

COLORADO CHESS INFORMANT

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Greetings Chess Friends,

Well, here I am, back again. Thanks to Tim for taking over for an issue. It was nice to not have to worry about most of the placement for one issue. But now I'm back and ready to go.

Sort of.

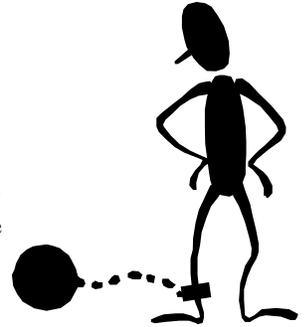
It's kind of like having an exercise routine that you quit doing for whatever reason -- the holidays, too much work, whatever -- then you start trying to get back into the routine again. It's tough. So no picture of me this time -- just an old clip art of me and the Informant. Together. Forever.

Ah, but hey, enough about me! We've got a great report on the scholastic championship with some side articles of some of the promising new chess stars playing in that tournament. Definitely worth a read so you'll be forewarned the next time you play one of them!

The annotated games are in here, with Paul Anderson submitting one and Matt Lasley with another couple. And there are tons of games from the Winter Springs Open and Valentine's Tournament in Pueblo.

We've got lots of great tournament series in 2009, and we have updates on these from Lee Lahti and Klaus Johnson. The new correspondence event should be an interesting regular feature as more games come in. Lee also gives his take on the Fort Collins club championship, which is worth reading, too, since I'm in that article :-).

Enjoy this issue! ♠



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Mailbag

I am writing this in response to Anthea Carson's article "Teachers' Guide for the Fox" [Jan. 2009 CCI] in which she states, "...can you win every game based on one or two free moves?" The answer to this question is obviously no. No player below grandmaster can win "every" game based on one or two free moves and maybe not even grandmasters. Most players below expert can't even tell if they won or lost a game because of one or two free tempos, this writer included. But why give your opponent free moves? It's one thing to make a mistake and give up a tempo or two, it's quite another to deliberately do so. By playing openings such as the Fox and giving up these tempos, you are assuming and hoping your opponent is not going to play the best possible moves. You are hoping your opponent can't find the best moves from the very start of the game. Why do that to yourself? As a teacher and chess coach I always tell my students to assume your opponent is going to make the best possible moves. This is why I teach my students never to bring their queen out early and play for the scholar's mate or fool's mate. I teach my students to guard against such things, not to play for them. Being a lowly "B" player I'm probably not the best person to be judging such openings and to give advice but I'll do so anyway: play the best possible moves, and openings such as the Fox don't qualify.

-- Gary Bagstad (greenmagma@comcast.net)

President's Report

by CSCA President Klaus Johnson

There were two CO Tour events in both January and February this year. On Jan 3rd the 4th annual Al Ufer Memorial was held with 28 players in two sections. Three weeks later, the 2009 Boulder Winter Grand Prix attracted 34 players, same as last year. The 2009 Loveland Open was held on the first weekend of February with vastly increased attendance, a total of 36 players played in two sections. A Valentine's day tournament in Pueblo rounded out the February events with 13 players. And early in March, the Colorado Springs Open brought in 35 participants. These five events bring the CO Tour total to \$363 at the half-way mark.

There will be a lot of CO Tour events over the next three months! During the month of April, Pueblo's Spring is Sprung tournament kicks things off on April 4th, followed by the Boulder Open April 10th-12th, and then the Springs Fundraiser on April 18th. In May the first G/29 Super Saturday tournament will be held in Fort Collins on May 2nd, and two weeks later the DCC May Flowers tournament. In June there are three more CO Tour events! Pueblo Open III on June 6th, the Southern Colorado Open on June 13th-14th, and the DCC June Swoon on June 20th. The Colorado Open will be held, as always, over Labor Day weekend (September 5th-6th). Due to the success of last year, we will be keeping with the 2-day tournament rather than the 6-round 3-

day tournament with the membership open. We should be able to find a location for the Colorado Open by mid-April, and a tournament announcement on www.colorado-chess.com will follow once everything is finalized.

This issue's Colorado Chess Volunteer is Dean Brown in recognition of the many tournaments he directs in Southern Colorado, and his nearly constant presence on the CSCA board and as an officer of the Colorado Springs club over the last 12 years. If you'd like to nominate somebody for the July Informant, please email: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com by May 1st.

My monthly CSCA email newsletters typically come out during the first week of each month. Each of the newsletter describes the CO Tour events in more detail and gives updates on the state-wide tournaments (CO Closed, CO Quick, and CO Open). You can read these on the www.colorado-chess.com website but if you would like to get them directly, just send me an email at boulderchessclub@yahoo.com, and I'll be sure to include you next month.

As president of CSCA, I always want to hear from you and your suggestions on how to make Colorado chess better. I am trying to attend every CO tour event this year, so if you want to speak with me in person the best way is to attend a tour event!

Klaus Johnson
CSCA President

Dean Brown: Colorado Chess Volunteer April 09

by Klaus Johnson

Dean learned how to play chess by observing his classmates in junior high school. In 1973, he played in his first rated tournament while in the Air Force at Okinawa. He became a certified TD (tournament director) shortly afterwards since there were many players in the Air Force but few directors (this was shortly after Bobby Fischer defeated Spassky and became the world chess champion). When Dean went back to the states, he directed tournaments in college at Florida State University (1975-1978), and continued directing after college at Offutt AFB Nebraska (1978-1981), Edwards AFB California, Exmouth Western Australia (1983-1986), and finally in Colorado (1986-1990 and 1996-present).

Since 1997 he has served as an officer for the Colorado Springs Club and has been on the CSCA board every year except for one, including one year (2006-07) as CSCA president. He has also been an officer of the Southern Colorado Chess affiliate since 2000. Southern Colorado Chess covers chess not only in Colorado Springs, but all over southern Colorado. One idea is to hold a 4-round tournament at the Four Corners, with one round in each state.

Dean directs two CO Tour events a year. The Al Ufer Memorial is typically the first CO Tour event of the year. This is the largest one-day open tournament in Colorado, and is held to honor Al Ufer who played in over 250 tournaments in the last decade of his life. Dean's second tournament is held five months later (June 13th-14th this year), the grueling Southern Colorado Open, the only two-day, six-round annual CO Tour Event. In addition to these CO Tour events, Dean has started organizing and directing the US Air Force Academy Quads which are held on the last Saturday of each month. Even with this full schedule, Dean still finds the time and energy to play all around Colorado. As of the Valentine's Day tournament in Pueblo, he has played in or directed every single CO Tour event since the Colorado Open.

Dean Brown has been one of the most active and hard-working TDs in Colorado, both in the last year and over the last ten years. If you attend an Air Force Quads, or see him playing at a Tour event, be sure to thank him for doing so much to help Colorado Chess.

If you'd like to nominate a director, organizer or volunteer for the July informant, please send an email with your nomination to boulderchessclub@yahoo.com by May 1st.

by Randy Reynolds

State Scholastic Championship Report

Ladies and Gentlemen, the day you thought would never come is here! We're in the worst recession since... oh, wait, wrong news story. Ah, here we go: Tyler Hughes did **not** win the CSCA scholastic championship this year! Now before you all line up to play him at the next tournament, I should mention that he didn't play in this one, either.

Instead, he set up shop with a free game analysis table at the tournament. It seemed to be a pretty popular attraction throughout the event. As I personally dropped off about 20 of my own games to be analyzed by the master, I asked Tyler why he decided against playing this weekend. His answer was that he had already gotten a share of the championship for 4 years [he began his reign on top in 8th grade], so he was

declining this year. Sounds so 22nd Amendment-y. I like it.

However, this did cause a tremendous frenzy amongst the other students in the 9-12th grade section, as all wanted that glorious chance of representing Colorado at the Denker Tournament of Champions. The favorites were focused, with absolutely no upsets in that section in round 1. Eventually Richard Herbst walked away with the title, but an early 3rd round draw against Corey Fineman sent him into a desperation bid for winning out, which he did just fine against some tough competition.

The 2nd place finish in that section was also notable, as it was held by the top female in the section, 8th grader Alexa Lasley. She will attend the Polgar tournament in the summer to represent Colorado. It was 2001 with the Katie Roberts-Hoffman era that we've had a female player do so well. And for a female player in **8th** grade, well, we may just

have a first on our hands for this. Congratulations!

In the 7-9th grade section, 8th grader Evan Taylor rallied from many boards back to get a chance to play and beat favorite Ben Reilly in the last round. Evan squeaked out his victory in close tiebreaks over Rhett Langseth, who also had 5.5 points.

In 4th-6th grade, 5th grader Jackson Chen dominated the nearly 100 participant section and won 1st place with 5.5 points, only drawing in the last round to Peter Cannici. Daniel Zhou won 2nd place with 5 points on tiebreaks, who is featured in a Brian Wall article on page 6.

The K-3 section was the only rated section to have a perfect score. At 1460, Ryan Swerdlin was going to play up to the 4-6th grade section. However, a last minute illness moved him back to K-3, and signs of said illness sure didn't show. Luke Thurman, who lost only to Ryan, took 2nd place.

Finally, the unrated K-1 section was a new division this year. Encouraged by all the parents that wanted chess for their young player but not the 2 day format, the K-1 was a one day event with 5 rounds. 27 players showed up, and at the end, Fort Collins local Suhass Narayanan looked exhausted, but pleased to have the only perfect 5/0 record for the section. Aiden Bub took second.



Clockwise starting at left:
 Ryan Swerdlin, K-3 champ;
 Jackson Chen, 4-6 champ;
 Suhass Narayanan, K-1 champ
 (pictured with Randy Reynolds
 and looking very tired);
 Richard Herbst, 10-12 champ
 and Denker rep. for CO

Not pictured:
 Evan Taylor, 7-9 champ

Alexa Lasley: Warranted Veneration from a Father

by Matt Lasley

When I first taught her chess, I knew she would beat me someday. All the kids will.

All of them have. That first time let me know she'd be far better than me at this game. She stepped into a fork, and I probably smiled as I moved that knight – away from the post that guarded against her attack. That offering of bait and sweetly announced “checkmate” showed a level of thinking beyond what I'm capable of.

At last year's State Scholastic Championship she scored 3.5/6 with the upset draw being the key victory. A 4/6 would be tremendous, perhaps with a single upset victory.

She began the first round in the top half of the section by rating. The entire section had no upsets that round.

She'd played her second round opponent before at club where they typically traded results. I heard reports like “she's up the exchange” and later “it looks even” leaving me more curious about the truth of the matter than if I'd heard nothing. Indeed, the game

was a see-saw that maybe should have been drawn but for a King's misstep in a pawn-dominated ending. Here was her upset win. To me, mission accomplished.

She faced a round 3 opponent with a last name synonymous (in Colorado) with strong chess. I was surprised to see the peripheral flash of pink (her preferred combat color) as she rarely emerges from a round early. Others told me her glow conveyed the result before I asked. Two upset victories was well beyond my initial hopes. Another endgame where a pawn here and another there gave her an advantage that she converted. So often she doesn't see the endgame, between short G30 games, and violent middle games.

The last round of the first day put her on board 2 against the top-seed who had just come out of a draw. In that previous game the challenger had secured an advantage against the expert, but time trouble prevented the collection of the full upset point. News came to me that “she's down a rook” and her streak ended with the day. Apparently she was victim of a queen trade that cost more than she bargained for. Of course, “expert” is a deserved title.

What a great first day, with 3 out of 4, 2 upset wins and a monster tie-break having played the top player. Yet, the Polgar nomination was still not locked, with a half-point pursuer for the morning.

Round 5 began the second day with her paired with someone she'd played several times, and had never been able to beat. In fact, the previous week she'd played him, and even managed to put him into a think, but wasn't able to hold on, wandering into a losing fork. “She just sacrificed a rook, and it either works for a win, or she'll just throw all her pieces away.” How many times have I told her to read out those attacks? How many times have I kept my mouth shut because I'd hate for her to lose that attacking style? “Whether this works or not, she should get an award for courage.” Kind words but still leaving me in the dark as to how this round would end. Before she emerged, I had heard she was up in material. Her grin confirmed she had finally caught one of the best kids in her city. When queried about the attack she simply said “I didn't know if it really worked, but I was okay with giving the exchange to expose his King and get lots of passed pawns”. There is no doubt that she thinks on a different level than I do.

Now the Polgar was locked, and the 4/6 was in hand, but with 3 upset wins, not just one. Could she trophy and win the Polgar? Yes, it was now assured. Her 6th game saw a pawn-promotion threat in the middle game and a resignation from her opponent. Winning yet another upset in the final round was beyond my pre-tournament hopes. Most people said 5th place was locked—perhaps even 3rd was possible with favorable tie-breaks.

In the actual ceremony, not hearing her name called for 5th or for 4th made for a natural building of momentum. When 3rd was announced, and it wasn't her, it seemed unbelievable. Second place? Is that really possible? And so it was. Only 2 players in the section kept 5 out of 6 to place just half a point behind the undefeated champion.

The Lord does heap blessings upon blessings. Not merely the Polgar, or the 4/6 or a single upset, but more of everything. Her rating will certainly pass my personal best rating, documenting that she not only can beat Dad, but is statistically expected to. Perhaps I should start asking for her help analyzing my games.

Congratulations, Alexa. I'm proud of you.



by Brian Wall

The Future of Colorado Chess Begins in China

Dashzeveg Sharavdorj and Jackson Chen are not the only Asian players to strike fear in the hearts of Coloradoans, Daniel's Zhou's name is also mentioned in dark whispers in scholastic circles. On Feb 21-22, Jackson took clear first and Daniel came in second (on tiebreaks over Amrita Nag, Alex Hu Li, Kurt Kondracki, Brady Barkemeyer, Peter Cannici and Anthony Williams) in the 4th-6th grade section of the Colorado State Scholastic tournament in the Tivoli Center. A week before, they both warmed up at the Valentine's Day's Massacre at the Tabor Center.

I played Daniel Zhou for the first time in a 25 minute game and was impressed that he was hanging with me all game, even achieving a won game. I tried to confuse him when he was down to two minutes and I had 11 and succeeded with Topalov-Kamsky tactics. Daniel saw more than I did until he panicked.

My problem with children is always that I expect them to play according to their ratings but they play according to their present strength. I try to add 300 rating points in my mind to every kid. It's disconcerting when you expect 1400 moves and they play 1900 moves. Tyler Hughes at age 11 tried for 80 moves to beat Dean Brown. After painfully defending a well earned draw, the exhausted Dean blurted out, "That was no 1300!"

Rapid games are tough -- do you play in first gear (quick and confident), second gear (slow and ponderous) or third gear (quick and deep)? Daniel forced me to keep shifting gears.

W: Brian Wall (2200)

B: Daniel Zhou (1546)

Valentine's Day Massacre, Tabor Center
February 14th, 2009

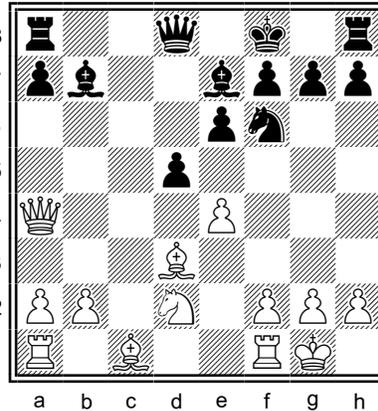
1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Bd3 Nc6 6. Nxc6 bxc6 7. O-O d5 8. Nd2 Not the best but trying to play like Bobby, attacking the center with e4 and c4

8 ... Be7 8 ... Bd6! is better, but this is a

rapid game.

9. c4 Bb7 10. cxd5 cxd5 11. Qa4+ My opening was some kind of convoluted version of Fischer - Petrosian, Buenos Aires match game 6, the one that broke Petrosian's spirit according to his second.

e5 was better on moves 8, 9, 10 and 11 but I have managed a cheap knockoff of Bobby's setup.



11 ... Kf8? (Diagram) There was no need to give up castling, 11 ... Nd7! 12 Bb5? a6 is nothing

12. e5 I finally play the right move and I have a better King for the moment.

12 ... Nd7 13. Qf4 Avoiding both ... Nc5 and ... Nxe5

13 ... Bg5 14. Qg3 Bh4 20 minutes left each

15. Qf4 I should just go to e3 but I thought we both missed something

15 ... Bg5 16. Qb4+ Be7 Oops, I am not winning a piece, in fact, I may even get my Queen trapped after 17 Qc6 Rc8 18 Qb5 Rb8 19 Qc6 Rb6.

I did not want to lose both my bishops after 17 Qb4 Nxd3 18 Qc3 Nxc1 although retreating his knight is better for development purposes.

The situation amused me, I cannot go back to f4, that is a three-fold repetition, I do not want to take his bishop, I'll have to go sideways.

17. Qd4 g6 Castling by hand, he might have unraveled his Queenside with 17 ... Qb6 18 Qf4 Nc5 and ... Ba6

18. Nf3 Kg7 19. h4 h5 20. Bg5 Bc5 21. Bxd8 Bxd4 22. Bf6+ Nxf6 I thought Daniel had dropped a piece but then I saw the simple 23 ef+ Bxf6 saving his bishop - now I just have the normal Grandmaster edge of good knight versus bad bishop.

23. Nxd4 Nd7 24. f4 Nc5 25. Bc2 Another approach is 25 Be2 Ba6 26 Rfc1 Bxe2 27 Rxc5 but even so, Daniel's bishop is outside the pawn chain and has good squares on e4 and f5.

25 ... Ba6 26. Rfd1 Rab8 27. b3 Rbc8 Daniel must be a French player; he is playing very logically. I have 12 minutes to his 8.

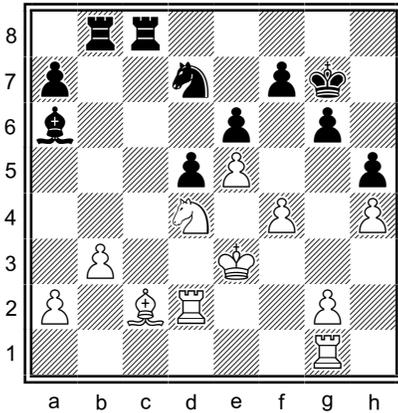
28. Kf2 Kh6 What you got, scary fat man?



Daniel Zhou poses with his 2nd place trophy in the 4-6 section of the 2009 CSCA Scholastic Championship.

29. Ke3 Kg7 Marking time, now I have 12 minutes to his 6

30. Rd2 I don't see anything positive I can do so I aim for my only pawn break with g4, right or wrong.



30 ... Nd7 31. Rg1? (Diagram) This is how Alex Hu Li lost to Jackson Chen in the state scholastic tournament. Rather than draw by trading everything on the f-file, Alex went for an attack. Only Karpov seems to do this regularly with success.

31 ... Rc3+ 32. Kf2 Rbc8? Daniel Zhou should continue his dark square invasion with 32 ... Rb4 and ... Nc5 but he was down to three minutes versus my 11.

33. g4!? trying to bamboozle the kid

33 ... hxg4 down to two minutes

34. Rxg4 Rh3 Stopping h5

35. Bxg6!? More Topalov-like losing time pressure gambling like Game 7 of the Topalov-Kamsky match. It's hard to think rationally when your opponent is close to flagging.

35 ... fxg6 36. Nxe6+ Kf7?? His choices were:

36 ... Kh6! slightly winning

36 ... Kh8 about equal, I get some pawns for my piece

36 ... Kg8 slightly losing, I have mucho pawns and activity for my missing bishop

37. Ng5+ picking off a rook **1-0**

The only question is, what age will Daniel be when he makes expert?

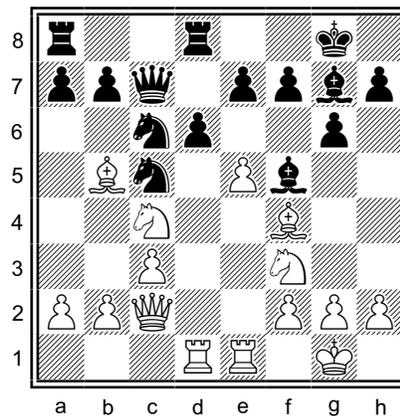
Games from State Scholastic Championship

(OK, you caught me... these are all Alexa games. I don't care -- that's all that got submitted to me. :-). If you've got a game that ought to be featured here, please send it in to the editor! Thanks!)

W: Alexa Lasley (1287) B: Richard Herbst (2019)

Round 4

1. e4 c5 2. d4 cxd4 3. c3 d3 4. Bxd3 Nc6 5. Nf3 d6 6. O-O Nf6 7. Bf4 g6 8. Nbd2 Bg7 9. Bb5 O-O 10. Re1 Qb6 11. Qa4 Nd7 12. Nc4 Qc7 13. Rad1 Nc5 14. Qc2 Rd8 15. e5 Bf5 (Diagram)

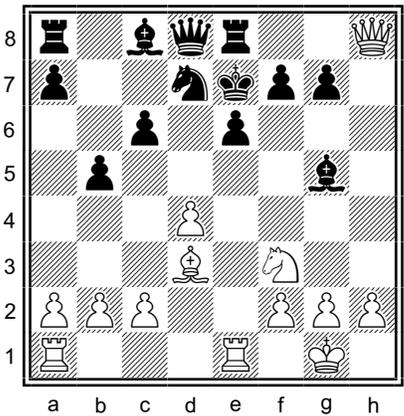


16. exd6 Bxc2 17. dxc7 Rxd1 18. Rxd1 Bxd1 19. Nfe5 Nxe5 20. Nxe5 Bxe5 21. Bxe5 Bg4 22. f3 Bd7 23. Bxd7 Nxd7 24. Bg3 Rc8 25. Kf2 e5 26. f4 f6 27. Ke3 Rxc7 28. Ke4 f5+ 29. Kd5 exf4 30. Bxf4 Rc6 31. a4 Kf7 32. a5 Nf6+ 33. Kd4 Ke6 34. b4 Nd5 35. Bd2 Nf6 36. Bf4 Nd5 37. Bd2 Nxb4 38. cxb4 Rd6+ 39. Kc3 Kd5 40. Be3 a6 41. Bf4 Rc6+ 42. Kd3 Rc4 43. Bd2 Rd4+ 44. Kc3 Rxd2 45. Kxd2 Kc4 46. Ke3 Kxb4 47. Kf4 Kxa5 48. Kg5 b5 49. Kh6 b4 50. Kxh7 b3 51. Kxg6 b2 52. h4 b1Q 53. h5 Qh1 54. h6 Qxg2+ 55. Kxf5 Qg8 56. Kf6 Kb5 57. Kf5 a5 58. Kf6 a4 59. Kf5 a3 60. Kf6 a2 0-1

W: Alexa Lasley (1287) B: Phillip Scudder (1487)

Round 5

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qa5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bc4 e6 6. O-O Be7 7. d4 c6 8. Bg5 b5 9. Bd3 O-O 10. Ne4 Qd8 11. Re1 Nbd7 12. Qe2 Re8 13. Nxf6+ Bxf6 14. Qe4 Bxg5 15. Qxh7+ Kf8 16. Qh8+ Ke7 (Diagram)



17. Rxe6+! fxe6 18. Qxg7+ Kd6 19. Nxc5 Qf6 20. Ne4+ Kc7 21. Nxf6 Rf8 22. Nxd7 Bxd7 23. h4 Rg8 24. Qe5+ Kb7 25. h5 c5 26. Be4+ Bc6 27. Bxc6+ Kxc6 28. Qxc5+ Kd7 29. Qxb5+ Ke7 30. h6 Rh8 31. Qh5 Rh7 32. g4 Rah8 33. g5 a5 34. f4 a4 35. Kf2 a3 36. bxa3 e5 37. dxe5 Ke6 38. Rh1 Rf7 39. Kf3 Rc8 40. h7 Rc3+ 41. Kg4 Rfc7 42. Rd1 Rg7 43. Qe8+ Re7 44. h8Q Rg3+ 45. Kxg3 1-0

W: Peer Seyferman (1329) B: Alexa Lasley (1287)

Round 6

1. d4 d5 2. c4 dxc4 3. Nc3 Nc6 4. e3 e5 5. d5 Nb4 6. Bxc4 Nf6 7. a3 Na6 8. Bxa6 bxa6 9. Qa4+ Qd7 10. Qxd7+ Bxd7 11. Nf3 Bd6 12. e4 Rb8 13. O-O O-O 14. b4 c5 15. Bg5 cxb4 16. Bxf6 bxc3 17. Bxe5 Bxe5 18. Nxe5 Ba4 19. Rab1 Rxb1 20. Rxb1 c2 21. Rc1 Rb8 22. d6 Rb1 23. Nd3 Bb5 24. d7 Bxd7 25. f3 Bb5 0-1

by Archie Shipp

Shipp's Log

I didn't get anything turned in for the final 2008 issue, but with new developments in my life, I should be playing (and writing) more often this year. Whether or not that will translate into better chess remains to be seen, but I'm hoping for a late blooming on the order of what we saw Cory Foster last year.

W: Archie Shipp (1231) B: Chai Neuhaus

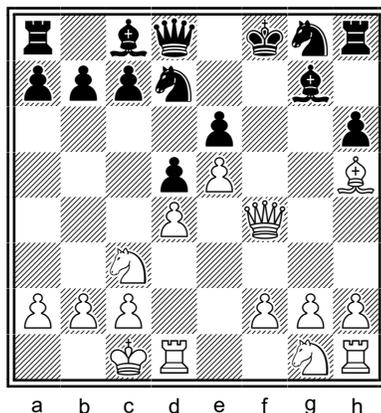
2009 CO Correspondence Championship
Verdict: **Smooth Sailing**

1. e4 e6 2. d4 g5 This was the first time I had ever encountered this move in a French Defence. I couldn't find it in MCO-13 and after extensive searching of online databases (as I am too cheap to buy my own) I only found one example of it being used by two quality players (Kiik v Kiltti in Naan 1997).

3. Be3 Bg7 4. Nc3 d5 5. e5 Nd7 6. Qd2 h6 7. O-O-O I've been following Kiik's opening, even though Chai veered from Kiltti's on his third move.

7. ... f5 This got my wheels turning. I probably spent more time analyzing my next move than most of the rest of the game combined.

8. Be2 This is where I decided to veer myself. I realized that this allowed Chai to trap my dark bishop, but I calculated I could get back at least a few pawns and possibly an overwhelming kingside attack in return.



8. ... f4 9. Bh5+ Kf8 10. Bxf4 gxf4 11. Qxf4+ (Diagram) Ngf6 12. exf6 Nxf6 13. Nf3 Kg8 14. Bg6 h5 15. Ng5 Qe7 16. Nf7 Rh7 17. Kb1 This was a stall. I couldn't decide whether or not to take the rook as it would free Chai's position after he took back either my bishop or knight. I'm thinking Rhe1 would have been better.

17. ... Bd7 Then he gave me another opening.

18. Qxc7 Rf8 Now I have to act or risk losing both for the rook.

19. Bxh7+ Nxh7 20. Ne5 Bxe5 21. Qxe5 Be8 22. Nxd5 Qd7 23. Nc3 Rf5 24. Qg3+ Kh8 25. Rhe1 Rg5 26. Qe3 Rxxg2 I wasn't too worried about losing those kingside pawns...

27. d5 ...if I could push the center one!

27. ... Rg7 28. dxe6 Qc7 29. f4 Bg6 30. e7 Nf6 31. f5 Be8? 32. Qh6+ Nh7 33. f6 Rf7 34. Rd8 Qc6 35. Rxe8+?? This was a blunder on my part. I misread Chai's e-mail and thought his queen was at c5.

35. ... Qxe8 36. Qxh5 Rxe7 I'm guessing Chai was hoping for a back row mate on me. However...

37. Qxe8+ With a trade of the ladies and down three pawns and a rook, Chai resigned rather than dragging out the endgame. **1-0**

W: Archie Shipp (1260) B: Randy Reynolds (1550)

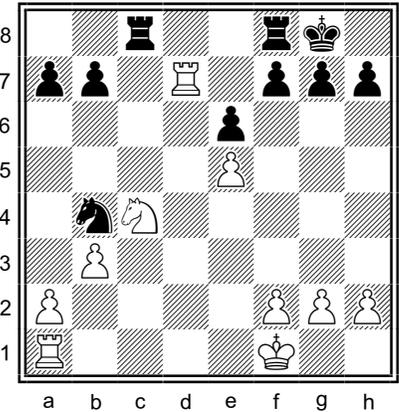
Cheyenne G/29 Grand Prix February
Verdict: **Sunk Within Site of the Harbor**

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. e5 Bf5 4. Bd3 Bxd3 5. Qxd3 e6 6. Nf3 Qb6 7. O-O c5 8. b3 cxd4 9. Nxd4 Nc6 10. Nxc6 Qxc6 11. Be3 Rc8 12. Rc1 Be5 13. Bxc5 Qxc5 14. Nd2 Ne7 15. c4 O-O 16. cxd5? Crafty prefers b4 here, but with Randy being in time trouble, I thought it might be worth trying to exchange the rooks for the queen...

16. ... Qxd5? which is what the computer said he should have done instead of this.

17. Qxd5 Nxd5? Here, Crafty is suggesting exd5 instead, as the passed pawn creates problems for me when the f-rook moves to the d-file.

18. Nc4 Nf4 19. Kf1 Nd3 20. Rd1 Nb4? I saw Randy's last several moves before he made them.



21. Rd7! (Diagram) Rfd8? The computer has me up by almost two pawns at this point and suggests this was a mistake by Randy, but I just didn't know how to capitalize!

22. Rxb7 Nc6 23. Nd6 Rb8 24. Rxb8 Rxb8 25. f4 Nb4 26. g3 f6 27. Ke2 This is where I start to lose the advantage I've worked so hard for. I was so determined to hold that knight post I didn't even consider exf6 followed by Nc4 and then starting the queenside pawn advance. I also had enough of a time advantage at this point that I could have safely stalled and won as well.

27. ... fxe5 28. fxe5 Nc6 29. Rc1 Nxe5 30. Rc8+? Rc7 followed by a Nc4 or Ne4 and then Rc6 or Rc5 all but win the game if I could just see them!

30. ... Rxc8 31. Nxc8 a6 32. h3 Kf7 33. Nd6+ Kf6 34. Ne4+ Kf5 35. Nc5 a5 36. g4+ I stopped taking notation as I reached 5:00 and Randy had a few minutes less. According to Crafty, I am still winning at this point. However, with my atrocious endgame, I found a way to lose three of my pawns and eventually lost on time while Randy had only six seconds left on his own clock! **0-1**

by Brian Wall

The \$6000 Game

Robert Ramirez is one of our best Colorado players with blinding speed, good tactical ability and a responsible approach to choosing moves. Robert is in his mid-twenties and still improving. RR was in a good position for a big prize at the 2008 North American Open at Bally's Casino in Las Vegas. His opponent, Karim Seada, had some tricky clock that lapped itself. Robert tried to get clarity before the game but the confusion was never cleared up. Robert was playing very carefully and well when his opponent informed him that he had lost on time on move 19! Robert felt cheated and offered a draw but they declared the game a loss.

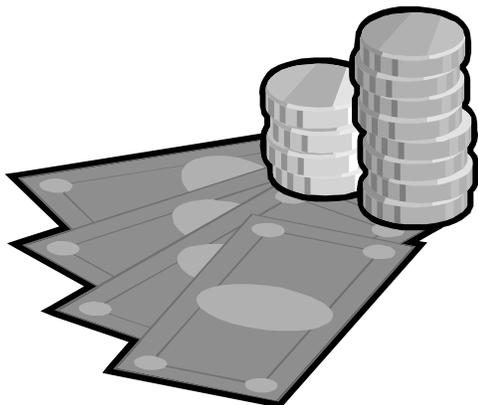
Robert told me he is now preparing for the 2009 Chicago Open. I told him to practice losing on time in Colorado first.

W: Robert Ramirez (2100)

B: Karim Seada (2031)

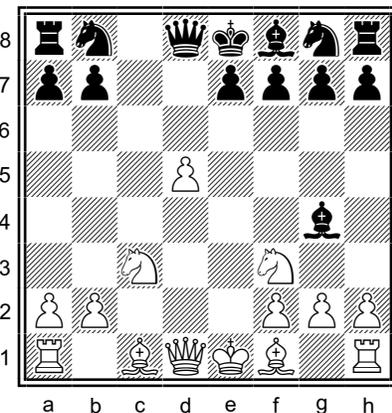
2008 North American Open, Dec. 28, 2008 Round 5

1. e4 c5 2. c3 d5 3. exd5 Qxd5 4. d4 cxd4 5. cxd4 Nc6 6. Nf3 Bg4 7. Nc3 Qd8? A common mistake played 74



times already

8. d5! Nb8 (Diagram) 9. Bb5+



This is probably where Robert spent so much time, since he has so many good moves to choose from. Any move is good when you are up 3 tempi in development.

- 9 Qb3 played twice
- 9 Qa4+ played by Grandmaster Alex Stripunsky and half a dozen others
- 9 Be2 played once
- 9 Bf4 played 4 times
- 9 h3 played thrice
- 9 Be3 never played
- 9 Bd3 never played
- 9 Bb5+ played 5 times
- 9 Bc4 played once
- 9 Bg5 never played

9 ... Nd7 Played once before, 9 ... Bd7? played 4 times before, some people hate pins.

10. h3 Theoretical Novelty by Robert Ramirez. Best. Second best is 10 0-0, played once before. Many other good moves are possible, it's hard to go wrong here.

10 ... Bxf3 11. Qxf3

I checked all the games of Colorado players as I played my own, Danielle Rice, Aaron Suseras, Michael Mulyar, Renard Anderson. I felt sure Robert would win this one.

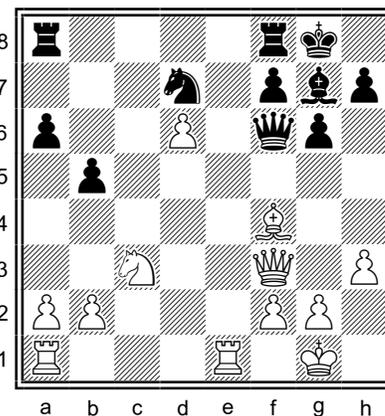
11 ... a6 12. Ba4 b5 13. Bb3 Ngf6 14. O-O g6

I was wondering how Karim thought he was going to get castled.

15. Re1 Bg7 16. d6 e6 17. Bxe6 O-O

Seada started out horribly but there is a lot of money on the line so both players have been playing best moves for quite a while. That awesome d6-pawn, which is usually worth about 2 pawns, is free!

18. Bxd7 Nxd7 19. Bf4 Qf6 (Diagram)



While Robert was admiring his own reflection in the mirror, he fell off a cliff. I think Robert could win this if they just gave him 5 minutes on the clock.

0-1 Robert lost on time due to tricky clock



DuWayne Langseth started playing chess in 1972 and has been playing at the Colorado Springs Chess Club since the early 1990s. He teaches chess at a couple of scholastic clubs (Antelope Trail and Discovery Canyon). He has helped his son, Rhett, tie for the state title this year in the grade 7-9 category. So, when he wanted a win of mine for his website (<http://www.coloradochessgames.com/>), I wanted to come up with something he would really enjoy, as a way to thank him for all his contributions to the chess world.

Most people aren't aware that chess games make excellent gifts. They don't spoil, one size fits all, and black and white go with everything. In fact, I have been publishing one of my dad's email chess victories over myself, as a Father's Day gift for the past 4 years. In addition, even non-chess players can enjoy chess games as a gift. My mom likes hearing about my dad's email chess defeats, and she doesn't even play chess. Did I mention they are divorced? Anyway, I thought she would get a kick out of this game in lieu of flowers for Mother's Day. It would have to be better than some of my other attempts to pick out

the right gift for her. Who knew, when I bought her a large nightgown from Lane Bryant, that it was a store exclusively geared towards plus size women? It was more like a tarp than a nightgown.

So, I thought about what would DuWayne like, and I may have just now finally gotten the perfect gift for someone. Here is why:

DuWayne asked for a win of mine, "I would really like to add one of your games, and despite how interesting our game was, I don't want to add another one of mine! And I want to put one on there that you won, so the Baffo game is out."

DuWayne's love of chess started with 5 years of postal chess, as he grew up too far away from over the board players in rural North Dakota. The closest thing to postal chess I have played is email chess with my dad. This one is from 8/4/98 to 2/8/99 when DuWayne was actually higher rated than me. He was a class A player (1804), and I was a class C player (1565).

DuWayne likes Colorado games for his website, and this one finished up at the Glenwood Hot Springs Lodge, as my

dad and I played out the ending on the hotel bed. I confessed to my dad that I had checked with the Reuben Fine's Basic Chess Endings and saw how to complete the win. The book was actually given to me from my dad as a Christmas gift, and I finally had a chance to put it to use.

But best of all, DuWayne really enjoys putting endgame positions into the many databases he has collected. Since this was the longest recorded win I have and came down to a pawn and bishop, it had the right characteristics to work in these databases. After all, you can only have 3 or 4 pieces on the board (besides the kings).

W: Anderson, Paul

B: Anderson, Douglas

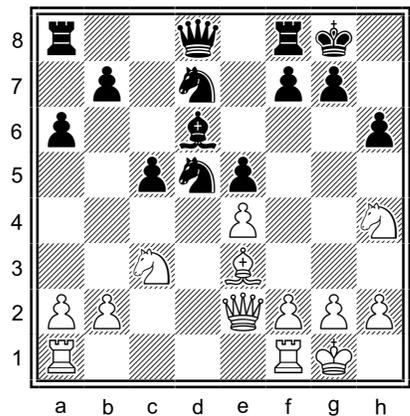
6-4-2 Glenwood Springs, 08.02.1999

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 c5 4.d5
e6 5.Bxc4 last book move

5...e5 6.Nf3 Bd6 In the style of Nimzovich

7.Nc3 a6 8.0-0 h6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Qa4+
Nd7 Black should quickly conclude development.

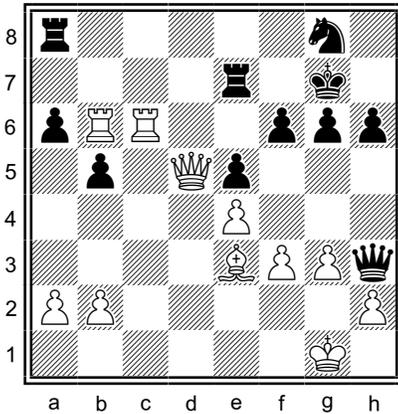
11.Be2 Ngf6 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Nh4 Bxe2
14.Qxe2 Nxd5 (Diagram) Clearance to allow d8-h4.



15.Nxd5?? White has let it slip away
[15.exd5 Qxh4]

15...Qxh4= 16.Rad1 Bb8 [16...Rae8!?
17.f3 Re6=]

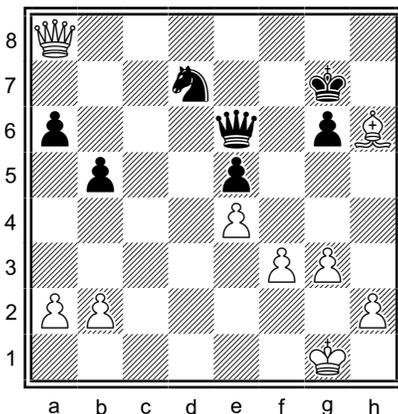
17.g3 Qh3 18.Ne7+ Kh7 19.Nf5 Nf6
20.Bxc5 Re8 21.f3 b5 22.Qe3 g6 23.Qb3
Kg8 24.Nd6 Bxd6 25.Rxd6 Kg7 26.Rfd1
Qc8 27.Be3 Ng8 28.Qd5 Re7 29.Rc1
Qb7 30.Rcc6 f6 31.Rb6 Qc8 32.Rdc6
Qh3 (Diagram) [32...Qd7 33.Qxd7 Rxd7
34.Rxa6 Rxa6 35.Rxa6±]



33.Rxf6 [33.Bc5 Qd7 34.Bxe7 Qxe7
35.Rxa6+-]

33...Nxf6± 34.Qxa8 Rd7 35.Rb7 Qe6
36.Rxd7+ Nxd7 [36...Qxd7!?! 37.Qxa6
Qd1+ 38.Kf2 g5+-]

37.Bxh6+!+- (Diagram) Demolishes the
pawn shield



37...Kf7 [37...Kxh6 A deflection 38.Qh8+
A beautiful mate combination]

38.Qb7 Kf6 39.b3 Qd6 40.Qa7 Qc6
41.Be3 Qd6 42.Bf2 Qc6 43.Qe3 Qe6

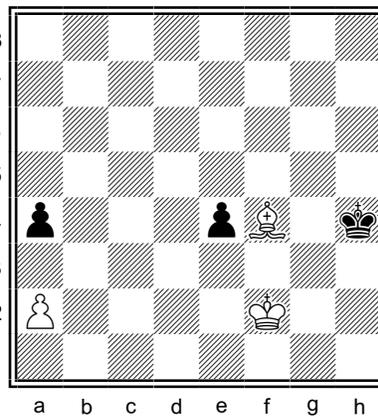
44.h4 Ke7 45.Qg5+ Kf7 46.g4 Nf6
47.Kg2 a5 48.Qd2 a4 49.bxa4 bxa4
50.Bc5 Nxe4 51.fxe4 Qxg4+ 52.Kf1 Qxe4
53.Qd7+ Kg8 54.Qe8+ Kh7 55.Qf7+ Kh6
56.Be7 Kh5 57.Bg5 Qf5+? [57...Kg4+-]

58.Qxf5 gxf5 59.Kf2 Kg4 60.Bf6 f4
61.Bd8 [61.Bxe5 and White can already
relax 61...Kxh4 62.Bxf4 Kg4+-]

61...e4 62.Bc7 [62.Be7+-]

62...Kxh4?? cause more grief [62...f3±]

63.Bxf4+- (Diagram)



Can you find the mate in 61?

DuWayne found an online database
that has all the possible outcomes for
any chess game with 6 men left on the
board. The FEN input tells the com-
puter where the pieces are on the board.

<http://www.shredderchess.com/online-chess/online-databases/endgame-database.html>

Here is the 6-piece FEN input:

8/8/8/p3pB1k/8/P4K2/8 b - - 0 63

This is mate in 61 and the furthest back
the database goes. Despite the fact that
the database can accurately play out a
61 move mating line, it cannot find 63.
Bxf4 just one move earlier. This dem-
onstrates the fact that a lot of computer
chess is not about out-thinking humans

but rather about out-researching hu-
mans.

63... Kg4 64.Ke3 Kf5 65.Bh2 Ke6
66.Kxe4

Now the 5-piece database can look up
the ending and play out a mate in 57.

<http://www.lokasoft.nl/uk/tbweb.htm>

Here is the 5-piece FEN input:

8/8/4k3/8/p3K3/8/P6B/8 b - - 0 66

Of course, as humans, we probably did
not play the best move always, but I
still got the last black pawn before the
50 move draw rule would have applied,
and since it was against my dad, I
opted not to announce mate in 57.

66...Kd7 67.Kd5 Kc8 68.Kc6 Kd8
69.Bd6 Ke8 70.Kc7 Kf7 71.Kd7 Kf6
72.Be7+ Ke5 73.Bd8 Kd5 74.Bb6 Ke5
75.Bc7+ Kf6 76.Kd6 Kf7 77.Bd8 Ke8
78.Be7 Kf7 79.Kd7 Kg6 80.Ke6 Kg7
81.Bd6 Kg6 82.Bf8 Kg5 83.Bg7 Kg6
84.Bf6 Kh6 85.Kf7 Kh5 86.Be7 Kg4
87.Kf6 Kf4 88.Ke6 Ke4 89.Bf6 Kf4
90.Bh4 Kg4 91.Be7 Kh5 92.Kf5 Kh6
93.Bf8+ Kh5 94.Bg7 Kh4 95.Bh6 Kg3
96.Bg5 Kf3 97.Bf4 Kf2 98.Ke4 Kg2
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Kf5 102.Kb4 Ke6 103.Kxa4 Kd7
104.Ka5 Kc8 105.Ka6 1-0



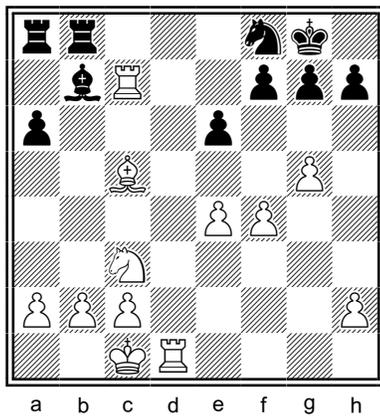
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Games from A Valentine Tournament

W: Robert Rountree (1496)

B: Klaus Johnson (1779)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e6 6.Be3 Be7 7.f3 a6 8.Qd2 Nbd7
9.0-0-0 0-0 10.g4 Ne5 11.Be2 b5 12.g5
Nfd7 13.f4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.Nc6 Qe8
16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.Qxd6 Qxd6 18.Rxd6
Re8 19.Rc6 Bb7 20.Rc7 Bc8 21.Rxc4 Nf8
22.Rd1 Bb7 23.Rc7 Reb8 24.Bc5
(Diagram) Bc8?? 25.Bxf8 1-0



W: Mitchell Anderson (1973)

B: Igor Melnykov (1956)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4
5.Nd5 h6 6.Bf4 d6 7.Nxd4 Be7 8.Nb5
Nxd5 9.exd5 Ne5 10.Qd2 a6 11.Nd4 Bg5
12.Bxg5 hxg5 13.0-0-0 Bd7 14.Re1 Qf6
15.Nf3 g4 16.Nxe5 dxe5 17.Qe3 0-0-0
18.Qa7 c6 19.Bxa6 bxa6 20.Qxa6+ Kc7
21.Qa7+ Kd6 22.dxc6 Bxc6 23.Re3 Rd7
24.Qa5 Qf4 25.Rd1+ Ke6 0-1

W: Igor Melnykov (1956)

B: Paul Covington (1911)

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6
5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 e6 8.Be3 cxd4
9.Nxd4 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Be7 11.Nb5 Qd7
12.Rd1 Qc8 13.c4 0-0 14.N1c3 a6 15.Nd6
Bxd6 16.Rxd6 Qc7 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Bf4
e5 19.Rxd8 Rxd8 20.Rxd8+ Qxd8 21.Bxe5
Nxe5 22.Qxe5 h6 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.cxd5
Kf8 25.Kf1 Qd7 26.a3 f6 1/2-1/2

W: Anthony Cordova (1497)

B: Mitchell Anderson (1973)

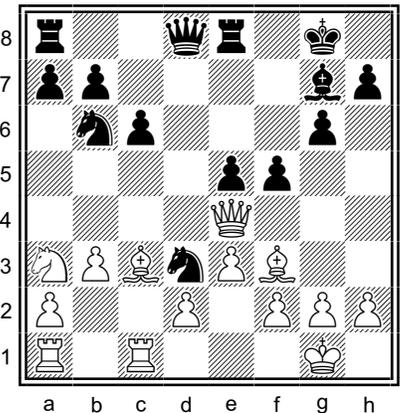
1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Qb3
Qb6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.cxd5 exd5
9.Nh4 Be6 10.Bd3 Nbd7 11.0-0 g6 12.Re1
Be7 13.Nf3 0-0 14.a3 Bg4 15.Nd2 Rfe8
16.f3 Be6 17.e4 dxe4 18.fxe4 Rad8 19.e5

Nh5 20.Nf3 Ng7 21.h3 Bf5 22.Ne4 h5
23.Bg5 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Bxg5 25.Nxg5 Ne6
26.Nf3 Nf4 27.Bc2 Nf8 28.g3 Nd5
29.Rad1 Ne6 30.Nd2 Nxd4 31.Bb1 Re7 0-1

W: Klaus Johnson (1779)

B: Igor Melnykov (1956)

1.c4 c6 2.b3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bb2
Bg7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 Re8
9.Rc1 e5 10.cxd5 Nxd5 11.Bc4 N7b6
12.Na3 Bg4 13.Be2 Nb4 14.Qe4 Bxf3
15.Bxf3 Nd3 16.Bc3 f5 (Diagram) 0-1



A centralized queen with no place to go!

A Valentine Tournament Crosstable

Pueblo, CO Feb. 14th, 2009

#	Name	USCF#	Pre-rat	Post-rat	Game Info	Points
1	Igor Melnykov	12929203	1956	1971	W11 W12 W3 D2 W7	4.5
2	M Paul Covington	12044640	1907	1912	W9 D5 W4 D1 D3	3.5
3	Mitchell R Anderson	12788878	1988	1984	W6 W4 L1 W5 D2	3.5
4	Jeffrey Baffo	10340195	1832	1821	W10 L3 L2 W9 W11	3.0
5	Anthony Cordova	12620540	1508	1532	W13 D2 D6 L3 W12	3.0
6	Robert Rountree	12937640	1509	1563	L3 W7 D5 W8 H0	3.0
7	Klaus R Johnson	12728798	1808	1777	D8 L6 W10 W11 L1	2.5
8	Thomas Mullikin	12905792	1235	1296	D7 L11 W12 L6 W10	2.5
9	Gerald J Maier	12510521	1377	1358	L2 L10 B0 L4 W13	2.0
10	Tikila L Nichols	13406988	1336	1329	L4 W9 L7 B0 L8	2.0
11	Dean W Brown	10224098	1401	1411	L1 W8 W13 L7 L4	2.0
12	Kathy A Schneider	12545281	1029	1054	B0 L1 L8 W13 L5	2.0
13	Liz Wood	12402559	1174	1121	L5 B0 L11 L12 L9	1.0

by Matt Lasley



Underdog Chess

Lately, my test of success at a tournament is merely bucking the statistics. That is, if I can score one upset draw or more over the course of the tournament, then it's successful. All else is bonus. So, at the 7th Annual Calvary United Methodist Church Chess Tournament, I was happy after a 3rd round upset win. So, when I sat down in the 4th round across from the top-rated, 500-points over me, winner-to-be—my expectations were low. I've told my kids often that just making the other guy's head hurt is a worthy objective in chess.

W: Lasley, Matt (1316)

B: Cacas, Alex (1845)

7th Annual Calvary UMC Chess Tournament 1/17/08 @ Calvary UMC

French Defense ECO: C05
(Closed Tarrasch)

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. Ngf3 Book seems to use the d-knight, but that seems unnatural to me. There might be some old Brian Wall emails rattling in my head from his Weihmiller French. By the way, did I mention how much I hate playing against the French?

6....Nc6 7. c3 Be7 8. Bd3 cxd4 9. cxd4 Qb6 10. Nb3 f6 [diagram]

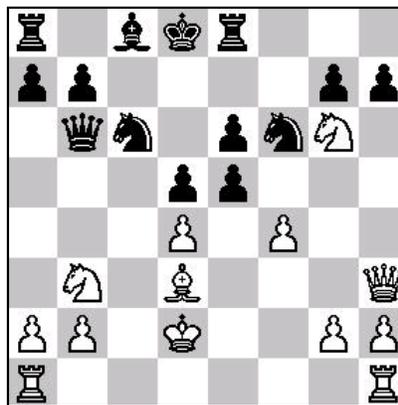


This is the first move that looks odd to me. I am used to f5 when it comes. I've used 5 to his 10 minutes in this 25+5/G quick time control. I figure I'm about to do something unsound, and I hope that it hurts his head.

11. Nh4 fxe5 12. Qh5+ Kd8 13. Ng6 Nf6 14. Qh3 I'm thinking hard, and we both have half our time gone now, and my feeling of cleverness was easily popped by the Nf6 and I struggle with Qh4 or Qh3 here.

Bb4+ 15. Bd2 My Bishops get the most criticism in this game. Fritz hates this move and likes Kd1. I tell myself Fritz is addicted to material.

15....Bxd2+ 16. Kxd2 Re8 [diag.]

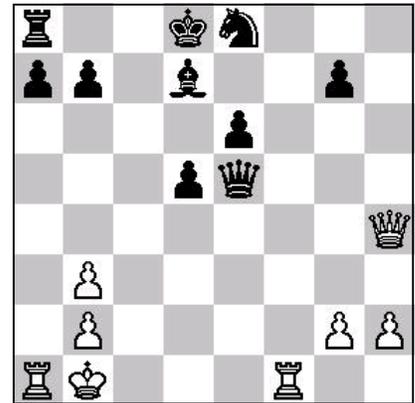


17. Nxe5 I struggled with this move and Fritz later tells me the pawn take is better. It's actually an interesting line where threat-to-queen weighs in: 17. fxe5 Nxd4 18. exf6 hxf6 19. fxg7 Nxb3+ 20. axb3 Qf2+ 21. Kc1 Qf4+ 22. Kb1 Qd4 23. Bxg6 Rg8 24. Bf7 Qxg7 25. Bxg8 Qxg8 that's not a boring endgame coming!

17....Nxd4 18. Bxh7 Still more throwing in dubious moves. Fritz's alternates don't convince me. Qe3 just looks wussy.

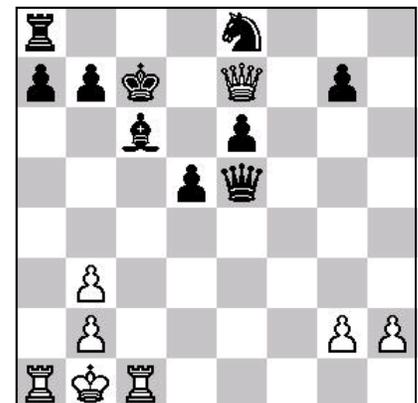
18....Nxb3+ 19. axb3 Qd4+ 20. Kc2 Qf2+ 21. Kb1 Qxf4 22. Bg6 Qxe5 23. Bxe8 Nxe8 24. Rf1 This whole sequence just feels like me desperately trying to keep the pressure on without any real threat, but it turns out to have some danger. Now that we're both below 5 minutes, accuracy is a tall luxury. At this point I take a breath moving the rook, but 24. Ka2 freeing the other rook makes sense.

24....Bd7 25. Qh4+ [diagram]



25....Kc7 This seems the critical error of the game. I expected him to interpose, and I hoped for the Knight and dreaded the Queen which would have me searching for a way to keep from trading into a lost endgame. I didn't even see the pawn possibility. Moves like g5, Kc8 & Nf6 all are favored by Fritz-6 as keeping Black ahead by -3. This allows me to force the draw, but I don't see that yet.

26. Rc1+ Bc6 27. Qe7+ Kb6 28. Qc5+ Kc7 29. Qe7+ [diagram]



At the first check by the Queen I finally see the draw, and I'm glad. We're both out of time. If he goes back I get the Knight and Rook, if he steps into the corner it's mate, so when we repeat the first time, I'm counting my draw.

29....Kb8 30. Qd8#

Good things sometime come to those who throw in the kitchen sink rather than the towel.

by NM Todd Bardwick

Forcing a Stalemate

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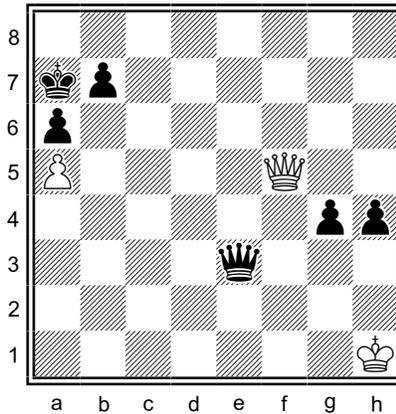
It amazes me how often beginner players announce that they are playing for a stalemate after just starting a game. Although stalemates happen frequently with young players, stalemates are something that when you are losing you pray for, not play for.

Usually one of the players makes a big mistake when the game ends in stalemate. In master games stalemates are rare because masters calculate several moves ahead and will notice when the opponent runs out of legal moves.

Sometimes when you are losing a position and praying for a stalemate, the opportunity to force a stalemate occurs. To force a stalemate, you should look for a position where your king has no legal moves, and then try to force your opponent to capture your other pieces that do have legal moves.

In the following position from 1942, the great Sammy Reshevsky, who is playing Black, is ahead by three pawns and it looks like he should win the game. Can you find a move for White that forces a stalemate?

Reshevsky

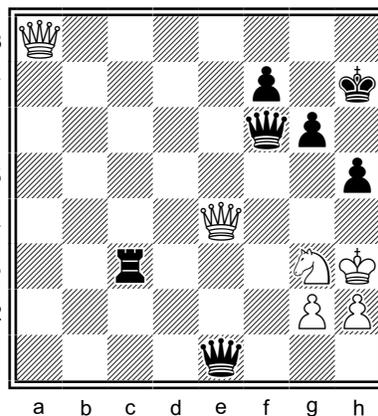


Pilnick
Position after 92..g4

Pilnick finds a clever way to force Black to capture his queen. **93.Qf2! Draw Agreed** Black is forced to play 93...Qxf2 or lose his queen and the game - and the White king is stalemated in the corner!

Here is a rare position with two queens each on the board for each side that occurred in Leningrad in 1939.

Guldin

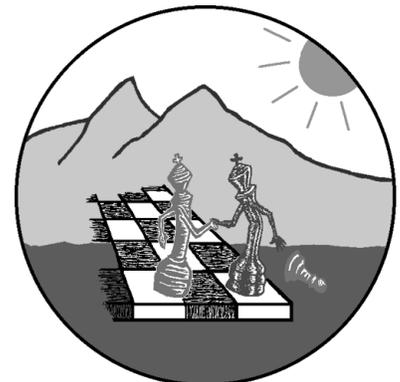


Rovner
White to move

Picking up the clues, starting with material, Black is up an exchange and a pawn. Therefore, exchanging all the queens would be acceptable to him. White's knight is pinned to his king and cannot move. Note that White's king and pawns also cannot move. If White captures the queen with 1.Qxe1, Black can play 1...Qf5+ and 2...Qg4 mate. Positions where both players have two queens can be uncomfortable for both kings because of all the possible checks that can lead to mate due to the awesome power of the queen.

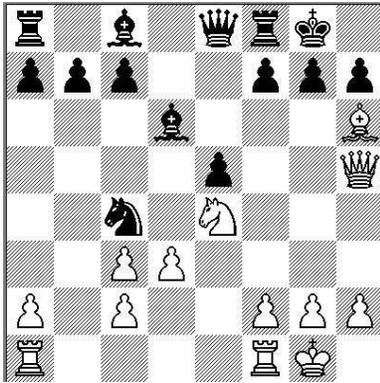
White sacrifices both queens to force a stalemate with **1.Qg8+! Kxg8** If Black tries 1...Kh6, then 2.Qf8+ and if 2...Kg5? 3.Qh4 mate or 2...Qg7? 3.Qxg7+ Kxg7 4.Qxe1. Black would have to play, 2...Kh7 3.Qg8+! will be a three move repetition draw. **2.Qe8+!** 2.Qa8+? allows 2...Rc8! which breaks the pin releasing the knight and the chance for a stalemate. **2...Kh7 2...Qxe8 stalemate! 3.Qg8+! Kh6 4.Qh7+! Kg5 5.Qh6+! Kxh6 stalemate.**

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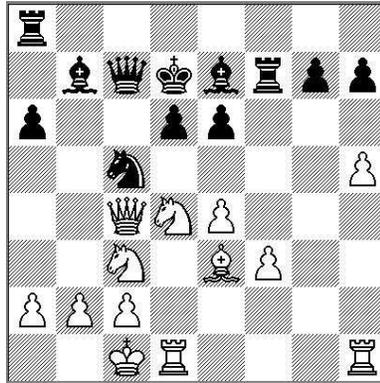


Tactics Time!

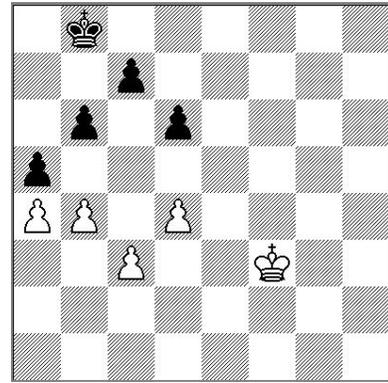
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on page 16



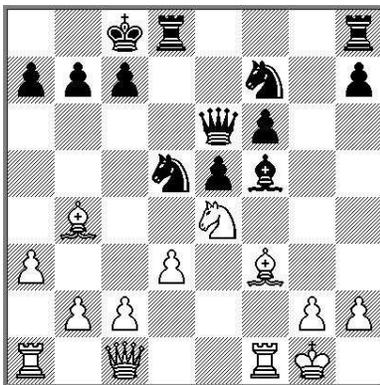
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 White to Move



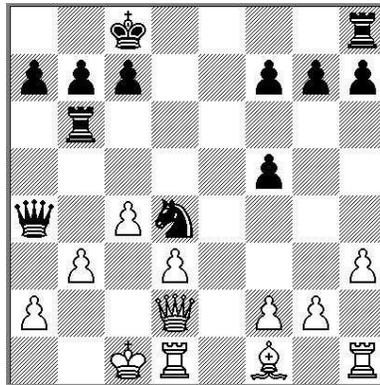
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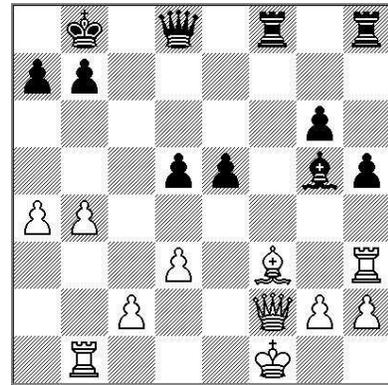
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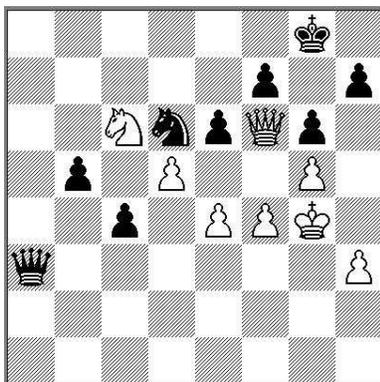
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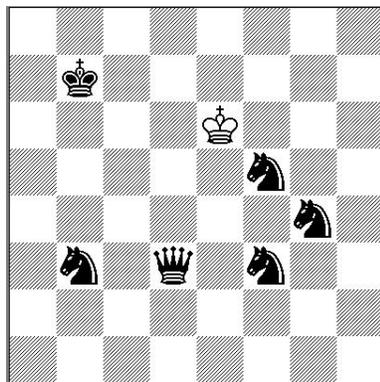
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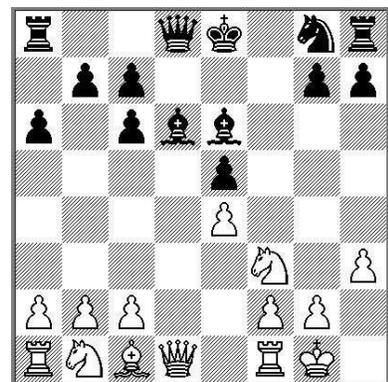
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 Black to Move



7. Anderson, P - Anderson, M
Cabin Fever Reliever 2009
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8. VICKY21 - RedwoodPete
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 Black to Move



9. Deming, Frank - Foster, Cory
Loveland Open 2009
 White to Move

by Lee Lahti

G/29 Grand Prix Update

The 2nd season of the G/29 Grand Prix has started, with 2 events completed so far this year. For this year, we hope to build on the success of our 2008 G/29 Grand Prix season. This year we are offering more tournaments in more locations – hoping to entice more players to participate in the Grand Prix and make it an even bigger success!

The first event of the year was held in Boulder on January 21st. We had a very respectable turnout for this event – 16 players, including 4 players playing in their first G/29 Grand Prix event. We started the year with what is becoming a regular occurrence at G/29 events – all games being decisive (no draws). This was the 6th time in 13 events where that has occurred! There were several games that featured intense struggles, with many games that could have gone either way. In the end, Mitesh Shridhar survived the carnage as the only player unscathed –

earning \$10 for clear 1st. Several players tied for 2nd with 2 points – Klaus Johnson, Frank Deming, Chris Wall, Julian Evans, Cory Foster, newcomer Aaron Evensiosky, and Lee Lahti. The 1st 5 players each earned \$1.50, splitting the 2nd place prize 5 ways, while Aaron and I each received \$6 for winning the combined Under 1500 and Under 1200 prizes.

The second event of the year was held in Cheyenne in February 19th. At our last Cheyenne event in October 2008, we had a record turnout of 24 players for a G/29 Grand Prix event. We were again hoping for a large turnout for an event in Cheyenne. However, this time the stars were not in alignment. Many of both the Cheyenne locals and regular G/29 Grand Prix attendees were unable to make it and there were only 12 players that participated – tying our lowest turnout for an event. Among the 12 participants were 2 new players – including one from Casper, WY who was in town on business. Somehow, even with the low turnout, 3 rounds were not enough to produce a clear winner. Markus Petters and I both finished the night at a perfect 3-0, each winning \$7. Frank Deming, Cory Foster, and Joseph

Simon (our Casper player, playing in his first tournament in 10 years!) all tied for 3rd with 2 points. All of them were rated over 1500 and with the 1st/2nd place prizes split between the 3-0s, they unfortunately did not win any money! Taking the Under 1500 prize with a score of 1.5/3 was newcomer Gordan Hart, winning \$5 in his first event. And Matthew Whelan took the Under 1200 prize, earning his \$3 entry fee back.

The March 2009 event will be hosted by the Denver Chess Club on March 31st, the 1st event to be held in Denver. This event will have completed by the time the April Informant arrives. With the size of the Denver Chess Club and the loyalty shown to the G/29 by our regular attendees, there are high hopes that the March event will result in a new record attendance for a G/29 event. We will report on this event in our next update.

The G/29 Grand Prix has several upcoming events on the schedule. The March 31st event at the Denver Chess Club starts a series of 5 G/29 Grand Prix events in about a 12 week timeframe. The April G/29 Grand Prix event will be held in Greeley on Thursday, April 16th. Fort Collins is hosting the 1st Super Saturday G/29 event on Saturday, May 2nd. Super Saturday events are just that – Super! They offer larger prizes, allow participants the opportunity to earn double G/29 Grand Prix points (as Saturday events are 6 rounds vs. our normal 3-round week-night tourneys) and are also part of the CO Tour! Following the Super Saturday, Boulder will host the May monthly event on Wednesday, May 27th. Then Cheyenne will host its second event of the year in mid-June, with the exact date and location still to be determined.

Please see the upcoming tournaments section of the Informant and colorado-chess.com website for dates and location of all our upcoming events. For any questions about the G/29 Grand Prix, please contact me at lee.lahti@comcast.net.

Tactics Time answers:

If you have a position from a game played in Colorado with an interesting tactic please send it to me! It can be anything from a mate in one to a deep combination that only you and Fritz 12 could have possibly figured out! TimmyBx@aol.com

- 1. Qg5** leads to a forced mate. Black does not have enough time to defend his position. One line might be **1. ..g6 2. Qf6 Qe6 3. Qg7#**
- Robert delivered a Chuck Norris Roundhouse Kick with **1. b4** leaving the knight on c5 with no safe squares.
- Pete fell asleep at the wheel earlier in the game and got his queen pinned to his king, but fought his way back to this position. **1. b5!** puts white in a lose-lose situation, where black is going to get a queen, while white is too far away to do anything.
- 1. Nc5** unleashes all sorts of double discovered attacks and more problems to deal with than the Octomom.
- Elvis has left the building with **1. ..Rxb3!** Which leaves white with all sorts of problems to deal with. In the game white played **2. axb3** and black mated on the next move **2. ..Qa1#** (not **2. ..Nxb3+** forking the King and Queen)
- 1. ..e4** is a good old fashioned pin it and win it.
- Black played **1. ..Qg3+** which looks like it sets up a fork of king and queen, but the problem is that the queen on f6 is protected by the pawn on g5, so black ends up losing a knight for a pawn, and locks his own king in. Much better was **1. ..Nxe5** first, which sets up a mating net, threatening Qg3# on the next move.
- Normally I only include positions from rated USCF games, but this position was so absurd that I had to include it. It was played on the correspondence chess website www.redhotpawn.com White refused to resign, so black started underpromoting to knights. **1. ..Ng5#** is a mate that you don't see everyday.
- This game was broadcast live over the internet on monroi.com from the Loveland Open, which I think is very cool! White nabbed a free pawn with **1. Nxe5!** If **1. ..Bxe5 2. Qh5+** picks up the bishop.

What's next for G/29 Grand Prix?

Mar. 31st Denver
Apr. 16th Greeley
May 2nd Ft. Collins

See www.colorado-chess.com for more details.

by Klaus Johnson

Colorado Correspondence Championship Update

On January 1st of this year, nine players began playing via email to decide the 2009 Colorado Correspondence Championship. With the length of time a correspondence game takes, the Swiss system is impractical, so correspondence instead uses round-robins with all games starting simultaneously. Since there are nine players, each player has four white games and four black games.

Players can use opening books and databases, but are not allowed to go to other players for help or use chess engines to analyze. The time control for the event is 10 moves for 30 days with players receiving an extra 30 days of vacation time to use as they choose. Because of the long time control, games can last months or even years. As this is being written, only 3 out of the 36 games have been completed.

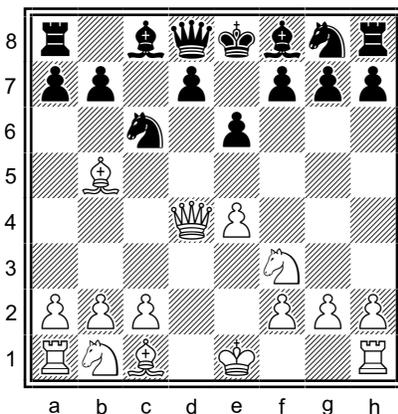
W: Tim Brennan B: Ginny Gaige

Finished January 3rd 2009

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 e6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Qxd4 Nc6 5. Bb5?? (diagram) Nxd4, White Resigns 0-1

Tim had misrecorded a move by Ginny. With 2...d6 instead of 2...e6, 5. Bb5 pins

the knight and keeps the queen safe.



after 5. Bb5?? Only in correspondence

W: Archie Shipp (1231) B: Chai Neuhaus

Finished February 12th 2009 (published with analysis in Shipp's log, page 8)

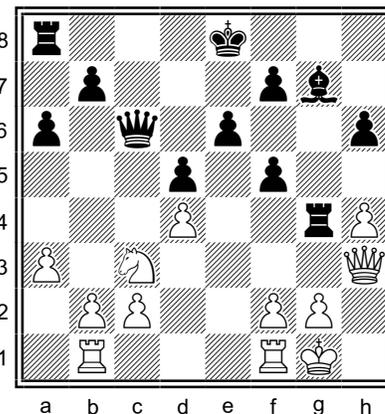
1. e4 e6 2. d4 g5 3. Be3 Bg7 4. Nc3 d5 5. e5 Nd7 6. Qd2 h6 7. O-O-O f5 8. Be2 f4 9. Bh5+ Kf8 10. Bxf4 gxf4 11. Qxf4+ Ngf6 12. exf6 Nxf6 13. Nf3 Kg8 14. Bg6 h5 15. Ng6 Qe7 16. Nf7 Rh7 17. Kb1 Bd7 18. Qxc7 Rf8 19. Bxh7+ Nxh7 20. Ne5 Bxe5 21. Qxe5 Be8 22. Nxd5 Qd7 23. Nc3 Rf5 24. Qg3+ Kh8 25. Rhe1 Rg5 26. Qe3 Rxc2 27. d5 Rg7 28. dxe6 Qc7 29. f4 Bg6 30. e7 Nf6 31. f5 Be8 32. Qh6+ Nh7 33. F6 Rf7 34. Rd8 Qc6 35. Rxe8+ Qxe8 36. Qxh5 Rxe7 37. Qxe8+, Black resigns 1-0

Archie temporarily sacs a piece on move 8 for pressure against the kingside.

W: Chai Neuhaus B: Jeffrey Baffo (2340)

Finished February 28th 2009

1. d4 Nf6 2. Nc3 d5 3. Bg5 Nbd7 4. e3 h6 5. Bh4 e6 6. Nf3 c5 7. Bb5 a6 8. Bxd7+ Bxd7 9. Ne5 Qb6 10. Rb1 Bc6 11. Bxf6 gxf6 12. Nxc6 Qxc6 13. Qf3 Rg8 14. h4 f5 15. a3 cxd4 16. exd4 Rg4 17. Qh3 Bg7 18. o-o (Diagram) Bxd4 19. Kh1 Bf6 20. Qf3 Rxh4+ 21. Kg1 o-o 22. g3 Rg8 23. Ne2 Qc4 24. Kg2 Qe4 25. Qxe4 dxe4 26. Rg1 f4 27. Kf1 fxc3 28. fxc3 Rh2 29. c3 Be5 30. Re1 f5 31. b4 Rd8 32. g4 Rd3 33. Rc1 Rf3+ 34. Ke1 Bf6 35. Rc2 Rd3 36. Rd2 Bg5 37. Rxd3 exd3 38. Nd4 Be3 39. Rf1 Rb2 (Mate in 2) White Resigns 0-1
Jeff exploits the open g-file.



If correspondence chess sounds like fun, we'll be making this an annual event (each tournament will start on January 1st of each year), so be sure to join up next year. Since January 1st 2010 is nine months away, I suggest that you warm up on check out many of the correspondence tournaments that USCF has to offer. One event that is a lot of fun is the annual Golden(postal)/Electronic (e-mail) Knights. Players from around the country are paired into groups of seven. Players who score at least 4.5/6 in their sections move on to the next round. Regardless of the number of players, there are three rounds; preliminaries, semi-finals, and finals. Entries are accepted until November 30th 2009.

First	Last	Rating	#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total
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Paul	Covington		2		x								0
Derek	Fish		3			x							0
Ginny	Gaige		4				x				1		1
Klaus	Johnson	1557	5					x					0
Archie	Shipp	1231	6						x			1	1
Lee	Lahti	1654	7							x			0
Tim	Brennan		8			0					x		0
Chai	Neuhaus		9	0					0			x	0

by Lee Lahli

2008 Fort Collins Chess Club Championship

For 2008, the Fort Collins Chess Club decided on a new format to choose its Club Champion.

Since our first Championship in 2005, we have run a single G/30 Knockout tournament in October and November of each year to determine our champion – which has been won by Markus Petters (our highest rated player) each year. After the 2007 event, in speaking with our members - nearly everyone wanted to change things up a bit, but no consensus could be reached on a format. Some players felt the G/30 Knockout was fine. Some wanted a fast time control, while others wanted longer games. About that time, FIDE had recently announced their 2008-2009 Grand Prix as the qualifier format for the upcoming World Championship cycle. I decided to borrow the FIDE idea plus take the various time controls that were suggested by our members and see if I could come up with something to either appease or annoy everyone! The result was a 2-phase Club Championship – a Qualifying Series followed by a Championship Match between the highest qualifiers.

The Qualifying Series became a series of 6 tournaments - each with a different time control and various formats, spaced throughout the first 10 months of the year. Players would earn Qualifying points, based upon the number of participants and their placement in each event. For a Qualifying Series event, 1st place would earn points equal to the number of participants. Each lower place would earn 1 less point, down to last place earning 1 point for an event. In case of ties in placement, points would be averaged - so a tie between 2 players who would normally earn 7 and 6 points each would average 6.5 points. Points from up to 4 Qualifying Series events would be totaled to determine standings in the Qualifying Series. If someone played in more than 4 events, their lowest score(s) would be dropped.

At the end of the Qualifying Series, the top 2 players would then play a 4-game G/45 Championship Match (with a 4-game G/15 Quick match then 4-game G/5 Blitz matches used as playoffs if needed) to determine the 2008 Fort Collins Chess Club Champion.

For the 2008 Qualifying Series, the following formats and time controls were used:

- February 2008 – G/15, 5-round Swiss
- March 2008 – G/2, Double RR
- May 2008 – G/10, Knockout
- July 2008 – G/45, 4-round Swiss
- August 2008 – G/5, Single RR
- October 2008 – G/30, Knockout

The Qualifying Series started with a small turnout, but increased as the year progressed. The G/15 Swiss started the Qualifying Series - with just 6 players participating and George Voorhees winning the 1st event with a perfect 5-0 score. Markus Petters won the G/2 Double Round Robin, losing only a single game in 7 mini-matches. He then followed it up with a perfect performance in the G/10 Knockout. Randy Reynolds took advantage of Markus being on travel for 1 week early on in the G/45 Swiss to claim the top spot in that event without actually having to play him! Mitesh Shridhar joined Klaus Johnson (who was a regular participant in our events last year) on a trip up from Boulder for our G/5 Round Robin and together they took 1st and 2nd places respectively.

Going into the last event – our G/30 Knockout - there were still 7 players in the running to qualify for the Championship Match, all separated by only 4.5 points. We had 12 players in the G/30 Knockout and as the rounds progressed, players were eliminated from contention for the Championship Match - until going into the final round only 3 players had a chance of making it. Markus Petters was guaranteed a spot in the Championship Match by mak-



ing it to the G/30 Knockout finals (which he went on to win, defeating Brad Lundstrom). Randy Reynolds was playing me in the 5th/6th place match and would qualify by beating me. If I beat Randy, then Frank Deming playing Dean Mitchell in the 3rd/4th place match could advance by winning that match. Unfortunately, I could not take out Randy so Frank's result (he did win) had no meaning on the final standings. So Markus Petters and Randy Reynolds were playing for the 2008 Club Championship.

Rounds 1 and 2 of the Club Championship match were scheduled for November 4th starting at 7 pm, the night of the election. When Markus had not arrived by 7:10 pm I called him to find out where he was. As it turned out, he was following the election results and not really in a state to play chess that evening. As I had informed both Randy and Markus the week previous that we were starting the Championship Match that night, Randy did have the option to claim wins by forfeit in both games. However Randy was willing to delay playing the rounds, as we are all friends. (Although, I really think it was because Randy didn't want to make Markus mad and lose the Championship 4-0 in a Quick playoff after being ahead 2-0 on forfeit wins in the regular match!)

When we finally got around to playing chess two weeks later (as there was a G/29 event during the intervening week!), Markus had White in game 1. Playing a Semi-Slav, Markus proceeded to build up early advantages that Randy could not counter. By move 15 Markus already had a strong

positional advantage. An early blunder by Randy on move 17 added a minor piece to Markus' lead, but Randy held on for 54 moves before being mated. In game 2, Randy played an unusual Queen pawn opening to through Markus off. The game was fairly even, but Randy was able to get a pawn on the 7th on move 27. Markus was in position to hold off the advanced pawn though. Randy had chances for a draw, but as the game progressed and time pressure settled in – he was unable to hold and was now facing a 2-0 deficit.

W: Randy Reynolds

B: Markus Petters

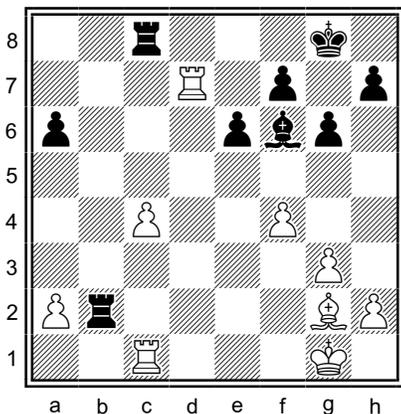
2008 FC Championship Match, Round 2

Markus was in position to hold of the advanced pawn though. Randy had chances for a draw, but as the game progressed and time pressure settled in – he was unable to hold and was now facing a 2-0 deficit.

1.Nc3 e6 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7 5.e4 dxe4 6.Nxe4 0-0 7.c3 Nbd7 8.Nxf6+ Bxf6 9.Nf3 c5 10.dxc5 Qc7 11.Qd6 Forcing trade of Queens!

11...Qxc5 12.Qxc5 Nxc5 13.0-0 Nd3 14.Rd1 Nxc1 15.Raxc1 Rb8 16.Nd4 a6 17.f4 g6 18.Nb3 b5 19.Nc5 b4 20.Nd7 A lot of Knight moves, leading to Bishops of opposite color and a White Rook on the 7th.

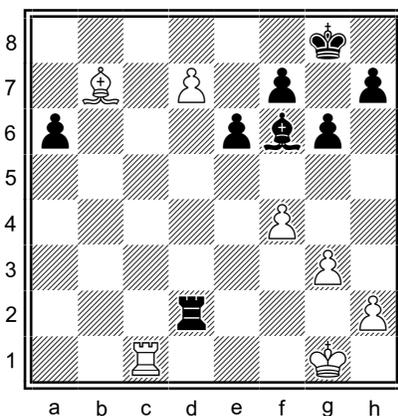
20...Bxd7 21.Rxd7 bxc3 22.bxc3 Rfc8 23.c4 Rb2?! (Diagram)



An interesting move, as Rb4 would allow Black to keep the pressure on White's passed c-pawn! [23...Rb4 24.Bb7 Rc5 25.Bxa6 Ra5 26.a3 Rxa3 27.Bb7 Ra7 28.Bc6 Ra2 29.Rb7 Rxb7 30.Bxb7 Rb2 31.Be4 Bd4+ 32.Kh1 f5 =]

24.c5 Rxa2 25.Bb7 Rd8 26.c6 Rxd7 27.cxd7 Randy has a pawn on the 7th!

27...Rd2 (Diagram) 28.Bc6? Trying to immediately prevent the King from coming over to the d-pawn could result in an even position and a drawn game. [28.Rc8+ Kg7 29.Bc6 Bd4+ 30.Kf1 Bb6 31.Ra8 Kf6]



28...Kf8 29.Rb1 Bd8 30.Ra1 a5 31.Ba4 Ke7 And the advanced pawn is going nowhere except off the board as a captured piece!

32.Kh1 h5 33.h4 Kd6 34.Rc1 Rd4 35.Rc6+ Ke7 36.Bb5 Rb4! And either the Bishop or the advanced pawn is falling.

37.Rc5 Bb6 38.Rg5?? [Ed. note: Where else could this rook have gone, though? The bishop's going down no matter what. ?? is harsh, but hey, I'm only the guy who played the game, right? :-)] **f6! 39.Rxg6** The Bishop can no longer have defense.

39...Rxb5 40.Rg7+ Kf8 41.Rh7 Rd5 42.d8Q+ Severe time pressure for Randy. But its really just a matter of technique now for Markus.

42...Bxd8 43.Rh8+ Ke7 44.Rh7+ Kd6 45.Ra7 Rd2 46.Ra6+ Kd5 47.Kg1 Rc2 48.Kf1 f5 49.Ra7 Rc7 50.Ra8 Rd7 51.Ra6 Rd6 52.Rxd6+ Kxd6 0-1

The following week, Randy found himself again with White in round 3. This time the game progressed to an Nc3 French, a defense Markus knows very well! Randy pressed the attack and had chances. Markus was able to hold the position and after 57 moves in an equal position with both players in time trouble, a draw was agreed – giving Markus his 4th consecutive Fort Collins Chess Club Championship! (Randy and Markus did play the 4th game, with Markus winning handily in a Slav in 32 moves!)

Upon discussion with the participants, everyone enjoyed the format of the 2008 Championship – although some of the time controls were not liked (G/2!). This format has been chosen again for the 2009 Championship, but the time controls have been tweaked to provide a better balance between Blitz, Quick and Standard chess. We also know we will have a new Club Champion for 2009, as Markus Petters will be leaving Colorado for North Carolina sometime this summer. So the race for the 2009 Fort Collins Club Championship is wide open, with many of the members equal in skill (but not necessarily in rating). We shall see who can step up to the challenge and win the title this year!



Who will succeed Markus as 2009 Fort Collins Club Champion?

prepared & annotated
by Richard Buchanan

Games from the Winter Springs Open

W: Jeff Baffo

B: Paul Anderson

Dunst

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 d4 3.Nce2 Nc6 4.Ng3 e5 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.a3 Qe7 8.d3 h6 9.Bd2 Bd7 10.0-0 g6 11.c3 Nh5 12.Nxh5 gxh5 13.cxd4 exd4 14.Ne1 Qh4 15.f4 f6 16.Qb3 Rh7 17.Be6 Ke7 18.Bxd7 Kxd7 19.Rc1 Rb8 20.Nf3 Qg4 21.Rxc6 Kxc6 22.Qa4+ b5 23.Nxd4+ Kb7 24.Qxb5+ Ka8 25.Qd5+ Rb7 26.Nc6 Rg7 27.e5 Bc5+ 28.d4 Bxd4+ 29.Nxd4 Rd7 30.Qe4 fxe5 31.Nf3 Rg7 32.Nxe5 Qh3 33.Bc3 Qe6 34.f5 Qg8 35.Nd3 Rg4 36.Qc6 Kb8 37.Nc5 Rb6 38.Nd7+ Kc8 39.Nxb6+ axb6 40.Rd1 Kb8 41.a4 Rc4 42.Qe6 1-0

W: Rhett Langseth

B: Klaus Johnson

King Indian Attack. Two knights on a rampage!
1.Nf3 d5 2.d3 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 g6 5.0-0 Bg7 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Qc1 0-0 8.Bh6 Re8 9.Bxg7 Kxg7 10.b3 e5 11.e3 Qe7 12.Nbd2 Nc5 13.Qa3 e4 14.Ne5 Nxb3! 15.Qxe7 Rxe7 16.Nxg6 Nxd2 17.Nxe7 Nxf1 18.Nxc8 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Rxc8 (Whew! The carnage has earned Black a pawn.) 20.Bh3 Re8 21.d4 h5 22.a4 Ng4 23.Bxg4 hxg4 24.Rf1 Kg6 25.Rc1 b5 26.a5 Rc8 27.Rb1 a6 28.c3 c5 29.Rb2 cxd4 30.cxd4 Rc3 31.Ra2 Kf5 (31...Rxe3 32.Rc2 intending Rc6 x a6) 32.Kf2 Ke6 33.Ke2 Kd6 34.Kf2 Kc6 35.Ke2 b4 36.Kd2 b3! 37.Ra3 Rd3+ 38.Kc1 b2+ 39.Kxb2 Rxa3 40.Kxa3 Kb5 41.Kb3 Kxa5 42.Kc3 Kb5 43.Kb3 a5 44.Ka3 a4 45.Kb2 Kb4 46.Kc2 a3 47.Kc1 Kb3 48.Kb1 a2+ 49.Ka1 f6! 50.h3 gxh3 51.g4 h2 52.g5 h1Q# 0-1

W: Russ Stark

B: Ryan McCardell

English

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d3 Bb4 4.Bd2 Nc6 5.g3 d5 6.cxd5 Bxc3 7.bxc3 Qxd5 8.Nf3 e4 9.c4 Qe6 10.Ng5 Qg4 11.f3 exf3 12.exf3 Qf5 13.Qe2+ Qe5 14.Qxe5+ Nxe5 15.Bg2? Nxd3+ 16.Ke2 Bf5 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.fxe4 0-0-0 19.Bg5 Rhe8 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rhd1 Nb2 22.Rxd8+ Rxd8 23.Bh3+ Kb8 24.c5 Nc4 25.Rd1 Re8 26.Bg2 c6 27.g4 Ne5 28.h3 Kc7 29.Ke3 b6 30.cxb6+ axb6 31.Kf4 h6 32.h4 Rg8 33.Bh3 c5 34.a4 Ra8

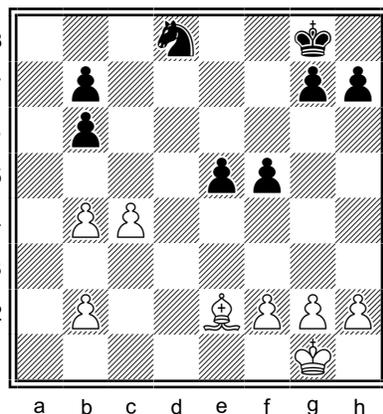
35.g5! Rxa4 36.gxh6 Ng6+ 37.Kf5 Nxh4+ 38.Kxf6 Rxe4 39.h7 Rf4+ 40.Kg5 Ng6 41.Bf5! Rh4 42.Bxg6 Rh2 43.Bf5 c4 44.Rd7+ Kc6 45.Rxf7 c3 46.Rf6+ Kd5 47.Rh6 Rg2+ 48.Kf6 Rf2 49.h8Q c2 50.Rh1 1-0

W: David Meliti

B: Markus Petters

French. On an open board, the bishop dominates the knight.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Ne4 Nd7 9.dxc5 Nxc5 10.Nxc5 Bxc5 11.Bc4 Nb6 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.Bd3 Nd5 14.Qe4 f5 15.Qc4 Bd7 16.Nd4 Rae8 17.Nb3 Bb6 18.Qxc7 Nxc7 19.c4 Na6 20.Be3 Nb4 21.Bxb6 axb6 22.Rfd1 e5 23.Be2 Ba4 24.Rd6 Bxb3 25.axb3 Nc6 26.b4 Rd8 27.Rad1 Rxd6 28.Rxd6 Rd8 29.Rxd8+ Nxd8 (Diagram)



30.c5 Kf7 31.g4 g6 32.Bc4+ Kf6 33.gxf5 Kxf5 34.f3 e4 35.Kf2 Kf4 36.fxe4 Kxe4 37.Bg8 h6 38.Bh7 bxc5 39.bxc5 Kd4 40.Bxg6 Kxc5 41.Kg3 Ne6 42.Kg4 Ng7 43.Kf4 Kd4 44.Bf7 b5 45.h3 b4 46.b3 h5 47.h4 Kd3 48.Ke5 Ke3 49.Kf6 Kf4 50.Kxg7 Kg4 51.Kh6 Kxh4 52.Bxh5 Kg3 53.Kg5 Kf2 54.Kf4 1-0

W: DuWayne Langseth

B: Paul Anderson

Stonewall

1.d4 c6 2.f4 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 e6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.Nd2 Qb6 9.0-0 Be7 10.c3 c5 11.a3 a5 12.Qg3 g6 13.b3 Nh5 14.Qf2 f5 15.Rb1 0-0 16.Nf3 Ng7 17.c4 Nf6 18.dxe5 Qxc5 19.b4 axb4 20.axb4 Qc7 21.c5 Ne4 22.Bxe4 dxe4 23.Ne5 Rfd8 24.Bb2 Ra2 25.Qc2 Rd5 26.Qb3 Ra8 27.Bd4 Bf6 28.Ra1 Rad8 29.Qc4 Bxe5 30.fxe5 b6 31.c6 b5 32.Qc3 Rc8 33.Rfc1 Nh5 34.Ra7 Qd8 35.c7 Qd7 36.Qc6 Kf7 37.Rb7 Ke8 38.Rb8 Qxc6 39.Rxc6 Kd7 40.Rc2 Rxc7 41.Rxc7+ Kxc7 42.Ra8 Rd7

43.Ra6 Ng7 44.Ra5 Kc6 45.Bc5 Ne8 46.Ra6+ Kd5 47.Rb6 Nc7 48.Bd6 g5 49.Bxc7 Rxc7 50.Rxb5+ Kc4 51.Rb6 Kd3 52.b5 Rc5 53.Rxe6 Rxb5 54.Rd6+ Kxe3 55.e6 Re5 56.Ra6 h5 57.Ra3+ Kd4 58.Ra4+ Kd5 59.Ra6 f4 60.e7 Rxe7 61.Ra5+ Kd4 62.Rxg5 Re5 63.Rg8 Ke3 64.Ra8 Rd5 65.Ra1 Rd3 66.Re1+ Kd4 67.Ra1 e3 68.Kf1 Ke4 69.Ra4+ Rd4 70.Ra2 Rd2 71.Rxd2! exd2 72.Ke2 h4 73.Kxd2 f3 74.gxf3+ After 74...Kxf3 75.Ke1 Kg2 76.Ke2 Kxh3 77.Kf1 White can stop the pawn. 1/2-1/2

W: Steve Kovach

B: Ken Dail

Vienna

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.d3 Bb4 5.Nge2 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.0-0 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Bd6 9.Ng3 0-0 10.Qh5 Qe8 11.Ne4 Na5? 12.Bh6! Nxc4 13.Qg5 f5 14.Qxg7# 1-0

W: Dean Brown

B: Dan Kloepper

Reti

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.0-0 Bg4 7.Ng5 e6 8.d3 Be7 9.Ne4 0-0 10.Nbc3 Nxc3 11.Nxc3 Rc8 12.Bxc6 Rxc6 13.Qa4 Bh3 14.Re1 a6 15.Qe4 Bf5 16.Qf3 Bf6 17.e4 Bg6 18.Rd1 Bd4 19.Be3 e5 20.Rd2 Qf6 21.Qe2 Rd8 22.Nd5 Qe6 23.Rc1 Bxe3 24.Qxe3 b6 25.Rdc2 Qd7 26.b4 Rdc8 27.bxc5 Qb7 28.Nxb6 R8c7 29.d4 exd4 30.Qxd4 h6 31.Rb2 Qa7 32.Qd8+ Kh7 33.Na4 Bxe4 34.Rb4 Rd7 35.Qf8 Bf3 36.Rbb1 Rd2 37.Qb8 Qxb8 38.Rxb8 1/2-1/2

W: Tikila Nichols

B: Mike Dempsey

Sicilian

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 c5 4.Bc4 Nxe4 5.Bxf7+ Kxf7 6.Nxe4 Nd7 7.Nfg5+ Ke8 8.Qe2 Nf6 9.Nxf6+ gxf6 10.Qh5+ Kd7 11.Nf7?! Qe8 12.d4 e6 13.dxc5 d5 14.Bf4 Bxc5 15.0-0-0 Ke7 16.Rxd5 Qxf7 17.Qxf7+ Kxf7 18.Rxc5 b6 19.Rc7+ Kg6 20.Re1 e5 21.Bg3 h5 22.h4 Bf5 23.Rc6 Rhc8 24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.c3 Rd8 26.Rd1 Rxd1+ 27.Kxd1 Be6 28.a3 Bd5 29.f3 Kf5 30.Ke2 e4 31.Bb8 exf3+ 32.gxf3 a6 33.Ke3 b5 34.Bc7 Bc6 35.f4 Kg4 36.Bd8 f5 37.Bg5 Kg3 38.Kd4 Kf3 39.Kc5 Bd7 40.Kb6 Bc8 41.b3 Ke4 42.c4 bxc4 43.bxc4 Kd4 44.c5 Kc4 45.a4 Kd5 46.c6 Kd6 47.a5 Kd5 48.c7 Kd6 49.Bf6 Ke6 50.Ka7! Kd6 51.Be5+ Kc6 52.Kb8 Bb7 53.c8Q+ Bxc8 54.Kxc8 Kb5 55.Bc7 Kc6 56.Kb8 Kc5 57.Kb7 Kb5 58.Bd8 1-0

W: Joe Kolupke

B: Russ Stark

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Qd2 h6 9.0-0 Ng4 10.Bxg4 Bxg4 11.Rde1 Bd7 12.Kb1 Nc6 13.f4 e5 14.fxe5 Nxe5 15.h3 Nc4 16.Qe2 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 0-0 18.Rd1 Re8 19.Qf3 Bc6 20.Rhe1 Qb6 21.Qd3 Re7 22.b3 Qd8 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.exd5 Qd7 25.c4 Rae8 26.Nf3 Rxe1 27.Nxe1 Qe7 28.Nf3 Qf6 29.Qd4 Qf5+ 30.Qd3 Qf6 31.Qd4 Qf5+ 1/2-1/2

W: Jeff Baffo

B: David Meliti

Dunst

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nxe4 Bf5 4.Qf3 e6 5.Ng3 Bxc2 6.Qxb7 Nd7 7.Bb5 Bg6 8.Bxd7+ Kxd7 9.Nf3 Bd6 10.0-0 Qb8 11.Qa6 Qb6 12.Qc4 Nf6 13.d4 Nd5 14.Ne5+ Bxe5 15.dxe5 Qb4 16.Qe2 h5 17.Rd1 h4 18.Nf1 h3 19.g3 c6 20.Ne3 Qe4 21.b3 Ke8 22.Qf1? (22 f3) 22...Qf3 23.Nc4 Rd8 24.Rd4? (24 Nd2) 24...Nc3 25.Rxd8+ Kxd8 26.Bg5+ f6 27.Rd1+ (Deperately trying for something after 27...Nxd1 28 exf6. But David is not distracted.) 27...Kc7 28.Rd2 Be4 0-1

W: Mitch Anderson

B: Markus Petters

French

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Bd3 c5 5.dxc5 Nf6 6.Qe2 Nc6 7.Ngf3 Nb4 8.Nb3 Nxd3+ 9.cxd3 dxe4 10.dxe4 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Bd2 a5 13.Rac1 a4 14.Nbd4 Bxc5 15.Bb4 b6 16.Qc2 Qf4 17.Bxc5 bxc5 18.Qxc5 Nxe4 19.Qe5 Qxe5 20.Nxe5 f6 21.Nec6 e5 22.Ne7+ Kf7 23.Nxc8 Rfxc8 24.Nc6 Ke6 25.Rfd1 g5 26.b4 axb3 27.axb3 Nd6 28.b4 Ra6 29.Na5 Rxc1 30.Rxc1 Rb6 31.Rb1 Kd5 32.Rd1+ Ke6 33.Rb1 Kf5 34.f3 h5 35.Kf2 e4 36.Rd1 Ke5 37.Rxd6 Kxd6 38.Nc4+ Kc6 39.Nxb6 Kxb6 40.fxe4 Kb5 41.e5! fxe5 42.Ke3 Kxb4 43.Ke4 Kc3 44.Kxe5 Kd3 45.Kf5 g4 46.Kg5 Ke3 47.g3! 1-0

W: Cory Foster

B: Dan Hoffacker

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nf5 Bxf5 8.exf5 d5 9.Bg5 d4 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Ne4 Be7 12.Bc4 Qa5+ 13.c3 Nc6 14.Qb3 Nd8 15.0-0 dxc3 16.Nxc3 Qc5+ 17.Kh1 Rc8 18.Bd5 b5 19.h3 0-0 20.Rac1 Qb4 21.Qc2 Qf4 22.Qf2 Bc5 23.Qe1 Qxf5 24.Ne4 Be7 25.Ng3 Rxc1 26.Qxc1 Qg5 27.Qe1 Qf4 28.Ne2 Qe3 29.Be4 Ne6 30.Qg3+ Qg5 31.Qf2 Rd8 32.Qa7 Bc5 33.Qxa6 Rd2 34.Qxb5 Qe3 35.Ng3 Nf4 36.Qe8+ Bf8 37.Bxh7+ Kxh7

38.Qxf8 Rxc2 39.Qxf7+ Kh8 40.Qxf6+ Kh7 41.Qf7+ Kh8 42.Qe8+ Kh7 43.Qd7+ Kh8 44.Qe8+ 1/2-1/2

W: Dan St. John

B: Steve Kovach

Caro-Kann

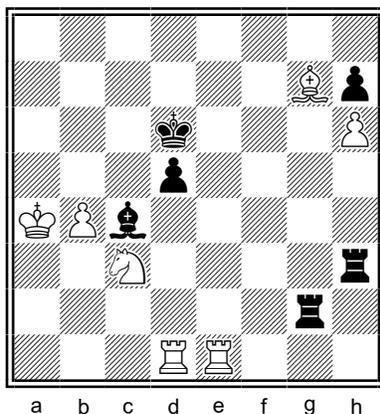
1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Bf4 e6 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.c3 0-0 10.Qb3 b6 11.Ne5 Nbd7 12.Nxg4 Nxg4 13.Nf3 e5 14.Bf5 Ngf6 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nd4 Nc4 17.Bd3 Rfe8+ 18.Be2 Qf4 19.Nf3 Re4 20.Qc2 Rae8 21.Nd4 Ng4 22.f3 Nge3 23.Qc1 Nxg2+ 24.Kf2 Qh4+ 25.Kxg2 Rxe2+ 0-1

W: Robert Rountree

B: Klaus Johnson

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.f3 Nc6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qd2 a6 9.0-0 Ne5 10.Be2 Qc7 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Nfd7 13.h4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4 15.h5 Bb7 16.g6! Nc5 17.gxf7+ Kd7 18.Qe2 Rhf8 19.Qxc4 Rxf7 20.b4 Nd3+ 21.cxd3 Qxc4 22.dxc4 Rc8 23.Kb2 Rxc4 24.Kb3 (OK, White's a piece up, it's all over. But stick around, there's more fun coming.) 24...d5 25.a3 Bf6 26.Na4 Bxd4 27.Bxd4 Rxf3+ 28.Kb2 Kd6 29.exd5 exd5 30.Bxg7 Rg3 31.h6 Rf4 32.Nc3 a5 33.Rhe1 Rg2+ 34.Kb3 Rf3 35.Ka4 axb4 36.axb4 Rc2 37.Kb3 Rg2 38.Bd4 Rh3 39.Be5+ Kc6 40.Bg7 Kd6 41.Ka4 Rc2 42.Rc1 Rd2 43.Red1 Rg2 44.Kb3 Bc6 45.Re1 Bb5 46.Rcd1 Bc4+ 47.Ka4 (Diagram)



47. ... Rxc3! 48.Ra1 (Little mate threat there) 48...Rcc2 49.Ka5 Ra2+ 50.Rxa2 Rxa2+ 51.Kb6 Ra6+ 52.Kb7 Kd7 53.Bf8 d4 54.Re7+ Kd8 55.Rxh7 d3 56.Be7+ Ke8 57.Bg5 Kf8 58.Rh8+ Kf7 59.Rc8 Rg6 60.h7! Ba6+ 61.Ka7 Bxc8 62.h8Q Bf5 63.Bd2 Ke7 64.Qe5+ Be6 65.Qe4 Rg8 66.Qxd3 Bd7 67.Qe4+ Kd8 68.Qd5 Rg7 69.Qd6 Ke8 70.Qe5+ Re7 71.Qb8+ Bc8+

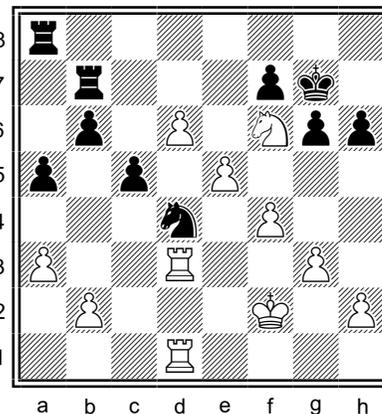
(Well, isn't that a special move?) 72.Kb6 Kd7 73.Qc7+ 1-0

W: Dan Kloepfer

B: Fred Eric Spell

King's Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 c5 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 Qb6 9.Qd2 Qc7 10.Rfe1 b6 11.d5 Ne5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.e4 e6 14.Bh6 exd5 15.cxd5 Bd7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Rad1 Qc8 18.Qg5 Bg4 19.Rd2 h6 20.Qxe5 Re8 21.Qg3 Nh5 22.Qe3 Re5 23.f3 Bd7 24.f4 Re8 25.e5 Bf5 26.Bxf5 Qxf5 27.Rf2 Qg4 28.Qf3 Qxf3 29.Rxf3 Kg8 30.Nb5 Re7 31.d6 Rd7 32.Nc7 Rf8 33.g3 Ng7 34.Ra3 a5 35.Nd5 Rb7 36.Nf6+ Kh8 37.Rd1 Ne6 38.Rad3 Nd4 39.Kf2 Kg7 40.a3 Ra8 (Diagram)



41.d7 Kf8 42.b4 axb4 43.axb4 h5 44.Kg2 Ke7 45.h3 Ra2+ 46.R1d2 Ra8 47.g4 h4 48.f5 g5 49.Kf2 Rd8 50.Ke3 Nc6 51.bxc5 Nxe5 52.Nd5+ Kf8 53.Rc3 bxc5 54.Rxc5 Rb3+ 55.Ke4 Nxd7 1/2-1/2

W: Jerry Maier

B: Robert Rountree

Slav

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bd2 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Qc1 0-0 7.h4 Re8 8.Bh6 Bh8 9.Qg5 Nbd7 10.h5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Nd2 e5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.e3 exd4 16.Nxe4 Nf6 17.Bg5 Rf8 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Nd6 Re7 20.Nxc8 Rxc8 21.e5 dxe3 22.Bc4+ Nd5 23.fxe3 Bxb2 24.Rd1 Bg7 25.Bxd5+ cxd5 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Rxd5 Rxe3+ 28.Kd2 Re7 29.g4 h6 30.Rb1 Rcc7 31.Kd3 Red7 32.Ke4 Rxd5 33.Kxd5 h5 34.g5 Rf7 35.Ke6 Rc7 36.Kd6 Rf7 37.a4 h4 38.a5 a6 39.Rb4 h3 40.Rh4 Rf5 41.Rxh3 Rxg3 42.Re3 Rf5 43.Re7+ Rf7 44.Rxf7+! Kxf7 45.Kc7 g5 46.Kxb7 g4 47.c6 g3 48.c7 g2 49.c8Q g1Q 50.Qc4+ Ke8 51.Qxa6 Qd4 52.Qc6+ Ke7 53.a6 Qb4+ 54.Qb6 Qe4+ 55.Ka7 Ke8 56.Qb8+ 1-0

by Randy Reynolds

Pawned.

James Pawned: An Inside Look into Family Chess Knights

One of the disappointing aspects of living somewhat away from the big city is that you miss out on some of the things that only a big city can bring. We're talking zoos, opera, major league sports... and chess. I have no doubt my son would enjoy participating in some of the chess camps and tournaments that Denver and Colorado Springs offers. But the prospect of an hour or more commute each day for any of these turns out to be a deal breaker. I know it's done by others in Ft. Collins, but my son's just not ready for that kind of commitment yet.

That's why I was pleased to finally find a Denver Nuggets Family Chess Knight that was going to be on a Sunday. For those not familiar with Todd Bardwick's Chess Knights, it provides a good opportunity to mix business (i.e., learning about chess) with pleasure (watching a bunch of amazingly tall guys dunk basketballs). There's a hockey version of the same thing put on as well (March 12th, for those of you who somehow get the "Early Edition" of the Informant or have access to a time machine). And since it was on a weekend, I didn't have to rush right off of work and try to beat rush hour traffic to get there. Seemed like a good time to finally give it a try.

So my son and I headed to the Pepsi Center on Nov. 30th and found ourselves in a room for the pre-game chess lecture by Bardwick. It was a good group – probably 100 or more showed up. And at \$16 a person, it makes sense; it's a pretty good deal for a chess lec-

ture, a ball game, and food (the price included a hot dog and drink).

Todd started with commentary on a famous game – Spassky vs. Bronstein, 1960. Those more well versed in movie lore might recognize it as the game played in the opening sequence of the James Bond movie "From Russia With Love".

I'd always heard about the game but never really analyzed it in detail. Todd found a way to engage everyone in the discussion, whether it be the rank beginner or the more advanced practitioner. It still amazes me how Spassky could see all the variations 8 moves ahead and knew that sacrificing his rook would eventually lead to the win. There were lots of amazing things in that game that make me want to replay it again to absorb all this stuff. Good choice for Todd on picking it for the commentary game. And good choice for the James Bond guys to include it in their movie.

After the game commentary, Todd proceeded with a blindfolded knight's tour exhibition, attempting to reach all 64 squares of the chessboard in 64 moves using only knight maneuvers. As an extra incentive for the kids to keep them engaged, Todd stops on certain squares and gives out various door prizes to the lucky child who picked up that square number on a laminated card on the way in.

This is a staple in any Family Chess Knight, so Todd has gotten rather adept at starting from any square and using his technique to proceed through the tour. Yet, it is amazing to see him in action at remembering. I'm not sure if some of the pauses he injects in his recital are just for effect ("Ooh, ooh, he doesn't know the next square! He's going to mess up!") or if it sometimes really does get confusing to remember where to go next, but it keeps everyone entertained. The only real



difference each time is which sports celebrity is to serve as his assistant, and this time it was Pro Bowl linebacker Ian Gold, who played for the Broncos for most of his career. He's actually the cousin of Green Bay wide receiver Greg Jennings, which was an interesting bit of trivia I never would have known if I hadn't come. I always expected linebackers to be a little... bigger. Of course, to me, everyone's big, but this guy looked like he could have been a wide receiver, too.

Speaking of heights, after the entertaining chess lecture, it was time to check out the Denver Nuggets take on the Houston Rockets. The last time I went to an NBA game, my son Brandon was about 6 months old, and he didn't like the crowd noise at all. Now at 9 years old, he's OK with it. The seats were pretty high up in the arena, but you can't expect courtside at these prices. Plus, it kind of worked out OK, since we were at eye-level to Rockets center Yao Ming. No, just kidding. But the guy is pretty tall.

Carmelo Anthony barely played with a sore elbow, so that left their new acquisition Chauncey Billups to pick up the slack. Which he did, with 28 points. Awesome job. The Nuggets won 104-94, and we had a good time watching them as they did it.



Todd Bardwick (R) gives out door prizes as part of his blindfold knight tour exhibition while Ian Gold (L) places pieces on the named squares.

by Matt Lasley

Father-Daughter Chess

Before we played in tournaments, we did play chess—wherever. Lessons from such games are rarely captured as my encouragement to my kids to write their games down does fall short of having them tote their notebooks everywhere we go. So, it's odd that I have a record of a game between Alexa and I which was played on a wallet-style magnetic board during the USAF Academy vs BYU football game. Old receipts, an ever-ready pencil and an improving (chess) memory.

W: Lasley, Matt
B: Lasley, Alexa

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Scandinavian Def. ECO: B01

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nf3 Bf5

Sure, I want her to take the pawn, Icelandic gambit style, but very often when the gambit is declined, I should just take it. 4...cxd5 5.d4 Nc6 IQP coming.

5.Nc3 Ne4 6.Nxe4 Bxe4 7.d4 cxd5 8.cxd5 Bxd5 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.0-0 Qb6

I'm pressing a bit much & Alexa is making many top moves according to Fritz 6.

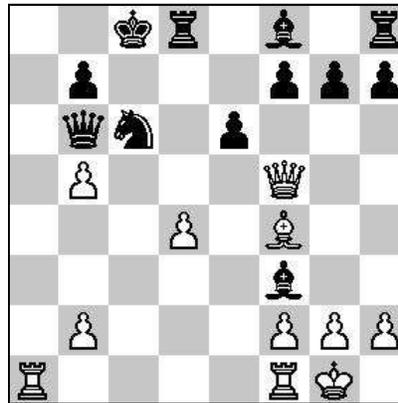
11.a4 0-0-0 Mistake. I considered the 11.a6 that Fritz prefers. I was thinking of getting the rook out, but I underestimated how much this exposed my King.

12.Bf4 a6 13.Qc2 I love that she sees this stuff— pin will return the piece shortly and by refusing to do obvious things, other nasty things are possible.

13....axb5 14.axb5 Bxf3 I didn't even consider 14...Qxb5. Fritz likes it 3rd behind Kd7 & f6—my move's way back.

15.Qf5+! e6 [diagram next column]

Okay, here's the position that is amazing. Don't read any further. Look at this position, and treat it like a problem. I'll even give a few hints. Materially, Black has two pieces less a pawn more on the board than white, though the pieces have knives at their throats. Fritz evals this at +8! So, there's 13 points of pain aimed

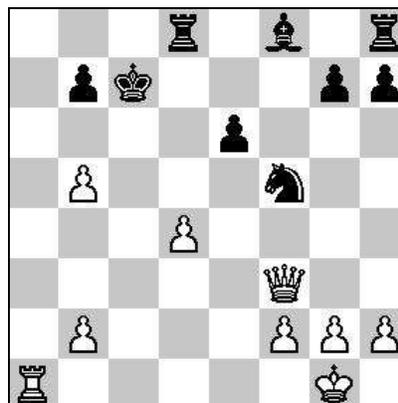


at Black if White finds it. When Walt taught on this at Borders club, he showed the key as preventing the escape. The threat is 16. Ra8+ Nb8 17. Rxb8+ which would be mate if White controlled the d7 square. 16. Qxf7 does control that square, but allows the Knight to escape and block the Queen's influence there. The simple pawn capture solves both problems at once and dooms Black.

16. bc bc (Fritz likes 16...Bd6 which does survive, but still ugly 17.Bxd6 Rxd6 18.Ra8+ Kc7 19.Qxf7+ Kxc6 20.Qxf3+ Rd5 21.Rc1+) 17. Qxf7 now crushes 17... Bd6 18. Ra8+ Bb8 19. Bxb8 Qxb8 20.Rfa1 and black's very uncomfortable.

16.Qxf7 Ne7 17.Rfc1+ Kd7 18.Rc7+ Qxc7 19.Bxc7 Kxc7 I didn't even consider Fritz's suggested 19. ...Rc8.

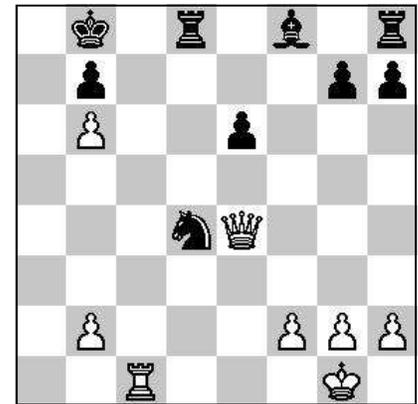
20.Qxf3 Nf5 [diagram]



After all that, things are surprisingly close. Actually this is where I messed up last time. I played 20...Rxd4 21.Qc3+ Kb8 22.Qxd4. I resigned here and rebuilt the game on a receipt—it seemed a cool game without even noticing the move 16, and I hoped to do better the next time.

21.Rc1+ Kb8 22.b6 amazing girl. I should've killed that pawn! 14....Qxb5!

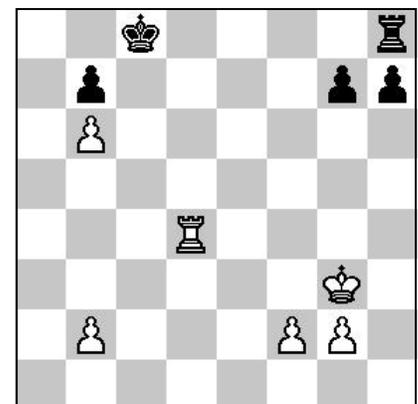
22...Nxd4 23.Qe4 [diagram]



23...e5? not good. Bd6 has been possible since 22, and I've even seen it, but didn't do it. It's best here and protects the Knight by threatening check with discovered attack on the Queen. I blow it one more time before making it. How am I even still in this game?

24.Rd1 Bc5? 25.Qxe5+ Bd6 26.Qxd4 Bxh2+ 27.Kxh2 Rxd4 28.Rxd4 Surely I mentioned how I should have killed that b-pawn a long time ago.

28...Kc8 29.Kg3 [diagram]



29...Rd8 Fritz likes 29...Re8 here, sealing off White's King. 30.Rh4 h6 31.Rc4+ Kd8 32.Rc7 White's in control.

30.Rxd8+ 30. Kxd8 31.Kf4 Kd7 32.Ke5 h5 Of course, Alexa is playing perfectly 32...Ke7 is "best" for me here, but white can then move up pawns while I sit here. It seems close but White is winning, though the game was won long ago in many respects. She continues to play accurately and I don't.

33.Kf5 Kc6 34.Kg6 Kxb6 35.Kxg7 Kc6 36.f4 Kd6 37.f5 black resigns ... again. Good job, sweetie.

Loveland Open Games

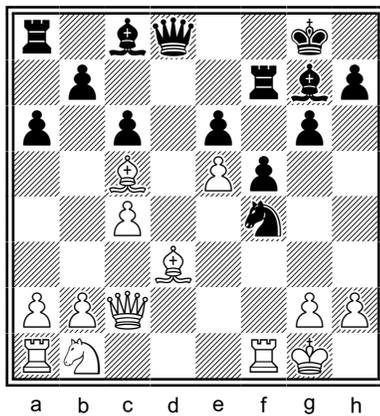
prepared by Randy Reynolds

W: Norbert Martinez

B: Lee Lahti

Loveland Open, Feb. 8th, 2009

1.Nf3 c5 2.d4 e6 3.e4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.c3 [7.Be3 Ne7] 7...Nc6 8.Nxc6 dxc6 9.f4 Ne7 10.Be3 0-0 11.Qc2 f5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bc5 Rf7 14.c4 Nxf4?! (Diagram) Lee told me this was either the best sac he's ever made or the biggest mistake he's made, and he wasn't sure. Turns out it wasn't too bad.. [14...Nb6 15.Be2 Nd7 16.Bd6 Bf8 17.c5 b6 18.Bxf8 Rxf8 19.cxb6 Nxb6 20.Qxc6 Qd4+; 14...Nb4 15.Bxb4 Qb6+]



15.Rxf4 Bxe5 16.Rf2 Qf6 [16...b6 17.Be3 Rd7 18.Be2 Qh4 19.g3 Bxg3 20.hxg3 Qxg3+ 21.Kf1 Qxe3]

17.Nc3 b5? [17...Bxh2+! 18.Kxh2 Qe5+ 19.Kg1 Qxc5]

18.Ne4 Qg7 19.Ng5 Bxb2?? 20.Rb1? Missed the free piece.

20...Bd4 21.Bxd4 Qxd4 22.Nxf7 Kxf7 23.Rd1 Qa7 24.Kh1 Bd7 25.c5 Rf8 26.Rfd2 Bc8 27.Be2 Qc7 28.Rd6 Re8 29.Bf3 Qa5 30.Bxc6 Re7 31.Bf3 e5 32.Bd5+ Be6?? 33.Bxe6+ Kf8 [33...Rxe6?? 34.Qb3!]

34.Qd2 b4 and the mate threats start happening

35.Qh6+ Ke8 36.Bd7+ [36.Rd8+ Qxd8 37.Rxd8+ Kxd8 38.Qf8+]

36...Rxd7 37.Rxd7 Qxc5 38.Rd8+ Kf7 39.Qxh7+ Kf6 40.R8d6+ Kg5 41.Qxg6+ Kf4 42.Qg3+ Ke4 43.Qf3# 1-0

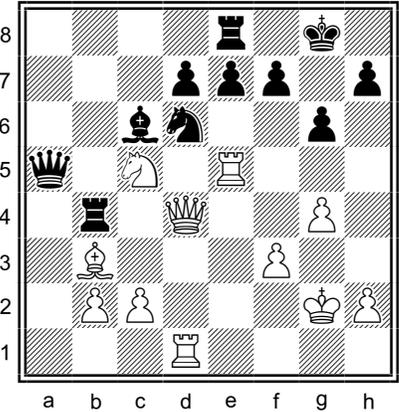
W: Renard Anderson

B: Mitesh Shridhar

Loveland Open, Feb. 8th, 2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Bb3 a5 9.0-0 a4 10.Nxa4 Nxe4 11.f3 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 13.Qxd4 Nd6 14.Rfe1 Nf5 15.Qf2 b5 16.Nc3

Rb8 17.Rad1 Re8 18.g4 Nd6 19.Qd4 Bb7 20.Kg2 Bc6 21.a4 bxa4 22.Nxa4 Qa5 23.Re5 Rb5 24.Nc5 Rb4 (Diagram) 25.Qe3 [Qxd6 deserves attention, too]



25. ... Rxg4+! 26.Kf2 Nc4 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.Nxd7 Rxc2+ 29.Kg1 Qc7 30.Nc5 Rxb2 31.Nd3 Rb3 32.Qc5 Qb6 33.Qxb6 Rxb6 34.Kf2 e6 35.Rc1 Rd8 36.Rc3 Bd5 37.Kg3 Kg7 38.h4 Kf6 39.Re3 Rb3 40.Rc7 Bc4 41.Nf2 Rxe3 42.Ng4+ Kg7 43.Nxe3 Bb5 44.Rc5 Bd3 45.Rc7 Bb5 46.Rc5 Rd3 47.Ng4 Rd5 48.Rc7 Be2 49.Kf2 Bd1 50.Ke3 Rf5 51.Nh2 h5 52.Rc3 Rb5 53.Kf2 Kf6 54.Rc1 Rb2+ 55.Kg3 Be2 56.Rc3 Kf5 57.f4 Rd2 58.Nf3 Bxf3 59.Kxf3 f6 60.Ra3 Rd4 61.Ra5+ e5 62.fxe5 fxe5 63.Kg3 Rg4+ 64.Kh3 Kf4 0-1



A look at the 3rd round action at the 2009 Loveland Open. Photo by Randy Reynolds.

Loveland Open Crosstable

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Loveland, CO

Feb. 7th-8th, 2009

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Mitesh Shridhar	12720455	2058	2086	W7	W9	W3	W2	4.0
2	Renard W Anderson	10229391	2211	2197	D6	W8	W11	L1	2.5
3	Julian S Evans	12895237	1847	1852	W13	W12	L1	D5	2.5
4	George W Voorhis	10406013	1902	1895	L9	D6	W14	W7	2.5
5	Frank A Deming	10267811	1830	1829	L12	W13	W6	D3	2.5
6	Klaus R Johnson	12728798	1779	1789	D2	D4	L5	W12	2.0
7	Vlad Jan Gaciu	13459495	1760	1770	L1	W10	W12	L4	2.0
8	Shaun T Macmillan	10410916	1831	1832	D14	L2	W9	H---	2.0
9	Ted K Doykos	12724380	1745	1747	W4	L1	L8	D13	1.5
10	Laurence R Wutt	12745430	1852	1829	L11	L7	W13	H---	1.5
11	Gary L Bagstad	10924031	1700	1723	W10	H---	L2	U---	1.5
12	Pierre Julien	12541942	unr.	1611	W5	L3	L7	L6	1.0
13	Cory Foster	12928613	1675	1655	L3	L5	L10	D9	0.5
14	Randy Reynolds	12842017	1654	1655	D8	U---	L4	U---	0.5

Santa Fe (Reserve)

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Norbert Martinez	12471639	1565	1610	W19	W2	D6	W5	3.5
2	Edward F Cronin	10408504	1385	1424	W13	L1	W14	W11	3.0
3	Herbert R Conley	12422277	1416	1436	W17	L6	W18	W10	3.0
4	Joseph Aragon	11345409	1441	1457	D22	W16	W7	D8	3.0
5	Lee Lahti	12914550	1539	1534	D16	W10	W8	L1	2.5
6	Ann Davies	12708563	1602	1614	W18	W3	D1	U---	2.5
7	Dean W Brown	10224098	1442	1435	W12	D11	L4	W16	2.5
8	George Lombardi	12059800	1452	1455	W20	W15	L5	D4	2.5
9	William Chandler IV	12530954	1465	1441	L10	W22	D11	W12	2.5
10	Alexander C Yu	13747500	1225	1296	W9	L5	W15	L3	2.0
11	Thomas Mullikin	12905792	1318	1320	W21	D7	D9	L2	2.0
12	Ken Johnson	12962213	1113	1158	L7	W21	W19	L9	2.0
13	Gene Lucas	14000994	925	1062	L2	D19	W20	D15	2.0
14	Aaron Evensiosky	14100992	unr.	1288	L15	W20	L2	W18	2.0
15	Gerald J Maier	12510521	1343	1313	W14	L8	L10	D13	1.5
16	Michael J Dempsey	12952683	1293	1289	D5	L4	W22	L7	1.5
17	Kathy A Schneider	12545281	961	1004	L3	L18	W21	D19	1.5
18	Joseph A Kolupke	12743093	1305	1273	L6	W17	L3	L14	1.0
19	Michael Engles	12448104	1303	1243	L1	D13	L12	D17	1.0
20	Dennis Bolshakov	13035517	1224	1167	L8	L14	L13	B---	1.0
21	Dave Kennedy	14126822	unr.	925	L11	L12	L17	W22	1.0
22	Gary Crites	12495043	1074	1044	D4	L9	L16	L21	0.5

annotation by Jeff Baffo and Randy Reynolds

Random Game from Boulder Winter Grand Prix Tournament

Jeff Baffo submitted this game from the Boulder Winter Grand Prix tournament. His opening comment was this: "Perhaps worthy of inclusion in some future issue of CCI. Crude, but amusing." Well, my curiosity is piqued! Let's see what we've got!

(Punctuation is Jeff's. Annotation shows who is making the comment each time.)

W: Jeff Baffo

B: Dean Brown

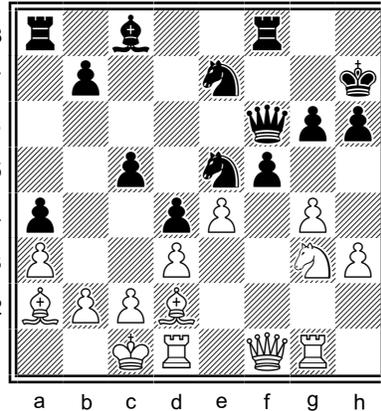
Boulder Winter Grand Prix Boulder, 2009

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 d4 3.Nce2 e5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Ng3 Ne7 6.Bc4 0-0 7.a3 a5 8.d3 h6 9.Bd2 Jeff: 9. Nh4 is better with the idea of Qh5 and/or either Nf5.

9...c5 10.Qc1 Kh7 11.Nh5 Ng8 12.h3 Nc6 13.g4 Be7 14.Rg1 g6 15.Ng3 Bh4 16.Qd1 a4 17.Qe2 Qe7 18.Qf1 Randy: The white queen thinks she's a king! The queen

moves a total of 3 squares in 3 moves, but I guess you can afford that kind of stuff in a closed center.

18...Qf6 19.Nxh4 Qxh4 20.0-0 Nge7 21.f4 f5 22.fxe5 Nxe5?! 23.Ba2 Qf6?? (Diagram) Jeff: 23. ... f4! is much better.



24.exf5 gxf5 25.gxf5 Nxf5 26.Ne4 Qb6 27.Qf4 Nd7 28.Rdf1 Ne3 29.Bxe3! Jeff: 29. Qxf8! is an even better queen sac with a mate in 6!

29...Rxf4 30.Bxf4 Nf8 31.Be5 [31.Bg8+ Kh8 32.Be5+ Qf6 33.Bxf6# Randy: Bishops, unite!]

31...Bxh3 Randy: Dean skips to the punch line, but all signs were pointing to mate in 8 or so by Fritz.

32.Rf7# 1-0

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Colorado Springs Open Crosstable

Colorado Springs, CO

March 7th-8th, 2009

#	Name	USCF#	Pre-rat	Post-rat	Game Info	Points
1	Randy C Canney	10407443	2209	2217	W8 W15 H0 W5 W6	4.5
2	Paul Douglas Anderson	12728345	1990	1994	W23 W14 W7 H0 D4	4.0
3	Julian S Evans	12895237	1889	1891	W24 W16 L4 W21 W10	4.0
4	Edelreich Deloslado	12768183	1697	1779	W31 W9 W3 H0 D2	4.0
5	Mitchell R Anderson	12788878	2003	2004	W22 W20 H0 L1 W18	3.5
6	Kevin M Seidler	12696800	1940	1951	W13 W10 H0 W9 L1	3.5
7	Jeffrey Baffo	10340195	1821	1819	W18 W17 L2 W11 D8	3.5
8	Brendon Charles Barela	13984660	1503	1614	L1 W25 W20 W15 D7	3.5
9	Karl W Irons	12096800	1847	1836	W29 L4 W21 L6 W22	3.0
10	Anthea J Carson	12614322	1805	1796	W30 L6 W23 W12 L3	3.0
11	Rhett Lynn Langseth	13392987	1567	1588	W32 L27 W24 L7 W21	3.0
12	Jeffrey S Sallade	13432958	1450	1523	L28 W33 W17 L10 W20	3.0
13	Fred Eric Spell	12835115	1484	1495	L6 W30 L15 W32 W29	3.0
14	Gary L Bagstad	10924031	1718	1719	W33 L2 H0 W29 U0	2.5
15	Ted K Doykos	12724380	1712	1695	W25 L1 W13 L8 D17	2.5
16	Robert Rountree	12937640	1563	1568	W26 L3 H0 W19 U0	2.5
17	Derek Austin Fish	13999820	1543	1535	W35 L7 L12 W24 D15	2.5
18	Dean W Brown	10224098	1400	1455	L7 W32 D22 W28 L5	2.5
19	Michael J Dempsey	12952683	1297	1308	L20 D22 W31 L16 W30	2.5
20	Kyle M Leeds-Tilley	13212071	1783	1747	W19 L5 L8 W23 L12	2.0
21	Ramyashree Gangadhar	14003768	1659	1649	W34 W28 L9 L3 L11	2.0
22	Bongee Boyce	11155341	1463	1455	L5 D19 D18 W26 L9	2.0
23	Jiri F Kovats	12475183	1462	1451	L2 W34 L10 L20 W31	2.0
24	Gerald J Maier	12510521	1314	1309	L3 W26 L11 L17 W35	2.0
25	Isaac Martinez	12911979	1116	1117	L15 L8 W35 L30 W32	2.0
26	Robert McMahan	14138846	1116	1116	L16 L24 B0 L22 W33	2.0
27	Richard W Buchanan	10273030	2000	2002	H0 W11 U0 U0 U0	1.5
28	Duwayne Lynn Langseth	11197175	1869	1835	W12 L21 H0 L18 U0	1.5
29	Joseph Aragon	11345409	1465	1440	L9 W35 H0 L14 L13	1.5
30	Ken Johnson	12962213	1137	1141	L10 L13 H0 W25 L19	1.5
31	Ginny Gage	13750064	741	753	L4 H0 L19 W34 L23	1.5
32	Philip James O'Rourke	14165282	1052	1052	L11 L18 W33 L13 L25	1.0
33	Kathy A Schneider	12545281	997	972	L14 L12 L32 W35 L26	1.0
34	Larry Tilley	13221947	579	561	L21 L23 H0 L31 U0	0.5
35	Dave Kennedy	14126822	925	834	L17 L29 L25 L33 L24	0.0

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Colorado Tour 2009 Standings (through Colorado Springs Open)

Top 10 Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Klaus Johnson	1785	244.06	45
2	Jeffrey Baffo	1826	232.39	36
3	Mitesh Shridhar	2051	212.34	23
4	Cory Foster	1638	198.64	35
5	Julian Evans	1782	179.43	23
6	Dean W. Brown	1447	160.3	50
7	Renard Anderson	2208	152.89	14
8	Ted Doykos	1732	144.82	24
9	Mitchell Anderson	1963	135.41	20
10	Tyler Hughes	2270	131.54	14

Top 10 Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean W. Brown	1447	160.3	50
2	Kathy Schneider	972	105.12	50
3	Klaus Johnson	1785	244.06	45
4	Gerald Maier	1300	110.63	36
5	Jeffrey Baffo	1826	232.39	36
6	Cory Foster	1638	198.64	35
7	Anthea Carson	1676	121.42	27
8	Thomas Mullikin	1303	61.47	26
9	Ted Doykos	1732	144.82	24
10	Derek Fish	1435	130.59	23

Top 10 Expert

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Mitesh Shridhar	2051	212.34	23
2	Richard Buchanan	2007	109.45	22
3	Markus Petters	2040	97.78	13
4	Richard Herbst	2002	86.86	9
5	Robert Ramirez	2092	42.97	4
6	Robert O'Donnell	2113	41.45	5
7	This			
8	Space			
9	For			
10	Rent			

Top 10 Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Jeffrey Baffo	1826	232.39	36
2	Mitchell Anderson	1963	135.41	20
3	Kevin Seidler	1916	111.26	13
4	David Meliti	1881	102.6	13
5	Igor Melnykov	1933	97.35	14
6	Paul Anderson	1969	83.87	11
7	Morgan Robb	1906	78.54	5
8	Larry Wutt	1859	71.92	10
9	Daoud Zupa	1969	70.89	9
10	M. Paul Covington	1904	68.67	12

Top 10 Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Klaus Johnson	1785	244.06	45
2	Cory Foster	1638	198.64	35
3	Julian Evans	1782	179.43	23
4	Ted Doykos	1732	144.82	24
5	Anthea Carson	1676	121.42	27
6	Jackson Chen	1715	120.06	22
7	Tim Brennan	1692	83.26	14
8	Randy Reynolds	1675	68.41	12
9	Randolph Schine	1612	59.12	10
10	Dylan Lehti	1770	58.91	5

Top 10 Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean W. Brown	1447	160.3	50
2	Derek Fish	1435	130.59	23
3	Lee F. Lahti	1560	121.68	19
4	Joseph R. Aragon	1441	86.32	18
5	Anthony Cordova	1498	84.86	15
6	Jiri Kovats	1472	73.5	14
7	Daniel Zhou	1506	67.87	13
8	Ramyashree Gangadhar	1415	65.6	17
9	Samdan Dashzeveg	1569	65.36	10
10	Robert Rountree	1502	56.85	13

Top 10 Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Brendon Barela	1375	116.36	18
2	Gerald Maier	1300	110.63	36
3	Michael Dempsey	1309	83.5	23
4	Thomas Mullikin	1303	61.47	26
5	Losol Amarbayasgalan	1385	52.33	13
6	Edward F. Cronin	1379	48.08	9
7	Anatoly Makarevich	1377	47.31	15
8	Dennis Bolshakov	1202	42.75	14
9	Alex Li	1390	35.68	13
10	Eirik Ogilvie	1318	34.83	8

Top 10 Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	972	105.12	50
2	Ken Johnson	1131	54.74	21
3	Ginny Gaige	760	45.56	22
4	Isaac Martinez	1185	35.08	14
5	Artem Bolshakov	1024	29.58	10
6	Kevin Lucas	996	25.05	9
7	Robert McMahon	1116	21.29	5
8	Gregory Bain	1017	21.02	5
9	Victor Creazzi	624	20.38	10
10	Liz Wood	1136	13.06	10

Upcoming Tournaments

USAFA Quads #8, March 28, 2009

3 round Round Robin system tournament.

Time Control: Game/60, 5 sec Delay

Site: Comm. Center Ball Room, Bldg 5136, US AFA, Colorado

Directions: From I-25, take Exit #150 (Academy Blvd/the South Entrance to the Academy), turn west toward the mountains. The road becomes Stadium Drive. Take Stadium Drive, over the railroad bridge, about 5 miles. Turn left up Community Center Drive about 2 miles. Over the hill crest on the left is the Community Center with ample parking. The Community Center Ball Room is downstairs from the central plaza of Bldg 5136.

OPEN: The Highest 4 USCF-rated players form a Quad; the next 4 highest form the next Quad, etc. If participation requires, the lowest rated "Quad" may be a 6-man 3Rd Swiss section.

Entry fee: \$12 is received by March 26, 2009; \$15 at On-site registration.

Prizes: 1st in each Quad: \$40

Registration: 8:30-9AM, **Rounds:** 9AM, 12 PM, 2PM.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: navajo36us80917@comcast.net

Open to all USCF members; USCF membership may be obtained at On-site registration or on-line at www.uschess.org. Sponsored by the USAFA Community Center with Southern CO Chess direction.

Colorado Class Champ., Mar. 28-29, 2009

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/120 G/60

Site: Metro State, Auraria Campus, Tivoli Building (Larimer and 9th) Room #320 B&C

Entry fee: \$35, \$30 if rec'd by 3/25. \$8 less for Jr/Sr/Unrated

Prizes: 60% of Entries

Registration: 9-9:45 AM, **Rounds:** Saturday 10:00 AM, 4:30 PM, Sunday 9:30 AM, 4:00 PM.

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

Phone: (303)854-7898

E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

Players will be divided into sections (X: 2000+, A: 1800-1999, B: 1600-1799, C: 1400-1599, D: 1200-1399, E: <1200). Any section with < 6 players will be combined with another section.

Unrated players may play in any section but prize money will be limited to \$30 unless playing in the top section.

A Colorado Tour Event, CSCA membership required.

March 2009 G/29 GP Event, Mar. 31, 2009

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/29, no delay

Site: 1st Avenue Presbyterian Church, 120 West 1st Avenue (1st & Acoma, 1 block west of Broadway), Denver, CO.

Entry fee: \$3

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee. (60% total entry fees for tourney prizes, remainder after rating fee to GP Prize Fund.)

Registration: 600-700pm. Onsite registration only, but please email if you intend to come., **Rounds:** 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm.

E-mail: joehaines@comcast.net

A G/29 Grand Prix Event, hosted by the Denver Chess Club.

Spring is Sprung Open III, April 4, 2009

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30 TD 5

Site: The Daily Grind, 209 S. Union, Pueblo

Directions: Take 1st St. exit, three blocks to Union; Union & D St.

Entry fee: \$20; Sr, Jr, Unr \$15; CSCA & USCF required, OSA. Pre-registration entry fee: \$15, paid at time of pre-registration.

Prizes: Cash prizes based on entry fees.

Registration: 9:00-9:45, **Rounds:** 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.

Entries: Jerry Meier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919-2213

Phone: 719-660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

COLORADO TOUR EVENT

2009 Boulder Open, April 10 - 12, 2009

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/120 G/60 (2-day schedule, Rds 1-2 G/90 TD/5)

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

Open: Open to all

Reserve: Open to players rated under 1600

Entry fee: \$50, \$40 if rec'd by April 8th. \$10 less for Jr/Sr/Unrated
Prizes: \$1500 b/50 (46 players last year) Open: \$300-175-125, U2000, U1800 \$100 each. Reserve: \$250-150-100, U1400, U1200, \$100 each.

Registration: 3-day Regis: 4/10 6:00-6:30 PM, 2-day: 4/11 9:00 AM-9:45 AM, **Rounds:** 4/10 6:30 PM, 4/11 10:00, 5:00, 4/12 9:30, 4 -- 2 day: Rds 4/11 10:00, 1:30, 5:00, 4/12 9:30, 4.

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

Phone: (303)854-7898

E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

A USCF Grand Prix Event (6 points)

A CO Tour Event

Open section is grand qualifier for 2009 Boulder Club Champ.

Reserve section is mini-qualifier for 2009 Boulder Club Champ.

CSCA membership required (\$15, \$10 for Jr/Sr), OSA.

April 2008 G/29 GP Event, April 16, 2009

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/29, no delay

Site: Zachariah's Food Court, University Center Lower Level, UNC Campus, Greeley, CO.

Directions: Take Highway 34 into Greeley. From Highway 34, turn North (Left if heading East on Highway 34, Right if heading West) onto 11th Ave. Continue on 11th Ave until you reach 22nd Street. Turn Right on 22nd Street. Take the first Left into the parking lot of the University Center.

Open: One section. Accelerated Pairings used with more than 12 players. USCF membership required.

Entry fee: \$3

Upcoming Tournaments (Continued)

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee. (60% total entry fees for tourney prizes, remainder after rating fee to GP Prize Fund.)

Registration: 630-700pm. Onsite registration only, but please email if you intend to come., **Rounds:** 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm.

E-mail: lee.lahti@comcast.net

A G/29 GP Event, hosted by the Greeley & UNC Chess Clubs.

Springs Fundraiser, April 18, 2009

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: Grace Place Church, 2403 Templeton Gap Rd, CO Springs.

Entry fee: EF \$20 (\$15 for juniors, seniors, unrated), \$2 off if rec'd by April 15.

Prizes: Modest cash prizes per entries. Most of tournament income will go to help Colorado State Scholastic Champions attend the Denker and Polgar tournaments.

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

Entries: Richard Buchanan 44 B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829

Phone: (719) 685-1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

Played in sections if entries warrant.

Held in conjunction with Series Finale Scholastic Tournament.

CSCA membership required (\$15, \$10 jrs, srs) OSA.

Colorado Tour Event.

DCC Denker-Polgar Fundraiser, Apr. 18, 2009

7 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/15

Site: Tabor Center 3rd Floor Food Court 16th Street Mall

Thunder: Open to all USCF rated and unrated members.

Rain: Open to all USCF members rated <= 1599 and unrated.

Entry fee: \$20 on-site, \$15 in advance (by 4/14), \$3 discount for DCC members

Prizes: Based on Entries 50% of prize fund to scholarships.

Registration: 8:00 - 8:45, **Rounds:** 9:15, 9:45, 10:15, 10:45, 11:15, 12:15, 12:45.

Entries: Joe Haines 6871 Knox Ct., Denver, CO 80221

Phone: 720-339-7233

E-mail: joehaines@comcast.net

A DCC Club Event.

No Pre-registration accepted without payment.

A DCC Grand-Prix event.

NM Todd Bardwick Simultaneous Exhibition, April 25, 2009

Site: Colorado Mills Mall Food Court

Registration: 11:30-12:00 **Starts:** 12:00 noon.

Phone: 303-277-1290

For full details: <http://www.coloradomasterchess.com/simul.htm>

Super Sat. #1 G/29 GP Event, May 2, 2009

6 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/29, no delay

Site: Lory Student Center, 2nd Floor Food Court, CSU Campus, Fort Collins, CO.

Directions: Turn from College Ave onto W. Laurel St. Once on Laurel, Turn left into CSU at the 2nd stop light at Meldrum St. Park in the parking lot near Lory Student Center.

Open: One section. Accelerated Pairings will NOT be used.

Entry fee: \$12, \$9 for Juniors (under 18), Seniors (65+) and Unrated (no standard or quick rating).

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating and CO Tour fees. (60% of total entry fees for tourney prizes, remainder after fees to Grand Prix Prize Fund.)

Registration: 8:30-9:30am, **Rounds:** 9:45am, 11:00am, 1:00pm, 2:15pm, 3:30pm, 4:45pm.

Entries: Lee Lahti 2836 Sombrero Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Phone: (970) 372-8590

E-mail: lee.lahti@comcast.net

CSCA and USCF membership required, OSA.

A G/29 Grand Prix Event, hosted by the Fort Collins Chess Club.

A Colorado Tour Event.

DCC May Flowers, May 16, 2009

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/45

Site: Tabor Center 3rd Floor Food Court 16th Street Mall

Open: Open to all rated and unrated USCF members.

Reserve: Open to USCF members rated <= 1599 and unrated.

Entry fee: \$32 on site, \$27 in advance (by 5/12), \$8 discount for Jrs, Srs, Unr., \$3 discount for DCC members

Prizes: Based on Entries

Registration: 8-8:45, **Rounds:** 9:15, 10:45, 12:45, 2:15, 3:45.

Entries: Joe Haines 6871 Knox Ct., Denver, CO 80221

Phone: 720-339-7233

E-mail: joehaines@comcast.net

A Colorado Tour Event

CSCA Membership Req., OSA.

A DCC Club Event. A DCC Grand-Prix event.

No Pre-registration accepted without payment.

Wyoming Open, May 30 - 31, 2009

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Rd. 1 = G/60. Rds. 2-5 = 35/90, G60

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

Open: Open to all

Entry fee: \$20

Prizes: Cash prizes based on entries.

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

Entries: Allan Cunningham (307) 635-3102

E-mail: adcdac@bresnan.net

Pueblo Open III, June 6, 2009

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5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30 TD 5

Site: The Daily Grind, 209 S. Union, Pueblo

Directions: Take 1st St. exit, three blocks to Union; Union & D St.

Sections: Open

Entry fee: \$20; Sr, Jr, Unr \$15; CSCA & USCF required, OSA. Pre-registration entry fee: \$15, paid at time of pre-registration.

Prizes: Cash prizes based on entry fees.

Registration: 9:00-9:45, **Rounds:** 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.

Entries: Jerry Meier 229 Hargrove Court, CO Springs CO 80919

Phone: 719-660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

COLORADO TOUR EVENT

DCC June Swoon, June 20, 2009

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/60

Site: Tabor Center 3rd Floor Food Court 16th Street Mall

Open: Open to all USCF rated and unrated members.

Reserve: Open to USCF members rated <= 1599 and unrated.

Entry fee: \$28 on-site, \$23 in advance (by 6/16), \$7 discount for Jrs, Srs, Unr., \$3 discount for DCC members

Prizes: Based on entries

Registration: 8:00 - 8:45, **Rounds:** 9:15, 11:15, 1:30, 3:30.

Entries: Joe Haines 6871 Knox Ct., Denver, CO 80221

Phone: 720-339-7233

E-mail: joehaines@comcast.net

A CO Tour Event.

CSCA Membership Req. (Other State Accepted.

A DCC Club Event. A DCC Grand-Prix event.

No Pre-registration accepted without payment.

2009 Kansas Open, July 10-12, 2009

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/120 (two hours)

Site: Bethany College Library

Open Section: Open to all

Reserve Section: 1799 and below

Lindsborg, KS Dorm rooms available at Bethany College: \$35 per room per night--one or two to a room (linens included, but beds not made). Reservations by 7/03/2009. Call Roxie Sjogren at 785-227-3380 Ext 8158 from 8am till 12:30pm Monday through Friday or www.lindsborg.org/tourism.html

Pikes Peak Open, August 1-2, 2009

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Rds: 1-3 40/90 and G/1; Rds: 4-5 40/2 and G/1

Site: Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave

Open: One open section

Entry fee: \$30 if rec'd by July 30, \$35 at site. \$8 EF disc. for jrs., srs., unrated. CSCA required, (\$15, jrs & srs 10), OSA

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries

Registration: 8:30-9:30 AM, **Rounds:** 10-2:30-7; 9-3.

Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Ct, CO Springs, CO 80919

Phone: (719) 660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

Colorado Tour Event

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