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Chess players in the World Series??

Exclusive Bardwick interview with chessplayer (and closer) Brad Lidge of the Houston Astros!

Plus, Paul Grimm's interview with chess legend Allan Ufer

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The person should be a regular chess player familiar with Colorado Chess. The person needs to be proficient in computers and specifically Microsoft Publisher or a similar program. The person should also know how to use a chess program like Fritz to create chess positions that should be included into articles.

This person needs to be able to provide a balanced perspective to various, competing, diverse interests. Individuals with an "agenda" need not apply. This person also needs the ability to say "No" when necessary.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, contact State President Todd Bardwick at 303-770-6696 or at tbardwick@yahoo.com.

ALL-STAR CLOSER BRAD LIDGE PLAYS CHESS

By Todd Bardwick

For years, I have tried to find professional athletes that play chess (the thinking process learned through chess facilitates the mental aspect of any sport) because big sports stars that play chess help improve the overall image of the royal game.

Major League Baseball has been a big challenge in my quest...the game of choice of MLB players is Texas Hold'em.

My first baseball column came from an unexpected source...my mother! Earlier this year, my mom called me and said that one of her lady friends from church had a son, Brad Lidge, who played for the Houston Astros and also played chess.

Since I was a few years removed from playing Fantasy Baseball, I hadn't heard of Brad and didn't know at the time that he was one of the best closers in baseball.

A fellow Cherry Creek High graduate, Brad told me he didn't even make the varsity baseball team at Creek until his senior year, when his fastball jumped from the 80 mph range into the 90's.

Drafted by the Houston Astros in 1998, Brad got the closer job in 2004. In the 2004 playoffs, Brad had a great season by breaking the National League strikeout record for relievers and pitched well under the pressure of

the NLCS against the St. Louis Cardinals to become one of the top closers in baseball.

Brad says his best pitches are his slider and fastball, which occasionally clock out at 100 mph. His third pitch is a split-finger fastball.

Having been taught how to play chess by his father when he was seven, Brad has played the game throughout high school and college.

"The game of baseball between pitcher and hitter sets up like a game of chess."

Brad is working on popularizing chess with his Astros teammates. He plays chess regularly with teammates Lance Berkman, Morgan Ensberg, and Brad Ausmus. All four are pretty evenly matched at chess. It was really cool to receive a baseball in mail from Brad last summer, signed by the Astros' Chess team.

Brad compares chess and baseball, "The game of baseball between pitcher and hitter sets up like a game of chess in that you have to anticipate several moves or pitches ahead to set up your opponent."

"In chess, the goal is to

capture pieces to make your way toward the king. In baseball, you are capturing outs to make your way toward a win for your team".

After interviewing Brad on the phone for my chess column in the Rocky Mountain News, we met after the Rockies game on June 29 (when these photos were taken) near the visitor's locker room at Coors Field.

2005 was Brad's first year making the All-Star Team, and he didn't disappoint the National League fans: he pitched the 7th inning, throwing 11 pitches of which 9 were strikes, as he struck out the side.

The Astros had a great comeback season this year after starting 15-30 and the chess players on the team were instrumental in helping the team win their first National League Championship. Unfortunately, they didn't fare well against the White Sox in the World Series...maybe next year.



Todd and Astro's Pitcher Brad Lidge

A Message from the CSCA Board to All CSCA Membership

We are sure most of you are aware of and have been greatly perturbed by the seeming disappearance of the Colorado Chess Informant. This notice is to inform you that the Informant has not been discontinued, and it is our hope that this magazine will continue to thrive through the generous literary contribution of its membership.

We regret the length of time that has passed between issues of the Colorado Chess Informant. We know this has been a source of great frustration for many of you and are sorry for the consternation caused. The last two CSCA members who volunteered to serve as editors were unable to meet the set deadlines. It was unfortunate, but it serves as a testimony that the position of editor and its accompanying commitments is not easy to fulfill.

We wish to express our renewed commitment to the timely delivery of the magazine, which is the primary reason for moving its editorship into the ranks of the CSCA board members for now. This ought to serve as a sign that we are dedicated to keeping this magazine as part of the rich tradition that is Colorado chess. Eventually, it is our intent to recruit a new editor from the general CSCA membership and we welcome members interested in the position to contact any one of us, as listed in the front cover of this issue. We welcome all such interest, but note that special consideration will be made to insure applicants are able to commit and deliver to a deadline.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy this latest issue of the Colorado Chess Informant.

Sincerely,

The Colorado State Chess Association Board Members

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Denver Chess Club appoints officers for 2006

At their Annual Meeting on January 3rd, the Denver chess club elected officers for the 2006 year.

This year's President is Bruce Bain. Bruce was last year's club Vice-President and currently serves as the Treasurer for the Colorado State Chess Association.

The Vice-President for 2006 is Joe Haines. He is the immediate past President of the club.

This year's secretary is J.C. MacNeil. JC is also a Past President of the Denver Chess Club.

The treasurer for the Denver Chess Club for 2006 is Richard Monroe. This is his first position as an officer for the club.

Tyler Hughes has been appointed as the Youth Representative to the board.

There were approximately 30 individuals present for the meeting including current CSCA President, Todd Bardwick.

CSCA Membership Pricing Clarification

Family memberships in CSCA can be purchased if there is someone in the family who has a regular (or junior/senior) paid membership. Only one magazine will be delivered to the address. The cost to additional family members at the same address for a family membership is \$12, or \$7 for a junior or senior. (This is a correction from the most recent Informant magazine.)

Interim Editor Takes Over Informant

By Randy Reynolds

Hi, CSCA members. I wanted to personally thank Joe Haines for the bulk of the material for this Informant. I was preparing for creating an entire issue from scratch within a week, but now I'm glad that didn't have to happen.

I wanted to invite everyone to submit articles to the Informant. This doesn't just apply to the master class players, because we're ALL Colorado chess players and this magazine is about all of us. Even scholastic players — if you have a game from the recent scholastic championships that was interesting, please send it in! It'll go in the next magazine and you'll be FAMOUS!!

Thanks, everyone! Please send any articles and/or games to randy_teyana@msn.com

Hughes - Ramirez holds Match at DCC in November

Tyler Hughes and Robert Ramirez held a four game Match at the Denver Chess Club Tuesday night meetings during the month of November.

The match was sponsored by the Denver Chess Club who put up part of the prize money.

The match was a game in 75 minutes with a 5 second delay.

The match was won by Tyler Hughes 2.5 - 1.5. Robert got off to a fast start winning 1.5/2.0 points in the first two games.

Tyler won the last two games to take the match. If the match would have been tied after 4 games, the players would have had a blitz game on the last Tuesday of the month to determine the winner.

Book Review : "Curse of Kirsan"

By Bruce Bain

"Curse of Kirsan" by Sarah Hurst, paperback, ISBN 1888690151, \$19.95 2002

At the age of 20, in 1993, British Journalist Sarah Hurst decided to renew her childhood acquaintance with the royal game, leading her to pursue interviews with Garry Kasparov, and other living legacies.

World turmoil, or war may have prevented their ascent to a professional title, but the collections of their games and opponents read like a "WHO'S-WHO" of chess.

Hurst writes thoroughly of the career of Alexander Alekhine in one of her most illuminative chapters. However the title is a

bit cryptic.

Unless one is familiar with the political peculiarities of the world governing body of chess championships, FIDE, the name "Kirsan" will not register. It refers to then FIDE president, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, the millionaire dictator of the tiny Buddhist nation of Kalmykia, located near Chechnya on the Russian Steppe.

Amidst a swirl of human rights abuses, and even implication in the murder of a Kalmykian journalist, Hurst asks the question, "How did this man become President of the governing body of world chess?"

Sarah Hurst interviews Andre Lillienthal, Laszlo Polgar, Ken Whyld, Mike Basman, and writes of the growing prominence of the Chinese in professional chess, an endeavor in which politics sometimes is a factor.

What appealed most about this book, was that author Sarah Hurst is able to cover the human side. More aptly stated, Hurst impresses with her ability to make moral distinctions, a faculty that is much appreciated in chess players.

It is not surprising that her views seem to reflect those of new USCF President, Bill Goichberg.

THE CHESS DETECTIVE: THE HAZARDS OF GRABBING PAWNS

By NM Todd Bardwick

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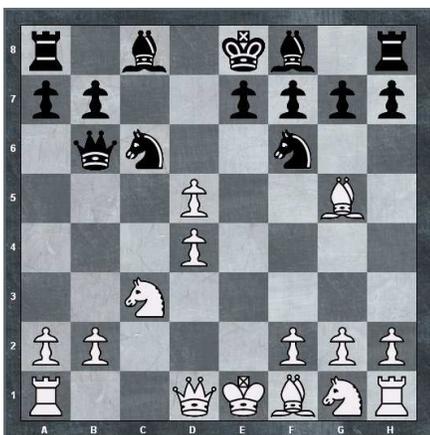
Most beginners place an overemphasis on material gains. The chess master must weigh material considerations with the other types of advantages: king safety, piece activity, pawn structure, and space.

Grabbing pawns may give the player a material advantage, but he loses time while his opponent gains tempi that can be used to increase piece activity and maybe even trap the piece that grabbed the pawn.

Irving Chernev once said, "Pawn-grabbing with the queen, at the expense of development, is always perilous."

Consider this position from the famous game between Mikhail Botvinnik and Rudolf Spielmann from Moscow in 1935.

Spielmann



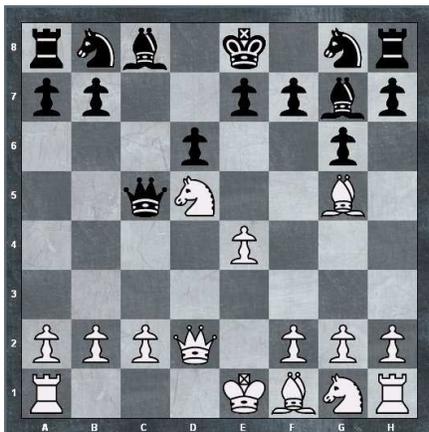
Botvinnik

after 7.cxd5

7...Qxb2? Black decides to grab the "poisoned" b-pawn. The queen is now in grave danger, behind enemy lines. 8.Rc1 Nb4 9.Na4 Qxa2 The queen has only two choices. 9...Qa3 10.Rc3 Qxa2 11.Bc4 also traps the lady 10.Bc4 Bg4 11.Nf3 Bxf3 12.gxf3 Resigns After 12...Qa3 13.Rc3, black can save the queen by sacrificing his knight on c2 or d3 with check, but this leaves him a piece down with a lost game.

The next position occurred in Round 4 of the 2000 New York Open.

IM Mikhail Zlotnikov



FM Renard Anderson
after 7.Nd5

First lets pick up the clues and make observations about the position. White has a lead in development and a little more space. His king and queen are

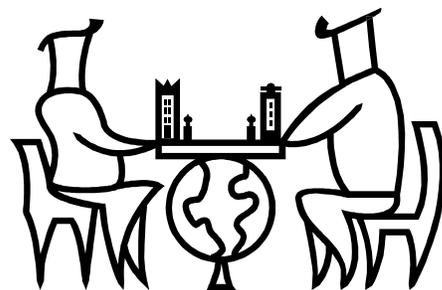
lined up on the same diagonal and he has to be wary of being pinned by the black bishop. White would like to play Nc7+, forking the king and rook. The b2 pawn is hanging; dare black take it with the bishop?

Zlotnikov decides to go after the "poisoned" b-pawn with 7... Bxb2?

The game continued, 8.Rb1 Qa3 8...Bg7 runs into 9.Be3 Qa3 (9...Qc6 10.Bb5) 10.Rb3 (protecting against the pin threat of ...Bc3) 10...Qxa2 11.Nc7+ 9.c3 Trapping the bishop and attacking it a second time. 9...h6 10.Be3 e6 11.Nc7+ Kd7 12.Nb5! 12.Nxa8? allows 12...Bxc3 12...Resigns

Always beware that grabbing extra material costs time and can result in getting the attacking piece trapped.

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Selected games by the late Chris Hendrickson published in the Colorado Chess Informant and its ancestor, the CSCA Bulletin - prepared by Richard Buchanan. Unless otherwise credited, notes are by me as magazine Editor or by Chris.

Chris Hendrickson (1660) - Charles Moore (1760) Appreciation Open, Boulder 1979. Notes by Curtis Carlson: English
 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Nxc3 6.bxc3 c5 7.Rb1 Qd7? (A terrible move. 7...Nc6 was as good as anything. White wants to keep her KB; Black's Q should go to c7.) 8.e3 Bg7 9.Ba3 c4 10.Ne2 0-0 11.0-0 Na6 12.Nf4 Rd8 13.Qe2! (Black's game is already in ruins.) 13...Rb8 14.Qxc4 Qxd2 15.Bxe7 Rd7 (Black must have some death wish for his QB!) 16.Nd5! (Nimzovich would have loved the centralizing effect of White's pieces.) 16...b5 17.Qb3 Rdb7 18.Rbd1 Qe2 19.Nf4 (Threatening not so much the queen but 20 Rd8+; the game is over.) 19...Be6 20.Bxb7 Qxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Bxb3 22.axb3 Nc7 (Sadly enough for Black, the bishop is not hanging.) 23.Rd8+ Rxd8 24.Bxd8 Ne6 25.Nxe6 fxe6 26.Ba5 (See what a few lessons from Colorado's #1 player can do! A masterly game.) 1-0

Chris Hendrickson (1785) - Larry Duke (1725) 1980 Colorado Open Notes by Todd Bardwick : English
 1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 e5 4.Bg2 Bc5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Nge2 0-0 7.0-0 a6 8.d4 Ba7?! (In some lines this bishop is way out of play,

especially if White can build a pawn chain supporting a pawn at c5. This bishop is often necessary in defense of the kingside.) 9.b3 d6 10.Ba3 exd4 11.exd4 Bd7 (With a pawn on f5, it is difficult to find a good square for the QB.) 12.Re1 Kh8 13.Qd2 Qc8?! (The idea is difficult to ascertain. Note how discoordinated Black's pieces are as White continues to develop to active squares.) 14.Rad1 h6? (All this does is weaken Black's kingside.) 15.c5 b5 16.b4 Rb8 17.Nf4 Kh7 18.Nfd5 (Perhaps 18 Ncd5 is stronger, so that White can play Bb2 and a3 to secure the queenside (so that the queen defends b4, allowing this plan).) 18...Qd8 19.Re2 Re8 20.Rd1 Rxe2 21.Rxe2 a5 22.f4 axb4 23.Nxb4 Na5 24.c6 Nc4 25.Qd3 Nxa3 26.cxd7 Qxd7 27.Bc6 Qc8 28.Ncd5 Ne4 29.Ne7 Qf8 30.Nxf5 Nf6 31.Ne7+ g6 32.Qxg6+ Kh8 33.Qd3 Qg7 34.Nf5 Qg6 35.Re7 Rg8 36.Re6 Bxd4+ 37.Qxd4 Qxf5 38.Qxf6+ Qxf6 39.Rxf6 Kg7 40.Re6 1-0

Chris scored 3.5 - 0.5 in the 1984 Benjamin Gerash Memorial to clear second place behind Ray Haskins, ahead of 3 masters and 11 experts.

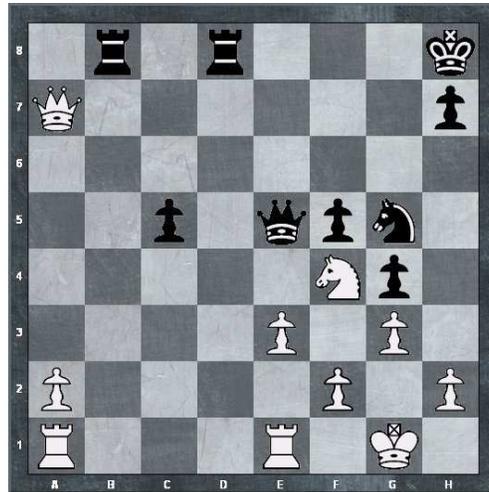
David Barnett (2060) - Chris Hendrickson (1735): Robatsch
 1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 e5 5.d5 Ne7 6.Be2 0-0 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Nd7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Bxf3 a6 12.Rc1 Kh7 13.Qc2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.g4 Bf6 16.Bxf6 Rxf6 17.gxf5 Nxf5 18.Be4 Qf8 19.b4 Kh8 20.Bxf5 Rxf5 21.Ne4 Rf4 22.Rg1 Qf5 23.Ng3 Qxc2 24.Rxc2 Rg8 25.Ne2? Rxg1+ 26.Nxg1 Nb6 27.Ke2 Rxc4 28.Rxc4 Nxc4 29.Kd3 Nb6 30.Ke4 Kg7 31.Nf3 Na4 32.Kd3 Kf6 33.Nd2 Kf5 34.Nc4 b5 35.Ne3+ Kf4 36.Ng4 Nb6 37.Nxh6 Nxd5 (If 38 a3, one winning plan is 38...Kf3 39 Ng4 Nf4+.) 38.h4 Nxb4+ 39.Kc3 Nd5+ 40.Kd3 Kf3 41.Nf7 Nf4+ 42.Kd2 Kxf2 0-1

Chris Hendrickson (1735) - Jack Hursch (2035) Notes by Jack Hursch with some added comments by Chris.: English
 1.c4 (I bet she's been studying John Watson's books on the English.) 1...e5 2.Nc3 f5 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bc5? (Well, it seemed to me that barring an all-out boring positional struggle, the only way to get the kind of game I wanted was to stick my head in the sand and imagine I was playing a King's Gambit Reversed.) 5.e3 (Reality rears its ugly head.) 5...Nc6 6.Nge2

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Games from Christine Hendrickson continued

e4? (Wasting a tempo, but I didn't want to face a P on d4.) 7.d4 exd3 8.Qxd3 d6 (Black has a miserable position; nothing to do but wait and hope.) 9.b3 0-0 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Nf4 Ne5 12.Qd1 Rb8 (I had intended to play 12...c6 guarding d5, but decided to go straight for the break with ...b5.) 13.Ncd5 c6 14.b4! cxd5 15.Bxd5+ Kh8 16.bxc5 dxc5 17.Bb2 Qe8 (To back the break at b5, defend the N at e5, and avoid getting hit by the white knight should it ever get to d5.) 18.Bxe5? (I cannot say for certain that this was a bad move, but I was beginning to feel a lot better about my position.) 18...Qxe5 19.Bg2? (Letting me break at b5. Maybe 19 a4 was better.) 19...b5! (Now I was beginning to really like my position.) 20.cxb5?! Bxb5 21.Re1 Rfd8! (I thought I surely must be winning. My pieces are dominating the board.) 22.Qc2 g5? (Greedy for a quick win, I weakened my K-side horribly. But how to proceed? Maybe 22...Ne4.) 23.Nh3 (Now the family check at f7 is in the air and if 23...h6 there is a similar horrible threat at g6 after 24 f4 gxf4 25 Nxf4.) 23...Bd3 24.Qa4 (On 22 Nxf4, Qxa4 is fatal. - Chris) 24...g4 25.Nf4 (25 Ng5 is interesting: 25...Kg7 (25...Rd7? 26 Qxd7!) 26 e4! gets crazy.) 25...Be4 26.Bxe4 Nxe4 27.Qxa7 Ng5



(To prevent 28 Qf7. I was already swimming in variations like 28 Red1 Nf3+ and if 29 Kg2 Qe4 or if 29 Kh1 Rd2 30 Rxd2 Qxa1+ 31 Kg2 Qg1 mate.) 28.Kh1 Nh3? (I was hoping for 29 Nxf3 Qe4+ 30 Kg1 gxf3 and White must be mated.) 29.Qf7! (The "new" Chris appears again. Now both Black and White are weak on the back rank.) 29...Nxf2+ (If Q checks, 30 Ng2. - Chris) 30.Kg1 Nd3 31.Nxd3 Rxd3 32.Rab1 Rdd8 (If 32...Rxb1, 33 Qf8 mate. - Chris) 33.Rxb8 Rxb8 34.a4 Qc3 35.Kf1 Qd3+ 36.Kg1 Qd6 37.Qxf5 Rf8 38.Qxg4 Qc6 39.Rd1 c4 40.Qd4+ (The queens go off next move.) 1-0

John Siddeek (2155) - Chris Hendrickson (1735): English
 1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.g3 g6
 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 e5 6.Nc3
 Nge7 7.d3 0-0 8.Ne1 d6
 9.Nc2 Be6 10.Ne3 Qd7
 11.Ned5 Bxd5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5
 13.Bxd5 Ne7 14.Bg2 Rab8

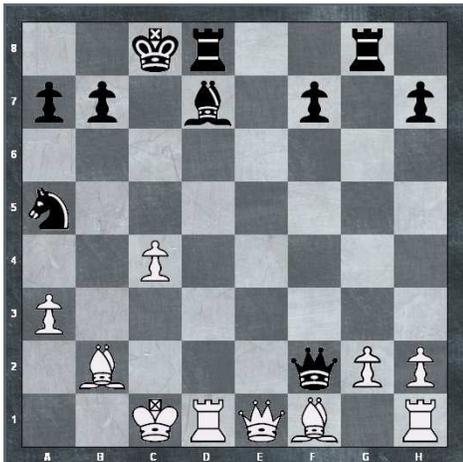
15.Bd2 b5 16.cxb5 Qxb5
 17.Rb1 h6 18.b4 cxb4
 19.Bxb4 Qd7 20.Qc1 Rfc8
 21.Qa3 Nf5 22.Bh3 Qc6
 23.e4 Nd4 24.Bxc8 Qxc8
 25.Bxd6 Rxb1 26.Rxb1 Qh3
 27.f4 Ne2+ 28.Kf2 Qxh2+
 29.Ke1 exf4 30.Rb8+ Kh7
 31.Qxa7? (31 Rb2)
 31...Nd4! 32.Qxd4 Bxd4
 33.gxf4 Qxa2 34.Kd1 Bc3
 35.Kc1 Qd2+ 36.Kb1 Qxd3+
 0-1

In 1984 the US Masters Open was held in Estes Park, organized by Randy Siebert. Chris played as a house player. In the first round she upset Alan Piper of Kansas. Alan Piper (2210) - Chris Hendrickson (1940) 1984 US Masters Open Notes by John Watson : French 1.e4 (In the next game, Chris demonstrated the great improvement possible when one gets away from me as one's teacher.) 1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Qxg7 Rg8 (I did show her this much, anyway.) 8.Qh6 Rg6 9.Qd2 c5 10.Bb2 (10 Ne2 is more accurate, in view of 10...Nc6 11 dxc5! with a slight White advantage.) 10...Nc6 11.Ne2? (Again 11 dxc5 must be considered, although the king loses some time. Now it's Hendrickson unleashed.) 11...Qb6 12.0-0-0 cxd4! 13.cxd4 Bd7 14.Nf4 Rg8 15.d5 (Unfortunately White can't wait around for ...0-0-0, ...Kb8, ...Rc8, etc.) 15...Nxd5 16.c4? (Weakening

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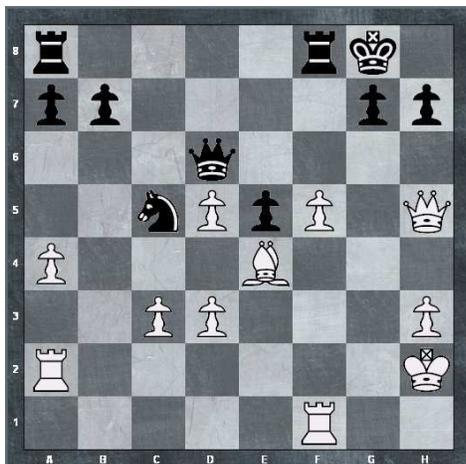
everything. 16.Nxd5 exd5
17.Qxd5 0-0-0 is better
for Black, but it's not so
bad.) 16...Na5 17.Nxd5
exd5 18.Qxd5 0-0-0 19.Qxe4
Qxf2 (threatening ...Bf5)
20.Qe1 (What else?)



20...Qf4+ (Chris's only
real slip, and she keeps
things well in hand. The
exotic 20...Bf5! was
killing with the idea 21
Qxf2 Nb3 mate, e.g. 21 Qc3
Rxd1+ 22 Kxd1 Rd8+ 23
Kc1 Qe1+! 24 Qxe1 Nb3
mate.) 21.Kb1 Bf5+ 22.Ka1
Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Qe3! (The
fancy way,
threatening ...Rd8 and
cutting off White's
retreat to e1.) 24.g3 Rd8
25.Qe2 Nb3+ 26.Ka2 Nc1+
27.Bxc1 Qxc1 28.Bh3 (Still
playing? It's only a
girl...) 28...Rd2+ 29.Kb3
Qc2+ 30.Kb4 Rxe2 31.Bxf5+
Qxf5 0-1

In 1989 Chris played in
the US Women's
Championship in
Spartanburg, S. Carolina.
Chris Hendrickson (1975) -
Natasha Us (1945) 1989 US
Women's Championship
Notes by Chris : English

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.g3
Bxc3 4.bxc3 d6 5.Bg2 Ne7
6.e4 0-0 7.Ne2 Be6 (I
thought I would win
because I'd found a
beautiful blue feather on
my way to the game. Also
when I happened to look
down, I saw she was
wearing high heels!) 8.d3
Nd7 9.0-0 Qc8 10.h3 Nb6
11.Kh2 f6 12.Be3 Qd7 13.a4
Nbc8 14.f4 Nc6 15.f5 Bf7
16.g4 N8e7 17.Ng3 Na5 (I
didn't think this move was
very good.) 18.g5 ffg5
19.Bxg5 c6 20.Nh5 Bxh5
21.Qxh5 d5 (Now I can win
a protected passed pawn.)
22.cxd5 cxd5 23.Bxe7 Qxe7
24.exd5 Nb3 25.Ra2 Nc5
26.Be4 Qd6



(Now I want to play 27 f6
right away - in fact, I
wrote it down - but if I
do there are dangerous
traps and checks. For
example, 27 f6 Rxf6 28
Qxh7+ Kf8 29 Rxf6+ Qxf6
looks like I might win her
rook, but the queen check
on f4 has got to be
dangerous and may lead to
a perpetual check. So I
opted for caution.) 27.Rg2
Nxa4 (She can't do this!
But what else?) 28.f6!
Rxf6 (Forced) 29.Qxh7+ Kf8
30.Qxg7+ Ke8 31.Rxf6 1-0

Chris Hendrickson (1890) -
John Dunning (2385) 1990
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Attack

1.Na3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.g3 e6
4.Bg2 d5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Nf3
Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Bg5 b6
9.Rc1 Bb7 10.cxd5 Nxd5
11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.Nc2 Rfd8
13.Qd2 e5 14.Qg5 f6 15.Qg4
Bc8 16.Qh5 Be6 17.Bh3 Rac8
18.Bxe6+ Qxe6 19.Nh4 Nde7
20.Ne3 Nd4 21.Rfel a5
22.b3 Rd7 23.Nc4 b5 24.Ne3
Ra7? 25.Rxc5 Raa8 26.Rxc8+
Rxc8 27.Nf3 Nec6 28.Kf1 g6
29.Nxd4 exd4 30.Qd5 Kf7
31.Qxe6+ Kxe6 32.Nc2 Kd5
33.a3 Na7 34.Rc1 Rc3
35.Ne3+ Kc5 36.Rxc3+ dxc3
37.Ke1 Nc6 38.Nc2 b4 39.a4
Nd4 40.Nxd4 Kxd4 41.Kd1
Kd5 ½-½

Jeff Sullivan (2185) -
Chris Hendrickson (1890)
1990 Colorado Open :

Robatsch
1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.c3 d6
4.Bg5 h6 5.Bh4 Bg4 6.h3
Bxf3 7.gxf3 Nd7 8.Nd2 Ngf6
9.e4 e5 10.Bc4 g5 11.Bg3
Nh5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Bxe5
Bxe5 14.Qa4+ c6 15.Qb3 Qd7
16.0-0-0 Nf4 17.Bf1 b5
18.c4 a6 19.h4 Qe7 20.Qc2
0-0 21.hxg5 hxg5 22.Nb3 c5
23.Kb1 b4 24.Bh3 a5 25.Nc1
a4 26.Qd2 Rfd8 27.Rdgl a3
28.b3 Kf8 29.Ne2 Nxe2
30.Qxe2 Bf6 31.f4?! gxf4
32.Kc2 Qe5 33.Rb1 Qc3+
34.Kd1 Qd4+ 35.Ke1 Re8
36.Bg2 Re5 37.Rh3 Rg5
38.Kf1 Qe5 39.Rd1 Ke7
40.f3 Rag8 41.Rh2 Rg3
42.Qd2 Qd4 43.Qc2 Qb2
44.Qd3 Bd4 45.Qd2 R8g6
46.Bh1 Rg1+ 47.Ke2 Qxd2+
48.Rxd2 Rb1 49.Bg2 Bc3
50.Rc2 Re1+ 51.Kf2 Rb1
52.Ke2 Re1+ 53.Kf2 Rb1 ½-½

Results from the 2005 Colorado Open

Denver

September 3-5, 2005

Open Section

1	Dashzegve Sharavdorj	2527	2530	W11	W29	W15	D2	W6	W7	5.5
2	Philipp M Ponomarev	2324	2332	W5	W25	D4	D1	W10	W9	5.0
3	Jesse R Cohen	2145	2147	D21	W22	W18	D10	D4	W12	4.5
4	Robert W Ramirez	2026	2049	W20	W28	D2	D7	D3	W13	4.5
5	Daniel P Avery	1964	1984	L2	W26	H--	D18	W15	W16	4.0
6	Richard E Herbst	1872	1937	W31	D8	W29	W15	L1	D10	4.0
7	Randy C Canney	2235	2225	W19	D10	W17	D4	D13	L1	3.5
8	James Hammersmith	2080	2072	W30	D6	L10	W25	L12	W19	3.5
9	Alexander Gitis	2038	2039	L13	H--	W22	W14	W11	L2	3.5
10	Andrew M Smith	1978	1998	W26	D7	W8	D3	L2	D6	3.5
11	Marc A Jimenez	1969	1978	L1	W30	D27	W17	L9	W20	3.5
12	Joshua Jex	1961	1979	L15	W20	H--	W29	W8	L3	3.5
13	Mitesh Shridhar	1866	1896	W9	L15	W28	W19	D7	L4	3.5
14	Kenneth P W Doykos	1820	1841	H--	H--	D25	L9	W28	W18	3.5
15	Brian D Wall	2238	2217	W12	W13	L1	L6	L5	W24	3.0
16	Garrick Talmage	1636	1671	L29	B--	L19	W30	W17	L5	3.0
17	James E Hamblin	2066	2040	D22	W21	L7	L11	L16	W26	2.5
18	David A* Wallace	2046	2026	H--	W24	L3	D5	D19	L14	2.5
19	Brad Lundstrom	1952	1940	L7	W23	W16	L13	D18	L8	2.5
20	Neil Andrews	1844	1840	L4	L12	W26	D24	W21	L11	2.5
21	James E Kulbacki	1934	1906	D3	L17	D24	D28	L20	D22	2.0
22	Leonardo Sotaridona	1877	1862	D17	L3	L9	D23	D24	D21	2.0
23	Richard Cordovano	1642	1647	L25	L19	L30	D22	D--	W28	2.0
24	Manny R Presicci	1612	1634	H--	L18	D21	D20	D22	L15	2.0
25	Chris L Mink	2024	2012	W23	L2	D14	L8	U--	U--	1.5
26	David A. Hufnagel	1718	1717	L10	L5	L20	H--	W29	L17	1.5
27	Shannon J Fox	1658	1667	H--	H--	D11	U--	U--	U--	1.5
28	Volodimir Biryukov	1578	1567	B--	L4	L13	D21	L14	L23	1.5
29	Richard W Buchanan	2000	1969	W16	L1	L6	L12	L26	U--	1.0
30	Morgan T Robb	1904	1880	L8	L11	W23	L16	U--	U--	1.0
31	David A Wallace	2046	2036	L6	U--	U--	U--	U--	U--	0.0

Premier Section

1	Curtis P Crockett	1646	1702	W17	W6	D5	W12	W3	D2	5.0
2	Joseph T Fromme	1700	1714	D18	W16	W7	D5	W6	D1	4.5
3	Anthea J Carson	1648	1658	L13	W17	W19	W15	L1	W5	4.0
4	Timothy M Fisher	1602	1610	D12	D18	W8	L6	W17	W11	4.0
5	Randolph Schine	1587	1636	W9	W8	D1	D2	W12	L3	4.0
6	Amarjin Nemekhbayar	1491	1561	W11	L1	W10	W4	L2	W7	4.0
7	Ted K Doykos	1596	1604	W15	D13	L2	W11	W10	L6	3.5
8	Dean W Brown	1432	1472	W21	L5	L4	D18	W19	W14	3.5
9	James Mac Neil	1719	1684	L5	L10	W14	L17	W16	W18	3.0
10	Salvador Menaamaro	1608	1591	L19	W9	L6	W13	L7	W17	3.0
11	Fred Strelzoff	1224	1351	L6	W21	W16	L7	W18	L4	3.0
12	Roderick Santiago	1765	1737	D4	W19	W13	L1	L5	U--	2.5

13	Vibi Varghese	1458	1470	W3	D7	L12	L10	L14	W19	2.5
14	Tom R Madole	1427	1450	D20	L15	L9	W21	W13	L8	2.5
15	Dylan M Lehti	1763	1739	L7	W14	W18	L3	U--	U--	2.0
16	La Moyne Splichal	1601	1553	H--	L2	L11	D19	L9	B--	2.0
17	Dashzeveg Samdan	1448	1461	L1	L3	W21	W9	L4	L10	2.0
18	Jonathan Ray Fortune	1520	1493	D2	D4	L15	D8	L11	L9	1.5
19	Michael A Igoe	1422	1412	W10	L12	L3	D16	L8	L13	1.5
20	Manny R Presicci	1612	1606	D14	U--	U--	U--	U--	U--	0.5
21	Norbert E Martinez	1636	1557	L8	L11	L17	L14	U--	U--	0.0

Reserve Section

1	Christofer Peterson	1391	1443	W18	W4	W10	W9	W2	D3	5.5
2	Thao Uyen Le	1307	1340	W11	W16	W9	W3	L1	D4	4.5
3	Joseph H Pahk	1249	1292	W21	W13	W8	L2	W5	D1	4.5
4	Robert J Herbst	1246	1284	W6	L1	W21	W17	W10	D2	4.5
5	James H G Borst	1267	1268	L7	W18	W11	W6	L3	W8	4.0
6	Marco A Guerra	1216	1224	L4	W15	W12	L5	W19	W10	4.0
7	James D Lytle	1017	1113	W5	L9	W13	L10	W16	W12	4.0
8	Ernesto R Guerra	1247	1251	H--	W19	L3	W11	W9	L5	3.5
9	Louis Berman	1377	1335	W15	W7	L2	L1	L8	W19	3.0
10	Eirik Ogilvie	1263	1232	W20	W12	L1	W7	L4	L6	3.0
11	Gregory Alan Bain	914	978	L2	W22	L5	L8	W21	W15	3.0
12	Andrew J Furze	727	829	B--	L10	L6	W22	W13	L7	3.0
13	Stetson Zirkelbach	unr	992	W17	L3	L7	W21	L12	W22	3.0
14	Richard H Wyatt	938	955	U--	L21	F20	D18	W22	W17	2.5
15	Michael C Varney	935	957	L9	L6	W18	D19	W17	L11	2.5
16	Hoang Lim	unr	955	W22	L2	L17	W20	L7	D18	2.5
17	GERALD J MAIER	1010	960	L13	W20	W16	L4	L15	L14	2.0
18	Bryan Yue	950	935	L1	L5	L15	D14	W20	D16	2.0
19	Larry West	unr	995	H--	L8	W22	D15	L6	L9	2.0
20	Kathy A Schneider	823	770	L10	L17	X14	L16	L18	D21	1.5
21	Barbara M Fortune	734	753	L3	W14	L4	L13	L11	D20	1.5
22	Alex E Mc Mahon	1200	1021	L16	L11	L19	L12	L14	L13	0.0

Membership Meeting Open

1	Timothy E Brennan	1777	1804	W16	W6	W3	3.0
2	Matthew D Kasper	1600	1648	W17	W7	W5	3.0
3	Paul S Nikitovich	2203	2191	W9	W8	L1	2.0
4	Arthur Glassman	1922	1907	L10	W14	W12	2.0
5	Billy P Willson	1805	1796	W11	W10	L2	2.0
6	Brian Lee Walker Jr	1503	1504	W15	L1	W13	2.0
7	Imre Barlay	1902	1878	W12	L2	D11	1.5
8	Brian L Walker	1733	1727	W13	L3	D9	1.5
9	Randy Scott Reynolds	1581	1589	L3	W16	D8	1.5
10	Paul M Grimm	1564	1585	W4	L5	H--	1.5
11	Scott M Guthrie	1389	1403	L5	W17	D7	1.5
12	Jacob M Zax	1518	1511	L7	W15	L4	1.0
13	Lee F Lahti	1193	1185	L8	B--	L6	1.0
14	Jay Kranzdorf	970	985	H--	L4	D16	1.0
15	Arnon Rogers	unr	1114	L6	L12	W17	1.0
16	Peter J Grigg	1225	1206	L1	L9	D14	0.5
17	Charles F Tolen	unr	350	L2	L11	L15	0.0

Results from the Larimer County Open 2005

Ft. Collins

October 8-9, 2005



Open Section

1	Brad Lundstrom	10410347	1952	1963	W14	W8	W7	W4	L2	4.0
2	Markus D Petters	12845198	2024	2023	L13	W6	W8	W5	W1	4.0
3	David A Wallace	10364132	2037	2026	W21	D4	D5	D7	W10	3.5
4	Leonardo Sotaridona	12938967	1796	1819	W18	D3	W13	L1	W7	3.5
5	Chris Peterson	12859076	1484	1606	W10	W20	D3	L2	D6	3.0
6	Laurence R Wutt	12745430	1796	1797	H--	L2	W16	W9	D5	3.0
7	Vijaya Kumar Surla	12864769	1856	1852	W11	W9	L1	D3	L4	2.5
8	Roderick Santiago	12873808	1760	1752	W16	L1	L2	X19	D9	2.5
9	Richard Cordovano	12421064	1681	1692	W19	L7	W12	L6	D8	2.5
10	Ronald A Matous	12410583	1775	1766	L5	W15	H--	W13	L3	2.5
11	Paul M Grimm	12461913	1583	1590	L7	L19	W15	W18	D12	2.5
12	Shaun Mac Millan	10410916	1888	1863	H--	D13	L9	W14	D11	2.5
13	Manny R Presicci	10137993	1627	1643	W2	D12	L4	L10	D14	2.0
14	La Moyne Splichal	10329515	1600	1597	L1	D16	W19	L12	D13	2.0
15	Timothy M Fisher	12470788	1565	1550	L20	L10	L11	W22	W17	2.0
16	River Martinez	13174310	1475	1486	L8	D14	L6	D17	W18	2.0
17	Thao Uyen Le	12916841	1474	1462	H--	H--	U--	D16	L15	1.5
18	Jonathan Fortune	12707562	1516	1473	L4	L21	B--	L11	L16	1.0
19	Tom R Madole	12905465	1414	1424	L9	W11	L14	F8	U--	1.0
20	Michael S Marson	12623371	1842	1829	W15	L5	U--	U--	U--	1.0
21	Dean H Mitchell	10504694	1644	1649	L3	W18	U--	U--	U--	1.0
22	Richard H Wyatt	12599380	946	945	U--	U--	U--	L15	U--	0.0

Reserve Section

1	Dean W Brown	10224098	1322	1342	W17	W6	W4	W2	D3	4.5
2	Lee F Lahti	12914550	1276	1287	W11	W7	W12	L1	W5	4.0
3	Michael C Varney	12924887	957	1042	W10	L12	W14	W4	D1	3.5
4	Thomas Mullikin	12905792	1137	1120	W15	W9	L1	L3	W8	3.0
5	Noah I Friesen	12838217	946	967	L9	W15	W7	W6	L2	3.0
6	Hoang U Lim	13211302	985	990	W14	L1	W10	L5	W9	3.0
7	Carl J Herrmann	12954873	999	985	W16	L2	L5	W14	W10	3.0
8	Richard H Wyatt	12599380	946	954	U--	W16	W9	H--	L4	2.5
9	Steven A Shotwell	12957350	unr	885	W5	L4	L8	W11	L6	2.0
10	Michael J Dempsey	12952683	unr	814	L3	W11	L6	W13	L7	2.0
11	Kathy Schneider	12545281	818	789	L2	L10	W15	L9	W14	2.0
12	Cory E Foster	12928613	1152	1156	W13	W3	L2	U--	U--	2.0
13	Barbara Fortune	12717006	683	650	L12	L14	W16	L10	W15	2.0
14	Tim Benson	13241763	unr	653	L6	W13	L3	L7	L11	1.0
15	Ashcon Akharan	13241778	unr	446	L4	L5	L11	W16	L13	1.0
16	Monica Cordovano	13221748	unr	283	L7	L8	L13	L15	B--	1.0
17	Peter K Lundstrom	12540017	892	889	L1	U--	U--	U--	U--	0.0

Results from the Winter Springs Open

Colorado Springs
December 3 - 4, 2005

June Section

1	Brian Wall	10923344	2202	2211	W8	D2	X12	W3	3.5
2	David Wallace	10364132	2037	2064	W16	D1	W6	W5	3.5
3	Philipp Ponomarev	12685861	2343	2340	W4	W6	W5	L1	3.0
4	Imre Barlay	11024190	1890	1904	L3	W16	D8	W11	2.5
5	Josh Bloomer	12626102	2189	2179	W14	W7	L3	L2	2.0
6	Shane Gaschler	12450005	2022	2020	W11	L3	L2	W10	2.0
7	Arthur Glassman	10352258	1918	1926	W13	L5	W9	U--	2.0
8	Shaun MacMillan	10410916	1888	1882	L1	D10	D4	D14	1.5
9	Anthony Telinbacco	12407832	1837	1836	W17	L15	L7	D13	1.5
10	Larry Wutt	12745430	1796	1801	L12	D8	W14	L6	1.5
11	Paul Anderson	12728345	1818	1811	L6	H--	W13	L4	1.5
12	Dan Avery	12405387	1972	1977	W10	H--	F1	U--	1.5
13	Richard Cordovano	12421064	1681	1679	L7	D14	L11	D9	1.0
14	David Langlois	12012030	1862	1842	L5	D13	L10	D8	1.0
15	Richard Buchanan	10273030	2000	2005	U--	W9	U--	U--	1.0
16	DuWayne Langseth	11197175	1824	1811	L2	L4	U--	U--	0.0
17	Eric Billaux	12578819	2120	2107	L9	U--	U--	U--	0.0

July Section

1	Roderick Santiago	12873808	1760	1767	D13	W10	W7	W5	3.5
2	Chris Peterson	12859076	1484	1540	W11	L5	W15	W7	3.0
3	Louis Koleszar	12880810	1645	1648	L15	W13	W14	W9	3.0
4	Gordon Randall	12862113	1713	1722	W9	W15	D5	H--	3.0
5	Jim Johnston	12528796	1709	1711	W8	W2	D4	L1	2.5
6	Joe Fromme	12352662	1635	1616	W16	L7	D8	W10	2.5
7	Dean Brown	10224098	1322	1392	W17	W6	L1	L2	2.0
8	Vibi Varghese	12919769	1463	1490	L5	W11	D6	D14	2.0
9	Dan St. John	12621782	1483	1484	L4	W16	W12	L3	2.0
10	Peter Robinson	12999264	1191	1259	W12	L1	W17	L6	2.0
11	Steve Kovach	12687854	1714	1686	L2	L8	W13	W15	2.0
12	Robert Rountree	12937640	1106	1126	L10	B--	L9	W16	2.0
13	Gerry Sunderland	12559917	1509	1519	D1	L3	L11	W17	1.5
14	Thao Le	12916841	1474	1466	H--	H--	L3	D8	1.5
15	Renae Delaware	12913218	1417	1422	W3	L4	L2	L11	1.0
16	Majid Kahhak	12659128	1463	1408	L6	L9	B--	L12	1.0
17	Tom Bourie	12590421	1628	1562	L7	H--	L10	L13	0.5

August Section

1	Evan Wright	13109064	1082	1205	W9	W6	W5	W3	4.0
2	Michael Varney	12924887	957	1026	L3	W10	W6	W5	3.0
3	Fred Eric Spell	12835115	1292	1285	W2	H--	W8	L1	2.5
4	Kyle Leeds-Tilley	13212071	784	835	L6	B--	W7	D8	2.5
5	Russel Stark	13185723	1143	1110	W10	W7	L1	L2	2.0
6	Michael Filppu	12915820	933	928	W4	L1	L2	W10	2.0
7	David Izzo	13295816	unr	953	W8	L5	L4	W9	2.0
8	Thomas Mullikin	12905792	1137	1082	L7	W9	L3	D4	1.5
9	Kathy Schneider	12545281	818	793	L1	L8	W10	L7	1.0
10	Dan McLaughlin	13295801	unr	391	L5	L2	L9	L6	0.0

Durango Autumn 2005 Chess Tournament

Durango November 4, 2005

Open Section

1	Charles F Burrow	1707	1733	W9	W4	W6	D2	3.5
2	Damian Nash	1952	1955	W8	W6	W3	D1	3.5
3	Karl W Irons	1830	1826	W10	W5	L2	W7	3.0
4	Normand Larivee	unr	1606	W11	L1	W8	W5	3.0
5	James P Mooney	1488	1480	W7	L3	W9	L4	2.0
6	James Jacobs	1591	1579	W12	L2	L1	W10	2.0
7	James Larivee	unr	1196	L5	W10	W11	L3	2.0
8	Joseph Shepherd	966	990	L2	W12	L4	W9	2.0
9	Logan Cheney	unr	951	L1	W11	L5	L8	1.0
10	Logan Martin	unr	750	L3	L7	W12	L6	1.0
11	Daniel Sellers	945	911	L4	L9	L7	U--	0.0
12	Mycal Berkey	unr	350	L6	L8	L10	U--	0.0

Quick Chess

1	Damian Nash	1940	1943	W4	W2	W5	U--	3.0
2	Morgan Charle Fry	932	935	W5	L1	U--	W5	2.0
3	John S Mical	1795	1809	U--	W4	W4	U--	2.0
4	Charles F Burrow	1673	1651	L1	L3	L3	U--	0.0
5	Darren Johnson	318	314	L2	U--	L1	L2	0.0

Chess for Beginners Taught through CFU

By Bruce Bain

The "Chess for Beginners" class, taught by DCC through Colorado Free University has graduated over 82 students since the first class in September 2004.

The weekly hour and a half classes cover Chess History, Basic Piece Moves, Castling, En Passant, Forks, Pins, Skewers, Double Threats and Algebraic Notation, the Chess Clock, and Openings.

The class was offered on Friday nights for the past year, and in 2005 the class is offered on Sun-

day afternoon as well.

The classes cost \$20.00, and the students pay a \$12.00 materials fee, for which they receive a workbook, a small "analysis" size chess set, and photocopies of sample games.

These classes help publicize and promote the Denver Chess Club, introducing many people to the world of chess, and the benefits offered through new friendships and the fundamental fact expressed by Siegbert Tarrasch: "Chess, like love, like music, makes men happy!"

A bad plan is better than none at all.

— Frank
Marshall

Results from the 2005 Southern Utah Chess Festival

Moab, Utah
December 28 - 30, 2005

Igor Ivanov Memorial Open, 12-29-05

1	Jeff Phillips	2193	2198	W10	W6	W5	W4	4
2	John S Mical	1800	1809	W8	L4	W6	W5	3
3	Arlo Tejada	1021	1187	L5	W9	W8	W7	3
4	Damian Nash	1956	1959	W9	W2	H--	L1	2½
5	Grant B Hodson	1662	1660	W3	W10	L1	L2	2
6	Michael Mc Dermott	1689	1683	W11	L1	L2	W9	2
7	Dayton Forrest Minor	1012	1030	U--	H--	W11	L3	1½
8	James Jorgen	1111	1107	L2	W11	L3	L10	1
9	William Barfuss	1423	1406	L4	L3	W10	L6	1
10	Sam Tregillus	1480	1454	L1	L5	L9	W8	1
11	Kalen Orion Dear	1137	1078	L6	L8	L7	B--	1

Fun Tournament, G/60, 12-30-05

1	Jeff Phillips	2198	2199	W8	W3	W4	3
2	Grant B Hodson	1660	1647	L3	W4	W5	2
3	Russell Minor	756	852	W2	L1	L7	1
4	Michael Mc Dermott	1683	1667	W5	L2	L1	1
5	Dayton F Minor	1030	1061	L4	W8	L2	1
6	William Barfuss	1406	1412	U--	U--	W8	1
7	Damian Nash	1959	1960	U--	U--	W3	1
8	James Jorgen	1107	1073	L1	L5	L6	0



Quick Tournament, G/15, 12-28-05

1	Jeff Phillips	2111	2119	W10	W7	W5	W9	W4	W6	W2	W3	W8	9
2	John S Mical	1808	1828	W5	W9	W4	W6	W8	W3	L1	W10	W7	8
3	Damian Nash	1942	1913	L7	W5	X9	W4	W6	L2	W8	L1	W10	6
4	Grant B Hodson	1524	1524	W8	W6	L2	L3	L1	W10	W7	W5	X9	6
5	James Jorgen	958	1051	L2	L3	L1	W10	W7	W8	X9	L4	L6	4
6	Michael Mc Dermott	1548	1499	L9	L4	W8	L2	L3	L1	W10	W7	W5	4
7	William Barfuss	1272	1259	W3	L1	W10	L8	L5	X9	L4	L6	L2	3
8	Arlo Tejada	1026	1056	L4	W10	L6	W7	L2	L5	L3	L9	L1	2
9	Sam Tregillus	1314	1317	W6	L2	F3	L1	L10	F7	F5	W8	F4	2
10	Kalen Orion Dear	1103	1074	L1	L8	L7	L5	W9	L4	L6	L2	L3	1

CO Chess Survey: A Memorial Day Afternoon with Allan Ufer

By Paul Grimm

Lately, I've been spending more of my free time this year racing and training for various athletic endeavors and less time playing chess. However, Memorial Day Weekend was pretty much a chess weekend similar to so many chess weekends I've enjoyed in the last 6 years in Colorado. It was nice to sit on my butt, rest my legs for a weekend, and see some old chess friends.

I wrapped up my Memorial Day Weekend on Monday with a visit to see Allan Ufer in Colorado Springs. I had heard several months earlier that Allan's health wasn't doing too well and he was hospitalized or in a long-care treatment facility. What better way to end the long weekend by visiting with one of Colorado's most active chess veterans.

Allan Ufer would be instantly recognized by anyone as one of Colorado's chess regulars. You'd normally see him wearing striped suspenders pushing a walker, wearing a patriotic USA-themed hat with stars, stripes, red, white, and blue. Finding Allan napping on any available couch between rounds would not be out of the ordinary. Oh yeah, and his walker would have those bright yellow Spaulding tennis balls cut out and wrapped around the leg ends so as to provide a smoother "ride" as Allan pushes his walker across the floor. I'm assuming Spaulding is his favorite brand—that's one question I forgot to ask him Monday afternoon.

"Teach the kids chess — it's so good for their brains."

— Allan Ufer

However, I did get to ask him many questions about his chess career, his background, and how he ended up in Colorado. Even though his health has not been the greatest lately, he still had a sparkle in his eye and that "gosh, jolly-shucks" sense of humor that only someone from the countryside would have.

Allan was born on June 29th, 1934 in New Jersey. He was one of three kids. Allan learned how to play chess during his high school days in the early 1950's. This was a time before Sputnik and the space age. This was *way* before the Internet, ICC, and Fritz. This was a time when study of chess came by reading a book full of descriptive notation in front of a small analysis board. And that's exactly what Allan did.

He was the only kid in his entire family to take on a liking for the game. Allan's other major activity in high school was playing offense and defense for his high school football team. Before chess became a major hobby in his life, I was impressed to learn Allan was a quarterback and halfback on a 10-1 state championship team for the Fortley High School Bridgemen.

He graduated from high school in May 1952 and didn't play chess again until after marriage in 1956. Unfortunately, he quickly ran out of time for the game since he was drafted into the US Army on a 2-year enlistment in 1957 between the Korean and Vietnam Wars.

Allan spent the next 2 years serving our nation as an infantryman, stationed mostly in Germany. He told me about the "Army training" he received when learning how to drive an M59 armored personnel carrier. He literally had to learn by the seat of his pants with only the guidance of his sergeant on how to maneuver the multi-ton behemoth over the West German countryside hills.

I had to chuckle when he told me the story about driving his armored vehicle over a hill too quickly. With a squad of soldiers riding in the back, he proceeding the take the half-track "airborne" and all occupants got to experience a little zero-gravity before crashing on their back-ends. I instantly had this vision of 8 to 10 soldiers with their weapons and equipment strewn across the floor, like a chess set dropped from a table. ♪

On Allan's return from Europe, he was given just a few hours to tour London. He bought a small, wooden-peg chess set that he hoped to use in his life

after the Army.

Upon his return to the USA, Allan settled down in New Jersey working for the telephone company. He made time for chess, joining the Dumont Chessmates in Bergen County. He also took up correspondence chess, which at the time only cost two cents per post card. "I once played up to 24 games at the same time," Allan told me with a nostalgic tone. "I ended up playing around 200 games of correspondence chess back then."

Allan's over-the-board rating started around 600, based on whatever rating system the USCF was using at that time. "I had a major break-through in understanding when I passed 1000. Also, finding out how to play women and losing to a woman was a big thing then."

So Allan studied books using his small wooden analysis set and tested his understanding at the Dumont Chessmates Club and on the job ("I did a lot of stuff on company time," Allan confessed; I smiled as I find myself doing "a lot" on company time too! Nice to see some things never change.)

Before he knew it, Allan was catching up with the learning curve. By the late 1960's he was unofficial chess champion of the Hackensack Central Office, his work place. He became so active with the Dumont Club he was elected Vice President in 1971 and eventually became President for several years. He won the club championship 2 years in a row and netted a \$10 first-place prize in his first tournament victory.

When the interview resumes, Allan explains that he fell victim to all the usual "opening cheap shots" that everyone learns when introduced to chess. But in time, he learned these traps himself, and then some. He even started beating those women!

After 27 years with the New Jersey Phone Company, Allan retired in December 1992 and moved to Colorado soon afterwards. Of all places, why he moved to Colorado is a mystery, but in the end, it really doesn't matter. Why do any of us do what

we do in life?



Allan started playing in the Colorado Springs Chess Club where he met other Colorado chess regulars such as Dean Brown, Buck Buchanan, Kathy Schneider, and others. Since 1994, Allan has played in a whopping 266 rated events. Although his average rating has dropped from the mid-1400's to around 1100 or 1200 in recent years, Mr. Ufer can still surprise stronger players from time to time with a sneaky tactic or two.

I know what I'm talking about; I've personally been up-ended by the squirrely Ufer-Meister three times in the 14 games we've played, including one particularly memorable G/30 at the Hillside Fundraiser in 2003 where I rejected Allan's offer to use his time-delay clock thinking to myself "I won't need time-delay, I'm gonna have Allan whipped before time even becomes a factor!" Ha!—famous last thoughts and the laugh was on me—I ran out of time in a basic end game!

Allan's most memorable game in Colorado was beating 1700-rated Virgil McGuire.

Allan's favorite Colorado tournament location is Manitou Springs and his favorite tournament director is long-time contributor Buck Buchanan. One of his most memorable chess events was winning a wooden, red and white Staunton Chess set at a Denker Fundraiser raffle in Denver several years back. "Unfortunately, it got too heavy to carry around," Allan laments.

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Results from the Al Ufer Memorial

Manitou Springs

January 7, 2006

OPEN SECTION

1	BRIAN D WALL	3.5	W19	W7	W4	D2
2	TYLER B HUGHES	3.5	W21	W5	W3	D1
3	MARKUS D PETTERS	3.0	W13	W12	L2	W11
4	RICHARD W BUCHANAN	3.0	W18	W14	L1	W12
5	DANIEL P AVERY	3.0	W8	L2	W10	W15
6	BRAD LUNDSTROM	2.5	H	L10	W14	W16
7	SHAUN T. MACMILLAN	2.5	X	L1	W19	H
8	JAY M SHAEFFER	2.5	L5	W20	D16	W19
9	THEODORE P DANECKI	2.0	D17	L15	W22	D10
10	ANTHONY TELINBACCO JR	2.0	D22	W6	L5	D9
11	PAUL DOUGLAS ANDERSON	2.0	D15	D17	W13	L3
12	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN	2.0	X	L3	W17	L4
13	RODERICK SANTIAGO	2.0	L3	W21	L11	W20
14	ZACH HOLMES	2.0	W16	L4	L6	W22
15	TOM JOSEPH BOURIE	2.0	D11	W9	H	L5
16	LAURENCE R WUTT	1.5	L14	W22	D8	L6
17	JOSEPH T FROMME	1.5	D9	D11	L12	D18
18	RICHARD CORDOVANO	1.5	L4	L19	B	D17
19	MARK S MC GOUGH	1.0	L1	W18	L7	L8
20	PAUL M GRIMM	1.0	F	L8	W21	L13
21	JASON R CHECK	1.0	L2	L13	L20	B
22	IGOR MELNYKOV	0.5	D10	L16	L9	L14

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As we reach the end of my visit, I ask Allan if he has any closing remarks. "Teach the kids chess—it's so good for their brains. And teach them to be clean in the tournaments. Sportsmanship is more important than winning."

What a fitting note to end my Memorial Day afternoon on! Allan's a winner in the great game of life, regardless of any chess rating or lifetime win/loss record.

Allan Ufer passed away on 10 July 05 and a memorial service was held in Manitou Springs. His red-and white-lacquered House of Staunton Chess set may yet be auctioned off at a future tournament to support scholastic chess—just as Allan would have wanted.

For more of the tribute to Allan Ufer, go to page 23 for a reprint of the Colorado Springs' Gazette article on Allan Ufer and the memorial chess tournament held in his honor.

Annotated games from this tournament will appear in the next issue in July.

Results from the Al Ufer Memorial

Manitou Springs
January 7, 2006

RESERVE SECTION

1	KASPARS KRUTKRAMELIS	4.0	W18	W9	W7	W6
2	NATHAN A STARK	3.5	W31	W32	D11	W12
3	RENAE D DELAWARE	3.5	W23	W37	D12	W15
4	SAMUEL D MEYER	3.0	L8	W25	W20	W19
5	ADIN A UMANA	3.0	L21	W30	W22	W20
6	DANIEL J ST. JOHN	3.0	W25	W8	W16	L1
7	JOSH DIVINE	3.0	W30	W21	L1	W18
8	PETER J GRIGG	3.0	W4	L6	W24	W27
9	FRED ERIC SPELL	3.0	W35	L1	W23	W17
10	SCOTT W SILLS	3.0	L32	W31	W33	W16
11	PETER J SHORT	2.5	W24	W17	D2	U
12	GERARD R SUNDERLAND	2.5	W22	W19	D3	L2
13	NORBERT E MARTINEZ	2.5	W38	L20	H	W28
14	ANN DAVIES	2.5	W26	W28	H	U
15	RANDY SCOTT REYNOLDS	2.0	L 28	W26	W21	L3
16	BEN DANECKI	2.0	W29	W27	L6	L10
17	JOSHUA BIBER	2.0	W39	L11	W32	L9
18	LEE LAHTI	2.0	L1	W34	W37	L7
19	ROBERT ZING	2.0	W33	L12	W36	L4
20	JOSEPH H PAHK	2.0	W36	W13	L4	L5
21	CORY E FOSTER	2.0	W5	L7	L15	W31
22	BRET C KUGLER	2.0	L12	W35	L5	W36
23	JEFF WILKINS	2.0	L3	W29	L9	W33
24	PHILIP G MEYER	2.0	L11	W39	L8	W32
25	THOMAS MULLIKIN	2.0	L6	L4	W34	W37
26	ZACHARY WILKINS	2.0	L14	L15	W39	W35
27	NATASHA DEAKINS	1.5	W34	L16	D28	L8
28	RYAN W CRISP	1.5	W15	L14	D27	L13
29	JOEY R EVONIUK	1.0	L16	L23	L30	W 39
30	ROBERT ROUNTREE	1.0	L7	L5	W29	U
31	GERALD J MAIER	1.0	L2	L10	W38	L21
32	KYLE M LEEDS-TILLEY	1.0	W10	L2	L17	L24
33	RON KEYSTON	1.0	L19	W38	L10	L23
34	MICHAEL STUART FILPPU	1.0	L27	L18	L25	B
35	KATHY A SCHNEIDER	1.0	L9	L22	B	L 26
36	KEN JOHNSON	1.0	L 20	B	L19	L22
37	LARRY TILLEY	1.0	B	L3	L18	L25
38	RUSSEL J STARK	0.0	L13	L33	L31	U
39	CYNTHIA LANGSETH	0.0	L17	L24	L26	L29

Games from Winter Springs Open Selected by Richard Buchanan

JUNE SECTION

Brian Wall - Shaun MacMillan, Old Indian

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nc3 c6 5.d4 Be7 6.e4 Qb6 7.c5 dxc5 8.dxe5 Ng4 9.f4 c4 10.Qe2 Bc5 11.Nf3 Nf2 12.Qxc4 Nxb1 13.Bxb1 Bf2+ 14.Kf1 Be6 15.Qe2 Bh3+ 16.Bg2 Bxg2+ 17.Kxg2 Bc5 18.e6 Qa6 19.exf7+ Ke7 20.Qc2 Nd7 21.e5 Kxf7 22.e6+ Kxe6 23.Ng5+ Ke7 24.Qe4+ Kd8 25.Nf7+ Kc7 26.Nxb8 Rxb8 27.f5 Bd6 28.Bf4 Qa5 29.b4 Qa3 30.Rd1 Bxf4 31.Qxf4+ Kc8 32.Ne4 Qb2+ 33.Rd2 Qe5 34.Nd6+ Kc7 35.Nb5+ Kc8 36.Nxa7+ Kb8 37.Rxd7 Qxf4 38.Nxc6+ bxc6 39.gxf4 Rf8 40.Kf3 Kc8 41.Rxg7 1-0

Philipp Ponomarev - Shane Gaschler, Richter

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.f3 h6 5.Bh4 e6 6.e4 Be7 7.Bg3 a6 8.Qd2 Bb4 9.a3 Bxc3 10.Qxc3 dxe4 11.Qxc7 Qxc7 12.Bxc7 b5 13.a4 Nd5 14.Bd6 Ne3 15.Kf2 Nxc2 16.Rd1 Bb7 17.Ne2 e3+ 18.Kg3 b4 19.h4 Rc8 20.Rc1 Rc6 21.b3 Rxd6 22.Rxc2 0-0 23.Rc7 Rb8 24.Kf4 Nf6 25.Rc5 Nd5+ 26.Ke4 Rbd8 27.Kd3 Rc8 28.h5 Rdc6 29.Rh4 f5 30.Nf4 Rxc5 31.dxc5 Rxc5 32.Nxd5 Rxd5+ 33.Kxe3 a5 34.Bc4 Rd6 35.Rd4 Bd5 36.Bxd5 exd5 37.Kf4 Kf7 38.Kxf5 g6+ 39.Ke5 Ke7 40.Rxd5 Re6+ 41.Kd4 Rc6 42.Rxa5 Rc3 43.Re5+ Kf6 44.Re3 Rc2 45.g4 gxh5 46.gxh5 Kg5 47.Re5+ 1-0

David Wallace - Brian Wall, QP

1.d4 Na6 (Brian's scoresheet gives as this game's opening "White to play and mate in ?" Recall his 8-move disaster against the same opponent in last year's tournament.) 2.Bf4 c6 3.e3 Nc7 4.c3 Nf6 5.Bd3 g6 6.e4 d6 7.Qd2 Ne6 8.Bh6 Bxb6 9.Qxb6 Qb6 10.Qd2 Nf4 11.Qxf4 Qxb2 12.Qd2 Qxa1 13.Ne2 Be6 14.Nc1 b5 15.d5 b4 16.dxe6 bxc3 17.Nxc3 Rb8 18.0-0 Qb2 19.exf7+ ½-½

Richard Cordovano - David Langlois, Sicilian

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Nc3 Nf6 8.f3 0-0 9.Be2 Ne5 10.0-0 Bd7 11.Rc1 Rc8 12.Nd5 e6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Nb5 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Rxc4 16.Nxd6 Rxc1 17.Qxc1 b6 18.Bh6 Bd4+ 19.Kh1 Bg7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qc3+ f6 22.Rc1 Kg8 23.Qc7 Qxc7 24.Rxc7 Rd8 25.Kg1 Ba4 26.Rc8 Rxc8 27.Nxc8 Kf8 28.Nxa7 Bd7 29.b3 Ke7 30.Kf2 Kd6 31.Ke3 Kc5 32.a3 e5 33.Kd3 b5 34.a4 bxa4 35.bxa4 Kb6 36.Nb5 Bxb5+ 37.axb5 Kxb5 38.g3 g5 39.g4 Kb4 40.Kd2! Kb3 41.Kd3 Kb4 42.Kd2 Kc4 43.Kc2 ½-½

Philipp Ponomarev - Brian Wall, Benoni

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.dxe6 fxe6 4.e4 Nc6 5.Nc3 d6 6.f4 a6 7.Nf3 Nh6 8.Be3 Be7 9.Qd2 0-0 10.Rd1 b5 11.h3 b4 12.Ne2 Nf7 13.g4 g5 14.f5 Nce5 15.Neg1 exf5 16.exf5 Bb7 17.Kf2 h5 18.Bg2 Nc4 19.Qc1 Bf6 20.b3 Bb2 21.Bxg5 Nxb3 22.Qf4 Ne4+ 23.Kf1 Ne5 24.Ne1 Nc3 25.Bxb7 Nxd1 26.Bd5+ Kg7 27.Ne2 Bd4 28.Nxd4 cxd4 29.Qxd4 Nc3 30.Bxa8 Qxa8 31.Rh2 Qe4 32.Qxd6 Nd5 33.Re2 Ne3+ 34.Kg1 hxg4 35.Qe7+ Rf7 36.Qg5+ Kh7 37.Rxe3 Qxf5 38.Qxf5+ Rxf5 39.hxg4 Rg5 40.Kf1

At this point Brian claimed a win on time. The clock showed that Philipp had used more than two hours to make his forty moves. The situation was complicated by the fact that the clock had not put on the display it is supposed to do when the time runs out. But earlier in the game an illegal move had been made and retracted, and another move made instead. So the clock "thought" that the fortieth move was past and gone, and just clicked over into the secondary time control. Because the clock showed that beyond question the two hours had been exceeded, the game was declared a win for Black. 0-1

JULY SECTION

Chris Peterson - Steve Kovach, QP London

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.Nf3 e6 5.h3 Bh5 6.g4 Bg6 7.Ne5 Nbd7 8.h4 h5 9.Nxg6 fxg6 10.g5 Ng8 11.Bd3 Ne7 12.Qe2 c5 13.c3 Qb6 14.0-0 Nf5 15.Bb5 Bd6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.dxc5 Qxc5 18.Bxd7+ Kxd7 19.Rd1 Kc7 20.b4 Qc6 21.Na3 a6 22.c4 dxc4 23.Nxc4 Nxh4 24.e4 Qb5 25.Qe3 Qxg5+ 26.Qxg5 Nf3+ 27.Kg2 Nxg5 28.Rac1 Rad8 29.Ne5+ Kb8 30.Nd7+ Ka7 31.b5! Rc8 32.b6+ Ka8 33.Rc7 Rxc7 34.bxc7 b5 35.Nc5 Nf7 36.Rd7 Rf8 37.Rxf7 Rc8 38.Rxg7 Ka7 39.Nxe6 a5 40.Nd8 Kb6 41.Ne6 b4 42.Rxg6 Kc6 43.f4 a4 44.f5 Kd6 45.Rg3 Ke5 46.Rd3 b3 47.axb3 axb3 48.Rxb3 Kxe4 49.Rb8 1-0

Joe Fromme - Dean Brown, English

1.c4 b6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bb7 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d3 c5 8.e4 Nc6 9.Bg5 Re8 10.Qd2 d6 11.Bh6 Bh8 12.Ng5 Ng4 13.Nh3 Nxh6 14.Qxh6 Bg7 15.Qg5 Ne5 16.Rad1 e6 17.Qd2 a6 18.f4 Ng4 19.Kh1 Bd4 20.Rde1 Ra7 21.Rf3 Qa8 22.Ne2 f5 23.Nxd4 cxd4 24.Nf2 Ne3 25.Qb4 Nc2 0-1

Peter Robinson - Rod Santiago, Alekhin

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d3 dxe4 4.Bg5 exd3 5.Bxd3 e6 6.Qf3 Nbd7 7.0-0-0 Be7 8.Qh3 c6 9.f4 Qa5 10.f5 Ne5 11.Nf3 Nxd3+ 12.Rxd3 Bd7 13.Re1 0-0-0 14.fxe6 Bxe6 15.Rxe6 fxe6 16.Qxe6+ Kb8 17.Bf4+ Ka8 18.Qxe7 Rxd3 19.cxd3 Qf5 20.Be3 Qxd3 21.Qc5 Qa6 22.b4 b5 23.Ne5 Rd8 24.Nxc6 Rc8 25.Nxb5 Qxc6 26.Kb2 Qxg2+ 0-1

Gerry Sunderland - Louis Koleszar, Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 e6 5.Nge2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 a6 9.a3 Ne5 10.b3 b5 11.Bb2 Bb7 12.Nde2 Ng6 13.Kh1 Qb6 14.Qd3 Ne5 15.Qd4 Qc7 16.f4 Neg4 17.b4 Qc6 18.h3 Bd8 19.hxg4 Nxg4 20.Nd5 e5 21.Qb6 Bxb6 22.Ne7+ Kh8 23.Nxc6 Bxc6 24.Bf3 Nf2+ 25.Kg2 Nxe4 26.Bxe5 Nd2 27.Bxc6 dxc6 28.Rfd1 Nc4 29.Bd4 Bxd4 30.Rxd4 Ne3+ 31.Kf3 Nxc2 32.Rc1 Nxd4+ 33.Nxd4 Rfd8 34.Nc2 Rd3+ 35.Kf2 Rc3 36.g4 Rd8 37.Ke2 c5 38.bxc5 Rxc5 39.Ke3 Kg8 40.Ke2 Rc4 41.Ke3 f6 42.g5 f5 43.Kf3 Rdc8 0-1

Vibi Varghese - Joe Fromme, Gurgeneidze

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Be3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Qd2 h6 6.h3 d5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.f3 exf3 10.Nxf3 Bf5 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0 13.0-0-0 e6 14.g4 Qd5 15.Rdf1 Qxa2 16.b3 Qa1+ 17.Kd2 Qa5+ 18.Ke2 Nd7 19.h4 Rad8 20.Ra1 Qc7 21.Qe4 Rfe8 22.h5 g5 23.Nxg5 hxg5 24.h6 Bxe5 25.h7+ Kg7 26.Bxg5 f5 27.Qg2 Bf6 28.Be3 f4 29.g5 Be7 30.Bd2 e5 31.Qe4 exd4 32.h8Q+ Rxh8 33.Qxe7+ Kg6 34.Qe6+ Kg7 35.Qe7+ Kg6 36.Qe6+ Kg7 1/2-1/2

Gerry Sunderland - Tom Bourie, Caro-Kann

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Bd3 Nxe4 7.Bxe4 Nf6 8.Bd3 Bg4 9.c3 e6 10.Qe2 Be7 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 0-0 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.0-0-0 a5 15.g4 a4 16.h4 a3 17.b3 Rfc8 18.g5 Nd7 19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Qxf7 Nf8 21.g6+ Nxg6 22.Rdg1 Bf6 23.Qxg6+ Kh8 24.h5 Bxd4 25.h6 Kg8 26.Qxe6+ 1-0

AUGUST SECTION

Russ Stark - Evan Wright, English

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bc5 4.Bg2 d6 5.h3 Nc6 6.e3 Bf5 7.d3 Qd7 8.Ne4 Nxe4 9.dxe4 Be6 10.b3 Ne7 11.Ne2 0-0 12.Nc3 Rad8 13.Nd5 Ng6 14.f4 Bxd5 15.cxd5 Qb5 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 c6 18.Bb2 Rfe8 19.f5 Ne7 20.a3 cxd5 21.Rhf1 dxe4 22.Bxe4 d5 23.b4 Bb6 24.Bc2 f6 25.Bb3 Kh8 26.Rad1 d4 27.Ba4 Nc6 28.Bxc6 bxc6 29.e4 c5 30.bxc5 Bxc5 31.Rd3 Rb8 32.Bc1 Rb6 33.Rff3 Reb8 34.Bd2 Rb1 35.a4 R8b2 36.g4 Kg8 37.Rf1 Rxf1 38.Kxf1 Bb4 39.Ke2 Rxd2+ 40.Rxd2 Bxd2 41.Kxd2 Kf7 42.h4 h6 43.h5 Ke7 0-1

Kathy Schneider - Daniel McLaughlin, Philidor

1.Nc3 e5 2.e4 Nf6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Be2 c6 5.0-0 d5 6.exd5 cxd5 7.d3 Qc7 8.d4 e4 9.Ne5 h5 10.Bb5+ Bd7 11.Bxd7+ Nbx7 12.Nxd7 Ng4 13.Ne5 f6 14.Nxd5 Qb8 15.f3 fxe5 16.fxe4 exd4 17.Bf4 Bd6 18.Qxd4 Be5 19.Bxe5 Nxe5 20.Rf5 Ng4 21.e5 g6 22.Nf6+ Ke7 23.Qd7+ Kf8 24.Nh7+ Kg8 25.Qf7# 1-0

Colorado Chess Tour Standings (thru February)

Top 10 Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Brian Wall	2219	241.8	22
2	Phillip Ponomarev	2339	181.52	14
3	Brad Lundstrom	1951	158.91	18
4	David Wallace	2033	157	19
5	Markus Petters	2024	152.07	13
6	Roderick Santiago	1742	146.44	22
7	Richard Cordovano	1654	141	27
8	Leonardo Sotaridona	1819	137.53	19
9	Daniel Avery	1978	134.72	10
10	Richard Buchanan	2005	124.77	14

Top 10 Expert

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	David Wallace	2033	157	19
2	Markus Petters	2024	152.07	13
3	Richard Buchanan	2005	124.77	14
4	Jesse Cohen	2144	119.27	10
5	Tyler Hughes	2128	103.61	8
6	Robert Ramirez	2026	77.73	6
7	James Hamblin	2057	76.42	10
8	James Hammersmith	2080	60.46	6
9	Alexander Gitis	2038	51.82	5
10	Josh Bloomer	2189	30.2	4

Top 10 Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Roderick Santiago	1742	146.44	22
2	Richard Cordovano	1654	141	27
3	Larry Wutt	1794	99.78	16
4	Paul Grimm	1640	94.7	17
5	Joe Fromme	1670	93.26	14
6	Manny Presicci	1603	68.64	15
7	Tim Brennan	1776	64.83	7
8	Dylan Lehti	1736	63.03	12
9	Jay Shaeffer	1667	58.43	8
10	Ted Doykos	1623	52.77	10

Top 10 Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Lee F. Lahti	1261	69.2	20
2	Thao Le	1376	50.87	14
3	Joseph Pahk	1236	41.96	10
4	Fred Eric Spell	1290	40.88	7
5	Peter Grigg	1232	40.31	7
6	Natasha Deakins	1303	37.84	8
7	Scott Sills	1317	36.08	4
8	Fred Strelzoff	1224	27.53	6
9	Joey Evoniuk	1231	25.23	8
10	Ben Danecki	1314	24.05	4

Top 10 Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	799	35.9	31
2	Dean W. Brown	1410	97.01	27
3	Richard Cordovano	1654	141	27
4	Thomas Mullikin	1096	59.61	25
5	Brian Wall	2219	241.8	22
6	Roderick Santiago	1742	146.44	22
7	Lee F. Lahti	1261	69.2	20
8	Christofer Peterson	1488	108.42	19
9	David Wallace	2033	157	19
10	Hoang Lim	973	36.69	19

Top 10 Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Brad Lundstrom	1951	158.91	18
2	Leonardo Sotaridona	1819	137.53	19
3	Daniel Avery	1978	134.72	10
4	Shaun T. MacMillan	1874	99.1	15
5	Richard Herbst	1872	69.09	6
6	Ken Doykos	1830	68.11	7
7	Anthony Telinbacco, Jr.	1824	62.09	8
8	Andrew Smith	1978	60.46	6
9	Marc Jimenez	1969	60.46	6
10	Mitesh Shridhar	1866	60.46	6

Top 10 Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Christofer Peterson	1488	108.42	19
2	Dean W. Brown	1410	97.01	27
3	Tim Fisher	1585	58.23	11
4	Daniel St. John	1478	53.99	8
5	Renae Delaware	1433	51.05	12
6	River Martinez	1472	48.42	15
7	Gerard Sunderland	1514	43.5	8
8	Nathan Stark	1425	42.09	4
9	Samdan Dashzeveg	1427	41.25	14
10	Vibi Varghese	1460	40.85	10

Top 10 Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Thomas Mullikin	1096	59.61	25
2	Cory Foster	1150	38.14	11
3	Hoang Lim	973	36.69	19
4	Kathy Schneider	799	35.9	31
5	Michael Filppu	921	30.03	12
6	Robert Rountree	1109	29.94	7
7	James Lytle	1104	29.12	10
8	Michael Varney	948	27.83	15
9	Bret Kuglar	1138	24.05	4
10	Jeff Wilkins	1055	24.05	4

Late eccentric honored with chess tourney Manitou man was unforgettable

By DEEDEE CORRELL THE GAZETTE

[Editor's note: This is a reprint of The Gazette's article on the Allan Ufer memorial tournament, which took place on Jan. 7th. Crosstables are listed on pages 18-19. This article is reprinted with permission of The Gazette.]

Anyone who ever tried driving through a Manitou Springs crosswalk while pedestrians were still making their way to the other side probably remembers Allan Ufer as the old man pounding his cane on the back of their car.

Anyone who frequents the Manitou Avenue strip probably remembers him as the whitehaired man in his trademark suspenders, making his way from store to store to say hello.

Anyone who plays chess knew Ufer as the aficionado whose life revolved around the game.

"He played whenever he could," said Richard Buchanan, Ufer's friend and the treasurer of the Colorado Springs Chess Club.

The club will hold a tournament Jan. 7 in memory of the 71-year-old who died in July of diabetes.

In Manitou Springs, Ufer was as well-known for his eccentricities as he was for his constant presence.

"Al would pop in and out

of all of the shops in town. He was quite the social bee," said Bud Ford, former mayor and another friend of Ufer's.

A native of New Jersey, Ufer moved here about a decade ago after retiring from a telephone company. He divided his time between socializing and playing chess. Every day, he put on a tie and suspenders and sometimes a colorful hat, such as his giant Mad Hatter hat with rotating lights.

Then he made the rounds, chatting with employees, offering to help out.

"He'd come in and help sand things," said Ford, who manufactures musical instruments at the Dulcimer Shop. "He really enjoyed helping out, but he didn't want to do anything for more than half an hour."

But Ufer always made time for his pet hobby — taking after the motorists who dared drive through crosswalks while pedestrians were in them.

"He walked with two canes the last couple of years. I must have glued his canes together half a dozen times. He'd smash them on the cars that wouldn't stop," Ford said. "He also was fond of throwing water bottles at them."

Ufer's other love was chess.

"He loved the game. He put a lot of energy into it," said Buchanan, who often drove Ufer to tournaments because Ufer didn't have a car.

Ufer spent nearly every week-

end traveling to chess tournaments and every Tuesday night at the Colorado Springs chess club.

He enjoyed lightening his opponents' wallets.

"If you decided to play Al for money, it was a good chance you'd go home with an empty wallet," Ford said.

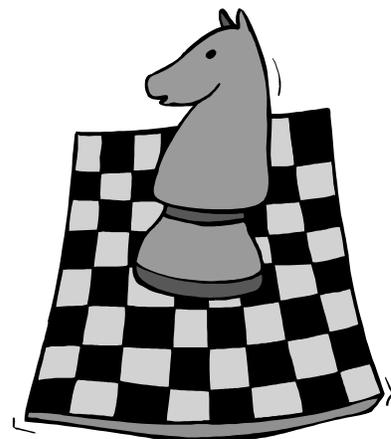
The tournament will be held Jan. 7 at the Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave.

It includes a competition for experienced tournament players, with a prize fund of \$1,400, as well as one for community players.

Registration is 8 to 8:45 a.m. for rated players and 8 to 9:45 a.m. for community tournament participants.

For more information, call Dean Brown at 573-5176 or visit www.colorado-chess.com and click on the "upcoming tournaments" link.

Anyone who wishes to donate to the prize fund may contact Bud Ford at the Dulcimer Shop, 740 Manitou Ave.



Upcoming Tournaments

Colorado Chess Festival: Closed Championships, March 25 - April 2, 2006

7 round Round Robin system tournament.

Time Control: 40/2, SD/1, 5-sec delay throughout

Site: Ramada Continental, 2601 Zuni Street, Denver CO

Directions: SW corner of Speers @ I-25.

Colorado Closed Championship: The 8 highest rated active CSCA members who accept the invitation to play will vie for the Colorado Closed Championship.

Colorado Closed Scholastic: The 8 highest rated active CSCA scholastic members who accept the invitation to play will vie for the Colorado Scholastic Closed Championship.

Entry fee: \$45; Scholastic \$35

Prizes: Open: \$150-90-30 Scholastic: \$90-45

Registration: , Rounds: March 25th: 9AM, 4PM; 26th: 9AM, 4PM; April 1st: 9AM, 4 PM; 2nd: 9AM.

Entries: Todd Bardwick

Phone: (303) 770-6696

E-mail: tbardwick@yahoo.com

Tie Break Order (for title only, not prizes):

1. Head-to-Head Result, 2. Score vs Players > 50%, 3. Sonnenborn-Berger, 4. 2-game Blitz Match, 5. If still tied, 6/5 Tie-Break Blitz Game. Player Meeting March 25th @ 8:30.

Both sections will accrue Colorado Tour points in concert with the Tour Weekender event.

Colorado Chess Festival: Tour Weekender, March 25 - 26, 2006

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/2, SD/1, 5-sec delay throughout

Site: Ramada Continental, 2601 Zuni, Denver

Directions: SW corner, Speers @ I-25

Open: Open to all Rated and Unrated USCF

members.

Under 1400: Open to all USCF members rated under 1400 and to Unrated USCF members.

Entry fee: \$30 if rec'd by 3/23/06, \$35 at site. \$8 discount for Jrs, Srs, unrated.

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries.

Registration: March 25 8:00-8:45AM. , Rounds: March 25th: 9AM, 4PM; 26th: 9AM, 4PM.

Entries: Dean Brown 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com

CSCA Membership required (\$15; \$10 for Jrs, Srs) ; OSA; COLORADO TOUR EVENT

Colorado Chess Festival: McMahon Swiss, April 1, 2006

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/60, 5-sec-delay

Site: Ramada Continental, 2601 Zuni Street, Denver

Directions: SW corner of Speers @ I-25

Sections: McMahon Swiss

Entry fee: \$15 if rec'd by 03/30/06; \$20 at site.

Prizes: Awarded per class per entries (Unrateds considered separate class)

Registration: April 1st @ 8:00-9:00, Rounds: 9:00AM, 12:00PM, 2:15PM, 4:30PM , 7:30PM.

Entries: Dean Brown 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com

Swiss pairings used with one variant: Experts and above start with 6 points; A-players with 5 pts; B with 4; C with 3; D with 2; E with 1; Under 1000 with 0; Unrateds with 2 points.

CSCA Membership Required(\$15, \$10 for Jrs, Srs); OSA.

Colorado Chess Festival: G/90 Quads, April 2, 2006

3 round Quads system tournament.

Time Control: G/90 with 5-sec delay

Site: Ramada Continental, 2601 Zuni Street, Denver

Directions: SW corner of Speers @ I-25.

Quads: Paired in 4-person sections in rating order. Adult unrateds will be paired assuming a 1300 rating, Jr unrateds assuming 750.

Entry fee: \$15 if rec'd by 03/30/06; \$20 at site.

Prizes: \$50 first in each quad.

Registration: April 2nd @ 8:00-8:45., Rounds: No later than 9:00AM, 1:00PM, 5:00PM.

Entries: Dean Brown 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80917

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com
CSCA memb. reqd. (\$15; \$10 Jrs, Srs); OSA

DCC Daylight Savings Special, April 8

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G30

Site: Tabor Center Food Court

Directions: 16th Street Mall, Downtown Denver

Elite-1900+: Open to player rated 1900 and above

Regular: Open to players rated 1899 and below

Reserve: Open to players rated U1400

Entry fee: \$28 adv (by 4/4) \$32 on-site (\$8 discount to Jrs/Srs and unrated), \$3 discount to DCC members

Prizes: Based on entries

Registration: 9:00 - 9:45, Rounds: 10, 11, 12:30, 1:30, 2:30.

Entries: Joe Haines 5881 Pierce St., #103, Arvada, CO 80003

Phone: 720-339-7233

E-mail: joehaines@comcast.net

A CO tour event.

A DCC Grand Prix event.

Sponsored by the Denver Chess Club.

CSCA membership required.

Other state membership accepted.

No early registration accepted without payment.

DCC Spring Mini Event, April 22, 2006

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G60

Site: Tabor Center Food Court

Directions: 16th Street Mall, Downtown Denver

Elite - 1900 +: Open to players rated 1900 and above

Regular - 1899 and below: Open to all players rated 1899 and below.

Reserve 1399 and below: Open to all players rated 1399 and below

Entry fee: \$28 adv (by 4/17) \$32 on-site (\$8 discount to Jrs/Srs/unrated), \$3 off for DCC members

Prizes: Based on Entries

Registration: 9:00 - 9:45, Rounds: 10, 12:30, 2:30, 4:30.

Entries: Joe Haines 5881 Pierce St., #103, Arvada, CO 80003

Phone: 720-339-7233

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CSCA Membership Req.

Other State membership accepted.

No adv. registration accepted without payment.

Utah Quick Chess, Bughouse and Random Chess Championships, April 29 - 30, 2006

8 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/25 (3 second delay)

Site: The Moab Arts and Recreation Center ("The MARC"), 111 East 100 North Street, in Moab, UT.

Entry fee: \$30, less \$10 for seniors (over 60) and juniors (under 20)

Prizes: Cash prizes based on entries

Registration: 8:15 to 8:45am Saturday, Rounds: 9:15, 10:15, 11:15, 1:00, 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00. Saturday.

Entries: Rodney Taylor 120 East 100 South, Moab, UT, 84532

E-mail: tournaments@krusemer.com

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Colorado Chess Club Directory

DENVER AREA

The Denver Chess Club meets Tuesdays 6:30-11 PM at the 1st Avenue Presbyterian Church (1 block West of Broadway and 1st & Acoma). Contact Bruce Bain at (720) 318-6496 or E-mail yaxix@aol.com for more info. www.denverchessclub.org

The Aurora Chess Club meets Saturdays, 1-4 PM, at the Aurora Public Library, 14949 E. Alameda. They now have a coach for those that want to learn to play. Contact Jeff Baffo at jbaffo2004@msn.com or (303) 617-9123.

The Centennial Chess Club meets once a month on a Sunday afternoon from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm, at Smoky Hill Branch Library, 5430 S. Biscay Circle. Please contact the Smoky Hill Library, 303-693-7449, for schedule information. All skill levels are welcomed, but we ask that children under 12 be accompanied by an adult. Contact Eileen Kirk at ekirk@ald.lib.co.us.

Chess Knights meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evening 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, the library is on the left. We meet in the conference room on the left beyond the restrooms.

Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HighlandsRanch-ChessClub/>. Contact: Frank Atwood 720-260-1493 or frank_atwood80120@yahoo.com

The Glendale Chess Club meets Fridays, 6:00 PM, Glendale Community Center, 999 S. Clermont, Room 2B.

The Lakewood Chess Club meets on Thursdays, from noon to 4:00 p.m., at the Clements Community Center, 16th and Yarrow, and also on Sundays, from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., at the Higher Grounds Coffee House, 14th and Washington in Golden. For more information, contact Bill Riley at 303-232-7671 or 303-232-6252.

AROUND THE STATE AND REGION

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7 - 10 PM, in the cafeteria of the Acacia Apartments Building, 104 E. Platte. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8:00. For information see our website at: www.foxfrenchtranslations.com/csc or contact Buck Buchanan at buckpeace@pcisys.net or (719) 685-1984.

USAF Academy Chess Club meets most Fridays during the school year, 4:00 - 6:00 PM, Fairchild Hall, Room 5D2. Call Jim Serpa or Pete Cohen, (719) 333-4470.

Alamosa Chess Club meets Thursdays, 7-10 PM, Adams State College Student Center in the food court. For info call Ken Dail (719) 589-0995.

Carbondale Chess Club meets every Tuesday from 6pm until the wee hours at Kahhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main St, Carbondale. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Rated games and tournaments will be offered soon. Please contact Majid Kahhak at (970)704-0622 or e-mail at: Mkahhak@sopris.net.

Casper Chess Club (Casper Wyoming), meets Tuesdays at 6:30 - 10:30 PM, St. Patrick's Church, 400 Country Club Rd, Casper, Wyoming.

Castle Rock Chess Club meets first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Grange cultural arts center. The Grange is located at 3692 Meadows Boulevard in Castle Rock. From the Founders Parkway/ Meadows Parkway exit off I-25, go west on Meadows Parkway to the 4-way intersection with Meadows Boulevard. Go straight through the light; the Grange is 1 mile down on your right. All levels of play welcome. Contact Cindy Chipman at (720) 733-1357 or Bethany Snyder at (303)814-3953.

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Craig Chess Club. Call Rick or Mary Nelson, (970) 824-4780 to schedule play.

The **Durango Chess Club** meets at 6:30 PM Wednesdays. Speed chess and informal instruction take place along with regular games in a casual atmosphere. Newcomers of all ages are welcome. No dues are required. The location alternates weekly between Steaming Bean and Magpies Newsstand. Call John Mical, 259-4718.

The **Fort Collins Chess Club** currently meets Tuesdays, 7 PM, in the food court of the Lory Student Center (2nd level), Colorado State University. E-mail Randy Reynolds at randy_teyana@msn.com. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess/

The **Fort Lewis College Chess Club** meets Thursday nights in the X-treme room which is located the College Union Building, the club is sponsored by the school and is a USCF affiliate club. If you have any questions you can contact Andrea Browne at (970)247-6239.

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

The **Greeley Chess Club** meets Thursdays, 7-11 PM, Best Western Inn, Bourbon on Eighth St Restaurant, 8th Ave and 8th St. Call Gary Dorsey at (970) 353-1539.

The **Longmont Chess Club** meets Thursdays, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Abbondanza Pizzeria, 461 Main St., in Longmont, Colorado. Contact James Drebenstedt at (720) 494-0993 for more info.

The **Pueblo Chess Club** meets Mondays, 6-10 PM, at the Barnes & Noble, 4300 N. Freeway Rd. Contact: Chris Clevenger at (719) 647-1712.

The **Rifle Chess Club** meets Thursdays, 6:30-9:00 PM, at City Hall. For information email Dane Lyons at duilen@gmail.com.

Pueblo Chess Club meets at the Barnes and Noble on Mondays, WireWorks on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Round Robin Tournaments and Blitz (Thurs only for Blitz). For more info contact Liz Wood at 719-566-6929.

University of Colorado Chess Club meets Every Wednesday, 7:00 pm - midnight in the University Memorial Center (UMC) on Boulder Campus in the East Dining Room of the Packard Grill on the First Floor of the UMC. The UMC is on the north side of Broadway at approximately 16th St. and Broadway. For more info: Contact Dave Bayless at (303) 444-2144 or email bayless@spot.colorado.edu.

**Got a chess club...
Addition??
Deletion??
Update??**



E-mail randy_teyana@msn.com with any chess club updates. Thanks!

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2006 Wyoming Open, May 6 - 7, 2006

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Rd. 1 = G/60, Rds. 2-5 = 35/90, G/60

Site: Laramie County Community College, Center for Conferences and Institutes, Room 130, 1400 East College Drive, Cheyenne, Wyoming.

Open: Open to all.

Entry fee: \$20

Prizes: Based on entries.

Registration: 8:30-9:30 am, Rounds: 9:45-12-5:30, 9-2:30.

Entries: Allan Cunningham 4019 Golden Court, Cheyenne, WY 82001

Phone: (307) 635-3102

E-mail: adcdac@aol.com

WCA membership required, OSA.
NS, NC.

2006 Kansas Open, July 22 - 23, 2006

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: : Game 120 (two hours). (1 hour 55 minutes with 5 second time delay preferred)

Site: Wichita Airport Hilton

Directions: Hilton (Reservations locally at 316-945-5272 or toll-free at 1-800-247-4458 [1-800-AIR-HILT]) Room Rate = \$71-single or double (up to 4 in a room). To guarantee this rate, reservations need to be made by 7/6/2006,

Reservations after this date, will be accepted based on availability, at best available rate at time of reservation.

Entry fee: \$45 advance, must be postmarked by July 14, \$65 thereafter

Registration: : 7:30-8:30 PM on 7/21 or 8:30am – 10:00am on 7/22, Rounds: 7/22- 10:30, 3:00, 7:30; 7/23 – 9:00, 1:30 (could start earlier, if possible).

Entries: Laurence Coker 8013 W. 145th St, Overland Park, KS 66223

Phone: 913-851-1581

E-mail: wlcoker7@hotmail.com

Kansas Quick Championship held on July 21.

Colorado State Chess Association
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