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Kaila Smith & Tyler Hughes repeat as Colorado's representatives to National Tournaments!

PLUS, Loveland Open (to right) turns 34! What were the previous years like? Andy Pineda reports on page 6!



A full 2 1/2 pages of OSB tournaments in this edition!!

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Greetings Chess Friends,

I sometimes get bored of my own column. I mean, here I am, dryly pleading with you quarter after quarter to send me articles and games.. Sometimes it just gets dull...

So this time, I thought I'd answer some of the questions that you, the reader, have sent in about the past issue. Yeah, that'll be fun! So here we go:

Q: How did you manage to make it through the big blizzard in late December to get the Informant delivered to us on time?

A: Well, it wasn't easy, but it's like the Informant Editor's hallowed motto: "Neither snow nor rain nor gloom of night, nor doubled isolated pawns, nor wrong color bishop stays these couriers from the swift completion of a timely Chess Informant." This is the creed of the Colorado Chess Informant editor, and we **always** stick by it!

Follow-up Q: But what about that time a year or so ago, when--?

A: No. Next question.

Follow-up Q: But--?

A: I **said** next question!

Q: Where were pages 29-32 of the last Informant? I didn't receive them.

A: Ah, you noticed that, did you? Yeah, apparently there was a freak accident in the processing room of the Bulk Mail office, and many of you didn't get pages 29-32 of the last Informant as a result. But don't worry too much about it. It was just an exclusive interview I had with Fischer, and a write-up of the 4 board online simul I hosted against Kramnik, Topolov, Anand, and Ponomarev. Good games, all of them. Topolov even managed to draw me. Anyway....

Follow-up Q: Can you reprint those pages in this Informant?

A: Well, I would, but this issue is already packed to the brim. I mean, we've got an insightful retrospective of the Loveland Open by Andy Pineda, annotated games Bill Weihmiller played in the Colorado Springs Club championships, Paul Anderson and his son share their latest game, and Archie Shipp christens the inaugural voyage of his "Shipp's Log" column. With this and much more excitement in this issue, I just don't see any way to reprint all that stuff that was in the last Informant. Sorry...

Follow-up Q: Then what about the next issue--?

A: Well hey, this has been loads of fun, hasn't it? And look! We're almost out of room!

Till next time, may all your openings be sound and your pawns promoted. ♖



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A Word from our CSCA President

By CSCA President Dean Brown

It has been a very busy winter for the active over-the-board chess players in Colorado. In January and February alone, Colorado was the scene of over 25 tournaments with attendance of 790 players. Rated tournaments were held in Aurora, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Commerce City, Delta, Denver, Durango, Fort Collins, Loveland, and Manitou Springs.

The flagship tournament of this period was the Colorado State Scholastic Open which drew 266 players from throughout Colorado. The skill exhibited by both familiar names and many promising young unrated players bodes well for the continuance of healthy scholastic chess play in Colorado. In a repeat accomplishment, Tyler Hughes and Kaila Smith again earned the right to represent Colorado in the National Denker and Polgar tournaments to be played at the US Open this summer in Cherry Hills, New Jersey. Tyler accomplished this feat on tie breaks over Samuel Galler. Sam Galler, who has been absent from tournament play over the past couple of years, demonstrated no rust as he drew Tyler Hughes in their game and won all the others he played matching Tyler's performance. The CSCA manages a contribution fund to help our Denker and Polgar representatives defray some of their expenses to these US Open events. A Denker/Polgar Fundraiser will be held in Colorado Springs on April 7th with most of the entry fees for the 4-SS, G/30 tournament contributing to this fund. A similar tournament will be scheduled at a date TBD in Denver by the Denver Chess Club.

At the State Scholastic Open, the CSCA received an anonymous donation of \$500 in appreciation of the demonstrated character building benefits provided by scholastic chess. This charitable donation is requested to be applied to a future scho-

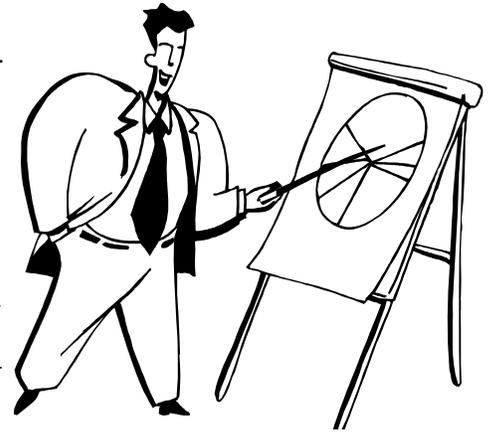
lastic event such as an age/grade championship tournament. Stay tuned for details.

The Denver Chess Club drew 48 players to their January club night tournaments and 46 players to the annual Martin Luther King Quick tournament at the Tabor Center. The Loveland Open drew 40 players to the wonderful new Larimer County Fairgrounds site. 40 players overcame the previous night's foot of snow to compete at the 2nd Annual Al Ufer Memorial Tournament in Allan's final hometown of Manitou Springs.

The Colorado Closed and Chess Festival events will take place mid through late April. Come out to the Ramada Inn Denver Downtown and compete in the Festival's 5-SS G60 events (McMahon Swiss on April 14 and Standard Swiss on April 15) and the 4-SS 40/2, SD/1 Tour Weekender event (April 21-22) While participating in these events, look over the concurrent Colorado Closed and Scholastic Closed games.

Invitations have gone out to the top active Colorado players and scholastic players to fill the 8 positions in each of this year's Colorado Closed events. Do you realize there are 33 current USCF members of Master and Expert strength residing in Colorado who are not active enough to be invited to play in our Colorado Closed Championship? If we can reactivate these players, our Closed Championship this year would have had an average rating of 2355! Anyone have ideas on how to awaken these hibernating giants so that we may have the pleasure of competing against them?

In addition to the Tour Weekender, you may accrue Colorado Tour points over the next three months at the Springs and DCC Denker/Polgar Fundraisers, the Boulder Open, the DCC May Days, Durango's David Reynolds Memorial Open, and the Southern Colorado Open. As summer approaches, there will be additional tournaments popping up on the CSCA's Upcoming Events website; check it frequently for new tournaments.



Mary Nelson will again direct September's Colorado Open to be held at the Ramada Gateway (I -25 at Speers). The CSCA will entertain offers of clubs to help us produce other events such as a Colorado Quick Chess Championship, a Colorado Class Championship, or a Colorado Team Championship. We are always open to other ideas. If you have suggestions, pass them on to a CSCA Board member.

Northern Colorado organizers have taken the lead in organizing the Front Range Team League between clubs in Fort Collins, Greeley, Boulder, and Cheyenne, Wyoming. The CSCA may use lessons learned from this league to organize a statewide team league in the future.

For the next issue of the Colorado Chess Informant, I am compiling a Colorado Tournament Producer's Guide to assist both new tournament producers and seasoned directors to make it through a tournament's life cycle smoothly. A key artifact of this guide will be a chronological checklist of when tournament activities must be accomplished.

The web does not hold exclusive rights to the source of chess competition: there is much over-the-board chess to be played in Colorado. I invite all to come out and enjoy the competition, human interaction, and friendship of carbon-based competition in Colorado! See you at the next tournament.

Dean Wm Brown, CSCA President ☞

by Randy Reynolds

266 Students Participate in Scholastic Championship Event

Some observations from the 2007 CO Scholastic Championships:

- **Play with the big boys, play *like* the big boys.** This the first year Regis Jesuit High held a Grand Prix series of chess tournaments for both students **and** adults. And it's the first year (I think) that they won the 1st place team trophy for 10-12 section. Coincidence? I think not.
- **No oil can required.** How does a player go dormant from OTB rated chess for 2 years and then nearly wrest away the 1st place trophy from someone who's played in 37 tournaments in that same period of time? Someone forgot to tell Sam Galler about something called "rust". Congrats to Tyler Hughes on winning out on tie-breaks against the resurrected Sam Galler!
- **Pole-gar position.** Kaila Smith was very frustrated after her day 1 performance and risked losing out on a 2nd trip to the girls' Polgar tournament. Was I worried? Not at all. This was the same trick she played last year when Natasha Deakins needed just one win Sunday to punch her ticket to Illinois. It didn't happen, and Kaila swooped in to grab the Polgar invitation. It's called dramatic effect, and Kaila just happens to be a pro at it! Congrats to Kaila, making it two years in a row!
- **Only one extra queen??** Speaking of the Polgar tournament, when are we going to get more than two girls competing for this honor? If I don't see more girls competing in the 10-12 section soon, I'm going to advise some of the students I teach to dress in drag!
- **Makare-who?** And finally, I thought I had all the prodigies identified. I just have to watch out that I don't get embarrassed by Jackson Chen and a few others in OTB tournaments, and I still get to leave with my self-esteem. Now, out of nowhere, here comes Anatoly Makarevich, who wins the 4-6 section as a 4th grader. And then he goes on to shock Klaus Johnson at the Boulder Winter GP! Whoa, there, young man! You're not supposed to beat Ft. Collins club players! That's **Longmont's** job! (see page 12)

The Epic Struggles: A TD's View

by Randy Reynolds

It was the 6th and final round of the Colorado State Scholastic Championships. I was all set, tournament director shirt donned, to witness some of the most competitive games of chess ever played on the board 1's for each section. Each matchup promised to be a real dogfight, and I wasn't going to miss a second of it.

Unfortunately, technical difficulties in pairing meant I had to be a bit more patient. Rumor had it that the two undefeated upper section players, Tyler Hughes and Sam Galler, were not paired together, which either meant that there were some REALLY WEIRD color problems in that last round or Swiss-Sys was playing a cruel joke on everyone. 5 minutes turned to 10. Then to 15. My patience was running a bit thin as my stomach got the better of me, so eventually I told Buck (the other TD with me) that I'm taking a quick lunch.

So I'm downstairs grabbing a

quick meal. As I eat, I'm still excited to see these board 1 games and I can't wait to get back up there to let the intellectual drama unfold. After 5-10 minutes, I'm done and walking back up the stairs.

When I get to the top, I can tell the round has finally started. But something's out of place. Finally, I see it: Jackson Chen, K-3 board 1 since the beginning, is playing along some of the railings in the main area. I catch his attention and with a small smile, as if I already know the answer, I ask, "What are you doin' out here?"

His succinct two word reply: "I won."

Yes, apparently in a flurry of 10-12 moves or so, Jackson somehow forced his unrated opponent into a loss. And I missed the whole thing, the whole "epic struggle" in 5 minutes.

Such is the world of scholastic chess. ♔



K-3 champion Jackson Chen calmly studies the board. *Photo by Todd Bardwick*



4-6 champion Anatoly Makarevich nervously ponders his next move. *Photo by Todd Bardwick*



7-9 champion Aaron Lear carefully plans his defense. *Photo by Todd Bardwick*

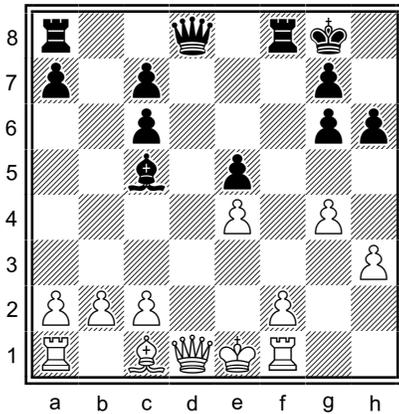
Games from the 2007 CSCA Scholastic Championships

W: William Herbst (191)
B: Jackson Chen (1391)

CSCA 2007 (1), K-3 section

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Ng5 d5 5.Bb5 h6 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.h3 Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.d3 Bd6 11.Nh4 0-0 12.Nxg6 fxg6 13.Nc3 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.dxe4 Bc5 16.Rf1

(Diagram)



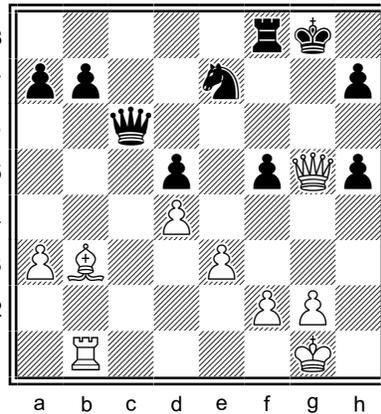
16. ... Qxd1+ [16...Bxf2+! 17.Rxf2 Qxd1+ 18.Kxd1 Rxf2] 17.Kxd1 Rxf2 18.Ke1 Rxf1+ 19.Kxf1 Rd8 20.Bd2 Rxd2 21.Ke1 Rh2 22.Rd1 Rh1+ 23.Ke2 Rxd1 24.Kxd1 Kf7 25.Kd2 Kf6 26.h4 g5 27.hxg5+ Kxg5 28.Kc3 Kxg4 29.Kc4 Bb6 30.a4 h5 31.Kd3 Kg3 32.Ke2 h4 33.Kf1 h3 34.b4 h2 35.c4 h1Q+ 36.Ke2 Qxe4+ 37.Kd2 Qe3+ 38.Kd1 Bd4 39.a5 Qd3+ 40.Ke1 Bc3# 0-1

W: Evan Taylor (1092)
B: Jay Kranzdorf (1143)

CSCA 2007 (5), 4-6 Section

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Bg5 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Nf3 Ne4 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.a3 0-0 8.e3 c5 9.cxd5 Nxc3 10.bxc3 exd5 11.Bd3 Nc6 12.Bc2 Bg4 13.0-0 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 cxd4 15.cxd4 Rad8 16.Qh5 g6 17.Qh6 f5 18.h4 Qg7 19.Qg5 Rc8 20.Bb3 Ne7 21.Rac1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Qf6 23.Qf4 Qb6 24.Rb1 Qc6 25.h5

gxh5 26.Qg5+ (Diagram)

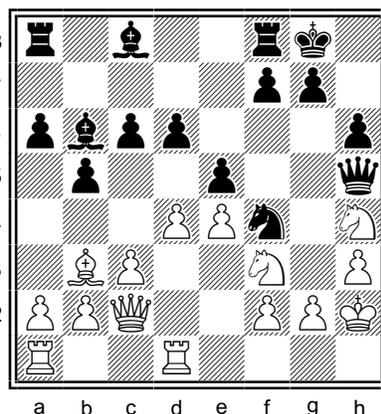


26...Qg6? 27.Qxe7 f4 28.Bxd5+ Rf7 29.Bxf7+ Qxf7 30.Qxf7+ Kxf7 31.exf4 b6 32.Rc1 Kg6 33.Rd1 Kf5 34.d5 a5 35.d6 b5 36.d7 b4 37.axb4 axb4 38.d8Q b3 39.Qd5+ Kf6 40.Qxb3 h4 41.Qb5 h3 42.Rd6+ Ke7 43.Rc6 h2+ 44.Kxh2 Kf7 45.Qb7+ Ke8 46.Rc8# 1-0

W: Aaron Lear (1342)
B: Ben Reilly (1546)

CSCA 2007 (5), 7-9 Section

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.Qe2 d6 8.h3 Ne7 9.c3 0-0 10.Rd1 Ng6 11.d3 c6 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.d4 Bb6 16.Nbd2 Nf4 17.Kh2 Qg6 18.Nh4 Qh5 19.Ndf3 (Diagram)

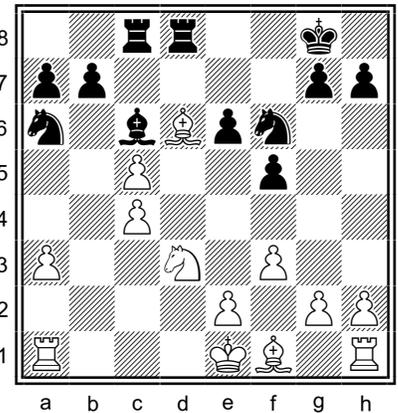


19...g5 20.Nf5 Bxf5 21.exf5 Nxh3 22.Kg3 g4 23.Rh1 gxf3 24.Rxh3 Qg5+ 25.Kxf3 Qf4+ 26.Ke2 Rfe8 27.Kf1 exd4 28.f6 Re5?? 29.Qg6+ 1-0

W: Tyler Hughes (2128)
B: Sam Galler (1783)

CSCA 2007 (6), 10-12 Section

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.dxc5 f5 9.Nh3 0-0 10.c4 Nf6 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Nf2 Na6 13.Nd3 Bd7 14.Bf4 Rac8 15.Bd6 Bc6 (Diagram)



16.e3 [16.Nb4!] 16...Ne8 17.Be5 Ba4 18.Bd4 Bb3 19.Rc1 Nf6 20.c6 b6 21.Ne5 Nb8 22.c5 Nxc6 23.Nxc6 Rxc6 24.Bb5 Rcc8 25.c6 Rd5 26.Ba6 Rc7 27.Rc3 Ba2 28.f4 Fritz reports white with the lead until this point, where black slowly starts building up positional advantages 28...Ne4 29.Rc2 Bb3 30.Rc1 Nc5 31.Bxc5 bxc5 32.Rb1 c4 33.Bb7 Ba4 34.Ke2 Bxc6 35.Bxc6 Rxc6 36.Rb8+ Kf7 37.Rc1 Rc7 38.Rc3 Rd6 With only a minute on either side's clock, a draw was agreed to here 1/2-1/2



10-12 champion and Denker representative Tyler Hughes is all business. Photo by Todd Bardwick

By Andy Pineda

The Loveland Open: 34 Years of Memories

The 2007 Loveland Open marks the 34th year of this Northern Colorado Valentine's Day chess staple. I have had the pleasure of playing in 16 of them, including the inaugural of 1974. Here are some of my memories and games from this tournament over the years.

The first Loveland Open drew an overflow crowd of 115 players. Bobby Fischer's defeat of Boris Spassky in 1972 put chess in the spotlight and quickly became a popular game. The number of people attracted to chess during the "Fischer Boom" exploded and Northern Colorado was no exception. I was 16 when the first Loveland was held, but I was a "veteran" of tournament play having played competitively at the Greeley Chess Club since the age of 13. Yielding a 327 point rating advantage to Mr. King, I find myself in an inferior position with little hope of counter play. However, never forget the adage "block before you punch".

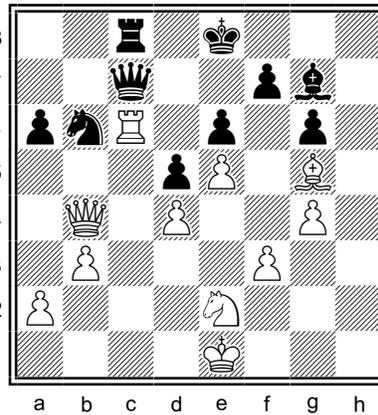
W: H. King (1657)
B: A. Pineda (1330)
 1974 Loveland Open, Round 1
 Modern Defense

1.e4 g6 This game got started at the ungodly time of 8:30 pm.

2.d4 Bg7 3.Be3 c6 4.Bd3 d5 5.e5 h5
 6.Qd2 Nh6 7.f3 Bf5 8.Be2 Nd7 9.h3 c5
 10.c3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Nb6 12.g4 hxg4
 13.hxg4 Bxb1 14.Rxb1 Ng8 15.Rxh8
 Bxb8 16.b3 To keep my Knight out of c4

16. ... Rc8 17.Bd3 e6 18.Bg5 I'm terribly weak on the black squares and my opponent is pressing the attack

18. ... Qc7 19.Ne2 Ne7 20.Qb4 Nc6
 21.Bb5 a6 22.Bxc6+ bxc6 23.Rc1 I don't have many available squares for my pieces.



23. ... Bg7 24.Rxc6?! (Diagram) A seemingly crushing move that should leave Black helpless to the mate on e7.

24. ... Bf8!! Double attack this! Now I end up winning the exchange.

25.Qxb6 25. Qxf8+ is better

25. ... Qxc6 26.Qxc6+ Rxc6 27.Kd2 Bb4+ 28.Kd3 Be7 29.Bxe7 Kxe7 30.g5 Rc8 31.b4 a5 Probably not the best move, but I was trying to open some lines for my Rook.

32.b5 Rc4 33.Nc3 Kd7 34.f4 a4 35.Nb1 Kc7 36.Na3 Rc1 37.Nc2 Kb6 38.Ne3 Kxb5 39.Ng4 Kb4 40.Nh6 Ra1?! {...Rc7 or ...Rc3+ makes life easier} 41.Nxf7 Rxa2 42.Nd8 Rb2 43.Nxe6 a3 44.Nc7 a2 45.Nxd5+ Kb3 46.e6 a1=Q 47.e7 Qd1+ 48.Ke4 Re2+ 49.Ne3 Qc2+ 50.Kf3 Rf2+ 51.Kg3 Qe2 52.e8=Q Qf3+ 0-1

I remember a large crowd around the table as I finished up this game sometime past midnight. The tournament was played with 5 rounds in those days and the first round starting at 8:30 pm on Friday night. Imagine packing 115 people into the Loveland Community Center basement when smoking was still allowed in public places! I recall smelling like a burned out cigarette butt by game's end. Mr. King was unfazed by this upset loss and went on to win 4 in a row and finish in 17th place.

For some reason the next two rounds were played at different locations. I recall playing in the basement of a nearby bank (small

room lots of smoke). A funny story here was that I was near the board number 1 and there was a dispute about this guy who brought several Penthouse magazines and had set them on the table during play. A dispute followed as to whether or not the magazines could remain in sight of his opponent. I think eventually he had to remove the magazines from the table.

After taking a two year hiatus from tournament chess, I return to the Loveland tournament and play a nifty Knight maneuvering game against Schroeder.

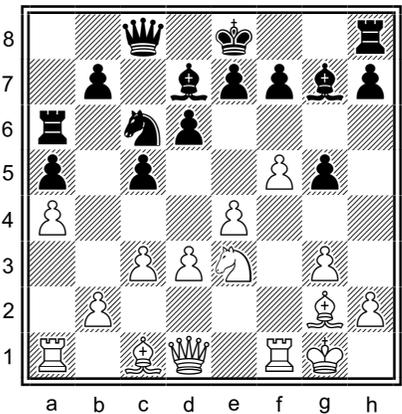
W: Pineda(1400)
B: Schroeder (1350)
 1977 Loveland Open, Round 2
 King's Indian Attack

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d3 The Dragon variation was very popular in those days, this was one of my favorite ways to throw Black off his game.

3. ... Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nbd2 Nf6 7.O-O Nd7 8.a4 To secure the Knight on c4.

8. ... a5 9.Nc4 Nde5 10.Nfd2 Be6 11.Ne3 Qc8 12.f4 Ng4 13.Ndc4 Ra6 14.f5 Nxe3 15.Nxe3 Almost half my moves have been by my Knights.

15. ... Bd7 16.c3 g5?? (Diagram) This move didn't serve a purpose other than to weaken the K-side position and give me a target to shoot at.



17.Nd5 e6 Bad to open the position in front of your King.

18.fxe6 Bxe6 19.Bxg5 O-O (Castling into a mating net.) **20.Nf6+ Bxf6 21.Bxf6 Bg4 22.Qd2 Bh5 23.Qg5+ Bg6 24.Qh6 1-0**

Fast forward to 1993...I took a very long recess from chess starting in 1978. For some reason I felt obligated to get educated, get a job, get married and start a family...what, no chess? I started playing serious chess again in 1993 mostly correspondence (yes, snail mail games). The game had changed considerably, but I was amazed that the Loveland tournament was still being held.

In 1995 I had played three really good rounds of chess and had 2 points going into the last round. For tournament preparation I had studied mostly from Reinfeld's book 1001 Chess Sacrifices and Combinations. I fittingly uncorked this gem in the last round.

W: Pineda (1461)

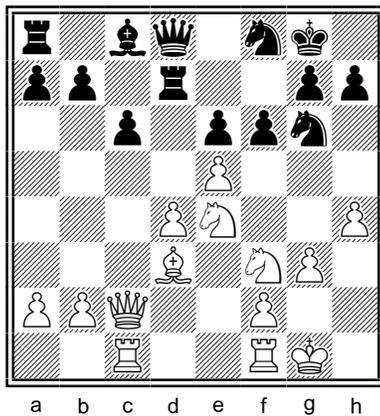
B: Krowczy (1769)

1995 Loveland Open, Round 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 Qxd5 Time to put the smack down on the Queen.

4.Nc3 Qd8 5.e4 e6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Bg5 Nbd7 8.Bd3 O-O 9.O-O Nothing like a position with open lines to the center and King.

9. ... Re8 10.Qc2 Nf8 11.e5 Nd5 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Rac1 Neg6 14.Nb5 Black's cramped game allows me to create holes for exploitation.



14. ... c6 15.Nd6 (Is this a juicy spot for a Knight or what!) **Re7 16.h4 Rd7 17.g3 f6 18.Ne4** (Diagram) **Rxd4** Desperately try-

ing to free his position, but missing the sharp ...Nxe5!

19.Nxd4 Qxd4 20.exf6 gxf6 21.Rfd1 f5 22.Ng5 Qg7 23.Bc4 Nxh4 Trying to create some play on the royal pin on my Knight, ...h6 may last longer.

24.gxh4 h6 25.Qxf5!! A position shattering move that brings a quick end.

25. ... hxg5 26.hxg5 (Rd8! is the move) **Kh8 27.Qh3+ Nh7?? 28.Rd8+ 1-0**

That win put me in a tie for 1st place in the Loveland section.

As most players know, chess can be very frustrating as exhibited by this gut wrenching loss in the last round in 2002.

W: Pineda(1619)

B: Despande(1693)

2002 Loveland Open, Round 4
Nimzo-Indian Defense

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 O-O 6.Bd3 d6 7.e4 Black isn't challenging the center so I advance my pawns.

7. ... e5 8.d5 h6 9.h3 Na6 10.Be3 Bd7 11.Nf3 b6 12.O-O Qe7 13.Nd2 Nh7 14.Qh5 Be8 15.f4 f6 16.Qe2 Bf7 17.f5 Be8 18.Bc2 Nb8 19.Nf3 Qf7 20.h4 Nd7 21.g4 Nc5 22.Kh2 Ba4? This costs Black the exchange.

23.Bxc5 Bxc2 24.Bxd6 Bxe4 25.Bxf8 Bxf3 26.Qxf3? This removes the Queen from defending the queenside weaknesses along the 2nd rank and allows Black counterattacking chances. (26.Rxf3 Qxf8 27.Qb2 would have been far better as the White Queen could go to b4 or b5)

26...Qxf8 27.a4?? I thought I could push these Q-side pawns to give my Rooks some open files. As it turns out I just created more weaknesses. (27.Qe3 (to improve the Queen position.) Qa3 28.Rfb1 Qa4 29.Rb4 Qa5 30.a4 c5 31.Rb5 Qa6 32.a5 Nf8 33.Qc1 with a clear advantage)

27...Qc5 28.Qe4 Rd8 29.Kg2 Qa5

30.Qe3? {Rf3!}

30. ... Qa6 31.Qe4 Nf8 With the position closed, this Knight turns into a monster.

32.Rfd1? playing not to lose, g5! keeps me in the game

32. ... Rd6 33.Qe2 Nd7 34.Qa2 Nc5 35.Qe2 Qa5 36.Qc2 Qa6 37.Qe2 Kh7 38.Kh3 Nb3 39.Ra2 Na5 Now he's got a double attack on the c4 pawn.

40.Raa1 Qxc4 41.Qxc4 Nxc4 42.Rab1 Ne3 43.Rd2 Nxd5 44.Kg3 Had to move away from the ...Nf4+ threat.

44. ... Nxc3 45.Rxd6 cxd6 46.Ra1 d5 47.Kf3 d4 48.Kf2 Kg8 49.Ke1 Kf7 50.Kd2 Ke7 51.a5 Trying to get the Rook active.

51. ... b5 52.a6 Kd6 53.Kd3 Kd5 54.g5 hxg5 55.hxg5 e4+ 56.Kc2 Kc4 57.Rh1 d3+ 58.Kd2 Kd4 59.Kc1 e3 I hate games like that... **0-1**

I have really enjoyed playing in this tournament. Fortunately for me it is close by and held every year sometime around Valentine's Day. Most enjoyable are all the players that I have met over the years such as: Les Ward (my mentor and who I blame for my chess fix), Dave Landers (another Ft. Collins player), Dave Keller (really nice guy from Estes Park, big Steeler fan), Mike "wildman" Fuchs (sitting next to Mike's games was like sitting next to an erupting volcano, his games never made it to an endgame), Al Gardner, Ron Akin (who I could never beat), Norbert Martinez (he always has my number), Joe Aragon (friendly guy from Denver), Allan Cunningham (Wyoming cowboy), Gary Bagstad (grinder like me), Bob Holland, Shawn MacMillan, Mike McDonald (who taught me to move pieces not pawns), his brother Gary McDonald, Dave Jellison (nice guy and very strong player in the '70s), and of course the fixture at TD Charles Moore. Thanks and I'll see you at the Loveland Open! ♔

Open**Loveland Open 2007**

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Jesse R Cohen	12807276	2148	2153	W6	D3	W2	D4	3.0
2	Renard Anderson	10229391	2213	2206	W5	W4	L1	D3	2.5
3	Andrew M Smith	12772932	2017	2020	W8	D1	D7	D2	2.5
4	James E Hamblin	10922593	2001	2008	W9	L2	W6	D1	2.5
5	Samik Dasgupta	12915636	1917	1911	L2	D7	W9	X8	2.5
6	Leonardo Sotaridona	12938967	1800	1805	L1	W8	L4	W7	2.0
7	Peter G Robinson	12999264	1398	1428	B---	D5	D3	L6	2.0
8	Timothy A Collins	13323324	1796	1780	L3	L6	B---	F5	1.0
9	Gary L Bagstad	10924031	1763	1751	L4	B---	L5	U---	1.0

Loveland (U1877)

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1	Laurence R Wutt	12745430	1830	1846	W6	W10	W7	D3	3.5
2	Andrew Duren	12690923	1693	1731	W9	D3	W10	W7	3.5
3	Shaun Macmillan	10410916	1815	1824	W11	D2	W5	D1	3.0
4	Andrew Pineda	12599124	1715	1710	D5	L7	W12	W9	2.5
5	Joseph P Haines	12436375	1568	1603	D4	W12	L3	W8	2.5
6	Anthea J Carson	12614322	1643	1649	L1	L8	W11	W10	2.0
7	Timothy Fisher	12470788	1547	1574	W12	W4	L1	L2	2.0
8	La Moyne Splichal	10329515	1618	1605	L10	W6	D9	L5	1.5
9	Norbert Martinez	12471639	1561	1563	L2	W11	D8	L4	1.5
10	Klaus R Johnson	12728798	1722	1695	W8	L1	L2	L6	1.0
11	Phillip M Brown	12693448	1628	1604	L3	L9	L6	W12	1.0
12	Paul M Grimm	12461913	1657	1597	L7	L5	L4	L11	0.0

Santa Fe (U1610)

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Thomas H Corbett	12417362	1482	1509	W15	D9	W5	W2	3.5
2	Dan W Tanner	12545176	1587	1596	W10	W7	W3	L1	3.0
3	Ann Davies	12708563	1554	1565	W11	W14	L2	W6	3.0
4	Elizabeth G Scott	12582914	1451	1444	L5	W16	W12	W11	3.0
5	Archie E Shipp	12919573	1153	1254	W4	W20	L1	W9	3.0
6	Allan Cunningham	11132570	1442	1449	W16	W8	H---	L3	2.5
7	Jerry Kecker	12549399	1438	1448	W12	L2	H---	W14	2.5
8	Jackson Chen	13383565	1391	1381	W17	L6	W13	H---	2.5
9	Walter G Schmidt	12546940	1394	1377	W13	D1	D14	L5	2.0
10	Joey Ron Evoniuk	12498883	1325	1293	L2	L12	W20	W17	2.0
11	Alexander L Rine	12002420	1294	1281	L3	W19	W17	L4	2.0
12	Gary Dorsey	12897357	1071	1142	L7	W10	L4	W15	2.0
13	Michael J Dempsey	12952683	853	978	L9	W15	L8	W16	2.0
14	Dean W Brown	10224098	1404	1378	W19	L3	D9	L7	1.5
15	Thomas Mullikin	12905792	1171	1118	L1	L13	W18	L12	1.0
16	Joseph A Kolupke	12743093	1130	1094	L6	L4	W19	L13	1.0
17	Ken Johnson	12962213	851	841	L8	B---	L11	L10	1.0
18	Jacob Dietrich	13628826	unr.	829	U---	U---	L15	W20	1.0
19	Kathy Schneider	12545281	856	839	L14	L11	L16	H---	0.5
20	Eric P Scott	12909248	562	551	H---	L5	L10	L18	0.5

by NM Todd Bardwick

Queen needs a friend

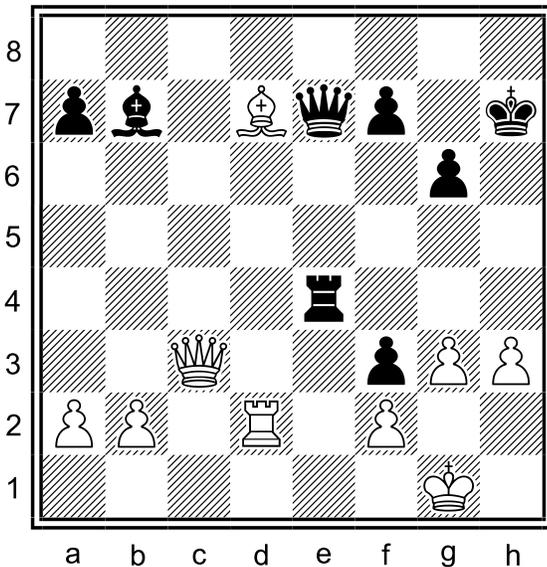
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We all learn from an early age that it is good to have lots of friends. Friends are fun to spend time with, talk to, and play with. Friends also protect and support us.

A queen can easily annoy the enemy king, but usually can't checkmate him all by herself. If she can find a friend on her team to attack a square next to the opposing king, she can move right up next to the king safely and checkmate him.

Consider this position from the 2000 Colorado Closed with Black to move.

Andrew Rea (2079)



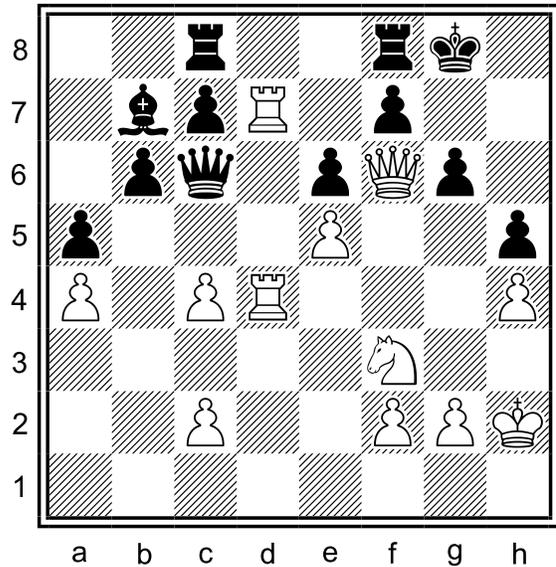
Michael Ginat (2296)

An important observation is the Black pawn on f3 attacks the heart of the White king position. Black dreams about ways to get his queen to g2, where she is protected by the friendly f3 pawn and can checkmate the White king.

28...Re1+ 29.Kh2 Rh1+! Sacrificing the rook to clear a path for the lady! **30.Kxh1 Qe1+ 31.Kh2 Qf1!** Threatening mate on g2, with the support of the pawn on f3. If White eliminates the pawn by sacrificing his queen with **32.Qxf3**, then **32...Bxf3** and the bishop becomes the queen's new best friend!

Here is a position from Tillburg in 1991 between two world-class players.

GM Timman



GM Short

Notice that the White queen is close to the Black king. But she has no friends to help her out. Black's king and rook on f8 protect the f7 pawn from the attacking queen and d7 rook.

The White knight could be a great friend to the queen because he can attack both white and black squares. But the only place he can move to is away from the Black king to e1 because of the Black bishop and queen battery aimed at g2. White's rook on d4 and kingside pawns can't attack any squares near the Black king.

Short finds an unusual and surprising middlegame friend for his queen...the king! He played **32.Kg3! Rce8 33.Kf4! Bc8 34.Kg5! Resigns** White's king is heading for h6 where he can protect the g7 square for his queen. If **34...Bxd7 35.Kh6!** and **36.Qg7** mate.

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by Bill Wehmiller

Colorado Springs Club Championship Annotated Games

I won the Colorado Springs Club Championship this year. It's not my fault no one stronger showed up.

W: Bill Wehmiller

B: Jerry Maier

October 10, 2006

1. e4 d6 2. d4 Nf6 3. Bd3 Nc6 4. Ne2 Bd7 5. c3 e5 6. O-O Be7 7. f4 exd4 8. cxd4 Bg4 9. Be3 d5 10. e5 Ne4 11. Nbc3 Qd7

Right here, Deep Fritz 8 (Thanks, Gerry Sunderland!) is very concerned with how I take the Pawn on e4. Okay, it's a good Pawn and all, but the easiest way for him to defend the pawn after Rc1 is to exchange off his Knight. I'll take the development edge, thanks. Of course, if I'd gone for the Pawn, it would have said I needed to develop.

12. Rc1 Bh3 I couldn't figure out what he was up to here, but he's going to use a Rook lift on h6 to try and mate on the g file. This might work if he had another pawn to pop the file open, but I can strong-point g3 with my Knight and Bishop.

13. gxh3 Qxh3 Now I get it. Pretty airy around the King, but I'm sure he'd like to fix that.

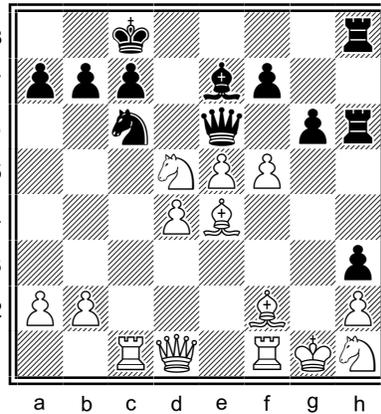
14. Bf2 h5 15. Nxe4 Rh6 16. N4c3 O-O-O 17. Ng3 g6 I didn't know where the Bishop belonged, but it felt like it was in the way.

18. Bb1 Rdh8 19. Nxd5 h4 20. Nh1 Qe6

On my next move, I found something for the Bishop to do. Doesn't make it a good move. Nc3 and pushing the d-pawn's better, but it felt like moving backwards.

21. Be4 h3 I saw a little combination based on Nd7 forking f5 and c8 with check. Deep Fritz 8 thinks it was all a waste of

time, ranking 22. f5 29th out of 42. They just can't train chips to appreciate true artistry.



22. f5 (Diagram) gxh3 23. Rxc6 Rg8+ 24. Ng3 bxc6 25. Bxf5 Rxc3+ 26. Bxc3 cxd5 27. Qa4 Qxf5 28. Rxf5 f6 29. exf6 Bxf6 30. Qa6+ Kd8 31. Rxf6 Rxf6

From here on out Jerry tries a very brave defense of an ending a Queen and a Bishop down. My blood's too thin for this stuff.

32. Qxf6+ Kd7 33. Qe5 a6 34. Qxc7+ Ke6 35. Qc8+ Kf6 36. Be5+ Kg5 37. Qxh3 a5 38. a4 Kg6 39. Qf3 Kg5 40. h4+ Kg6 41. Qf6+ Kh5 42. Qg5# 1-0

Jerry's got a knack for putting together Rooks and Queens and Rook pawns in dangerous ways. Once you start figuring out your own favorite weapons, your game gets nastier and you have a lot more fun.

W: Joe Pahk

B: Bill Wehmiller

October 17, 2006

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 Qb6 Saw a book about ... Qb6 lines in the Sicilian, but didn't buy it. Decided to mess around with the idea ...

6. Nb3 d6 7. Be3 Qd8 And that didn't exactly work out as planned.

8. Be2 e6 9. O-O Be7 10. f3 O-O 11. a3 Bd7 12. Nb5 d5 12. Nb5 wastes time and weakens pressure on d5. When I recapture

on d5 with the Knight, I'll gain a tempo that gives me the initiative.

13. exd5 Nxd5 14. Bf2 a6 15. N5d4 Rc8

Why don't cannibals eat clowns? They taste funny. White's Knights are funny here.

16. c4 Nf4 17. Rc1 Bf6 18. Qd2 Nxe2+ 19. Qxe2 Qc7 20. Rfd1 Rfd8 21. Nxc6 Bxc6 22. Nd2 Bxb2 23. Rb1 Bxa3

I overlooked White's next. 24. ... Qe5 is better. Two pawns up, though, it ain't the end of the world.

24. Bb6 Qe7 25. Bxd8 Rxd8 26. Ne4 Rc8 One Rook against two is better than no Rooks against one.

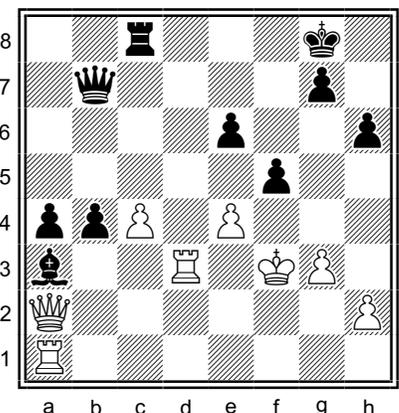
27. Rd3 b5 28. Qa2 b4

Now it's hard to gripe. Two Bishops, two passed Pawns, and White's Rooks don't worry me. Getting rid of my Bishop next move wasn't a great idea, but I thought the weak King Pawn would gum up White's game.

29. Rbd1 Bxe4 30. fxe4 h6 31. g3 a5

Right here I was trying to work out how to get the Bishop back in play with the check. Joe floored me with his next move.

32. Kg2 a4 33. Ra1 Qb7 34. Kf3 f5 (diagram)



If the King runs out to defend the e-pawn, my Rook goes to f8 and the Queen on the

a7 diagonal will heat things up for him. My Bishop's out of play, but he's tying up a Queen and a Rook to prevent b6, so I'm getting more concentrated else-where ... in the center, near Joe's King.

35. Re3 fxe4+ 36. Rxe4 Rf8+ 37. Ke3 Qb6+ 38. c5 Qxc5+ Very annoying to watch Fritz paint everything with '#9' -- mate in 9. I mean, if it's not mate in 47, why mention it at all? I didn't see any of these mates, but I did see myself picking up the White Rook in the center.

39. Rd4 Qe5+ 40. Re4 Qc3+ 41. Ke2 Qf3+ 42. Kd2 Qxe4 0-1

W:Bill Weihmiller
B: Paul Anderson

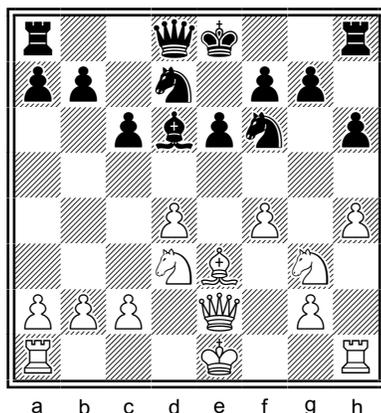
October 24, 2006

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 I ran into my next move in a Tal game somewhere and Paul and I have played G15 at least once with this before. There were a lot of things 'in the air' that never quite happened so I wanted to see it again in a slower game.

7. Nh3 Nf6 8. Be3 Nbd7 9. Nf4 Bh7 10. Bd3 Bxd3 Suddenly I realized that a Knight on d3 prevents both Caro-Kann central shots, ...c5 and ...e5. Probably not that hot, but weird and interesting.

11. Nxd3 e6 12. Qe2 Bd6 I'm going to castle long. My next intends a quick pawn storm if Paul castles short.

13. f4 (diagram)



13. ... Qc7 14. O-O-O O-O-O 15. Ne5 Rhf8 16. Kb1 Kb8 17. Rhf1 Ne8 18. Bc1 Bxe5 19. dxe5 Nb6 20. Ne4 Nd5 21. c4 Ne7 22. h5 c5 23. Rxd8+ Qxd8

Fritz saw nothing but the Pawn on c5. I completely overlooked it, focused on the e-file.

24. Rd1 Qc7 25. Be3 b6 26. Nd6 Qc6 27. Bg1 Nc8 28. Nb5 Nc7 29. Nxc7 Kxc7 I still don't think the c-pawn's worth more than the e-file.

30. Qd2 a6 31. Bh2 g6 Reinfeld writes about a Tarrasch game where a Bishop runs across the board from a useless diagonal to a new, improved diagonal he does nothing with. I was trying to do that here and sac a Pawn or two for the time to move Bg1-h2-g3-h4-d8. I don't know if it really does anything, but another piece aimed at the King should add to Black's worries.

32. Bg3 Ne7 I didn't expect this, or even hope for it. I stared at Qd6+ for a long time, and it just kept looking better. I finally played it to make sure I didn't forget and do something completely idiotic instead. Sometimes you just have to guard yourself from your own style.

33. Qd6+ Qxd6 We'll flail around exchanging pawns for a 30 moves until I run a Pawn down and Queen it. I could have told the tale with more suspense, but that would have been fibbing.

34. exd6+ Kd7 35. dxe7+ Kxe7 36. f5! Kf6 37. fxe6? (37. fg either wins a Pawn or forces the Rooks off) **Kxe6 38. Rd6+ Kf5 39. Rxb6 Rg8 40. hgx6 fxxg6 41. Rxa6 Ke4 42. Rd6 h5 43. Kc2 g5 44. Kc3 h4 45. Bh2 g4 46. Re6+ Kf5 47. Re5+ Kf6 48. Rxc5 g3 49. Bg1 h3 50. gxh3 g2 51. h4 Rg3+ 52. Kb4 Rd3 53. Rg5 Rd2 54. Kc5 Kf7 55. a4 Rxb2 56. a5 Ra2 57. Kc6 Ra1 58. Bd4 Rh1 59. h5 Rh4 60. Kc5 Rh2 61. a6 Rh3**

This is the last move that Fritz doesn't find an immediate forced mate for. I didn't see 'em, but then again I only had a minute or two left.

62. a7 Ra3 63. Rxxg2 Ra6 64. h6 Rxxh6 65. a8=Q Rh5+ 66. Kb4 Ra5 67. Qb7+ Ke6 68. Rg6+ Kf5 69. Qf7+ Ke4 70. Rg4+ Kd3 71. Qf1+ Kc2 72. Qe2+ Kb1 73. Rg1# 1-0

W:Bill Weihmiller
B: Dean Brown

October 31, 2006

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Bg7 5. Be3 Nf6 6. Nc3 Nc6 7. Be2 O-O 8. Qd2 a6 Dean told me after the game the whole idea of the Accelerated Dragon is to play ...d5 in one move and save a tempo. All I wanted to do was play the winning side of that Fischer – Larsen Dragon in 60 Memorable Games, but I've already got a few of the pieces misplaced.

9. O-O-O d6 10. f3 Bd7 11. Kb1 Qc7 12. h4 Rfc8 13. g4 Ne8 Fine, twist my arm. I'll stick the Knight in the center.

14. Nd5 Qd8 15. h5 Ne5 16. hxxg6 fxxg6 17. Rh3 h5 18. Rg3 hxxg4 19. fxxg4 Nf6 20. Nxf6+ exf6 21. Bh6 g5 22. Bxxg7 Kxxg7 23. Rh1 Qg8 Getting the Queen off the rank instead would have let him challenge the h-file with his Rooks. But the loose pawns on the Queenside gave me an idea to penetrate with the Knight and Queen before I worry about how to double the Rooks.

24. Qb4 Rc5 25. Qxxb7 Kf7 The Knight moves in while the Bishop's pinned.

26. Nf5 Ke6 To bust up Nh6+ forking King and Queen.

I liked the contrast in King positions here. It's like noticing the neighbor who kicked your dog yesterday on your sidewalk. Without even getting up from your lawn chair, you turn the sprinklers on him.

27. Qb3+! d5 28. exd5+ 1-0

A nasty choice. Taking the Pawn gets the Rook speared and not taking it lets the Knight fork King and Queen. ♖

Lee's Plea (part 2)

When we last left Lee Lahti last leaflet (I mean, informant), he was humbly declaring Fort Collins the unofficial best club in the state, as no one had been willing to challenge the Ft. Collins club to a team match. We must have finally put the challenge on the right page this time (or Lee's self-effacing ramblings finally struck a nerve with a few people), for Fort Collins finally has gotten their share of team matches - and more.

The first match this year was the rematch against Cheyenne - now scheduled as an annual event. Since this was the second year for this event, we saw a pattern emerging, and so a plaque was made up for the winning team to keep for each year. After leading last year's match 13-5 at the halfway point, Fort Collins cruised to a win by a score of 21.5 to 14.5.

This year's match was a little more competitive, with Cheyenne recruiting some of the stronger players from their club - including Tim Fisher, Brian Walker, and James Kulbacki. With their revamped team in hand, Cheyenne was ready to not repeat last year's performance. And for the most part, it worked. After the first half of play (where

Ft. Collins visited Cheyenne's club), the two clubs found themselves deadlocked, 6-6. Going into the final round, the score was still tied 10-10. Finally in the last round, Fort Collins was able to play slightly better than Cheyenne and found themselves on top, 15-13.

But Cheyenne wasn't the only team match Ft. Collins enjoyed this winter. The Longmont Chess Club, which meets at Abbondanza Pizzeria Thursdays at 6:30, challenged Fort Collins to a match as well. As you can see below, the match up wasn't exactly at parity:

Bd	Fort Collins	Longmont	Diff
1	Markus Petters (2028)	IM Steve Odendahl (2507)	479
2	Vijay Surla (1849)	Mark Scheidies (2018)	169
3	Andy Duren (1744)	Bruce Katuna (2008)	264
4	Klaus Johnson (1728)	Paul Szeligowski (1969)	241
5	Dean Mitchell (1677)	Morgan Robb (1906)	229
6	Lee Lahti (1422)	James Drebenstedt (1887)	465
7	Greg Waggoner (1133P)	Matt Clark (1688)	555
8	Cory Foster (1119)	Josh Rom (unrated)	N/A
9	Ken Johnson (1009)	Bob Goff (unrated)	N/A
10	Jacob Dietrich (827P)	Allen John (unrated)	N/A

But Fort Collins was undaunted by what showed up on paper and drove down to Longmont on March 1st, carrying their five stones of chess ability in a noble attempt to slay Goliath.

Um...I wish I had a better ending for this

Cinderella story; it always makes for **much** better journalism. But unfortunately, the Longmont team won the match 17-3! Personally, I think it was because of Longmont's home court advantage. If Longmont would have driven to Fort Collins, it probably could have gone either way. So, I suppose in retrospect, maybe Cheyenne was the only team match Ft. Collins *enjoyed* this winter.

With their thrashing of Fort Collins, Longmont's ruthless chess team is definitely the one to beat, and anyone interested in challenging their squad should write Paul Szeligowski at

pjjsz@idcomm.com. I'm not sure what it will take to beat Longmont - perhaps the DCC can persuade GM Sharavdorj to be recruited to their cause, and even then it may require a little luck, some divine intervention, and a few Masters and Experts on the top boards. But Longmont is currently the club to beat.

As for Fort Collins, one lost match will not dampen their competitive spirit. Gauntlets have been thrown down for a match on March 24th against Colorado Springs at the neutral Tabor Center. Stay tuned next issue for a report on that match! ☞

Humor

Top 10 Reasons Fort Collins lost to Longmont

So why did Fort Collins *really* lose to Longmont? Here's what the club came up with! Enjoy!

10. Chess? Oh no, we were playing **football!** 17-3 was the final score...
9. Nostradamus predicted that Fort Collins would lose to Longmont, and we didn't want to let Nostradamus down.
8. We're not really sure **why** we lost, but their team did take an awful lot of bathroom breaks...
7. We thought "IM" stood for "inexperienced man."
6. The beer at Abbondanza Pizzeria was JUST. THAT. GOOD.
5. Surprise Ft. Collins club member Topolov had to cancel at the last minute.
4. We're much, MUCH better in **rated** chess games.
3. But **Brian** said the Fishing Pole was a **good** opening!!
2. They had guys named "Szeligowski" and "Drebenstedt": we spent half our clock time just writing their names down on the scoresheets!

... and the **number one** reason that Fort Collins club lost to Longmont is...

1. We're trying to lure the Colorado Springs club into a false sense of security.

Selected Games from "Custer's Last Stand" (Ft. Collins-Longmont team match)

W: Bob Goff (unr.)

B: Ken Johnson (1009)

Ft. Collins/Longmont match, 3/1/2007

1. e4 d6 2. Nf3 g6 3. d4 Bg7 4. Bc4 Nf6
5. Nc3 O-O 6. O-O Nc6 The dreaded e5
push!

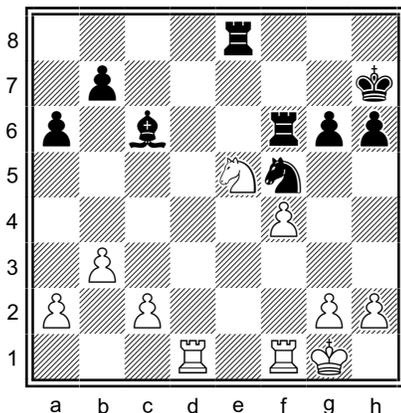
7. e5 dxe5 8. dxe5 Ng4 Goodbye Queens!

9. Qxd8 Rxd8 10. e6 Nge5 11. exf7+ Nxf7
12. Bf4 e5 13. Bg5 Rf8 14. Nb5 h6 15.
Be3 Kh7 Who needs that c7 pawn any-
way?

16. Nxc7 Rb8 17. Nb5 a6 18. Nc3 Nd4
Bxd4 is the much better method for cap-
turing.

19. Nxd4 exd4 The next several moves
are Fritz top suggestions.

20. Bf4 Be5 21. Ne2 Bxf4 22. Nxf4 Ne5
23. Ne6 Rf6 24. Nxd4 Nxc4 25. b3 Nd6
26. f4 Bd7 27. Rad1 Nf5 28. Nf3 Bc6 29.
Ne5 Re8 (Diagram)



30. Ng4 Rfe6 31. c4 Re2 32. a4 Allowing
Black to take control.

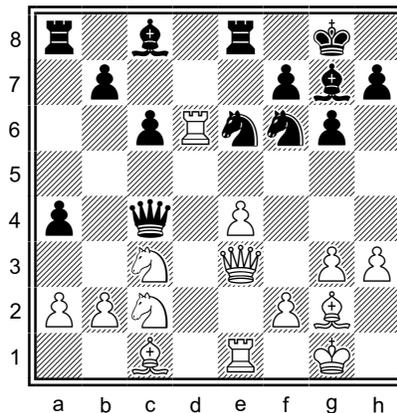
32. ... Rxc2+ 33. Kh1 Rxc2+ 0-1

W: Markus Petters (2028)

B: IM Steven Odendahl (2507)

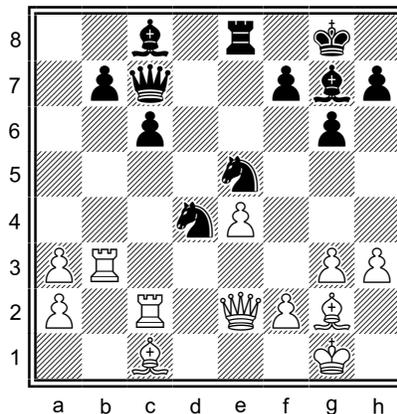
Ft. Collins/Longmont match, 3/1/2007

1. Nf3 Nf6 2. d4 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2
O-O 5. O-O c6 6. c4 d6 7. Nc3 Qa5
8. h3 Nbd7 9. Qd3 e5 10. Bd2 Qc7
11. Rfc1 Re8 12. e4 exd4 13. Nxd4
Nc5 14. Qe3 a5 15. Re1 a4 16. Rad1
Qb6 17. Bc1 Qb4 18. Nc2 Qxc4 19.
Rxd6 Ne6? (Diagram)



20. Qf3? (20. Bf1 Qc5 21. Rxe6)

20... Nd7 21. Qd1 a3! 22. Nxa3 Rxa3
23. bxa3 Qxc3 24. Re3 Qc5 25. Rd2
Ne5 26. Rc2 Qb6 27. Rb3 Qc7 28.
Qe2 Nd4 (Diagram)



A nice fork for Black. The game
lasted many more moves, with Black
eventually mating in a time scramble.
0-1

Game from Fort Collins/ Cheyenne Match

By Lee Lahti

W: Lee Lahti (1422)

B: Allan Cunningham (1409)

Ft. Collins/Cheyenne match, 2/1/2007

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 e6 3. d4 Bb4 4. Bd2 c5 5.
a3 My new motto - when attacked, attack back.

5. ... Bxc3 I actually expected Allan to
play cxd4 instead.

6. Bxc3 Ne4 7. Nf3 I think Qc2 or Qd3
would have been a better move.

7. ... O-O 8. dxc5 Expecting Nxc5 in return.

8. ... Nxc3 9. bxc3 Tripled pawns on the c-
file! Not what I anticipated with this opening.

9. ... Qa5 10. Qd3 Qxc5 11. g3 Nc6 12.
Bg2 Na5 Attacking the now only doubled
pawns on the c-file.

13. Nd2 Rb8 14. O-O Finally getting my
King a little more protected.

14. ... b6 15. Be4 f5 16. Bg2 Ba6 Tripling
the attack on c4, but leaving d7 undefended.

17. Qxd7 Rfe8 18. Qd4 Nxc4 19. Nxc4
Qxc4 20. Qxc4 Bxc4 Trading a lot of the
developed pieces off.

21. Rfe1 Red8 22. e3 Rbc8 23. Rad1
Challenging for the open file.

23. ... Bb3 24. Rxd8+ Rxd8 25. Rb1
Rd1+ 26. Rxd1 Bxd1 27. f4 Bb3 28. Kf2
Need to get my King into the game.

28. ... Bc4 29. e4 Kf7 30. Ke3 g6 31. Kd4
My King is now centralized. Maybe there
is still something left in this position.

31. ... Ba6 32. exf5 gxf5 33. Ke5 Bc8 34. h3
h5 35. Bf3 Kg6 The Black King is now very
out of position. I think I can get the full point.

36. Kd6 Kh6 37. Kc7 Ba6 38. h4 Kg7 At least
1 of the Queenside pawns are going to fall.

39. Kb8 Bc4 40. Kxa7 b5 41. Kb6 Bd3
42. Bc6 Kf6 43. Bxb5 Got them both. If
Black exchanges the bishops, it is all over.

43. ... Be4 44. Kc7 e5 45. Kd6 Black re-
signs after determining there is now way to
stop a pawn promotion. 1-0

by Damian Nash

David Reynolds 1934-2007

With sadness I must inform you that David Reynolds passed away January 24th, 2007 of an apparent heart attack. A long-time fixture of the Durango Chess Club, David was the strongest player in town for fifteen years, and the one to whom others turned for chess analysis, advice and amusement. He often brought a game from a current world-class chess tournament for the enjoyment and education of others at the club. The Durango Chess Club mourns his loss and sends condolences to his wife and son, Judith and Sam.

David had a lifetime love for the game, starting at age twelve and continuing through his last tournament -- The John Mical Memorial Melee last month -- which he won. He stayed in fine form into his seventies, gaining recognition and accolades along the way. As a US Chess Federation master, he won the state championship titles in both Ohio and Idaho. With his final ratings, he was still #29 on the USCF list of active quick chess players over age 65 (#11 in the country over age 70), and #48 in the USA in the regular rating list at 2095. His last slow chess tournament before retiring was in 2003 when he went undefeated in three games against Andy Rea, Anand Kalyanaraman and Damian Nash.

As an active hiker and local historian, David always seemed to have a spring in his step and a twinkle in his eye. The twinkle sometimes coupled with an impish grin after playing a particularly clever, game-winning move. David took great joy from a game well played, and conveyed the feeling of delight to many other players over the years. He will be missed by all at the Durango Chess Club. ♔

by Victor Spear

David Reynolds: A Personal Memoir

Five years ago, while thumbing through the Colorado Chess Informant, I noticed the name David Reynolds in a tournament score table. Could this be the same guy I used to play chess with when I was a medical student at the Univ. of Michigan? The same guy I played 79 games with in 1958, the guy I tied for first with in the Ann Arbor City Championship? Probably not, but what do I have to lose? So I wrote a letter to the magazine requesting his address and phone number, and, if this was against their policy, asked them to simply forward my note to him.

A week later, a letter arrived from Durango. It was him. We had parted ways 44 years before, but our histories were remarkably similar. He was involved in classical music, literature, theater, hiking, and chess, and so was I. He had made a killing in the stock market and so had I. He had a serious cardiac problem along with a bad family history. Ditto. It was spooky, like finding a soul mate. Hiking had been the reason we both had relocated, he to Western Colorado, and I to Northern California.

"This is the guy who hunted me down after 44 years!"
-- David Reynolds

We exchanged e-mails for a few months before I talked him into a visit. His wife Judy was a journalist for the Durango newspaper and would be covering the Ashland (Oregon) Shakespeare Festival. They agreed to make a 350 mile detour and come to Santa Rosa on the way back. How many times have you tried to revive a relationship out of the past and have it fall flat, suffering from the natural attrition that results from the drifting apart that occurs over the years? And, to boot, we had hardly known each other off the chessboard. Well, this turned out to be the opposite extreme. Time flew by like the proverbial winged chariot. It was as if we had been friends all our lives.

I am a pack rat. I save everything. I am biologically incapable of throwing anything out, especially if it pertains to chess. I still have every score sheet of every chess game I've ever played, including 79 games with Dave in 1958. I made copies and gifted him those games. Later he said, with typical honest candor, that he had never seen a more boring group of chess games. They parted with an invitation for us to return the visit in Durango.

A few months later we also went out of our way, on our way back from the Aspen Music Festival, to visit the Reynolds'. We shared a great hike in the mountains and a rehearsal concert of the Durango Symphony which Judy was reviewing for the paper. But the highlight for me was a trip to the Durango Chess Club, where Dave paraded me around like a trophy, saying to everyone with pride, "This is the guy who hunted me down after 44 years!"

We had only one more shared experience, a picnic lunch by the bay in Sausalito when they took a short trip to San Francisco. Afterward, we tramped through town searching used bookstores for old chess books. We chess geeks never quit, do we?

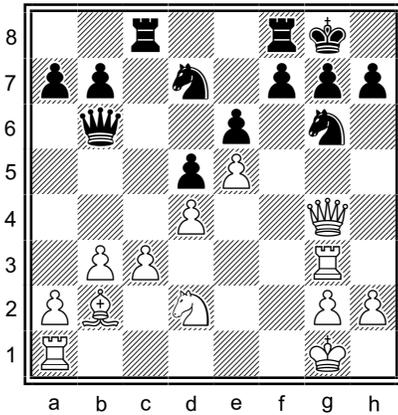
Dave was born and raised in Michigan. He was the quintessential academic Renaissance Man, getting degrees in astronomy, math, sociology and library science. In chess he made it to 2200, master level, and won state championships in Idaho and Ohio, as well as competing doggedly in simulms against Fischer and Reshevsky. As a hiker he climbed Mt. Kilimanjaro in spite of having had coronary bypass surgery five years before. He called it "an act of defiance." As an author, he and Judy recently published a biography on an early Mesa Verde archaeologist.

Dave died suddenly of a heart attack at age 72 on Jan.24, 2007. Hearing the news felt like getting hit with a sledgehammer. Why? Why, after seeing someone only three times in the last 50 years, did it mean so much? Is it simply an unwillingness to let go of the past? Is it because he turned out to be a kind and generous, endlessly interesting friend? No. Most of all I hurt because he was my chess buddy.

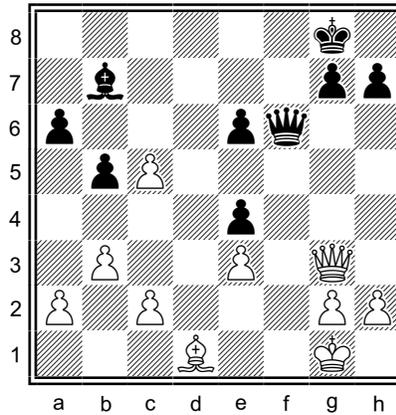
Is there anything better than that? ♔

Tactics Time!

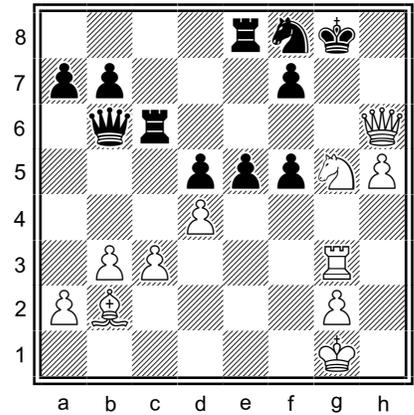
This issue's tactics are courtesy of Tim Brennan's games at a Regis Jesuit tournament. Can you spot the tactics in each of the positions? Answers below



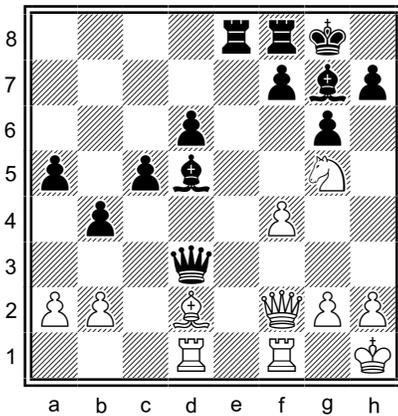
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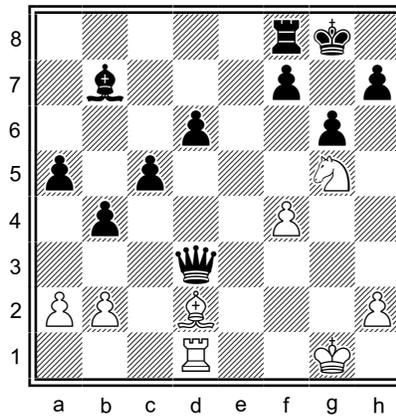
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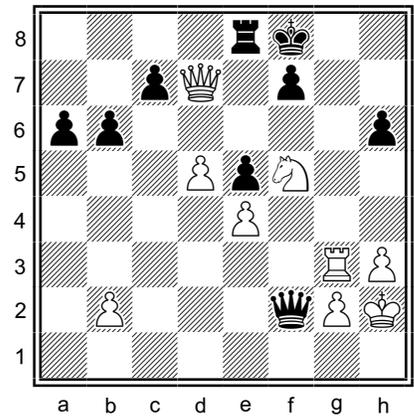
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Regis Jesuit Grand Prix, 12/16/2006
Black to Move



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Regis Jesuit Grand Prix, 12/16/2006
Black to Move



6. Howard Notgarnie - Tim Brennan
Regis Jesuit Grand Prix, 12/16/2006
White to Move

Answers:

- Thanks to the pin, black snacked on the e pawn with **Ndx5!** (Minus several million points if you chose the g-knight to take the pawn, though!)
- Qb8+!** forks the king and lonesome bishop. In David's defense, though, this was at the end of a complicated series of exchanges, and Tim was probably pleasantly surprised at the end to get this tactical present. Or maybe not; who knows..
- Black was hoping for a trapped white queen here, but instead **Ne6+!** hits with a nasty discovered check that ultimately gets white's queen right where he wants it: at g7.
- This almost isn't a tactic you have to calculate out: after **1. Re2! Qh4** (the queen really doesn't have a prayer anywhere else) the check **2. Bxg2+ Kg1 3. Bd4+** beautifully brings the bishops into the game big time, and the white queen (and mate threat) quickly fall from these active bishops as well.
- Shortly after problem #4, black is comfortably winning. But a quiet move like **Qe2!** and white has but one useless interposition against the impending mate on g2.
- Sorry, you can't win them all, Tim! In the actual game, white's d-pawn finally was decisive here. But Howard could have ended Tim's misery a lot sooner with the wonderful deflection sacrifice **1. ... Rg8+! 2. Kxg8 Qxe8+** and the mate on g7 becomes inevitable.

by Paul Anderson

The Worst Chess Game Ever Played??

Parents always want better for their children.” I have heard it a hundred times. It is a popular theme in movies. One of my favorite movies is “Breaking Away,” a story of a father and son at odds because the father’s plan for his son’s “better life” by sending him to college doesn’t match with the son’s dream of joining the Italian cycling team. The movie plays out the tension between the two in a humorous fashion as they learn how to deal with their opposing plans.

I lived through the son’s perspective as I went off to pursue an engineering degree at the University of Colorado in Boulder just like my father did some 25 years earlier. I ended up following my own dreams as I changed majors and switched schools. Now I get to live through the father’s side as my son, Matthew, matures into a life of his own. Of course, there is always the chance that he will turn out to be one of those 40 year olds who still live at home. Therefore I am constantly sharing with my son the Bible, especially Genesis 2:24: “For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh.” See son, the Bible says you will leave!

Of course, I am not the typical father. I am far too competitive to do my son too much good. I want to beat him at everything, especially chess. When my son asked me to teach him how the pieces move, I didn’t tell him about the special moves like castling and en passant. I figured that it took me 27 years to beat my dad at chess so it better take my son at least 30 years. Well, things didn’t quite go like I planned.

My son’s interest in chess developed from seeing his dad going to chess club and playing in chess tournaments. He

was at that age when carrying a chess bag in public was cool. I didn’t start playing chess in tournaments until I was close to 30, but I can imagine that being on the chess team in those younger years could get you beaten up by the football players.

I actually played football during my time at Lincoln Junior High School back in Naperville, IL and again in college. My father was definitely careful with money and was always nervous about my quickly fading interest in the hobbies I requested him to underwrite. The major expense in football was the helmet. I needed an authorized brand to tryout, and most kids bought the regulation, standard white one with the modern facemasks. But not me. My dad noticed that one of my past Christmas presents, a Los Angeles Rams replica helmet with the Vince-Ferragamo-two-bar-style facemask, had a youth sports approval logo. So, off I went to try out with the only blue and yellow helmet.

Needless to say, I came home bruised and beaten after being the magnet for all the biggest and fastest linebackers who wanted to prove their talent during the tryout. I’d hate to think what would have happened if I brought my chess bag to football tryouts!

“What do I get if I win?”

“We’ll cross that bridge when we get there...”

-- Paul & Matthew’s father/son moment

I don’t hold any animosity towards my dad because of this situation. In fact, I am very similar. When my son asked for his own chess bag, I wasn’t overcome with tears of joy that my son wanted to follow in my footsteps. I thought, “I didn’t get my own chess bag until I was close to 30, and I had to pay for it myself. You are only six and don’t even have a job!”

But I made him a deal: If you will play

in a scholastic tournament, be a good sport, finish all 5 games, and still like chess, I will get you a chess bag. He played in his first tournament at Irving Junior High School on January 8, 2000, lost all 5 games, and got his first chess set and carrying case.

The next year he wanted a chess clock, but I said, “You have to win one this year.” He did. After 3 years of scholastic chess, he retired with 2 trophies (5th place, UNR K-3, Irving 2001 and Under 18 Years, Pir Maleki 2001) and moved on to other hobbies.

Of course, having spent all my hard earned money on a chess bag for him, I was going to keep chess in his life one way or another. At the very least, he was going to have to play me. We weren’t exactly at the same skill level though, and, as I mentioned earlier, I am far too competitive to do my son too much good. I would crush him one game after another until his spirit was so broken down that I had to pay him to play me.

So I made him a deal: If you make it past 20 moves, I’ll buy you a treat. He liked the idea, and we started playing over the board on August 6, 2004. Slowly, he made it past 20 moves, and I had to pay out on the treat.

He asked, “What do I get if I win?” I laughed, “We’ll cross that bridge when we get there, let’s just make it 25 moves for now.” He agreed. He seemed to be improving as we continued to play, and finally, he made it past 25 moves.

He asked, “What do I get if I win?” I laughed, “We’ll cross that bridge when we get there, let’s just make it 30 moves for now.” He was definitely better now

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after we had been playing together for 2 years and 46 games. I had won them all, but it was getting much harder to mate him under 30 moves.

He didn't mind taking a losing position if it meant trading off the queens and a good shot at the endgame. He had seen Brian Wall's fishing pole enough that the bait meant nothing to him anymore and all my gambits were promptly declined. Pretty soon I would be handing out treats like it was Halloween.

This is the sad part of the story.

We were headed to Borders bookstore to see my son's favorite author, Brian Jacques, on September 24, 2006. He was doing a book signing this day, and we wanted to get there early to get a good spot in the line. The store gave out numbers so we could eat lunch at Chipotle, play our 47th game, and come back to our place in line. The game would have to be quick so we wouldn't lose our spot, but we both never took our games too seriously and losing a treat this day was fine with me.

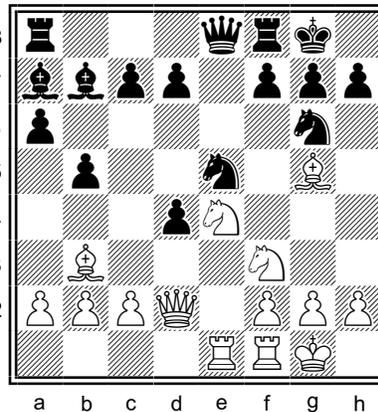
However, I soon began to realize my game was in bad shape, and I was paying too much attention to my chips and guacamole. I tried to get a lot of pieces pointing at his king before he realized how strong his pieces were around my king and prayed for a miracle. He switched from his "a strong defense is a good offense" strategy, and for the first time I can recall, he went after my king.

W: Anderson, Matthew (525)

B: Anderson, Paul (1885)

1.d4 e5 2.e4 exd4 3.e5 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bc5 5.Bc4 Nge7 6.Bg5 0-0 7.0-0 Qe8 8.Nbd2 a6 9.Ne4 Ba7 10.Qd3 [Δ10.Nf6+ gxf6 11.Bxf6+-] 10...b5?? 11.Bb3 [11.Nf6+ gxf6 12.Bxf6 d6 13.Qd2 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qc6 15.Qg5+ Ng6 16.Nxc6 Re8 17.Qh6 bxc4 18.Qg7#] 11...Bb7?? 12.Qd2 [12.Nf6+ gxf6 13.Bxf6+-] 12...Ng6?? Black has let it slip away [12...Nd8 13.Rfe1 Ne6

14.c3 dxc3 15.Qxc3=] 13.Rae1?? White loses the upper hand [13.Nf6+ Kh8 14.Nxe8 Raxe8+-] 13...Ncx5?? (diagram)

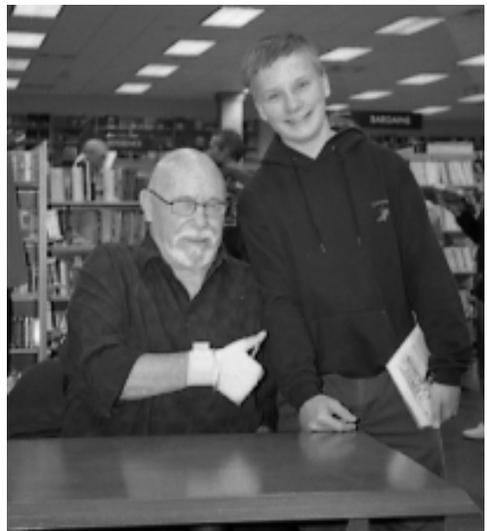


14.Nxd4?? weakening the position [Δ14.Nxe5!? Bxe4 15.Nxg6 hxg6 16.f3+-] 14...c5?? hands over the advantage to the opponent. [14...d5 15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.Bxf6 Bxd4 17.Qxd4 c5 18.Qxc5 Qc6 19.Qxc6 Nxc6+] 15.Nf5?? throwing away the advantage [Δ15.Nf6+ gxf6 16.Bxf6±] 15...c4?? throws away a nice position [15...Bxe4 16.Rxe4 c4 17.Be7 Nxe7 18.Rxe5 Nxf5 19.Rxe8 Rfxe8 20.Bxc4 bxc4 21.Qd5+] 16.Ned6 Qb8?? [Δ16...Qe6 Black missed this excellent chance 17.Bf4 f6-+] 17.Bh6 Qc7?? letting the wind out of his own sails [Δ17...Bc5 would be a reprieve 18.Rxe5 Bxd6 (18...Nxe5?? 19.Ne7+ Kh8 20.Bxg7+ Kxg7 21.Qg5+ Ng6 22.Ndf5+ Kh8 23.Qf6#) 19.Nxd6 Nxe5 20.Bxg7 Re8+ a) ≤20...Kxg7 21.Qg5+ Kh8 22.Qf6+ Kg8 23.Nf5 Nf3+ 24.gxf3 Qg3+ 25.fxg3 cxb3 26.Ne7#; b) 20...cxb3 would be a terrible mistake 21.Bf6 (21.Bxe5?! is much worse 21...f6±) 21...Qxd6 22.Qxd6+-;] 18.Bxg7 Qc6? [18...Ng4 19.Qc3 f6+-] 19.Nxb7 Qxb7 20.Bxe5 [20.Bf6 Rfe8 21.Qh6 Bxf2+ 22.Kh1 Qxg2+ 23.Kxg2 Nf4+ 24.Kh1 Ne6 25.Bxe5 f6 26.Qxf6 h6 27.Qg6+ Kf8 28.Bd6+ Re7 29.Bxe7#] 20...Nxe5 21.Qh6 [21.Qg5+ Ng6 22.Qf6 Qxg2+ 23.Kxg2 Nh4+ 24.Kh1 Nxf5 25.Rg1+ Ng3+ 26.Rxg3#] 21...Bxf2+ 22.Rxf2 f6 23.Qg7# 1-0

After the game, he asked, "What do I get now that I won?" I said, "Nothing, you didn't make 30 moves."

I knew I had played poorly that day, but I didn't realize how bad until I had Fritz look at it. I have never seen so many question marks on a game before, and I doubt I ever will. Twelve of the twenty-three moves were scored as bad or very bad. Oh sure, there may be games out there with twelve bad moves, but can you find a miniature ending in mate with 52% of its moves as bad.

So why publish it? Well, it just could be the worst chess game ever played. But also, it was a fun story that just had to be told. In addition, I did get my son a treat for winning. His dream is to have an official tournament for his favorite hobby, a collectible card game called Redemption. I told him I would cover the expenses and run the tournament for him. So, if you're not playing chess on April 28th, you are welcome to join Matthew's tournament (www.homeschoolblogger.com/77Matthew).



Is Matthew Anderson (R) smiling with pride from meeting favorite author Brian Jacques (L) or because he just beat his dad in chess? You be the judge! Photo by Paul Anderson

by Archie Shipp

Shipp's Log

For those that haven't met me yet, I moved to Colorado during the summer of 2006 and joined CSCA in October. I'd been a high school chess sponsor but had never played tournaments myself. I knew Randy was constantly looking for material for the Informant, so I asked if he would like my best (On Course) and worst (Off Course) games from each tournament I play. I use a combination of Chessmaster 7000 for the heavy analysis and Crafty for its simpler annotation abilities. Enjoy the voyage!

W: Gerald Maier (1106)

B: Archie Shipp (1065)

Larimer County Open (3), Oct. 14, 2006

Off Course: This was the third game of my first OTB tournament ever. I'd lost a close one to Thomas Mullikin in the first round and won against Kathy Schneider in the second. Gerald played the Four Knights, an opening that I'd not played much, and I got myself Off Course fairly quickly.

1. Nc3 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. e4 Nf6 4. Bc4 d6 {Out of Opening Book.} 5. d3 Qe7 6. Bg5 h6 7. Nd5 Qd8 8. Bxf6 gxf6 9. Nh4 Bg7 10. Nf5 (10. Nf4) Bxf5 11. exf5 Ne7 12. Qg4 Rg8 13. Qh5 Nxd5 14. Bxd5 Qd7 15. Bxb7 {White is up a pawn.} Rb8 16. Qf3 Ke7 17. O-O Bh8 {Slightly better is Qb5.} 18. h4 {Slightly better is Bc6.} (18. a4) (18. a3) (18. Be4 Rg7 19. Rfe1 Rbg8 20. g3 Rg4) (18. Bd5 Rg7 19. Rfe1 Rbg8 20. g3 Rg4 21. Re4 h5 22. Rxc4 Rxc4 23. Re1 Qb5 24. b3 Bg7) Rg7 19. Rfe1 Rbg8 20. g3 Rg4 21. Re4 h5 22. Rxc4 Rxc4 23. Re1 Qb5 24. b3 Bg7 25. Bd5 Bh6 26. Re2 Bf4 27. Kh2 {Slightly better is d4.} Rxh4+ {Material is even.} 28. Kg2 Rg4 29. Kf1 Bg5 30. c4 Qe8 31. Re4 Rxe4 32. Qxe4 Qh8 33. Qe1 h4 34. Qa5 Qc8 {This was a mistake. I should have moved Qb8.} 35. Qxa7 Kd8 {Slightly better is hxg3. I call the series of mistakes to follow the Wife Gambit, since she called about here asking why I wasn't home yet.} 36. Bxf7 hxg3 {Uh-oh! Much better is Qxf5.} 37. Be6!! Be3 {Much better is gxf2. Basically I was just desperate at this point.} 38. fxe3 Qxe6 39. fxe6 1-0

W: Gary Crites (1125)

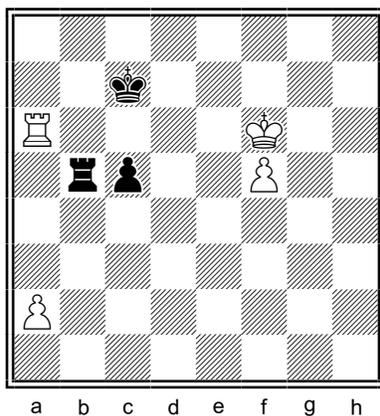
B: Archie Shipp (1042)

Larimer County Open (5), Oct. 15, 2006

On Course: After losing to Gerald, I beat Greg

Bain and then played Gary for my final game. We almost had a three-fold, but I played on, thinking I had nothing to lose and that I was out of the money anyway. I pulled out a win and got 4th Place in the Reserve section and my money back in my very first tournament!

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. Nf3 h6 {Out of Opening Book.} 7. Bd3 Bh7 8. c4 Nf6 9. Bxh7 Nxb7 10. Qb3 b6 11. O-O e6 12. Be3 Nd7 13. Rad1 Be7 14. Rfe1 O-O 15. Bf4 Qe8 16. Ne5 Nxe5 17. dxe5 f6 18. Qf3 {Slightly better is exf6.} fxe5 19. Rxe5 Bf6 20. Re2 Rd8 {Slightly better is Bg5.} 21. Rxd8 Bxd8 22. Qe3 Bg5 23. Bxg5 Nxc5 24. f4 Nf7 25. Qxe6 Qxe6 26. Rxe6 {White is up a pawn.} Nd8 27. Re4 c5 28. f5 Nc6 29. Kf2 {Slightly better is b3.} Nd4 30. Re5 g6 31. Ke3 gxf5 {Material is even.} 32. Kf4 Kg7 33. Nxf5+ {White is ahead by a pawn.} Kg6 34. g4 h5 35. h3 hxg4 36. hxg4 {Creates a passed pawn on g4.} Nxf5 37. gxf5+ Kf7 38. Re6 Rd8 39. Ke5 Rd2 40. Rf6+ Ke7 41. Re6+ Kf7 42. Rf6+ Ke7 {Here my opponent offered a draw, assuming we were going to have a three-fold repetition anyway. I declined it though, thinking I had nothing to lose at this point.} 43. Re6+ Kd7 {Slightly better is Kf7. Considering I got the win, I get to disagree with CM7000, even if I am wrong.} 44. Kf6 Rxb2 45. Re7+ Kd6 46. Rxa7 {White is up a pawn.} b5 47. Ra6+ Kc7 48. cxb5 Rxb5 (Diagram)



49. Kf7 {Leads to 49... c4 50. f6 c3 51. Ra4 Rb6 52. Ra7+ Rb7 53. Rxb7+ Kxb7 54. Kg6 c2 55. f7 c1=Q 56. f8=Q Qg1+ 57. Kh6 Qh2+ 58. Kg5 Qxa2. Better is Ke7, leading to 49... Kb7 50. a4 Rb4 51. Re6 c4 52. f6 c3 53. f7 c2 54. f8=Q c1=Q, which gains a rook and a pawn and loses a rook by comparison.} c4 50. f6 c3 51. Ra7+ Kb6 52. Re7 c2 {Adds a promote threat at c2.} 53. Re6+ Kc7 54. Re7+ Kd6 (54. ... Kc6) 55. Ke8 c1=Q 56. f7 {Adds a promote threat at f7 but it allowed me to get an easy back row mate!} Rb8# {I didn't even need that Queen!} 0-1

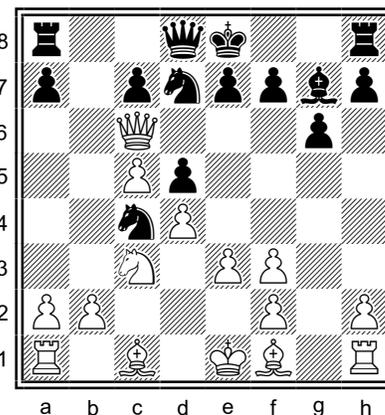
W: Garret Shrader (1502)

B: Archie Shipp (1132)

Boulder Fall Rapid (1), Oct. 28, 2006

Off Course: This was my second tournament and this game quickly became a lesson in castling on time.

1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. d4 d5 4. Nf3 Bg7 5. e3 Bg4 {Out of Opening Book. Much better is O-O.} 6. Qb3 Bxf3 7. Qxb7 Nbd7 8. gxf3 (8. cxd5 Nb6) Nb6 9. c5 Nc4 10. Qc6+ Nd7 (Diagram) {Better is Kf8.}



11. Nxd5 e6? {Much better is O-O.} 12. Nxc7+ {Forks Black's rook at a8 and Black's king and creates a passed pawn on c5.} Ke7 13. Bxc4 {White is ahead by a bishop and three pawns.} Re8 14. Qd6+ Kf6 15. Nxe6 Qa5+ {Slightly better is Rc6.} 16. Bd2 Qxd2+ 17. Kxd2 fxe6 {Black moves into a forced mate. Much better is Bf8. I don't think it really matters though at this point.} 18. Qxe6+ {White has a mate in 2.} Kg5 19. Rhg1+ {Black resigns.} 1-0

W: Cory Foster (1243)

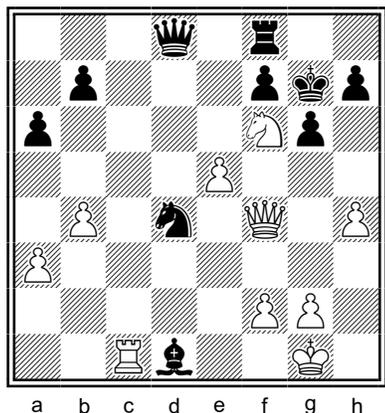
B: Archie Shipp (1132)

Boulder Fall Rapid (4), Oct. 28, 2006

On Course: After losing to Garret (2nd Place) and a close one to Appana Srikar (4th Place), I turned a won position into a stalemate versus Jackson Chen (Future Denker Participant?). My tournament honeymoon hadn't lasted very long. However, I did manage to grind out a good win in this game to get back On Course.

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. a3 Ba5 {Out of Opening Book.} 5. e5 Nd7 6. Nf3 c5 7. Be2 (7. Be3 Ne7) Ne7 8. O-O a6 9. dxc5 Nxc5 {Slightly better is Bxc3.} 10. b4 {Forked!} Ne4 11. Qd3 {Slightly better is Nxe4.} Nxc3 12. Qxc3 Bb6 13. Be3 {Crafty liked 13. Qd2 Nf5} Bd7 14. Qd2 Nf5 15. Bxb6 Qxb6 16. Rfd1

Rc8 17. c4 Ba4 18. Rdc1 O-O 19. cxd5 Bd7 {Slightly better is exd5.} **20. dxe6 Bxe6** {I knew I would be down the pawn but wanted the bishop in a strong position and this also kept me from having an IQP.} **21. Qf4 g6 22. h4 Kg7 23. Nh2** {Slightly better is g4.} **Nd4 24. Qf6+ Kg8 25. Bd1 Rxc1 26. Rxc1 Qd8 27. Qf4 Bb3 28. Ng4** {Hangs the pawn at h4. Leads to 28... Bxd1 29. Kf1 Be2+ 30. Ke1 Bxg4 31. Qxg4 Nc6 32. f4 Qd3 33. Qf3 Qxf3 34. gxf3, which wins a knight. Better is Qe3, leading to 28... Be6 29. Nf3 Nf5 30. Qe4 Qb6 31. Qf4 f6 32. Bc2} **Bxd1** {Black wins a bishop.} **29. Nf6+** {Slightly better is Kf1.} **Kg7** (Diagram)



30. Qg5 Ne2+ {Fork!} **31. Kh2 Nxc1 32. h5** {Better is Qxc1, leading to 32... Qd4 33. Kg1 Qxe5 34. Nd7 Qe1+ 35. Kh2 Rg8 36. Qa1+ Kh6 37. Qc1+ g5 38. hxg5+ Rxg5, which wins a knight and a pawn for two pawns.} **h6 33. Qg3** {Uh-oh! Much better is Qxc1, leading to 33... Qd4 34. f4 g5 35. Kh1 gxf4 36. Qc7 f3 37. Qe7 Qh4+ 38. Kg1 fxe2 39. Kxg2 Bxh5 40. Qxb7, which wins a knight for a pawn.} **Bc2** {Better is Qd4, leading to 34. hxg6 fxe6 35. Qe3 Qxe3 36. fxe3 Nd3 37. Nd7 Re8 38. e4 Nxe5, which wins a pawn.} **34. f4** {Slightly better is hxg6.} **Bf5** {Slightly better is Qd4.} **35. hxg6 fxe6 36. Nh5+ Kh7 37. Nf6+ Rxf6 38. exf6 Qxf6** {White wins a rook for a knight and a pawn. Black is ahead by a bishop and a knight in material.} **39. Qe3 Nd3 40. Qb6** {White gives Black a forced mate opportunity, but I didn't need it.} **Qxb6** {White resigns.} **0-1**

W: Tim Fisher (1579)

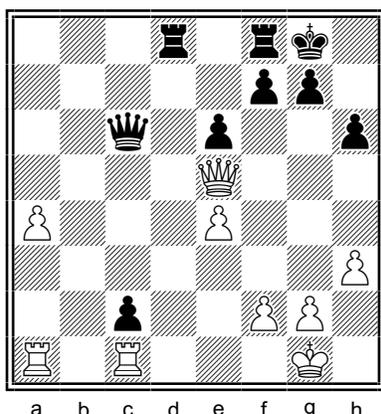
B: Archie Shipp (1156)

Boulder Fall GP (1), Nov. 18, 2006

On Course: This is my best win so far, considering I was 400 rating points out of my league!

1. Nf3 e6 2. c4 Nf6 3. d4 b6 4. Nc3 Bb4 5. a3 {Out of Opening Book.} **Bxc3+ 6. bxc3** {White wins a bishop for a knight. Material is even.}

O-O 7. Bg5 Bb7 8. Qc2 d5 9. cxd5 Bxd5 {Material is even.} **10. e3 Be4 11. Bd3 Bxd3 12. Qxd3** {Material is even.} **Nbd7 13. e4** {Slightly better is O-O.} **Qc8** {CM7000 liked Nc5 here, which eventually wins a bishop and a pawn for a knight.} **14. O-O c5 15. h3 Qc6 16. Rfe1 h6 17. Bxf6 Nxf6** {Black wins a bishop for a knight. Material is even.} **18. Ne5 Qe8 19. a4 Rd8 20. Qa6** {It was here I figured I could get the c pawn advanced far enough to decide the game if he was going to go pawn hunting.} **cxd4 21. Qxa7 dxc3** {Creates a passed pawn on c3.} **22. Qxb6** {Creates a passed pawn on a4 and isolates Black's pawn at c3. Material is even.} **Nd7 23. Qb5 Nxe5 24. Qxe5 Qc6 25. Recl c2** (Diagram)



26. Qb2 Rd2 {A rook on the 7th Rank!} **27. a5** {I took probably 3-5 minutes to determine if my attack would succeed or if he would disrupt it by promoting that pawn.} **Qxe4** {I got to steal a pawn and exert more control over the proceedings. Black is up a pawn in material.} **28. a6** {Pushes the passed pawn.} **Rfd8** {Battering Ram.} **29. Qb3** {This was a nifty move...allowing the queen to guard d1 if an exchange starts to take place.} **Qe2 30. Rf1** {Both Crafty and CM7000 think Qe3 would be better, but I would still be able to move the rook to d1 and force the exchanges and promotion.} **Rd1 31. a7** {Uh-oh! CM7000 doesn't like it, but at this point Tim was desperate.} **Qxf1+** {Forks White's rook at a1 and White's king.} **32. Kh2 Rxa1** {Threatens White's pawn at a7 and moves it behind the passed pawn at a7. White resigns.} **0-1**

W: Kathy Schneider (986)

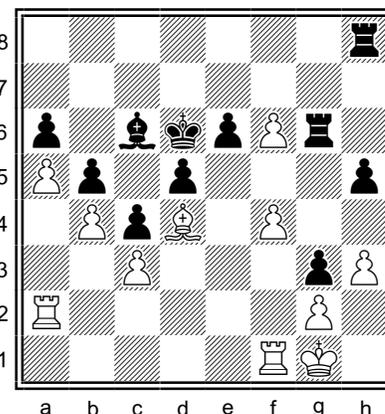
B: Archie Shipp (1156)

Boulder Fall GP (5), Nov. 18, 2006

Off Course: After beating Tim, I had to play Kevin Suchlicki (1959), Chris Peterson (1721) and Ted Doykos (1661) for three straight losses. Although I played tough in all three, it

made me reconsider ever wanting to win again in the first round. Finally, I came to Kathy. Even though I beat her in the Larimer, I knew better than to underestimate her. She plays way too much tournament chess to miss the opportunities I gave her in this game. Afterwards, she told me I had made her day. You will soon see why.

1. Nf3 e6 2. e4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. Nc3 {Out of Opening Book.} **Nc6 5. Bb5 Ne7 6. O-O a6 7. Bxc6+ Nxc6 8. d3 b5 9. a3 Bb7 10. d4 Be7 11. Ne2 f6 12. Nf4 Qd7** (12. ... Qc7) **13. c3 c4 14. Nh5 Rg8 15. b3 O-O-O 16. b4 g6** {Better is fxe5.} **17. Nxf6 Bxf6 18. exf6** {White is up a pawn.} **Rdf8** (18. ... Rgf8) **19. Bg5 Rh8 20. Ne5 Nxe5 21. dxe5 h6 22. Be3 h5 23. a4 Bc6 24. a5 g5 25. Qd4 Rfg8 26. Qb6 Qb7 27. Qc5 g4 28. Qd6 Qd7 29. f3** {Better is Qxd7+} **31. h3 Kd7 32. Bd4 Rg5 33. f4 Rg6** {Better is Rf5.} (33. ... Rg4) **34. Ra2** {Slightly better is f5.} **Kxd6** {Better is Rh7.} (Diagram)



35. Re2 {Better is f7.} **h4** {Better is Rh7. This was black's key blunder.} **36. Rfe1** {Slightly better is f7.} **Bd7** {Slightly better is Kc7.} **37. f7 Rf8** {Slightly better is Rgh6.} **38. Bc5+** {Ouch! Skewers Black's king and rook. I was telling Ryan Crisp (1329) about this later, and he made me feel a little better by telling me that last year she forked him twice in a row during a game!} **Kc6** (38. ... Kc7 39. Bxf8 Rf6 40. Be7 Rxf7 41. Bxh4 Rxf4 42. Bxg3) **39. Bxf8** {White is up a rook.} **Rf6 40. Be7 Rxf7 41. Bxh4 Rxf4 42. Bxg3 Rf6 43. Rf2 Rg6 44. Rf3 Rg5 45. Be5 Be8** {Better is Rg8.} **46. Rg3** {Better is Bf6.} **Rf5 47. Rg8 Bh5** {Better is Kd7.} **48. Ra8** {Slightly better is g4.} **Kb7 49. Rd8 Rg5** {Slightly better is Bg6.} **50. Rd6** {Better is Bf6.} **Bf3 51. g3 Rxc3+** {Yikes! Much better is d4. I was just tired, frustrated, and ready to go home at this point.} **52. Bxg3** {White wins a rook for a pawn. Black resigns.} **1-0** ♚

by Lee Lahti

I Have to Play *Who*??!???

I was bored one night during the holidays, so I jumped online while sitting around watching TV. I figured I might be able to get in a game or two of chess at Chess Live. When I signed on, there was a 4-player G/15 Knockout tournament just starting. I quickly signed up for it along with 2 other people. Then we sat around waiting for a 4th player.

After waiting for awhile without the tournament starting, I was getting ready to drop out and play some pick-up games when the first round pairings came up. While waiting I'd had time to find out a little about the other two players who had signed up with me – in addition to a 1632 player (that's me), there was a 1550 and a 1420 player. I was now paired with the 1550 player in the first round. I didn't think much about it since I had a game to play and win to advance to the finals, but I knew the 4th player who signed up was rated higher than me.

My game against the 1550 player lasted about a total of 10 minutes. When I had a winning position, I thought I might get a chance to watch part of the other game. When I mated the 1550 player, the pairings for the finals immediately came up; the other game had ended even quicker than mine. I was playing White against Bagheri. I had seen that name flash up online while I was waiting for the tournament to start. Someone named Bagheri had just completed a Masters Challenge, going 18-0 in G/5 games. Could I be playing the same person? When I clicked on the button to accept the pairings and saw my opponent come up, I got quite a shock: My opponent's name was "GM Bagheri".

What does a 1400 OTB player do when playing a GM? I knew I was going to get my butt kicked, but I was at least going down fighting.

W: Lee Lahti
B: GM Amir Bagheri

Chess Live G/15 Knockout, Dec. 21, 2006

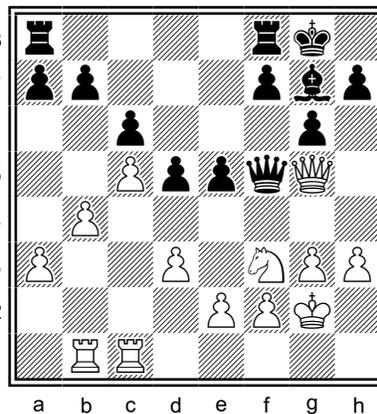
1. c4 Nf6 2. Nc3 g6 3. g3 Bg7 4. Bg2 O-O 5. Nf3 d6 6. d3 e5 7. O-O Nc6 8. Bg5 Be6 9. a3 Qd7 In preparation of a Bh3 to trade the light-colored bishops.

10. Rb1 I've learned my lesson from Brian Wall when playing the white side of an English – target the b7 pawn.

10. ... Bh3 11. b4 Bxg2 12. Kxg2 Qg4 13. Bxf6 Bxf6 14. Qd2 Nd5 was the move to play here, threatening the currently undefended c7 pawn.

14. ... Ne7 15. Ne4 Beginning preparations for c5.

15. ... Bg7 16. h3 Qe6 17. Rfc1 c6 18. c5 d5 19. Nd6 Nf5 20. Nxf5 Qxf5 21. Qg5 I was planning for the exchange of Queens with 20. Nxf5, thinking it was good for drawing chances. Turns out it wasn't the best move.



after 21. Qg5

21. ... Qxg5 22. Nxg5 Bh6! Capitalizing on the mistake of the position after the exchange of Queens. The only mistake my opponent would need me to make, although I made others.

23. h4 During analysis with a couple of the Fort Collins players, we were not sure if it would be possible to hold the position for a draw by locking up the pawns after 23. Nf3 Bxc1 24. Rxc1 f6 25. d4 e4 26. Ne1.

But ... a5 at anytime would bust open the Queenside before I could protect it.

23. ... f6 24. Ne6 Rf7 25. f4 Re7 26. Ng5 exf4 27. gxf4 fxg5 28. hxg5 Bg7 29. Kf3 Trying for some counter-play on the King-side. Attempting to get my King involved in the game before the Black King gets involved in the game.

29. ... Rae8 30. Re1 Re3+ 31. Kg4 Rxe2 32. Rxe2 Rxe2 33. Rf1 Ra2 And the Black Rook will run amok in my position.

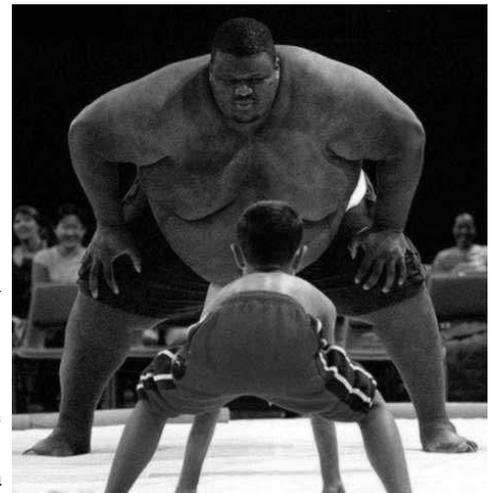
34. f5 gxf5+ 35. Rxf5 Rxa3 36. b5 Rxd3 37. bxc6 bxc6 38. Rf1 Rc3 39. Rb1 Rxc5 40. Rb8+ Bf8 I should resign anytime to end the torture.

41. Ra8 Ra5 42. Kf5 d4+ 43. Ke4 c5 44. Rc8 Ra3 45. Rc7 Re3+ 46. Kf5 Re7 47. Rc6 d3 48. g6 d2 49. gxh7+ A couple of last ditch, useless checks.

49. ... Rxh7 50. Rg6+ Rg7 51. Rxg7+ Kxg7 Mate is inevitable. 0-1

So, I'm now 0-1 against GMs. If/when I get the chance to play another GM, I'm sure my record will go to 0-2!

After the game, I looked up who GM Bagheri is. His full name is Amir Bagheri. He is FIDE rated 2486. He is from Iran, but now lives in France. There were nearly 500 games for him in the Chessbase database. I have already begun analyzing them to find a weakness in his game before I issue a challenge for a rematch! ♠



Lee (in front) warms up for his match against GM Bagheri (a dramatization).

Pulling Your Punches: Tournament Players in a non-Tournament World

An editorial by Randy S. Reynolds

We had a special guest at the Fort Collins Chess Club on January 23, 2007. Ben Brune, the sports producer for Colorado State's TV station, showed up to do a story on our chess club, which currently meets at CSU every week. We meet

at the Lory Student Center food court for two reasons: first, it's free, and second... Hmm, well, we meet there for **one** reason.

Anyway, Ben set up to film his story on us, and I showed up with butterflies in my stomach because I knew I was going to be interviewed for this. He suggested we play a game together during the interview, which seemed fine. At least I wouldn't have to be staring into that big, scary camera when I was answering questions.

But when he almost started the game with 1. f4? before changing it to 1. c4, I knew right then I had a really important decision to make:

Should I let this guy win?

Now I know that everyone has their own opinion on this, which I'd love to hear about. But I'll admit that when I'm playing some of the kids I tutor, I'll often play suboptimal moves, even downright lousy moves. After all, how is a beginning student in chess supposed to practice back rank checkmates or knight forks if I've got them tied up completely ala Nimzovich's My System? A zugzwang at move 15, so to speak. So I'll try to set up tactics for them, see if they can see the winning move when it's not printed in a book, screaming at them: "There's a winning move here! Find it, find it! There has to be, otherwise it wouldn't be printed in this tactics book!" Think of it as a help-fork or a help-discovery. Once they see the patterns of tactics, they will start playing better with a definite plan in mind, and then I don't have to pull punches nearly as much.

Some may say kids shouldn't be babied, that you should always play your strongest moves. But how does a kid grow to love the game of chess when his dad has beaten him for the 74th straight time? Let a kid win just one game, and the endorphins in his head get let loose. Then he's driven to win another one, and you play just a little better next time. Soon he's addicted to the game of chess, the safest drug out there! Plus it's legal!

The same general principles are applied when playing your boss or a senior officer of some kind. You make him happy, and this guy who

signs your paychecks might accidentally slip an extra "0" on the end of that next paycheck. You make him upset, and you might wonder why your office has suddenly been moved to the basement and you're being asked to deal with the cockroach problem. It's the same thing with anyone you're asking a favor of. You botch that queen sacrifice, they mop up the board with your pieces, you have a drink together at the local pub as you talk about the game and how great it was, and then slip in that favor. Nothing could be simpler.

Of course, you can't make it too obvious. Kids will gladly take your en prise queen and not give it a second thought. With adults, you make it too obvious that you're dropping pieces, and your magnanimous plan can quickly turn against you. The best chess plan is the one that's behind the scenes, where your opponent never sees it coming before it's too late. The best pulled punches are also the ones your opponent never sees. For example, he'll play Qb6+, forking the rook and king, and he'll feel pretty pleased. You think: "Of course, back 3 moves, I intentionally played the awful Ka6, when better for me is 17. Qd4+ Kc2 (not Ke2?? 18. Re8+ Kf3 19. Qe3+ Kg4 20. Re4+ Kh5 21. g6#) 18. Ne3+ with pressure on the e file and +5.50, give or take." You say: "Wow. I sure didn't see that coming."

Lying? Perhaps. But in a non-tournament game, do you really want to drag your rook lead into the endgame so you can trade off everything, pick off all the little pawns and force his king to the edge? Your brain has already taken the rest of the game off. Or would you rather drop your rook and see what happens in this pawns on either side endgame where you have to start using your brain again? I can enjoy a chess game a lot more when I'm in a challenging position, so why not give yourself something to work towards again?

Moving on... siblings are fair game. You always picked on each other growing up, so why give each other an easy time now? Crush 'em. Parents are, perhaps, a different story. Maybe your dad taught you chess. Do you show him how far his lessons have gone by completely dominating him in a Najdorf Sicilian? But what about that commandment, Honor thy Father and thy Mother? Does that mean pulling punches? Fortunately, Paul Anderson's article on page 16 gives some good advice on taking on the parents. Sounds like it's a moment of both pride and shock, which means it's still fair game.

Then there's the bedridden and terminally ill. Wow, this is getting deep! After all, we don't

know much about the afterlife, or even if there is one. We don't know if there will be chess in heaven. Yes, I know, blasphemy, but hear me out. And if I didn't honor my father and mother because I crushed them in chess every time, is there chess in hell? These are very philosophical questions I don't have a good answer for, though they may make a great start for a future article! All I can say on the subject is that long-time Colorado chess player Al Ufer won his last game of chess before passing away, and that makes me feel warm inside. I don't know if that last win was the result of his own skill, a few pulled punches, or maybe a combination of the two, but it makes me smile that he won his last chess game on earth.

So this leads back to the game with my interviewer. Completely destroy him and we might receive a less than flattering report by CTV. Roll over and play dead, and the reporter thinks our club is a bunch of posers, with no skill within our ranks. Not really a winnable situation. So I figured I'd just play it by ear and ease off if I started getting too far ahead. After a few moves, I found myself up the exchange, which then turned into being a full rook ahead. So it was then time to put on the brakes a little, as pieces were getting traded off at an alarming rate and if I waited too much longer to return the rook, there may be few chances.

So I moved my rook to check his king, noticing it could be taken for free with his queen.

He then moved his king out of check. *This is going to be harder than I thought*, I frowned as I tried to plan my next help-tactic.

Eventually, he got his king way down deep into my territory, and managed to get a fork between my king and the unprotected rook. It turns out I was so busy trying to find a good tactic for him that I ignored my position and he ended up finding one on his own. So eventually, I forced an exchange of the queens off the board so we were left with pawns, and one of my passed pawns easily ran to victory. But it ended up being pretty close, exactly what I wanted to see.

I never did see how the TV program actually turned out. But hopefully it grabbed the interest of a few CSU students tuned in. But more importantly, Ben and I were able to share a fun game of chess, an enjoyable encounter between the casual player and a person who eats and sleeps chess.

And aren't enjoyable encounters what life is all about? ♔

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1	Renard Anderson	10229391	2219	2230	W18	W3	W5	W6	W7	5.0
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3	Gordon Randall	12862113	1706	1719	W31	L1	W21	W14	D8	3.5
4	Phil Brown	12693448	1628	1626	W20	L5	W17	D11	W15	3.5
5	Paul Anderson	12728345	1886	1893	W21	W4	L1	H---	W9	3.5
6	Randy Canney	10407443	2221	2215	W13	W9	H---	L1	W18	3.5
7	Bill Weihmiller	12515063	1713	1731	W15	W30	D27	W19	L1	3.5
8	Alex Cacas	10116775	1823	1825	W23	W24	H---	D2	D3	3.5
9	Anthea Carson	12614322	1657	1665	W25	L6	W23	W16	L5	3.0
10	Imre Barlay	11024190	1900	1886	W14	D16	H---	W12	L2	3.0
11	Mike Filppu	12915820	1312	1403	L19	W28	W24	D4	D16	3.0
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16	Nathan Stark	12504691	1571	1566	W26	D10	H---	L9	D11	2.5
17	Gerry Sunderland	12559917	1400	1402	L2	W26	L4	H---	W28	2.5
18	Robert Blaha	13473723	1489	1492	L1	W31	W32	H---	L6	2.5
19	Shaun MacMillan	10410916	1810	1799	W11	W22	H---	L7	U---	2.5
20	Jerry Maier	12510521	1054	1142	L4	L21	H---	W31	W27	2.5
21	John King	121439548	1438	1427	L5	W20	L3	W26	L12	2.0
22	Fred Eric Spell	12835115	1199	1229	W29	L19	L12	L13	W32	2.0
23	Dean Brown	10224098	1335	1321	L8	W33	L9	W32	L13	2.0
24	Bongee Boyce	11155341	1548	1505	W33	L8	L11	W30	L14	2.0
25	Russel Stark	13185723	1084	1083	L9	L14	L13	B---	W33	2.0
26	Gary Frenzel	12528565	989	1013	L16	L17	W31	L21	W30	2.0
27	Scott Massey	12059850	1806	1749	D28	D29	D7	L15	L20	1.5
28	Ryan McCardell	12754677	1219	1218	D27	L11	L29	W33	L17	1.5
29	Gary Bagstad	10924031	1763	1741	L22	D27	W28	U---	U---	1.5
30	Alfredo Vigil	13193483	552	548	B---	L7	L14	L24	L26	1.0
31	Tom Mullikin	12905792	1169	1112	L3	L18	L26	L20	B---	1.0
32	Kathy Schneider	12545281	783	776	L12	B---	L18	L23	L22	1.0
33	Isaac Martinez	12911979	845	826	L24	L23	B---	L28	L25	1.0

by Lee Lahti **Introducing Front Range Chess League**

If a new regional chess league started up, would you join it? That is the question we hope many of the chess players in Colorado will answer “Yes” to in the Fall.

Plans are in the works to start a new team league in the September/October timeframe. But some of us are actually getting an early start. The Boulder, Fort Collins, and Greeley Chess Clubs in Northern Colorado along with the Cheyenne Chess Club in Wyoming are participating in a 4-match “Test Season” to see how viable a team league can be and experiment with some ideas for rules.

For the “Test Season”, each club will have 1 roster with 4-6 players. For each match, 4 players from the roster will participate. To keep

everything competitive, the team of 4 players participating in any match must have an average rating under 1700. (We feel this will allow players with a wide variety of ratings to participate and not limit participation to the “top-guns” in each club.) Players will play a single game in each match, with players on a team alternating colors on subsequent boards. All games will have a time control of G/90 and be USCF rated.

Each team will play the other teams in the League once, with the results from the Regular Season used to determine seeding for a final Playoff match to reveal the overall “Test Season” champion. The League will kick things off with Match #1 in Fort Collins on March 17th. Match #2 will be in Greeley on April 7th. Match #3

will take place in Cheyenne on May 5th and Boulder will host the Playoff on June 16th.

Please follow the progress of the “Test Season” through the Front Range Chess League section on the colorado-chess.com website. Or better yet, come out and watch one of the matches in person. In addition to watching the 4 teams compete in the newest venture in Colorado chess, you can also participate in any side events at the hosting venue.

If you have any questions about the League or would like to make suggestions on how things should be setup when the first “Full Season” begins in the Fall, please contact Lee Lahti at

lee.lahti@comcast.net ☒

Denver Chess Club Championships

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Eddy Ong	12485698	1961	1965	W8	W7	W5	W3	4.0
2	Samik Dasgupta	12915636	1931	1925	H---	D3	W6	W5	3.0
3	Paul Kullback	12807970	1186	1268	B---	D2	W7	L1	2.5
4	Leonardo Sotaridona	12938967	1840	1802	L9	L6	W10	W8	2.0
5	Paul V Carroll	12886285	1596	1601	W6	W9	L1	L2	2.0
6	Eric S Heinz	12744383	1218	1286	L5	W4	L2	W10	2.0
7	Dashzeveg Samdan	12909929	1551	1520	W10	L1	L3	D9	1.5
8	Lee Lahti	12914550	1421	1422	L1	D10	W9	L4	1.5
9	Philip G Meyer	12835697	1417	1427	W4	L5	L8	D7	1.5
10	Jordan Ogas	13565778	unr.	1143	L7	D8	L4	L6	0.5

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<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>USCF #</u>	<u>Pre</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>Rd2</u>	<u>Rd3</u>	<u>Rd4</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	TYLER B HUGHES	12799460	2181	2186	W17	W6	D7	W2	3.5
2	RENARD W ANDERSON	10229391	2213	2211	W16	W5	W4	L1	3.0
3	MARKUS D PETTERS	12845198	2037	2028	L10	W15	W14	W7	3.0
4	RICHARD W BUCHANAN	10273030	2001	2006	W12	W9	L2	W11	3.0
5	PAUL ANDERSON	12728345	1871	1886	W13	L2	W18	W9	3.0
6	LAURENCE R WUTT	12745430	1830	1846	W18	L1	W13	W10	3.0
7	ANDREW DUREN	12690923	1693	1744	W19	W8	D1	L3	2.5
8	ANDRE LEO LINSKY	12455539	1946	1922	W20	L7	L10	W14	2.0
9	SHAUN T MACMILLAN	10410916	1815	1810	W11	L4	W19	L5	2.0
10	WM W WEIHMILLER	12515063	1683	1713	W3	L14	W8	L6	2.0
11	HOWARD M NOTGARNIE	12559625	1661	1674	L9	W12	W15	L4	2.0
12	PAUL M GRIMM	12461913	1672	1665	L4	L11	B	W18	2.0
13	JOSEPH T FROMME	12532662	1636	1655	L5	W16	L6	W17	2.0
14	JAY M SHAEFFER	12459975	1714	1712	D15	W10	L3	L8	1.5
15	NATHAN A STARK	12504691	1565	1571	D14	L3	L11	W19	1.5
16	DEAN H MITCHELL	10504694	1710	1677	L2	L13	L17	B	1.0
17	JAMES MAC NEIL	12532599	1671	1653	L1	L18	W16	L13	1.0
18	ANTHEA J CARSON	12614322	1608	1601	L6	W17	L5	L12	1.0
19	PHILIP G MEYER	12835697	1494	1490	L7	W20	L9	L15	1.0
20	SHANNON J FOX	12578725	1589	1564	L8	L19	U	U	0.0

Reserve

<u>#</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>USCF #</u>	<u>Pre</u>	<u>Post</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>Rd2</u>	<u>Rd3</u>	<u>Rd4</u>	<u>Total</u>
1	EVAN J WRIGHT	12563327	1513	1544	W5	W15	W3	D2	3.5
2	RENAE D DELAWARE	12913218	1447	1507	W14	W10	W4	D1	3.5
3	BONGEE BOYCE JR	11155341	1553	1548	W12	W13	L1	W11	3.0
4	RANDY REYNOLDS	12842017	1585	1587	W11	W6	L2	W7	3.0
5	RON KEYSTON	13339651	1067	1207	L1	W16	W10	W9	3.0
6	LEE LAHTI	12914550	1438	1439	W17	L4	D7	W13	2.5
7	JACKSON CHEN	13383565	1383	1399	W19	W9	D6	L4	2.5
8	JOSEPH H PAHK	12795426	1489	1436	L15	W17	L11	W14	2.0
9	JOSEPH R ARAGON	11345409	1452	1410	W16	L7	W15	L5	2.0
10	COREY L CHAMBERS	12778761	1335	1262	W20	L2	L5	W18	2.0
11	FRED ERIC SPELL	12835115	1172	1218	L4	W19	W8	L3	2.0
12	CORY E FOSTER	12928613	1112	1086	L3	L18	W20	W19	2.0
13	NATASHA DEAKINS	12939875	1323	1293	W18	L3	D14	L6	1.5
14	PATRICK HAMMOND	20046503	1075	1087	L2	W20	D13	L8	1.5
15	GERALD J MAIER	12510521	1051	1090	W8	L1	L9	D17	1.5
16	JORDAN HAMMOND	20092555	772	829	L9	L5	D17	W20	1.5
17	GARY G FRENZEL	12528565	1001	989	L6	L8	D16	D15	1.0
18	BRAD HAMMOND	20083434	859	864	L13	W12	L19	L10	1.0
19	ISAAC MARTINEZ	12911979	832	845	L7	L11	W18	L12	1.0
20	KATHY A SCHNEIDER	12545281	849	795	L10	L14	L12	L16	0.0

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Open Section

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Tot
1	Tyler B Hughes	12799460	2059	2066	D7	W4	W2	W6	W9	W3	L5	5.5
2	Richard E Herbst	12792169	1893	1919	W8	W5	L1	D3	W7	W6	D4	5.0
3	Daoud G Zupa	12407991	1866	1882	X---	L6	W12	D2	W5	L1	W9	4.5
4	Christofer Peterson	12859076	1704	1740	L6	L1	B---	W12	W10	W7	D2	4.5
5	Robert W Ramirez	12776467	1994	1983	W10	L2	L7	W8	L3	W9	W1	4.0
6	James E Hamblin	10922593	1972	1961	W4	W3	L9	L1	W8	L2	W11	4.0
7	James Hammersmith	12498634	1860	1868	D1	W10	W5	W9	L2	L4	D8	4.0
8	Jay M Shaeffer	12459975	1638	1674	L2	W11	W10	L5	L6	W12	D7	3.5
9	Eddy Ong	12485698	1904	1889	W11	W12	W6	L7	L1	L5	L3	3.0
10	Kenneth P Doykos	10358086	1716	1680	L5	L7	L8	B---	L4	D11	H---	2.0
11	Leonardo Sotaridona	12938967	1698	1671	L9	L8	H---	H---	D12	D10	L6	2.0
12	James Mac Neil	12532599	1626	1599	B---	L9	L3	L4	D11	L8	H---	2.0

U1600 Section

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Tot
1	Paul M Grimm	12461913	1551	1599	W11	W7	L2	W4	W5	W8	W9	6.0
2	Ryan W Crisp	12939876	1512	1549	W9	W6	W1	W13	W7	D4	L3	5.5
3	Robert Z Blaha	13473723	1412	1435	L6	W12	L4	D9	B---	W7	W2	4.5
4	Renaee D Delaware	12913218	1332	1443	L7	W11	W3	L1	W10	D2	W8	4.5
5	Salvador Menaamaro	12489948	1583	1552	W10	D8	L13	W12	L1	D9	W11	4.0
6	Joseph P Haines	12436375	1536	1518	W3	L2	W8	L7	L9	W12	W13	4.0
7	Anthea J Carson	12614322	1514	1504	W4	L1	W9	W6	L2	L3	B---	4.0
8	Norbert Martinez	12471639	1516	1497	W12	D5	L6	W10	W13	L1	L4	3.5
9	Terry K Powell	12506219	1257	1289	L2	B---	L7	D3	W6	D5	L1	3.0
10	Ann Davies	12708563	1442	1389	L5	D13	W11	L8	L4	B---	L12	2.5
11	Richard Petrino	12863381	1422	1377	L1	L4	L10	B---	D12	W13	L5	2.5
12	Alan August	20002496	1375	1349	L8	L3	B---	L5	D11	L6	W10	2.5
13	Dean W Brown	10224098	1215	1228	B---	D10	W5	L2	L8	L11	L6	2.5

U1200 Section

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Tot
1	Jackson Chen	13383565	1049	1169	W2	W12	W4	W7	W3	D5	W8	6.5
2	Matt Krump	13610672	unr.	1097	L1	W8	L10	W12	W6	W11	W5	5.0
3	Thomas Mullikin	12905792	1193	1151	D8	D5	W11	W10	L1	D4	W13	4.5
4	David A Owens	12747501	500	749	W5	W6	L1	L9	W10	D3	B---	4.5
5	Archie E Shipp	12919573	1096	1073	L4	D3	W13	W11	W9	D1	L2	4.0
6	Bruce R Bain	12653791	996	933	W13	L4	L7	B---	L2	W12	W10	4.0
7	Peter P Cannici	12929049	915	911	W9	D11	W6	L1	L8	B---	D12	4.0
8	Kathy Schneider	12545281	870	893	D3	L2	B---	D13	W7	W9	L1	4.0
9	Derek Williams	13589142	unr.	859	L7	W13	W12	W4	L5	L8	W11	4.0
10	Isaac Martinez	12911979	665	681	L11	B---	W2	L3	L4	W13	L6	3.0
11	Paul Kullback	12807970	1126	1027	W10	D7	L3	L5	B---	L2	L9	2.5
12	Anand Zupa	13454524	455	485	B---	L1	L9	L2	W13	L6	D7	2.5
13	Camon C DiGaetano	new	unr.	378	L6	L9	L5	D8	L12	L10	L3	0.5

Boulder Winter Grand Prix

February 24, 2007

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	TBrk[M]	TBrk[S]	TBrk[C]	TBrk[O]
1	Renard Anderson	10229391	2213	2219	W28	W14	W7	W4	D2	4.5	14	16	14.5	50.5
2	Samik Dasgupta	12915636	1917	1936	W19	W23	W25	W5	D1	4.5	11.5	13	14.5	42.5
3	Philipp Ponomarev	12685861	2364	2355	W24	W16	L4	W9	W7	4.0	11.5	13	12	45.5
4	Tyler Hughes	12799460	2181	2182	W11	W9	W3	L1	D8	3.5	14.5	17	12.5	50
5	Steven Dieckhoff	12277380	1953	1947	W15	W10	H--	L2	W13	3.5	12.5	12.5	11	36.5
6	Aaron Lear	12938952	1342	1467	L7	W26	W10	D8	W12	3.5	11.5	12.5	9	37
7	Daoud Zupa	12407991	1973	1975	W6	W12	L1	W16	L3	3.0	14.5	16.5	11	52
8	James Hamblin	10922593	2001	1983	L23	W20	W28	D6	D4	3.0	11	12.5	8.5	36
9	Andrew Duren	12690923	1693	1700	W27	L4	W23	L3	W17	3.0	11	12	9	38
10	Paul Grimm	12461913	1658	1657	W29	L5	L6	W23	W16	3.0	10.5	10.5	8	34
11	Dean Brown	10224098	1404	1429	L4	W18	L16	X28	W24	3.0	9	9	6	29.5
12	Anthea Carson	12614322	1643	1616	W26	L7	D13	W25	L6	2.5	7	11.5	8.5	35
13	Christopher Wall	12841237	1169	1301	L16	W17	D12	W24	L5	2.5	6.5	11.5	7.5	38
14	Gary Bagstad	10924331	1763	1764	W18	L1	H--	W15	U--	2.5	4.5	9	8	25
15	Michael Flippu	12915820	1275	1301	L5	W29	H--	L14	W25	2.5	4.5	8	6	26.5
16	Mark Krowczyk	12496393	1785	1767	W13	L3	W11	L7	L10	2.0	11	15	8	44.5
17	Lee Lahti	12914550	1409	1395	L22	L13	W19	W18	L9	2.0	9.5	12.5	5	33.5
18	Noah Yoshino	20033947	1100	1124	L14	L11	W26	L17	W27	2.0	6.5	9.5	4	23.5
19	Corey Foster	12928613	1173	1197	L2	D24	L17	W29	D20	2.0	5.5	10	4.5	29.5
20	Jerry Keker	12549399	1438	1417	H--	L8	L24	W26	D19	2.0	4.5	7.5	4.5	19
21	Klaus Johnson	12728798	1722	1702	H--	L25	H--	W27	U--	2.0	1	2.5	5	9.5
22	Mikhail Ponomarev	12540474	2200	2201	W17	H--	H--	U--	U--	2.0	0	2	7.5	5
23	Jackson Chen	13383565	1391	1412	W8	L2	L9	L10	H--	1.5	9	13.5	5	40
24	Chaitanya Neuhaus	12611637	1598	1549	L3	D19	W20	L13	L11	1.5	9	13	5	35
25	Anatoly Makarevich	13636173	unr.	1404	H--	W21	L2	L12	L15	1.5	7.5	12	6	35.5
26	Matt Krump	13610672	unr.	974	L12	L6	L18	L20	W29	1.0	6.5	10	1	26.5
27	Thomas Mullikin	12905792	1171	1144	L9	L28	W29	L21	L18	1.0	6.5	9.5	3	23
28	Andrew Stolzmann	13471842	1504	1505	L1	W27	L8	F11	U--	1.0	4	8.5	4	26
29	Kathy Schneider	12545281	856	821	L10	L15	L27	L19	L26	0.0	6.5	9.5	0	23

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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 yax-isx@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.

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.

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 buck-peace@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.

Boulder Chess Club is back in business and meets every Wednesday at the UMC Alferd Packer Grill 6:30-11:30 PM. See www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub/ or E-mail boulderchessclub@yahoo.com for more details.

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.

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.

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

Pueblo Chess Club meets at the Barnes and Noble on Mondays, Daily Grind (209 S. Union) on Wednesdays, and Wire-Works Coffee House (100 Broadway) on Tuesdays and Thursdays. All nights 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Come any night to drop by and pick up a game... For more info contact Liz Wood at 719-566-6929.



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For young (and young at heart) chess players

Stalemate, or Why Do I Only Get Half a Point When I'm Two Queens Ahead?

After a slight hiatus, I'm back once again for another article for the scholastic beginners of chess.

From all the scholastic tournaments I've seen over the last few months, it's amazing how little beginning players know about stalemate. A recent scholastic tournament must have had at least a dozen games end this way. Stalemate shocks the player with tons of extra material as they realize they now won't get their full point but have to settle for only a half point.

The key difference between a checkmate and a stalemate is the check. I've seen several games where the player has been very busy with all his extra material in making sure that the enemy king is trapped. Unfortunately, they get to be a little too good at this and realize the trapping of the king is but half the battle – a piece needs to be attacking the king at the same time he is trapped, otherwise it is stalemate. As a coach, that's often the first thing I ask when someone asks if a position is a checkmate: "Which piece is performing the check?" If they can't find one, I can guarantee you it's not checkmate. Maybe stalemate if they've hemmed in the king enough and no other piece has a legal move. But it will never be checkmate.

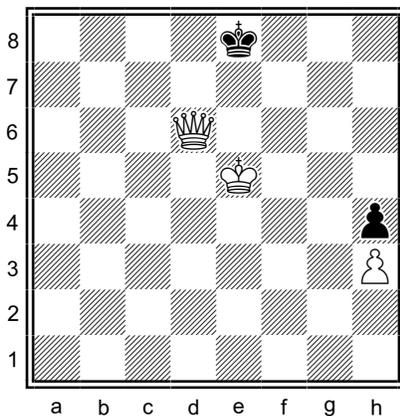
So how do you make sure you never stalemate someone? Follow these simple steps BEFORE making your move (yes, this includes BEFORE touching your piece, too!):

1. Is the move you're going to do a check? If so, you're done – if your move is a check, the position will NOT be stalemate.
2. If your move is NOT a check, decide what legal move your opponent has if you moved your piece to its square. (remember, this requires visualization, one of the most important skills for chess players! Work on seeing the move in your head first.)
3. Does your opponent have a legal move after you've moved your piece? Check for

other pawns, etc., that may be able to move, too. If there is a legal move, you can play the move with confidence, knowing that at least the position will not be a stalemate. (However, other checks to make sure you haven't left a piece hanging might be useful as well at this time.)

4. If your opponent does NOT have a legal move after your move, reject it and think of another move.

Here's an example of a common form of stalemate in a standard queen checkmate:



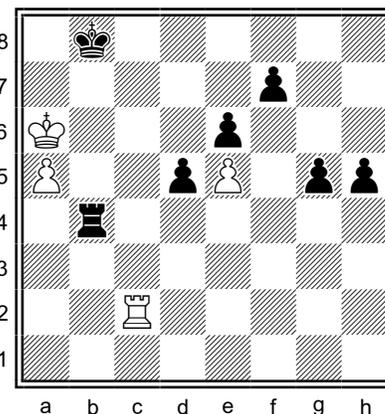
White wants to move his king closer to the enemy king, preferably Ke6 or Kf6, because he knows that once he is there, he can easily play Qe7 checkmate. But let's follow the steps first. **Step 1:** the move is not a check. So keep going. **Step 2:** If the king moves to e6 or f6, black needs to have a legal move. But there are NO moves available for black! So moving the king any closer to the enemy king would result in instant stalemate, and thus another move needs to be considered. White then decides Qc7 would be a better move, because it takes away another row that the black king can run around in and also gives black a legal move (Kf8). So Qc7 is played, and checkmate follows soon after.

Notice that if the black pawn were on another square, it would not be stalemate when

the king moves closer. Let's pretend the black pawn is on square h5 instead. Now, when we consider legal moves for black, we know that pawn to h4 is always possible, so as long as black has unblocked pawns to move, we don't have to worry about stalemate. So the game would end: 1. Ke6 h4 (the only move) 2. Qe7#. Thus the value of not nabbing every enemy pawn – as long as those pawns can move, it's not stalemate.

Sometimes stalemate can be a valuable tool in turning a lost game into a half-point for you. But you have to force your opponent to do so, because anyone who follows the steps above will NEVER purposefully turn their won game into a draw. Here's a really good example from a local game some time ago:

M. Ponomarev



P. Grimm

From the US Game in 60 Championships of 2004, White faces an avalanche of passed pawns with an ill-equipped rook. But he sees that he would be in stalemate if it weren't for his own rook that can still move everywhere. So Grimm comes up with a plan to force black to take the mobile rook: **Rb2!** Now black's rook is pinned, so if he doesn't take the white rook, he will be taken himself. So ...Rxb2 was played, and now white has no legal move. Stalemate!

You've already spent most of the game trying to out-think your opponent. Now that you've finally got enough material to get that win, isn't it worth following the simple steps above to make sure that win stays yours?

Enjoy!

Mel

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Colorado Chess Tour 2007 Standings (thru Co. Springs Open)

Top 10 Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Renard Anderson	2225	294.28	33
2	Tyler Hughes	2186	197.91	24
3	Samik Dasgupta	1922	160.2	20
4	Anthea Carson	1622	136.47	26
5	Larry Wutt	1819	134.15	16
6	Dean W. Brown	1397	128.08	34
7	Brian Wall	2235	124.45	14
8	Richard Buchanan	2000	109.27	15
9	Tim Fisher	1566	106.58	22
10	Paul Grimm	1648	100.19	21

Top 10 Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	882	33.8	37
2	Dean W. Brown	1397	128.08	34
3	Renard Anderson	2225	294.28	33
4	Anthea Carson	1622	136.47	26
5	Thomas Mullikin	1159	51.42	26
6	Tyler Hughes	2186	197.91	24
7	Gerald Maier	1085	47.81	23
8	Tim Fisher	1566	106.58	22
9	Jackson Chen	1318	74.64	21
10	Paul Grimm	1648	100.19	21

Top 10 Expert

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Tyler Hughes	2186	197.91	24
2	Richard Buchanan	2000	109.27	15
3	Stephen Towbin	2019	69.8	9
4	Matthew O'Hara	2085	60.42	6
5	James Hamblin	2005	58.55	9
6	Markus Petters	2037	41.71	4
7	Jesse Cohen	2148	36.8	4
8	Andrew Smith	2017	30.66	4
9	Robert Ramirez	2082	27.3	4
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Top 10 Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Samik Dasgupta	1922	160.2	20
2	Larry Wutt	1819	134.15	16
3	Shaun T. MacMillan	1817	93.95	15
4	Leonardo Sotaridona	1812	85.68	10
5	Paul Anderson	1881	81.89	12
6	Brad Lundstrom	1927	71.89	11
7	Daoud Zupa	1981	58.09	10
8	Mark Krowczyk	1803	55.44	13
9	Richard Herbst	1964	52.86	6
10	James Kulbacki	1829	43.99	8

Top 10 Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Anthea Carson	1622	136.47	26
2	Paul Grimm	1648	100.19	21
3	Andrew Duren	1732	97.65	13
4	Klaus Johnson	1693	73.81	16
5	Bill Weihmiller	1695	72.87	13
6	Christofer Peterson	1721	69.53	10
7	Ted Doykos	1664	54.51	10
8	James C. MacNeil	1685	52.82	9
9	Howard M. Notgarnie	1656	52.3	7
10	Gordon Randall	1714	49.02	9

Top 10 Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Tim Fisher	1566	106.58	22
2	Joseph Pahk	1456	80.43	16
3	Evan Wright	1490	72.94	13
4	Philip Meyer	1442	60.66	11
5	John Flores	1552	60.65	11
6	Peter Grigg	1422	55.59	6
7	Nathan Stark	1570	55.23	12
8	Norbert Martinez	1575	53.92	10
9	Rena Delaware	1446	53.29	10
10	John King	1439	52.89	11

Top 10 Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean W. Brown	1397	128.08	34
2	Jackson Chen	1318	74.64	21
3	Michael Filppu	1294	65.06	16
4	Lee F. Lahti	1396	61.71	17
5	Aaron Lear	1329	55.52	11
6	Gerry Smith	1393	27.8	6
7	Walter Schmidt	1397	26.25	11
8	Kendell Clarke	1201	26.04	9
9	Peter Robinson	1398	24.53	4
10	Ben Reilly	1396	24.49	3

Top 10 Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Thomas Mullikin	1159	51.42	26
2	Gerald Maier	1085	47.81	23
3	Cory Foster	1158	37.99	14
4	Fred Eric Spell	1188	35.85	12
5	Archie Shipp	1186	34.7	14
6	Kathy Schneider	882	33.8	37
7	Gary Frenzel	1001	31.11	13
8	Robert Rountree	1199	26.95	6
9	Russel Stark	1072	25	8
10	Chris Wall	1169	23.24	5

Upcoming Tournaments

National Master Todd Bardwick Simultaneous Chess Exhibition, March 31, 2007

Site: It's Your Move Game Store, Colorado Mills Mall Food Court, West Colfax @ Indiana St.

Entry fee: \$5

Prizes: Participants are entered in a drawing to win a chess set.

Registration: 31 March 2007: 11:30 a.m.- Noon

Simul play begins at Noon.

www.coloradomasterchess.com/simul.htm.

Poor Richard's Book Store Open, April 4-25, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/90, 5-sec delay

Site: Poor Richard's, 320 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs

Directions: A block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte Streets.

Consecutive Wednesdays: A one section USCF Regular-Rated Open. April 2007 supplement ratings used.

Entry fee: \$10

Prizes: 1st: 40% of EFs; 2nd: 20% of EFs; Under 1600: 15% of EFs; Under 1200: 15% of EFs.

Registration: 4 April: 6:15-6:45 PM, Rounds: 7 PM on 4 April, 11 April, 18 April, and 25 April.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com

A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event.

Regis Jesuit Grand Prix Tournament, April 7, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G30 with no delay or G25 with 5 second delay

Site: Regis Jesuit High School (Near the intersection of Arapahoe Rd. and Parker Rd.) 6400 S. Lewiston Way Aurora, CO 80016

Directions: Cafeteria (South parking lot, Inside main entry, up stairs to the right)

Rated Division: Must be a USCF member.

Unrated Division:

Entry fee: \$10 if received by 4/6. Checks payable to Regis Jesuit High School. \$15 on day of tournament.

Prizes: 1st - 3rd place trophies in rated division, 1st place trophy in unrated division.

Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m., Rounds: 9:00, 10:15, 12:00, 1:15.

Entries: Billy Willson

Phone: 720-840-8312

E-mail: bwillson@regisjesuit.com

Springs Denker / Polgar Fundraiser, April 7, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: Elks Lodge309, 3400 N. Nevada, Colorado Springs

Directions: (North of Nevada & Fillmore, parking behind the building)

Sections: Played in sections if entries warrant.

Entry fee: \$20 (\$15 for Jrs, Srs, Unr.), \$2 less if rec'd by April 3

Prizes: Modest cash prizes per entries.

Registration: 8:30 - 9:30, Rounds: 1st rd. 10:00.

Entries: Richard Buchanan 844 B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829

Phone: (719) 685-1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

CSCA membership required.

CSCA Tour Event

Colorado Chess Festival: McMahan Swiss, April 14, 2007

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/60, 5-sec delay

Site: Ramada Inn Denver Downtown, 1150 East Colfax Ave.

Sections: McMahan Swiss

Entry fee: \$15 if rec'd by 04/12/2007; \$20 at site.

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

Registration: April 14th @ 8:00-8:45 AM., 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 points; 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 Ramada Inn Hotel Room Rate \$75/night if reserved by April 2nd @ (303) 831-7700 (request Chess Rate).

Colorado Chess Festival: Standard Swiss, April 15, 2007

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/60, 5-sec delay

Site: Ramada Inn Denver Downtown, 1150 East Colfax Ave

Open: Open to all USCF players.

Under 1400: Open to all USCF players rated 1399 and below. Unrated players may play in either section.

Entry fee: \$15 if rec'd by 04/14/2007; \$20 at site.

More Upcoming Tournaments

Prizes: Based per Entries

Registration: April 15th @ 8:00-8:45 AM., 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

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

Ramada Inn Hotel Room Rate \$75/night if reserved by April 2nd @ (303) 831-7700 (request Chess Rate).

Colorado Chess Festival: Tour Weekender, April 21 - 22, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

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

Site: Ramada Inn Denver Downtown, 1150 East Colfax Ave.

Open: Open to all Rated and Unrated USCF members.

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

Entry fee: \$30 if rec'd by 04/19/07, \$35 at site. \$8 discount for Jrs, Srs, Unrateds.

Prizes: Cash Prizes per entries.

Registration: April 21st: 8:00-8:45 AM, Rounds: 21st: 9 AM, 4 PM; 22nd: 9 AM, 4 PM.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com

Ramada Inn Hotel Room Rate \$75/night if reserved by April 9th @ (303) 831-7700 (request Chess Rate).

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

COLORADO TOUR EVENT

Boulder Quick Championship, April 28, 2007

9 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/15 with 3-sec delay

Site: University Memorial Center: Room #415

Open: Open to all

Entry fee: \$25, \$20 if rec'd by 4/25

Prizes: \$500 b/30. 1st, 2nd: \$125-\$75.

U2000/1800/1600/1400/1200 \$60 each.

Registration: 9:00 AM-10:00 AM, **Rounds:** 10:00, 10:45,

11:30, 12:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30, 4:15, 5:00.

Entries: Klaus Johnson 3605 Endicott Dr. Boulder, CO 80305

E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

A regular qualifier for the 2007 Boulder Chess Club Championship. Details at www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub.

Poor Richard's Book Store Open, May 2-30, 2007

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/90, 5-sec delay

Site: Poor Richard's, 320 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs.

Directions: A block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte Streets.

Consecutive Wednesdays: A one section USCF Regular-Rated Open, May 2007 supplement ratings used.

Entry fee: \$10

Prizes: 1st: 40% of EFs; 2nd: 20% of EFs; Under 1600: 15% of EFs; Under 1200: 15% of EFs.

Registration: 2 May: 6:15-6:45 PM, Rounds: 7 PM on 2 May, 9 May, 16 May, 23 May, and 30 May .

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com

A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event.

2007 Boulder Open, May 11 - 13, 2007

6 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/120 5-sec delay, 2-day option, Rds 1-2 G/60.

Site: Best Western Boulder Inn, 770 28th Street Boulder, CO 80305

Open: Open to All

Reserve: Open to players rated under 1600

Entry fee: \$50, \$40 if recd by May 9th. \$10 less for Jrs/Srs/Unrated

Prizes: \$2400 b/80. Open: \$500-\$300-\$200, U2200, U2000, U1800 \$150 each. Reserve: \$275-200-150, U1400, U1200, \$125 each. Unr, \$75.

3-day event: registration: May 11th 6:00-7:00 PM, **Rds:** 7 PM; 9-2-7; 10-3.

2-day event: registration: May 12th 8-9 AM, **Rds:** 9-11:30-2-7; 10-3.

Entries: Klaus Johnson 3605 Endicott Dr., Boulder, CO 80305.

E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

For more details: <http://www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub>
A CO Tour Event

2007 Wyoming Open, May 19 - 20, 2007

5 round Swiss system tournament.

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

Site: Laramie County Community College, Training Center, Room 120, 1400 East College Drive, Cheyenne, Wyoming
One open section.

Entry fee: \$20

Prizes: \$\$ b/entries

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

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*(Continued from page 31)***Entries:** Allan Cunningham 4019 Golden Court, Cheyenne, WY 82001**Phone:** (307)635-3102**E-mail:** adcdac@aol.com

WCA memb. req., OSA

Poor Richard's Book Store Open, June 6 - 27, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/90, 5-sec delay**Site:** Poor Richard's Book Store, 320 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs.**Directions:** A block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte Streets.**Consecutive Wednesdays:** A one section USCF Regular-Rated Open. June 2007 supplement ratings used.**Entry fee:** \$10**Prizes:** 1st: 40% of EFs; 2nd: 20% of EFs; Under 1600: 15% of EFs; Under 1200: 15% of EFs.**Registration:** 6 June: 6:15-6:45 PM, **Rounds:** 7 PM on 6 June, 13 June, 20 June, 27 June.**Entries:** Dean Brown, 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO, 80917.**Phone:** (719) 573-5176**E-mail:** browndw1@mindspring.com

A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event.

Southern Colorado Open, June 9 - 10, 2007

6 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/90, 5-sec delay**Site:** Manitou Springs Masonic Lodge, 455 El Paso Blvd, Manitou Springs, CO.**Directions:** Take I-25 to Exit 141, US 24 West. Head 3 1/2 miles west toward mountains and depart Highway 24 at the Manitou Avenue exit. Turn onto Manitou Avenue then go 1 mile to the Manitou Springs City Hall, turn right and go 3 long blocks to the Masonic Lodge.**Open:** Open to all USCF members.**Reserve:** Open to all USCF members under 1500.**Entry fee:** Open: \$35 if received by 7 June; \$40 at site; Reserve: \$30 if received by 7 June; \$35 at site. \$10 less for Juniors (under 21 years old), Seniors (over 65 years old), unrateds.**Prizes:** \$1,300 Guaranteed. Open: \$250-\$150; A, B, U1600 each \$100. Reserve: \$200-\$100; D, E, U1000 each \$100.**Registration:** 9 June: 8:30-9:30 AM., **Rounds:** 10-2-6; 9-1-5.**Entries:** Dean Brown, 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs, CO, 80917**Phone:** (719) 573-5176**E-mail:** browndw1@mindspring.com

No advance registration accepted without payment.

CSCA membership required: \$15, \$10 for Juniors & Seniors; OSA.

USCF Grand Prix Event (6 points).

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