the festival (much smaller then) with my daughter and her friend, and found a chess playing booth. The prize to be won in the booth was elephant rides. I played many games, and won the girls many rides. A year later, after we had moved to Colorado Springs, I was asked to play chess in the booth. It had been re-organized in a very suitable structure by John Gibson, a CS Chess Club member and checkers expert. The booth swarmed with monks in those days: we played chess, checkers, and backgammon.

Over the years the checkers faded away from lack of interest and perhaps the fact that the checkers experts we had *never* lost. Backgammon also diminished, though to this day we have one player who still indulges and keeps his losses minimal. Somewhere along the line I took over running the booth and lining up players. Among the better known chessplayers who have graced our establishment have been Dan Avery, Leroy Hill, Katie Roberts-Hoffman, Debbie Johnson, Josh Smith, Paul Refalo, and many others. Today the mainstays, besides myself, are Paul Anderson, Dean Brown, and others mainly from the Colorado Springs Chess Club. William Jeavons, former CS Chess Club President and master woodcraftsman, is responsible for our furnishings.

The players we meet are all kinds. Some are tournament players of the present or distant past, some play on the Internet or have casually visited chess clubs once or twice, some are eager youngsters hungry for competition. We see more Scholar's Mates than Lucena Positions. But the potential is there, and it's always fun. We give away literature and tell about chess activity, refer players to the website, clubs, or coaches. Some say that visiting us is the high point of their day.

So come and see us. If you want to play on our side of the table, let me know (buckpeace@pcisys.net). The Renaissance Festival is a land of fun and enchantment. And chess. Yes, m'lady, only a dollar, verily the best value in all of the shire..

In their own words: A game annotated by Randy Reynolds

Southern Colorado Open

Gerry Sunderland – Randy Reynolds

I was petrified about this game. Gerry had a 9 game unbeaten streak. He "ran the table" at my Larimer County Open, winning all 5 games in good style. Now it was my turn .

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5

Here I instinctively played the only thing I've been playing against the Lopez at chess clubs...

3. ... Nf6 4. O-O Ng4?!

Gerry chuckled, "Ha, ha...fishing pole..." I just smiled and shrugged thinking, "Well, at least it'll be a fun game..."

5. d4 exd4 6. Bxc6 bxc6 7. Qxd4 c5 8. Qa4 Bb7 9. c3 Bd6 10. Re1 Ne5

I gave up hope that Gerry would ever play h3 and open the "gates of hell", as Vance Aandahl says. "He who fishes and runs away, lives to fish another day." I was just hoping the wasted tempos with my knight wouldn't kill my game.

11. Nxe5 Bxe5

Here I worried about 12. f4. I thought it would trap my black-square bishop, but I had an escape square on e7 after 13. e5. Nevertheless, pawns on e5 and f4 command a good space advantage, so it still might have been a good move for white. But then, so is development...

12. Nd2 g6

Although I had a doubled pawn and my queenside seemed shaky, I looked at my development and realized that the "Fishing Pole abort" really didn't hurt me that badly. With the exception of castling, I was developed and had the two bishops. I think I should have castled here, but I was still worried about my black-square

bishop. So I took a roundabout fianchetto with the g6 above.

13. Nf3 Bg7 14. Qc4!

I really wanted to defend my pawn here, but my uncastled King was screaming. With an enemy rook on the same file, who can blame him? CM8K recommends 14...Qe7, which looks like it could have solved the dilemma. But would the pawn still fall after 15.Be3? I judged that it was worth it for king safety.

14. ... O-O 15. Qxc5 d6 16. Qa5 c6

I'm always anxious for a queen trade when mine hasn't even made it out of the starting gate yet.

17. Qxd8 Raxd8 18. Be3 a6 19. Bd4 Rfe8 20. Bb6 Rd7 21. a4 Rde7 22. Nd2 c5?

22. ... d5 seems MUCH better, and CM8K agrees. 22. ... c5? was a poor plan to trap his bishop, but a5, played anytime the bishop is attacked, ruins any chance to grab a piece. The white bishop now "bad", actually becomes useful later in the game, but d5 could have won me back the pawn.

23. f3 Re6 24. a5 f5 25. Kf2 fxe4 26. Nxe4 Bxe4 27. Rxe4 Rxe4 28. fxe4 Nxe4

Don't 'cha just LOVE mass exchanges to win a pawn?

29. Kf3 Re6 30. Rd1 Kf7 31. Rd3 Ke7 32. Re3

Happy to get the rook exchange here, since my bishop seemed a bit more active than his. Perhaps Gerry exchanged because he had a slightly better pawn structure.

32. ... Rxe3+ 33. Kxe3 Ke6

Draw offered by me at this point. It's same colored bishops, so a win is still very possible. But we had each played some good chess up till this point, so why spoil

it with some blunder or other cheap trick? Draw refused.

34. Kd3 Bf6 35. b4 Kd5 36. bxc5

The immediate 36.c4+ would have scared me a little. But when I play it out, I think the it would have transposed back the text in a couple of moves. 36.b5 looks promising to get a pawn passed, but my king can still catch it.

36. ...dxc5 37. c4+ Kc6

Moving back and forth between c6 and d6 ought to draw, since I see no way White's King can enter the 5th rank.

38. Ke4 Kd6 39. g3 Kc6 40. h4 h5

Draw again offered here, as White cannot progress. White refuses.

41. Ba???

Suddenly...light at the end of the tunnel! I can see the purpose, in freeing up the bishop to get the g and h pawns in. But now the a5 pawn is mine, and I'll have not only a passed a-pawn, but a passed a-pawn that is going to be very difficult to restrain.

41. .. Bd8 42. Ke5 Bxa5 43. Kf6 Bc7 44. Kxg6 Bxg3?

CM8K says I should start pushing the a-pawn here. Probably right; I'm just greedy for pawns here... it's a lot easier to stop one passed pawn than two. Ah well...

45. Kxh5 Be5 46. Kg5 a5 47. Kf5 Bd4 48. Bb8 a4 49. Be5 Bxe5 50. Kxe5 a3 0-1

A close game against a great opponent. I felt lucky to win. Gerry matched my every threat. I wish the greatest accolades on him, and I fear that luck might go the other way next time he and I play. If nothing else, this game has taught me to stay away from openings I know nothing about! I think I'll stick to the Marshall Attack next time...

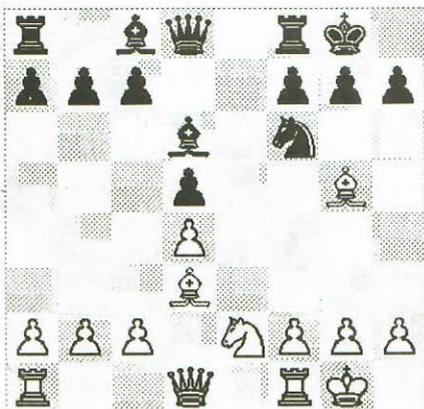
Games from the So. Col. Open (SCO) Gm./90 8/9 June 2002 notes by YHE

Randy Reynolds – Anthony Frank
S.C.O., Rd. 2 Chigorin's Defense
1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nc6 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.
Bg5 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Bd7 8.e3
Na5? Ugh... 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Ne5 0-0 11.
Nxd7 Qxd7 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Bd3 Qc6 14.
Qg4+ Kh8 15.Qf5 Black resigns, seeing
that 15... Qxc3+ 16.Kf1 still leaves him in
very deep do-do. 1-0

Robb Morgan – Joe Fromme
S.C.O., Rd. 5 Stonewall Attack
1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 c5 3.Bd3 Nc6 4.c3 d5 5.f4
Bg4 6.Nf3 e6 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.
Qe1 Rc8 10.Ne5 Bf5 11.Bxf5 exf5 12.b3?
White will regret creating this persistent
weak spot in his own position. Watch as
Black slowly tortures him over the next 38
moves! Ne4 13.Bb2 f6 14.Nd3 b6 15.
Nf3 c4 16.bxc4 dxc4 17.Nf2 Qd5 18.Qe2
b5 19.a3 Na5 20.Qc2 Nb3 21.Rab1 a5
22.Nxe4 fxe4 23.Nd2 f5 24.Nxb3 cxb3
25.Qc1 Rc4 26.Qe1 Rfc8 27.Rc1 Ra4 28.
Ra1 Qc4 29.Qd2 Qd5 30.g3 Bd6 31.Kf2
Rac4 32.Ke2 a4 33.Qe1 Bc7 34.Qd2 Ba5
35.Rac1 Kf7 36.h3 Ke6 37.g4 g6 38.Rfd1
Rd8 39.Ba1 Qc6 40.Qb2 Kd5 41.Kd2
Rc8 42.Rg1 Bd8 43.g5 Be7 44.Rb1 Qd6
45.Qc1 Qxa3 46.Bb2 Qd6 47.Ra1 Qc6
48.Qb1 b4 49.Rc1 bxc3+ 0-1

Kevin Seidler – Keith Oxman
S.C.O., Rd. 5 Alekhine's Defense

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Bc4 e6
5.Nge2 Be7 6.d4 0-0 7.Nxd5 exd5 8.Bd3
Nd7 9.Bf4 Nf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Bg5??



Yikes... Haven't we learned this one yet??
To his credit, young Kevin keeps his cool,
not letting this elementary tactical blunder
upset him. He keeps his focus and fights!

Diagram previous column position after 12.Bg5
Bxh2+! 12.Kh1 Bd6 13.Qd2 Bg4 14.Ng3
Be7 15.Rae1 Re8 16.Qf4 Be6 17.Nf5
Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Ne4 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.
Bxe4 dxe4 21.c3 Qe6 22.Qxe6 Rxe6 23.
Re3 Rae8 24.Rfe1 f5 25.g3 Kf7 26.Kg2
g5 27.c4 f4 28.gxf4 gxf4 29.Ra3 Rg8+ 30.
Kf1 f3 31.Ree3 a6 32.Ra5 b6 33.Rh5
Kg6 34.Rh4 Rge8 35.Kg1 h5 36.Kh2
Kg5 37.Kg3 R6e7 38.Kh3 Kh6 39.a3 a5
40.b3 Re6 41.Rf4 R6e7 42.Kh4 Kg6 43.
Kh3 h4 44.Rxh4 Rh7 45.Rxh7 Kxh7 46.
Kg4 Rg8+ 47.Kf4 Rg2 48.Kxe4 Rxf2 49.
Rxf3 Re2+ I can testify that the playing
room lacked adequate air-conditioning and
was stiflingly hot at times. This game is
proof of the severe heat. Keith's brain has
melted... 50.Kd5 Kg7 51.Kc6 Re7 52.
Kb5 Rd7 53.d5 Rd6 54.Rf5 Rd7 55.Re5
Kf7 56.Kc6 Rd8 57.Kxc7 Rg8 58.Re3 a4
59.Kxb6 Rb8+ 60.Kc5 Rxb3 61.Re4
Rxa3 62.d6 Rd3 63.Rd4 Rxd4 64.Kxd4
Ke6 65.c5 Kd7 66.Kc4 1-0

Jeff Baffo – Zack Malone
S.C.O., Rd. 6 French, A.A.C. attack

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.
e5 Nfd7 6.h4 f6? 7.exf6!? The "cool" line
here is 7.Qh5+ g6 8.ef6! Bxf6 8.Qh5+
g6 9.Qg4 Nb6 10.Qg3 Nc6 11.Nf3 Bd7
12.0-0-0 Bxg5+ 13.hxg5 a6 14.Bd3 Ne7
15.Qe5 Rg8 16.Rxh7 Bc8 17.Qf6 Rf8 18.
Bxg6+ Kd7 19.Ne5+ Kd6 & 1-0 in 44 (!)
What a fighter this Zack is! Get ready for
him, he's just getting stronger...

Andy Rea – Alexander Gitis
S.C.O., Rd. 6 Queen Pawn

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.Bf4 g6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Bd3
Nf6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.c4 Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.
exd5 exd5 A typically slimy, amorphous
Andy opening, no name but delivering a
sound, active game just the same. 10.Bxf5
gxf5 11.Rc1 Nb6 12.Na4 Nc4 13.b3 Nd6
14.Ne5 Nd7 15.Nxd7 Qxd7 16.Nc5 Qb5
This leads to a lot of trouble as Andy is

able to strongly reposition his pieces with
gain of time. Tactics then flow from his
"organically" superior position. 17.a4
Qb4 18.Nd3 Qb6 19.Rc5 Ne4 20.Rb5
Qc6 21.Nb4 Qe6 22.Nxd5 a6 23.Nc7
Qc6 24.Rxf5 e6 25.d5 Qc5 26.Rh5 Nf6
27.Rg5 h6 28.Rxg7+ Kxg7 29.Nxa8
Nxd5 30.Qh5 Crunch! 1-0

Joe Fromme – Perry Silas
S.C.O., Rd. 4 Dragon Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.
Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6
9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.g4 Qa5 12.
Kb1 Rfc8 13.a3 Bc4 14.h4 Bxf1 15.
Rhxf1 Rc4 16.g5?? Nxe4! ...and 0-1
shortly

Laurence Coker – Paul Anderson
S.C.O., Rd. 4 Caro Kann, exchange

1.e4 c6 Paul's numero uno defense to the
e pawn. He's exceptionally tough with it.
2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 g6 5.c3 Bg7
6.Bf4 Nc6 7.h3 Qb6 8.Qb3 Qxb3 9.axb3
e5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Bxe5 Bxe5 12.Nf3
Bf6 13.Ra4 Bd7 14.Rb4 Bc6 15.Kd2 Ne7
16.Re1 0-0 17.g4 g5 18.Ne5 a5 19.Nxc6
bxc6 20.Rb7 Ng6 21.Bxg6 hxg6 22.Rb6
Rfc8 23.Kc2 Kg7 24.Nd2 Ra7 25.Nf3
Bd8 26.Re8 f6 27.Nd4 Kf7 28.Rxd8
Rxd8 29.Nxc6 Rd6! Dagnabit! White
thought he had pulled a slick one, but this
pin lets the air out of that idea. 30.Ne5+
Ke6 31.Rxd6+ Kxd6 32.Nd3 Rh7 and 0-1
in 42

Michael Kuiper – Josh Bloomer
S.C.O., Rd. 4 Orangutan

1.b4 e5 2.a3 d5 3.Bb2 Bd6 4.e3 Nf6 5.c4
c6 6.Nf3 Qe7 7.h3 What is the purpose of
this move? 0-0 8.Qb3 Nbd7 9.Be2 Re8
10.0-0 e4 11.c5 Bc7 12.Nd4 Ne5 13.f4?
White is not helping himself by opening
lines in this type of situation. exf3 14.
Bxf3 Nc4 15.Bc3 Qe5 16.Ne2 Qh2+ 17.
Kf2 Ne4+ 18.Ke1 Bg3+ 19.Kd1 Nf2+ 20.
Kc1 Nd3+ 21.Kd1 Rxe3 22.dxe3 Nxe3+
23.Kd2 Nxf1+ 24.Kd1 Ne3+ 25.Kd2
Nc4+ 0-1 What a massacre!

(more) Games from the So. Co. Open Gm./90 8/9 June 2002 notes by YHE

Josh Bloomer – Joe Fromme
S.C.O., Rd. 4 Lopez, Marshall Gambit

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Rxe5 c6 12.d4 Bd6 13.Re1 Qh4 14.g3 Qh3 15.Qd3 Bf5 16.Qf1 Qg4 17.Bd1 Qg6 18.Nd2 Nf4 19.Re3 Rfe8 20.Nf3 Nh3+ 21.Kh1 h6 22.Nh4 Qh7 23.Bf3 Ng5 24.Bg2 Be4 25.f3 Bd5 26.Qe2 Ne6 27.b3 g5 28.c4 gxh4 29.cxd5 cxd5 30.f4 Kf8 31.Bxd5 Nxd4 32.Qg2 Rxe3 33.Bxe3 and Black lost on time, but his position is teetering on the brink anyway. 1-0

Ryan Propper – William Garcia
S.C.O., Rd. 4 English, Symmetrical

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 Nf6 5.d4 d6 6.d5 Ne7 7.e4 e5 8.Bg5 Ng6 9.Be2 Be7 10.0-0 h6 11.Be3 0-0 12.Qd2 Ng4 13.h3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Qd7 15.a3 b6 16.Bd1 Qb7 17.Ba4 Bd7 18.Bxd7 Qxd7 19.b4 cxb4 20.axb4 Rac8 21.Qa2 Ra8 22.Rfc1 Nh4 23.Nxh4 Bxh4 24.Qa4 Qxa4 25.Nxa4 Bg5 26.Kf2 f5 27.exf5 Rxf5+ 28.Ke2 Raf8 29.Kd3 e4+! This must have come as a very nasty shock 30.Ke2 Rf2+ 31.Ke1 Bxe3 32.Rcb1 Bd4 33.Ra3 Rf1+ 0-1

Andy Rea – Paul Grimm
S.C.O., Rd. 4 Nimzo.-Larsen (1.b3)

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 c5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 f6 5.Bg2 e5 6.0-0 Bd6 7.e4 d4 8.d3 Nge7 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Nc4 b5 11.Nxd6 Qxd6 12.Nd2 Be6 13.f4 exf4 14.gxf4 Rad8 15.a4 a6 16.axb5 axb5 17.Qh5 Ng6? 18.e5! Avoiding 18.f5?! Nf4 and going for the killing advantage. fxe5 19.Ne4 Qd7 20.Nxc5 Bg4 21.Nxd7 Bxh5 22.Nxf8 Rxf8 23.Bd5+ Kh8 24.Bxc6 According to recently published chess etiquette rules, somewhere around this point in the game, I think Andy is supposed to haul off and slap Paul... Nxf4 25.Rxf4 exf4 26.Bxd4 b4 27.Ra7 Bf7 28.Bc5 Rc8 29.Rxf7 Kg8 30.Rf8+ Rxf8 31.Bd5+ 1-0

Kevin Seidler – Josh Smith
S.C.O., Rd. 4 Sicilian, closed

The following game is very strange. One of those “snatching defeat from the jaws of victory” horror stories we’ve all experienced first hand. What a heart breaker for Josh Smith. Credit Mr. Seidler. Again he got into a crappy position and yet refused to cave in! Incredible.

1.e4 c5 2.f4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.Bb5 d6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.d3 Nf6 8.0-0 Qb6 9.Na4 Qa5 10.c4 Bg4 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Qe1 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 Rb8 14.Bc3 0-0 15.Nxc5 Qb6 16.Kh1 Qxc5 17.b4 Qb6 18.a4 Ng4 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qh4 Qd4 21.Raf1 h5 22.Qxe7 Rxb4 23.h3 Ne3 24.Re1 Nc2 25.Ref1 Rxa4 26.f5 Qf6 27.Qc7 Ra1 28.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 29.Kh2 Qe5+ 30.Kh1 a5 31.fxg6 Kxg6 32.Rf5 Qg3 33.Rf3 Qe1+ 34.Kh2 Qb4 35.Qe7 Qb8 36.Qf6+ Kh7 37.Rf5 d5+ 38.e5 Qxe5+ 39.Rxe5 1-0

Katie Robers/Hoffman – Imre Barlay
S.C.O., Rd. 4 French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Be2 Bd7 9.a4 f6 10.Bf4 f5 11.Bc1 Na5 12.0-0 Ne7 13.Qe1 b6 14.Ba3 0-0 15.Ng5 h6 16.Nh3 g5 17.f4 g4 18.Qh4 gxh3 19.Qxe7 Rf7 20.Qh4 cxd4 21.Rf3 Qd8 22.Qxh6 Rh7 23.Qxh7!+ Kxh7 24.Rxh3+ draw Wow. I think this is where they yell “You go girl!” Katie just ROCKS.....

E.J. Weiss – Mark McAdams
S.C.O., Rd. 3 Caro-Kann

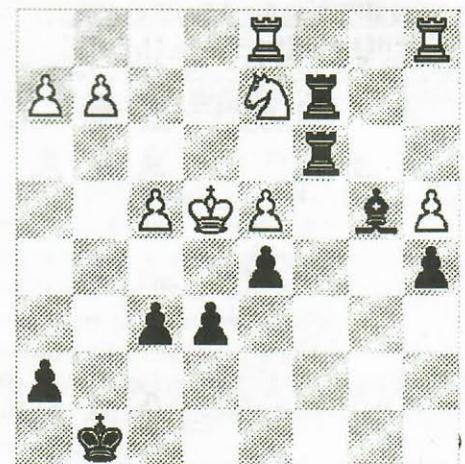
1.e4 c6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.exd5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nxd5 6.d4 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Be2 e6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Nxe2 0-0 12.a3 Rc8 13.b4 Qc7 14.Bb2 Rfd8 15.Rc1 Qb8 16.Nxc6 Rxc6 17.Rxc6 bxc6 18.Qa4 Bd6 19.g3 Nb6 20.Qxc6 Rc8 21.Qe4 Nc4 22.Bc1 Qb5 23.Nf4 Qa6 24.Qd3 Bxf4 25.gxf4 Qc6 26.Rd1 Qd5 27.a4 Rd8 28.b5 e5 29.fxe5 Nxe5 0-1 Presumably on time

Josh Smith – Andy Rea
S.C.O., Rd. 3 Trompowsky/Torre

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 g6 Andy Rea loves the two B’s and is prepared to “pay” for them. Here he offers Josh a free shot at mangling his P structure in return for the “Prelate Pair”. Josh say no thanks and proceeds with sensible development 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 d6 5.Be2 h6 6.Bh4 g5 7.Bg3 Bf5 8.c4 Ne4 9.Nc3 c5! Andy may be crazy on the subject of the two B’s, but he’s not stupid about it. Here he passes on 9...Nxg3 in order to start a promising tactical operation. 10.Rc1 Qa5 11.Qb3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.0-0 0-0 14.h4 Bg4 Andy says “You’re not winning my g pawn!” 15.hxg5 hxg5 16.Nxg5! Josh says “Oh yes I am!” Watch the neat tactical way he gets the piece back. Unfortunately for him, a nasty horizontal pin allows Andy’s initiative to continue. Bxe2 17.Qc2 Nf6 18.Qxe2 cxd4 19.f4 dxe3 20.f5 Rac8 21.Bh4 Qa4 22.Rf4 d5 23.Qxe3 Rxc4 24.Rcf1 Rxf4 25.Rxf4 Qd1+ 26.Rf1 Qh5 27.g3 Ng4 28.Qxa7 Bh6 29.Qxb7 Bxg5 30.Bxg5 Qh2 Mate

Istvan Hornyak – Andy Rea
S.C.O., Rd. 1 QP/Colle?

1.d4 Nf6 2.c3 b6 3.Bf4 Ba6 4.Nd2 e6 5.Ngf3 Be7 6.Qc2 Nd5 7.Bg3 f5 8.Be5 0-0 9.e4 fxe4 10.Qxe4 Bxf1 11.Rxf1 Nc6 12.Bg3 Nf6 13.Qe2 b5 14.a3 a5 15.Ne5 Nxe5 16.Qxe5 b4 17.Qxc7 Qxc7 18.Bxc7 bxc3 19.bxc3 Rfc8 20.Be5 Rxc3 21.Bxf6 gxf6 22.a4 Bb4 23.Ke2 Rc2 24.Rfd1 Rac8 25.f4 R8c4 26.Kd3 R4c3+ 27.Ke4 d5 Mate 0-1



2002 Denver Open

Open section final standings

1	James M Mc Carty	2297	2295	W17	W16	W10	D3	3.5
2	Leroy Hill	2046	2040	L9	W18	W19	W10	3.0
3	James Hammersmith	2023	2029	D18	W13	W9	D1	3.0
4	Brad Lundstrom	1970	1968	W14	L9	W15	W12	3.0
5	Andrew B Rea	2137	2121	D13	D11	D8	W18	2.5
6	Stephen H Towbin	2085	2072	W8	L10	W11	D9	2.5
7	Michael J Munafo	1912	1919	W15	W19	H--	U--	2.5
8	Mark L Krowczyk	1771	1791	L6	W20	D5	W16	2.5
9	Tyler B Hughes	1712	1779	W2	W4	L3	D6	2.5
10	Adam D Hall	1839	1860	W12	W6	L1	L2	2.0
11	Kenneth P Doykos	1800	1815	H--	D5	L6	W17	2.0
12	Ryan C Thompson	unr	1840	L10	W14	W16	L4	2.0
13	Vance S Aandahl	1800	1796	D5	L3	D14	D15	1.5
14	Con. Vigderman	1676	1680	L4	L12	D13	W19	1.5
15	Kevin D Nyberg	1672	1685	L7	W17	L4	D13	1.5
16	Charl Zetterower	1880	1854	W20	L1	L12	L8	1.0
17	Fred Badger	1813	1785	L1	L15	W20	L11	1.0
18	Gary L Bagstad	1700	1704	D3	L2	H--	L5	1.0
19	David A Caudle	1639	1619	B--	L7	L2	L14	1.0
20	Timothy Gillespie	unr	750	L16	L8	L17	B--	1.0

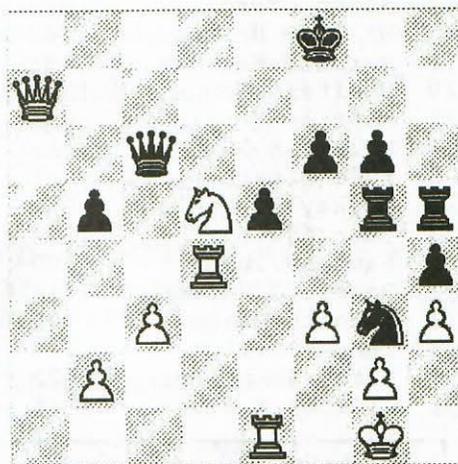
U1800 Standings

1	Mamed Sakhatov	1707	1733	W18	W30	W15	D2	3.5
2	Kevin M Seidler	1698	1727	W19	W16	W7	D1	3.5
3	Sulia Mason	1656	1679	W12	W23	W8	D6	3.5
4	Nicholas D Emery	1776	1774	W26	L7	W19	W10	3.0
5	Paul M Grimm	1663	1673	W11	L8	W31	W18	3.0
6	Michael T Fuchs	1657	1666	W20	W22	D10	D3	3.0
7	Emanuel J Weiss	1629	1649	W36	W4	L2	W21	3.0
8	Rick F Barton	1568	1635	W34	W5	L3	W15	3.0
9	Frederick Sadler	1601	1607	D13	W27	D24	D11	2.5
10	Brad Johnson	1478	1546	W14	W28	D6	L4	2.5
11	Dustin H Eager	1447	1508	L5	W17	W25	D9	2.5
12	Seth B Musselman	1424	1478	L3	H--	W27	W24	2.5
13	Carl R Berg	1385	1470	D9	D34	D16	W26	2.5
14	Glen E Soares	1695	1664	L10	D32	D23	W31	2.0
15	Michael Ohnmacht	1626	1627	W33	W24	L1	L8	2.0
16	James D Hughes	1615	1599	W21	L2	D13	D22	2.0
17	Richard E Herbst	1540	1536	L24	L11	W36	W32	2.0
18	Joe A Ford	1522	1535	L1	W33	W28	L5	2.0
19	Norbert Martinez	1500	1516	L2	W36	L4	W29	2.0
20	Ann Davies	1435	1454	L6	L26	W33	W28	2.0
21	David Newt Sneed	1408	1392	L16	B--	X30	L7	2.0
22	Gregory Bonifate	1380	1420	W29	L6	D26	D16	2.0
23	Oscar C Herrman	1252	1282	B--	L3	D14	D25	2.0
24	Billy P Willson	1783	1745	W17	L15	D9	L12	1.5
25	J C Macneil	1682	1638	D27	D31	L11	D23	1.5
26	Brian Coleman	1530	1513	L4	W20	D22	L13	1.5
27	Timothy Brennan	1473	1465	D25	L9	L12	W36	1.5
28	Jay Shaeffer	1664	1613	W32	L10	L18	L20	1.0
29	Rick Nelson	1579	1535	L22	H--	D32	L19	1.0
30	Vinh Nguyen	1568	1583	W35	L1	F21	U--	1.0

Denver Open, a report by YHE

I had gotten laid off from WorldCom on the Friday before this tournament began. Despite my strong feelings of anxiety and depression, I went (against my better judgment and contrary to advice I would have given to someone else in my predicament) ahead and played anyway. "To relax", was the rationalization I used. In any case, it only took one round to show that my instincts were correct and I should not have played. After building up a easily winning position in my first round game vs. Vinh Nguyen, I handed him my Queen. To top it off, I missed a forced mate! For the morbidly curious among you here is critical position:

Jeffrey A. Baffo – Vinh Nguyen 2002
Denver Open.. Rd. 1 Sicilian, Najdorf
Position after 48...Kf8



And here I uncorked the staggeringly stupid 49.Nb4?? There is a mate here beginning with the obvious 49.Qe7+ The game concluded 49...Qc8 50.Rd7 e4 51.Rc7 Qe8 52.Qc5+??? 0-1 When will I learn to listen to the "little voice"? Needless to say my mood towards playing chess soured after this. I withdrew, went home and began mailing out resumes.

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DENVER OPEN, results continued

31	Randolph Schine	1513	1500	H--	D25	L5	L14	1.0
32	Brian Wontor	1453	1443	L28	D14	D29	L17	1.0
33	David Haskins	1413	1378	L15	L18	L20	B--	1.0
34	Josh D Smith	1798	1773	L8	D13	U--	U--	0.5
35	Jeffrey A Baffo	1798	1780	L30	U--	U--	U--	0.0
36	Dean W Brown	1424	1376	L7	L19	L17	L27	0.0

U1400 Standings

1	Roderick Santiago	unr	1773	W14	W8	W4	W6	4.0
2	Brendan Kullback	1376	1399	W15	W25	D3	W12	3.5
3	Jon R Fortune	1180	1293	W24	W9	D2	W7	3.5
4	Jerry Tancredo	1206	1282	W22	W13	L1	W14	3.0
5	Jacob M Zax	1197	1257	W23	D7	W20	D10	3.0
6	Louis Berman	1373	1380	W16	W11	D12	L1	2.5
7	Mitesh Shridhar	1318	1300	W31	D5	X21	L3	2.5
8	Sophie J Weiss	1260	1258	W27	L1	D16	W19	2.5
9	Joseph R Aragon	1250	1237	W28	L3	D18	W22	2.5
10	Rob G Jamison	1244	1236	W18	L12	W24	D5	2.5
11	Ted K Doykos	1224	1216	W19	L6	D22	W23	2.5
12	Robert E Abrams	1105	1213	W20	W10	D6	L2	2.5
13	Suliaman Mason	1300	1266	W17	L4	L14	W28	2.0
14	Richard H Wyatt	1142	1158	L1	W30	W13	L4	2.0
15	Marco A Guerra	1131	1097	L2	L18	W29	W30	2.0
16	Joshua Suresh	1106	1133	L6	W28	D8	D20	2.0
17	Allan Ufer	1043	1049	L13	L24	W27	W26	2.0
18	William Barber	862	941	L10	W15	D9	H--	2.0
19	Barbara Fortune	496	494	L11	B--	X25	L8	2.0
20	Chaitany Neuhaus	1349	1292	L12	W29	L5	D16	1.5
21	Matthew T Baldwin	unr	1200	H--	W26	F7	U--	1.5
22	Nicholas Kant	unr	1080	L4	W31	D11	L9	1.5
23	Kyle Blesch	unr	1038	L5	W27	D26	L11	1.5
24	Mickey U. Wentz	unr	989	L3	W17	L10	D29	1.5
25	Tien Nguyen	1235	1224	W30	L2	F19	U--	1.0
26	Paul Kullback	1180	1110	D29	L21	D23	L17	1.0
27	Robert J Herbst	1010	959	L8	L23	L17	B--	1.0
28	Solomon Mason	995	985	L9	L16	W31	L13	1.0
29	Tony Phillips	747	774	D26	L20	L15	D24	1.0
30	Kathy Schneider	522	517	L25	L14	B--	L15	1.0
31	Clifton K Daniel	1045	988	L7	L22	L28	U--	0.0

topped the lists, followed closely by a quintet of good players, which included some guy named Mike Fuchs. (Hope to see more of you across the board, Mike! "Hello, BlackJack Pizza? Yes, I'd like an order of breadsticks and one psycho B player with extra cheesy combinations...") The U1400 section was "broomed" by Roderick Santiago with a perfect 4.0. Not bad for another one of those "unr.s." that is to say unrated player. His fine result here will yield him a rating which should put him in or near the Open sections of future tournaments. He was pursued in his section by the undefeated pair of Brendan Kullback and Jon Fortune, who closed out at 3.5. Just remember, the Colorado Chess Informant is always looking for stories, anecdotes, background and games about all the tournaments we Colorado/ Rocky Mountain chess players are involved in. Yes, I mean **you!** Your game deserves to be included! If you send it in, many people will appreciate it, I promise you. Did something interesting happen at the Denver Open that is not reported on here? Did you play or spectate at a game that deserves to be included? Tell us about it. Please send it in! Well that's about it. Hope to see you in 2003.

My personal struggles aside, there was much of note happening in the tournament. A fair-to-partly cloudy turn out of 87 players was seen. Sorry to repeat this, but I sincerely hope and pray for the return of the days when the Denver Open drew "century plus" attendance routinely. It really is being put on by some true chess lovers at the DCC. These folks put in dozens if not hundreds of hours of unpaid work to make the event enjoyable. The venerable venue, the VFW ("Only post #1 in the World") at Eighth and Bannock is clean and centrally located. However, I continue to hear some grumbling about it. If you have some concerns about the VFW location, I urge you to vent those to the DCC and CSCA powers that be. But until and unless a better location presents itself, do try and support this event! Let's recognize the winners: James McCarty in the Open section, does it again. How many DO's is it for you now James? In second place, a three way tie were Messieurs L. Hill, J. Hammersmith and B. Lundstrom. Ryan Thompson had a decent result. An even score in the Open section for an unrated is not too shabby at all. Speaking of which, check out Tyler Hughes' result! He faced a "triple play" of strong experts and scored 2 and one half points from those three games! Brian Wall has numerous emails testifying to his rocket sled of accelerating chess strength. To make it even better, Tyler is just one member of what I call the "Whipper Snapper Brigade." These underage warriors are everywhere! (Herbst, Mason, Eager, Hall and others) Watch the cross tables as these names climb up and ever up! Is this not a testimony to the robust scholastic programs that have been running in our region the last ten years or so?! Those trees are starting to bare fruit my friends and talk about your Bumper Crop!

In the U1800 section, Mamed Sakhatov, Kevin Seidler, and Sulia Mason

Games selected and annotated by
Buck Buchanan (See cross table and
report on page 26)

Robbie Caldwell - Michael Trud-
nak [B01] Center Counter
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.dxe6
Bxe6 5.Nc3 Qe7 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.Nf3
0-0-0 8.Ng5 Nd4 9.Qd1 Bxc4+ 10.
Be2 Nd5 11.Nxd5 Nc2+ 12.Kf1
Bxe2+ 13.Qxe2 Qxe2+ 14.Kxe2
Rxd5 15.Nxf7 Rg8 16.Rb1 Rf5 17.
a3 Rxf7 18.Kd3 Nxa3 19.bxa3
Rxf2 20.g3 Bc5 21.Bb2 Rd8+ 22.
Kc4 b6 23.Bxg7 Bxa3 24.Ra1 Bc5
25.Rxa7 Rxd2 26.Be5 Rc2+ 27.
Kb5 Bd6 28.Bxd6 cxd6 29.Kxb6
Rxb2 30.Rxb7 Rxb1 31.Rxb1 Kd7
32.Rh7+ Ke6 33.g4 Rb2+ 34.Kc6
Rc2+ 35.Kb5 Rc5+ 36.Kb4 Rg5 37.
Rh6+ Ke5 38.Rh5 Kf4 39.Rxg5
Kxg5 40.Kc4 Kf6 41.Kd5 Kg5 42.
Kxd6 Kf6 (Opposition!) 43.Kd5
Kg5 44.Ke5 Kxg4 ½-½

Paul Grimm - Dean Brown [B21]
English Opening
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 c5 2.f4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Bc4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.f5 Nc6 8.
fxg6 hxg6 9.Nh4 Ne5 10.Be2 a6
11.d4 cxd4 12.Qxd4 Nfg4 13.h3?
Nf3+ 14.Nxf3 Bxd4+ 15.Nxd4 Qb6
16.hxg4 Qxd4+ 17.Kh2 Kg7 18.
Kg3 Rh8 19.Rf3 Qg1 20.b3 Qe1+
21.Kf4 c5+ 22.Kg5 Qh4# 0-1

Zach Malone - Simon Teichmann
[B03] Alckhine's Defense
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 Nf6 2.c5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4
Nb6 5.f4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bf5 7.Bd3
Bxd3 8.Qxd3 dxe5 9.fxe5 e6 10.a3
Be7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Nc3 Na5 13.c5
Nb3 14.Rb1 Nxc5 15.Qc2 Ncd7 16.
Ne4 c5 17.Neg5 g6 18.Qf2 cxd4
19.Qh4 h5 20.g4 Nc4 21.gxh5 Kg7
22.hxg6 Rh8 23.gxf7 Nf8 24.Qg4

Qb6 25.Nxe6+ Kxf7 26.Nfg5+ Ke8
27.Ng7+ Kd8 28.Nf7+ Kc7 29.
Nxb8 Ne3 30.Bxe3 dxe3 31.Rbc1+
Bc5 32.Rf7+ The youngsters were
not kind to Simon this tournament.
1-0

Jason Caldwell - Eric Billaux
[B23] English Opening
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 d5 4.Nf3
dxe4 5.Nxe4 Nc6 6.Bb5 Bd7 7.d3
Nh6 8.0-0 Nf5 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.
Ne5 Qb6 11.Ng5 Nd6 12.f5 exf5
13.Ngxf7 Nxf7 14.Nxf7 Kxf7 15.
Rxf5+ Kg8 16.Qg4 c4+ 17.d4 Rd8
18.Be3 Bd7 19.Rxf8+ Kxf8 20.
Rf1+ Kg8 21.Qf3 Qg6 22.Bg5 Bc6
23.Qe2 Rxd4 24.Qf2 h6 25.Qxd4
Qxg5 26.Qxc4+ Kh7 27.Qd3+ Qg6
28.Qd2 Rd8 29.Qe2 Qg5 0-1

LaMoyne Splichal - Norbert
Martinez [C00]
Pike's Peak Open

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 b6 3.Bb5 Ba6 4.Qe2
Bxb5 5.Qxb5 Nf6 6.e5 c6 7.Qb3
Nd5 8.c4 Nf4 9.0-0 Na6 10.d4
Ne2+ 11.Kh1 Nxc1 12.Rxc1 Be7
13.Nc3 0-0 14.Ne4 Nc7 15.Rd1 d5
16.Ng3 f6 17.Rac1 c5 18.Rc2 Qe8
19.Re2 cxd4 20.cxd5 fxe5 21.dxe6
Kh8 22.Nxe5 Rf6 23.Nf7+ Kg8 24.
Rxd4 Na6 25.Rh4 Rc8 26.h3 Rc1+
27.Kh2 Rxf2 28.Rxb7 Rxg2+ 29.
Rxg2 Kxh7 30.Qd3+ g6 31.Qd2
Bf8 32.Ng5+ Kg7 33.Nh5+ gxh5
34.Ne4+ Kh8 35.Qd4+ 1-0

William Malone - Jason Caldwell
[C01]
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4
Bb4+ 5.Nc3 Ne7 6.Bd3 Be6 7.c5 c6
8.Nf3 f6 9.Bf4 Ba5 10.0-0 0-0 11.
Qc2 g6 12.Rac1 Bf5 13.Bd6 Bxd3
14.Qxd3 Rf7 15.Nh4 Kg7 16.Qg3
Ng8 17.Re6 Na6 18.Rfe1 Nc7 19.
Bxc7 Bxc7 20.Nf5+ Kh8 21.Nd6

Bxd6 22.Rxd6 Re7 23.Rde6 Qd7
24.Rxe7 Nxe7 25.Qd6 Qxd6 26.
cxd6 Ng8 27.d7 Rd8 28.Na4 Rxd7
29.Nc5 Rf7 30.Re8 b6 31.Ne6 Re7
32.Rxe7 Nxe7 33.Kf1 Kg8 34.b4
Kf7 35.Nd8+ Ke8 36.Ne6 Kf7 37.
Nd8+ Ke8 38.Ne6 Nf5 39.Nc7+
Kd7 40.Na6 Nxd4 41.Ke1 Kc8 42.
Kd2 Kb7 43.b5 c5 44.a4 Ne6 45.g3
Nc7 46.Nxc7 Kxc7 47.Kc3 Kd6 48.
f4 g5 0-1

Brian Wall - Andy Rea [A01] Lar-
sen's Opening
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.c4 Nf6 4.d3
Bb4+ 5.Nd2 d6 6.a3 Bc5 7.e3 0-0
8.b4 Bb6 9.Be2 a5 10.c5 dxc5 11.
b5 Na7 12.Nc4 e4 13.a4 Bf5 14.
Nxb6 cxb6 15.g4 exd3 16.gxf5
dxe2 17.Qxd8 Raxd8 18.Bxf6 gxf6
19.Nxe2 Rfe8 20.Rg1+ Kf8 21.Rg4
Nc8 22.Ng3 Ne7 23.Rd1 Rxd1+
24.Kxd1 Nd5 25.Kc2 Rxe3 26.fxe3
Nxe3+ 27.Kd2 Nng4 28.h3 Ne5 29.
Kc3 Ke7 30.Ne4 Nf3 31.Kc4 Nd4
32.Nc3 Nxf5 33.Nd5+ Kd6 34.
Nxf6 Ne3+ 35.Kd3 Nd5 36.Nxb7
Nf4+ 37.Ke4 Nxb3 38.Nf6 Ke6 39.
Nh5 f5+ 40.Kd3 Ke5 41.Ng3 f4 42.
Nf1 Nf2+ 43.Kc4 Ne4 44.Kd3 Kd5
45.Nh2 c4+ 46.Kc2 Kc5 47.Nf3
Kb4 48.Ne5 c3 0-1

Eric Billaux - Renard Anderson
[B93]
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Nbd7 7.a4 g6 8.
Bc4 Bg7 9.Nf3 Qc7 10.Qe2 e5
11.0-0 0-0 12.Kh1 b6 13.fxe5 dxe5
14.Bg5 Bb7 15.Rad1 h6 16.Bh4
Nh5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Bxd5 Nf4 19.
Qc4 Nxd5 20.Qxd5 Nc5 21.Qc4
Rac8 22.Rd2 Qc6 23.Re1 Nxa4 24.
Qxa6 Nxb2 25.Rd5 Nc4 26.Bf2
Ra8 27.Qb5 Rfc8 28.h3 Qxb5 29.
Rxb5 Ra5 30.Reb1 Rxb5 31.Rxb5
f6 32.Ne1 Nd6 33.Rb4 Rc6 34.Kg1

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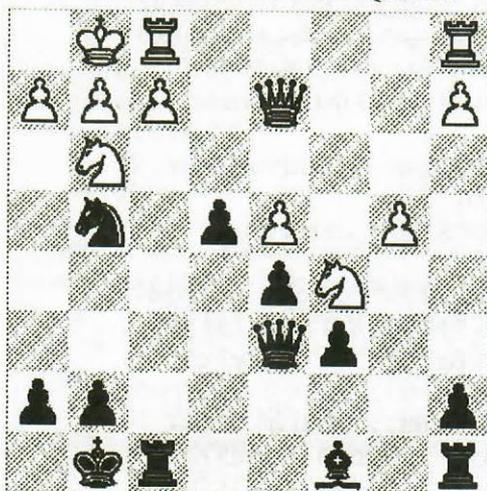
Bf8 35.Kf1 Kf7 36.Ke2 Ke6 37.Kd3 Nc8 38.Ra4 b5 39.Ra8 Bb4 40.Rb8 Nd6 41. Rg8 g5 42.Rh8 Rc3+ 43.Ke2 Nxe4 44. Rxb6 Rc4 45.Nd3 Rxc2+ 46.Ke3 Nxf2 47. Nxb4 Nd1+ 48.Kf3 e4+ 0-1

William Chandler - Roderick Santiago [C47] Scotch
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nxc6 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 bxc6 8. Ba3 d6 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.f3 Nh5 12.f4 Nf6 13.Re1 a5 14.e5 dxe5 15.Rxe5 Nd5 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qh6 Rb8 18.Rh5 Nf6 19.Rxa5 Nd5 20.Rc5 Nxc3 21.Rh5 Qd4+ 22.Kh1 Qh8 23.Re5 Rxe5? 24.Qf8 MATE 1-0

Aaron Gold - Jeff Baffo [C06] French, Tarrasch PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5. Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 cxd4 8.cxd4 Qb6 9.Nb3 f6 10.exf6 Nxf6 11.0-0 Bd6 12.Bf4 Qc7 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Bb5 0-0 15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Nc5 e5 17.b4 e4 18.Qd2 Ng4 19.Ng3 Diagram
19...Rxf2! 20.Rxf2 e3 21.Rf8+ Qxf8 22.



Dan Avery - Vinh Nguyen [A31] PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nf3 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5. Nc3 Bg7 6.e4 0-0 7.f3 Nc6 8.Be3 Qb6 9. Qd2 Nxe4 10.fxe4 Bxd4 11.Bxd4 Qxd4 12.Qxd4 Nxd4 13.0-0-0 Ne6 14.Nd5 Ng5 15.Nxe7+ Kg7 16.Nxc8 Rfxc8 17.Rxd7 Nxe4 18.Be2 Nc5 19.Rd5 b5 20.cxb5 Nd3+ 21.Kb1 Nf4 22.Rd2 Rab8 23.a4 Re8 24.Bf3 Re5 25.Rc1 a6 26.bxa6 Ra5 27.Rc4 Ne6 28.Bb7 h5 29.Rd5 1-0

Jason Caldwell - Brian Wall [B23] Sicilian, closed
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.f4 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nc6 5. Bb5 Nd4 6.Bd3 e6 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Nb5 d6 9.c3 Qb6 10.Nxd4 Bxd4 11.Qa4+ Bd7 12. Qxd4 Qxd4 13.cxd4 Ne7 14.b3 Bc6 15. Ba3 Kd7 16.Kf2 f5 17.e5 dxe5 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.dxe5 Rad8 20.Ke3 Bxg2 21.Rhcl Bc6 22.Rc3 h6 23.b4 g5 24.b5 Bd5 25. Rc7+ Rd7 26.Rac1 Bxa2 27.b6 axb6 28. Bb5 Rhd8 29.Bxd7 Rxd7 30.Rxd7+ Kxd7 31.fxg5 hxg5 32.h3 b5 33.Rg1 b4 34.Kd3 f4 35.Rxg5 f3 36.Rg7+ Kc6 37.h4 Bb1+ 38.Kc4 f2 39.Rf7 Bf5 40.Rxf5 exf5 41. Kxb4 f1Q 0-1

Renard Anderson - Kevin Seidler [C18] French Winawer
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

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 Bd7 12. Qd3 dxc3 13.Qxc3 0-0-0 14.Rb1 Na5 15. Qxc7+ Kxc7 16.Nd4 a6 17.Kf2 Nec6 18. Nf3 Nc4 19.Bd3 Rdf8 20.h4 f6 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.h5 b5 23.h6 e5 24.h7 Rh8 25. Bxc4 bxc4 26.Kg1 exf4 27.Bb2 1-0

Kevin Seidler - Sean Cabrera [B21] Sicilian, closed
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 c5 2.f4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5. Bb5+ Nc6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.d3 Nf6 8.e5 Nd7 9.0-0 Qb6 10.Kh1 Ba6 11.b3 c4 12. bxc4 dxc4 13.Qe2 cxd3 14.cxd3 Nc5 15.

Rd1 Rd8 16.Ne1 0-0 17.Be3 Qa5 18.Bxc5 Bxc5 19.Ne4 Rd7 20.Qg4 Kh8 21.Rac1 Bb4 22.Nf3 Rxd3 23.Nfg5 h6 24.Qh5 Qxa2 25.Nxf7+ Kg8 26.Nf6+ gxf6 27. Qg6# 1-0

Vinh Nguyen - Ken Doykos [E06] PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c5 7.e3 a6 8.0-0 Nc6 9.b3 Rb8 10.cxd5 exd5 11.h3 Bf5 12.g4 Be6 13.Bb2 b5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.Ne2 Rc8 16.Ng5 Qe7 17.Nf4 Nxc4 18.Nfxe6 Nxe3 19.Qd3 g6 20.fxe3 fxe6 21.Nxe6 Nb4 22.Qc3 d4 23. exd4 Nd5 24.Bxd5 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 1-0

Robert Ramirez - Aaron Gold [B75] Sicilian, Dragon
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 Bd7 9. Bc4 a6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bb3 Na5 12.Bh6 Nxb3+ 13.cxb3 0-0 14.Kb1 b4 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 e5 18.dxe6 fxe6 19.h4 e5 20.Ne2 Bf5+ 21.Ka1 a5 22. g4 Bc2 23.Rd2 a4! 24.bxa4 Rxa4 25.Rxc2 b3 26.Nc3 Rxa2+! 27.Kb1 Qa5 28.Nxa2 Qxa2+ 29.Kc1 bxc2 30.Kd2 Qxb2 31.Rc1 Qd4+ 32.Ke2 e4 33.fxe4 Rf2+ 34.Ke1 Rg2 35.Qf4 Rg1+ 36.Ke2 Qd1+ 0-1

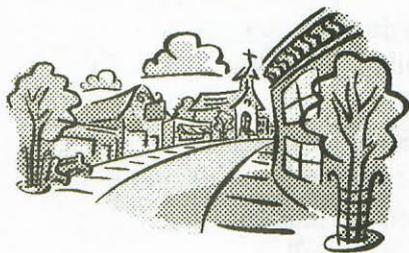
Eric Billaux - LaMoynne Splichal [C26] PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Bc4 Bb4 4.Nge2 Nc6 5.0-0 0-0 6.d3 h6 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Nxc3 d6 9. f4 Be6 10.f5 Bxc4 11.dxc4 Kh7 12.Be3 Ne7 13.Qe1 Qd7 14.Qh4 Qc6 15.b3 b5 16. Bxh6 gxh6 17.Qxf6 Ng8 18.Qh4 bxc4 19. f6 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Qe3 21.Rf3 Qg5 22.Qf2 cxb3 23.cxb3 c6 24.Rf1 h5 25.Rf5 Qg4 26. h3 Qg6 27.Qh4 Nh6 28.Rxh5 Rg8 29.Rf2 Rab8 30.b4 a5 31.b5 cxb5 32.Nd5 Rbc8 33.Ne7 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Qxg2+ 35.Rxg2 Rxg2+ 36.Kxg2 Rc2+ 37.Kf1 1-0

Brian Wall - Paul Grimm [D43] PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c6 5.Nf3

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2002 Larimer County Open

Loveland, Colorado May 25-26, 2002

Randy S. Reynolds, Director

Open Section

1	Josh S Bloomer	12626102	2062	2084	W14	W17	W8	W4	W5	5.0
2	Mark A Ludwig	10410053	1962	1960	W15	L8	W17	W13	D4	3.5
3	Kenneth P Doykos	10358086	1809	1831	X--	H--	D4	D8	W9	3.5
4	Alexander Gitis	12807035	2035	2025	W7	W16	D3	L1	D2	3.0
5	Brad Lundstrom	10410347	1998	1994	H--	D9	W10	W6	L1	3.0
6	Jame Drebenstedt	12478674	1828	1835	W10	W13	H--	L5	D8	3.0
7	Michael T Fuchs	12612576	1657	1679	L4	W11	L13	W17	W12	3.0
8	Vijaya Kumar Surla	12864769	unr	1968	W12	W2	L1	D3	D6	3.0
9	John R Haigh	10500052	1822	1812	L17	D5	W11	W16	L3	2.5
10	J C Macneil	12532599	1644	1657	L6	W14	L5	D15	W13	2.5
11	Josh D Smith	12648573	1798	1766	L13	L7	L9	W14	W16	2.0
12	Brian L Walker	12406768	1750	1733	L8	W15	D16	H--	L7	2.0
13	Kishor A Saitwal	12860905	1445	1494	W11	L6	W7	L2	L10	2.0
14	Paul M Grimm	12461913	1703	1682	L1	L10	D15	L11	W17	1.5
15	Billy P Willson	12633700	1653	1640	L2	L12	D14	D10	H--	1.5
16	La Moyn Splichal	10329515	1562	1577	W18	L4	D12	L9	L11	1.5
17	Daniel C Wunder	12346250	1576	1574	W9	L1	L2	L7	L14	1.0
18	J Richard Scott	10120128	1813	1796	L16	U--	U--	U--	U--	0.0
19	Vinh Nguyen	12834349	1504	1504	F--	U--	U--	U--	U--	0.0

Reserve Section

1	Gerard Sunderland	12559917	1306	1412	W16	W7	W2	W4	W3	5.0
2	Brandon Cooksey	12835271	1289	1343	W14	W8	L1	W12	W9	4.0
3	Timothy M Fisher	12470788	1289	1292	W18	W9	L4	W11	L1	3.0
4	Theodore Doykos	12724380	1244	1266	H--	W13	W3	L1	D8	3.0
5	James Joule	12590600	1012	1035	L8	W18	L11	W17	W15	3.0
6	Jeff Mangus	12685394	unr	1464	W11	H--	D8	L9	W12	3.0
7	Clifton Daniel	12854310	unr	1276	W12	L1	L9	W13	W11	3.0
8	Dean W Brown	10224098	1389	1366	W5	L2	D6	D15	D4	2.5
9	Barry L Schmidt	12498487	1345	1329	D13	L3	W7	W6	L2	2.5
10	Allan Ufer	10054362	1160	1155	U--	U--	D13	W14	W16	2.5
11	Joseph R Aragon	11345409	1251	1220	L6	W14	W5	L3	L7	2.0
12	Mark R Scott	12612679	1139	1140	L7	W16	W15	L2	L6	2.0
13	Kendel Boyd Crose	12670706	852	887	D9	L4	D10	L7	W17	2.0
14	Scott W. Sills	12866611	unr	859	L2	L11	W16	L10	W18	2.0
15	Jon Fortune	12707562	1310	1256	H--	H--	L12	D8	L5	1.5
16	Kathy Schneider	12545281	599	588	L1	L12	L14	W18	L10	1.0
17	Barbara Fortune	12717006	487	485	U--	U--	W18	L5	L13	1.0
18	C W Ridout	12859695	unr	100	L3	L5	L17	L16	L14	0.0

Could there have been a bigger report about the Larimer County Open here? Would most of our readers been interested in stories and background about the tournament? You betcha! Fortunately, Randy Reynolds sent in some great games with notes, see page 30. For all of you who haven't contributed: You are all hereby duly deputized unpaid field reporters for the CCI. Tell us what's going on out there, o.k. ? All I have to add is: congratulations to the winners! Way to go!

Denver Chess Club Announcements:

2002 Club Championship

The weekend of December 14-15, 2002, will witness the reincarnation of the Club Championship, last played in 1986. The Club Championship will be an exciting six round one section format with a \$10 entry fee and \$540 in prizes!

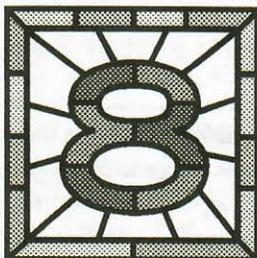
2002 DCC Grand Prix

Purpose: To promote chess at the Denver Chess Club

Events: All DCC sanctioned events for 2002 will be counted towards the 2002 Grand Prix. The DCC Championship in December and the December Monthly Tournament will be the first events counted towards the 2003 Grand Prix.

Prizes: Prize Fund TBA (Open, U1800, U1600, U1400, U1200, Most Active, Top Scholastic) Points based on total points for all rated games at DCC sponsored events. Byes do not count in point total for Grand Prix purposes. Sectional prizes based on rating in the 2002 Annual Supplement. Winners announced before Round 2 of the Denver Chess Club Championship, Saturday, December 14, 2002.

The RMCC turns 8!



Todd Bardwick contributes a report about his camp.

"This is the 8th year for the Rocky Mountain Chess Camp. Many of the students are repeat campers and come from the classes that I teach in various school programs. I teach chess to around 750 kids/year at various venues."

Here is the All-Star staff...Jeffrey Baffo, Billy Wilson, Gary Bagstad, Alan Bardwick, Keith Oxman, Matt Galman, Bela Geczy, Andy Rea, Mark Schlagenhaut, Kevin Hempstead, Joe Aragon, David Costantino, Jason Caldwell, Michael Munafo, Ryan Propper, and Con Vigderman. Section tournament winners:

White Pawns:

1st-Amos Pierce
2nd-Kate Herrington
3rd-Gavin Durham

White Knights:

1st-Jack Turnage
2nd-Joseph Preblud
3rd-Joshua Musler

White Bishops:

1st-Andrew Baker
2nd-Jacob Adamson
3rd-Jansen Fraser

White Rooks:

1st-Brian Reeves
2nd-Avery Taylor
3rd-Levin Goodrich
4th-L.K. Richardson

Black Pawns:

1st-Ben Reilly
2nd-Mac Gustafson

3rd-Taylor Jackson
4th-Bailey Polonsky

Black Knights:

1st-Rachel Fry
2nd-Kelsey Hilbrich
3rd-Paul Carroll
4th-Cisco Katz

Black Bishops:

1st-Douglass Gabbard
2nd-Zach Fry
3rd-Levi Mastrangelo
4th-Hondo Katz

Black Rooks:

1st-Charlie Schloss
2nd-Daxten Reiter
3rd-Jesse Krieger
4th-Kyle Roesler

Kings:

1st-Chris Wall
2nd-Garrick Talmage
3rd-Curtis Crockett
4th-Robbie Herbst
1st u/750 - Logan Cerkovnik

150 kids total kids....That, dear readers is a **US Record!** (For the last several years, at least) Next biggest would be about 120 kids for a camp in Wisconsin.

Todd was very pleased that the chess camp ran so well. The instructors and helpers did a wonderful job teaching the kids and were highly complimented by all the parents who talked to him during and after the camp. "The instructors were awesome. They were all great communicators and more importantly all excellent role models for the chil-

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2002 Southern Colorado Open (games, pg 7)

Colorado Springs, June 8 - 9, 2002

1	Rea, Andrew.....	2137	W 28	W 17	W 27	D 2	W 15	W 7	5.5
2	Kaufman, Arthur.....	2149	W 36	W 4	W 16	D 1	D 3	W 10	5.0
3	Roberts-Hoffman, Katie.....	1877	W 29	W 22	W 10	D 15	D 2	D 6	4.5
4	Anderson, Paul.....	1719	W 20	L 2	D 14	W 28	W 13	W 12	4.5
5	Mc Adam, Mark.....	1573	D 8	L 9	W 36	W 21	W 27	X---	4.5
6	Bloomer, Josh.....	2059	W 11	W 19	H---	L 7	W 22	D 3	4.0
7	Gitis, Alexander.....	2042	H---	D 8	W 29	W 6	W 9	L 1	4.0
8	Oxman, Keith.....	1966	D 5	D 7	W 21	W 16	L 10	W 17	4.0
9	Baffo, Jeffrey.....	1798	L 19	W 5	W 30	W 17	L 7	W 18	4.0
10	Seidler, Kevin.....	1698	W 32	W 12	L 3	W 27	W 8	L 2	4.0
11	Fromme, Joseph.....	1604	L 6	W 26	W 34	L 12	W 20	W 16	4.0
12	Perry, Silas.....	1733	W 14	L 10	D 19	W 11	W 23	L 4	3.5
13	Coker, Laurence.....	1678	L 34	W 20	W 24	H---	L 4	W 23	3.5
14	Nguyen, Vinh.....	1568	L 12	W 37	D 4	L 22	W 21	W 30	3.5
15	Barlay, Imre.....	2236	W 18	D 21	W 23	D 3	L 1	F---	3.0
16	Wutt, Laurence.....	1756	W 30	W 34	L 2	L 8	W 29	L 11	3.0
17	Grimm, Paul.....	1663	W 35	L 1	W 31	L 9	W 32	L 8	3.0
18	Malone, Zachery.....	1659	L 15	L 24	W 25	W 33	W 31	L 9	3.0
19	Kuiper, Michael.....	1561	W 9	L 6	D 12	L 23	D 28	W 31	3.0
20	Robb, Morgan.....	1480	L 4	L 13	W 26	W 35	L 11	W 32	3.0
21	Reiser, Daniel.....	1710	W 25	D 15	L 8	L 5	L 14	W 33	2.5
22	Mc Kenna, James.....	1710	W 26	L 3	H---	W 14	L 6	U---	2.5
23	Splichal, La Moyne.....	1685	W 33	H---	L 15	W 19	L 12	L 13	2.5
24	Cordovano, Richard.....	1508	L 27	W 18	L 13	L 32	D 26	W 35	2.5
25	Tufts, Fletcher.....	1448	L 21	D 28	L 18	W 37	L 30	W 34	2.5
26	Brown, Dean.....	1424	L 22	L 11	L 20	W 39	D 24	W 37	2.5
27	Smith, Josh.....	1798	W 24	W 31	L 1	L 10	L 5	U---	2.0
28	Hornyak, Istvan.....	1659	L 1	D 25	W 35	L 4	D 19	U---	2.0
29	Sadler, Frederick.....	1601	L 3	W 32	L 7	W 34	L 16	U---	2.0
30	Wunder, Dan.....	1576	L 16	W 33	L 9	L 31	W 25	L 14	2.0
31	Garcia, William.....	1403	W 38	L 27	L 17	W 30	L 18	L 19	2.0
32	Gibbs, Dale.....	1252	L 10	L 29	W 40	W 24	L 17	L 20	2.0
33	Wutt, Earl.....	1445	L 23	L 30	W 37	L 18	D 34	L 21	1.5
34	Haskins, David.....	1413	W 13	L 16	L 11	L 29	D 33	L 25	1.5
35	Ufer, Allan.....	1043	L 17	W 41	L 28	L 20	D 37	L 24	1.5
36	Weiss, Emanuel.....	1629	L 2	H---	L 5	U---	U---	U---	0.5
37	Koenig, Susan.....	951	U---	L 14	L 33	L 25	D 35	L 26	0.5
38	Propper, Ryan.....	1709	L 31	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
39	Friedman, Paul.....	547	U---	U---	U---	L 26	U---	U---	0.0
40	Schneider, Kathy.....	522	U---	U---	L 32	U---	U---	U---	0.0
41	Cordovano, Mark.....	497	U---	L 35	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Reserve Section

1	Reynolds, Randy.....	1290	W 28	W 8	W 3	W 10	W 4	D 2	5.5
2	Malone, William.....	1354	W 20	W 16	W 5	D 4	W 7	D 1	5.0
3	Kant, Nicholas.....	unr.	W 19	W 6	L 1	W 11	W 10	W 5	5.0
4	Sunderland, Gerard.....	1363	W 12	W 15	W 13	D 2	L 1	D 8	4.0
5	Aragon, Joseph.....	1250	W 24	W 18	L 2	W 21	W 6	L 3	4.0
6	Jamison, Rob.....	1244	W 25	L 3	W 20	W 17	L 5	W 12	4.0
7	Meyer, Samuel.....	1190	L 21	W 23	W 18	W 13	L 2	W 15	4.0
8	Frank, Anthony.....	unr.	W 11	L 1	D 19	W 14	W 13	D 4	4.0

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9	Burt, Roy.....	1353	W 22	L 10	D 12	L 19	W 26	W 17	3.5
10	Doykoš, Ted.....	1224	W 26	W 9	D 27	L 1	L 3	W 21	3.5
11	Berg, Chris.....	1202	L 8	W 17	W 26	L 3	D 21	W 19	3.5
12	Daniel, Clifton.....	1045	L 4	W 24	D 9	X---	W 19	L 6	3.5
13	Weiss, Sophie.....	1280	W 23	W 21	L 4	L 7	L 8	W 25	3.0
14	O'Dell, Ray.....	1152	L 18	W 28	H---	L 8	D 20	W 23	3.0
15	Hathorn, Larry.....	1144	W 29	L 4	L 17	W 23	W 18	L 7	3.0
16	Burke, Patrick.....	1123	X---	L 2	L 21	W 25	L 17	W 26	3.0
17	Nielsen, Jamie.....	752	W 27	L 11	W 15	L 6	W 16	L 9	3.0
18	Sample, Paul.....	unr.	W 14	L 5	L 7	W 20	L 15	W 22	3.0
19	Frenzel, Gary.....	1131	L 3	W 25	D 8	W 9	L 12	L 11	2.5
20	Montgomery, Malcolm.....	976	L 2	W 29	L 6	L 18	D 14	B---	2.5
21	Bryant, Seiya.....	unr.	W 7	L 13	W 16	L 5	D 11	L 10	2.5
22	Sills, Scott.....	959	L 9	L 27	L 23	W 29	W 24	L 18	2.0
23	Nixon, James.....	835	L 13	L 7	W 22	L 15	B---	L 14	2.0
24	Friedman, Paul.....	547	L 5	L 12	L 28	B---	L 22	W 29	2.0
25	Schneider, Kathy.....	522	L 6	L 19	B---	L 16	W 29	L 13	2.0
26	Cordovano, Mark.....	497	L 10	B---	L 11	X---	L 9	L 16	2.0
27	Gibson, Andrew.....	1254	L 17	W 22	D 10	F---	U---	U---	1.5
28	Trudnak, Michael.....	1118	L 1	L 14	W 24	F---	U---	U---	1.0
29	Hodge, Robert.....	unr.	L 15	L 20	H---	L 22	L 25	L 24	0.5
30	Hall, David.....	1370	F---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Colorado Chess History, Part 2

Colorado Open Champions

1950 Jack Hursch 1951 Julius Partos 1952 Arthur Underwood, Jr. 1953 Jack Hursch 1954 Rudolph Petters
 1955 E. Victor Traibush 1956 Claude Hillinger 1957 Sam Priebe 1958 George Pipiringos 1959 Hans Berliner
 1960 Rudolph Petters 1961 George Pipiringos 1962 Richard Moore 1963 Robert G. Shean 1964 Robert G. Shean 1965
 Wesley Koehler 1966 Wesley Koehler 1967 E. Victor Traibush 1968 Bill Riley 1969 Robert Wendling 1970 E. Victor
 Traibush 1971 Wesley Koehler 1972 Robert Wendling 1973 Donald C. Sutherland 1974 John L. Watson 1975 John L.
 Watson 1976 Curtis Carlson 1977 Brian Wall 1978 Randy Canney 1979 Dmitry Agrachov 1980 Robert Fordon 1981
 Gerald Georges 1982 Eric Anderson 1983 David Rice 1984 James McCarty 1985 Alexander Fishbein 1986 Brian Lankey
 1987 Alexander Fishbein 1988 Alexander Fishbein 1989 James McCarty 1990 Mikhail Ponomarev 1991 Randy Canney
 1992 Michael Mulyar 1993 Michael Mulyar 1994 David Glikzman 1995 Michael Mulyar 1996 James McCarty
 1997 Mikhail Ponomarev 1998 Renard Anderson 1999 Michael Valvo 2000 and 2001 Michael Mulyar

Colorado Closed Champions

1976 Curtis Carlson (Colorado Invitational) 1987 Alex Fishbein (average rating: 2272)
 1988 Randy Canney (average rating: 2200) 1989 Dave Jellison (average rating: 2155)
 1990 Sam Quintanar (average rating: 2147) 1991 Randy Canney (average rating: 2240)
 1992 Michael Ginat (average rating: 2256) 1993 Michael Mulyar (average rating: 2312)
 1994 Michael Mulyar (average rating: 2254) 1995 Jerry Kearns (average rating: 2320)
 1996 Steve Odendahl (average rating: 2331) 1997 Mikhail Ponomarev (average rating: 2281)
 1998 Michael Ginat (average rating: 2215) 1999 Randy Canney (average rating: 2228)
 2000 Andy Rea (average rating: 2179) 2001 Michael Ginat and Philipp Ponomarev (average rating: 2178)
 2002 Brian Wall (average rating: 2154)

Attention readers!! This is your official "call for photos!" The Colorado Chess History project is looking for any photo, hardcopy or otherwise relating to Colorado Chess. Contact Todd Bardwick or Rick Nelson if you can contribute!

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July 5-6, 2002 Mary Nelson, Director

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1	Robert Fordon	2198	2197	W40	W39	W9	W17	D10	W2	W8	6.5
2	Michael J Munafo	1912	1930	W8	W15	W28	W4	W5	L1	W6	6.0
3	Arthur Maxwell	1230	1389	L6	W51	D11	W13	W22	W32	W18	5.5
4	John S Mical	1910	1901	W29	W16	H---	L2	W9	D7	W17	5.0
5	Tory S Anderson	1722	1716	W48	L9	W32	W34	L2	W12	W15	5.0
6	Rick Nelson	1579	1636	W3	W11	L10	W41	W17	W16	L2	5.0
7	Tony X Chen	1554	1575	L11	D20	W37	W35	W34	D4	W16	5.0
8	Jess Mickelson	1496	1551	L2	W26	W47	W43	W14	W10	L1	5.0
9	Tobin Bennion	1403	1548	W23	W5	L1	B---	L4	W14	W29	5.0
10	Roderick Santiago	unr.	1853	W35	W40	W6	W20	D1	L8	D11	5.0
11	Damian Nash 1	970	1939	W7	L6	D3	W28	W29	D18	D10	4.5
12	Michael Wright	1627	1622	L17	W24	D13	W27	W20	L5	W23	4.5
13	Steve Pope	1051	1216	W32	L14	D12	L3	W37	W40	W30	4.5
14	La Moyne Splichal	1685	1639	L16	W13	W31	W42	L8	L9	W44	4.0
15	David X Vasquez	1565	1545	W30	L2	W33	W21	L16	W26	L5	4.0
16	Dean W Brown	1424	1494	W14	L4	W25	W39	W15	L6	L7	4.0
17	David Sneed	1408	1483	W12	W22	W21	L1	L6	W28	L4	4.0
18	Janice S Chen	1263	1362	D24	L23	W40	W31	W42	D11	L3	4.0
19	Jay Stocks	774	934	L21	L28	W50	L24	W47	W42	W35	4.0
20	Sean Halls	unr.	1511	W31	D7	W27	L10	L12	W24	D28	4.0
21	Stephan Burton	unr.	1193	W19	W49	L17	L15	L32	W44	W31	4.0
22	Michael Claussner	1718	1676	W41	L17	W30	H---	L3	D29	H---	3.5
23	J C Macneil	1682	1626	L9	W18	D35	L29	W44	W34	L12	3.5
24	Paul M Grimm	1663	1607	D18	L12	L29	W19	W35	L20	W34	3.5
25	Cesar G Vasquez	1235	1193	W46	L30	L16	W45	L28	W33	D26	3.5
26	Mackenzie Mical	1065	1094	W51	L8	L39	W46	W30	L15	D25	3.5
27	Avery Taylor	837	934	H---	W37	L20	L12	L40	W46	W42	3.5
28	Anthony Frank	unr.	1384	W33	W19	L2	L11	W25	L17	D20	3.5
29	Tim Stakland	1471	1493	L4	D34	W24	W23	L11	D22	L9	3.0
30	Bob Phillips	1175	1153	L15	W25	L22	W47	L26	W36	L13	3.0
31	Stephen Stocks	1172	1139	L20	W36	L14	L18	W49	W38	L21	3.0
32	Patrick Burke	1123	1127	L13	W46	L5	W48	W21	L3	U---	3.0
33	Lee Mical	753	804	L28	W45	L15	L44	W48	L25	W47	3.0
34	Adrian M Burd	1115	1142	W50	D29	W43	L5	L7	L23	L24	2.5
35	Sherri F Astle	941	954	L10	W50	D23	L7	L24	W37	L19	2.5
36	Kathy Schneider	522	547	L44	L31	L48	W51	W45	L30	D38	2.5
37	Ryan McDowell	unr.	790	H---	L27	L7	W38	L13	L35	W45	2.5
38	Rodney Taylor	unr.	530	H---	H---	L41	L37	W51	L31	D36	2.5
39	Steve E Sparks	1676	1660	W42	L1	W26	L16	U---	U---	U---	2.0

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40	Steven P Tomczak	1561	1512	L1	L10	L18	W50	W27	L13	U---	2.0
41	Ann Davies	1435	1422	L22	W47	W38	L6	U---	U---	U---	2.0
42	Dan Pope	1367	1284	L39	W48	W44	L14	L18	L19	L27	2.0
43	Marion A Keyes	1116	1107	W49	W44	L34	L8	U---	U---	U---	2.0
44	Karsten Hansen	985	968	W36	L43	L42	W33	L23	L21	L14	2.0
45	Bridget Phillips	863	752	L47	L33	W49	L25	L36	W50	L37	2.0
46	Peggy Harty	725	676	L25	L32	W51	L26	L50	L27	W49	2.0
47	Danny Stakland	unr.	782	W45	L41	L8	L30	L19	W48	L33	2.0
48	Gary M. Harty	unr.	680	L5	L42	W36	L32	L33	L47	W50	2.0
49	Ari Ferro	342	321	L43	L21	L45	B---	L31	D51	L46	1.5
50	Sam Demars-Co	unr.	552	L34	L35	L19	L40	W46	L45	L48	1.0
51	Morgan Sheffer	unr.	203	L26	L3	L46	L36	L38	D49	U---	0.5



2002 Northwest Colorado Open

Craig, Colorado
August 17 - 18, 2002
Mary Nelson, Director

Open Section

1	Renard Anderson	2273	2279	W8	W7	D2	W3	3.5
2	Robert Fordon	2198	2203	W5	W4	D1	W6	3.5
3	Andrew Rea	2152	2151	W10	W9	W7	L1	3.0
4	John Pedry	1770	1793	W11	L2	W5	W10	3.0
5	Paul Anderson	1757	1761	L2	W10	L4	W8	2.0
6	Randall Moore	1614	1624	L7	W8	X9	L2	2.0
7	James Kulbacki	1905	1902	W6	L1	L3	U--	1.0
8	Paul Grimm	1666	1652	L1	L6	W10	L5	1.0
9	Brad Montgomery	1651	1650	H--	L3	F6	U--	0.5
10	Michael Ohnmacht	1654	1621	L3	L5	L8	L4	0.0
11	Rick Nelson	1587	1580	L4	U--	U--	U--	0.0

Reserve Section

1	Dan Nelson	1489	1505	W13	H--	W12	W7	3.5
2	Morgan T Robb	1477	1495	W18	W14	D7	W6	3.5
3	Dan Tanner	1560	1556	W11	D6	D5	W14	3.0
4	Sean Halls	1543	1542	L6	W11	W10	W8	3.0
5	Jon Fortune	1180	1259	W9	D12	D3	W17	3.0
6	Ted Doykos	1265	1311	W4	D3	W17	L2	2.5
7	Steve Pope	1135	1279	W16	W8	D2	L1	2.5
8	Richard Cohen	1518	1482	W21	L7	W19	L4	2.0
9	Alan Brennan	1506	1483	L5	W13	W20	U--	2.0
10	David Ludeman	1295	1284	L14	W18	L4	W19	2.0
11	Ben Wilkinson	1266	1293	L3	L4	W15	W18	2.0
12	Dean Brown	1180	1197	W19	D5	L1	D16	2.0
13	Michael Ely	1084	1104	L1	L9	W21	W20	2.0
14	Roderick Santiago	unr	1442	W10	L2	W16	L3	2.0
15	Rick Nelson	1587	1564	U--	H--	L11	W21	1.5
16	Gerard Sunderland	1491	1440	L7	W21	L14	D12	1.5
17	Kathy Schneider	635	622	B--	D20	L6	L5	1.5
18	Allan Ufer	1004	986	L2	L10	B--	L11	1.0
19	Ezequiel Silva	806	797	L12	B--	L8	L10	1.0
20	Barbara Fortune	496	504	H--	D17	L9	L13	1.0
21	Robbie Moore	1183	1138	L8	L16	L13	L15	0.0

Well, this was it, friends. The "last stop" before the end of the Colorado Chess Tour. Many of the "racers" (who were in the thick of their respective races for Tour champion...) took this opportunity for one more "fuel up" on tour points. How much effect this had on the final standings is revealed in the final tour report on page 38. This tournament featured a small, but powerful Open section and was won by Renard Anderson and Robert Fordon who cruised through the event with undefeated 3.5 scores. A tidy little sum of 21 player competed in the Reserve section. Another pair of tournament warriors finished undefeated at 3.5 to top this section. Congratulations to Dan Nelson and young Morgan Robb.

Chess Humor, by YHE. ("Professional chess humorist, closed course, do not attempt these jokes at home.")
See "answers" on page 25

1. What is the green grocers favorite tactical maneuver?
2. The name of that movie were Jane Fonda's character spends time with her aging chess player father analyzing an endgame position?
3. Why was the Dentist so good at his chess openings?
4. Did you hear the one about the chess player who needed a secretary? He wound up hiring a former priest....

The Good Things of Chess by Jeffrey A. Baffo

The next time you need to justify the time, money and energy you spend with chess, or convince a sponsor to host a tournament or start a scholastic chess program you can refer to the following factors. I want to hear from you with your own reasons.

- ⇒ **Chess and Science. Chess is a living example of the scientific method.** Each plan you embark on, every combination you venture is actually a hypothesis, and the course of the game is the acid test of it.
- ⇒ **Chess and Mathematics.** Chess involves calculation obviously. More than that there is evidence of chess concepts being involved in co-ordinate geometry, time and motion evaluation, and spatial reasoning.
- ⇒ **Chess and Research.** The great Mikhail Botvinnik, many times world Champion, described the most effective player as a "Researcher". Books, magazines, manuscripts, newspaper columns, databases, you name it. Chess give it's student a huge galaxy of research projects to explore
- ⇒ **Chess and Psychology.** Chess is also a test of your ability to judge character. Perhaps the greatest military strategist ever, Sun Tzu, 6th century B.C., said in The Art of War, "So it is said that those who knows the other and knows themselves will not be imperiled in a hundred battles."
- ⇒ **Chess is about people.** Some of the best friendships you ever have will be with people you meet through chess.
- ⇒ **Chess fights boredom.** No chess game ever repeats itself. You create new ideas each game. Every game you are the commander, deciding the fate of your warriors.
- ⇒ **Chess is a game for people of all ages.** You've heard the expression "You're only as old as you feel." ? Well in chess, you're only as old as you think!
- ⇒ **Chess develops memory.** Chess knowledge, be it theory learned from books or disks or calculations made during actual play, is complicated and voluminous. You are forced to use memory, both short and long term as well as pattern recognition
- ⇒ **Chess improves concentration.** Let yourself daydream during a game and you usually get a very sharp shock as feedback. In other words, chess play rewards good focus and punishes aimlessness
- ⇒ **Chess develops logical thinking.** You are "pumping iron" with your brain! All classical logical thinking protocols are used during a chess game. If-then, If-only, and If-else, these and other analytical schemes are in play constantly during your game.
- ⇒ **Chess develops imagination and creativity.** Good players know the rules, better players know when to break them. For virtually every piece of accepted wisdom in chess, there is usually a way to flagrantly violate it. If there was ever a milieu that encouraged thinking "outside the box", chess is it
- ⇒ **Chess teaches independence.** You and only you bare the consequences of your decisions, and everybody fights the battle alone
- ⇒ **Chess develops the capability to delay immediate gratification for greater good** If you are one to look before you leap, chess will certainly cure you of that-in a hurry!.
- ⇒ **Chess rewards excellence.** Chess is the ultimate merit based system. Your results are invariably commensurate with the overall quality of your play whether you like it or not
- ⇒ **Chess teaches the supreme importance of perseverance.** No matter how many games a person may lose, the possibility of improvement remains open, and your loses only make you stronger

The bottom line: Chess builds you up and makes you happy!



Pikes Peak May Results, May 11, 2002

1. MCADAM, MARK	1573	W13	W5	W7	W2	D3	4.5
2. COROVANO, RICHARD	1508	W14	W9	W6	L1	W5	4.0
3. WILLSON, BILLY	1783	L11	W8	W13	W6	D1	3.5
4. HUGHES, TYLER	1712	L7	W15	D9	W14	W12	3.5
5. MACNEIL, JC	1682	W10	L1	W11	W12	L2	3.0
6. KUIPER, MICHAEL	1561	W8	W11	L2	L3	W9	3.0
7. HERBST, RICHARD	1540	W4	W12	L1	L9	W11	3.0
8. GAULT, DUSTIN	802	L6	L3	W16	W10	W14	3.0
9. FROMME, JOSEPH	1638	W16	L2	D4	W7	L6	2.5
10. SAMHAMMER, ERIK	1196	L5	L13	W15	L8	W16	2.0
11. TUCKER, MATTHEW	1144	W3	L6	L5	W13	L7	2.0
12. HONTZ, SCOTT	1057	W15	L7	W14	L5	L4	2.0
13. CASSIDY, DON	UNR	L1	W10	L3	L11	W15	2.0
14. GRIMM, PAUL	1663	L2	W16	L12	L4	L8	1.0
15. JAMISON, ROB	1068	L12	L4	L10	W16	L13	1.0
16. FRENZEL, GARY	1131	L9	L14	L8	L15	L10	0.0

I think we have another young talent on our hands here. Mark McAdam has been tearing up the turf, so to speak. What does the future hold for this talented and well behaved young man? Your guess is as good as mine, but I wouldn't bet against him. Yes, this was a quick play event, but I still say his result is noteworthy. For that matter, it puts all of us on notice here in the Rocky Mountain area. The youngsters are here, they're getting stronger every day and we veterans had better be ready. Go get 'em Mark!

2002 Moab Championships

Moab, Utah June 15-16, 2002 Mary Nelson, Director

One Section

1 Damian Nash	W15	W7	W13	W5	4.0	27 Taylor Flanders	L19	B--	L8	L20	1.0
2 Anand Kalyanaramon	W23	W22	W9	W4	4.0	28 Ari Ferro	L12	L8	L26	L25	0.0
3 John S Mical	W25	W6	L7	W13	3.0	29 Jeff Chandler	L4	U--	U--	U--	0.0
4 Randall Moore	W29	W25	W10	L2	3.0	30 Russell Minor	L7	L17	L21	L23	0.0
5 Rick Nelson	W24	W21	W16	L1	3.0						
6 E Paul Cane	W11	L3	W12	W16	3.0						
7 Jason Collett	W30	L1	W3	W17	3.0						
8 Jacquelyn Adams	L22	W28	W27	W19	3.0						
9 Sam Tregillus	W21	W26	L2	D12	2.5						
10 Mackenzie Mical	W26	W24	L4	D11	2.5						
11 Steve W Pope	L6	W19	W17	D10	2.5						
12 Dan Pope	W28	W14	L6	D9	2.5						
13 David X Vasquez	W18	W20	L1	L3	2.0						
14 Michael Chandler	L17	L12	W25	W24	2.0						
15 Patrick Burke	L1	W23	L18	B--	2.0						
16 Thomas Wilbert	W20	W18	L5	L6	2.0						
17 Daniel Reilly	W14	W30	L11	L7	2.0						
18 Bob Phillips	L13	L16	W15	W22	2.0						
19 Charlie Schildt	W27	L11	W22	L8	2.0						
20 Karsten Hansen	L16	L13	W23	W27	2.0						
21 Stephen Stocks	L9	L5	W30	W26	2.0						
22 Jay Stocks	W8	L2	L19	L18	1.0						
23 Bridget Phillips	L2	L15	L20	W30	1.0						
24 Peggy Harty	L5	L10	B--	L14	1.0						
25 Avery Taylor	L3	L4	L14	W28	1.0						
26 Dayton Minor	L10	L9	W28	L21	1.0						

Congratulations to the winners, Damian Nash and Anand Kalyanaramon. Unfortunately, my most esteemed readers, I do not have a detailed report to pass along to you at this time. Were there class prizes? Upset, brilliancy, or other prizes? What's it like there, in Moab, Utah? Certainly a tournament of some interest to Colorado players, but many would say not exactly held in a chess Mecca. (Come to think of it however, maybe Damian Nash and the other local organizers efforts will wind up *making* it into one!) Lets hope for a much bigger turn out for the other Utah tournaments, especially Game in 60 National Championships, coming up in November of this year.

CLUB DIRECTORY: (Alphabetical by place) PLACES FOR *YOU* TO PLAY CHESS

Editor's note: PLEASE! Send new or updated information to editor for listing here.

Alamosa Chess Club meets Thurs, 7-10 PM, Adams State College Student Center food court. Call Ken Dail (719) 589-0995.

Aurora: Aurora Chess Club meets every Saturday afternoon from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Aurora Public Library (Theatre Room or Activity Room). Contact: Jeff Baffo (303) 617-9123 jbaffo@msn.com.

Boulder: CU/Boulder Chess Club meets at University of Colorado Stadium bldg., rm. 140, Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. Enter gate 7 on east side, halfway down the corridor on left. Contact: Bela Geczy (303) 543-0143. Free rated tournaments! Sundays 11:00am in Boulder Pearl Street, at Penny Lane cafe there is a G/30 unrated tournament. Reg. 10:30, EF \$2 4 or 5 rounds. For info: Karnisky@yahoo.com

Castle Rock: Castle Rock Chess Club is gone! What a shame that this little club could not maintain a chess presence in Castle Rock. Maybe it can be revived....Dave Cook was the contact.

Centennial Chess Club meets every Sunday, 2:00-4:00 PM at the Smoky Hill Public Library Annex, 15460 E. Orchard Rd., Aurora (ask for the chess club, they will bring you to the room). All levels are invited. Contact Tomer Kishoni (303) 617-4395 chess@b-sol.com

Colorado Springs: Colorado College Chess Club meets during the academic year, Weds. 7:30 to 11:00pm 2nd floor of Womer Center corner of Cascade & Cache LaPoudre, on CC campus. Weekly lectures & events open to the public. Contact: Dan Avery (719)635-4601 or Kris Markey (719)389-7795 for information.

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets on Tues. evenings at Accacia Apartments, Platte Ave. (between Tejon and Nevada) starting at 7:00 p.m. Contact: Richard Buchanan (719) 685-1984

Craig: meets every Thurs. from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. School Admin. Bldg at 755 Yampa Avenue. Rick/Mary Nelson (970) 824-4780

Denver: Denver Chess Club meets every Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. with an optional rated game (G/90) at 7:30 p.m., and a blitz tourney every week, at the VFW at 955 Bannock Street. Contact Paul Grimm via his **NEW** e-mail grimm_p@msn.com or Andy Rea 7680 E Harvard Ave., #101 Denver 80231 (303)341-7089 abrea2@aol.com and for GOSHSAKES, check out www.denverchessclub.com

Durango Chess Club meets Weds. at 6:15pm at the Steaming Bean on 915 Main Avenue. Contact John Mical jbovinski@cs.com.

Estes Park chess club "Stanley Steamers" does not meet during the summer but you can play Monday knights at Estes Park Library 6-9pm. Info: Estes Park Library 970-586-8116

Fort Collins Chess Club Info: on the web : http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess, or Bret McKee at (970) 495-1787

Fort Collins/Colorado State University Chess Club meets Mon.

7:30 PM, in Lori Student Center's basement on CSU campus. Now officially recognized/funded by CSU.

Fort Lewis College Chess Club meets Thurs. nights in the X-treme room, College Union Building. Club sponsored by school and is USCF affiliate. Questions? Contact Andrea Browne at (970)247-6239 or e-mail flcchessclub@hotmail.com.

Glendale Chess Club meets every Friday at the Glendale Community Center, 999 South Clermont Street, Room 2B. Play starts at 6:00 p.m. Contact: Glendale Community Center at (303)384-8100.

Glenwood Springs meets Thurs., 6:30pm 'til ??, basement of Black Diamond Studios, 823 Cooper Ave., Call Jon Rietfors (970) 928-8344 or email jrietfor@sopris.net for more info. All ages/abilities welcome!

Grand Junction: Grand Junction Jr. Chess Club meets every 3rd Sat. at Knights of Columbus Bldg., 2853 North Ave. \$2.00 entry fee, reg. begins at 9:30 a.m., play begins at 10:00 a.m. Contact: Rand Dodd at (970) 245-4015.

Greeley: Greeley Chess Club meets Thurs. 7 - 11 p.m. at Ramkota Inn, 8th Ave. & 8th St. Contact: Brad Lundstrom (970) 352-6642.

Highlands Ranch Chess Knights meets 2nd & 4th Weds. from 7-9pm. From 470 & Broadway, on Broadway go 1.3 miles south, at the light, turn right onto Highland Ranch Parkway, go 0.2 miles, to the first light, turn left onto Ridgeline Blvd., go 0.2 miles, library is on the left. Meet in the conference room. Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493

Lakewood: Lakewood Chess Club meets Thurs. 1-3 p.m. at the Clement Center, 16th & Yarrow and also on Sundays, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Higher Grounds Coffee House, 14th & Washington in **Golden**. For info, contact Bill Riley at 303-232-7671 or 303-232-6252.

Longmont Chess Club meets Thurs., 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Meeker Center, 831 Meeker Street, Longmont. (1 blk east of 9th & Lashley St.)

Loveland Chess Club meets Mon., 7 PM, at 425 W. 10th St. Call Charles Moore, (970) 667-7043.

Pueblo: meets Mon. from 6-10pm at the Barnes & Noble, 4300 N. Freeway Rd. Contact: Chris Clevenger, (719)647-1712.

USAF Academy Cadet Chess Club (August through May), most Fridays at 4 -6 p.m. in Fairchild Hall (Academic Building), Room 5d2 Contact: Jim Serpa or Pete Cohen (719) 333-4470.

Wheat Ridge: Wheat Ridge club meets every Tues., 1-3pm at the Wheat Ridge community center.

THINKING LIKE A SNAKE

By NM Todd Bardwick ©

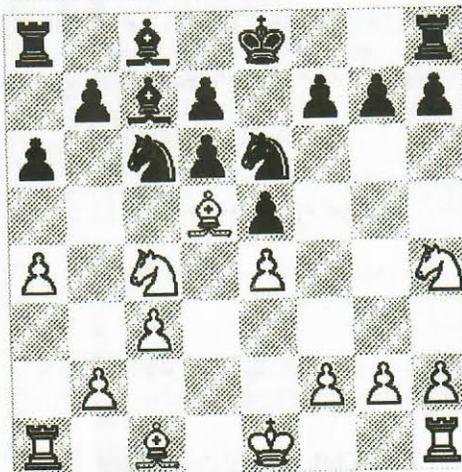
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Meet Monty, a five-foot long, ten-year-old python.

Monty, who is one of my student's pet snake, pretty much lies around in his cage all day, but when it is feeding time, he demonstrates behavior which, if translated to a chess board, would be good form on how to win a chess game when you have an advantage in material or space. Pythons are a member of the constrictor family of snakes. Constrictors wrap around their prey each time they breath in and slowly suffocate them. Active, well-placed pieces are essential for good chess play. Of equal importance, is restricting your opponent's piece play. Consider this position from a correspondence game from 1965-1968.

Yakov Estrin - Delinda



Position after 13...Nc6

White has sacrificed a pawn to tie up black's position and restrict his development. Notice that not only is

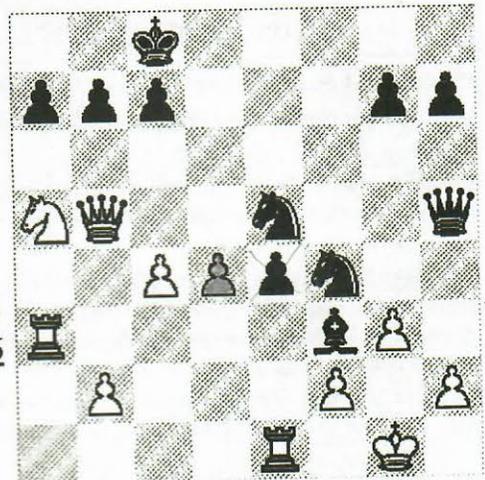
black's extra pawn a backward pawn on d6, but white has no plans to let it advance anytime soon. The d6 pawn blocks the d7 pawn, which in turn keeps the c8 bishop from entering the game through the center. Black desperately needs to get this bishop out to complete his development. White now stops black's fianchetto idea by controlling the b6 square **14.a5 g6 15.Be3 0-0 16.Bb6** Now the b7 pawn can't move and there is no way out for the c8 bishop. Since the bishop can't get out, the rook is also trapped. **16. Bb8 17.g4 Kg7 18.0-0-0 Kf6 19. Ng2 Ke7 20.h4 Ba7 21.b4 Bxb6 22.Nxb6 Rb8** Now that black's queenside is all locked up, white opens the kingside where he has more pieces

23.h5 g5 24.Ne3 Ng7 25.h6 Resigns After the black knight on g7 moves away, white's knight will happily jump into f5 and then he will double his rooks on the d-file and crash into black's position through the center. Pythons aren't the only type of "snake examples" important to chess. Rattlesnakes also play an important role.

Rattlesnakes strike fast, bite, and poison their prey. When you are attacking the king or behind in material, you need to think like a rattlesnake. Of course, you strike at your opponent's king. This is particularly important when you are behind in material because your opponent is thinking like a python restricting your play and trading pieces to convert his advantage into a winning endgame.

The position below is from

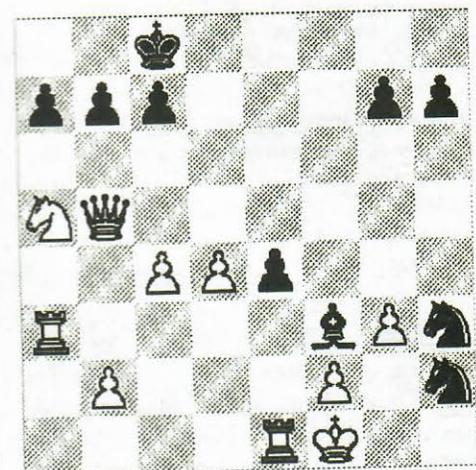
Hamburg, 1922. Black to move.



Emmrich-Moritz

White is ahead two exchanges to a pawn. He would like to be a python, trade pieces and win the endgame. Black must be like a rattlesnake and strike fast at the white king. Fortunately, black has lots of pieces hovering around the white king. Black can win with the pretty

1.Qxh2+!! 2.Kxh2 Ng4+ 3.Kg1 Nh3+ 4.Kf1 Nh2 mate.



Final Position

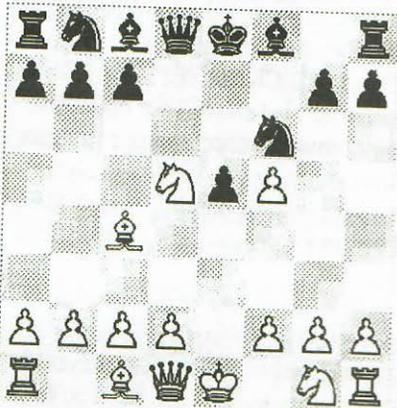
An Interesting Knight Sacrifice

Notes by YHE

Jeffrey A. Baffo – Martin Jacowitz
USCF postal tournament, 2002

Morphy's boyhood hack attack

1.Nc3 f5 2.e4 e5 3.exf5 Nf6 In searching through *Chess Labs'* phenomenal free on line data base, I was shocked to find the position of my game right there! By transposition, I have reached a famous game where by a young chess player named Paul, had the audacity to pitch a knight at his Dad! And he did it for that most "immature" of attacks; the Qh5+ hack! After my **4.Bc4** provoked



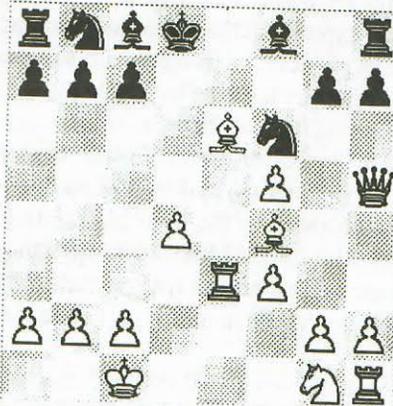
P.Morphy-A.Morphy, New Orleans, 1848 My game reaches the position after 5.N:d5! By transposition

5...d5 there came **5.Nxd5! Nxd5 6.Qh5+ Ke7 7.d4 Qd6 8.Bg5+ Nf6 9.0-0-0 e4 10.f3 e3 11.Re1 Kd7 12.Be6+ Kd8 13.Rxe3 Qf4 14.Bxf4** Black resigns. 1-0

In talking with Martin after he'd resigned, I got the distinct impression that he believed his move 14... Qf4 was a very good move. This is what I call "reflexive Queen swap syndrome". Some might call this an off shoot of "sacrificial shock". a well know illness seen in people victimized by an unlooked for combination. This malady is seen in

situations where by the defending party is possessed of a maniacal desire to eliminate the ladies. The defender is so inclined to this course of action that any such exchange is ravenously pursued, to the extent that positional considerations are simply ignored. In this game, we have a classic case. White had gambled a knight for two pawns and an enduring bind. Black reasons that since there is not a forced mate or great loss of material the trade he is forcing must, in the long run, be good for him. Summing up the basic features of this position will show that Queens or no. Black is distinctly in the debit column. To wit: Black has :

- A knight
- 3 pawns
- An exposed King to aim at
- The initiative
- A huge lead in development
- Control of the center
- Control of the only open file



Position after 14.B:f4

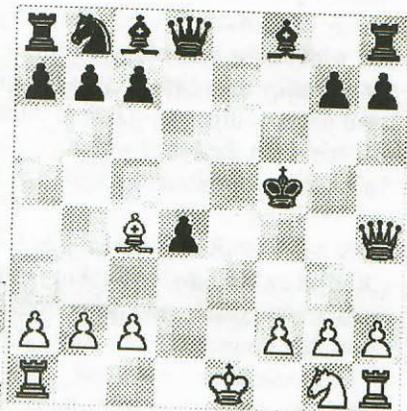
After the forced continuation 14... N:h5 15.Bg5+ Nf6, white continues with very natural moves such as 16.Ne2, c4, Rhe1. It is hard to imagine how Black will even manage a draw. Sadly, I was deprived of the opportunity to test my judgement as my opponent here retired from the

field due to ill health.

Here are two illustrative games; (both games continue from the position in the 1st diagram)

In the first, the juvenile Paul Morphy contests against his father, Judge Alonzo Morphy. The good judge, presumably not liking the attacking chances he saw for white, actually declined the knight. 5... Bc5 6.Nxf6+ Qxf6 7.d3 Bxf5 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Bd5 c6 10.Be4 Nd7 11.0-0 h6 12.c3 0-0-0 13.b4 and Paul converted won in 31 moves. The 2nd game:

D.Moody-D. Carr, Columbus, 1977 5.Nxd5 Nxd5 6.Qh5+ Ke7 7.d4 exd4 8.Bg5+ Nf6 9.Bxf6+ Kxf6 10.Qh4+ Kxf5



As one might expect in the gruesome position seen above, white mated on move 17.

In *Chess Life*, a few issues back, one of their columnists suggested that some people were "compulsive checkers." I hereby admit to my addiction. "Patzer sees a check, patzer gives a check...." In which case, most esteemed reader, I am forced to leave you with these questions: Is the Qh5+ "hack" despite its irresistible appeal to the simple minded, worth a knight? Would you have accepted the knight? If the knight can not be taken, does that mean that black's 5...d5 is unplayable? Hmmm.....

The Many Ways of Saying "Checkmate" A Humorous Look at Chess by Randy Reynolds

During my rebirth into chess, I have played many games. Many end with tipping a king or other symbol of resignation, while others end with a reconciliatory handshake denoting a drawn position. Some end with a simple pointed finger at their opponent's now dangling flag.

And then there are the times that a game ends with a simple word: "Checkmate". Unfortunately, I have been in too many games where my opponent has spoken this fateful word. However, even against the grim defeat, I have learned from these experiences. Specifically, I have learned that there are different ways chess players state "checkmate", depending on the game situation and player expertise. No, I'm not talking about "schachmatt", "echech et mat", or "jaque mate", but the mannerisms and intensity with which the word is uttered. Observe a few of the different cases, and my condolences if you have been on the wrong side of any of these:

LOSING POSITION MATE -- This typically happens to you when you're a queen and a rook up and thinking that things are going quite well for you in this game. You check the pairing chart and the games still in progress to try to determine who your next opponent will be so you can start reviewing good openings for that game in your mind. Moves may come hastily -- after all, there is nothing he can do against such a tremendous attack, right? Then it happens: he quickly slams the fateful mating piece onto its destination square. This usually happens quite loudly, and to you, it sounds even a few decibels louder. "CHECKMATE!" is usually said with all the bravado and volume the player can muster. Players still in games may shush your opponent, but it usually does little to stop the wild celebrations from commencing. Sometimes the checkmater can make it out to the skittles room before celebrating, but this is rare. The losing player in this game usually is either still staring at the board with a puzzled look on their face or has buried their face in their hands. This is not the time for consoling this soul, my friend. Best to wait till the next round before expressing any condolences.

LOSING POSITION FALSE MATE -- This is quite similar to the case before, where the player is up a queen and a rook and is thinking things are going quite well for them. However, this player still has their mind on this game and knows from sad experience that it doesn't take much material to mate. This player is constantly on guard for any traps that might come. His opponent is in desperation mode and has one last trick up his sleeve before resigning. He's constantly wishing inside: "Please move Ne5, please move Ne5, please move Ne5..." Somehow, he hopes these subliminal thoughts will be transported into his opponent's brain. The move is made: Ne5! Triumphant, the player moves his lone rook and slams the piece on the back rank. "CHECKMATE!" again is said with all the bravado and volume so that all can know that he won with less material. The rook is then taken with the queen by the other player, an obvious oversight by the over anxious mater. The now embarrassed mater chuckles a sad little chuckle and then sits back down. The only thing on his mind now is if he should resign now or start hoping his opponent has a spontaneous heart attack. And so, a word of warning: Before announcing checkmate at all, be darn sure it really is a checkmate first.

CLASSY CHECKMATER -- I don't know why I call this the "classy" checkmate, but maybe it's because it's the way I always like to do it. I can't always do it exactly right, but it's always fun to try. This may happen in an even game or a lopsided contest, but it's all in the way it's spoken. The key to doing the classy checkmate is to think of James Bond himself playing chess with the evil arch villain. I don't know why they're playing chess instead of shooting each other or having a fancy car chase, but they just are. Bond makes his winning move and announces, as only Bond can: "Checkmate." It's announced with the same inflection as the way he introduces himself: "Checkmate. James Checkmate." Practice in front of a mirror before trying it in a real tournament; after all, you don't want to look silly doing the classy checkmate, do you? But the classy checkmate, when done correctly, instills a slight sense of awe into your opponent as he sees you're not going to slam the piece to the mating square and start wild jubilation (see previous checkmater). The classy checkmate -- try it!

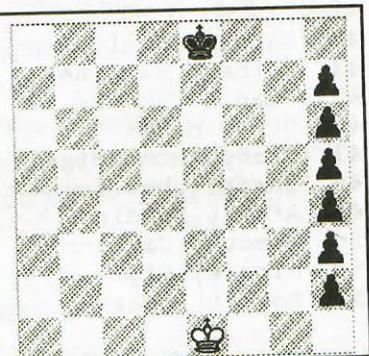
THE "I CAN'T BELIEVE IT'S NOT BUTTER" CHECKMATE – This is the player who just sacrificed his queen not because he saw the checkmate 8 moves down the line, but because the sacrifice just "looked right" to him and he managed to make it pay off in the best possible way for him. The word "checkmate" is uttered a bit breathlessly, as the player has stressed out for the last eight moves, wondering if his sacrifice was really sound or not. Also, "checkmate" is said as if he can't believe it himself, thus the title of this soul. As for the fate of the hapless acceptor of the sacrifice, he may take heart that at least his name and this game will go down in memory as a likely submission in the next Colorado Chess Informant. Unfortunately, Jeff will probably find something that shows how he could have avoided the mate 4 moves after the sacrifice rather easily and won the game. *Que sara sara...*

THE CHILD'S CHECKMATE – OK, I hope you're all somewhat acquainted with this one. It's one thing to have a deep male voice claim checkmate. That feels somehow... acceptable, since it was a meeting of the minds, and sometimes the other mind wins. Even when it's a female voice, that's also an acceptable loss to hear the word. But when it's a small wavering voice, slightly high-pitched, coming from someone who's practically half the size of you, who is uttering that fateful word ... well, I'd rather hear fingernails down a chalkboard, thank you very much. Maybe it's the ego crush that someone who has trouble remembering their times tables can crush you at chess. Maybe it's the fact that you no longer have the chance to exact your revenge for all the times they've "accidentally" (yeah, right) kicked your shins under the table. But whatever the reason, fathers, please teach your chess-playing children to never utter the word "checkmate", even if it is. Our egos are far too fragile. Instead, just buy them a chalkboard to take to tournaments. *SCREEEEEEEECH!!* Thank you.

THE GRANDMASTER CHECKMATE -- Finally, there is the grandmaster checkmate. Now personally, I've never played a grandmaster, but if I did, a checkmate would probably work like this. The Grandmaster Checkmate usually works best in complex board situations where an immediate checkmate doesn't always look feasible. Don't try The Grandmaster Checkmate if you've got a queen and king against the opponent's lone king; you'll only look silly. The checkmating move is played, and the opponent's clock is started (or sometimes it's not). The opponent sees the check to his king and begins to look for ways to get out of it. After all, it's such a complex position and there's so many pieces still on the board, there must be **some** way to get out of it. So the different ways run through your mind: "Can I interpose a piece? No... Can I capture his attacking piece? No... Hmm...maybe my King can flee...nope..." After poring over the board for 20 or 30 seconds, you realize you have no way to escape his attacks. You slowly look up from the board and quietly say to him, half in fear and half in complete shock because of the complex board position: "Checkmate." The player executing the Grandmaster Checkmate then gives the slightest hint of a smile and nods once. This hint of a smile and nod is most important, as it will make (or at least fool) your opponent into believing that you have seen for the last sixteen moves what he only now sees. A good role model for this look is the old guy on the cover of the Chessmaster games. If you can master that smug little look, you'll be perfect at executing the Grandmaster Checkmate.

Answers to chess humor, from page 19. (Just like the questions and answers to your old algebra homework, except more useful.)

1. The dreaded "Salad Fork!"
2. It won the Academy Award, didn't it? On, Golden Pawn
3. He was always drilling.
4. He heard that he was really good at clerical work.



2002 Pikes Peak Open (See games starting on pg. 11)

Manitou Springs, Colorado August 10 - 11, 2002 Richard Buchanan, Director

1	Dan Avery	2027	W36	W12	W14	W7	W9	5.0
2	Andrew B Rea	2152	W17	W22	W6	W5	D3	4.5
3	Renard Anderson	2273	W23	W33	W16	W4	D2	4.5
4	Eric Jea Billaux	2046	W27	W30	W18	L3	W15	4.0
5	Brian Wall	2225	W34	W32	W15	L2	W16	4.0
6	Paul Anderson	1757	W26	W40	L2	W20	D10	3.5
7	Jeffrey A Baffo	1802	W42	D8	W31	L1	W14	3.5
8	Anthea J Carson	1546	W48	D7	L11	W27	W22	3.5
9	Larry Wutt	1747	W19	W44	H--	W11	L1	3.5
10	Robert W Ramirez	1848	W28	L31	W25	W32	D6	3.5
11	Billy P Willson	1783	H--	W36	W8	L9	W30	3.5
12	Zach Malone	1646	W41	L1	H--	W45	W24	3.5
13	Kenneth P Doykos	1816	W46	L14	W19	W23	H--	3.5
14	Vinh Nguyen	1612	W37	W13	L1	W18	L7	3.0
15	Jason Caldwell	1739	W21	W35	L5	W17	L4	3.0
16	Kevin Seidler	1813	W25	W45	L3	W31	L5	3.0
17	William J Malone	1422	L2	W29	W37	L15	W38	3.0
18	Jesse Cohen	1742	W20	W47	L4	L14	W28	3.0
19	Dean Brown	1308	L9	W48	L13	W41	W32	3.0
20	Suliman Mason	1300	L18	W52	W39	L6	W34	3.0
21	Theodore Doykos	1265	L15	L24	W48	W47	W31	3.0
22	Sulia Mason	1649	W29	L2	D24	W26	L8	2.5
23	Gerry Sunderland	1491	L3	W38	W47	L13	D26	2.5
24	Simon Teichmann	1613	L35	W21	D22	W40	L12	2.5
25	Robbie Caldwell	1379	L16	W50	L10	W39	D29	2.5
26	William Chandler	1331	L6	W49	W33	L22	D23	2.5
27	Joe Aragon	1416	L4	D51	W35	L8	W44	2.5
28	Mitesh Shridhar	1396	L10	D43	W51	W33	L18	2.5
29	Michael Trudnak	1118	L22	L17	W49	W46	D25	2.5
30	LaMoyne Splichal	1647	W51	L4	H--	W44	L11	2.5
31	Aaron Haskel Gold	1561	W43	W10	L7	L16	L21	2.0
32	Paul Grimm	1666	W39	L5	W46	L10	L19	2.0
33	Roderick Santiago	1676	W38	L3	L26	L28	W42	2.0
34	William B Garcia	1431	L5	L39	W43	W35	L20	2.0
35	Solomon Mason	995	W24	L15	L27	L34	W49	2.0
36	Ann Davies	1409	L1	L11	H--	W51	D40	2.0
37	Nick J Hronik	913	L14	W42	L17	L38	W46	2.0
38	Jim Mann	1201	L33	L23	W50	W37	L17	2.0
39	Joshua Suresh	1128	L32	W34	L20	L25	W47	2.0
40	Justin L Bartlow	1524	W49	L6	H--	L24	D36	2.0
41	Allan Ufer	1004	L12	L46	W52	L19	W50	2.0
42	Liz Wood	1350	L7	L37	H--	W43	L33	1.5
43	Kathy Schneider	635	L31	D28	L34	L42	W51	1.5
44	Norbert Martinez	1507	W52	L9	H--	L30	L27	1.5
45	Sean J Cabrera	1532	W50	L16	H--	L12	U--	1.5
46	Steve Manes	1390	L13	W41	L32	L29	L37	1.0
47	Pratyush Buddiga	unr	X--	L18	L23	L21	L39	1.0
48	Christopher Joens	unr	L8	L19	L21	L49	W52	1.0
49	Akshay Buddiga	unr	L40	L26	L29	W48	L35	1.0
50	Timothy Carlson	unr	L45	L25	L38	W52	L41	1.0
51	Michael Ely	1084	L30	D27	L28	L36	L43	0.5
52	Robert Lopez	unr	L44	L20	L41	L50	L48	0.0

Pikes Peak Open

A report, by YHE

This was a good one folks. Let me try to explain what I mean. Hair raising battles on many boards every round. A few new comers, a few "coming out of retirement" folks and the old stand bys came together for this traditional Colorado tournament. Top boards were especially hard fought with everything from time pressure melees mind boggling middle-games and grind it out endgames. The weather was typical August weather, a little hot but otherwise gorgeous. Did you see Dan Avery playing two games at once? Did Brian Wall practice his "dark magic" once again, avoiding losing on time by 3.2 microns? Did Renard Anderson and Eric Billaux blaze a new trail in the Najdorf Sicilian? Did people have to duck because a bird was dive bombing them during the middle of a round? Was there a Buck (the animal, not the TD) and a Doe in the parking lot? All of the above happened my friends. Nice little up tick in the attendance. Well, that's my story - I'm sticking to it. If you haven't played here, you're missing a treat. **Next up in Manitou: The Winter Springs Open!**

(Continued from page 14)

dren. I was actually contacted by one master and two grandmasters (one from Europe!) from out of state to teach at the camp and I turned them down (it would be difficult to do a background check on players from out of state!). Just because someone is a good player, doesn't mean that they can teach effectively...in fact, playing and teaching are two totally different skills. The chess camp staff was also very patient with the kids...another good trait for a chess coach to exhibit, and again, of course, the staff are all upstanding honest people and excellent role models for the children."

States represented: Colorado, Utah, California, Virginia (2 kids), Rhode Island, and Connecticut.

Future chess star is barely 7-year-old; Matthew Owen, the 2002 Connecticut State Kindergarten champ.

Funny Quotes:

Two black pawns (each 8-years-old) talking..."I just can't believe I just lost to a 7-year-old!"

In-between classes, on the playground outside, a young kid is running fast...as he passes by he is overheard saying "I'm being chased by a

black knight...and I'm just a pawn!"

New chess etiquette rule to be taught in next year's camp:

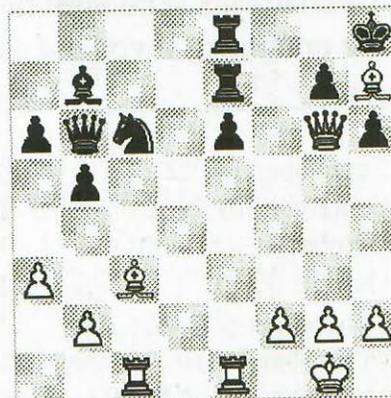
You are not allowed to pinch your opponent's nose.....

(ed. Note "You had to be there...") In all seriousness, the important thing to remember is this: The Rocky Mountain Chess Camp, in only eight years, has grown into the largest such camp in the entire nation. How did this happen?

Not on accident, that's for sure. In my opinion it's directly because of the care and effort Todd puts into it. To put this in perspective, here is an excerpt from the **Colorado Chess Informant**, Vol. 22, No. 4, October, 1995. On the cover are a group of smiling kids and adults. Underneath, the caption reads: **ROCKY MOUNTAIN CHESS CAMP A SUCCESS!** On page 18, the report by David Baldwin informs us: "Forty four campers, ages 6 to 15 (spent) 3 days to learn, compete and just plain have fun" Well, as that old commercial advised: "Do the math..." To take a never before done idea of a three day chess summer camp and virtually quadruple the amount of customers in the space of eight years is nothing short of World Class. Back in 1995, Todd himself was doing the simul to all the campers. I can't resist giving a position

from that inaugural simul:

Alex White – Todd Bardwick
RMCC simul, August 4th 1995



White to play his 25th move. Here, young Alex found the very strong 25.R:e6! And despite Todd's furious resistance managed to grind out a win in 56 moves. And so the Rocky Mountain Chess Camp is eight years old. The birthday presents in this case are many more brothers and sisters who share our wonderful hobby and will one day be crossing swords with in tournaments (if they have not already done that!).

P.S. Even though our Rocky Mountain Chess Camp trounced the Wisconsin Camp in attendance, I will not tolerate any one-upmanship type comments to the effect: "Well, I guess Denver beat the Cheese-Heads AGAIN!!" You just won't see that kind of cheap trash talking Colorado rah-rah stuff in this magazine, o.k.? :)

Tournament Clearinghouse

Some of the tournaments listed below are tentative! **Please** check the Upcoming Tournaments section of the web site, or the listings in the Informant, or contact the organizer, if you need details or confirmation. * = Tour Event

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>City</u>
September 14, 02	Four Corners Team Championships	Moab, UT
September 21 2002	Englewood Elks Scholastic Challenge	Denver
October 12 -13 , 02	Wyoming Closed	Casper, WY
October 12, 02	US G/60 Championship Warm-up	Moab, UT
October 26 -27, 02	*DCC Elk Hunt Open	Denver, CO
November 8 - 10, 02	US Game/60 Championships	Moab, UT
November 23 - 24 2002	Colorado Quick Chess Championship	Denver
December 7 - 8, 2002	*Winter Springs Open	Manitou Springs
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Pikes Peak July Quick Results

Name	rtng	rd1	rd2	rd3	rd4	rd 5	rd 6	TOT
1 Wall, Brian.....	2244	W 24	W 13	W 17	W 20	W 3	W 6	6.0
2 Sakhatov, Mamed...	1765	H---	W 29	W 18	D 4	W 9	W 10	5.0
3 Gitis, Alexander.....	1962	H---	W 36	W 31	W 5	L 1	W 13	4.5
4 Herbst, Richard.....	1484	W 40	W 8	D 10	D 2	W 11	D 5	4.5
5 Cooksey, Brandon....	1379	W 11	W 27	W 25	L 3	W 17	D 4	4.5
6 Caldwell, Jason.....	1912	W 9	L 10	W 15	W 26	W 20	L 1	4.0
7 Kuiper, Michael.....	1561	W 22	L 19	W 38	W 31	L 10	W 20	4.0
8 Eager, Dustin.....	1465	W 12	L 4	L 11	W 33	W 31	W 17	4.0
9 Willson, Billy.....	1395	L 6	W 33	W 14	W 12	L 2	W 24	4.0
10 Mitesh, Shridhar.....	1336	W 33	W 6	D 4	D 13	W 7	L 2	4.0
11 Ravilochan, Tejasvi....	919	L 5	W 28	W 8	W 19	L 4	W 18	4.0
12 Cui, Jian.....	unr.	L 8	W 40	W 27	L 9	W 25	W 19	4.0
13 Martinez, Norbert.....	1594	W 23	L 1	W 21	D10	W 16	L 3	3.5
14 Santiago, Roderick.....	1575	L 25	W 37	L 9	W 38	W 21	D 16	3.5
15 Caldwell, Robbie.....	1412	W 16	L 20	L 6	W 40	D 24	W 30	3.5
16 Gault, Dustin.....	802	L 15	W 30	W 36	W 25	L 13	D 14	3.5
17 Macneil, J.C.....	1593	W 32	W 26	L 1	W 22	L 5	L 8	3.0
18 McGuire, Virgil.....	1533	L 21	W 35	L2	W 37	W 26	L11	3.0
19 Wutt, Laurence.....	1513	W 39	W 7	L 20	L 11	W 22	L 12	3.0
20 Grimm, Paul.....	1450	W 30	W 15	W 19	L 1	L 6	L 7	3.0
21 Garcia, William.....	1352	W 18	L 31	L 13	W 34	L 14	W 32	3.0
22 Lee, David.....	1160	L 7	W 39	W 34	L 17	L 19	W 31	3.0
23 Smith, Victor.....	1621	L 13	L 24	W 35	D 27	W 29	U---	2.5
24 Gold, Aaron.....	1585	L 1	W 23	L 26	W 32	D 15	L 9	2.5
25 Chandler, William.....	1433	W 14	W 38	L 5	L 16	L 12	D 26	2.5
26 Shotwell, Frank.....	1148	W 34	L 17	W 24	L 6	L 18	D 25	2.5
27 Kullback, Brendan.....	1050	W 28	L 5	L 12	D 23	L 30	W 38	2.5
28 Nixon, James.....	849	L 27	L 11	L 33	W 39	D 37	W 36	2.5
29 Lauria, Michael.....	830	D 36	L 2	L 40	W 35	L 23	W 37	2.5
30 Davies, Ann.....	1336	L 20	L 16	L 37	W 36	W 27	L 15	2.0
31 Frenzel, Gary.....	1024	W 35	W 21	L 3	L 7	L 8	L 22	2.0
32 Kullback, Paul.....	916	L 17	L 34	W 39	L 24	W 40	L 21	2.0
33 Cooksey, Ryan.....	843	L 10	L 9	W 28	L 8	D 38	D 35	2.0
34 Mee, William.....	unr.	L 26	W 32	L 22	L 21	L 36	W 40	2.0
35 Ufer, Allan.....	1043	L 31	L 18	L 23	L 29	W 39	D 33	1.5
36 Herbst, Robert.....	1010	D 29	L 3	L 16	L 30	W 34	L 28	1.5
37 Sample, Paul.....	1007	L 38	L 14	W 30	L 18	D 28	L 29	1.5
38 Cooksey, Jack.....	1001	W 37	L 25	L 7	L 14	D 33	L 27	1.5
39 Cascio, Peter.....	790	L19	L 22	L32	L28	L 35	W 41	1.0
40 Cooksey, Kyle..	714	L 4	L 12	W29	L 15	L 32	L 34	1.0
41 Schneider, Kathy..	796	U--	U--	U--	U--	U---	L 39	0.0

A very good 1-2 finish by Brian Wall and Mamed Sakhatov . Kudos to Richard Herbst for his undefeated 4.5 points in this field. Not bad, Richard! Also worthy of mention is Jian Cui, who, as an unrated scored some upsets to finish at a respectable 4.0. Much chess and "jocularity" were shared by all. Dean Brown (see masthead) is the one to contact for info on these Colorado Springs events.

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Be7 6.Qc2 Nbd7 7.0-0-0 dxc4 8.c4 b5 9.e5 Nd5 10.Ne4 Bxg5+ 11.Nfxg5 0-0 12.Nxh7 Nb4 13.Qe2 Re8 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qh6 Nd5 16.h4 c3 17.Nhg5 cxb2+ 18.Kb1 Nf8 19.h5 f6 20.hxg6 1-0

Simon Teichmann - Solomon Mason [A00]
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1.g3 Nc6 2.Bg2 e5 3.d3 Bd6 4.Nf3 Nge7 5.Nc3 b6 6.Ne4 Bb7 7.Nxd6+ cxd6 8.e4 Qc7 9.c3 0-0-0 10.d4 f5 11.Bg5 Rde8 12.Bxe7 Rxe7 13.exf5 exd4+ 14.Kd2 Rhe8 15.Nxd4 Nxd4 16.Bxb7+ Qxb7 17.cxd4 Re2+ 18.Qxe2 Rxe2+ 19.Kxe2 Qe4+ 20.Kd2 Qxd4+ 21.Ke2 Qxb2+ 22.Kf3 Qc3+ 23.Ke2 Qc2+ 24.Ke3 Qxf5 25.Rac1+ Kb7 26.Rhd1 h5 27.Rc4 Qe5+ 28.Kf3 d5 29.Rcd4 g5 30.Rxd5 Qc3+ 31.Kg2 Qc6 32.Kg1 a5 33.Rxd7+ Ka6 34.R7d5 Qc2 35.R1d2 Qc1+ 36.Kg2 Qc6 37.h3 a4 38.f3 h4 39.Rxg5 hxg3 40.Rxg3 b5 41.Rg4 Ka5 42.Rgd4 Qg6+ 43.Kh2 Qh5 44.R4d3 Qe5+ 45.Kh1 Qg3 46.Rh2? Qe1+ 47.Kg2 Qe2+ 0-1

Jim Mann - Roderick Santiago [C26]
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 e5 2.d3 c6 3.Nd2 d5 4.Ngf3 Bd6 5.g3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Nf1 0-0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qd2 Bg6 14.g4 h5 15.Nh4 dxe4 16.Nxg6 fxxg6 17.dxe4 hxg4 18.hxg4 Nc5 19.Re3 Ne6 20.Rh3 Bc5 21.Rxh8 Rxh8 22.b4 Bb6 23.Re1 Nf4 24.Re3 Bxe3 25.Qxe3 b6 26.Ng3 Qd7 27.Ne2 Qd1+ 28.Bf1 Rh1+ 0-1

Jason Caldwell - Ted Doykos [B12]
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nc3 e6 5.g4 Bg6 6.Nge2 c5 7.Be3 cxd4 8.

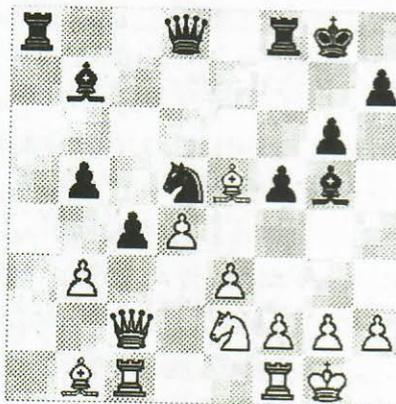
Nxd4 Bb4 9.Qd2 Ne7 10.a3 Ba5 11.Ndb5 Nc8 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.h4 h6 14.h5 Bh7 15.g5 Bxc3 16.Nxc3 hxg5 17.Bxg5 Qc7 18.Bd3 Bxd3 19.Bf6! Kh8 and Black resigned. 1-0

Robbie Caldwell - Kevin Seidler [C01]
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.c3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.Be3 Nge7 9.Nbd2 Qd7 10.Qc2 f5 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 Qe6+ 13.Be2 0-0-0 14.Qd3 Ng6 15.Bxd8? Nf4 0-1

Dan Avery - Ann Davies [D55]
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 b6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 Ne4 10.Bf4 a6 11.Rc1 c5 12.Bb1 c4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 b5 15.Nxe4 Nd7 16.Qc2 f5 17.Ng3 g6 18.a4 Nb6 19.axb5 axb5



20.Ne2 Nd5 21.Be5 Bg5 22.b3

Nxe3! 23.fxe3 Bxe3+ 24.Kh1 Bxc1 25.Rxc1 Rc8 26.bxc4 bxc4 27.Ba2 Bd5 28.Qd2 Qh4 29.Qf4 Qxf4 30.Nxf4 Bf7 31.Kg1 c3 32.Bxf7+ Rxf7 33.Nd5 Rb7 34.Rxc3 Rxc3 35.Nxc3 Kf7 36.Kf2 Rb2+ 37.Ne2 g5 38.h3 h5 39.Bh8 Ra2 40.Ke3 Ke6 41.Kd3 h4 42.d5+ Kf7 43.Bc3 f4 44.Be5 Ra3+ 45.Nc3 Ra1 46.Bd4 Rf1 47.Ke4 (This was Dan's sealed

move. (Remember those?) He later said that 47...g4! 48 hxg4 f3 is very good for Black.) 47...Kg6 48.d6 Re1+ 49.Kf3 Re8 50.Bb6 1-0

Andy Rea - William Malone [B58]
PIKE'S PEAK OPEN 2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nf6 6.Be2 Bd7 7.Be3 e5 8.Ndb5 Be6 9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Ne7 11.c4 a6 12.Nc3 Nf5 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Qa4+ Qd7 16.Qxd7+ Kxd7 17.Bg4 g6 18.Ne4 Bg7 19.Ng3 Rae8 20.0-0 Kc7 21.Bxf5 gxf5 22.Nxf5 Rhg8 23.Rac1 b6 24.b4 Bf8 25.f4 Kd7 26.fxe5 Rxe5 27.Ng3 Rg7 28.Rce1 a5 29.bxa5 bxa5 30.Rxe5 dxe5 31.Ne4 Kc7 32.Rf6 Kd7 33.Kf2 Be7 34.Rf5 Bd6 35.c5 Bb8 36.Kf3 Ke7 37.g4 Rg6 38.d6+ Ke6 39.Ng5+ Kd5 40.Nxf7 Kd4 41.Nxe5 Re6 42.Nc6+ 1-0

Mark Ludwig had a fantastic game against Vijay Surla, a newcomer to USCF. This Sicilian is well balanced and comes down to a great rook/pawn endgame.

Larimer County Open
Loveland, CO 5-25-2002 Rd. 2
Vijay Surla - Mark Ludwig

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 Qc7 10.f4 Be6 11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 Nbd7 13.c4 Rfe8 14.Rc1 b6 15.Nd2 Bf8 16.Bd3 exf4 17.Bxf4 Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Ne5 19.Bxe5 Rxe5 20.Bb1 Ne8 21.Qf3 Qc7 22.Ne4 g6 23.Qg3 Bg7 24.Ng5 f5 25.Ne6 Qe7 26.Nxg7 Nxg7 27.Rce1 Re8 28.Rxe5 dxe5 29.Qe3 Qd6 30.a3 Nh5 31.b4 f4 32.Qe4 Nf6 33.Qf3 g5 34.Be4 Nxe4 35.Qxe4 Qg6 36.Re1 Kf7 37.Kg1 Qxe4 38.Rxe4 Kf6 39.g4 fxxg3 40.hxg3 Kf5 41.Re1 Rc8 42.Rc1 a5 43.bxa5

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bx a5 44. c5 e4 45. Kf2 Ke5 46. d6 Rf8+ 47. Ke2 Kd5 48. Rf1 Rb8 49. Rf5+ Kd4 50. d7 Rb2+ 51. Kd1 Rb1+ 52. Kc2 Rb8 53. c6 e3 54. c7 1-0

Often, the hardest thing a novice chess player has to face is taking risks and making those sacrifices at the right time. Mark Scott didn't see the end of the game when he made this sacrifice (move 14). It just felt right to him. Although Computer analysis seems to show there were flaws in the sacrifice, it still caused enough problems to trip up Jon Fortune. One of my favorite games from the LCO.

Larimer County Open Rd.3
Mark Scott – Jon Fortune

1. d4 d5 2. e3 c6 3. Bd3 Nf6 4. Nd2 Bg4 5. Ngf3 Bh5 6. O-O e6 7. c4 Be7 8. Qc2 O-O 9. e4 dxe4 10. Nxe4 Nbd7 11. Neg5 h6 12. Nh3 Bxf3 13. gxf3 c5 14. Bxh6 gxh6 15. Kh1 Kh8 16. Qd2 Ng8 17. Rg1 f5 18. Rxxg8+ Kxg8 19. Qxh6 Kf7 20. Qh5+ Kf6 21. Rg1 Rg8 22. Ng5 Rg7 23. Nh7+ Rxh7 24. Qg6# 1-0

This is one truly bizarre game. From castling kingside under virtually NO pawn protection, to going down the exchange only to gain it back later, Josh truly shows why he is an expert of the game and the winner of the open section of the tournament. You get the distinct feeling that he knew exactly what he was doing from move 16 onward. Not entirely an even contest materially, but the sheer attacking power of white's play makes this my FAVORITE of the tournament. Enjoy it, and see if a lesson about blindly following chess principles can be seen here.

Larimer County Open Rd. 5

Josh Bloomer – Brad Lundstrom

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Nc3 e6 5. g4 Bg6 6. Nge2 c5 7. h4 h6 8. Be3 Nc6 9. f4 cxd4 10. Nxd4 Bb4 11. f5 exf5 12. gxf5 Bh7 13. e6 Qe7 14. Bb5 Rc8 15. Qg4 g6 16. exf7+ Kxf7 17. fxg6+ Bxg6 18. O-O+ Nf6 19. Rxf6+ Qxf6 20. Rf1 Bf5 21. Rxf5 Rhg8 22. Rxf6+ Kxf6 23. Bg5+ hg5 24. Qe6+ Kg7 25. Nf5+ Kf8 26. Qxc8+ Kf7 27. Nh6+ 1-0

This game was a good showdown between two of the top contenders in the reserve section. I'd recommend chess players to keep these players' names in mind -- they might be the Andy Rea's and Michael Valvo's of tomorrow. :-)

Larimer County Open Rd. 4
Jeff Mangus – Barry Schmidt

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Nf6 3. c4 Bf5 4. Nc3 e6 5. dxe6 Bxe6 6. d4 c6 7. Bg5 Be7 8. Be2 Qa5 9. Bd2 Qb6 10. c5 Qd8 11. Nf3 b6 12. b4 Nd5 13. a3 Nxc3 14. Bxc3 Bf6 15. Qd2 O-O 16. O-O Bd5 17. Rfe1 Bxf3 18. Bxf3 bxc5 19. bxc5 Qd7 20. Rad1 Na6 21. Bb4 Rfe8 22. Rxe8+ Rxe8 23. Kf1 Nc7 24. d5 cxd5 25. Bxd5 Rd8 26. Bf3 Qb5+ 27. Be2 Rxd2 28. Rxd2 Qe8 29. Bf3 Be7 30. Re2 Ne6 31. c6 Bxb4 32. ab4 Qb8 33. Rb2 a5 34. b5 Nd4 35. Bd1 Qxh2 36. Ke1 Qe5+ 37. Kf1 Nxb5 38. c7 Nxc7 39. Rb8+ Ne8 0-1

A positional game between two of the "heavy hitters" of the tournament -- Mark Ludwig and Alexander Gitis. Terrific play on both sides.

Larimer County Open Rd. 5
Mark Ludwig – Alexander Gitis
1. c4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. Nc3 g6 5. cd5 cd5 6. Bf4 Bg7 7. Qd2 O-O 8. Bh6 Ne4 9. Nxe4 dxe4

10. Bxg7 Kxg7 11. Ne5 f6 12. Nc4 Nc6 13. d5 Ne5 14. Nxe5 fxe5 15. e3 Qd6 16. Bc4 Bd7 17. O-O Rf5 18. f3 ef3 19. Rxf3 Raf8 20. Raf1 R8f6 21. Bb3 Bb5 22. Rxf5 gxf5 23. Rf2 Qc5 24. Qc3 Qxc3 25. bc3 b6 26. a4 Bd3 27. Bc2 Bxc2 28. Rxc2 Rd6 29. c4 Kf6 30. Kf2 e4 31. a5 h6 32. axb6 ab6 33. Ke2 Ke5 34. Rb2 e6 35. dxe6 Kxe6 36. Rb5 h5 37. c5 bc5 38. Rxc5 Ra6 39. Rc2 1/2-1/2

This game pits the 1st and 2nd place finishers in the Larimer County Open Reserve section. Tensions climb towards the end as White has a queen, but Black has two connected passed pawns threatening to queen...a very exciting ending...

Larimer County Open Rd. 3
Gerry Sunderland – Brandon Cooksey

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. a4 e5 7. Nb3 Be6 8. Be2 Be7 9. O-O O-O 10. Bf3 Nc6 11. Re1 Qd7 12. Nd5 Bxd5 13. exd5 Na7 14. c4 Nc8 15. a5 b5 16. axb6 Nxb6 17. Na5 Rfc8 18. b3 Qc7 19. Qe2 Nbd7 20. Be4 Nxe4 21. Qxe4 Nc5 22. Qc2 Rab8 23. Bd2 Bf6 24. b4 Nd7 25. Nc6 Rb6 26. Be3 Rxc6 27. dxc6 Qxc6 28. Qa4 Qxa4 29. Rxa4 Rxc4 30. Rxa6 d5 31. Ra8+ Nf8 32. Bc5 h6 33. Rxf8+ Kh7 34. Rxf7 d4 35. g3 d3 36. Rd7 e4 37. Kg2 Bc3 38. Rc1 Kg6 39. Be3 Kf5 40. Bd2 Ke6 41. Rxc3 Rxc3 42. Bxc3 Kxd7 43. h4 Kd6 44. g4 g5 45. hxg5 hxg5 46. Kf1 Kd5 47. Bd2 Kc4 48. Ke1 Kb5 49. Kd1 Kc4 50. Kc1 Kd4 51. Kb2 Kc4 52. Ka3 Kd4 53. Ka4 Kc4 54. Ka5 Kb3 55. b5 Kc2 56. b6 Kxd2 57. b7 Ke2 58. b8=Q Kxf2 59. Qh2+ Kf3 60. Kb4 e3 61. Qg1 d2 62. Kc3 Ke4 63. Qg2+Ke5 64. Qe2 Ke4 65. Kc4 Kf4 66. Kd4 Kg3 67. Kxe3 d1=Q 68. Qxd1 Kh4 69. Kf3 Kh3 70. Qh1# 1-0

Action in USCF: the Delegates Meeting!

by Richard Buchanan, Colorado USCF Delegate

The 2002 US Open experience blossomed and bloomed this year in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. Denver grandmaster Alexander Onischuk was the top-rated player, and Renard Anderson could also be seen on or near the top boards. Our state high school champ Jesse Cohen played in the Arnold Denker Tournament of Champions, and after a rough start recovered to post a respectable score. Andrew Smith of Wyoming tied for third place with a fine score of 4.5 out of 6, with most of his points gained against Experts! The winner of the Denker tournament, Florida master Bruci Lopez, also took 10th place in the US Open, beating a grandmaster and three IMs. I was there for the USCF Delegates meeting held on the weekend of August 3-4. This annual event usually features much discord, political wrangling, and personal vendettas. This year, though, there was less of this: the assembled folks realized that USCF was going through tough times, and some drastic measures were called for. Probably someday a report will appear on USCF's website. In the meantime you can read Bill Goichberg's on www.chessnews.org/del02.htm and get his view of what happened. I will hit a few high points here. Those with comments and questions can reach me at buckpeace@pcisys.net and I will respond appropriately.

Elections

Think back, if you will, to your July issue of *Chess Life*. As you were flipping through it, from one fascinating and instructive article to another, you no doubt paid particular attention to an insert with many names on it. This was, in fact, a ballot that you (yes, **YOU!**) now were entitled to send in to select the leadership of our beloved national chess federation. The CSCA had nominated eight worthy candidates for seven offices. Others were entitled to get onto the candidates list by petition, but no one seems to have chosen to do so. OK, eight candidates for seven offices. How many votes were cast from the great state of Colorado? That's right, *eight!* That sounds dismal and appalling; the reason it sounds that way is that it *is* dismal and appalling! However, Colorado is in good company: we actually were well above the median among the states. In three states no votes were cast; in six states only one (These included Kansas, Nebraska, and Wyoming.) In all, thirty states cast 6 or fewer votes, including such centers of chess activity as Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, New Mexico, and the D of C. The total from the whole country was 494 votes. In New Jersey there were 20 candidates and 9 votes.

Is there a message in this? I have often discussed the OMOV (One Member, One Vote) issue, and my concerns are for precisely this reason: people won't vote! (I grant you it was hard this time, partly because the magazine gave instructions on mailing the ballot that were impossible to carry out - see the little note on p. 7 of the August issue. Still, if you really wanted to send in a ballot, you could do it.) There was discussion of this at the meeting, and items on the agenda to do away with OMOV for state elections. However, I think this would make OMOV for national elections totally worthless: if people aren't going to vote for people they know, they certainly won't do it for strangers in faraway states campaigning on issues they don't understand. Moral: Get informed and **VOTE!** Next summer there will be the first OMOV election for members of the USCF Executive Board. Anyone want to take bets on whether that will be a complete fiasco?

Oh, yes, the results: Well, in great humbleness and modesty, I must admit that I received 8 votes. Andy Rea got 7, so the two of us are the official Colorado Delegates. Mike Fuchs got 6, and the trio of Doris Thackrey, Mary Nelson, and Dean Brown each picked up 5. Vance Aandahl and Dan Avery each got 3, and there were single write-in votes for Ken Schwartz, Daoud Zupa, and Paul Grimm.

In another election, the Delegates and Voting Members elected two folks to the Executive Board to complete terms for members who resigned last year. Those elected were GM Arnold Denker and Dr. Joe Wagner. They were the best-known candidates and won by huge numbers. One sadistic soul wrote my name in. The infamous Sam Sloan took a distant third, and at the meeting he implied that he was entitled to the spot since GM Denker may be too ill to serve. This, fortunately, does not seem to be the case.

FIDE

The meeting had the great fortune (You can decide for yourself the level of sarcasm in this statement.) of

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being visited by FIDE President Kirsan Iljumzhinov and former President Florencio Campomanes! President KI spoke to us, made nice noises about US chess activities, and was very happy about the recent actions to re-unify the World Championship under FIDE control. He talked about getting chess into the Olympics and said that our game is already part of organized sports activity in Africa and SE Asia. In conclusion, a few brave souls tried a standing ovation, but the majority stayed in our chairs. A report by the FIDE Advisory Committee included a discussion of a French initiative to replace the current FIDE leadership, but there was no action taken on this. For more information on this proposal and other efforts to reform FIDE, see www.chessnews.org and click on appropriate articles, especially those by Bill Goichberg and Yasser Seirawan..

USCF leadership

The last two Executive Directors (CEOs) of the USCF have not been successful, to say the least, despite signs of much promise when they started on. George DeFeis resigned last year and was replaced temporarily by Frank Niro, a longtime chess organizer and nationally known figure. Niro did such a fine job in this that he was hired as the ED. He is active and knowledgeable, very popular with the delegates. He spoke to us for quite a while, and gave a "Strategic Vision Presentation" that defined and clarified issues, problems, and plans for our organization.

One startling proposal was to move the USCF office out of New Windsor, NY, where it has been for many years. Apparently a developer made an offer to buy the property for mucho bucks, and if they decided to stay there would be problems and expenses that would have to be dealt with. A popular idea was to move the office into the Sid Samole Chess Museum in Miami (See articles in April 2002 *Chess Life*.), and while no one could commit to that specific move, the Delegates did OK the general idea. Astonishing, considering that not too many years ago we were given glowing reports about how wonderful the property investment in New Windsor was.

And here it is: Another Dues Increase!!!!

Yes, it apparently was inevitable. In the past there was much resistance to dues increases, but this time Frank Niro's popularity swept aside all opposition. There was squabbling about the details (Frank Camaratta wanted annual dues of \$49.95.), but eventually it passed that adult dues would be increased to \$49, of which \$4 can be an affiliate commission. Youth dues will be \$25 (\$2 of which is commission.) and Scholastic will be either \$19 or \$13 depending on publications they get. I voted against this as a matter of principle, but it passed handily, and so dues will go up in January. A new life membership will cost \$1000, so if you want one you'd better buy it now.

There was other stuff: a new version of the rulebook will be coming out next year, the budget was passed (Actually, this year has not been bad: almost breaking even included paying about \$300 K in cleaning up old bills and expenses.), the usual kudos were given to deserving folks, and the more cumbersome and controversial motions all got tabled or referred.

The late Ken Horne of Nevada and I frequently sat together at these meetings, and he would refer to a quote comparing the making of laws to the making of sausage: something you really didn't want to know too much about. But USCF seems to be dealing with problems in new and daring ways. They may not all be good ideas, but at least they are ideas that come from a strong vision and commitment.

Coffee Haus Open Denver, Colorado July 14, 2002

1 James McCarty	2297	W8	W4	W33	3.0	1st:	\$100
2 Gitis, Alexander	2042	W7	L5	W82	2.0	2nd:	\$7.50
3 Sherbring, Mark	1966	W11	L6	W52	2.0	2nd:	\$7.50
4 Willson, Billy	1783	W9	L1	W102	2.0	2nd:	\$7.50
5 Hughes, Tyler	1712	W12	W2	L32	2.0	2nd:	\$7.50
6 Sakhatov, Mamed	1707	W10	W3	L12	2.0	2nd:	\$7.50
7 Grimm, Paul	1663	L2	W12	W112	2.0	2nd:	\$7.50
8 MacNeil, JC	1682	L1	W9	L21	1.0		
9 Daniel, Clifton	1215	L4	L8	W12	1.0	U1400:	\$20
10 Santiago, Roderick	unr	L6	W11	L41	1.0	U1400:	\$20
11 Sneed, David	1408	L3	L10	L70	0.0		
12 Wyatt, Richard	1142	L5	L7	L90	0.0		

A Sharp Middlegame by Michael Mulyar

I want to share with the readers in this article some of my impressions regarding the following sharp game played at the 2000 US Open in St. Paul, Minnesota. For me, the game was exciting, as it was being played, because the middlegame position reached in the game was nonstandard and, for me, novel. My opponent, GM Alex Shabalov, used a somewhat unconventional reply to the 4.g3 system of the Nimzo-Indian. On move 7 I came up with a new move that, after black's reply, led the game into unexplored waters.

The unbalanced middlegame that was reached was not easy for me to evaluate at the board. As my analysis, I think, will show, white kept an advantage through most of the game. It was not easy at the board, however, to find the best moves, and the first part of the game took much energy from both players, which explains the multiple mistakes made in the second part of the game as well as the time pressure blunder that ultimately ended it. The game was especially important for competitive purposes as it was played in the penultimate round. Having won this game, I played GM Alex Yermolinsky for first place in the last round. I failed, however, to hold with black and Yermolinsky ended up as the tournament winner.

As a theme for my analysis, I want to stress one principle that is at once basic and also useful. Most players have at some point come across the principle that equal positions, with correct play, lead to equal positions. Steinitz, extending this principle, formulated his famous law of the transformation of advantages, namely that advantages with correct play may be transformed into more decisive forms. But how is a player to evaluate a position that to him is unclear, one whose outlines are shifting and whose appearances are somewhat deceiving, seemingly favorable after one move and vice-versa after another? One approach would be to withhold judgment altogether, but rather seek the best move. This approach is useful for some positions, but anyone attempting to use it consistently should be careful to avoid making the same systematic errors of judgment. In a practical game, this, for instance, means making oneself aware of a certain structure of the position and including this structure consistently in one's judgment of the best move. Another approach, which is often useful, was helpful in this game. Namely, it is the principle that to avoid consistently playing unplayable positions, one must formulate some judgment of the position prior to playing it and stick with one's judgment of it. Obviously, this is not always possible, especially in positions containing hidden tactical resources. The underlying heuristic principle, however, is this: one's position should not deteriorate if one continually makes the correct moves. If one's original judgment is correct, the position should be no worse than this judgment, even if at some point, after some transformation, it appears to the player unfavorable. This can always save the player from some second-guessing. In some sense, one can always challenge oneself to find the best move, in order to motivate one's judgment.

In the game below, the critical position arises after white's 21st move. As my analysis shows, black's 21st move was no better than the alternative. Hence, the overall positional strategy of play for the center and compact pawn structure was correct.

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I present the game with some annotations.

(1) Mulyar, M (2445) – Shabalov, A (2601) [E20]

US op 101st Saint Paul (8), 12.08.2000

[M. Mulyar]

1.c4 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 d5 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.a3!?N This move seems to be new. **Bxc3+** An interesting alternative would have been 7...Be7. The text is somewhat risky strategically. **8.bxc3 b5 9.a4 Bb7** This seems to be the only move, as after 9...c6, would follow

[10.axb5 cxb5 11.Ng5! Nd5 12.Qc2 g6 13.e4 Ne7 14.e5±]

10.axb5 Be4 11.Bg5 By no means forced, but a possible plan. White seeks to double black's f-pawns and play for greater central control and more compact pawn structure. 11.0-0 planning Qa4 was also strong.

Qd5 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Qd2 Rfb8 15.Qf4 Rxb5 16.Qxc7 a5 17.Nh4 Nb6

[17...Bxg2 18.Nxg2 Rb7 19.Qf4± Here's white's trumps are obvious. Black's pawn on c4 is weak, and white also threatens after Ng2-e3 to play d4-d5 at a convenient moment.]

18.f3 Bg6

[18...Bc2 19.Rfc1 Bg6 20.Nxg6!? hxg6 21.f4 Qd8 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.Bc6 Rh5 24.Rcb1±]

19.e4 Qd8 20.Qf4 a4 Thus far, both sides have consistently followed their plans and an unbalanced middlegame position has occurred. Black has an advanced a-pawn and strong counterplay on the queenside. White possesses greater central control and has been able to shut out the black bishop on g6. It is clear that white's plan is a kingside attack, advancing the f-pawn with f4-f5. **21.Qd2** 21.Qc1, preventing the advance a4-a3 was worthy of serious attention. **f5** After the text move it is clear that black is worse. He makes concessions on the queenside in order to free his bishop and to prevent white's attack. A serious alternative would have been 21...a3. This move would have escalated the clash to a peak and forced white to play decisively. Interesting variations arise. Analysis, however, shows that 21...a3 would have been risky, so that Shabalov's move may have been the more pragmatic option.

[21...a3 22.f4 Bh5 (22...Rb2 23.Qc1 Qf8 24.f5 Bh5 25.fxe6 fxe6 26.e5) 23.f5 e5 24.Ra2! This strong move is necessary and limits black's counterplay. (24.Rf2!? A more straightforward way to attack, but ultimately unsuccessful Rb2 25.Qh6 Be2 26.dxe5 fxe5 27.f6 Qf8 28.Qe3 Bd3 29.Qg5+ (A key line is that 29.Rf5 is met decisively by a2!-+) 29...Kh8 30.Qxe5 Rb1+ 31.Rxb1 Bxb1 32.Qb5 a2 33.Rxa2 Bxa2! 34.Qxb6 Qd8 35.Qxd8+ Rxd8 36.Nf5 Rd3 37.e5 Kg8 38.Ne7+ Kf8 39.Nd5 Rd1+ 40.Kf2 Rd2+ 41.Kg1 Re2± Black in this line maintains the advantage) 24...exd4 (24...Rb3 25.Qh6 Na4 26.dxe5 (26.Qxh5 Nxc3 27.Raa1 Qxd4+±) 26...Nxc3 27.exf6! Qf8 28.Qg5+ Kh8 29.Qxh5 Nxa2 30.Ng6+ fxc6 31.fxc6+-) 25.cxd4 Rb3 26.e5! Another important move. Otherwise white is in trouble (26.Kh1 c3 27.Qe3 Rb2 (27...Nc4!?)

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28.Raa1 c2 29.g4 Bxg4 30.Qg3 h5 31.h3 Qxd4 32.hxg4 Rb1 33.Raxb1 cxb1Q 34.gxh5+ Kh7 35.Rxb1 a2 36.Rf1 a1Q 37.Rxa1 Rxa1+--+) 26...Rc8 27.Qh6 Qxd4+ 28.Kh1 Qg4 (28...Nd5!? 29.Qxh5 Ne3 30.exf6±) 29.exf6 Nd7 30.Ng6! Nxf6 31.Ne7+--]
22.exf5 White could try maintaining the tension in the center, but I saw a more specific way to proceed. **Bxf5 23.Nxf5 Rxf5 24.Rfb1**

[24.f4]

24...Raa5 [After 24...Rfa5 25.f4 Nd5 both 26. Ra3 and 26.Be4 deserve attention.]
25.f4 Rfb5

[25...Qd6!? is an interesting alternative, but white maintains pressure with 26.Qb2.]

26.Rxb5 Rxb5 27.Bc6 Ra5 28.Qb2 Qc7 29.Qb4 Ra7

[29...Qa7 30.Qd6 a3 31.f5 Now white has an attack, i.e. a2 32.Qd8+ Kg7 33.f6+ Kg6 34.Be4+ Kg5 35.h4+ Kh5 36.Qg8]

30.Qc5 h6 31.f5!? It is now clear that white has seized the initiative. Alternatives promise little.

[31.Bb5 Qxc5 32.dxc5 Nd5 33.Bxc4 Nxc3=]

31...a3 32.fxe6 fxe6 33.Rf1± Qb8 34.Qh5 Rg7 35.Qxh6 Qd6 36.Be8? This move is wrong on principle. I was attempting to create tactics on the h5–e8 diagonal, but should have concentrated on the overall weaknesses in black's position. 36.Bg2! with the idea Bh3, was suggested by GM Alex Onischuk and offers white good winning prospects.

36...Qe7?!

[36...Nd5! 37.Qh5 Nf4 (37...Qe7 38.Bb5+–) 38.Qf3 a2! 39.Bb5 (39.Kh1 Qd5 40.Bc6 Qxf3+ 41.Bxf3 Nd5 42.Bxd5 exd5 43.Ra1 Ra7=) 39...Ra7 40.Qxf4 (40.Ra1 Nh3+! 41.Kh1 Ng5) 40...Qxf4 41.gxf4 a1Q 42.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 43.Kf2 Ra2+ 44.Ke3 Ra3 45.Bxc4 Rxc3+ 46.Bd3= The likely outcome here is a draw.]

37.Bb5

[37.Bh5!? Nd5 38.Be2±]

37...a2 38.Ra1 Rg5 39.Be8?! A mistake in time pressure. White has made his task much more difficult by his 36th move, but with black's inaccuracy a convincing win was possible.

[39.Qh4! A natural move tying up black's rook and forcing the following reply Kf7 40.Bc6 Ra5 41.Qh7+ Kf6 42.Qh8+ Kf7 43.g4! Qg5 The only move 44.Qe8+ Kg7 45.Qxe6 Ra3 46.Bg2 Qf6 47.Qc6+– White material superiority here proves decisive, as black has little better than exchange his a-pawn for the c-pawn, leading to a lost endgame]

39...Rb5?? A blunder in time pressure that spoils a tense fight. Black had to play 39...Ra5, when 40.Qg6+ Kf8 41.Bc6 Qf7 42.Qc2 Qa7 43.Qe2 Ke7 44.Kg2 Kd6 45.Bf3± would lead to a position in which white has the advantage but black has regrouped, bringing his king to a relatively safe spot. White's best hope for progress is to combine the potential threat of bringing his rook from a1 to join the attack on the black king under the right circumstances with the plan of advancing his h-pawn.

40.Qg6+ Kf8 41.Bxb5 1–0

More games from the Colorado
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Philipp Ponomarev - Andy Rea
[C13] French, Classical
Colorado Closed

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4
Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.e5 Be7 7.Qg4
g6 8.Bd3 Kf8 9.h4 h5 10.Qf4 Kg7
11.Nf3 b6 12.Ne2 Ba6 13.0-0 c5
14.c3 Bxd3 15.Rxd3 c4 16.Re3
Nd7 17.g4 b5 18.gxh5 Rxh5 19.
Ng3 Rh7 20.h5 b4 21.Qg4 Qa5 22.
cxb4 Qxb4 23.Rg1 Rb8 24.Re2
Rh6 25.Ne1 c3 26.b3 Qa3+ 27.
Kd1 a5 28.f4 a4 29.Rc2 axb3 30.
axb3 Rxb3 31.f5 Qa6 32.Ne2
Rb1+ 33.Nc1 exf5 34.Qxf5 Qa4
35.Ned3 Qxd4 36.Rf2 Qa4+ 37.
Ke2 Qe4+ 38.Kd1 Qxf5 39.Rxf5
d4 40.Kc2 Rb5 41.Nb3 Rd5 42.
Rg2 g5 43.Rgf2 f6 44.exf6+ Nxf6
45.Rxd5 Nxd5 46.Nxd4 Ne3+ 47.
Kb3 Rb6+ 48.Ka4 Rd6 49.Kb3
Rxd4 50.Kxc3 Rh4 51.Re2 Bf6+
52.Kd2 Nc4+ 53.Kd1 Rxh5 54.Rf2
Rh1+ 55.Ke2 Ra1 56.Rf5 Kg6 57.
Rc5 Ra2+ 58.Kf3 Ra3 59.Ke2 Nd6
60.Ne1 Nf5 61.Rc8 Nd4+ 62.Kf2
g4 63.Rg8+ Kf5 64.Ng2 Rf3+ 65.
Ke1 Ne6 66.Re8 Bc3+ 67.Kd1 Bf6
68.Ne1 Rb3 69.Ng2 Rb1+ 70.Ke2
Nf4+ 71.Nxf4 Kxf4 72.Rf8 Rb2+
73.Kf1 Kg5 74.Rg8+ Kh4 75.Rg6
Bd4 76.Rd6 Bb6 77.Rh6+ Kg3 78.
Re6 Rf2+ 79.Ke1 Ba5+ 80.Kd1
Rd2+ 81.Kc1 Rd5 82.Rg6 Kf3 83.
Rf6+ Kg2 84.Rg6 g3 85.Rg8 Kf2
86.Rf8+ Kg1 87.Rg8 g2 88.Rf8
Bb6 0-1

Leroy Hill - Steve Towbin [B02]

Alekhine's Defense

Colorado Closed

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.c5
Nd5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nxd5 exd5 7.d4 d6
8.cxd6 cxd6 9.Nf3 Nc6 10.Be2
dxe5 11.dxe5 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Qa5
13.a3 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 Qxd2+ 15.
Kxd2 Bg4 16.Bb5 0-0 17.Bxc6
bxc6 18.b4 Rfe8 19.Rhe1 Bxf3 20.
gxf3 a5 21.Kd3 Re6 22.f4 Rh6 23.

Rh1 Rh3+ 24.Ke2 g6 25.bxa5
Rxa5 26.a4 Rc3 27.Rhb1 Rc4 28.
Rb6 Raxa4 29.Rxa4 Rxa4 30.Rxc6
Rxf4 31.f3 Rf5 32.Rc8+ Kg7 33.
Re8 Rh5 34.Ke3 Rxh2 35.Rd8 g5
36.Rxd5 h5 37.Rd7 Kf8 38.Ke4
Ke8 39.Ra7 h4 40.Kf5 Rf2 41.
Kxg5 h3 42.Kf4 h2 43.Ra8+ Kd7
44.Rh8 Ke6 45.Kg3 Re2 46.Rxh2
Rxh2 47.Kxh2 Kxe5 48.Kg3 Kf5
49.f4 Ke4 50.Kg4 f6 51.f5 Ke5 52.
Kg3 Kxf5 53.Kf3 Ke5 54.Ke3 f5
55.Kf3 f4 56.Kf2 Ke4 57.Ke2 f3+
58.Kf2 Kf4 59.Kf1 Ke3 60.Ke1
f2+ 61.Kf1 ½-½

Randy Canney - Andy Rea [B53]

Sicilian Colorado Closed

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4
Nc6 5.Bb5 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Qxb5 7.
Nxb5 Nxd4 8.Nfxd4 Kd8 9.Be3
Bd7 10.a4 Nf6 11.f3 g6 12.Kf2 h5
13.Rhd1 a6 14.Nc3 Rc8 15.Nde2
Bg7 16.a5 Rc4 17.Nf4 Kc8 18.Nd3
Ne8 19.e5 Bc6 20.f4 Nc7 21.Rd2
Ne6 22.exd6 exd6 23.Ne2 Re8 24.
Rad1 Nf8 25.Bb6 Nd7 26.b3 Nxb6
27.axb6 Rce4 28.c4 h4 29.Ndc1
Bf8 30.g3 hxg3+ 31.hxg3 Be7 32.
Nc3 Re6 33.Nd5 Bd8 34.Rh1 Bxd5
35.Rxd5 Bxb6+ 36.Kg2 Re1 37.
Rxe1 Rxe1 38.Nd3 Re2+ 39.Kf1
Re6 40.g4 Kc7 41.f5 Re4 42.g5 a5
43.fxg6 fxg6 44.Kg2 a4 45.bxa4
Rxc4 46.Kf3 Kc6 47.Rb5 Rxa4 48.
Rb3 Ra5 49.Nb4+ Kd7 50.Nd3
Rf5+ 51.Ke2 Kc7 52.Rb4 Rxg5 53.
Nf4 Re5+ 54.Kf3 g5 55.Nh3 Be3
56.Rb3 b5 57.Kg4 Kb6 0-1

Andy Rea - Leroy Hill [A47]

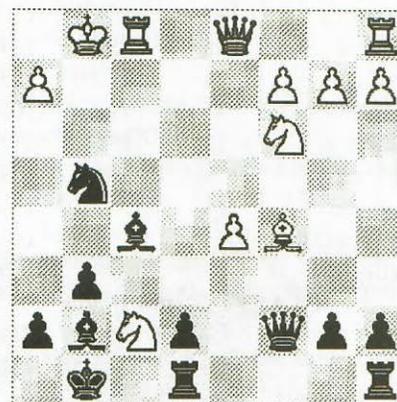
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Colorado Closed

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3
Bb7 5.Qe2 d5 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.0-0
Bd6 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 c5 10.Ne5 Ne4
11.f4 Nxd2 12.Qxd2 f6 13.Nf3 Qc7
14.c3 c4 15.Bc2 f5 16.Ng5 Rf6
17.Qe2 Nf8 18.b4 b5 19.a4 a5
20.axb5 axb4 21.Rxa8 Bxa8 22.
Ra1 Bb7 23.cxb4 Bxb4 24.Ra4
Bd6 25.Qd2 h6 26.Nf3 Nd7

27.Ba3 Rf8 28.Bxd6 Qxd6 29.Kf2
Qb6 30.Qa5 Ra8 31.Qxb6 Nxb6
32.Rxa8+ Bxa8 33.Ke2 Kf7 34.
Kd2 Ke7 35.Kc3 Kd6 36.Kb4 Bb7
37.Ne5 Bc8 38.Ka5 Kc7 39.h3
Bd7 40.g4 fxg4 41.hxg4 Bc8 42.
Kb4 Kd6 43.Nf7+ Ke7 44.Nh8
Kd6 45.Ng6 Bd7 46.Ka5 Kc7 47.
Nf8 c3 48.Kb4 Nc4 49.Kxc3 Bxb5
50.Nxe6+ Kd6 51.Nxg7 Nxe3 52.
Nf5+ Nxf5 53.Bxf5 Be2 54.Kd2
Bf3 55.Ke3 Bd1 56.Kf2 Ke7 57.
Kg3 Kf6 58.Bc8 Bc2 59.Kh4 Bd3
60.Kh5 Kg7 61.g5 Bg6+ 62.Kg4
Bd3 63.f5 hxg5 64.Kxg5 Be4 65.
Bd7 Kf7 66.Ba4 Bd3 67.Bd1 Kg7
68.Bh5 Be4 69.f6+ Kf8 70.Kf4
Bd3 71.Ke5 Be4 72.Bg4 Kf7 73.
Be6+ Kg6 74.Bxd5 Bxd5 75.Kxd5
Kxf6 76.Kd6 Kf7 77.Kd7 Kf8 78.
d5 Kf7 79.d6 Kf8 80.Kc7 1-0

Paul Cornelison - Dr. Mikhail Po-
nomarev [D00] Blackmar-Diemer
Gambit. Colorado Closed
1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4! (! For
Paul's outstanding bravery... The
Blackmar-Diemer Gambit is a
courageous choice on any occasion,
especially so vs. Dr Ponomarev)
dxe4 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3 c5 6.d5 g6 7.
Be3 Nbd7 8.Bb5 Bg7 9.Bxc5 0-0
10.Bxd7 Bxd7 11.0-0 Re8 12.Ne5
Bf5 13.g4?! Nxg4 14.Nxf7 Qc7
0-1



Paul Cornelison - Dr. Mikhail Po-
nomarev final position

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OVERALL

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1. Andy Rea	49	586.13	2134
2. James McCarty	29	572.07	2292
3. Paul Grimm	62	541.69	1656
4. Alexander Gitis	39	509.26	2034
5. Brian Wall	27	479.74	2229
6. Renard Anderson	28	428.75	2277
7. Josh Bloomer	29	423.66	2059
8. Dan Avery	24	416.24	2013
9. Robert Ramirez	28	408.42	1709
10. LaMoyne Splichal	41	404.55	1567

MOST ACTIVE

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1. Paul Grimm	62	541.69	1656
2. Dean Brown	55	245.55	1360
3. Kathy Schneider	54	94.57	588
4. Andy Rea	49	586.13	2134
Allan Ufer	49	188.50	1111
6. Theodore Doykos	42	214.67	1207
7. LaMoyne Splichal	41	404.55	1567
8. Joe Aragon	39	196.21	1279
Jeff Baffo	39	368.84	1832
Alexander Gitis	39	509.26	2034
Vinh Nguyen	39	363.18	1475

EXPERT

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1. Andy Rea	49	586.13	2134
2. Alexander Gitis	39	509.26	2034
3. Josh Bloomer	29	423.66	2059
4. Dan Avery	24	416.24	2013
5. James Hammersmith	17	373.43	2037
6. Philipp Ponomarev	16	357.36	2148
7. Steve Towbin	22	343.44	2096
8. Pieta Garrett	5	302.85	2121
Maksim Grinman	5	302.85	2065
10. Eight players tied at	5	235.55	—

CLASS A

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1. Jeff Baffo	39	368.84	1832
2. Brad Lundstrom	23	363.26	1995
3. James Drebenstedt	21	326.56	1815
4. Ken Doykos	30	308.48	1805
5. Joel Senger	5	254.48	1922
6. Michael Munafio	12	227.00	1896
7. Yuriy Makhlin	5	226.20	1941
Erik Stuart	5	226.20	1932
Victor Legaspina	5	226.20	1893
10. Keith Oxman	15	218.17	1974

CLASS B

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1. Paul Grimm	62	541.69	1656
2. Robert Ramirez	28	408.42	1709
3. J. C. MacNeil	38	389.98	1647
4. Mamed Sakhatov	34	376.00	1735
5. Kevin Seidler	35	328.31	1697
6. Victor Smith	12	286.17	1716
7. Nicholas Emery	9	269.45	1747
8. Paul Anderson	28	257.79	1720
9. Mitchell Thomas	5	254.93	1641
10. Billy Willson	33	238.77	1691

CLASS C

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1. LaMoyne Splichal	41	404.55	1567
2. Vinh Nguyen	39	363.18	1475
3. Zachary Malone	35	362.19	1583
4. Mark McAdam	29	317.69	1564
5. Frederick Sadler	27	309.22	1583
6. Glen Suares	20	307.40	1540
7. Randy Schine	30	290.13	1558
8. Norbert Martinez	33	266.88	1557
9. Sulia Mason	20	228.36	1588
10. Steve Sparks	24	211.88	1501

CLASS D/E and Below

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rating</u>
1. Dean Brown	55	245.55	1360
2. Chaitanya Neuhaus	36	218.83	1349
3. Theodore Doykos	42	214.67	1207
4. Richard Herbst	15	206.56	1380
5. Joe Aragon	39	196.21	1279

<u>Player</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Rating</u>
6. Gerry Sunderland	37	189.86	1385
7. Allan Ufer	49	188.50	1111
8. Gregory Bonifate	17	154.03	1362
9. Rob Jamison	33	153.65	1147
10. Jon Fortune	26	147.68	1292

While this year's Tour again saw a number of winners come from the ranks of the Board and the aspiring Board, there really is no strange coincidence or conspiracy, as these are the people who choose to devote more time and effort to chess than the average player. We did see 531 players play 5669 games, an all time record! But still, participation among Experts and A players was disappointing. C'mon guys, 7 of the top ten positions in these classes came from players who only played the Levy! We want you to show us what you've got every month!! Please! Yours in chess, Mike

A Clean Sweep (The final musings of the wildman as Secretary, Tour Coordinator, and CCI Editor)!

Well, wouldn't you know, my last official act as Tour Coordinator would be to screw up the final standings for the Membership Meeting (Paul Grimm will take over this year)! Due to a glitch in my computer (and my own incompetence), I did not add the Northwest Colorado Open results to the standings I brought to the Meeting, and hence announced the winners incorrectly. My most sincere apologies (especially to those affected by this oversight [read: James McCarty])!! The correct standings appear in the magazine, and also were delivered to the Colorado Open Monday. My final act as Secretary will be to report on the complete replacement of the Board, but my second to final official act was to show up 25 minutes late to the Membership Meeting!

On to the musings: Well, on the way home from the meeting, I passed 255,000 miles on my little old Dodge Colt. When I 1st started this gig, I had 41,000 on her, and when I became a member on the board I had only 78,000 on her. While plenty of these newer miles appeared thanks to my work and lifestyle, plenty more came as I traveled Colorado (and elsewhere) to play chess and meet chessplayers. To those who've befriended me I say, "Thanks, and no regrets (except one, more on that in a moment)." My little Colt has taken me to Loveland, Alamosa (Dave Trujillo Memorial) 3? times, Wyoming 2 or 3 times, Vegas for the National Open, Grand Junction for the Rocky Mountain Chess Rendezvous, Colorado Springs too many times to count, Greeley, Craig, and the list goes on. Everywhere it was the same - great people playing great (or not-so-great) chess, and having a great time doing it! So to you all, I say thanks for taking me along for the ride.

Anyhow, as many of you know, my life has changed drastically from when I 1st started this business. Al-

though I've always kept a busy schedule with work/school or a combination of the two, I now am a partner in a business which takes even more of my time. I was even ready to abandon my posts last year, but nobody wanted to take over. Don't worry, even with my work schedule, I still manage to squeeze in a chess tournament (witness my 4th place Denver Open and Larimer County Open finishes), so all is not lost.

The sad truth is that I stepped up as Secretary because I had an agenda. After my 1st or 2nd year, I would have been happy to pass into the annals, but nobody ever ran for the position! For those of you victimized by my sloppy bookkeeping over the years (only a few, but it does happen), I apologize. Often, address changes and special renewals are jotted down on the nearest scrap of paper, which is promptly buried under the many other scraps of paper. When I started to not recognize people at tourneys, I started thinking of moving on.

When I started editing the magazine, my goal was to see that it got done in a timely manner. I enjoyed the editorship. The games and articles were always interesting (sometimes too interesting - in a good way). While some people weren't always happy with my choices and I wasn't always 100% happy with submissions, the truth is, if my life hadn't changed so drastically, I'd still be your editor and happy to do it! I started as the Tour Coordinator simply because the CSCA needed someone and I was curious. Why was I so curious? Well, I thought that I should've won my section, as I thought that Mark Labencki should have been in a section higher, so I wanted to find out all about it. When Debbie retired, I got to spend 7 years explaining to people why they didn't win! Talk about fun!! Now to more personal matters... People I miss the most:

-Ron McRall - What can I say? My 1st tournament, in my 1st game, he crushed me... then he offered to go over the game, then he invited me to the Denver Chess Club, and this whole ball which is my chess career began rolling... Thanks

Ron!!!!

George Lombardi - In my 2nd game, he taught me that getting up from the board during a game was not only okay, but that it could rattle your opponent! I remember being afraid to hit the clock while he was away checking on his son's game, because I didn't know the rules... he beat me with a King's Gambit, and his conservative (usually) play was a thorn in my side when we matched up.

Charles Davis - My 2nd ever tournament victim, and a really darn nice guy.

Garth Courtois - Garth's willingness to push the envelope as a TD and as a player were special gifts, and I think we all miss him more than we can ever comprehend... I hope he's still enjoying chess wherever he is.

Anthony Cordova - Assistant TD at 16 and Aurora Chess Club President at 16 or 17. I thought we had the future of chess in this kid, but I don't know what became of him.

Richard Desch - A great player... I saw him observing the Colorado Open last year. Why did he retire from active play? He told me that after our last game together he had heart problems and his wife made him quit playing!! So many fish spared!

-Todd Bardwick - Oops, did I say that?!

-Tom Uptain - Curmudgeonly for a guy so young, but he sure tried... Organizer of the Rocky Mountain Chess Rendezvous in Grand Junction (Also the second round victim in my 1st second place showing).

-Mark Sherbring - Wait, he's making a comeback!

-Yuval Loar - Another really nice guy and great player. Moved to Isreal, and even though he's made his e-mail available, it's just not the same.

-Tobias Myers - Went from 1200 to 1800 in no time and then disappeared...

-Joe Bihlmeyer - Went from 1200 to 2000 in no time and then moved away! ☹

-Randall Moore - Yeah, I know he still comes around some, but I never get to see him... Might be the nicest and best person I've ever met.

-Nikita Zanichowski (aka Nancy Naples) - Certainly the most beautiful chess player I've ever had the pleasure of facing.

-Andy Hortillosa - Another gracious Expert who had to move on... Well, I'm reaching the end of my rantings. My 1st tournament was actually a birthday present to myself. I remember not being sure which section to enter, and someone in line agreed with my choice of the U1700 section. Obviously, they knew best, as I've yet to crest that plateau, regardless of how great I am! My handle as the Wildman is, I think, well earned. I don't give or take quarter on the chessboard, the golf course, or life. My goal in every tournament is to finish at or above my starting position on the wall-chart. I've rarely failed. I've worked a 4pm to 1am shift, followed that up by throwing two newspaper routes, and then shown up to play a tournament, and still managed to win a game or two along the way. To those of you who've trounced me and proved my play to be more smoke and mirrors than substance, I say, "Good job, and good game!" For those of you who still haven't figured out the Wildman, I say, "Good, I'd like to keep my rating on the upswing!"

Now, some of my more memorable games.

1st, a win against Victor Smith, who won in the Levy Memorial this year. What made this special is that Victor was the one telling everyone how great it was, not myself. It should be noted that Fritz 4.0, rated it lost for Black for quite some time. While it wasn't foolproof, I actually made a sac that exceeded Fritz' horizon!

Smith, V (1756) - Fuchs, M (1651)
Loveland Open (Round 1), February 17, 1996

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d5 3.Bd3 Bg4 4.Nf3

e6 5.c3 Bd6 6.Nbd2 c6 7.0-0 Qc7 8.h3 h5 9.hxg4 [9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4] **9...hxg4 10.Ne5** [10.Ng5 Bh2+ 11.Kh1 Bg1+ 12.Kxg1 Qh2#; 10.Ne1 Bh2+ 11.Kh1 Bg1+ 12.Kxg1 Qh2#; 10.Re1 gxf3; 10.Qc2 Bh2+ 11.Kh1 gxf3 12.Nxf3; 10.g3 gxf3 (10...Bxg3 11.Ne1 Bxf2+ 12.Rxf2 Qg3+ 13.Kf1 Rh1+ 14.Ke2 Rh2 15.Ng2 Rxg2 16.Qe1)] **10...Bxe5 11.dxe5 Qxe5 12.Re1 [12.g3 Qh5 13.Bh7 Rxh7 14.Qxg4 Qh1#] 12...Qh2+ 13.Kf1 Nbd7 14.g3 Ne5 15.Bc2 [15.Bb1 Nh5+;**
15.Ke2 Nxd3+ (15...0-0-0 16.Bb1 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Rf1=) 16.Kxd3 Qh7+ 17.Ke2] **15...Nh5 16.e4 [16.Ne4 dxe4 17.Bxe4 Rh6] 16...Nxg3+ 17.fxg3 Qxg3 18.Nf3 Rh1+ 19.Ke2 Qxf3+ 20.Kd2 Nc4# 0-1**

This is my win against

Richard Desch

Desch, R - Fuchs, M

Denver Open (Round 2), July 5, 1997

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 c6 6.c5 Nbd7 7.Nf3 h6 8.Bh4 Nh5 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Be2 Nhf6 11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.b4 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 h5 15.h3 g5 16.e4 Be6 17.exd5 0-0-0 18.d6 Qd7 19.Re1 [19.b5] 19...g4 20.Be4? [20.Qa4] 20...gxh3 21.Bf5 [21.Qa4] 21...hxg2 is actually not a good move [21...Bxf5 22.Re7 Qxe7 23.dxe7 Rxd1+] 22.Qf3 Rdf8 23.Bxe6 [23.b5 Leaves White better] 23...fxe6 24.Qh3 h4 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Rxe4 Qg7 27.Rxe6 [27.Qxe6+] 27...Kb8 28.Rae1 Qd4 29.Qe3 Qxe3 30.R1xe3 h3 31.Kh2 Kc8 32.Re1 [32.Rg6=] 32...Rxf2 33.Rg1 Rf1 34.Rg6 [34.Re1 Rxg1 35.Rxg1 b5 36.Re1 Kd8 37.Rg1 Rh5 38.a3 Rh4 39.Re1 Rf4] 34...Rxg1 35.Kxg1 h2+ 0-1

Tom Uptain was a victim of a true sacrifice of mine at the 1994 Loveland Open. While he could have returned the sac and probably

drawn, he refused to believe that an unrated novice could get away with what I did, and went down in flames trying to prove it!

Fuchs, M (1498) - Uptain, T (1440)
Loveland Open (Round 2), February 12, 1994

1.e4 c6 2.Bc4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bb3 Nf6 5.d3 g6 6.h3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.d4 Bd7 10.Nc3 e6 11.Bg5 a6 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.f4 b5 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.Qf3 Bb7 16.Bxf6 Bxf6 17.Ne2 Qb6 18.c3 Rae8 19.Qg3 e5 20.fxe5 Bxe5 21.Nf4 Bxf4 22.Rxf4 Re2 23.Raf1 Rxb2 24.Rxf7!? Rxf7 25.Qb8+ Kg7 26.Qe5+ Kg8 [26...Qf6 At this point, White can only hope to draw... 27.Rxf6 Rxf6] 27.Qe8+ Kg7 28.Rxf7+ Kh6 29.Qf8+ Kg5 30.h4+ [30.Qe7+ Qf6 31.Qxf6+ Kh5 32.Rxh7#] 30...Kg4 31.Bd1+ Kxh4 32.Qh6+ Kg3 33.Qh3# 1-0

This is my favorite game against Nikita (at the time still known as Nancy):

Fuchs, M (1591) - Naples, N (1136)
Winter Springs Open (Round 2), December 12, 1994

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 f5 5.Nc3 fxe4 6.Nxe4 Nf6 7.Ng3 g6 8.c3 d5 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Qc2 Ne7 11.Bd2 c6 12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.Ne5 Rg8 14.Rdf1 Bd7 15.h4 Bxe5 16.fxe5 Nh5 17.Nxh5 gxh5 18.Bxh7 Rxg2 19.Rf8+ [19.Rh2 Rxh2 20.Bg6+ Kd8 21.Rf8+ Be8 22.Rxe8+ Kd7 23.Rxa8] 19...Kxf8 20.Bh6+ Ke8 21.Qxg2 Kd8 22.Rf1 Nf5 23.Qg8+ Be8 24.Bxf5 exf5 25.Bg5+ Kd7 26.Rxf5 Qc8 27.Qh7+ 1-0

Tobias and I squared off at Garth Courtois' Acceleration Mach II tourney, one of Garth's "wild" ideas to make games more interesting:

Fuchs, M - Myers, T
Acceleration Mach II (Round 3), November 6, 1994

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1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.b3
c5 5.Bb2 Nc6 6.f4 d6 7.Nf3 Bf5 8.
Be2 e6 9.Nc3 Nb4 10.d3 dxe5 11.
a3 Nxd3+ 12.Bxd3 Qxd3 13.Qxd3
Bxd3 14.0-0-0 e4 15.Ng5 Bd6 16.
g3 f5? 17.Nxe6 [17.Nb5] 17...Kf7
18.Nxg7!± [18.Ng5+? Kg6 19.
Rhe1=] 18...Kg6 [18...Kxg7?? 19.
Nxe4+ Kg6 20.Nxd6] 19.Nb5 Rhd8
20.Ne6 Rd7 21.Nxd6 Rxd6 22.
Nxc5 Nd7 23.Nxb7 Rb6 24.Na5
Nc5 [24...Rc8] 25.b4 Ra6 26.Bd4
[26.Kd2] 26...Rxa5 27.Bxc5 Rxa3
28.Kb2 Ra6 29.Kb3 Rc6 30.
Rxd3?! [30.Ra1] 30...exd3 31.Rd1
a5 32.Rxd3 axb4 33.Bxb4 Rb8 34.
Kc3 Rcb6 35.Rd6+ Rxd6 36.Bxd6
Re8 37.c5 Kf7 38.c6 Rc8 [38...
Ke6] 39.c7 Ke6 40.Be5 Kd7 41.
h3? [41.Kd3] 41...Rg8 [41...h5] 42.
g4 fxg4 43.hxg4 Rxg4 44.Kd3 h5
45.f5 Rg5? [45...h4] 46.Ke4 Rg1
47.f6 Rf1 48.Bf4 Re1+ 49.Kf5 Re8
50.f7 Rf8 51.Kf6 h4 52.Kg7 Rxf7+
53.Kxf7 h3 54.Bh2 Kc8 55.Ke8 1-
0

In my 1st true battle against an Ex-
pert, I come up short. But the Ex-
perts (Zupa and Hortillosa) agree
that I'm better for a while:

Fuchs,M (1600) - Hortillosa,(2065)
Pikes Peak Open (Round 1), August
8, 1994

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.a3 g6 4.Nf3
Bg7 5.c3 Qb6 6.0-0 e6 7.d3 Nge7
8.Re1 0-0 9.Qc2 d5 10.Ba2 Bd7
11.Nbd2 a5 12.Nf1 Rac8 13.e5?
[13.Bf4] 13...d4 14.Bg5 Nf5 15.g4
Nfe7 16.Qc1 [16.Bf6 Bxf6 17.exf6
Nd5 18.g5] 16...Qc7 17.Bf6 [17.
cxd4 cxd4 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Qxc7
Rxc7 20.Nxd4] 17...Nd5 18.Bxd5
[18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.c4] 18...exd5 19.
Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Qf4 f6 21.Qg3 fxe5
22.Nxe5 dxc3 23.bxc3 Rf6 24.f4
[24.g5] 24...Rcf8 25.Nxd7 [25.Ne3
Rxf4? 26.Nxd5 Qxe5 27.Rxe5 Rxg4
28.Qxg4 Bxg4 29.Ree1 b5] 25...
Qxd7 26.f5 gxf5 27.gxf5+ Kh8 28.

Qh4 Rxf5 29.Kh1 d4 30.c4 [30.
Ng3; 30.cxd4] 30...Ne5 31.Nd2
Nxd3 32.Re7 Qc6+ 33.Ne4 Nf2+
34.Kg2 Rg8+ 35.Kf1 Nxe4+ 36.
Ke1 Rg1+ 37.Ke2 Nc3+ 38.Kd2
Qg2+ 0-1

My nemesis from the 1994 Tour
goes down on a move that neither of
us saw until it happens... GM John
Hall later tells people he can't be-
lieve I knew that was there (and he's
right)... The move is 32. Qe5+
(Be5+ loses horribly, although it
looked tempting...

Fuchs,M (1650) - Labencki,M
(1799)

Denver Open (Round 2), July 1,
1995

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 e4 4.Bc4
Nf6 5.Nc3 Bc5 6.h3 c6 7.d4 Bb6 8.
dxc6 Nxc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nge2 Qe7
11.Qd2 Rd8 12.g4 Na5 13.Bb3
Nxb3 14.axb3 Bd7 15.Ng3 Bc6
16.0-0-0 a5 17.Na2 a4 18.b4 Bd5
19.Kb1 Bc4 20.g5 Nd5 21.Nf5?
[21.Nc3] 21...Qe6 22.Nh6+ gxh6
23.f5 Bxa2+ 24.Ka1 Qd6 25.gxh6
Kh8 26.Kxa2 Nxb4+ 27.Kb1 a3
28.c3 Nd3 29.Qg2 Rg8 30.Qxe4
Nxb2 31.Bf4 Nxd1? 32.Qe5+!
Qxe5 33.Bxe5+ Rg7 34.Bxg7+ [34.
hxg7+ Kg8 35.Rxd1 Ba5 36.Rc1
Rc8 37.Ka2; 34.Rxd1] 34...Kg8 35.
Rxd1 Ra5 36.Re1 Ra8 37.Ka2 Ba5
38.d5 f6 39.Bxf6 Rf8 40.Re6 Rc8
41.Re3 [41.d6] 41...Rf8 [41...Kf7]
42.Re6 Rc8 43.Kxa3 [43.d6] 43...
Bxc3 44.Bxc3 Rxc3+ 45.Kb4 Rxh3
46.d6 Kf8 [46...Rd3] 47.Kc5 [47.d7
Rd3 48.Re8+ Kf7 49.d8Q Rxd8 50.
Rxd8 Kf6 51.Rf8+ Kg5 52.Kb5]
47...Rd3 48.Kb6 Rb3+ 49.Kc7 b5
50.d7 [50.Rf6+ Kg8 51.d7 Rc3+ 52.
Kd6 Rd3+ 53.Ke7 Re3+ 54.Re6
Rd3 55.Kf6 Rd6 56.Rxd6 b4 57.
d8Q#] 50...Rc3+ 51.Rc6 Rxc6+ 52.
Kxc6 Ke7 53.Kc7 1-0

While my 1st ever tourney
loss is such a horror that it's not
worth print, my 1st two wins are
very nice. The 1st is against one of

my favorite opponents, and some-
one still very active on the Tour, Joe
Aragon. After realizing that I
would lose a piece, I chose to make
it worth it with connected pawns. It
wasn't pretty, but I was sure proud
of it. For the 2nd one, it was a pre-
view of the games to come from the
Wildman, against Mr Charles
Davis:

Fuchs,M (Unr) - Aragon,J (1511)
Boulder Open (Round 3), January
16, 1994

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.0-0
Qc7 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.b3 0-0
8.Bb2 Rd8 9.Re1 d5 10.exd5 exd5
11.Bb5 Bd6 12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.d4
Ng4 14.g3 cxd4 15.Qxd4 Qa5? 16.
Nxd5! f6 17.b4?? [17.Nf4] 17...
Qxd5 18.Qxd5+ cxd5 19.a3 Bb7
20.Nd4 Re8 21.f4 Bc7 22.h3 Nh6
[22...Ne3] 23.Nb5 Bb6+ 24.Bd4
Bxd4+ [24...Bc6] 25.Nxd4 Rxe1+
26.Rxe1 Kf7 27.Kh2 Rc8 28.g4
Rc3 29.a4 Rc4 30.c3 Rxc3 31.Nb5
Rc6 32.Nxa7 Rb6 33.Nb5 [33.b5]
33...Ba6 [33...Bc6] 34.Nc7 Bc4 35.
b5 d4 36.a5 Rb7 37.b6 Ng8 [37...
Rb8; 37...Bd3] 38.Ra1?? [38.Ne8]
38...Ne7 [38...d3 39.a6 Bxa6 40.
Nxa6 Rxb6 41.Nc5 Rb2+ 42.Kg3 d2
43.Ne4 Ne7] 39.a6 Rxb6 40.a7
Rb2+ 41.Kg1 Nd5 42.a8Q Ne3??
43.Qe8# 1-0

Davis,C (1482) - Fuchs,M (Unr)
Boulder Open (4), 16.01.1994

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.e3 e6
5.cxd5 exd5 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Be2
Nf6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nh4 Bxe2 10.Qxe2
Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxh2+ 12.Kxh2
Qxh4+ 13.Kg1 dxe4 14.Rd1 Nd7
15.Bd2 Nf6 16.g3 Qh3 17.Qf1
Qh5 18.Rac1 Ng4 19.Qg2 b6 20.f3
exf3 21.Qxf3 Rfe8 22.Re1 Qh2+
23.Kf1 Qh5 24.Qxc6 Qf5+ 25.Ke2
Qf2+ 26.Kd1 Qxg3 27.Rc2 Rad8
28.Kc1 Rxe3 29.Rh1 Ree8 30.Qb7
h6 31.Rc7 Qxc7+ 32.Qxc7 Rc8 33.
Qxc8 Rxc8+ 34.Bc3 Nf2 35.Rh4

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Highlights

Chess for kids in Colorado continues to grow year over year. Each year we have more participation in our sponsored event, the Colorado State Chess Tournament. We are sending students to nationwide tournaments and they are performing well. This year, the National Champion for the K-6 division was from Colorado. Our kids also placed high in other divisions as well. At the State chess tournament, we maxed out the number of participants that the Arapahoe Community College could handle at 250 rated players from all over Colorado. Next year, we are moving the venue to the Tivoli Center on the Auraria Campus in downtown Denver. We held a practice tournament there last spring and enjoyed the cooperation and site location a lot. We hope that we can increase the number of participants in this new location.

Here are some the activities that have been going on. By the way, I make no claims that this is an exhaustive list. It is merely a synopsis. There are many teachers and parents that are organizing chess activities in their schools that I may or may not even hear about.

- Scholastic Tournaments
 - Denver
 - Colorado Springs
 - Pueblo
 - Fort Collins
- Adult Tournaments
 - Many kids are participating and doing well
- State Tournament
 - 250 kids participated in this rated-only event
- Denver Chess League
 - About 25 teams participated in 3 divisions
- Web site
- Chess Camps
 - Todd Bardwick
 - Chess for Juniors (a camp every other month)
- Mailing List that continues to grow...has over 700 Colorado chess participants

Financials

Financially, the scholastics part of CSCA is doing very well. We have about \$4515.75 in our bank account, up \$653.71 from last year. We are expecting an additional contribution of about \$600 from Cisco Systems. If anyone would like to personally contribute or has a company that would like to contribute, we are a 501-3C corporation, which means that the contribution should be tax-deductible.

Retirement of the Scholastic Chairperson

I cannot tell you how much I have enjoyed being involved in Colorado Chess for the last three years. When I took this job over from Joyce Baldwin and Donna Karras, one of my goals was to institute a set of guiding principals that would keep chess healthy in the state of Colorado. The principle that I used to guide my decisions regarding chess was to always try to increase participation in chess. When I was trying to make a decision between two possibilities, I would always try to adopt the choice that increased participation. Having this as a guiding principle helped to make those decisions and I think has served Colorado well.

I would like to introduce to all of you one of my very best friends and more importantly someone who has worked with me very closely over the last year to assure a smooth transition for scholastics chess. I want to say that I have never seen a faster learner, someone who I would trust more to carry on the great Colorado chess tradition, than Karen Herbst. She knows that I will continue to be there for advice (which she will likely not need), but also for historical perspective as Joyce and Donna were there for me. Colorado could not do better than Karen Herbst as my replacement. Please do everything you can to support her as she serves as Scholastic Chairperson for the State of Colorado.

Colorado Open 2002 final standings, open section

August 31-Sept 2, 2002, Directed by Richard Buchanan and Jon Fortune

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1	Paul Nikitovich	2213	2231	W18	W9	W12	D2	W4	W7	5.5
2	Jim McCarty	2301	2303	W19	W8	W4	D1	W13	L3	4.5
3	Renard Anderson	2273	2272	W16	D17	W7	L4	W8	W2	4.5
4	Jim Hamblin	2107	2119	W26	W5	L2	W3	L1	W12	4.0
5	Robert Ramirez	1848	1881	W23	L4	W20	D8	D12	W13	4.0
6	Brian Wall	2225	2206	D10	W27	L17	D16	W14	W9	4.0
7	Brad Lundstrom	1968	1989	W25	W13	L3	D12	W17	L1	3.5
8	Jim Hammersmith	2020	2019	W20	L2	W26	D5	L3	W16	3.5
9	Chris Mink	1980	1982	W22	L1	W15	W14	H---	L6	3.5
10	Billy Willson	1783	1815	D6	D11	L13	W26	D16	W19	3.5
11	Mark Sherbring	1966	1943	D27	D10	L14	D24	W22	W18	3.5
12	Eric Billaux	2046	2036	W24	W14	L1	D7	D5	L4	3.0
13	Andy Rea	2152	2133	W21	L7	W10	W17	L2	L5	3.0
14	Tyler Hughes	1704	1752	W28	L12	W11	L9	L6	W20	3.0
15	Kevin Seidler	1689	1714	L17	W28	L9	L18	W21	W23	3.0
16	Jeff Baffo	1802	1806	L3	D22	W27	D6	D10	L8	2.5
17	Dan Avery	2027	2031	W15	D3	W6	L13	L7	U---	2.5
18	Jason Caldwell	1739	1732	L1	L20	B---	W15	D19	L11	2.5
19	Ken Doykos	1816	1801	L2	D24	W25	D22	D18	L10	2.5
20	Kent Evenson	1684	1691	L8	W18	L5	D21	W25	L14	2.5
21	Brian L Walker	1722	1693	L13	D25	L24	D20	L15	B---	2.0
22	Kevin Nyberg	1672	1683	L9	D16	W23	D19	L11	U---	2.0
23	Eric Bell	1610	1587	L5	L26	L22	B---	W27	L15	2.0
24	Gary Bagstad	1700	1720	L12	D19	W21	D11	U---	U---	2.0
25	Ryan Thompson	1665	1652	L7	D21	L19	W27	L20	U---	1.5
26	Mike Presutti	1705	1699	L4	W23	L8	L10	U---	U---	1.0
27	Brit Whittaker	1598	1576	D11	L6	L16	L25	L23	U---	0.5
28	Josh Bloomer	2068	2041	L14	L15	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Colorado Open 2002 final standings, reserve section

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Total
1	Paul Yelton	1766	1797	W29	W21	W2	W5	W8	D3	5.5
2	Paul Albano	1640	1670	W10	W11	L1	W27	W24	W8	5.0
3	Randy Schine	1527	1633	W20	H---	W12	W6	W17	D1	5.0
4	Morgan Robb	1477	1574	W57	W13	L5	W42	W25	W9	5.0
5	Sulia Mason	1649	1668	W24	W33	W4	L1	W11	D7	4.5
6	Dustin Eager	1568	1622	W50	D9	W30	L3	W18	W17	4.5

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7	Andrew Smith	1622	1636	W47	W32	L8	W29	W10	D5	4.5
8	Fred Badger	1790	1783	W58	W22	W7	W25	L1	L2	4.0
9	Jesse Cohen	1742	1731	W34	D6	W18	D17	W26	L4	4.0
10	Garrick Talmage	1227	1392	L2	W39	W32	W48	L7	W33	4.0
11	David Sneed	1408	1447	W39	L2	W28	W43	L5	W25	4.0
12	J. C. MacNeil	1724	1704	D31	W43	L3	X---	W22	D16	4.0
13	Vinh Nguyen	1612	1597	W40	L4	W36	L24	W35	W26	4.0
14	Anthea Carson	1546	1531	W52	L25	L26	W44	W27	W24	4.0
15	Ann Davies	1409	1426	W51	W36	L17	L26	W42	W28	4.0
16	Sal Mena-Amaro	1642	1618	D35	L19	W53	W50	W34	D12	4.0
17	Zach Malone	1646	1634	W38	W41	W15	D9	L3	L6	3.5
18	Paul Grimm	1666	1639	D19	W35	L9	W38	L6	W40	3.5
19	Dean Brown	1308	1360	D18	W16	L27	D20	D37	W36	3.5
20	Allan Ufer	1004	1198	L3	D38	W47	D19	D30	W34	3.5
21	Richard Herbst	1580	1548	W56	L1	L24	D23	W39	W37	3.5
22	Roderick Santiago	1584	1572	W45	L8	W31	D34	L12	W35	3.5
23	Jon Fortune	1180	1215	H---	D31	L34	D21	W38	X---	3.5
24	Clifton Daniel	1296	1349	L5	W46	W21	W13	L2	L14	3.0
25	LaMoyne Splichal	1647	1625	W42	W14	W48	L8	L4	L11	3.0
26	Oscar C Herrman	1287	1357	W37	L48	W14	W15	L9	L13	3.0
27	Tien Nguyen	1321	1334	L30	W55	W19	L2	L14	W44	3.0
28	Jacob Zax	1181	1229	L36	W51	L11	W32	W29	L15	3.0
29	Robbie Caldwell	1379	1373	L1	W44	W40	L7	L28	W43	3.0
30	Mamed Sakhatov	1693	1650	W27	H---	L6	L35	D20	W42	3.0
31	William Chandler	1331	1319	D12	D23	L22	L37	X---	W45	3.0
32	Phillip Brown	1525	1475	W54	L7	L10	L28	W46	W47	3.0
33	Norbert Martinez	1507	1466	W55	L5	L42	W45	W43	L10	3.0
34	Brendan Kullback	1376	1366	L9	W45	W23	D22	L16	L20	2.5
35	Ted Doykos	1265	1307	D16	L18	W52	W30	L13	L22	2.5
36	Al Gardner	1600	1537	W28	L15	L13	D39	W50	L19	2.5
37	Emir Santana	unr.	1247	L26	L40	W56	W31	D19	L21	2.5
38	Steve Wilson	1272	1254	L17	D20	W54	L18	L23	W50	2.5
39	Richard Wyatt	1167	1179	L11	L10	W55	D36	L21	W54	2.5
40	Robert Abrams	1189	1206	L13	W37	L29	H---	W52	L18	2.5
41	Joseph Aragon	1416	1388	W46	L17	L43	W51	H---	F---	2.5
42	Louis Berman	1296	1304	L25	W56	W33	L4	L15	L30	2.0
43	Al Skarie	1280	1268	W53	L12	W41	L11	L33	L29	2.0
44	Marco Guerra	1131	1115	L48	L29	W46	L14	W51	L27	2.0
45	Alexander White	1120	1126	L22	L34	W58	L33	W53	L31	2.0
46	Giovanny Guerra	808	834	L41	L24	L44	B---	L32	W52	2.0
47	Rob Jamison	1216	1178	L7	D52	L20	W53	H---	L32	2.0
48	John Schultz	1595	1569	W44	W26	L25	L10	U---	U---	2.0
49	Joshua Suresh	1128	1158	H---	W58	H---	F---	U---	U---	2.0
50	Robbie Herbst	1112	1100	L6	H---	W57	L16	L36	L38	1.5
51	Kathy Schneider	635	623	L15	L28	B---	L41	L44	D53	1.5

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52	Gregory Bain	1079	1041	L14	D47	L35	W54	L40	L46	1.5
53	Paul Friedman	539	541	L43	B---	L16	L47	L45	D51	1.5
54	Riccardo Schiaffino	973	952	L32	H---	L38	L52	W55	L39	1.5
55	Douglas Field	943	894	L33	L27	L39	L56	L54	B---	1.0
56	Michael Garcia	1113	1095	L21	L42	L37	W55	F---	U---	1.0
57	Mickel Wentz	895	884	L4	H---	L50	U---	U---	U---	0.5
58	Gregory Bonifate	1380	1324	L8	L49	L45	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Membership Meeting Open 2002 final standings

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Total
1	Brian Wall	2225	2226	W16	W13	W4	3.0
2	Sam Galler	1772	1786	W14	W10	W3	3.0
3	Chris Richard	1471	1523	W5	W6	L2	2.0
4	Tim Brennan	1417	1475	W7	W15	L1	2.0
5	Robert Ramirez	1848	1841	L3	W11	W9	2.0
6	Paul Grimm	1666	1655	W8	L3	W14	2.0
7	J. C. MacNeil	1729	1718	L4	W18	W13	2.0
8	Emir Santana	1261	1330	L6	W20	W15	2.0
9	Tim Tobiason	1807	1789	D11	W12	L5	1.5
10	James Hughes	1626	1606	W19	L2	D12	1.5
11	Brandon Cooksey	1458	1490	D9	L5	W20	1.5
12	Michael Ely	1084	1150	W20	L9	D10	1.5
13	David Helt	1620	1609	W17	L1	L7	1.0
14	William Malone	1422	1414	L2	W19	L6	1.0
15	Doug Hamilton	1642	1599	W18	L4	L8	1.0
16	Shannon Fox	1529	1530	L1	W17	U---	1.0
17	Jack Cooksey	1001	997	L13	L16	B---	1.0
18	Paul Kullback	1236	1217	L15	L7	D19	0.5
19	Ryan Cooksey	1018	1025	L10	L14	D18	0.5
20	Rick Barton	1635	1563	L12	L8	L11	0.0

The Colorado Open

a report by YHE

86 players came to the VFW post #1 at 8th and Bannock, in downtown Denver. They battled it out over the Labor Day holiday weekend for the title of Champion of Colorado Chess for 2002. The weather was beautiful; sunny and not too hot. Nearby you could the roar of

Grand Prix racing thundering through the streets. The delectable smells of A Taste of Colorado street fair added to the wonderful atmosphere surrounding the tournament. There was even a chess vendor plying his wares. Tim Tobiason from Nebraska brought a nice selection of CD ROM discs, vintage books and other chess goodies. Tim has a unique item for sale, in which he

takes copy write expired (but still wonderful) chess material, books and magazines, and does high quality scans of them. He them bundles together an incredible amount of material on a single disk. These "e-books" are well worth investigating! If you see Tim at a tournament, I highly recommend you giving his stuff a look. Richard Buchanan and Jon Fortune did their typical stellar

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job of directing. Jon had his birthday during the event and was warmly applauded by the players. Happy birthday, Jon! Let's salute our winners. **The Colorado State Chess Champion for 2002 is Paul Nikitovich. Our Reserve champion is Paul Yelton.** Paul Nikitovich returned after a long absence, to the Colorado chess scene's premier event in spectacular fashion. Powering through a strong field, he posted an undefeated score of 5.5 to top the 28 player field. His performance rating of 2423 gives you a statistical measure of his fine play. Watching him on the top boards round after round was remarkable. He was focus and concentration personified. Tied for 2nd/3rd in the open were perennial top tier masters Jim McCarty and Renard Anderson. Also of note in the Open section; Another strong showing by Robert Ramierz. He posted a very respectable 4.0, losing only to Jim Hamblin. In the large (58 players) reserve section, Paul Yelton was also near perfect, winning 5 and drawing only his last round game vs. Randy Schine to clinch top spot. Randy had a good tournament, turbo boosting his rating by over a 100 points. Not bad. Speaking of rating boosts, check out Garrick Talmage's 165 point jump, or Allan Ufer 198 point rise! Following Paul Yelton closely were a trio of strong players, yet another Paul, Albano, the aforementioned Mr. Schine (undefeated) and Morgan Robb. These three checked in

with 5.0 scores. The tough luck award goes to Fred Badger, who, after a rocket sled start of 4 out of 4, lost successive games in the final rounds to Yelton and Albano. In the Membership Meeting Open, Brian "There's no such thing as too much chess..." Wall, and Sam Galler tied with perfect 3.0 scores to beat out the others in this 20 player, game-in-1-hour event. The rounds for Membership Meeting Open overlap with the main tournament and yes, that means some people were playing two games at once!

Games from the 2002 Colorado Open

Al Gardner (1600) Rich Wyatt (1120) Rd. 4 Colorado Open 2002 Reserve section

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Bxd7+ Nbx7 7.Nc3 g6 8.0-0 Bg7 9. Re1 0-0 10.Bg5 a6 11.Nf3 Qc7 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14. Qxd5 Bxb2 15.Rab1 Bc3 16. Rxb7 Qa5 17.Qxa5 Bxa5 18. Reb1 e6 19.Rd7 Rfd8 20.Rxd8+ Bxd8 21.Kf1 Rc8 22.Rb7 Kg7 23.Rd7 Ba5 24.Rxd6 Rxc2 25. Rxa6 Rxa2 26.Nd4 Ra1+ 27. Ke2 Bc3 28.Rxa1 Bxa1 29.Kd3 Draw. A near 500 upset draw.

Jim Hammersmith – Jeff Baffo Rd. 6 Colorado Open 2002 Open section

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 d5 6.e5 Bg4 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.Nbd2 Nc6 9.h3 Bf5 10.g4 Be4 11.Qe3 Nb4 12.Kd1 Bc2+ 13.Ke1 Ba4 14.Bd3 Rc8 15.Kf1 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Bb5 0-1 Ouchies!

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Kh7 36.Kb1 g5 37.Rh2 Ne4 38. Kc2 f5 39.Re2 Kg6 40.Kd3 Kf7 41.Rh2 Rh8 42.d5 Nxc3 43.bxc3 Ke7 44.c4 Kd6 45.Kd4 h5 46.Re2 Rh6 47.Rg2 g4 48.Rf2 h4 49.Rxf5 h3 50.Rf1 h2 51.Rh1 g3 52.c5+ bxc5+ 0-1

Fuchs.M - Jennings.M
Elk Hunt Alternative (Round 3).
October 14, 1995
1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.a3 Nf6 4.d3 e5 5.f4 Bd6 6.f5 0-0 7.g4 Ne8 8.h4 g6 9.g5 Bc7 10.h5 Nd6 [10...gxf5 11.g6 (11.exf5 d5)] 11.hxg6 hxg6 12.fxg6 Kg7 [12...Ba5+ 13.c3 Bxc3+ 14.bxc3 Kg7 (14...Nxc4 15. Qh5 fxg6 16.Qxg6#) 15.Rh7+ Kg8 16.Qh5 Qxg5 17.Bxg5 Re8 18. gxf7+ Nxf7 19.Qxf7#] 13.Rh7+ Kg8 14.Qh5 1-0

Okay, that's enough. To you all, I say, "I'll see you Over-the-board!" Please, when you have a friend or a child or an acquaintance who loves to play chess. INTRODUCE THEM TO THE USCF AND CSCA!!!!!! I didn't know about USCF or CSCA or rated tourneys until I read one of Todd's columns at age 25! I didn't play competitive chess for 14 years! Who knows? I might have been the *first* Michael Mulyar! If only I or my parents or my teachers or my friends had known!! Research suggests that we lose the ability to progress past a certain point, so don't deprive the kids!! I know that if I hunkered down and studied my butt off, even with my damaged and old brain, I could achieve Expert and maybe even Master status, but my chance for GM disappeared about 20 years ago... Don't let the kids who truly have the talent down!!

One last time,
Yours in chess,
Mike

Tournament Announcements:

DCC Elk Hunt Open, October 26 - 27, 2002

5 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** Rd1 G/60, Rd2-5, 35/90, G/60

Site: VFW#1 955 Bannock Ave, Denver

Sections: One Open Section

Entry fee: \$28 paid by 10/23, \$33 at site

Prizes: 300-160-70, U2200/U2000/U1700/U1400/U1100-Unr each 105 Top Upset 50

Registration: 8:30-9:30, **Rounds:** 9:45, 12:00, 5:30; 9:00, 2:30.

Entries: Andy Rea **E-mail:** abrea2@aol.com 7680 E Harvard Ave,
#101 Denver, CO 80231

NS, NC Details of Premiere 2002 DCC Grand Prix to be Announced!

US G/60 Championship Warm-up, October 12, 2002

4 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** G/60, Delay/5

Site: Moab Arts and Recreation Center, 111 E. 100 North, Moab, Utah.

Open Section: \$150, \$75; u2000 \$90, \$50; u1800 \$75, \$40. **U1600 Section:** \$90, \$50;
u1400 \$75, \$40. **U1200 Section:** \$75, \$40; u1000 \$50, \$25; unrated \$50, \$25.

Entry fee: EF \$29 at site. \$5 off EF for juniors, seniors, unrated & family members. Register early to save \$\$ **Prizes:** \$1000 fund based on 45 full entries.

Reg: 8:30 - 9:15 AM, **Rounds:** 10:00, 1:30, 4:00 and 7:00. **Entries:** Moab Chess Club, c/o
Damian Nash 3820 Kerby Lane, Moab, UT 84532

E-mail: chess@krusemer.com Online entries through www.paypal.com, send to
chess@krusemer.com **Bughouse** 10/11 at the MARC, 6:30-9:30, \$5/team.

Moab (Extreme) **Random Chess** tournament and hike 10/13, free.

The US Game/60 Championships, November 8 - 10, 2002

7 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/60 (with 5 second delay)

Site: The Moab Arts and Recreation Center ("The MARC"), 111 East 100 North Street, in
Moab, Utah. **Sections:** Open and Scholastic (under age 20).

Entry fee: Open Section: \$69 at tournament site, register early for a discount: \$49 if received
by 10/1, \$59 if received by 10/28. GM's and IM's play free; entry fee deducted from prize
(register early for a smaller deduction). \$10 discounts for seniors (over 62), unrated players,
and Moab Chess Club members (may combine discounts). Players may re-enter tournament
on Sat for \$39. Scholastic: \$19 rec'd by 10/1, \$24 rec'd by 10/28, \$29 at tournament. Sat.
re-entry fee, \$19. \$5 discount for unrated and Moab Chess Club. **Prizes: Open Section:**

\$4200 projected prize fund based on 100 full open-section entries. **\$3000 guaranteed:** Top
two prizes and at least 1/2 of all other prizes. \$1000, \$500 \$250; u2300, u2150, u2000, each
\$150, \$100; u1850, u1700, u1550, each \$125, \$85; u1400, u1200, u1000, unrated, each
\$100, \$75. Upset prizes: \$100, \$50. Trophies: US G/60 Champion, G/60 Women's Cham-
pion, G/60 Amateur Champion (u2200), Class A, B, C, D, E champions. **Scholastic (under
20) Section:** Trophies to top 3 overall, top 3 at every grade level (K-12). Digital clocks,

chess sets, books, software, etc., given as prizes to top finishers according to score vs. age. No cash prizes in scholastics. **Reg:** Fri. 2:00-3:00pm, Sat. 8:30 to 9:30am., Rds: 2-day or 3-day schedule. 2-day schedule: Sat 10:30, 1:30, 4 and 7, Sun, 9:00, 11:15, 1:30. 3-day schedule: Friday, 4:00 and 7, then join 2-day schedule starting Saturday at 4pm. Awards ceremony at 4pm Sunday.. **Entries:** Moab Chess Club, c/o Damian Nash 3820 Kerby Lane, Moab, UT 84532 **E-mail:** chess@krusemer.com Reg. opens July 1, 2002, online and by mail. Online entries www.paypal.com, send to chess@krusemer.com **Sponsors:** The Moab CC and USCF.

2002 Colorado Quick Chess Championship, November 23 - 24, 2002

14 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** G/15

Site: VFW, 955 Bannock, Denver **Sections:** Based on entries

Entry fee: \$30 received by 11/20, \$35 at site. Checks payable to CSCA

Prizes: Prizes based on entries **Reg:** 9:30 - 10:30 AM, Rounds: Rd. 1 at 11 Sat., 9 AM Sun., days play should be over by 6:30pm. **Entries:** Richard Buchanan 844 B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs, CO 80829 **Phone:** (719)685-1984 **E-mail:** buckpeace@pcisys.net

7-rd Swiss Qualifier tournament Sat. (and playoffs as needed for finals). Championship double elimination knockout tournament matches (tiebreaks as necessary) and consolation Swiss Sunday. CSCA required (\$15, \$8 for jrs, srs), OSA. NS, NC, W.

DCC Membership Championship, December 14 - 15, 2002

6 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** G/90

Site: VFW #1 955 Bannock Ave. Denver, CO

Sections: **Entry fee:** \$10 for Active DCC Members only

Prizes: DCC to Augment Prize Fund **E-mail:** grimm_p@msn.com

Winners of Denver 2002 Grand Prix to be announced at this tournament!

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