

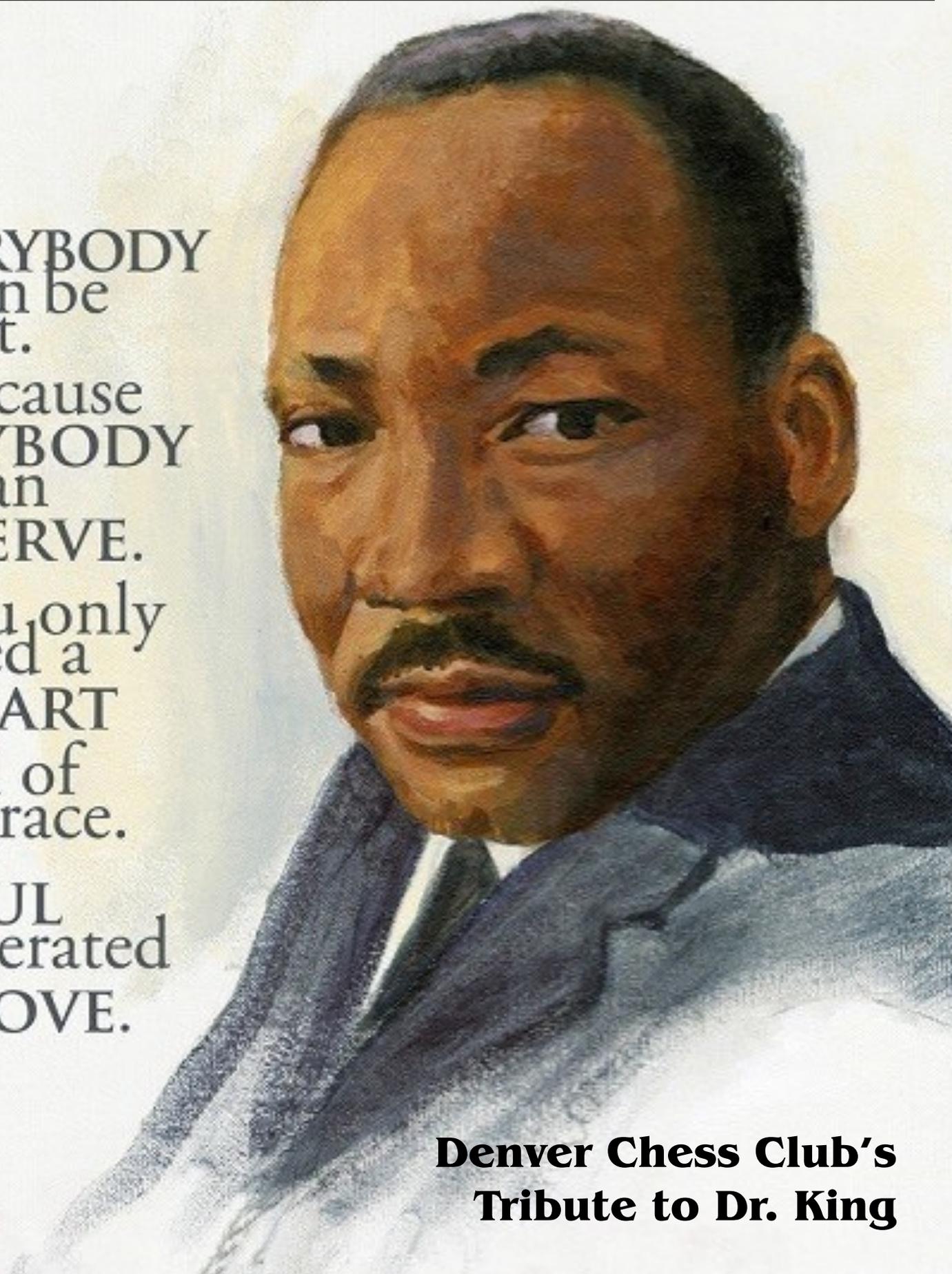
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## From the Editor

If you were to go online and travel over to the CSCA website ([www.ColoradoChess.com](http://www.ColoradoChess.com)) you will see that it has been completely revamped, thanks to the efforts of President Dean Clow.

The site has been brought up to date after a much needed overhaul after the same look for far too long - thanks for all your work Dean!

This issue has a number of wonderful articles for your enjoyment. I really liked putting this one together. So to all the authors of these submissions, I thank you! Coming up for the next few issues, it looks to be just as exciting - so stay tuned!

May Caissa be with you.

*Fred Eric Spell*



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## **Board Meeting Minutes (January 29, 2018)**

First electronic board meeting for the CSCA. In attendance: Dean Clow (P), Earle Wilke (VP), Jeff Cohen (T), Paul Covington (S), Todd Bardwick (MAL), J.C. NacNeil (MAL), Jesse Williams (JR), Bill Williams, Teah Williams, Selah Williams, and Shirley Herman. Meeting called on order at about 7:20pm by Dean Clow.

### **Old Business:**

Minutes from September 3rd 2017 meeting were put online for review. Approved without changes.

Discussion of TLAs for upcoming events: Dean is actively updating the Upcoming Tournaments on the website as information is available.

Paul updated the status of the sites for our tournaments: Open at Sheraton Denver Tech Center; Class at Larimer County Fairgrounds, Loveland; and the Senior at Club Chess!!, Colorado Springs. Other special events as indicated on the website.

Colorado Closed: Will be listed on the website and Facebook. It was suggested that we email the eligible players (Dean will do this). Selection Supplement will be February 2018. Emails will be sent - individuals responsible to respond to Dean.

We will use US Chess website as the official state for our players.

Prizes: Trophies? Not decided. 1st \$100, 2nd \$50.

Entry fees: \$25 plus CSCA and US Chess membership.

Costs for this weekend: Club Chess!! is co-sponsoring the Closed events: \$250 is CSCA costs for the weekend. Round Robin event will help support costs this weekend. Motion made for CSCA to cover costs (appx \$125 plus scoresheets and rating fees). Unanimous vote.

Scholastic Closed: same selection criteria as Closed. Dean to handle invitations.

All Women Invitational: Dean compiling listing and will contact players.

Hall of Fame: Paul briefed the past HoF and process. Requires appointing a committee to lead that effort. Small Prizes to honorees. Todd was on the selection committee. Paul suggested to formalize the HoF and establish a process. Todd briefed the first HoF. Any discussion regarding this was posted and info was in the *Colorado Chess Informant* / January 2016. Deferred to later.

New Mexico vs Colorado match; Paul briefed - NM wants to play in person and have agreed to come to Club Chess!!. Still working a date, July - early August likely. Continuing discussion with NM on this. Stipends: last year - Jeff has cancelled check for most of the 2017 players. Dean and Jeff to verify for completeness. This year the board will set the amount of the stipends. T-Shirts for team discussion deferred. No T-Shirts will be procured for 2017 team.

Financials: Jeff briefed - Account appears to be stable year to year. Suggesting stipends of \$100 per player is affordable. Tabled financial discussion for a month so accounts and membership numbers can be reviewed. Dean and Jeff to handle this.

Insurance: Discussion several inputs. Decided to defer for 30 days for Jeff to investigate then report back. Present policy is woefully out of date on amounts and types of coverage. Paul suggested checking with US

Chess as they have event specific insurance.

TLAs need to be sent to US Chess on all of our events.

Todd briefed Scholastic State Championship: Has it handled for upcoming event. Trophies are already purchased. People are lined up and all in on track. Next year is also locked in.

Code of Conduct: Earle briefed - under current By Laws we have a code of conduct (Article 3, Section 4) this needs to add social media. This would require a vote at the membership meeting. This added text should allow for disagreements, just not attacks on individuals. Our emphasis should be to support playing chess not attacking one another. This text should address Facebook, Twitter and other forms of social media. The Facebook code of conduct prohibits attacking each other. Earle and Jesse will prepare drafts for revisions before we can present the actual text the member will vote on in September. Emphasis is that everyone will be treated with dignity and respect!

Club Chess!! Code of Conduct will be posted on the wall so everyone knows what to expect and any questions will be handled on a case by case example. Dean will review present code and address it later.

### **New Business:**

Earle wants to have tournament cross tables added in the Informant for all state events. Earle agreed to put this info together into an article which he would submit to Fred Spell directly. Paul will talk to Fred to make sure he has no objections.

Paul asked about CSCA's present supply of scoresheets. Dean will ask Richard "Buck" Buchanan for statue.

Paul asked about advertising on CSCA official Facebook. Decision: Everyone may advertise, just ask an administrator to post it. Events on our Facebook site are limited to Colorado events.

Website: Two levels of login: Board can make changes throughout the site; while TDs can add tournament events. Any TDs may post their events.

US Chess requested current listing of clubs in our state. That has been submitted (Paul).

Meeting adjourned at 9:19pm.

Note: This was a unique and special meeting. Thanks to Dean for facilitating our first electronic board meeting!



## COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

**Boulder Chess Club:** Meets Wednesdays at the University Memorial Center (First Floor) on the CU Boulder campus, 6:30-9:30pm. 1669 Euclid Avenue, 80309. [www.BoulderChess.com](http://www.BoulderChess.com).

**Carbondale Chess Club:** Meets every Tuesday from 6:00pm until the wee hours at Kahhak Fine Arts & School, 411 Main Street, Carbondale, 81623. All levels and ages are welcome and chess coaching is available. Please contact Majid Kahhak at (970) 704-0622 or email: [Mkahhak@sopris.net](mailto:Mkahhak@sopris.net).

**Castle Rock Chess Club:** Meets every Monday from 6:00-9:00pm at the Philip S. Miller Library, 100 South Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, 80104.

**Chess Knights:** (Highlands Ranch) Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Boulevard, 80129. Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at [HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org](http://HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org). Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or by email: [FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org](mailto:FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org).

**Chessmates Chess Club:** (Fort Collins) 4825 South Lemay Avenue, 80525. Mondays & Thursdays 5:00-6:30pm for Advanced players, Tuesdays for Beginners from 5:15-6:15pm. Instructed by Zachary Bekkedahl. For more information contact Zachary Bekkedahl by email at [info@chessmatesfc.com](mailto:info@chessmatesfc.com) or go to [www.chessmatesfc.com](http://www.chessmatesfc.com).

**Colorado Springs Chess Club:** Meets Tuesday evenings, 7:00-10:00pm, in the ballroom of the Acacia Apartments building, 104 East Platte Avenue. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8:00pm (must show up by 8:00pm or you might be locked out). For information see our website at [www.SpringsChess.org](http://www.SpringsChess.org) or email Richard "Buck" Buchanan at [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net) or call (719) 685-1984.

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

**Denver Chess Club:** Meets on Tuesdays, 6:00-10:00pm at the Third Christian Reformed Church, 2400 South Ash Street, Denver. (303) 733-8940. [www.DenverChess.com](http://www.DenverChess.com).

**Denver Chess / Meetup.com:** This group is run through the social site *Meetup.com*, and our page is [www.Meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess/](http://www.Meetup.com/Learn-to-Play-Chess/). Players must join in order to receive information and sign up for events. Contact: David Costantino at [avs1cup@yahoo.com](mailto:avs1cup@yahoo.com) or through the group's *Meetup.com* page.

**Durango Chess Club:** Meets on Wednesdays from 6:00-9:00pm at Durango Joe's Coffee Shop, 732 East College Drive.

**Fort Collins Chess Club:** Currently meets Tuesdays, 7:00pm, in the food court of the Lory Student Center (2nd level),

Colorado State University. You can email Randy Reynolds at [randy\\_tesyana@msn.com](mailto:randy_tesyana@msn.com). On the web - [groups.yahoo.com/group/fort\\_collins\\_chess](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess).

**Fort Lewis College Chess Club:** Meets Thursday nights in the X-treme room which is located the College Union Building, the club is sponsored by the school and is a USCF affiliate club. For more info, contact Andrea Browne at (970) 247-6239.

**Grand Junction Chess Club:** Meets Mondays at 6:30pm in the Safeway at Starbucks, 2901 Patterson Road. Call Rick Lovato at (970) 243-1073.

**Grand Junction Junior Chess Club:** Meets every 3rd Saturday of the month at the Knights of Columbus Building, 2853 North Avenue. Call Rand Dodd at (970) 245-4015.

**Greeley Chess Club:** Meets Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00pm at Your Place Coffee, 2308 West 17th Street, Greeley. Contact Brad Lundstrom at [ChessCoach2014@gmail.com](mailto:ChessCoach2014@gmail.com). Or call him at (970) 415-3855.

**Lafayette Chess Club:** Meets Mondays, from 6:00-9:00pm at the Mojo Coffeehouse, 211 North Public Road in Lafayette. For more information send an email to [aerofirewp@yahoo.com](mailto:aerofirewp@yahoo.com) or contact Victor Creazzi at (303) 332-7039.

**Longmont Chess Club:** Meets Wednesdays from 6:30-9:00pm. Check [www.LongmontChess.com](http://www.LongmontChess.com) for current meeting location. Email Todd Burge at [Admin@LongmontChess.com](mailto:Admin@LongmontChess.com) or call (720) 220-5240.

**Northeast Denver Chess Club:** Meets Mondays and Thursdays from 4:00-8:00pm at 2575 Vine Street, Denver. Call (303) 320-6716 for more info.

**Pagosa Springs Chess Club:** Meets on Tuesdays (6:00-9:00pm) and on Saturday mornings (9:00-Noon) at Nello's Restaurant, 135 Country Center Drive, #A. For more information contact Anthony Steventon by email at [asteveton@centurytel.net](mailto:asteveton@centurytel.net) or at (970) 731-3029.

**Pueblo Chess Club:** Meets at the Hanging Tree Café, 209 South Union, 81003 on Tuesdays and Thursdays after 6:30pm. For more info contact Liz Nickovich at [chessliz@comcast.net](mailto:chessliz@comcast.net) or by phone at (719) 696-8389.

**Rifle Chess Club:** Meets Thursdays, 6:30-9:00pm, at City Hall. For information email Dane Lyons at [duilen@gmail.com](mailto:duilen@gmail.com).

**Stonebridge Games Chess Club:** (Longmont) Meets Tuesdays at 5:00pm. 449 Main Street, Longmont. Call (303) 776-3796 for more info.



## Denver Chess Club's Tribute to Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

by J.C. MacNeil

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I think by and large chess players are apolitical and for the most part so am I, but I am pleased that the DCC has a chess tournament every year to honor the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. We call it a tribute. If anyone is deserving of respect and admiration, it is Reverend King.

This year the tournament was held on January 13th & 14th and for one reason or another, attendance was down and consequently we had to reduce the prize fund from a projected \$2200, based on 80 players, to \$1680 with a registration of only 62 players.

Attendance was disappointing but I sure can't complain about the strength of the Open section with four National Masters playing: Josh Bloomer, Gunnar Andersen, Brian Wall and Richard Shtivelband. Brian says I should include Carlos Santillan in this list and I agree. Mr. Santillan has a USCF Master certificate and in my mind, once a Master, always a Master. In addition to these players, there was six Experts and a slew of underrated 1900+ kids.

Considering the strength of this section, Gunnar Andersen's 5-0 score is quite an accomplishment. He won against the rising star, Sullivan McConnell, in the first round. Took out the strong Experts, Matthew Hernandez and Rhett Langseth, in rounds 2 and 3. Beat NM Shtivelband in round 4, and to cap of a great run, played and won against NM Bloomer in the last round. No losses. No draws. Whack. Smack. 400 dollars.

The combined 2nd, 3rd, and U2000 prize was shared by Richard Shtivelband, Rhett Langseth and Neil Bhavikatti. They each won 160 dollars with 4 point final scores.

Rhett and Richard won all there games except for losing to Gunnar. Rhett won against his rating rival, Daniel Herman, in the last round. Richard won his last round game another strong Expert, Eamon Montgomery. NM Shtivelband is a welcome addition to Colorado chess.

Special mention should be of Neil Bhavikatti's play. Aside from his 1st round game against the much lower rated, but certainly no slouch, Aditya Krishna, all of Neil's games were upset draws or wins against higher rated opponents. In addition to drawing Carlos Santillan in round 3, Neil had the pleasure of a 332 point rating difference win against none other than Brian Wall in round 4. Let me just mention another youngster, Griffin McConnell, who didn't win, but did hold Mr. Wall to a draw. Griffin has informed me he is no longer a kid, but now a teenager.

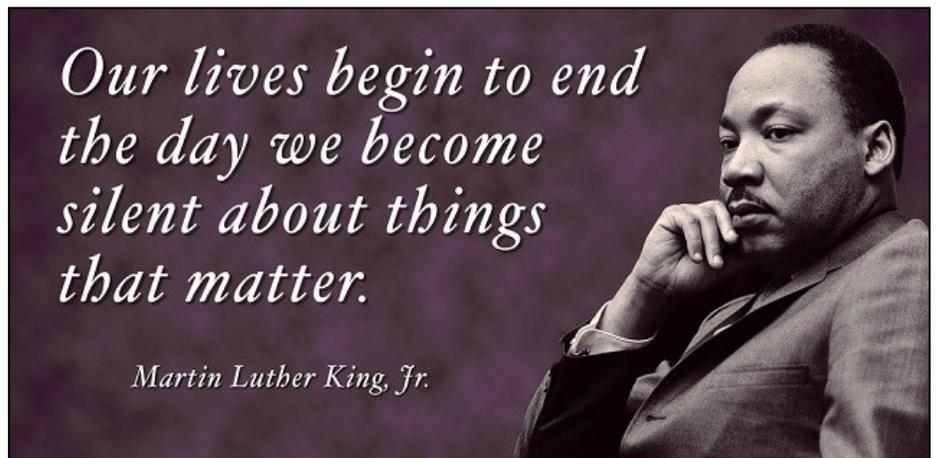
I had hopes of winning the U1800 section despite intending to take a 3rd round bye, but when I dropped a piece that I knew was hanging while thinking about what I would do next, I apparently forgot the knight was en prise and Shiva Kakarla had no trouble wrapping up the game quickly. I did play one good game, with some help from my opponent.

Philip Nelson very nearly equaled Gunnar Andersen score. Only giving up a draw to Robert Carlson in round 3, otherwise wining all his games. Phil's outstanding play included an upset win against Gary Bagstad. Then going into the last round he was paired against the higher rated Steve Kovach, who was also playing very

well with 4 points in 4 rounds. Mr. Nelson had to win to take the 1st place prize of 225 dollars and Phil was was up to the task. Andrew Starr only lost to Mr. Kovach in round 3 and won all his other games to earn his of the combined 2nd and 3rd place prizes. He had to win in the last round against the higher rated and longtime DCC member, Bill O'Neil. Mr. Starr did just that (# 9 and #10) and he and Mr. Kovach each won 107 dollars and 50 cents.

There was a 5 way tie for the 60 dollar U1600 prize. Ann Davies got off to a great start with a 200 point upset win over Dave Hufnagel in round 1. Pranav Maddali topped that with a 361 point upset over Norbert Martinez. Meint Olthof resigned too soon against me in the first round. We both thought he was losing his queen, but we later realized that was not the case. Just lucky for me. Undaunted, Mr. Olthof went on to score upset points against higher rated player in the next 4 rounds. George Peschke also had a couple of upset wins, including a 95 point round 3 upset of Micheal Crill. Taylor Ray Sallee joined this group by winning his last 3 games after starting with 2 losses. They all ended up with 3 points and they each won a whopping 12 dollars.

The U1400 section only had 11 players, but it was a tight race for the prize money. Harsh Mali and Eirik Ogilvie each finished with 4 points and they share the combined 1st and 2nd place prizes, and each wins 125 dollars. Harsh only lost to Kalen Dear and Eirik gave up a draw to Aysuh Vispute and took a 3rd



round bye. The young Aysuh along with Kalen, Nichols Torres and Gary Rabinovich, all share the 3rd place prize of 50 dollars, 12 dollars and 50 cents each. Big Money. I imagine Aysuh is just thrilled with his big upset win over Gary. He also upset Shirley Herman.

While the attendance was not what we had hoped for, it cannot be denied that it was a very competitive tournament. The winners in each section were not known till the conclusion of the last round. Anyone who thinks tournament chess is not a grueling competitive sport, doesn't play the game. Congratulations to all the prize winners. You earned it.

**Danny Phipps** (1930)  
**Josh Bloomer** (2332)

#### Round 1

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.d4 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.Rd1 e5 10.d5 Nd4 11.Qd3 Nd7 12.Be3 Qh4 13.b4 f5 14.f3 Nxf3+ 15.gxf3 Qg3+ 16.Kh1 Qxh3+ 17.Kg1 Qg3+ 18.Kh1 Qxf3+ 19.Kg1 Qg3+ 20.Kh1 fxe4 21.Nxe4 Qh3+ 22.Kg1 Rf3 23.Re1 Qg4+ 0-1

**Ann Davies** (1500)  
**David Hufnagel** (1700)

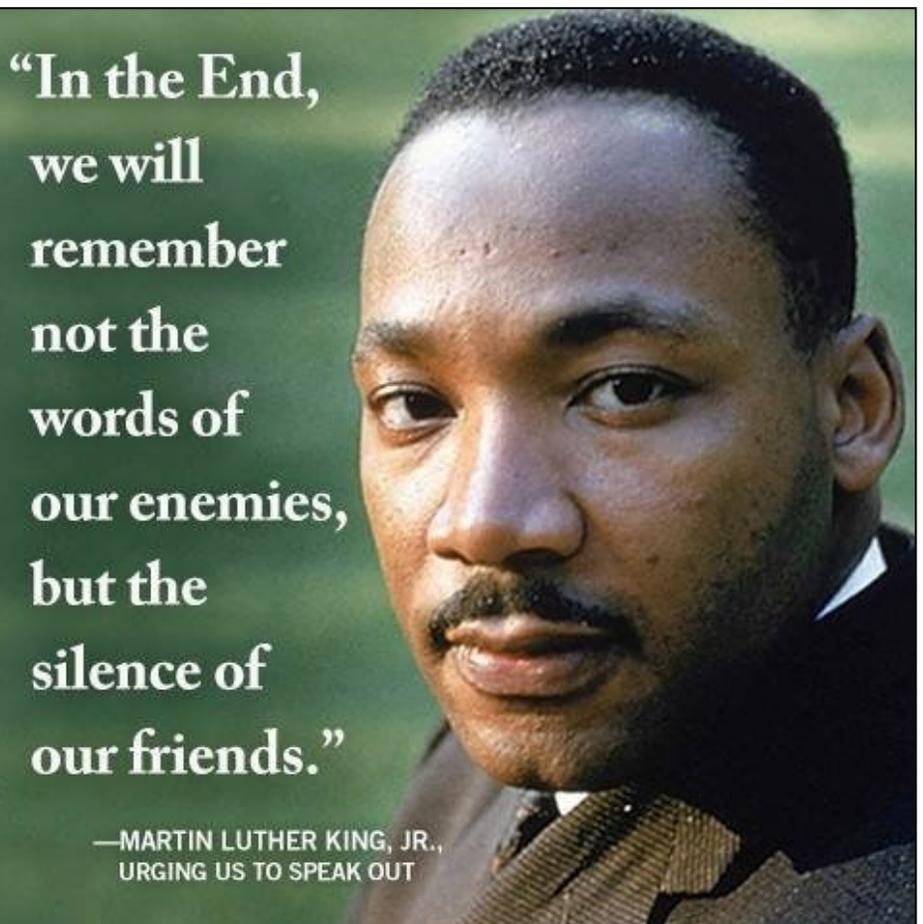
#### Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 d5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.Ne5 a6 8.Bd3 Qc7 9.Ndf3 0-0 10.h3 c4 11.Bc2 Ne4 12.Bh2 f6 13.Nxc4 Nxf2 14.Bxd6 Nxd1 15.Bxc7 Nxc3 16.Nb6 Nb5 17.Nxa8 Nxc7 18.Nxc7 Bd7 19.Bb3 Rc8 20.Nxd5 exd5 21.Bxd5+ Kf8 22.0-0 Re8 23.Bxc6 Bxc6 24.Rfe1 Bd5 25.a3 Kf7 26.Kf2 b5 27.Rac1 Be4 28.Nd2 Bd5 29.Rc7+ Kf8 30.e4 Bf7 31.Ra7 Rc8 32.Nf3 Rc2+ 33.Re2 Rc6 34.d5 Rd6 35.Nd4 Rb6 36.Rc2 1-0

**Daniel Herman** (2086)  
**Brian Wall** (2276)

#### Round 3

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 0-0 6.Nge2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.h3 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.f4 Bd7 12.Qd3 Rb8 13.g4 h6 14.Qg3 Rb4 15.a3 Rbx4 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Qf3 f5 18.c3 Qb8 19.Kh2 c5 20.Qd3 Qb3 21.Qd1 Qxd1 22.Rxd1 ffg4 23.hxg4 Nf2 24.Rf1 Nxg4+ 25.Kg3 Ne3 26.Bxe3



Rxe3+ 27.Kf2 Re7 28.Rad1 Bf6 29.Rd2 Kg7 30.Bf3 Rf7 31.Kg2 g5 32.fgg5 Bxg5 33.Rdd1 Bf4 34.b4 cxb4 35.axb4 Bb5 36.Rfe1 Be5 37.Rc1 Rf5 38.c4 Rg5+ 39.Kf1 Bd7 40.Re2 Bf5 41.Ra2 Bd3+ 42.Be2 Bd4 43.Ke1 Be4 44.c5 dxc5 45.Rxa7 cxb4 46.Rcxc7+ Kf6 47.Ra6+ Ke5 48.Bc4 Rg1+ 49.Ke2 Rg2+ 50.Kd1 Bc2+ 51.Kc1 b3 52.Re6+ Kf4 53.Rf7+ Bf5 54.Bxb3 Bc3 55.Rc6 Bd2+ 56.Kb2 Rg5 57.Rxh6 Ke5 58.Rb6 Be4 59.Rb5+ Kd6 60.Rxg5 Bxg5 61.Bc2 Bd5 62.Rf5 Be3 63.Rxd5+ Kxd5 ½-½

**Barry Hepsley** (1800)  
**Akshat Jain** (2161)

#### Round 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Qxd1+ 9.Kxd1 Nbd7 10.Nd4 Nxc5 11.f3 e5 12.Nb3 Ne6 13.Ke2 a6 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.Bxd5 Rd8 16.Rd1 Nd4+ 17.Nxd4 Rxd5 18.Nb3 Rxd1 19.Kxd1 e4 20.fxe4 Bg4+ 21.Ke1 Re8 22.h3 Bd7 23.a4 Bc6 24.Nd2 f5 25.Ra2 Rc8 26.Kd1 fxe4 27.b3 Rd8 28.Bb2 Bd5 29.Kc2 Rf8 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.Ra1 Rf2 32.Rd1 Rxg2 33.Kc3

Rh2 34.Kd4 Bc6 35.Nxe4 Rxh3 36.Nf2 Rf3 37.Nd3 Rf8 38.e4 b5 39.a5 h5 40.b4 h4 41.Ke3 Re8 42.Ne5 g5 43.Rd6 h3 44.Kf3 g4+ 45.Kg3 Bxe4 46.Ne6+ Kg8 47.Rd8 Rxd8 48.Nxd8 Bd5 0-1

**Steve Kovach** (1662)  
**Andrew Starr** (1676)

#### Round 4

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Na3 Nd7 8.Nb5 Nxe3 9.fxe3 Qc6 10.d5 exd5 11.Qxd5 Qxd5 12.Nc7+ Kd8 13.Nxd5 b6 14.Rd1 Bb7 15.Bb5 Bc8 16.Bxd7 Bxd7 17.Ne5 f6 18.Nxd7 Kxd7 19.Nxb6+ Kc6 20.Nxa8 Bd6 21.0-0 Rxa8 22.Rd2 Rd8 23.Rfd1 Kc7 24.g3 Be7 25.Rxd8 Bxd8 26.Kf2 Be7 27.Kf3 Kc6 28.Ke4 Bd6 29.a3 a5 30.b4 cxb4 31.cxb4 axb4 32.Rxd6+ Kxd6 33.axb4 g6 34.g4 h6 35.h4 Ke6 36.b5 Kd6 37.h5 gxh5 38.gxh5 1-0

**Vyacheslav Pupko** (Unrated)  
**Harsh Mali** (1355)

#### Round 4

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Bb4

5.Qd3 Ba6 6.Qe3 Bxf1 7.Rxf1 Ne7 8.a3 Bxc3+ 9.Qxc3 0-0 10.Bf4 Nbc6 11.0-0-0 d5 12.e5 Ng6 13.Bg3 Na5 14.h4 c5 15.dxc5 Rc8 16.h5 Ne7 17.Bh4 Rxc5 18.Qe3 Nf5 19.Bxd8 Nxe3 20.fxe3 Rxd8 21.Kb1 Nc4 22.Rd3 Rb5 23.Rb3 Rxb3 24.cxb3 Nxe3 25.Rf2 Rc8 26.Ng5 Rc7 27.g3 g6 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Rh2 Ng4 30.Re2 d4 31.Re4 Ne3 32.Rxd4 Nf5 33.Rd3 Rc5 34.Rd7 Nh6 35.Rxa7 Rxe5 36.Ra8+ Kg7 37.Nf3 Re3 38.Nd4 Rxc3 39.Rb8 Nf5 40.Nxf5+ exf5 41.Rxb6 f4 42.Rb4 f3 43.Rf4 g5 44.Rf5 Kg6 45.Re5 f2 46.Rc1 Rg1 47.Rxg1 fxg1Q+ 0-1

**Daniel Ruvins** (1730)  
**Brian Wall** (2276)

**Round 5**

1.d4 b6 2.Bf4 Bb7 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Bc4 Nbd7 6.Nbd2 e6 7.c3 h6 8.h3 Qe7 9.0-0 g5 10.Bg3 Rg8 11.Nh2 h5 12.f3



Bh6 13.Re1 0-0-0 14.Qa4 Kb8 15.Ba6 Ba8 16.Qb3 h4 17.Bf2 Nh5 18.Ng4 Bg7 19.e4 Qf8 20.Ne3 Nf4 21.a4 f5 22.exf5 exf5 23.a5 Bh6 24.axb6 cxb6 25.Bb5 Rg7 26.Qa4 Nc5 27.dxc5 dxc5 28.Ndc4 Nxc2 (After Daniel ponders for half of his 44 minutes.) 1/2-1/2

**Matthew Hernandez** (2021)  
**Neil Bhavikatti** (1959)

**Round 5**

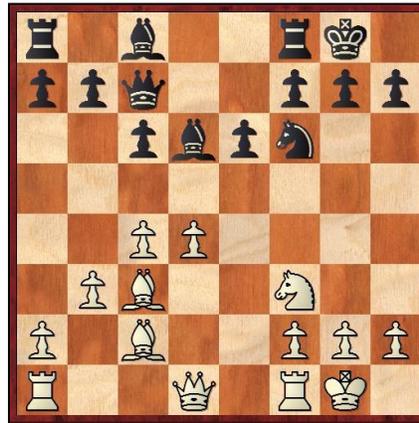
1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 e5 5.Bc4 Be7 6.0-0 c6 7.Bxf7+ Kxf7 8.Ng5+ Ke8 9.Ne6 Qb6 10.Nxc7+ Kf7 11.Nf5 Nf8 12.Nh6+ Ke8 13.Be3 Qa5 14.f4 Bd7 15.d5 exf4 16.Bxf4 Ng6 17.Bg3 Rf8 18.Kh1 Qc7 19.Qe2 a6 20.Rae1 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.Rd1 c5 23.Qd2 Qd6 24.Qg5 Kd8 25.Qg7 Kc7 26.Nf7 Rxf7 27.Qxf7 Rf8 28.Qg7 Rg8 29.Qh6 Rg6 30.Qd2 Ng4 31.Rf3 Bg5 32.Qe1 Nf6 33.h3 Nh5 34.Rf7 h6 35.Na4

b6 36.Rd3 Be7 37.Rxe7 Qxe7 38.d6+ Rxd6 39.Nc3 Rxd3 40.cxd3 Bc6 41.Nd1 Nf4 42.Qf1 Bb5 43.g3 Bxd3 44.Qf3 Be2 45.Qe3 Bxd1 46.gxf4 Kb7 47.f5 Bc2 48.Qe2 Bb1 49.Qe1 Bd3 50.Qe3 Bc4 51.Kh2 Qh4 52.Qf2 0-1

**J.C. MacNeil** (1636)  
**Norbert Martinez** (1591)

**Round 5**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c6 4.Ngf3 Be7 5.b3 Nf6 6.Bd3 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.Bxe4 Nd7 9.c4 Nf6 10.Bc2 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bd6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Bc3 Qc7



14.Re1 Bd7 15.Qd3 g6 16.h3 Bf4 17.d5 Ne8 18.Qd4 f6 19.dxe6 Bc8 20.Rad1 b6 21.c5 Ng7 22.e7 Re8 23.Qxf6 Bh6 24.Ng5 Bxh3 25.Qf7+ Kh8 26.gxh3 Rg8 27.e8R Rgxe8 28.Rxe8+ 1-0

**Philip Nelson** (1642)  
**Steve Kovach** (1662)

**Round 5**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Be3 e6 6.Nf3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 Nge7 9.a3 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 Nf5 11.Bd3 Nxe3 12.fxe3 Bd7 13.b4 Rc8 14.0-0 h6 15.Qf2 0-0 16.Nh4 Ne7 17.Rac1 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 a6 19.Qc2 Re8 20.g3 Qb8 21.Qb3 Rc8 22.Rc5 Rxc5 23.bxc5 Nc6 24.Qb6 Qc8 25.Nf3 Kf8 26.Nd2 Ke8 27.Nb1 Nb8 28.Nc3 Bc6 29.Qb3 Qd8 30.Be2 Nd7 31.Na2 f6 32.Bh5+ Ke7 33.exf6+ Nxf6 34.Bg6 Qf8 35.Qb6 Ng4 36.Qc7+ Bd7 37.Qd6+ 1-0

**Andrew Starr** (1676)  
**William O'Neil** (1697)

**Round 5**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 h6 9.Bh4 0-0 10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.g4 b5 12.g5

hxg5 13.Bxg5 Bb7 14.Bd3 Nbd7 15.Rdg1 Nc5 16.Bh6 Ne8 17.Bxg7 Nxc7 18.Rxc7+ Kxc7 19.Qg4+ Kh6 20.Qh3+ Kg6 21.Rg1+ Bg5 22.Rxc7+ Kf6 23.Qh4 Nxd3+ 24.cxd3 Rh8 25.Rh5+ Kg7 26.Qg5+ 1-0

**Ann Davies** (1500)  
**Michael Crill** (1559)

**Round 5**

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Ne5 Nbd7 6.Nd2 0-0 7.Bd3 c5 8.c3 Qc7 9.Ndf3 Nh5 10.Bxh7+ Kh8 11.Ng5



g6 12.Nexf7+ Rxf7 13.Bxd6 Qc6 14.Nxf7+ Kxh7 15.Bg3 Kg7 16.Ne5 Qb5 17.Qc2 Nxe5 18.Bxe5+ Nf6 19.0-0-0 Bd7 20.g4 Kf7 21.f3 cxd4 22.Rxd4 Qa5 23.Kb1 Rc8 24.Rf4 1-0



## Gunnar Andersen Analyzes His Games

**Gunnar Andersen** (2298)

**Sullivan McConnell** (1958)

### Round 1

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.0-0 d6?! (Now White is doing quite nicely.) 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.h3 h6 9.Re1 0-0 10.Nc3 Ne7 (Perhaps not the best choice, in view of White's next move. Strategically speaking Black wants to contest the center by forming a pawnchain using his bishop and queen pawns, or also he can contest the diagonal with his bishop - so, this move makes sense but White has a nice retort.) 11.Qb3 (Immobilizing his rook, and controlling the center to a greater degree.) 11...Nc6 12.e5! Na5?! (And now White already is quite a bit better, the bishop on c4 is taboo.) 13.Qc2 Ne8 (13...Nxc4?? 14.exf6+- gxf6 (14...Qxf6 15.Nd5 this line is also clearly problematic; 14...Ba5 I did not consider this option, although the lines are beautiful 15.Nd5!! Bxe1 16.Bxh6!! gxf6 17.Rxe1 Black cannot do anything to defend himself 17...Nb6 18.Ng5 hxg5 19.Qc1) 15.Nd5 everything is hanging.) 14.Bd3 (Second best to the stunning 14.Bxh6!!, a shocking artificial move 14...Nxc4 (14...gxf6 15.Qg6+ Ng7 16.Ne4 Nxc4 17.Nf6+ (17.Qxh6 White is playing without two pieces but Black's king is toasted 17...dxe5 18.dxe5 Nxe5 (18...Qe7) 19.Nxe5) 17...Qxf6 18.Qxf6) 15.Ng5 f5 16.exf6 Nxf6 17.Qg6+-) 14...d5 15.Qd1 (Prophylaxis, now White is clearly in the driver's seat and Black's position is untenable.) 15...c6 (15...c5 16.dxc5 Bxc5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Bh7+ the point of the queen's return to her home ground.) 16.Bc2 (With the idea to exploit the light square battery, although Black can block this.) 16...f5 17.Ne2 (Rerouting the White pieces to the king's wing.) 17...Be6 18.Ng3 a6 19.b3! (A stupendous prophylactic move, keeping the knight in a cage.) 19...Nc7 20.Qd2! (The engine best move - I recall seeing a game played by Maxime Vachier-Lagrave in which he could've tried this idea. Essentially, White ponders a knight sortie to the rim in order to undermine the kingside pawn chain. After sacrificing this knight, White will be able to munch the pawn which was previously protected.) 20...Qe7 21.a4 (Now White is playing on both sides of the board.) 21...Ne8 (Do not quite understand this move.) 22.Ba3 c5? (22...Qf7 this was Sullivan's improvement, although after 23.Bb4 White is winning a piece for no compensation at all 23...f4.) 23.dxc5 Bxc5 24.Bxc5 Qxc5 25.b4 (Now the position has been clarified and the win is trivial.) 25...Nc4 26.bxc5 Nxd2 27.Nxd2 Rc8 28.Nb3 Kf7 29.Nxf5 1-0**

**Matthew Hernandez** (2021)

**Gunnar Andersen** (2298)

### Round 2

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Bg7 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 (A harmless move after which White cannot hope to be better. Previously, it was thought that the next move played by Black was completely unpalatable and resulted in a position where Black is much worse if not outright losing - however, analysis by IM Raja Panjwani in his new book "Hyper accelerated Dragon" has shown that not only is Black totally fine here, White must tread carefully or else he will end up in a bad position.) 7...d5! (I was trying to remember this line, as I read the book a few days ago and I gave this only a perfunctory**

**examination. My opponent seemed quite happy to see this move, believing that White is just much better after it is played.) 8.Bb5 0-0 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.Bxc6 Rb8 11.0-0 Rxb2?! (Ironically the rook's placement on the b-file does not mean that Black wants immediately to destroy this pawn - it will be chronically weak, it is more important to destroy his e-pawn.) 12.exd5?! Bf5 13.Ba4?! Ng4 (13...Qa5! is slightly better, and logical. 14.Bd2 Ne4! 15.Nxe4 Qxa4 this is the correct way to play this position, decoying the White bishop.) 14.Bd4 Qb8!? (An ostensibly nice move, after which Black's advantage evaporates. White is equal now, but it can be somewhat tricky for a human over the board to deal with this.)(14...Qd6 15.g3 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Rb4 17.Qxa7 Rc4 18.Nb5 Qxd5) 15.g3 Qb4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.h3?? (17.Qf3!; 17.Qe1 Bxc2 18.Bxc2 Rxc2) 17...Ne5+- 18.g4 Qxc3 19.gxf5 Rb4 (Now it is quite clear White is lost - less material and weaker king.) 20.f4 Qg3+ 21.Kh1 Qxh3+ 22.Kg1 Qg3+ 23.Kh1 Rxa4 0-1**

**Gunnar Andersen** (2298)

**Rhett Langseth** (2129)

### Round 3

**1.Nf3 (Played after 3 minutes thought - I have played more games with this opponent than anyone else, so we know each others' styles quite well. When I play e4 against him, he just neutralizes me.) 1...Nf6 2.b3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Bb2 Bf5 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 h6 7.g3 Bh7 8.Bg2 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 (The past 9 moves are all interchangeable and it basically doesn't matter at which point they were played, both sides just want to setup something simple.) 10.a3 Qe7 11.b4 Nbd7 12.Qb1 (A very strange move, played to parallel the same idea in my previous game.) 12...Rad8 13.e4 dxe4 14.dxe4= (Now, Black starts to go astray. the position is harmless.) 14...Ng4 (14...c5!) 15.c5 Bc7 16.Nc4 e5?! (Giving White a nice square for his knight, after which he will have two bishops.) 17.Nh4 Qe6?! (Helping White to introduce his queenside pieces, namely the queen and rook.) 18.Qc2 Ngf6? 19.Rad1 (A silly tempo trick. The point is on a normal move, like the annotation after Black's next move.) (19.Nf5!) 19...Nb8 (19...Rfe8 20.Nd6 and this is uncomfortable. Thus, White is encouraging Black's knight to retreat away from the center - and in the process he is improving his rook compared to where it was before.) 20.Rc1 Rd7 (Doubling on the d-file ostensibly, although it is not terribly useful.)(20...Nbd7 in this variation the rook is on a better square than the corner. Here, White does a similar idea 21.Rfd1 Nb8 22.Re1 Nbd7 and these two free moves strengthen the already thematic 23.Nf5!±) 21.Nf5 Bxf5 22.exf5 Qe8 23.Rfe1 Re7 24.Nd6! (White has annexed both bishops.) 24...Bxd6 25.cxd6 Rd7 26.Bxe5 Qd8 27.Qb2!? (Setting up a battery.) 27...Ne8 (Now the knight is hitting the d-pawn which will soon fall, furthermore White has two f-pawns and his White bishop is only looking at a barrier of pawns on the queen's wing. What to do?) 28.f6! (A very concrete solution to White's problem.) 28...Nxf6 (28...gxf6 29.Bf4 Nxd6 30.Bh3 f5 31.Bxh6 same story but his pawns are shattered; 28...Nxd6 29.fxg7 Re8 30.Bf6 Qc7 31.Qd2+-) 29.Bh3+- (Winning the exchange, and then the game. The author of these notes believes that, after this, White transforms the advantage into something tangible quite nicely.) 29...Rxd6 30.Bxd6 Qxd6 31.Rcd1 (Do not hurry! First, improve your worst piece before taking concrete action.) 31...Nd5 32.Qd4 a6**

**33.Bg2 Rd8** (Now the rook is in a sort of pseudopin on the d-file.) **34.Qc5** (The trade of queens will fix Black's b-pawn, which is decisive.) **34...Qxc5 35.bxc5** (Now White can operate on the b-file.) **35...a5?** (35...Kf8! 36.Rb1) **36.Re7** (Exploiting the pin.) **36...Na6 37.Rxb7 Nxc5 38.Rc7** (Exploiting the pin again, undermining his knight.) **38...Rb8** (A blunder, but he is lost anyways.) (38...Nxc7 39.Rxd8+ Kh7 40.Bxc6 now, without the two a-pawns, this would require a great deal of accuracy to convert. However, their presence makes the task of conversion quite simple.) **39.Bxd5** (And now another pin comes to light - the knight on c5 is lost.) **1-0**

**Richard Shtivelband** (2248)

**Gunnar Andersen** (2298)

#### Round 4

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Be2 Nf6 8.0-0 b5** (Third most common move.) **9.Nxc6** (9.f4 an interesting pawn sacrifice that did not interest me 9...b4 10.Na4) **9...dxc6 10.f4** (An interesting pawn sacrifice that I declined.) **10...Be7** (10...b4 11.Na4 Nxe4 the destruction of the e-pawn allows for White to use the e-file and the long diagonal. His knight will harass my queenside - but I have a pawn, so it might be worth it. I did not like this very much, so I played a more "normal" move.) **11.Bf3 0-0 12.g4** (Starts to look a bit scary here, so Black must tread cautiously. The position is of an interesting nature - it seems Black has one plan, the one I played in the game, so White is forcing him to find it.) **12...Bb7 13.g5 Rad8 14.Qe1** (Eyeing this diagonal.) **14...Nd7** (Must rerout to the queenside. Black's king is stripped of defenders, although White must be cautious that he does not give up the access of the e5 square too soon. If Black succeeds in trading all of his pieces, White's pawns will be overextended.) **15.Qf2 c5 16.Ne2** (A normal maneuver.) **16...c4 17.Rad1** (With the point.) **17...Nc5** (The only move really worth playing, improving a piece.) (17...Bc5?? 18.Rxd7+- Rxd7 19.Bxc5 Black is getting destroyed.) **18.Ng3 Rxd1 19.Rxd1 Na4!** (A good move, this is a concrete example where it is useful not to dogmatically follow advice such as, "do not put your knight on the edge". The point is that the square from which the knight has leapt is a central hub of piece activity, and I am going to put everything there - the knight must vacate that square for the time being, as it is currently superfluous.) **20.b3 Nc3** (Now the knight finds greener pastures on this square - upon which it attacks two pawns who are weak.) **21.Rf1** (Now, the avaricious computer wants Black to destroy the a-pawn, but it looked very unnatural to me so I decided to keep the tension.) **21...Rc8** (Positioning for the holy grail.) **22.f5 exf5 23.exf5 Bxf3!** (Much better than the other move I wanted to play.) (23...Nd5? 24.Bxd5 Bxd5 25.f6 gxf6 26.Nf5 somehow Black is equal but I want no part of this fiasco.) **24.Qxf3 Bc5** (And so begins a series of trades.) **25.f6 gxf6 26.gxf6** (26.Nh5!?! certainly to be considered.) **26...Bxe3+ 27.Qxe3 Qc5 28.Qxc5 Rxc5** (I assessed this position as better for Black - I thought I would be able to grind here. After looking at this game, I became entertained by the fact that I have had one piece of each variety come to this square - knight, bishop, queen and rook all came here at one point.) **29.Re1 h5** (29...h6 a safer option, also to be considered of course. I do not know why I did not consider this move so much - perhaps I disliked this idea 30.h4 Kh7 31.h5 I think that, somewhere in my mind's

eye I saw something like this and did not like it. By moving the pawn up two squares Black maintains control over the g6 square.) **30.bxc4 b4!** (A very nice move, leaving White with multiple weaknesses.) **31.Re8+ Kh7 32.Kf2 h4 33.Ne4 Rxc4 34.Kf3??** (This is a good calculation exercise. If you want to, instead of looking at Black's next move, try to figure out what Black should do - calculate all the way to the end. If White had played a different move, Black is still much better (+1.5 or so) and should go on to win but this is winning immediately.) **34...Rxe4+- 35.Rxe4 Nxe4 36.Kxe4 Kg6 37.Kf4** (37.Ke5 Kg5; 37.Kd4 this gets VERY sharp 37...Kxf6 38.Kc4 a5! 39.Kb5 Kg5! (39...Ke5??= 40.Kxa5 f5 41.Kxb4 f4 42.Kc3 Ke4 43.a4 Ke3 44.a5 f3 45.a6 f2 46.a7 f1Q 47.a8Q draw) 40.Kxa5 f5 41.Kxb4 f4 42.Kc3 Kg4 43.Kd2 Kh3) **37...Kxf6 38.Kg4 Ke5! 39.Kxh4 Kf4** (In fact, I saw this idea in a subvariation in a game in Shershevsky's book "Endgame Strategy".) **40.Kh5 f5 41.Kg6 Ke4** (All other moves lead to a draw.) **42.h4 f4 43.h5 f3 44.h6 f2 45.h7 f1Q 46.h8Q Qf5+ 47.Kh6** (47.Kg7 Qe5+ 48.Kh7 Qxh8+ 49.Kxh8 Kd4 with an elementary win.) **47...Qh3+ 48.Kg7 Qxh8+ 0-1**

**Gunnar Andersen** (2298)

**Josh Bloomer** (2332)

#### Round 5

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 c6 5.a4** (Unfiltered Karpovian prophylaxis.) **5...Bg7 6.Be2 Qa5** (An attempt to outright punish White for his somewhat odd move order.) **7.Qd2 b5? 8.b4** (Followed by a draw offer to fix first - because I saw a triple occurrence line.) **8...Qxb4?+- 9.axb5 c5 10.Ra4 Qb2 11.Nd1** (11.Ra2 I can do this to force a draw, but Josh had consumed an hour by this point and I realized that White is much better (or so I thought, but I was not so correct - White is actually just completely winning.)) **11...Qb1 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Ne2?** (Very stupid move - I blundered that my c-pawn will be hanging after he takes on e4. Sick.) (13.f3! c4 14.Bxc4 a6 15.Qc3 axb5 16.Rxa8 Bxa8 17.Ba2) **13...Nxe4 14.Qa5** (Thankfully for White he is just completely winning still.) **14...0-0 15.0-0 cxd4** (As well as being lost, Josh had only 6 minutes here - so a very lamentable situation for Black.) **16.Bxd4 Bxd4 17.Rxd4 a6 18.Rb4?!** (18.bxa6; 18.c4! Qb3 (18...axb5 19.Qxa8 Bxa8 20.Bxb1) 19.Nc1 somehow I think I saw something like this but I did not play it 19...axb5 20.Nxb3.) **18...axb5 19.Qxb5 Qa2 20.Qxb7** (So now he is just playing without a bishop.) **20...Nc5 21.Qf3 Nbd7 22.Ndc3 Qa3 23.Rh4** (Not the best move, but not particularly bad either. 50% fishing for cheapos, 50% justified.) **23...Ne5 24.Qe3 h5 25.Nd5! Ncxd3 26.cxd3** (26.Rxh5 briefly considered this - but from a pragmatic standpoint I am up a piece, do not need this.) **26...e6?** (26...Qxd3 27.Nxe7+ Kg7 28.Qxd3 Nxd3 29.Rd4 this is his best shot - down a piece for no pawns, but all pawns on the same side. Should be a quite trivial win though.) **27.Nf6+ Kg7 28.Qg5 Rh8 29.Nxh5+ Kf8 30.Nhf4 Rxh4 31.Qxh4 Qa1** (A cute move.) **32.Nd4** (This knight is, of course, taboo in view of the discovery.) (32.d4 Qxd4) **32...Qa4 33.Qf6** (Do not defend this knight!) **33...Ke8 34.Ndxe6** (Lights out.) **34...Nd7** (Now just a quick mate.) (34...fxe6 35.Qxe6+ Kd8 36.Qxd6+ Nd7 37.Ne6+ Ke8 38.Nc7+ Kd8 39.Nxa8 (39.Re1 even better than what I had intended 39...Qa1 40.Kf1) 39...Qxa8) **35.Nc7+ 1-0**



# TRIBUTE TO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.

## OPEN SECTION

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	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>RATING</u>	<u>RD1</u>	<u>RD2</u>	<u>RD3</u>	<u>RD4</u>	<u>RD5</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1.	<b>GUNNAR ANDERSEN</b>	<b>2298</b>	<b>W25</b>	<b>W11</b>	<b>W3</b>	<b>W2</b>	<b>W6</b>	<b>5.0</b>
2.	<b>RICHARD SHTIVELBAND</b>	<b>2248</b>	<b>W13</b>	<b>W12</b>	<b>W6</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>W9</b>	<b>4.0</b>
3.	<b>RHETT LANGSETH</b>	<b>2129</b>	<b>W22</b>	<b>W5</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>W17</b>	<b>W8</b>	<b>4.0</b>
4.	<b>NEIL BHAVIKATTI</b>	<b>1959</b>	<b>W16</b>	<b>D9</b>	<b>D12</b>	<b>W10</b>	<b>W11</b>	<b>4.0</b>
5.	<b>SARA HERMAN</b>	<b>1949</b>	<b>W24</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>W15</b>	<b>W12</b>	<b>3.5</b>
6.	<b>JOSH BLOOMER</b>	<b>2332</b>	<b>W20</b>	<b>W18</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>W19</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>3.0</b>
7.	<b>AKSHAT JAIN</b>	<b>2161</b>	<b>D21</b>	<b>L20</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>W22</b>	<b>W24</b>	<b>3.0</b>
8.	<b>DANIEL HERMAN</b>	<b>2086</b>	<b>W14</b>	<b>W17</b>	<b>D10</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>3.0</b>
9.	<b>EAMON MONTGOMERY</b>	<b>2084</b>	<b>W27</b>	<b>D4</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>W13</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>3.0</b>
10.	<b>BRIAN WALL</b>	<b>2276</b>	<b>W26</b>	<b>D19</b>	<b>D8</b>	<b>L4</b>	<b>D14</b>	<b>2.5</b>
11.	<b>MATTHEW HERNANDEZ</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>W28</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>W20</b>	<b>L4</b>	<b>2.5</b>
12.	<b>CARLOS SANTILLAN</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>W23</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>D4</b>	<b>W25</b>	<b>L5</b>	<b>2.5</b>
13.	<b>BRIAN ROUNTREE</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>L2</b>	<b>W28</b>	<b>W16</b>	<b>L9</b>	<b>D17</b>	<b>2.5</b>
14.	<b>DANIEL RUVINS</b>	<b>1730</b>	<b>L8</b>	<b>W24</b>	<b>L18</b>	<b>W26</b>	<b>D10</b>	<b>2.5</b>
15.	<b>DAVIN YIN</b>	<b>1680</b>	<b>L19</b>	<b>W27</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>L5</b>	<b>W26</b>	<b>2.5</b>
16.	<b>ADITYA KRISHNA</b>	<b>1531</b>	<b>L4</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>L13</b>	<b>W27</b>	<b>D20</b>	<b>2.5</b>
17.	<b>MUKUND GURUMURTHI</b>	<b>1509</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>L8</b>	<b>W26</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>D13</b>	<b>2.5</b>
18.	<b>SUNHAAS NARAYANAN</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>W29</b>	<b>L6</b>	<b>W14</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>2.0</b>
19.	<b>GRIFFIN MCCONNELL</b>	<b>1985</b>	<b>W15</b>	<b>D10</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>L6</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>2.0</b>
20.	<b>DANNY PHIPPS</b>	<b>1930</b>	<b>L6</b>	<b>W7</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>L11</b>	<b>D16</b>	<b>2.0</b>
21.	<b>CLIFTON FORD</b>	<b>1802</b>	<b>D7</b>	<b>L25</b>	<b>D22</b>	<b>W23</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>2.0</b>
22.	<b>BARRY HEPSLEY</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>L3</b>	<b>D23</b>	<b>D21</b>	<b>L7</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>2.0</b>
23.	<b>BRIT WHITTAKER</b>	<b>1700</b>	<b>L12</b>	<b>D22</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>L21</b>	<b>W27</b>	<b>2.0</b>
24.	<b>VEDANTH SAMPATH</b>	<b>1644</b>	<b>L5</b>	<b>L14</b>	<b>W29</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>L7</b>	<b>2.0</b>
25.	<b>SULLIVAN MCCONNELL</b>	<b>1958</b>	<b>L1</b>	<b>W21</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>L12</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>1.5</b>
26.	<b>CALVIN DEJONG</b>	<b>1887</b>	<b>L10</b>	<b>W29</b>	<b>L17</b>	<b>L14</b>	<b>L15</b>	<b>1.0</b>
27.	<b>VIBI VARGHESE</b>	<b>1775</b>	<b>L9</b>	<b>L15</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>L16</b>	<b>L23</b>	<b>0.5</b>
28.	<b>ROGER REDMOND</b>	<b>1708</b>	<b>L11</b>	<b>L13</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>0.0</b>
29.	<b>BRIAN WALKER</b>	<b>1701</b>	<b>L18</b>	<b>L26</b>	<b>L24</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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## U1800 SECTION

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	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>RATING</u>	<u>RD1</u>	<u>RD2</u>	<u>RD3</u>	<u>RD4</u>	<u>RD5</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1.	<b>PHILIP NELSON</b>	1642	W19	W11	D14	W10	W3	4.5
2.	<b>ANDREW STARR</b>	1676	W7	W6	W4	L3	W12	4.0
3.	<b>STEVE KOVACH</b>	1662	W9	W16	W12	W2	L1	4.0
4.	<b>SHIVA KAKARLA</b>	1706	W17	W5	L2	D12	D10	3.0
5.	<b>J.C. MACNEIL</b>	1636	W8	L4	H	D17	W15	3.0
6.	<b>ANN DAVIES</b>	1500	W21	L2	H	D14	W16	3.0
7.	<b>GEORGE PESCHKE</b>	1464	L2	W19	W16	L11	W17	3.0
8.	<b>MEINT OLTHOF</b>	1411	L5	W18	D17	D15	W14	3.0
9.	<b>TAYLOR SALLEE</b>	1431	L3	L15	W19	W20	W18	3.0
10.	<b>PRANAV MADDALI</b>	1279	W15	W21	H	L1	D4	3.0
11.	<b>GARY BAGSTAD</b>	1711	W22	L1	H	W7	U	2.5
12.	<b>WILLIAM O'NEIL</b>	1697	W18	W14	L3	D4	L2	2.5
13.	<b>JORDAN DORCHUCK</b>	1396	L14	L17	H	W19	W20	2.5
14.	<b>ROBERT CARLSON</b>	1611	W13	L12	D1	D6	L8	2.0
15.	<b>NORBERT MARTINEZ</b>	1591	L10	W9	H	D8	L5	2.0
16.	<b>MICHAEL CRILL</b>	1559	W20	L3	L7	W18	L6	2.0
17.	<b>KARTHIK SELVA</b>	1524	L4	W13	D8	D5	L7	2.0
18.	<b>CHRISTOPHER MERRILL</b>	1470	L12	L8	W20	L16	L9	1.0
19.	<b>DEAN BROWN</b>	1477	L1	L7	L9	L13	B	1.0
20.	<b>ROBERT GARLAND</b>	1185	L16	B	L18	L9	L13	1.0
21.	<b>DAVID HUFNAGEL</b>	1700	L6	L10	U	U	U	0.0
22.	<b>JEFFREY COHEN</b>	1554	L11	U	U	U	U	0.0



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## U1400 SECTION

**NM TODD BARDWICK - CHIEF TOURNAMENT DIRECTOR**

	<u>PLAYER</u>	<u>RATING</u>	<u>RD1</u>	<u>RD2</u>	<u>RD3</u>	<u>RD4</u>	<u>RD5</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
1.	<b>MARSH MALI</b>	1355	W8	L3	W6	W7	W5	4.0
2.	<b>EIRIK OGILVIE</b>	1307	W9	D6	H1	W5	W3	4.0
3.	<b>KALEN DEAR</b>	1284	W11	W1	L5	W4	L2	3.0
4.	<b>GARY RABINOVICH</b>	1324	W10	L5	W11	L3	W9	3.0
5.	<b>NICOLAS TORRES</b>	1162	W7	W4	W3	L2	L1	3.0
6.	<b>AYUSH VISPUTE</b>	895	B	D2	L1	W8	D7	3.0
7.	<b>VYACHESLAV PUPKO</b>	UNR.	L5	W10	W9	L1	D6	2.5
8.	<b>SHIRLEY HERMAN</b>	1152	L1	L9	W10	L6	B	2.0
9.	<b>VEDANT MARGALE</b>	1026	L2	W8	L7	W11	L4	2.0
10.	<b>NANDANA KANNAIYAN</b>	1106	L4	L7	L8	B	W11	2.0
11.	<b>DAVID PUPKO</b>	955	L3	B	L4	L9	L10	1.0



## 2018 Colorado State Scholastic Chess Championship

by NM Todd Bardwick

Two hundred sixty-two kids converged on the Tivoli Student Union on the Auraria Campus in downtown Denver on February 17-18 to play in the 2018 Colorado State Scholastic Championship.

CSCA will send three players to represent Colorado in the scholastic invitational tournaments that take place during the U.S. Open in Madison, Wisconsin, this summer and donates money to help with their travel expenses.

### The 2018 Colorado Representatives are:

*Denker Tournament of High School Champions - Akshat Jain*

*Barber Tournament of K-8 Champions - Sullivan McConnell*

*National Girls Tournament of Champions - Sara Herman*

The five divisions for the tournament were K-1, K-3, K-6, K-8, and K-12.

### Trophy winners for the K-1 Division were:

- 1st - John Lessard
- 2nd - Jason Wu
- 3rd - Beau Fronckiewicz
- 4th - Christopher Smit
- 5th - Griffin Ho

### Trophy winners for the K-3 Division were:

- 1st - Amitai Sebba
- 2nd - Ayush Vispute
- 3rd - Harsh Mali
- 4th - Graham Himango
- 5th - Vedant Margale
- 6th - Cord Anderson
- 7th - Krish Sharma
- 8th - Derek Yin
- 9th - Colin Fertig
- 10th - Chanhao Zhang

### Trophy winners for the K-6 Division were:

- 1st - Victor Oshmayn
- 2nd - Nolan Ottele
- 3rd - Mustafa Suleymanov
- 4th - Nicolas Torres
- 5th - Kary Fang
- 6th - Tianyi Gu
- 7th - Benjamin Hamp
- 8th - Shiven Saxena
- 9th - Kevin Bu
- 10th - Charles Zhang

### Trophy winners for the K-8 Division were:

- 1st - Sullivan McConnell
- 2nd - Griffin McConnell
- 3rd - Neil Bhavikatti
- 4th - Andrew Roerty
- 5th - Carsten McClurg
- 6th - Calvin Dejong
- 7th - Stephen Chen
- 8th - Davin Yin
- 9th - Karthik Selva
- 10th - Aiden Sirotkine

### Trophy winners for the K-12 Division were:

- 1st - Akshat Jain
- 2nd - Andy Wu
- 3rd - Sara Herman
- 4th - Suhaas Narayanan
- 5th - Ryan Swerdlin
- 6th - Teah Williams
- 7th - Daniel Ruvins
- 8th - Antharva Vispute
- 9th - Adrian Nica
- 10th - Luke Namesnik

### Team trophies for the K-3 Division went to:

- 1st - Denver Language School
- 2nd - Poder Academy
- 3rd - American International Elementary School

### Team trophies for the K-6 Division went to:

- 1st - Campus Middle School
- 2nd - Challenge School
- 3rd - Denver Language School

### Team trophies for the K-8 Division went to:

- 1st - Ridgeview Classical School
- 2nd - Summit Middle School

3rd - Denver Language School

### Team trophies for the K-12 Division went to:

- 1st - Fairview High School
- 2nd - Cherry Creek High School
- 3rd - Fossil Ridge High School

Crosstables can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/ycq35spx>

Special thanks to the volunteers who helped the tournament run smoothly - Zachary Bekkedahl, Richard "Buck" Buchanan, Penny Cannici, Pete Cannici, Dean Clow, Jesse Cohen, Jim Hammersmith, Lior Lapid, DuWayne Langseth, Brad Lundstom, and Josh Romero.



**Ayush Vispute** (1208)  
**Amitai Sebba** (910)

### Round 5 / K-3

1.e4 d6 2.d4 e5 3.dxe5 dxe5 4.Qxd8+ Kxd8 5.Nf3 f6 6.Bc4 Bd6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Nc3 c6 9.Be3 Bg4 10.Be2 Nd7 11.Rfd1 Kc7 12.a3 a6 13.b4 b5 14.h3 Bh5 15.g4 Bg6 16.g5 f5 17.Nd2 f4 18.Bc5 Nxc5 19.bxc5 Bxc5 20.Nb3 Bb6 21.Bg4 Rad8 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.h4 h6 24.gxh6 gxh6 25.h5 Bh7 26.Rd1 Rxd1+ 27.Bxd1 Ba5 28.Nxa5 c5 29.f3 c4 30.Nd5+ Nxd5 31.exd5 Bg8 32.Nc6 Kd6 33.c3 Bxd5 34.Nb4 Bb7 35.Kg2 a5 36.Na2 Bd5 37.a4 Bf7 0-1

**Vedanth Sampath** (1654)  
**Mustafa Suleymanov** (1287)

### Round 5 / K-6

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c5 5.e3 Nc6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.exd4 Bb4 8.0-0 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Ne4 10.Qc2 0-0 11.Bd3 f5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Nd2 Bd7 14.f3 Nxd2 15.Bxd2 Rc8 16.Qb3 Be6 17.Qxb7 Qf6 18.Be3 f4 19.Bf2 Rf7 20.Qb1 g5 21.Qd1



h5 22.Be2 Rg7 23.Kh1 g4 24.fxg4 hxg4 25.Bg3 Ne7 26.Bxf4 Qh4 27.Bg3 Qg5 28.Qc1 Qh5 29.Be5 Nf5 30.Rxf5 Bxf5 31.Bxg7 Kxg7 32.Qe3 Re8 33.Qf2 Kg6 34.Rf1 Rh8 35.h3 Qg5 36.Qxf5+ Qxf5 37.Rxf5 Kxf5 38.Bxg4+ Ke4 39.Bf3+ Kd3 40.Bxd5 Kxc3 41.Kh2 Kxd4 42.Bf3 a5 43.g4 Ke3 44.Bd5 Kf4 45.Be6 Re8 46.Bc4 Re4 47.Bd3 Ra4 48.Bb1 Rb4 49.Bf5 Rb2+ 50.Kg1 Rxa2 51.h4 Kg3 52.Kf1 Kxh4 53.Ke1 a4 54.Kd1 Ra3 55.Kc2 Rb3 56.Bd7 Rb4 57.Kc3 a3 58.Be6 Rb2 59.Bd5 Kxg4 60.Be6+ Kf4 61.Bd5 Ke3 62.Bc4 Kf2 63.Bd3 Ke1 64.Bc2 Rb6 65.Bb3 Ke2 66.Ba2 Kd1 67.Bb3+ Kc1 68.Kc4 Kb2 69.Ba2 Kxa2 70.Kc3 Kb1 0-1



**Sullivan McConnell** (2028)  
**Griffin McConnell** (2012)

**Round 5 / K-8**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.Nb3 a5 15.Be3 a4 16.Nbd2 Bd7 17.Rc1 Qb7 18.a3 Rfe8 19.Nf1 Bd8 20.Ng3 Bc7 21.Bg5 Bd8 22.Bb1 h6 23.Be3 Bb6 24.d5 Ne7 25.Nh4 Bxe3 26.Rxe3 Kf8 27.Nh5 Neg8 28.Rf3 Ke7 29.Nxg7 Rec8 30.Ngf5+ Bxf5 31.Nxf5+ Kd7 32.Rfc3 Rxc3 33.bxc3 Qe8 34.Bd3 Qc5 35.Qe2 Ra5 36.Qb2 Ne8 37.c4 bxc4 38.Rxc4 Rb5 39.Rxc5 Rxb2 40.Ra5 Rb3 41.Bb5+ Kd8 42.Bxa4 1-0

**Ryan Swerdlin** (2262)  
**Akshat Jain** (2134)

**Round 5 / K-12**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 e5 9.d5 c6 10.0-0-0 cxd5 11.exd5 Na6 12.h4 h5 13.g4 hxg4 14.h5 Bf5 15.hxg6 Bxg6 16.Bh6 Bxh6 17.Qxh6 Qf6 18.Bd3 Qf4+ 19.Qxf4 exf4 20.fxg4 Rad8 21.Bf5 Nc4 22.Rd4 Ne3 23.Nf3 Rfe8 24.d6 Nxf5 25.gxf5 Bxf5 26.Rxf4 Bg6 27.Rd4 Nc5 28.Nd5 Kg7 29.Ne7 Rxd6 30.Rxd6 Rxe7 31.Rg1 Rc7 32.Kd1 Kf8 33.Ne5 Bh5+ 34.Ke1 Ne4 35.Rd1 Bxd1 36.Kxd1 Re7 37.Nf3 Nc5 38.Kd2 Rd7+ 39.Kc2 Ne6 40.Rh1 Nd4+ 41.Nxd4 Rxd4 42.Rh8+ Ke7 43.Ra8 a6 44.Rb8 Rd7 45.b4 f5 46.Rh8 Ke6 47.a4 Ke5 48.b5 axb5 49.axb5 Rd5 50.b6 Rd6 51.Re8+ Kf4 52.Rf8 Rxb6 53.Kd3 Rd6+ 54.Ke2 b5 55.Rb8 Rd5 56.Rb6 Ke4 57.Rf6 f4 58.Rf7 Rc5 59.Rb7 Rc2+ 60.Ke1 Ke3 61.Re7+ Kf3 62.Rb7 Rb2 63.Rb6 b4 64.Kd1 b3 65.Kc1 Rc2+ 66.Kd1 Rc3 67.Kd2 Re3 68.Kd1 Kf2 69.Rb4 f3 70.Rh4 b2 71.Rh2+ Kf1 72.Rxb2 Re1+ 0-1



**Amitai Sebba** (910)  
**Vedant Margale** (1176)

**Round 6 / K-3**

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 e6 6.Bf4 Bc5 7.a3 d6 8.Bc4 Nf6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Na4 Nxe4 11.Nxc5 dxc5 12.Re1 Qxd1 13.Raxd1 f5 14.Ng5 Nxg5 15.Bxg5 Nd4 16.Rc1 h6 17.Be7 Re8 18.Bxc5 Nc6 ½-½

**Mustafa Suleymanov** (1287)  
**Victor Oshmyan** (1452)

**Round 6 / K-6**

1.f4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Bd7 5.b3 Nf6 6.Bb2 Be7 7.d3 0-0 8.Nbd2 a6 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.0-0 Bc5 11.d4 Bd6 12.Ne5 Qe7 13.Nxc6 bxc6 14.c4 Qd7



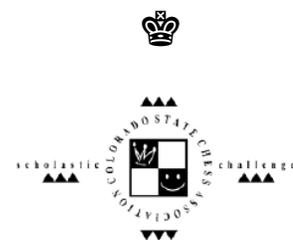
15.c5 Be7 16.Nf3 Ne4 17.Ne5 Qe8 18.Qg4 f5 19.Qe2 Bf6 20.Nd3 Qg6 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 a5 23.a4 Rfb8 24.Qc2 Ra7 25.Bc3 Rab7 26.Rab1 Nxc5 27.Bxa5 Ne4 28.Qxc6 Qf7 29.Rfc1 Rxb3 30.Rxb3 Rxb3 31.Bxc7 h6 32.a5 Rb2 33.Rc2 Qh5 34.Qxe6+ Kh7 35.Qxf5+ Qxf5 36.Rxb2 Qg4 37.Rf2 Nxf2 38.Kxf2 Qd7 39.Bd6 Qc8 40.Kf3 g6 41.g4 Qc6 42.Kg3 Qa6 43.Bc7 Qd3 44.Bb6 Qb5 45.e6 Qe8 46.f5 Kg7 47.Kf4 Qb8+ 48.Kf3 gxf5 49.gxf5 Kf6 50.e4 dxe4+ 51.Kxe4 Qe5+ 52.Kd3 Kxf5 53.Kc4 Qxe6+ 54.Kb5 Qe8+ 55.Kc5 Kg4 56.a6 Qe5+ 57.Kc6 Qe6+ 58.Kb7 Qd7+ 59.Bc7 Qb5+ 60.Bb6 Qd5+ 61.Kb8 Qc6 62.Ka7 Kh3 63.Ba5 Kxh2 64.Bb6 Kg2 65.Ba5 h5 66.Bb6 h4 67.Ba5 h3 68.Bb6 h2 69.Ba5 h1Q 70.Bc3 Qh7+ 71.Kb8 Qe8# 0-1



**Akshat Jain** (2134)  
**Suhaas Narayanan** (2028)

**Round 6 / K-12**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.dxc5 d4 7.Na4 Bxc5 8.Nxc5 Qa5+ 9.Bd2 Qxc5 10.Rc1 Qb6 11.e3 ½-½



## Colorado Springs Open

by Chief Tournament Director  
Richard "Buck" Buchanan

The 2018 Colorado Springs Open brought 44 players to enjoy a warm, pleasant weekend in Manitou Springs on March 3-4. As usual, we had folks from near and far. Three strong Colorado masters led the crosstable, and several experts, including young stars who showed their stuff to the dismay of their opponents. These included the amazing McConnell brothers, who literally won every game they played, but were kept from the top spot by 3<sup>rd</sup> round Byes and an early departure. Sheena Zeng from Kansas was another such, taking down Rhett Langseth again and yielding only to Brian Wall in round 4. Alas, she, too, had to leave us before round 5.

Among the other new friends we made there was Ohio player Michael Abron, who is making a tour of the nation playing rated chess in every state. We also had a visitor from Texas.

Josh Bloomer was unstoppable on Board One, by far the highest rated and playing like it. He took clear first with 4.5, followed by Brian Wall, Daniel Herman, and Brian Rountree, who upset Master Richard Shtivelband in round 5, thus earning the U2100 prize with a rating of 1854. Other prize winners were Sam Bridle, Vedanth Sampath, Mukund Gurumurthi, Karthik Selva, Clinton Eads, Vedant Margale, and Gilberto Gaxiola. You will notice the high number of young players among these winners.

My computer and printer worked this time (thanks to help from Earle Wikle and Paul Covington). Most players registered online, which made things easier but also added a few complications.

In all, it was an enjoyable and satisfying tournament. Thanks to all who played, and we hope to see you all again soon.

*Games Submitted by Chief TD "Buck",  
With Pictures Courtesy of Earle Wikle*

**Austin Harbach** (1499)  
**Richard Shtivelband** (2294)

### Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Nbd2 Nc6 5.c3 b6 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.0-0 d5 8.Ne5 Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.f4 c4 11.Bc2 b5 12.Nf3 Qb6 13.Nd4 Bc5 14.Qg4 g6 15.Bd2 0-0-0 16.Be1 h5 17.Qf3 g5 18.fxg5 Nxe5 19.Qf6 Ng4 20.Qxf7 Rhf8 21.Qxe6+ Qxe6 22.Nxe6 Bxe3+ 23.Bf2 Bxf2+ 24.Kh1 Ne3 25.Nxd8 Kxd8 26.Rfc1 d4 27.h3 Bxg2+ 28.Kh2 Rf3 0-1

**Daniel Herman** (2103)  
**James Mulberry** (1530)

### Round 1

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 d6 4.d4 Be7 5.Bb5 Bg4 6.0-0 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.dxe5 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 dxe5 10.Nd2 Qc8 11.Nc4 Qe6 12.Ne3 Nf6 13.Nf5 0-0 14.Bg5 Rfd8 15.h4 Rd7 16.h5 Rad8 17.h6 Bf8 18.hxg7 Bxg7 19.Rad1 Rxd1 20.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 21.Qxd1 Ne8 22.Qd8 f6 23.Be3 Kf7



24.b3 Bf8 25.Qd3 c5 26.c4 Qc6 27.Qd5+ Qxd5 28.cxd5 Nd6 29.Nxd6+ cxd6 30.Kf1 Be7 31.Ke2 Bd8 32.Bd2 Bc7 33.Kd3 Kg6 34.Kc4 f5 35.f3 fxe4 36.fxe4 Kh5 37.Kd3 Kg4 38.Be1 Kf4 39.Bh4 Kg4 40.Bf2 Ba5 41.a3 Kf4 42.Bh4 Bc7 43.Be1 Bb6 44.Bh4 Bc7 45.b4 cxb4 46.axb4 a5 47.b5 a4 48.Be7 a3 49.b6 Bxb6 50.Bxd6 a2 51.g3+ Kg4 52.Bxe5 a1Q 53.Bxa1 Kxg3 54.e5 Kf4 55.e6 Bc5 56.Bd4 Bd6 57.Kc4 h5 58.Bc5 1-0

**Sheena Zeng** (2004)  
**Karthik Selva** (1529)

### Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0-0 8.Ne2 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be3 cxd4 11.cxd4 e6 12.Rc1 Bd7 13.Qd2 Re8 14.Rb1 b6

15.Rfc1 Rc8 16.f3 Na5 17.Bd3 Ba4 18.Qb4 Qd7 19.Ba6 Rxc1+ 20.Rxc1 h5 21.Bf2 Bh6 22.Rb1 Rb8 23.Rb2 Bf8 24.Qc3 Nc6 25.Rb1 b5 26.Rc1 Nb4 27.Bc8 Qd8 28.Qc7 Qxc7 29.Rxc7 Nxa2 30.Bd7 Bd1 31.Rxa7 Bxe2 32.Rxa2 Bc4 33.Rc2 Ba3 34.Be3 Kf8 35.Bc6 Bd3? 36.Rc3 b4 37.Rxd3 b3 38.Rd1 Bb4 39.Bc1 Bc3 40.Ba3+ Kg7 41.d5 1-0

**Gilberto Gaxiola** (Unrated)  
**Steve Kovach** (1774)

### Round 1

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 Bg4 4.Nf3 e6 5.h3 Bxf3 6.Qxf3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c5 8.c3 cxd4 9.exd4 Be7 10.Nd2 Qb6 11.Rb1 Rc8 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Rfe1 Qc7 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Bd3 a6 18.c4 Bb4 19.Rbd1 Bxd2 20.Rxd2 Qa5 21.Rdd1 Qxa2 22.cxd5 Qxd5 23.Qxd5 Nxd5 24.Rc1 Ke7 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Be4 Kd6 27.Ra1 Rc4 28.Bxd5 Kxd5 29.Ra5+ Kxd4 0-1

**Kurt Kondracki** (1932)  
**Josh Bloomer** (2354)

### Round 2

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bh4 c5 4.f3 g5 5.fxe4 gxh4 6.e3 Bh6 7.Bc4 e6 8.Qe2 Qg5 9.Nf3 Qxe3 10.Qxe3 Bxe3 11.d5 Bc1 12.Nbd2 Bxb2 13.Rb1 Bg7 14.e5 b6 15.Ne4 0-0 16.Nd6 Ba6 17.Rd1 Bxc4 18.Nxc4 Na6 19.a3 Nc7 20.dxe6 dxe6 21.0-0 Nd5 22.Rfe1 Rad8 23.Nd6 Ne7 24.Nxh4 Nc6 25.Nf3 Rd7 26.Nc4 Rfd8 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.a4 Nd4 29.c3 Nxf3+ 30.gxf3 Rd3 31.Re3 Rxe3 32.Nxe3 Bxe5 33.Nd1 a6 34.c4 Bd4+ 35.Kg2 Kg7 36.Kg3 f5 37.Kf4 Kf6 0-1

**DuWayne Langseth** (1905)  
**Brian Wall** (2240)

### Round 2

1.d4 Nc6 2.e3 e5 3.dxe5 f6 4.exf6 Nxf6 5.Nf3 g6 6.Nc3 d5 7.Bb5 Bg7 8.e4 dxe4 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Ne5 Re8 12.Nxc6+ Kd7 13.Nd4 c5 14.Nde2 Kc6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.h3 Rad8 17.Be3 Nd5 18.Rfd1 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Bh6 20.Nf4 Bxf4 21.exf4 e3 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Re1 Rd4 24.Rxe3 Rxf4 25.Re6+ Kd7 26.Re2 Rb4 27.b3 Bc6 28.Rd2+ Ke6 29.a3 Rd4 30.Rxd4 cxd4 31.Nd1 Be4 32.c3 Bc2 33.Nf2 dxc3 34.b4 Kd5 35.Kf1 Kc4 36.Ke1 Kb3 37.Nd1 Bxd1 38.Kxd1 Kb2 0-1

**Brian Rountree** (1837)  
**Daniel Herman** (2103)

**Round 2**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.d4  
 cxd4 6.cxd4 d6 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Nc6  
 9.Bf4 dxe5 10.Nxe5 Bd6 11.Qa4 Qc7  
 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Be2 0-0  
 15.0-0 c5 16.Bf3 Bd7 17.Qa3 Bc6  
 18.dxc5 Qc7 19.Bxc6 Qxc6 20.Rfd1 Rfc8  
 21.h3 Qxc5 22.Qxc5 Rxc5 23.Rd3 Rac8  
 24.Rad1 Kf8 25.Rd8+ Rxd8 26.Rxd8+  
 Ke7 27.Rd3 Ra5 28.Rd2 Ra3 29.c4 a5  
 30.Rc2 Kd6 31.c5+ Kc6 32.Kf1 Rd3  
 33.Ke2 Rd5 34.Rb2 Rxc5 35.Kd2 Kc7  
 36.Ke3 Rc4 37.Rb5 Ra4 38.Rc5+ Kd6  
 39.Rc2 e5 40.f3 f5 41.Rb2 Ra3+ 42.Ke2  
 h5 43.h4 e4 44.fxe4 fxe4 45.Kf1 Ke5  
 46.Rb5+ Kf4 47.Rb2 Kg3 48.Re2 e3  
 49.Kg1 Kxh4 50.Kh2 Kg4 51.g3 Kf3  
 52.Rb2 e2 0-1

**Sullivan McConnell** (2019)  
**Richard Pugh III** (1731)

**Round 2**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.exf5 d6  
 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Qe7+ 7.Be3 Bd7  
 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Qf3 d5 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.0-0  
 0-0-0 12.Qe2 c5 13.Qa6+ Kb8 14.Ncb5  
 Bxb5 15.Qxb5+ 1-0

**Griffin McConnell** (2006)  
**Cory Foster** (1752)

**Round 2**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7  
 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.0-0 Nxb5 7.Nxb5 Qb6 8.c4  
 a6 9.Nc3 e6 10.Qe2 d6 11.d3 Ne7 12.Be3  
 Qc7 13.Rac1 0-0 14.Ne2 Bd7 15.Ng3 b5  
 16.cxb5 axb5 17.b4 c4 18.dxc4 bxc4  
 19.Rf2 Ra3 20.Bd4 Bxd4 (20...Rxf3!)  
 21.Nxd4 Qb6 22.Qb2 Rfa8 23.Nc2 Rxa2  
 24.Qf6 Nc6 25.f5 exf5 26.exf5 Ne5  
 27.fxg6 hxg6 28.Kh1 Be6 29.Re2 Nd3  
 30.Rf1 d5 31.b5 R8a7 32.h4 Qd6 33.h5  
 Qe7 34.hxg6 Qxf6 35.Rxf6 Kg7 36.Nh5+  
 Kh6 37.gxf7+ Kxh5 38.f8Q 1-0

**Steve Kovach** (1774)  
**Sheena Zeng** (2004)

**Round 2**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Be3  
 Qb6 6.Qd2 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nge7 8.Bd3 Bd7  
 9.Nf3 Nb4 10.Be2 Nf5 11.Nc3 Rc8  
 12.0-0 Be7 13.Rac1 0-0 14.a3 Nc6  
 15.Bd3 Nxe3 16.fxe3 f6 17.exf6 Rxf6  
 18.Na4 Qd8 19.Nc5 Rc7 20.Rc3 Bc8  
 21.Rfc1 Bd6 22.Qc2 Rh6 23.Qf2 Rf7  
 24.g3 e5 25.dxe5 Nxe5 26.Ne4 Bg4



27.Nxd6 Nxf3+ 28.Kh1 Qxd6 29.Rc8+  
 Bxc8 30.Rxc8+ Rf8 31.Rxf8+ Qxf8  
 32.h4 Ne5 0-1

**Josh Bloomer** (2354)  
**Daniel Herman** (2103)

**Round 3**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5  
 5.Bg2 0-0 6.e4 d6 7.Ne2 Bxd2+ 8.Qxd2  
 e5 9.Nbc3 Be6 10.d5 Bd7 11.0-0 Na6  
 12.f4 exf4 13.gxf4 Re8 14.Nd4 Nc5  
 15.Rae1 Ra6 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Ng4  
 18.Qf4 Nd3 19.Qxf7+ Kh8 20.e6 Nxe1  
 21.e7! 1-0

**Neil Bhavikatti** (2020)  
**Richard Shtivelband** (2294)

**Round 3**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bd6  
 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.c3 Nge7 7.Qc2 Bg4 8.Nbd2  
 Qd7 9.0-0 0-0-0 10.a4 Kb8 11.h3 Bf5  
 12.b4 f6 13.b5 Na5 14.Ba3 Bxa3 15.Rxa3  
 g5 16.Nb3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Nxb3 18.Rxb3  
 h5 19.Nd2 g4 20.a5 Rhg8 21.Kh1 Ng6  
 22.b6 cxb6 23.axb6 a6 24.h4 f5 25.g3 f4  
 26.Rbb1 Nxb4! 27.gxh4 Qe7 28.Kg2 f3+  
 29.Kg1 Qxh4 30.Qh7 g3 31.Qc7+ Ka8  
 32.Qxd8+ Rxd8 33.Nxf3 gxf2+ 34.Rxf2

Rg8+ 35.Rg2 Rxc7+ 36.Kxc7 Qg4+  
 37.Kf2 Qg6 38.Rb2 Qc6 39.Kg1 a5  
 40.Kh2 a4 41.Ne5 a3! 42.Rb3 Qa4 0-1

**Brian Wall** (2240)  
**Sara Herman** (1951)

**Round 3**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Be2 g6 5.0-0  
 Bg7 6.e5 dxe5 7.Nxe5 0-0 8.d3 Nd5  
 9.Nc4 b5 10.Bf3 bxc4 11.dxc4 Nb6  
 12.Qe2 Qc7 13.Bxa8 Nxa8 14.Na3 a6  
 15.Re1 Be6 16.Bg5 Nb6 17.Qe3 Re8  
 18.b3 N6d7 19.Nb1 Nc6 20.Nd2 Qa5  
 21.Rec1 Nf6 22.h3 Nd8 23.a3 Nb7 24.b4  
 Qc7 25.Bf4 Qc6 26.Rab1 Nd6 27.b5 axb5  
 28.Bxd6 exd6 29.cxb5 Qa8 30.Qg3 Qb8  
 31.a4 Bf5 32.Rb3 Re2 33.Nc4 Ne4  
 34.Qd3 Nxc3 35.Qxd6 Qxd6 36.Nxd6  
 Rd2 37.Rbxc3 Bxc3 38.Nxf5 Bb2  
 39.Rxc5 gxf5 40.a5 Bd4 41.Rxf5 Rb2  
 42.g4 f6 43.Kf1 Kf7 44.a6 Ke6 45.f4 Kf7  
 46.Rd5 Bb6 47.Rd7+ Kg6 48.Rb7 Rxb5  
 49.a7 Ra5 50.Rxb6 Rxa7 51.g5 Rf7  
 52.Kf2 Kf5 53.Rxf6+ Rxf6 54.gxf6 Kxf6  
 55.Ke3 Ke7 56.Ke4 Ke6 57.f5+ Ke7  
 58.Ke5 Kf7 59.f6 Ke8 60.Ke6 Kf8  
 61.Ke5 Ke8 62.h4 Kf8 63.Kf4 Kg8 64.h5  
 Kf8 65.Kf5 Kg8 66.Ke5 Kf8 67.Ke6 Ke8



68.Kf5 Kf7 69.Ke5 Ke8 1/2-1/2

**Sheena Zeng** (2004)  
**Rhett Langseth** (2137)

**Round 3**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bf5  
5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.Qxb6 axb6  
8.Nxd5 cxd5 9.e3 Bd7 10.Bd2 e6 11.Bd3  
Nc6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Bc3 f6 14.Rfel Kf7  
15.e4 Be7 16.a3 Ra7 17.Re2 Rc8 18.Rae1  
Bd8 19.e5 f5 20.Bxf5 exf5 21.e6+ Bxe6  
22.Rxe6 Bf6 23.Rd6 Rd8 24.Rxd8 Nxd8  
25.Ne5+ Bxe5 26.Rxe5 Nc6 27.Rxd5  
Ke6 28.Rb5 Ne7 29.Rxb6+ Kd5 30.Kf1  
Kc4 31.Rb4+ Kd5 32.Ke2 g6 33.Kd3  
Kc6 34.Rc4+ Kd7 35.Rc5 b6 36.Re5 Nc6  
37.Rb5 Ra6 38.Bb4 Kc7 39.Bd2 Ne7  
40.d5 Kd7 41.Be3 Nc8 42.Kd4 Nd6  
43.Rb4 Nf7 44.Kc3 Kc7 45.Bf4+ Kd7  
46.Rc4 Ra7 47.Rc6 Rb7 48.Be3 b5  
49.Rb6 Rc7+ 50.Kb3 g5 51.Rxb5 f4  
52.Bb6 Rc8 53.a4 Nd6 54.Rc5 Rb8 55.a5  
Nc8 56.Kc4 Nxb6+ 57.axb6 Rxb6 58.b4  
Ra6 59.Ra5 Rh6 60.Ra7+ Kc8 61.Rg7  
Rxb2 62.Rxg5 f3 63.gxf3 h5 64.Rg7

Rxf2 65.Rh7 Rc2+ 66.Kb5 Rh2 67.Kc6  
Rc2+ 68.Kd6 Rf2 69.Rxh5 Rxf3 70.Rh4  
Rg3 71.Rc4+ Kd8 72.Kc6 Rg1 73.b5 Rb1  
74.b6 Rb2 75.b7 Rb1 76.Re5 Rb2 77.Rb5  
Rxb5 78.Kxb5 Kc7 79.Kc5 Kxb7 80.Kd6  
1-0

**Austin Harbach** (1499)  
**Kurt Kondracki** (1932)

**Round 3**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.e3 Bg4 4.Be2 Nf6  
5.Nbd2 e6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Be7 8.0-0  
0-0 9.Qc2 Re8 10.a3 Bf8 11.Bb5 Qd5  
12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Ne5 c5 14.Nxg4 Nxg4  
15.dxc5 Bxc5 16.Qe4 Qh5 17.h3 Nf6  
18.Qf3 Qg6 19.b4 Bd6 20.Nc4 Rad8  
21.Bb2 e5 22.Rfd1 h6 23.Rd2  
(or 23.Nxe5!) 23...Ne4 24.Rd5 Ng5  
25.Qg3 Qe4 26.Nxd6 Qxd5 27.Nxe8  
Rxe8 28.f4 Ne4 29.Qf3 exf4 30.exf4 f5  
31.Rd1 Qb5 32.Qb3+ Kf8 33.Qd5 Qxd5  
34.Rxd5 Nd6 35.Be5 Re6 36.Re5 Ne8  
37.Bxc7 Nxc7 38.Rxc7 Ra6 39.Rc3 Ke7  
40.Rd3 g5 41.g3 Rc6 42.Kf2 Rc2+  
43.Ke3 Rh2 44.Kf3 Ke6 45.Re3+ Kf6

46.Re5 Rxh3 47.Ra5 Rh2 48.Ra6+ Ke7  
49.Rxa7+ Ke6 50.fxg5 hxg5 51.b5 Rb2  
52.Ra6+ Kd5 53.a4 Kc5 54.Rf6 Rb3+  
55.Kf2 f4 56.gxf4 gxf4 57.Rxf4 Kb6  
58.Ke2 Ka5 59.Kd2 Rh3 60.Kc2 Rg3  
61.Rc4 Rh3 62.Rd4 Rg3 63.Rd3 Rg4  
64.Ra3 Kb4 65.Ra1 Kc5 66.Kd3 Kb6  
67.Kc3 Ka5 68.Rb1 Kb6 69.a5+ Kxa5  
70.b6 Rg6 71.Kc4 (The scoresheet has an  
unplayable move now for Black. I'm  
guessing he played 71...Rc6+.) 1/2-1/2

**Atharva Vispute** (1705)  
**James Mulberry** (1530)

**Round 3**

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Be7 4.Bg2 c6  
5.Nge2 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.h3 Nbd7 8.d3 Qc7  
9.f4 b5 10.f5 Bb7 11.g4 b4 12.Nb1 d5  
13.Ng3 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Nc5 15.Nd2 Rad8  
16.g5 Nxe4 17.Ndxe4 Nxe4 18.Nxe4 f6  
19.Qg4 Kh8 20.g6 h6 21.Bxh6 gxh6  
22.g7+ Kg8 23.gxf8Q+ Kxf8 24.Qg6 Rd6  
25.Qxh6+ Ke8 26.Nxd6+ Qxd6 27.Qe3  
c5 28.Kf2 Bd5 29.b3 Qc6 30.Ke2 e4  
31.Kd2 Bd6 32.dxe4 Bxe4 33.Rae1 Qa6  
34.Qxe4+ Be5 35.Qd3 Qc6 36.Rxe5+  
fxe5 37.f6 1-0

**Michael Abron** (1500)  
**Vedant Margale** (1169)

**Round 3**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e3 Bd6  
5.Bd3 0-0 6.Nbd2 Bd7 7.c3 c6 8.Qc2 h6  
9.Bh4 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.0-0-0 g6  
12.g4 Bg7 13.h4 e5 14.dxe5 Bxg4  
15.Rdg1 Bh5 16.Rg2 Nd7 17.e6 fxe6  
18.Bxg6 Bxf3 19.Bh7+ Kh8 20.Rxg7  
Kxg7 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Rg1 Qe7 23.Nxf3  
Qxh7 24.Qh5 Rg8 25.Rd1 Qg6 26.Qxg6  
Rxg6 27.Rd2 Rf6 ... 0-1

**Richard Shtivelband** (2294)  
**Josh Bloomer** (2354)

**Round 4**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6  
9.0-0-0 d5 10.Kb1 Nxd4 11.e5 Nf5  
12.exf6 exf6 13.Nxd5 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 Be6  
15.Bc4 f5 16.Nc3 Qf6 17.Bxe6 fxe6  
18.Rhe1 Rfe8 19.Rd7 b5 20.Rxa7 b4  
21.Rxa8 Rxa8 22.Nd1 Rd8 23.Qb3 Qe5  
24.Qxb4 Qe2 25.Ne3 Qxe3 26.a4 Qa7  
27.Rxe6 Rb8 28.Qc4 Qf7 29.b3 Kh8  
30.Qe2 Rd8 31.Ka2 h6 32.a5 Qc7 33.Ra6  
Qc8 34.Ka3 Bf8+ 35.Ka2 Rd2 0-1

**Brian Wall** (2240)  
**Sheena Zeng** (2004)

**Round 4**

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e5 c5 4.b4 cxb4 5.a3 Nc6 6.axb4 Bxb4 7.c3 Ba5 8.d4 Nge7 9.Bd3 Nf5 10.Bxf5 exf5 11.Ba3 Be6 12.h4 Qd7 13.g3 Bd8 14.Kf1 Be7 15.Kg2 h6 16.Nbd2 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 0-0 18.Nb3 b6 19.Nc1 f6 20.exf6 Rxf6 21.Nd3 Qd6 22.Qc1 Na5 23.h5 Nc4 24.Ra2 a5 25.Nf4 Re8 26.Re1 Bf7 27.Rae2 Re4 28.Nd2 Rxe2 29.Rxe2 Qc6 30.Re7 Rd6 31.Nf3 Rd8 32.Qb1 Qd6 33.Ra7 Be6 34.Nh4 Rd7 35.Ra8+ Rd8 36.Rxd8+ Qxd8 37.Nxe6 Qf6 38.Nf4 Qf7 39.Qb5 Nd6 40.Qxb6 Ne4 41.Qxa5 1-0

**Sara Herman** (1951)  
**Sullivan McConnell** (2019)

**Round 4**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Bd6 7.Ng3 b6 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Be2 c6 10.0-0 Re8 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.Bf3 Qc7 13.b4 Bb7 14.Bb2 a6 15.Rc1 Qb8 16.e4 Bf4 17.Rc2 Bxg3 18.hxg3 Nf8 19.exd5 cxd5 20.Na4 Qd6 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Bc1 Ne6 23.Nc3 b5 24.Ne2 g5 25.g4 Bc8 26.Ng3 Nf4 27.Nf5 Bxf5 28.gxf5 Nd3 29.Re2 Rxe2 30.Bxe2 Nf4 31.Bf3 h5 32.g3 Nh3+ 33.Kg2 g4 34.Be2 Ne4 35.Be3 Nc3 36.Qc2 Nxe2 37.Qxe2 Qf6 38.Qc2 Ng5 39.Qc7 Kh7 40.Bf4 Nf3 41.Qd7 Nxd4 42.Qxd5 Qc6 43.Qxc6 Nxc6 44.f3 Nd4 45.fxg4 hxg4 46.f6 Kg6 47.Be5 Nc6 48.Bb2 Kf5 49.Kf2 Ke4 50.Ke2 Nd4+ 51.Bxd4 Kxd4 52.Kd2 Ke4 53.Ke2 Kf5 54.Ke3 Ke5 55.Kd3 Kxf6 56.Ke4 Ke6 57.Kd4 f5 58.Kd3 Kd5 59.Ke3 Ke5 60.Ke2 Ke4 61.Kf2 Kd3 62.Kf1 Ke3 63.Kg2 Ke2 0-1

**Rhett Langseth** (2137)  
**Griffin McConnell** (2006)

**Round 4**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c3 c5 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6 5.Qa4 d5 6.Bf4 Bd7 7.Qb3 Na5 8.Qc2 e6 9.h3 Rc8 10.e3 Be7 11.Bd3 b5 12.Qe2 Qb6 13.0-0 0-0 14.Ne5 Be8 15.Nd2 Nc4 16.Ndf3 Nh5 17.Bh2 f5 18.Nd4 Bf6 19.Bxc4 bxc4 20.Rfb1 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Bg6 22.Bf4 Nf6 23.b4 Rfe8 24.Be5 Nd7 25.f4 Nxe5 26.fxe5 Qc7 27.Nb5 Qxe5 28.Nxa7 Ra8 29.Nb5 f4 30.Qe1 fxe3 31.a4 Qb8 32.Qxe3 Bc2 33.Nd4 Bxa4 34.Nxe6 Bd7 35.Rxa8 Qxa8 36.Qb6 Qc8 37.Rf1 Bxe6 38.Qa7 Qd7 39.Qc5 Qe7 40.Qd4 Bf7 41.Kh1 Qe3 42.Qg4 Qxc3



43.Qd7 Rf8 44.b5 Qb4 45.Qc6 Qe7 46.b6 Rb8 47.Rb1 Qb7 48.Qc5 Re8 49.Qd4 c3 50.Rc1 c2 51.Qf2 Bg6 52.Qd4 Qc6 53.Qb4 Rb8 54.Qe7 Qxb6 55.Kh2 Re8 56.Qd7 Qb8+ 57.Kh1 Qe5 58.Rg1 d4 59.h4 d3 60.g4 Be4+ 61.Rg2 c1R# 0-1

**Daniel Herman** (2103)  
**Charles Alexander** (1800)

**Round 4**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 5.Nxe5 c6 6.Qf3 Nf6 7.Bc4 e6 8.c3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd5 11.Qg3 h6 12.Na3 Bd7 13.b4 b5 14.Bb3 a5 15.bxa5 Qxa5 16.c4 Nb6 17.cxb5 Bxa3 18.Qxg7 0-0-0 19.bxc6 Bxc6 20.Qxf7 Bd5 21.Bxa3 Rd7 22.Bxd5 exd5 23.Qf6 Re8 24.Bc5 Rb7 25.Qc6+ Kd8 26.Rab1 Rg7 27.Bxb6+ 1-0

**DuWayne Langseth** (1905)  
**Atharva Vispute** (1705)

**Round 4**

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Be2 0-0 5.0-0 d5 6.b3 c5 7.Bb2 Ne4 8.c4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nc6 10.Ne5 Qc7 11.Nxc6 Qxc6 12.d5 Qd7 13.Bxg7 Kxg7 14.Qc2 Nf6 15.Nc3 a6 16.a4 Qd6 17.f4 Ng4 18.Ne4

Qc7 19.Qc3+ Kg8 20.Be2 Nf6 21.Nxf6+ exf6 22.Qxf6 Re8 23.Qc3 Bf5 24.Rfe1 Be4 25.Bf3 Rad8 26.Bxe4 Rxe4 27.Qd3 Qe7 28.Rac1 f5 29.g3 Qd6 30.Red1 Rde8 31.Re1 Rd8 32.Rcd1 Rc8 33.Kf2 e4 34.Qc3 Rc5 35.bxc4 Rxc4 36.Qd3 Rxa4 37.Rc1 Kg7 38.Rc8 Kh6 39.Re2 Ra3 40.Qd1 Ra5 41.Rd2 Ra3 42.Rd3 Rxd3 43.Qxd3 a5 44.Rg8 a4 45.h3 Re7 46.g4 Rd7 47.g5+ Kh5 48.Kg3 1-0

**Vedant Margale** (1169)  
**Kurt Kondracki** (1932)

**Round 4**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.0-0 a6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6 8.Be3 e6 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3 Nf6 11.g4 Bg6 12.Nh4 Bd6 13.Nxg6 hxg6 14.Kg2 Nd7 15.Qf3 Qc7 16.Ne2 e5 17.Ng3 e4 18.Qe2 Nf8 19.c4 Ne6 20.cxd5 cxd5 21.Rac1 Qb8 22.Rc2 Kd7 23.Rfc1 Nf4+ 24.Bxf4 Bxf4 25.Rd1 Qd6 26.Rc5 Rbh8 27.b3 Bxg3 28.fxg3 Rb4 29.Qf2 f6 30.Rdc1 Rb5 31.Rc7+ Qxc7 32.Rxc7+ Kxc7 33.Qf4+ Kd7 34.g5 Rb6 35.gxf6 gxf6 36.Qh6 f5 37.Qg7+ Kc8 38.Qf8+ Kb7 39.Qf7+ Kb8 40.Qe8+ Ka7 41.Qe7+ 1/2-1/2



# Colorado Springs Open - Open Section

Richard "Buck" Buchanan - Chief Tournament Director

	<u>Player</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>Rd2</u>	<u>Rd3</u>	<u>Rd4</u>	<u>Rd5</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	<b>Josh Bloomer</b>	2354	W15	W18	W3	W10	D2	4.5
2.	<b>Brian Wall</b>	2240	W43	W12	D8	W11	D1	4.0
3.	<b>Daniel Herman</b>	2103	W27	W4	L1	W14	W12	4.0
4.	<b>Brian Rountree</b>	1837	W23	L3	W28	W29	W10	4.0
5.	<b>Sullivan McConnell</b>	2019	W28	W32	H	W8	U	3.5
6.	<b>Griffin McConnell</b>	2006	W22	W38	H	W25	U	3.5
7.	<b>Neil Bhavikatti</b>	2020	W34	W21	L10	D19	W20	3.5
8.	<b>Sara Herman</b>	1951	W29	W26	D2	L5	W19	3.5
9.	<b>Sam Bridle</b>	1871	W40	L10	W20	D15	W24	3.5
10.	<b>Richard Shtivelband</b>	2294	W33	W9	W7	L1	L4	3.0
11.	<b>Sheena Zeng</b>	2004	W16	W19	W25	L2	U	3.0
12.	<b>DuWayne Langseth</b>	1905	W35	L2	W17	W26	L3	3.0
13.	<b>Calvin DeJong</b>	1837	W31	L25	H	W33	D15	3.0
14.	<b>Charles Alexander</b>	1800	L24	W39	W22	L3	W27	3.0
15.	<b>Vedanth Sampath</b>	1610	L1	W35	W38	D9	D13	3.0
16.	<b>Karthik Selva</b>	1529	L11	W36	H	D21	W26	3.0
17.	<b>Mukund Gurumurthi</b>	1535	L25	W31	L12	W30	W29	3.0
18.	<b>Kurt Kondracki</b>	1932	W30	L1	D33	D33	D24	2.5
19.	<b>Steve Kovach</b>	1774	W36	L11	W40	D7	L8	2.5
20.	<b>Jeffrey Kerbow</b>	1786	H	W24	L9	W34	L7	2.5
21.	<b>Frank Deming</b>	1753	W41	L7	L29	D16	W35	2.5
22.	<b>Aditya Krishna</b>	1507	L6	W42	L14	W40	H	2.5
23.	<b>Clinton Eads</b>	1321	L4	L27	W44	H	W34	2.5
24.	<b>Vedant Margale</b>	1169	W14	L20	W39	D18	L9	2.5
25.	<b>Rhett Langseth</b>	2137	W17	W13	L11	L6	U	2.0
26.	<b>Atharva Vispute</b>	1705	W44	L8	W27	L12	L16	2.0
27.	<b>James Mulberry</b>	1530	L3	W23	L26	W36	L14	2.0
28.	<b>Joe Beane</b>	1521	L5	W37	L4	W42	U	2.0

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# Colorado Springs Open - Open Section

Richard "Buck" Buchanan - Chief Tournament Director

	<u>Player</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>Rd2</u>	<u>Rd3</u>	<u>Rd4</u>	<u>Rd5</u>	<u>Points</u>
29.	<b>Doyle Lobaugh</b>	1500	L8	W44	W21	L4	L17	2.0
30.	<b>Dean Brown</b>	1452	L18	L33	W41	L17	W37	2.0
31.	<b>Ayush Vispute</b>	1133	L13	L17	L36	W44	W42	2.0
32.	<b>Richard Pugh III</b>	1731	W37	L5	H	U	U	1.5
33.	<b>Austin Harbach</b>	1499	L10	W30	D18	L13	U	1.5
34.	<b>George Peschke</b>	1506	L7	W41	H	L20	L23	1.5
35.	<b>William Wolf</b>	1419	L12	L15	D37	W43	L21	1.5
36.	<b>Gilberto Gaxiola</b>	Unr.	L19	L16	W31	L27	D39	1.5
37.	<b>Shirley Herman</b>	1109	L32	L28	D35	W39	L30	1.5
38.	<b>Cory Foster</b>	1752	W42	L6	L15	U	U	1.0
39.	<b>Michael Abron</b>	1500	H	L14	L24	L37	D36	1.0
40.	<b>Patrick Losique</b>	1289	L9	W43	L19	L22	U	1.0
41.	<b>Ben Rubin</b>	827	L21	L34	L30	B	F	1.0
42.	<b>Shrey Rohilla</b>	740	L38	L22	B	L28	L31	1.0
43.	<b>Christopher Motley</b>	1556	L2	L40	H	L35	F	0.5
44.	<b>Caleb Cheung</b>	Unr.	L26	L29	L23	L31	U	0.0



## Tuesday Night Chess

by Club Tournament Director  
Paul Anderson

In January, the Colorado Springs Chess Club re-elected me as President, Peter Barlay as the Vice President, and Brian Rountree as the Treasurer for 2018. This will be our third year as a modern day triumvirate.

In addition, we held our 23rd annual Colorado Springs City Speed Chess Championship (2RR, G/5;d/0). I won my second title as Speed King. As President of the club, one of my duties is to update the plaques, which gives me extra time with the award. I felt like I had won Lord Stanley's Cup, as I took it around town to show to all the excited children at all the chess clubs. However, it also gave me time to write down the history of the prize. I realized that I am the Boris Spassky of Colorado Springs Speed Chess!



- #1 - 1996 **Bruce Monson**
- #2 - 1997 **Dan Avery**  
(6x: 00,01,08,11,12)
- #3 - 1998 **Ron Smits**
- #4 - 1999 **LM Josh Bloomer**  
(7x: 02,05,06,14,15,17)
- #5 - 2003 **Jason Caldwell**
- #6 - 2004 **LM Brian Wall**
- #7 - 2007 **NM Richard Buchanan**  
(2x: 13)
- #8 - 2009 **Mitchell Anderson**
- #9 - 2010 **David Meliti**
- #10 - 2016 **Paul Anderson** (2x: 18)

During the annual meeting, a motion was made to use the 5th Tuesday of a month for a one-night event. The officers quickly implemented a plan for a night of Quick Chess. 14 players came out for the

event, and Earle Wikle won 1st place with a perfect score. Joey Arispe, Mike Smith, and I split up 2nd place. Ayush Vispute and Larry Osborn divided up the Under prize.

In February and March, the club returned to four-round, monthly events (4SS, G/90; +30). Earle Wikle showed he can play slow chess too and took 1st place in February with me taking 2nd place. Clint Eads and Mike Filppu split the top Under prize, while Larry Osborn took sole possession of the 2nd Under prize. LM Josh Bloomer pulled off the Swiss Gambit and claimed the top spot in March, while Calvin DeJong, Ed Boldt, and I divided up 2nd place. Mike Filppu got the top Under prize, and "Scotch" Williams got the 2nd Under prize.

The attendance has jumped to 15.14 players per event with 400 games being played in 2018. We collected \$371.00 in entry fees and returned \$324.02 in prizes (87.34%).

The annual Cabin Fever Reliever will be held in April on the 17th and 24th (4SS, G/45;d/10; \$10 entry). See our ad in *Chess Life* magazine!

Here are the statistics from this quarter and some games from the events (name, wins, losses, draws, %):

### Unrated Speed Chess

<b>Ayush Vispute</b>	12	25	1	32.89%
<b>Brian Rountree</b>	20	14	1	58.57%
<b>Chad Davis</b>	2	6	1	27.78%
<b>Clinton Eads</b>	4	29	2	14.29%
<b>Dean Brown</b>	4	11	0	26.67%
<b>Derek Eskeldson</b>	4	7	0	36.36%
<b>Douglas Clark</b>	0	29	0	0.00%
<b>Earle Wikle</b>	21	13	2	61.11%
<b>Grayson Harris</b>	13	24	0	35.14%
<b>Jeffrey Fox</b>	24	24	1	50.00%

<b>Joey Arispe</b>	5	9	0	35.71%
<b>Lawrence Osborn</b>	5	30	0	14.29%
<b>Mark McGough</b>	20	15	0	57.14%
<b>Michael Smith II</b>	30	20	0	60.00%
<b>Michael Filppu</b>	4	4	0	50.00%
<b>Paul Anderson</b>	29	7	0	80.56%
<b>Peter Barlay</b>	23	15	2	60.00%
<b>Richard "Buck" Buchanan</b>	19	14	3	56.94%
<b>Sean Kruger</b>	43	6	1	87.00%
<b>Supreme King</b>	9	0	0	100.00%
<b>Walter Sargent</b>	17	6	2	72.00%

### Quick Rated Chess

<b>Ben Rubin</b>	0	2	0	0.00%
<b>Clinton Eads</b>	1	3	0	25.00%
<b>Douglas Clark</b>	0	4	0	0.00%
<b>Earle Wikle</b>	4	0	0	100.00%
<b>Grayson Harris</b>	1	3	0	25.00%
<b>Jeffrey Fox</b>	2	2	0	50.00%
<b>Joey Arispe</b>	3	1	0	75.00%
<b>Lawrence Osborn</b>	2	2	0	50.00%
<b>Mark McGough</b>	2	2	0	50.00%
<b>Matthew Hansen</b>	1	1	0	50.00%
<b>Michael Smith II</b>	3	1	0	75.00%
<b>Michael Filppu</b>	2	2	0	50.00%
<b>Paul Anderson</b>	3	1	0	75.00%

### Standard Rated Chess

<b>Austin Harbach</b>	1	1	0	50.00%
<b>Ayush Vispute</b>	1	5	1	21.43%
<b>Brian Rountree</b>	4	4	0	50.00%

<b>Calvin Dejong</b>	3	0	1	87.50%
<b>Christophe Motley</b>	1	0	0	100.00%
<b>Clinton Eads</b>	3	5	0	37.50%
<b>Daniel Herman</b>	1	0	0	100.00%
<b>Dean Brown</b>	3	3	1	50.00%
<b>Douglas Clark</b>	0	3	0	0.00%
<b>Earle Wikle</b>	4	0	0	100.00%
<b>Edward Boldt</b>	2	1	0	66.67%
<b>Grayson Harris</b>	1	5	0	16.67%
<b>Joey Arispe</b>	2	3	0	40.00%
<b>Joseph Reininger</b>	1	2	0	33.33%
<b>Josh Bloomer</b>	3	0	0	100.00%
<b>Lawrence Osborn</b>	1	5	1	21.43%
<b>Mark McGough</b>	3	3	1	50.00%
<b>Michael Smith II</b>	2	4	0	33.33%
<b>Michael Filppu</b>	4	3	0	57.14%
<b>Paul Anderson</b>	5	2	1	68.75%
<b>Peter Barlay</b>	3	0	0	100.00%
<b>Sara Herman</b>	1	0	0	100.00%
<b>Scott Williams</b>	4	6	0	40.00%
<b>Shirley Herman</b>	1	0	0	100.00%
<b>William Wolf</b>	1	0	0	100.00%

**Dean Brown** (1400)  
**Paul Anderson** (1939)

**City Speed Chess Championship**  
 January 16, 2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 d6  
 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nxd4 Nxe4 8.Bxe7  
 Qxe7 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.0-0 d5 11.Bd3 0-0  
 12.Re1 Bf5 13.f3 Qc5+ 14.Kh1 Nf2+  
 15.Kg1 Nh3+ 16.Kh1 Qg1+ 17.Rxg1  
 Nf2# 0-1

**Michael Filppu** (1654)  
**Larry Osborn** (Unrated)  
**February Swiss 90**  
 February 6, 2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e5 4.h3 Nf6  
 5.Nc3 a6 6.a3 b5 7.Ba2 Bb7 8.d3 Be7  
 9.Ng5 0-0 10.Ne2 Nh5 11.h4 h6 12.Nc3  
 Nf4 13.Bxf4 exf4 14.Qh5 Bxg5 15.hxg5  
 Qxg5 16.Qxg5 hxg5 17.0-0-0 Nc6  
 18.Bd5 c4 19.dxc4 bxc4 20.Bxc4 Ne5  
 21.Bd5 Bxd5 22.Nxd5 Ng4 23.Ne7# 1-0

**Mark McGough** (1804)  
**Earle Wikle** (1956)  
**February Swiss 90**  
 February 13, 2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6  
 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.0-0  
 Nc6 9.Be3 Qa5 10.Qa4 Nd7 11.Qxa5  
 Nxa5 12.Nd2 Rb8 13.Nd5 Bxb2  
 14.Nxe7+ Kg7 15.Rab1 Be5 16.Rb5 b6  
 17.Nxc8 Rbxc8 18.Rc1 f5 19.Nf3 Bf6  
 20.Ng5 Rfe8 21.h4 h6 22.Nf3 Rcd8  
 23.Kf1 Nf8 24.Bh3 Re4 25.h5 Nxc4  
 26.hxg6 Nxe3+ 27.fxe3 Kxg6 28.Kf2  
 Ne6 29.Rg1 Bg5 30.Rb3 c4 31.Rc3 Nc5  
 32.Ra3 a6 33.Nd4 Bxe3+ 34.Rxe3 Rxd4  
 35.Kg2 Re4 36.Bxf5+ Kxf5 37.Rf1+ Kg6  
 0-1

**Michael Filppu** (1654)  
**Clinton Eads** (1250)  
**February Swiss 90**  
 February 20, 2018

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.d4 Nbd7  
 5.Bc4 Be7 6.Be3 h6 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qd3  
 c6 9.a3 a6 10.Ne2 b5 11.Ba2 Qc7 12.Ng3  
 Nc5 13.Bxc5 Bxc5 14.0-0-0 0-0 15.Nf5  
 Bxf5 16.exf5 Bxf2 17.Qe2 Bb6 18.Qxe5  
 Qc8 19.Nd4 Qb7 20.Qd6 Rac8 21.Rhe1  
 c5 22.Re7 Bc7 23.Rxc7 Rxc7 24.Ne6  
 fxe6 25.fxe6 Re7 26.Qxc5 Rc8 27.Rd7  
 Rxc5 28.Rxb7 Rxb7 29.e7+ Kh8 30.b4  
 Rcc7 31.Bd5 Rxe7 32.Bxb7 Rxb7 33.Kd2  
 Re7 34.h3 Nd5 35.Kd3 Nf4+ 36.Kd4  
 Nxc2 37.c4 bxc4 38.Kxc4 Rb7 39.a4  
 Ne3+ 40.Kc5 Nc2 41.b5 axb5 42.axb5  
 Rxb5+ 43.Kxb5 Kh7 44.Kc5 Kg6 45.Kd5  
 Kf5 46.h4 g5 47.hxg5 hxg5 48.Kc4 Kf4  
 49.Kd3 Kf3 50.Kxc2 Kf2 51.Kd3 g4  
 52.Ke4 g3 53.Kf4 g2 54.Ke4 g1 55.Kd5  
 Qg4 56.Ke5 Ke3 57.Kd5 Qd4+ 58.Ke6  
 Qc5 59.Kf6 Kf4 60.Ke6 Qe5+ 61.Kd7  
 Qf6 62.Kc7 Ke5 63.Kb7 Kd5 64.Kc7  
 Qh6 65.Kb7 Kc5 66.Kc7 Qh7+ 67.Kc8  
 Kd6 68.Kb8 Kc6 69.Ka8 Qb7# 0-1

**Douglas Clark** (263)  
**Larry Osborn** (Unrated)  
**February Swiss 90**  
 February 27, 2018

1.e4 e6 2.Bb5 c6 3.Ba4 d5 4.exd5 exd5  
 5.d4 Qa5+ 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Bb3 Nf6 8.Nf3  
 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Bd2 Qb2 11.0-0  
 Qa3 12.Bc1 Qd6 13.Re1+ Be6 14.Re2 h6  
 15.a4 Nbd7 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qe7  
 18.Ba3 Qd8 19.c4 Ne4 20.f3 Nc3 21.Qe1  
 Nxe2+ 22.Qxe2 Qb6+ 23.Qf2 Qxb3  
 24.cxd5 cxd5 25.a5 Qc3 26.Bb2 Qd3  
 27.Rc1 0-0 28.Rc3 Qb1+ 29.Bc1 Rac8  
 30.Qc2 Qxc2 31.Rxc2 Rxc2 32.Ba3 Rfc8  
 33.h3 d4 0-1

**Joey Arispe** (1176)  
**Mark McGough** (1795)  
**March Swiss 90**  
 March 6, 2018

1.e4 e6 2.Bc4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bb3 Nf6  
 5.d3 Bd6 6.Ne2 0-0 7.0-0 Re8 8.h3 c6  
 9.Nbc3 Nbd7 10.a3 Nc5 11.Ba2 Qc7  
 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Qd2 Ne6 14.Nd1 c5 15.c3  
 Bc6 16.f3 Rad8 17.Re1 d4 18.cxd4 cxd4  
 19.Bf2 Be5 20.Bg3 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6  
 22.Nf2 Nd5 23.Nd1 Qe5 24.Rc1 Nef4  
 25.Nxf4 Qxe1+ 26.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 27.Kf2  
 Nxf4 28.Kxe1 Nxd3+ 29.Kd2 Nxc1  
 30.Kxc1 Ba4 31.b4 Bxd1 32.Kxd1 Kf8  
 33.Kd2 Ke7 34.Kd3 f5 35.Bc4 Kf6 36.f4  
 h6 37.g3 g5 38.b5 gxf4 39.gxf4 b6 40.a4  
 Kg6 41.Be6 Rd6 42.Bc8 Rd8 43.Be6 Re8  
 44.Bd5 Re3+ 45.Kxd4 Rxb3 0-1

**Ayush Vispute** (1179)  
**Joey Arispe** (1176)  
**March Swiss 90**  
 March 13, 2018

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 e6  
 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Nc3 d5 7.e5 Nd7 8.Bd3 Be7  
 9.0-0 0-0 10.Qc2 h6 11.a3 b6 12.b4 f6  
 13.Nxd5 exd5 14.Qxc6 Rb8 15.Qxd5+  
 Kh8 16.e6 Rb7 17.Ba6 Rc7 18.Bxc8  
 Qxc8 19.exd7 Rxd7 20.Qe6 g5 21.d5  
 Kg7 22.Rd1 Bd6 23.Nd4 Be5 24.Nf5+  
 Kh7 25.Rb1 Re8 26.Nd6 Rxd6 27.Qf7+  
 Kh8 28.Qxa7 Bd4 29.Bxg5 Qc2 30.Rbc1  
 Qxf2+ 31.Kh1 hxg5 32.Qc7 Be5 33.Qf7  
 Rdd8 34.Qh5+ Kg7 35.d6 Bxd6 36.Rf1  
 Qh4 37.Qxh4 gxh4 38.Rc6 Be5 39.Rxb6  
 Rd2 40.Rb7+ Kg6 41.a4 Rb8 42.Rxb8  
 Bxb8 43.a5 Rb2 44.a6 Rxb4 45.Ra1 Ba7  
 46.g3 hxg3 47.hxg3 Kg5 48.Kg2 Kg4  
 49.Ra2 f5 50.Ra1 Rb2+ 51.Kf1 Kxg3  
 52.Ra3+ Kg4 53.Ke1 f4 54.Kf1 f3  
 55.Ra1 Rh2 56.Ra4+ Kg3 57.Rg4+ Kxg4

58.Ke1 Kf4 59.Kd1 Ke3 60.Kc1 Kd3  
61.Kb1 Kc3 62.Ka1 Kb3 63.Kb1 Rh1#  
0-1

**Michael Smith** (1641)

**Clinton Eads** (1341)

**March Swiss 90**

March 20, 2018

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5 dxe5  
5.Qxd8+ Kxd8 6.Bg5 Ke8 7.Nf3 Bd6  
8.0-0-0 Be6 9.Bb5+ Nc6 10.Bxf6 gxf6  
11.Nd5 Bxd5 12.exd5 a6 13.Bxc6+ bxc6  
14.dxc6 Ke7 15.Rhe1 Rhg8 16.g3 Rab8  
17.Rd3 Rb6 18.Nd4 Kf8 19.Nf5 Rxc6  
20.Red1 Rg5 21.Nxd6 cxd6 22.Rxd6  
Rxd6 23.Rxd6 a5 24.Rxf6 Kg7 25.Rf3 e4  
26.Rf4 Re5 27.Kd2 Rb5 28.b3 a4  
29.Rxe4 axb3 30.cxb3 Rd5+ 31.Kc3 Rd1  
32.a4 Rf1 33.Rf4 Rc1+ 34.Kb4 Rh1  
35.h4 Re1 36.a5 Re5 37.a6 Re8 38.Ka4  
Re6 39.Kb5 Re5+ 40.Kb6 Re6+ 41.Kb7  
Re7+ 42.Kc8 Re8+ 43.Kd7 Ra8 44.Ra4  
Ra7+ 45.Kc6 Re7 46.a7 Re6+ 47.Kd5 h5  
48.a8Q Rg6 49.Rf4 Re6 50.Qb7 Rg6  
51.Rxf7+ Kh6 52.Rh7# 1-0

**Christopher Motley** (1494)

**Michael Smith** (1641)

**March Swiss 90**

March 27, 2018

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 d4 4.Ne2 c5 5.c3  
Nc6 6.cxd4 cxd4 7.Qa4 Bd7 8.Nexd4 e5  
9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Bb5 Bd6 11.Bxc6+ bxc6  
12.Qxc6+ Kf8 13.0-0 Ne7 14.Qa4 h5  
15.d4 Ng6 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Bxe5  
18.Rd1 Qh4 19.g3 Qg4 20.f4 h4 21.Rd5  
hxg3 22.Qa3+ Bd6 23.Qxg3 Bc5+  
24.Rxc5 Qd1+ 25.Kf2 Qh1 26.Bd2 Qxa1  
27.Bc3 Rh7 28.Rg5 g6 29.f5 Qh1  
30.Bb4+ Kg7 31.Rxg6+ fxg6 32.Qxg6+  
Kh8 33.Bc3+ Rg7 34.Qxg7# 1-0



## Upcoming Tournaments at the Colorado Springs Chess Club

*(More information can be found at:  
[www.coloradochess.com/newtourn.shtml](http://www.coloradochess.com/newtourn.shtml))*

**April Quick Six**

April 3 - 10

**Cabin Fever Reliever**

April 17 - 24

**May Swiss 90**

May 1 - 22

**May One Night Quick**

May 29

**June Swiss 90**

June 5 - 26

**July Quick Six**

July - 10

**July Mating Game**

July 17 - 24

**July One Night Quick**

July 31

**August Swiss 90**

August 7 - 28

**September Swiss 90**

September 4 - 25

**54th Annual Colorado Springs  
City Chess Championship**

October 2 - 30

**November Swiss 90**

November 6 - 27

**December Swiss 90**

December 4 - 18

## Denver Chess Club February 2018 Report

by J.C. MacNeil

I am pleased to report that for 8 of the first 9 Tuesdays of the New Year we have had over 50 players in attendance at the Denver Chess Club. On a bitter cold, snowy Tuesday in the 3rd week of February, we “only” had 44 players. What we need now is more higher rated players to play on Tuesday nights. Richard Shtivelband is proving to be a force, and I know he would like other Masters, besides Brian Wall, to test his strength on Tuesday nights.

I am hoping sometime this year, on a five Tuesday month, the DCC can have a 6 player Masters Only section playing a Round Robin. Maybe the DCC board would even spring for a separate prize fund at no cost to the six Masters. Or the players decide on an entry fee and the DCC doubles the total. Think of this - each Master puts up \$100 and the DCC bumps up the total to \$1200. I admit this would be a hard sell to the DCC board, but surely we could add a couple hundred. Then to make it real... winner takes all!

Brian Wall and I, along with Dean Clow and the other DCC board members, want the DCC to grow and someday rival St. Louis as a force in American chess. Dreaming right now, but why not?

Here are the players who earned a share of the \$660 February prize fund. As mentioned above, Richard Shtivelband is a welcome addition to Colorado chess and especially welcome at the DCC on Tuesday nights. At last Brian Wall and Christofer Peterson have some Master level competition. Mr. Shtivelband went 4-0 and won the top prize of \$120. He won against Richard Pugh in the 1st round, beating the rising star youngsters and soon to be Experts, Griffin McConnell and Neil Bhavikatti in rounds 2 and 3. Then won against the soon to be Master, Daniel Herman, to finish with a perfect score. Well done, sir.

Daniel Herman was not pleased with his play against Mr. Shtivelband, but he did tie Brian Wall for 2nd place. Highlighted by a nice upset win over Kevin Seidler in round 3. Mr. Wall had a 1st round bye and was held to a draw by Sara Herman. Daniel and Brian each ended up with 3 points and shared the \$90 prize.

A player who is, without doubt, pleased with his play would be Steve Kovach. He won a thrilling last round game against the much higher rated Neil Bhavikatti. With only seconds on his clock, Mr. Kovach escaped from a classic “sticky rook draw” and won the \$70 U2000 prize.

A “sticky rook draw” is where, say, the Black king is stalemated and its mate in one if White can get out of check. But the Black rook sticks right next to the White king, move after move giving check, and can't be taken without allowing the stalemate. Long time Colorado players may remember 1700 rated Paul Grimm, saved a game against FIDE Master Michael Ponomarov years ago with this technique.

An amusing moment in this game came at the very end. Mr. Kovach, after escaping the sticky rook, is completely winning but he has only seconds on the clock. He pushed a pawn to the 8th rank and seemed to be looking for another queen to put on the board. At this point, astoundingly, Neil first reached out and hit the clock for Mr. Kovach, then placed an upside down rook on the queening square. Then they played on another 15 or so moves before Neil resigned. Shell shocked or a grand gesture of sportsmanship, I don't know, but it was real cool to do that when he could have sat back and allowed Mr. Kovach's time to expire, when Steve did not hit his clock, or replace the pawn with a piece.

The Open Upset prize was won by Sulleiman Omar. Mr. Omar only played one game this month but he won \$30 for his fine 368 rating difference win over Sullivan McConnell. Ask Brian Wall if Sullivan or his brother Griffin are getting hard to beat.

Ben Gurka ruled the U1800 section with a perfect score. His fine play won \$110. Mr. Gurka blew me off the board in

round 3. He then went on to also have another upset win over Walter Lowe in the last round. It's not going to be long before Ben is playing in the Open section.

Srikar Appana won \$80 and took the 2nd place with 3.5 points which included a 1st round forfeit win, a 3rd round bye, but also two big upset wins. Against Brian Hughes in round 2 and against yours truly in the last round. I am shedding rating points like a dog sheds water.

The U1600 prize was shared by long time DCC member Randolph Schine and Michael Crill. They each won \$32.50 with 3 point scores. Mr. Schine had two upset draws and finished with a nice attacking win over Anthony Miller in the last round. Mr. Crill may have been playing for 1st place if he had not let me slip off the hook in round 2. Otherwise he won all his games.

Jacob Zirin lost his 1st round game to the much higher rated John Krue. That must have inspired him because Mr. Zirin then went on to have big upset wins in his next 3 games. Including a 658 point rating difference win over Tom Rosenbaum in the last round. His excellent play won the \$65 U1400 prize. The actual \$30 Upset prize in this section was won by another player who only played one game. Adam Rodriguez put a 714 point difference win on Yuri Bogaychuk, and everybody knows Yuri is not easy to beat.

Congratulations to all the prize winners and welcome to all the new players we are seeing at the Denver Chess Club each week. The DCC is thriving and one reason is because, courtesy of the fine people running the church, we have a great playing room. Another reason is Dean Clow and his able assistants (Andrew Starr, Cory Kohler and Adam Neiswender) get the rounds started on time and the rating reports submitted promptly. And thanks to Meint Olthof, the prize fund checks don't bounce.

Speaking of prize fund checks, the Denver Open is coming up April 14 & 15. Our projected prize fund is \$2000 based on an attendance of 100 players. We expect to exceed that number and the prize fund will of course increase proportionally. The DCC would like to

see an attendance of 150 players and have a resulting humongous prize payout. Hopefully we can make it happen.

**Vedanth Sampath** (1605)

**Sara Herman** (1953)

**Round 1**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 O-O 7.Nc3 d6 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Be2 e5 10.Qc2 Re8 11.O-O e4 12.Nd2 Qe7 13.Rfc1 Nf8 14.Nd5 Nxd5 15.cxd5 Bd7 16.Qxc7 Rec8 17.Qb6 Ng6 18.Rxc8+ Rxc8 19.Nc4 Qg5 20.Qxd6 Bb5 21.b3 a4 22.Qb4 Bxc4 23.bxc4 Nh4 24.Bf1 f5 25.c5 f4 26.Qxb7 Rf8 27.exf4 Qxf4 28.Qb2 e3 29.fxe3 Qxe3+ 30.Kh1 Nf5 31.Rd1 Ng3+ 32.hxg3 Qh6+ 1/2-1/2

**Bernard Voss** (1472)

**Caleb Harris** (Unrated)

**Round 2**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Bd3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.O-O Nb4 7.Bb5 c6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 a5 10.a3 Na6 11.c3 Be7 12.Bf4 Qb6 13.Nbd2 O-O 14.Re1 h6 15.Nf1 Bb7 16.Ng3 g5 17.Be3 c5 18.Bc2 c4 19.Nh4 f6 20.Qh5 f5 21.Qg6+ Kh8 22.Nh5 Rf6 23.Qg7# 1-0

**J.C. MacNeil** (1608)

**Ben Gurka** (1670)

**Round 3**

*(Notes by J.C. MacNeil)*

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd3 dxe4 6.fxe4 Qxd4 (*Just a pawn.*) 7.Nge2 Qb6 8.Bd2 Nf6 9.Na4 Qa5 10.Nac3 Nbd7 11.O-O Ne5 12.a3 Bc5+ 13.Kh1 Qc7 14.Bf4 Nh5 15.Qd2 Nxf4 16.Nxf4 Bd7 17.b4 Bd4 18.Rab1 O-O 19.b5 Rad8 20.Nce2 Bb6 21.Qe1 cxb5 22.Bxb5 Qxc2 (*Just another pawn.*) 23.Qg3 Bxb5 24.Rxb5 Qxe4 (*And pawn number 3 goes off the board.*) 25.Nc3 Qc4 26.Re1 Ng6 27.Rb4 Qc6 28.Ne4 Ba5 (*Just an exchange.*) 29.Ng5 Bxb4 30.axb4 Rd2 31.Nh5 Qd5 32.Qh3 Qxg5 (*Just a whole piece, and White resigns having never made a single good move.*) 0-1

**Vivek Srinivasan** (1710)

**Richard Pugh III** (1750)

**Round 3**

*(Extra Game)*

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.e3 Nc6 6.a3 Be7 7.Nge2 O-O 8.cxd5 exd5 9.O-O d4 10.exd4 Nxd4 11.d3 Be6 12.Nxd4 cxd4 13.Ne4 Qd7 14.Re1 h6

15.Bf4 Rac8 16.Qe2 Bb3 17.Rac1 Nd5 18.Nd2 Nxf4 19.gxf4 Be6 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.f5 Bxf5 22.Qxe7 Qxe7 23.Rxe7 Rc2 24.Re8+ Kh7 25.Be4 1-0

**Brian Wall** (2241)

**Sara Herman** (1953)

**Round 3**

*(Notes by Brian Wall)*

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 e6 (*At this point the game felt like Smyslov - Fischer 1970, Palma de Mallorca Interzonal.*) 6.O-O Nge7 7.b3 O-O 8.Bb2 d5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Rc1 b5 11.d3 a5 12.Qd2 Qb6 13.Nd1 Bxb2 14.Qxb2 Be6 15.Ng5 Rac8 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Nc3 Rf7 18.e3 Rcf8 19.Ne2 d4 20.exd4 cxd4 21.Rce1 e5 22.Be4 Nb4 23.a3 Nbd5 24.b4 axb4 25.axb4 Qd6 26.Rc1 Nxb4 27.Rb1 Nbd5 (*Time left Brian 6:10 + a 5 second delay - Sara 4:44 + a 5 second delay. Sara went under 5 minutes so we both stopped keeping score. The following is a rough recreation.*) 28.Qxb5 Nc3 29.Nxc3 dxc3 30.Rbc1 Qd4 31.Rc2 Kg7 32.Kg2 Nf5 33.Bxf5 Rxf5 34.Qb7+ R8f7 35.Qe4 Rf3 36.Re2 Rxd3 37.Qxe5+ Qxe5 38.Rxe5 Rc7 39.Rc1 c2 40.Re2 Rdc3 41.Kf1 Kf6 42.Ke1 R3c4 43.Re3 Rb4 44.Kd2 Rd4+ 45.Rd3 Rdc4 46.f3 R4c5 47.Ke3 Re5+ 48.Kd2 Rh5 49.h4 Rhc5 50.Rd8 Rc3 51.Rd3 R3c5 52.Re3 Rd5+ 53.Rd3 Rdc5 54.Rd4 Rc3 55.Rd3 R3c5 (*Sara offered a draw when she had about half a minute to my one minute. I used half my time but didn't see anything meaningful I could try. I didn't feel like a sleazy time win because Gunnar Andersen had victimized me all weekend that way at the Tivoli Center and it's not a nice feeling. I had done that to Sara too many times already. I felt like I had to play very well just to stay in the game. I rarely apply opening pressure like 2350 Life Master Josh Bloomer. I just play any opening I feel like and wait for errors. If that doesn't work I am out of options. Final times: Brian 39.8 seconds + a 5 second delay - Sara 38.2 seconds + a 5 second delay.*) 1/2-1/2

**Srikanth Appana** (1459)

**J.C. MacNeil** (1608)

**Round 4**

*(Notes by J.C. MacNeil)*

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.g3 Bg7 5.Bg2 O-O 6.O-O Nbd7 7.Qc2 c6 8.e4 e5

9.Bg5 Qc7 10.Nbd2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.b4 Ne6 13.Be3 Ng4 14.Nxe6 Nxe3 15.Nxc7 Nxc2 16.Rac1 (*I never considered he would just move the rook.*) 16...Nxb4 (*After the game Srikanth pointed out instead of my lame 16...Nxb4, I had the much better 16...Nd4, threatening ...Ne2. It goes downhill from here.*) 17.Nxa8 Be6 (*Maybe with 17...Bd7 I would have some chance to hold.*) 18.Nc7 Bd7 19.Rb1 Bc3 20.Nf3 Bc8 (*Just a fine bishop maneuver.*) 21.a3 Nc2 22.Rbc1 Ne3 23.Rxc3 Nxf1 24.Kxf1 Rd8 25.e5 dxe5 26.Nxe5 f6 27.Rd3 Rf8 28.Nd7 Rf7 29.Ne8 (*The "trapped" knight escapes and Black at last resigns.*) 1-0

**Nicholas Aretz** (1343)

**Rayan Roy** (1449)

**Round 4**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Qa5 6.Ne2 d5 7.Nd2 Be7 8.dxc5 Qxc5 9.O-O a6 10.Nf3 b5 11.Ned4 Bb7 12.a4 O-O 13.Nb3 Qb6 14.a5 Qd8 15.Nbd4 Rc8 16.Nd2 Nxa5 17.Bg3 Nc4 18.Nxc4 dxc4 19.Bc2 Re8 20.Qe2 Bd6 21.Rfd1 Qc7 22.Bxd6 Qxd6 23.Nxb5 Qc6 24.Nd6 Qxg2# 0-1

**Mark Fischer** (1302)

**Jordan Dorchuck** (1285)

**Round 4**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nbd2 Nbd7 5.b3 e6 6.c4 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bb2 Rc8 9.e4 cxd4 10.exd5 e5 11.Bb5 a6 12.Bxd7+ Qxd7 13.Qe2 Be7 14.Qxe5 O-O 15.Bxd4 Bf6 16.Qf4 Rfe8+ 17.Be5 Qd6 18.Qxf5 Qxd5 19.O-O Bxe5 20.Nxe5 Qxe5 21.Qg4 Rc2 22.Rael Qxe1 23.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 24.Nf1 Rcc1 25.g3 Rxf1+ 26.Kg2 Rfd1 27.Qf4 Rc8 28.Qg4 Rdc1 29.h4 h6 30.h5 R1c2 31.Qd7 b5 32.g4 R2c7 33.Qd6 Rc6 34.Qb4 Re6 35.g5 Re5 36.g6 fxg6 37.hxg6 Rg5+ 38.Kh3 Rxxg6 39.Qe4 Rc3+ 40.f3 Rcc6 41.f4 Rc3+ 42.Kh4 Rcc6 43.Qe8+ Kh7 44.f5 Rgf6 45.Qd7 Rfd6 46.Qe7 Rd4+ 47.Kh5 Rf6 48.Qe5 Rd2 49.a4 bxa4 50.bxa4 Rfd6 51.Qe4 Rh2+ 52.Kg4 h5+ 53.Kg5 Rg2+ 54.Qxg2 1-0

**Dylan Goertz** (1489)

**Michael Stolte** (1045)

**Round 4**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 h6 5.Nxd4 Ne5 6.Bb3 Qf6 7.O-O a6 8.Nc3

c5 9.Nd5 Qd8 10.Qh5 d6 11.f4 Bg4  
*(Is the queen lost? What can be saved?)*  
 12.Nc7+ *(Four better moves, one of them*  
*loses nothing... 12.Ba4+ b5 13.Nxb5*  
*Bxh5 (Not best move but a plausible*  
*quick move by Black 14.Nbc7#*  
*(14.Nxd6# )) 12...Qxc7 13.Qh4 cxd4*  
*14.fxe5 Be6 15.Bxe6 Be7? (15... fxe6*  
*16.Qh5+ Kd7 17.Rf7+ Ne7 18.Bf47)*  
 16.Bxf7+ Kd8 17.Qg3 Bg5? 18.Bxg5+  
 hxg5 19.Qxg5+? *(19.exd6 Qc6*  
*20.Qxg5+±) 19...Ne7 20.Qxg7 Kd7*  
 21.Bd5? *(21.Rf6) 21...Rhe8 22.Rf7? dxe5*  
 23.Raf1 Qxc2? 24.Qxe5 Kd8? 25.Qd6+  
 Kc8 26.Be6# 1-0

**Sara Herman** (1953)  
**Daniel Ruvins** (1801)

**Round 4**

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6  
 5.Bg5 Bd6 6.e3 h6 7.Bh4 Nbd7 8.Rc1  
 Bb4 9.a3 Ba5 10.b4 Bc7 11.Be2 a6  
 12.O-O O-O 13.Qc2 Nb6 14.Ne5 dxc4  
 15.Nxc4 Nbd5 16.Ne5 Nxc3 17.Qxc3  
 Bxe5 18.dxe5 Nd5 19.Qd4 Qc7 20.f4  
 Qb6 21.Qxb6 Nxb6 22.e4 Bd7 23.Rfd1  
 Bc8 24.Rd6 f6 25.exf6 gxf6 26.Bf2 Na4  
 27.Bc4 a5 28.f5 axb4 29.fxe6 Re8 30.e7+  
 Kg7 31.Bd4 Rxe7 32.Bxf6+ Kf8 33.Rf1  
 Rd7 34.Be5+ Ke8 35.Rdf6 Re7 36.Rf8+  
 Kd7 37.Rd1# 1-0

**Randolph Schine** (1500)  
**Anthony Miller** (1010)

**Round 4**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.e4 e6 4.Bxc4 g6 5.a3  
 Bg7 6.Nf3 Ne7 7.Nc3 Bd7 8.e5 Nbc6  
 9.Bg5 a6 10.Qc2 h6 11.Be3 Nf5 12.O-O  
 Nxe3 13.fxe3 O-O 14.Bd3 Ne7 15.Ne4  
 Nf5 16.Qf2 Bc6 17.g4 Ne7 18.h4 f5  
 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qg3 Nd5 21.Nxf6+  
 Nxf6 22.g5 Nh5 23.Qg4 Qd6 24.Ne5 Qd5  
 25.Kh2 Qd6 26.gxh6 Qe7 27.Qxg6+ Ng7  
 28.Qh7# 1-0



## 2018 Colorado Senior Championship March 24 & 25 at *Club Chess!!* in Colorado Springs Champion - Brian Wall

by Chief Tournament Director - Dean Clow

The first Colorado State event of the year!

(Final standings can be found here: <https://tinyurl.com/yakaxdkq>)

22 players joined us this year for the Senior Championship at Club Chess!! in Colorado Springs. This marks a decent improvement over the previous year; Maybe due to the location change or the slight price reduction. The prize fund was also significantly increased over last year due to lower TD and venue fees, leaving the tournament with \$485 in prizes.

We had many of regular players, and some that have not been seen in a while; It's always good to see Mark Krowczyk and Dan Avery back in action after some time off. We were also fortunate to have a house player in Ohio player Michael Abron, who is making a tour of the nation playing rated chess in every state. Unfortunately, Dan Avery had to pull out before the start of Round 3 due to an illness. A very unfortunate turn of events as Dan was 2/2 at the time.

With companies trying to going 'Green' nowadays, we saw an opportunity to do the same with this tournament. We leveraged the TV's in the playing areas (along with *CaissaChess*) to project the pairings and standings to players, removing the need for printers. My personal hope is that this becomes a regular occurrence in other tournaments.

I would like to add a quick word from our hosts, Club Chess!! *"Whether your interest is in top-notch training and competitive sportsmanship - or good old fashioned casual play for the sheer fun and excitement of it - or perhaps you're just being moved by that inner desire to finally learn "The Game of Kings" - or maybe you simply enjoy meeting and being with fun and interesting people! - whatever your interest level may be, Club Chess!! was built especially for you."*

A big thank you to our hosts *Club Chess!!*, and of course to the players who made the tournament a success.



## Denver Chess Club 2018 Championship Report

by J.C. MacNeil

(With pictures courtesy  
of Shirley Herman)

What a great start we had to the New Year at the Denver Chess Club. We kicked off the first Tuesday of the New Year with our annual Pizza Party. Provided free of charge by the DCC. I am guessing there were over 70 people in the room. Mostly rated players there for the 1st round of the 3 section DCC Championships, but also several casual players, and the usual chess parents. The room was full of exuberant, energetic chess players having a good time.

Then we got down to the serious business of determining the 2018 Champions in three sections: Open, U1900 and U1500. This proved to be a good split, since we had a near equal number of players in each section. Before getting to a summary of the tournament, get a load of these numbers. 83 individual players over the course of the month, with an average of 56 players playing each week. That's right - we had well over 50 players at the DCC all 5 weeks in January. Here is another big number. The Championship prize

fund was a whopping \$950. I am not making these numbers up. No fake news here.

The Open section was very strong with 5 Masters; Josh Bloomer, Brian Wall, Richard Shtivelband, Christofer Peterson, and Carlos Santillan. Mr. Santillan's rating has fallen below 2200, but I say once a Master always a Master. NM Wall agrees with me on this. In addition to these potent players, there were 4 Experts and several near Expert competitors.

Josh Bloomer had no trouble with any of them. Going 5-0 against such a tough field is quite an accomplishment. As mentioned above, 83 players played in this year's Championship tournament and Mr. Bloomer had the only perfect score. He started off with a win against Jason Wycoff (rated 1929), won against NM's Santillan, Peterson, and Wall, and then finished with a win against Kevin Seidler (rated 2154). No loses, no draws, to win \$190. More importantly he will be awarded the DCC Open Championship trophy.

Brian Wall took 2nd place with a 4 point score. Winning his last round game against the fast rising youngster, Neil Bhavikatti. Neil playing on board 2 in the final round is an indication of how good his game is becoming. He had a huge 142 point rating difference against Dean Clow in round 4 to earn his chance for a place

prize, but everybody knows Mr. Wall is hard to beat. To encourage inactive players to return to tournament chess at the DCC, Brian has chosen to use his \$100 2nd place prize, to make the following offer...

*"DCC President Brian Wall is willing to pay all USCF, DCC and entry fees associated with the first month to any Zombie (defined as a former USCF rated player who has been inactive for at least 4 years) brave enough to play a rated game Tuesday night."*

Wording there is a little awkward, so to clarify - provided the "Zombie" has been inactive for 4 or more years, Brian Wall will renew an inactive player's USCF membership, pay for a DCC membership, and pay a one month DCC Tuesday night tournament entry fee. Quite generous, I say. I certainly hope players, such as Jeff McGuire take Mr. Wall up on this offer. Show up at the DCC on any Tuesday night to claim this gift.

The final prize in the Open section was the U2000 and was won by Jason Wycoff. Jason had lost to Mr. Bloomer in the 1st round but recovered nicely to finish with 3 wins after a 2nd round bye. I am sure he was pleased to win in the last round with a nice game against Dean Clow. Dean very much wants to be relieved of his TD duties, so he can relax and just play chess on Tuesday nights.



Anyone who has some tech skills, and is interested in becoming a DCC Tuesday night Tournament Director, please make your wish known to Mr. Clow.

I believe I mentioned somewhere that I had high hopes of winning the U1900 section. Let's just say that didn't happen. Playing good chess was Brian Hughes and Daniel Ruvins. They were paired in the last round with 1st place on the line. Mr. Ruvins had taken a 1st round bye and had then won his next 3 games. Mr. Hughes had won his all his games to be in the driver's seat with 4 points. After a hard fought game Daniel won and took clear 1st place to win \$150 and the U1900 trophy.



Mr. Hughes was left in a 3 way tie with Yuri Bogaychuk and Ben Gurka. All three of these players played excellent chess to earn their share of the \$160 combined 2nd and U1600 prize. Brian upset Bill O'Neil in round 3. Yuri upset David Hufnagel in round 1 and Walter Lowe in the last round. Mr. Lowe had crushed me in round 4. Other than his loss to Mr. Hughes in round 4, Ben Gurka had upset wins against everyone he played. Including a thrashing of me in round 3. I was also schooled by Micheal Crill in round 5... Damn it!

No less hard fought was the U1500 section. Going into the last round, Meint Olthof had 4 points and he was paired against, new to the DCC, Rayan Roy. Rayan had taken a 3rd round bye and otherwise won all his games. Mr. Olthof secured clear 1st place with a draw and won \$130. To have the chance to be playing for first place, Meint had to get by the higher rated, Dylan Goertz in round 4, and Mr. Olthof did just that to win the money and of course the U1500 trophy.

Mr. Roy took clear 2nd place and won \$80, and we are glad to have him playing at the DCC. Jacob Zirin won the U1200 prize of \$65 with fine upset wins in the last 2 rounds. Including a nice 102 point rating difference win over the DCC veteran Paul Kullback. I can testify that Mr. Kullback is not easy to beat.

Congratulations to the 3 Champions, and the other prize winners. All of us at the

DCC are pleased with the way the club is growing and we hope to sustain that growth throughout 2018.

*And now the games of Brian Wall,  
with the game between Ruvins-Hughes  
thrown in just to cleanse the palate.*

**Sullivan McConnell** (2022)

**Brian Wall** (2240)

#### Round 1

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.h3 g6 7.Nf3 Bg7 8.Nc3 O-O 9.Be2 Nc6 10.O-O Bf5 11.b3 e5 12.Bg5 Qb8 13.Be3 Rd8 14.d5 Ne7 15.Rc1 Bd7 16.Nh4 f5 17.f4 Be8 18.Qd2 Nd7 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.Bg5 Nf6 21.Nf3 Bf7 22.Qe3 Re8 23.Nh2 f4 24.Qd3 e4 25.Qb1 f3 26.Bxf6 Bxf6 27.gxf3 Qg3+ 28.Kh1 Be5 29.Ng4 Qxh3+ 30.Kg1 Bd4+ 31.Rf2 exf3 0-1

**Brian Wall** (2240)

**Daniel Herman** (2100)

#### Round 2

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.O-O d6 7.c4 Be7 8.b3 b6 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.Bb2 Nbd7 11.Qe2 Qc7 12.Rac1 Re8 13.f4 Qb8 14.Nf3 O-O 15.Rce1 Rfe8 16.e5 dxe5 17.fxe5 Ng4 18.Ng5 Bxg5 19.Qxg4 Bh6 20.Nd5 exd5 21.e6 fxe6 22.Rxe6 Ne5 23.Bxe5 Qxe5 24.Rxe5 Rxe5 25.Qd7 1-0

**Richard Shtivelband** (2261)

**Brian Wall** (2240)

#### Round 3

1.e4 a6 2.d4 e6 3.c4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nc3 g6

6.f4 Bg7 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.dxe6 fxe6 9.Be3 Qa5 10.Qd2 Nbc6 11.Rd1 O-O 12.Be2 e5 13.Qxd6 exf4 14.Bxf4 Bg4 15.O-O Bxf3 16.Bxf3 Nd4 17.Bg5 Nec6 18.Bg4 Qb4 19.Be6+ Nxe6 20.Qxe6+ Kh8 21.Bf6 Bxf6 22.Rxf6 Qxb2 23.Rdf1 Rxf6 24.Qxf6+ Kg8 25.Qf7+ Kh8 26.Rf3 Qc1+ 27.Kf2 Qd2+ 28.Ne2 Nd4 29.Re3 Nc2 30.Rh3 Qe1+ 0-1

**Brian Wall** (2240)

**Josh Bloomer** (2320)

#### Round 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 O-O 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.cxd5 h6 10.Be3 a6 11.a4 Re8 12.Nge2 Nbd7 13.Nc1 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Qe7 15.Bd3 f5 16.O-O Kh7 17.Ne2 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Nf6 19.Nc3 Nxe4 20.Nxe4 Bf5 21.Bf4 Bxe4 22.Rae1 b5 23.axb5 axb5 24.b3 c4 25.bxc4 bxc4 26.Rxe4 Qc7 27.Rc1 Rxe4 28.fxe4 c3 29.Qd3 Ra2 30.Rc2 Qb6+ 0-1

**Brian Wall** (2240)

**Neil Bhavikatti** (2015)

#### Round 5

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.f3 e5 5.Nge2 c6 6.Be3 Qc7 7.g4 h6 8.Qd2 Nb6 9.Ng3 Be6 10.b3 Rd8 11.O-O-O Be7 12.Nf5 Bxf5 13.gxf5 d5 14.Rg1 Rg8 15.Kb2 dxe4 16.fxe4 Bb4 17.Qd3 Qe7 18.Bg2 Kf8 19.Bf3 exd4 20.Bxd4 Nbd7 21.Rge1 Ne5 22.Qe3 Nfd7 23.Re2 b6 24.Nb1 Bc5 25.Bxc5 Qxc5 26.Qxc5+ bxc5 27.Re3 c4 28.Be2 cxb3 29.axb3 Ke7 30.Nc3 Nc5 31.Ra1 Rd7 32.Na4 Nxa4+ 33.Rxa4 f6 34.Rc3 Rgd8 35.Bc4 Nxc4+ 36.Raxc4 Rd4 37.Rxd4 Rxd4 38.Rxc6 Kd7 39.Ra6 Rxe4 40.Rxa7+

Kd6 41.Rxg7 Rh4 42.c4 Rxh2+ 43.Kc3  
 Rf2 44.Rg6 Rxf5 45.Rxh6 Ke7 46.Rh8  
 Rc5 47.b4 Rc7 48.Rh7+ Kd8 49.Rxc7  
 Kxc7 50.c5 f5 51.b5 f4 52.Kd3 Kb7  
 53.Ke4 f3 54.Kxf3 Kc7 55.Ke4 Kb7  
 56.Kd5 Kc7 57.Ke6 Kb7 58.Kd7 Kb8  
 59.b6 Kb7 60.c6+ Kxb6 61.c7 Kc5  
 62.c8R+ Kd5 63.Rc1 Kd4 64.Kd6 Ke4  
 65.Rd1 Kf4 66.Re1 Kf3 67.Ke5 Kg4  
 68.Rf1 Kh5 69.Kf4 Kh6 70.Kf5 Kh7  
 71.Kf6 Kh8 72.Kf7 Kh7 73.Rh1# 1-0

**Daniel Ruvins** (1773)

**Brian Hughes** (1596)

### Round 5

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6  
 5.Bc4 O-O 6.Nbd2 Nc6 7.Nb3 e6 8.Qe2  
 a6 9.c3 Re8 10.Rd1 b5 11.Bd3 Bb7  
 12.Bg5 Na7 13.Na5 Bc8 14.Be4 d5  
 15.Bc2 c5 16.Nb3 c4 17.Nbd2 Qa5 18.a3  
 Qc7 19.e4 Bb7 20.e5 Nd7 21.O-O a5  
 22.Qe3 Nc6 23.Bh6 Qd8 24.Bxg7 Kxg7  
 25.Ng5 Qe7 26.f4 h6 27.Nh3 Rg8 28.Qg3  
 Kf8 29.Nf3 Ke8 30.f5 g5 31.fxe6 fxe6  
 32.Qg4 Kd8 33.Nd2 Kc7 34.Qh5 Rh8  
 35.Rf7 Qe8 36.Bg6 Qg8 37.Rdf1 Nd8  
 38.R7f2 Nc6 39.Bf7 1-0



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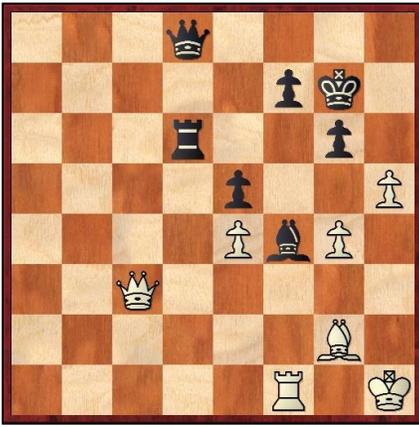
# The Chess Detective®

## Opposite Color Bishops in the Middlegame Problems

by NM Todd Bardwick

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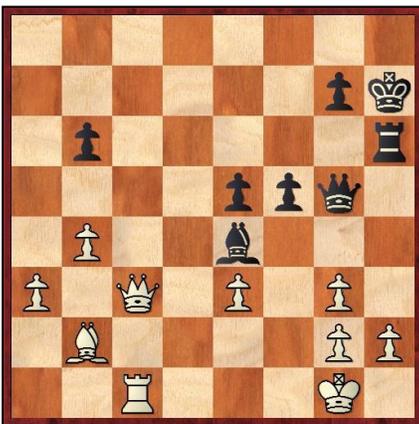
In the January 2018 edition of the Colorado Chess Informant, we looked at some examples of opposite color bishop middlegames. Now it's your turn to figure out how to win some of these exciting positions. Remember to keep the initiative - the player with more active bishop as it is aimed at the opposing king usually wins. (Answers are on the next page.)



**1.**  
Position after 44.Qc3  
Black to move



**2.**  
Position after 36...fxe5  
White to move



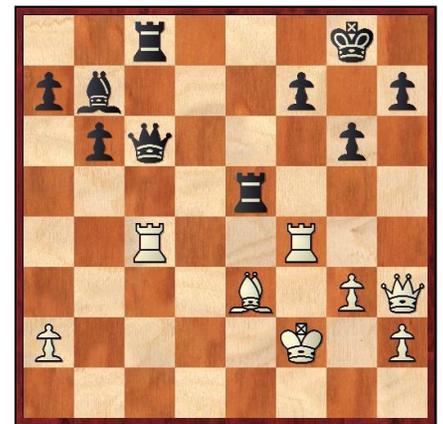
**3.**  
Position after 34.Qc3  
Black to move



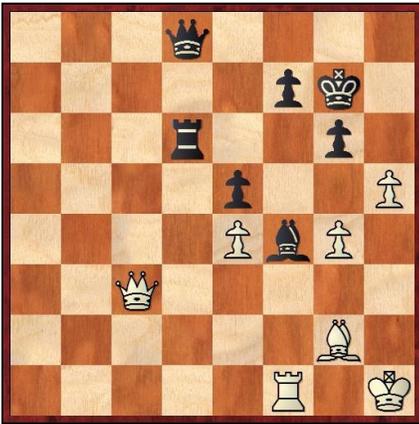
**4.**  
Position after 39...Ke8  
White to move



**5.**  
Position after 40...Ke7  
White to move



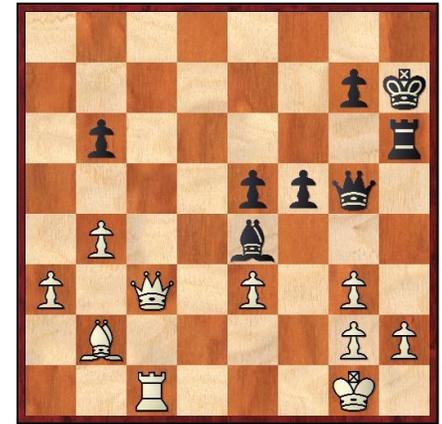
**6.**  
Position after 27.Rxc4  
Black to move



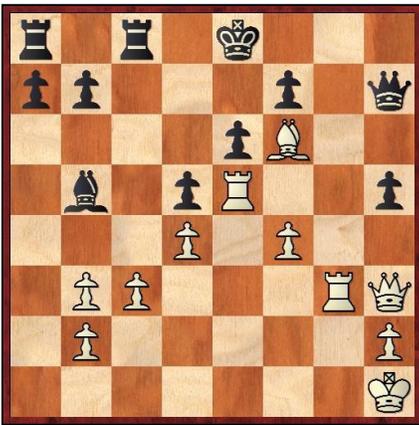
**1.** This position occurred in the 2008 Amber Blindfold Tournament in Monte Carlo, Monaco, between Boris Gelfand and Sergey Karjakin. Black has the more active bishop. He played **44...Rd3** (This is stronger than **44...Qh4+ 45.Qh3 45.Qe1 Bg3 46.h6+ Kh8 47.Resigns** (Along with the queen, **47...Qh4+** is threatened.) Open tactical positions are difficult to play blindfolded!



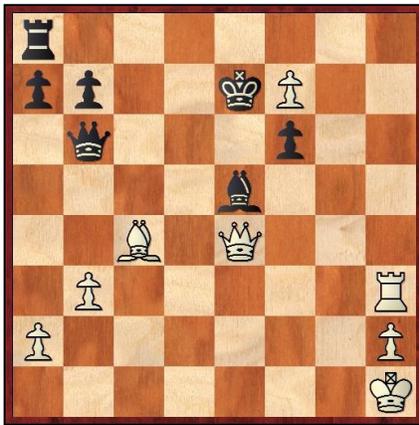
**2.** White played, **37.Bd3!** (Black will have problems defending his light squares.) **37...e4+** (To open up the a1-h8 diagonal for the bishop to help defend.) **38.Bxe4 Qg7 39.Qe6+ Qf6** (If **39...Kh5** or **39...Bf6**, then **40.Qh3** mate) **40.Qd7 Resigns** (**40...Qg7 41.Qh3** mate or **40...Qh8 41.fxc5+ Kxc5 42.Qf5+ Kh6 43.Qg6** mate. **40...g4+ 41.Qxg4** likely followed by **42.Qd7** renewing the mate threats on h7) Levon Aronian played White in this position against Vassily Ivanchuk in the 4th FIDE Grand Prix in 2009 in Nalchik, Kabardino-Balkar Republic, Russia.



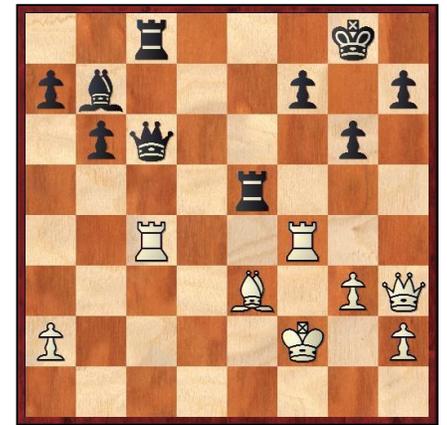
**3.** This position is from a game between Igors Rausis and Matthew Sadler played in Enghien-les-Bains (Paris), France in 1999. Black played, **34...Qh5 35.Kf2** (If **35.h3** or **35.h4**, then **35...Qe2 35...Qxh2 36.Rg1 Rc6 37.Qxe5** (At least creating a mate threat in a losing cause - note that it is on the dark squares.) **37...Rc2+ 38.Kf1 Bd3+ 39.Resigns**



**4.** White sacrificed his rook with **40.Rxe6+! fxe6 41.Qxe6+ Kf8 42.Rg8+ Qxg8 43.Qe7** mate. A pretty finish with mate on the dark squares. This position is from the Rice Memorial Tournament, New York in 1926 between Abraham Kupchik and Isaac Kashdan.



**5.** Aron Nimzowitsch was White against Alexander Alekhine in this game from Semmering, Austria in 1926. Nimzowitsch won this game on the light squares against the soon-to-be World Champion after playing **41.f8=Q+ Rxf8 42.Qd5 Qd6 43.Qxb7+ Kd8 44.Rd3 Bd4 45.Qe4 Re8 46.Rxd4 Resigns**



**6.** This position was between Magnus Carlsen and Andrei Volokitin played in 2006 in Biel, Switzerland. Volokitin successfully won with the two rooks vs. queen and opposite color bishop middlegame against the future World Champion by playing, **27...Qxc4! 28.Rxc4 Rxc4 29.Qd7** (With the dark-squared bishop, White would love to get an attack going on the dark squares in front of the Black king, but he never gets the time.) **29...Rc2+ 30.Kg1 Bc6 31.Qd4** (**31.Qd8+ Re8 32.Qd4 Rg2+** is also good for Black.) **31...Rd5 32.Qg4 h5 33.Resigns**



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# Tactics Time!

by Tim Brennan

One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following, from games played by Colorado players. Answers are on the next page.

[www.TacticsTime.com](http://www.TacticsTime.com)



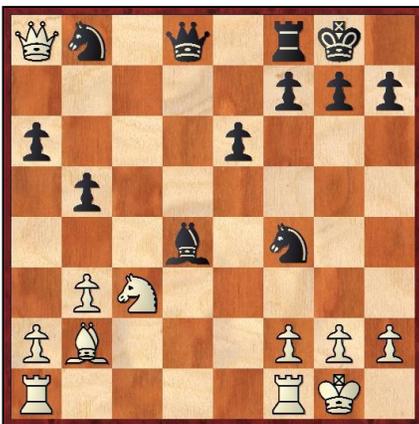
**1. A. Anandakumar - E. Montgomery**  
Colorado Open / Sept. 2017  
Black to move



**2. Matt Hernandez - Cory Kohler**  
Colorado Open / Sept. 2017  
White to move



**3. Nathaniel Reeves - Teah Williams**  
Colorado Open / Sept. 2017  
White to move



**4. Derek Eskeldson - Shane Rightly**  
Colorado Open / Sept. 2017  
Black to move



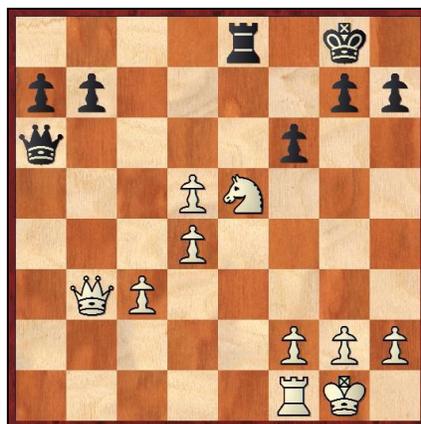
**5. Rob Hartelt - Zac Anderson**  
Colorado Open / Sept. 2017  
White to move



**6. Gregory Bain - Darel LeFevre**  
Colorado Open / Sept. 2017  
White to move



**7. Gunnar Andersen - Josh Bloomer**  
Tribute to MLK / Jan. 2018  
White to move



**8. Brian Wall - Jose Magno**  
Club Chess!! Friday Quick / Dec. 2017  
White to move



**9. Charles Alexander - Daniel Herman**  
Winter Springs Open / Dec. 2017  
Black to move

## Tactics Time Answers:

1. **30...Rxd4!** If **31.Qxd4 Bc5** pinning the queen to the king.
2. **35.R6f4+** discovered check **35...Kd7 36.Rxd4.**
3. **32.Qe6+** was missed in the game which leads to forced mate. **32...Kh8 33.Nf7+ Kg8 34.Nd8+ Kh8 35.Qe8+ Bf8 36.Qxf8#.**
4. **17...Bxc3 18.Bxc3** Ne2+ forks the king and bishop.
5. **13.Nxf7!** Black cannot capture the knight because of **13...Kxf7 14.Bg5+** discovered attack, hitting the Black queen.
6. **25.Nxd5** discovered attack hitting the Black queen. **25...exd5 26.Rxc7.**
7. **35.Nc7+ Kf8 36.Qh8+ Ke7 37.Ncd5#.**
8. **22.d6+ Kh8 23.Nf7+ Kg8 24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Qg8+ Rxc8 26.Nf7#.**
9. **29...Ne2#.**

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## UPCOMING COLORADO TOURNAMENTS

### DCC April 2018 April 3 - 24, 2018

#### 4 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G70; d/05

**Site:** Third Christian Reform Church at 2400 South Ash Street, Denver, CO 80222

**Sections:** Open - Open to all USCF members / U1800 - Open to all USCF members under 1800.

**Entry Fee:** DCC members \$6 per night or \$20 for all 4 rounds, Non DCC members \$8 or \$30 for all, \$2 per round discount for children under 12.

**Prizes:** Based on entries. Paid the Tuesday following event by check at club meeting or mailed. *(An unrated players prize money is restricted to \$20, unless they qualify for a place prize in the Open section or there is an Unrated prize. No player can win a special prize and a place/class prize).*

**Registration:** 6:15 - 7:00pm. Call or text to register if unable to be in attendance by 7:00pm.

**Round Times:** 7:30pm each Tuesday. Note - This month only, the 2nd round will be on Thursday, March 15th.

**Entries:** J.C. MacNeil

**Phone:** (303) 883-2684

**Email:** [liencam2@yahoo.com](mailto:liencam2@yahoo.com)

#### Bye Policy (Updated):

Byes for round 1 may be requested at the start of round 2. A last round bye must be requested before the start of the penultimate round. Otherwise a last round bye will be recorded as zero. Except for the last round, Players may call in a bye request for any round. Only 2 byes will be allowed for non prepaid players. The player will be charged \$3 for each bye. Except for the last round, Players prepaid for the month will receive a bye automatically, if not in attendance at the close of registration. Only one bye will count towards prize money.

### April Quick Six April 3 - 10, 2018

#### 6 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G/24; inc/05

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Sections:** Open

**Entry Fee:** \$10 (3 games / week); \$5 discount for CSCC Supporting Members.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes will be announced at event.

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Round Times:** 7:00pm

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

**Email:** [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com)

### Club Chess!! Classical Wednesdays April 4 - 25, 2018

#### 4 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G/90; +30

**Site:** Club Chess!! / 5625 Constitution Avenue, Colorado

Springs, CO 80915

**Sections:** One USCF-rated open section.

**Entry Fee:** \$25 (\$5 off through 4/1/18; combines with up to 25% regular discount for Club Chess!! Members); includes all 4 weekly rounds in April, a free Club Chess!! Half-Day Pass each round for non-members, and eligibility for prizes; or \$8 per single round on site with half-price Club Pass.

**Prizes:** Generous cash prizes announced at event (1st; 2nd; U1800; U1400, top senior, top scholastic).

**Registration:** Anytime before 6:30pm each week.

**Pairings:** 6:35pm.

**Round Times:** 6:45pm each week.

**Entries:** Jesse Williams

**Phone:** (719) 600-9462

**Email:** [missioncontrol@clubchess.org](mailto:missioncontrol@clubchess.org)

**Bye Policy:** One 1/2pt Bye available rounds 1,2, or 3, if requested before being paired.

**Register online:** [www.ClubChess.org](http://www.ClubChess.org)

### Bughouse Birthday Bash April 7, 2018

#### 5 Round Double Round Robin Tournament

**Time Control:** G/5

**Site:** Club Chess!! / 5625 Constitution Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

**Entry Fee:** \$12/team (\$2 off online: Coupon Code at check-out is the birthday boy's first name in caps - if you can guess it!)

Prizes Generous cash prizes announced at event for 1st Place Team; 2nd Place Team; 3rd Place Team; plus special prize for best team name (winner determined by player vote).

**Registration:** Anytime before 6:30pm.

**Pairings:** 6:35pm.

**Round Times:** First round 6:45pm (each round consists of two games, with teams switching colors).

**Entries:** Jesse Williams

**Phone:** (719) 600-9462

**Email:** [missioncontrol@ClubChess.org](mailto:missioncontrol@ClubChess.org)

**Bye Policy:** Byes not available.

**Register Online:** [www.ClubChess.org](http://www.ClubChess.org)

- Free bughouse instruction 5:30pm in the newly opened Great Hall.

- Birthday cake and ice cream compliments of Club Chess!!

- Wacky, funny, weird, or otherwise entertaining wrapped presents (used or new) for the birthday boy are encouraged--it's a party!

- Special prize for best team name compliments of Club Chess!! (winner determined by player vote).

- Varying chess related free presentations ongoing in the Library.

- Pre-packaged food and refreshments available.

- Bring friends - first-time visitors are welcomed with a Club Tour, refreshments, and a free Half-Day Club Pass to stay and watch you compete.

- Free chess lessons for absolute beginners.

### Denver Open 2018 April 14 - 15, 2018

#### 5 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** Round 1 - G/90; d/05 / Rounds 2-5 - G/90; inc/30

**Site:** Holiday Inn Cherry Creek, 455 South Colorado Blvd., Denver, CO 80246

**Telephone:** (303) 388-5561

**Sections:** Open, U1800, U1400

**Entry Fee:** Open - DCC Members: \$45 by 4/13 or /\$50 on site. Non DCC members \$55 by 4/13 or \$60 at the door. U1800/ U1400 - DCC members \$40 by 4/13 or \$45 on site. Non DCC members \$50 by 4/13 or \$55 at the door. Juniors (U14) pay DCC member rates at all times.

**Prizes:** Will be based on number of entries in each category. Total prize pool is projected to be \$2,000 based on 100 entries. Unrated prize is limited to \$100 if playing in the U1800 or U1400 category. Prize Fund increases with more than 100 entries.

**Registration:** 8:00 - 9:15am.

**Round Times:** Saturday - 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm. Sunday - 9:00am, 2:00pm.

**Entries:** Dean Clow / 10200 Park Meadows Drive, Littleton CO 80124

**Phone:** (312) 914-3041

**Email:** [deanrclow@gmail.com](mailto:deanrclow@gmail.com)

**Bye Policy:** A last round bye will be recorded as zero and not considered a withdrawal. Byes for Rounds 1-3 must be stated at least 1 hour before the beginning of the round. Byes for Round 4 must be stated before the end of Saturday. Only one bye will count towards prize money.

**A DCC Tour Event.** (DCC tour points: Entry, 10. Win, 50. Draw, 25).

USCF and CSCA membership required.

### Cabin Fever Reliever April 17 - 24, 2018

#### 4 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G/45; d/10

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Sections:** Open

**Entry Fee:** \$10 (2 games / week); \$5 discount for CSCC Supporting Members.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes will be announced at event.

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Round Times:** 7:00pm

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

**Email:** [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com)

### RMC - Lee's April Action April 21, 2018

#### 4 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G30; d/05

**Site:** MCM Elegante' Hotel, Banquet Room, 6450 North Academy Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80918

**Sections:** Rated - Open to all USCF members. Players grouped by rating. / Unrated Scholastic - K-3, 4-6, and 7-12 divisions.

**Entry Fee:** \$16 if received by Thursday, April 19. \$20 cash only at door.

**Prizes:** Rated sections - Good cash prizes based on entries. Unrated Scholastic Sections - Trophies to top 3 in each (K-3, 4-6, 7-12).

**Registration:** 7:30 - 8:30am.

**Rounds:** First Round at 9:00 am.

**Entries:** RMC - Lee's March Action / 2513 Alexander Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80909

**Phone:** (719) 634-1144

**Email:** [rockymountainchess@comcast.net](mailto:rockymountainchess@comcast.net)

### 2018 Colorado Closed Championship April 27 - 29, 2018

#### 5 Round Round Robin Tournament

**Time Control:** G/90; inc/30

**Site:** Club Chess!! / 5625 Constitution Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

**Sections:** Closed Championship / Scholastic Closed Championship

**Entry Fee:** \$25

**Prizes:** 1st - \$100, 2nd - \$50

**Registration:** Player's meeting 6:30pm, Friday.

**Round Times:** Round 1 - 7:00pm Friday / Rounds 2-5 - 10:00am & 3:00pm (Saturday & Sunday).

**Entries:** Dean Clow / 10200 Park Meadows Drive, Littleton, CO 80124

**Phone:** (312) 914-3041

**Email:** [deanrclow@gmail.com](mailto:deanrclow@gmail.com)

### Summit School of Chess Tournament Series April 28, 2018

#### 5 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G/30; d/00

**Site:** Trinity Presbyterian Church / 7755 Vance Drive, Arvada, CO 80003

**Sections:** K-3 (U800), K4-6 (U800), K7-12 (U800), Rockies (U1000), Avalanche (U1400), Broncos (Open/Adults can play!).

**Entry Fee:** Pre-Registration Fee - \$20 if received one week prior to tournament date. Late Registration Fee - \$25. Broncos (Open/Adult) Fee - \$30; Late Registration Fee - \$35.

**Prizes:** See attached - <http://www.coloradochess.com/scholast/pdf/Tournament%20Series%202017-2018.pdf>

**Entries:** Summit School of Chess Tournament Series

**Phone:** (720) 243-1450

**Email:** [jessercohen@gmail.com](mailto:jessercohen@gmail.com)

### 2018 Colorado Round Robin April 28 - 29, 2018

#### 5 Round Round Robin Tournament

**Time Control:** All rounds - G70; inc/30

**Site:** Club Chess!! / 5625 Constitution Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

**Sections:** 6 player Round Robin Groups - Groups will be formed by rating from the highest rated downwards. Any odd

players will be formed into a Swiss System tournament with the above group - for example, there are 4 players in the final group. Those 4 players will join the 6 players in the above group, and will compete in a Swiss System tournament with the same time control.

**Entry Fee:** \$25

**Prizes:** Per Round Robin Group - 1st: \$75, 2nd: \$50.

**Registration:** 8:00 - 9:30am

**Round Times:** Saturday - 9:30am, 2:00pm, 5:30pm. Sunday - 10:00am, 2:00pm.

**Entries:** Dean Clow / 10200 Park Meadows Drive #1131, Littleton, CO 80124

**Phone:** (312) 914-3041

**Email:** [deanrclow@gmail.com](mailto:deanrclow@gmail.com)

**Bye Policy:** No byes will be allowed due to Round Robin format.

### CSCC May Swiss 90

**May 1 - 22, 2018**

#### 4 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G/90; inc/30

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Sections:** Open

**Entry Fee:** \$10 includes 4 rounds over 4 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for CSCC Supporting Members. \$4 for one night (\$2 for CSCC Supporting Members).

**Prizes:** Cash prizes will be announced at event

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Round Times:** 7:00pm (*Players must check-in prior to 6:45pm on the day of the round to be paired - in person, by phone, by text, or by email.*)

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

**Email:** [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com)

### Club Chess!! Classical Wednesdays

**May 2 - 30, 2018**

#### 5 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G/90; inc/30

**Site:** Club Chess!! / 5625 Constitution Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

**Sections:** One USCF-rated open section

**Entry Fee:** \$20 (\$5 off through 4/29/18; combines with up to 25% regular discount for Club Chess!! members); includes all 5 weekly rounds in May, a free Club Chess!! Half-Day Pass each round for non-members, and eligibility for prizes; or \$8 per single round on site with half-price Club Pass.

**Prizes:** Generous cash prizes announced at event (1st; 2nd; U1800; U1400, top senior, top scholastic)

**Registration:** Anytime before 6:30pm each week.

**Pairings:** 6:35pm

**Round Times:** 6:45pm each week.

**Entries:** Jesse Williams

**Phone:** (719) 600-9462

**Email:** [missioncontrol@clubchess.org](mailto:missioncontrol@clubchess.org)

**Bye Policy:** One 1/2 point bye available rounds 1,2, or 3, if re-

quested before being paired.

**Register online:** [www.ClubChess.org](http://www.ClubChess.org)

### Shirley's Last Refuge

**May 12 - 13, 2018**

#### 4 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G/90; inc/30

**Site:** Chapel Hills Mall Food Court / 1710 Briargate Blvd., Colorado Springs, CO 80920

**Sections:** Daniel Section 2071+ / Sara Section 1600-2070 / Snuffles Section 1201-1600 / Shirley Section U1200.

**Entry Fee:** \$60 Daniel section, \$40 Sara Section, \$20 Snuffles Section, \$20 Shirley Section

**Online Registration (including small card fee):**

<https://caissachess.net/online-registration/index/270>

**Prizes:** Each section - First prize 50% of what's left after deducting Gunnar Andersen's \$70 TD fee. Second prize 35%. Third prize 15%.

**Round Times:** 10:30am, 2:30pm (Saturday & Sunday).

**Entries:** Brian Wall

**Email:** [BrianWallChess3@Taom.com](mailto:BrianWallChess3@Taom.com)

Writing down a move before playing it OK. Byes OK half an hour before round times. Any notation OK. No DCC or CSCA membership required.

### 2018 Colorado Class Championships

**May 19 - 20, 2018**

#### 5 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** Round 1 - G90; d/05. Rounds 2-5 - G/90; inc/30

**Site:** 5280 Arena Circle, Suite 100, Loveland, CO 80538

**Sections:** Master/Expert, Class A, Class B, Class C.

**Entry Fee:** \$35 if pre-registered by May 18 or \$40 at tournament site. Junior/Senior/Unrated \$5 discount.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes based on entries.

**Registration:** 8:00 - 9:15am at site.

**Round Times:** Saturday - 10:00am, 2:00pm & 7:00pm; Sunday - 10:00am & 3:00pm.

**Entries:** Dean Clow / 10200 Park Meadows Drive, #1131, Littleton, CO 80124

**Phone:** (312) 914-3041

**Email:** [deanrclow@gmail.com](mailto:deanrclow@gmail.com)

**Tournament Director:** Dean Clow

Players must play in section, but Unrated players may play in Unrated or Class A section. Winners of Class A-E sections will be asked to represent Colorado in Team match against New Mexico in the *Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge* in Colorado in 2018, regardless of rating.

First tiebreak will be head-to-head, followed by Modified Median, Solkoff, and then Cumulative.

May USCF supplement used for rating/section placement.

4th round half point byes must be requested before end of Saturday. No 5th round half point byes available.

CSCA Membership required for all rated sections, other states OK.

#### Colorado Tour Event

## 2018 Colorado Day of Champions May 26, 2018

**Time Control:** Variable

**Site:** Club Chess!! / 5625 Constitution Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80915

**Sections:** Colorado Blitz Championship, Colorado Quick Championship, Colorado Bughouse Championship

**Prizes:** Based on entries. Expected 70% of entries.

**Entries:** Dean Clow / 10200 Park Meadows Drive, # 1131, Littleton, CO 80124

**Email:** [deanrclow@gmail.com](mailto:deanrclow@gmail.com)

### Colorado Blitz Championship

7 Round Swiss System Tournament

**Time Control:** G/5; d/00

**Section:** Open (CSCA reserves the right to add another section based on attendance).

**Entry Fee:** \$10 if pre-registered by May 25th or \$15 at tournament site.

**Prizes:** Based on entries. Expected 70% of entries

**Registration:** 8:00 - 9:00am at site.

**Rounds:** Start at 9:30am and will continue until complete. Approximate end time is 11:30am.

**Entries:** Dean Clow / 10200 Park Meadows Drive, #1131, Littleton, CO 80124

**Phone:** (312) 914-3041

**Email:** [deanrclow@gmail.com](mailto:deanrclow@gmail.com)

**Tournament Director:** Dean Clow

Blitz State Championship Trophy will be awarded to tournament winner. In case of a tie for 1st, head to head tiebreak will be used first, followed by a playoff if still tied.

### Colorado Tour Event

### Colorado Quick Championship

5 Round Swiss System Tournament

**Time Control:** G/15; inc/05

**Section:** Open (CSCA reserves the right to add another section based on attendance).

**Entry Fee:** \$10 if pre-registered by May 25th or \$15 at tournament site.

**Prizes:** Based on entries. Expected 70% of entries.

**Registration:** Noon - 1:00pm.

**Rounds:** Start at 1:30pm and each round 40-45 mins thereafter.

**Entries:** Dean Clow / 10200 Park Meadows Drive, #1131, Littleton, CO 80124

**Phone:** (312) 914-3041

**Email:** [deanrclow@gmail.com](mailto:deanrclow@gmail.com)

**Tournament Director:** Earle Wikle

Half point byes available for any round, if requested 5 minutes before round time, but half point bye for round 4 and after must be requested before round 3 begins.

### Colorado Tour Event

### Colorado Bughouse Championship

6 Round Double Swiss System Tournament

**Time Control:** G/5; d/00

**Section:** Open (CSCA reserves the right to add another section based on attendance).

**Entry Fee:** \$10 if pre-registered by May 25th or \$15 at tournament site.

**Prizes:** Based on entries. Expected 70% of entries.

**Registration:** 6:00 - 6:30pm.

**Rounds:** Start at 7:00pm and will continue until complete. Approximate end time is 9:30pm.

**Entries:** Dean Clow / 10200 Park Meadows Drive, #1131, Littleton, CO 80124

**Phone:** (312) 914-3041

**Email:** [deanrclow@gmail.com](mailto:deanrclow@gmail.com)

**Tournament Director:** Dean Clow

Bug House State Championship Trophy will be awarded to tournament winner. In case of a tie for 1st, a playoff will decide the winners.

CSCA Membership required, other States OK

## May One Night Quick May 29, 2018

### 3 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G/20; d/05

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Sections:** Open

**Entry Fee:** \$5 (3 games); \$5 discount for CSCC Supporting Members.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes will be announced at event.

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Round Times:** 7:00pm

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

**Email:** [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com)

## CSCC June Swiss 90 June 5 - 26, 2018

### 4 Round Swiss Tournament

**Time Control:** G/90; inc/30

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

**Sections:** Open

**Entry Fee:** \$10 includes 4 rounds over 4 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for CSCC Supporting Members. \$4 for one night (\$2 for CSCC Supporting Members).

**Prizes:** Cash prizes will be announced at event.

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Round Times:** 7:00pm (*Players must check-in prior to 6:45pm on the day of the round to be paired - in person, by phone, by text, or by email*).

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

**Email:** [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com)

*For more information & additional listings on upcoming Colorado events, please visit the CSCA website at [www.ColoradoChess.com](http://www.ColoradoChess.com).*

