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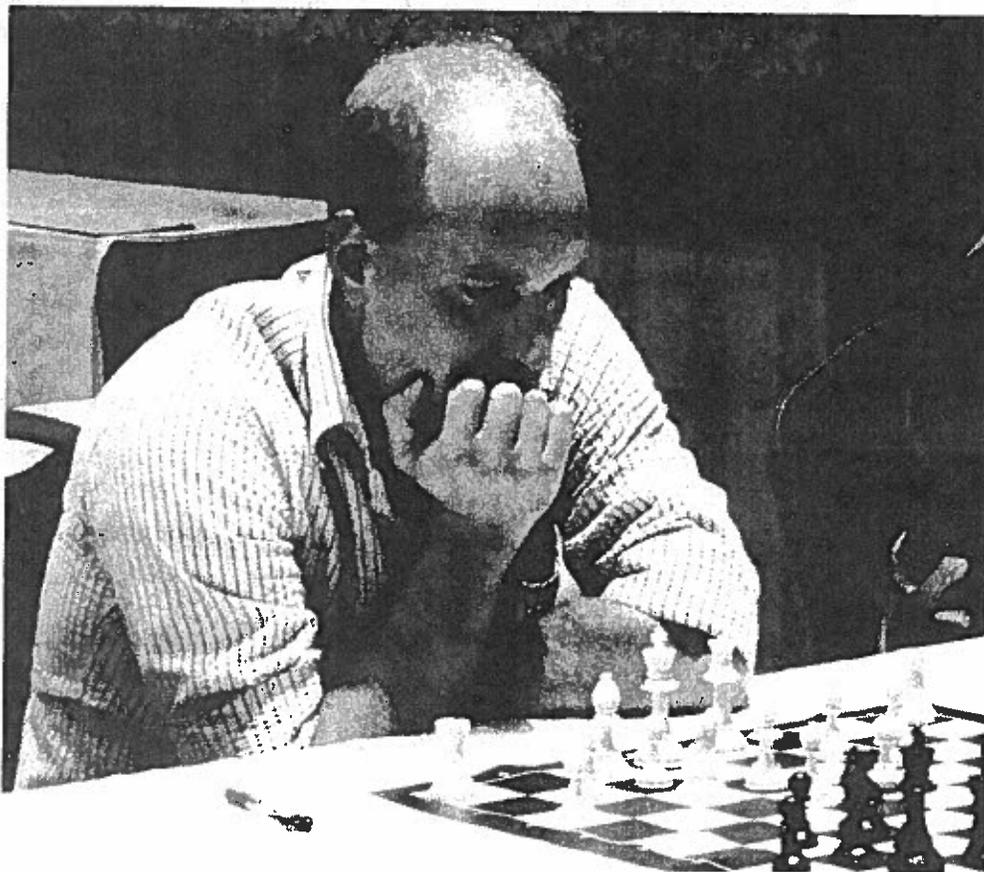
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**“Strongest Tournament in
Colorado History”**



**Alexander Shabalov wins 2nd Edward Levy
Memorial Colorado Chess Classic**

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On the cover: Alexander
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scene with a sole first place win
at the Edward Levy Memorial
Tournament held September
18-21 2003 in Denver, CO.
Photo by Todd Bardwick

The Editor's Square CO Chess Informant Editor Tim Brennan

Greetings Chess Friends,

Thanks for opening up your copy of the Colorado Chess Informant! My hope is that you will enjoy it. This is my first issue as editor. I have never really done anything like this before in my life. My goal is for this to be a magazine that you will enjoy reading.

Allow me to tell you a little about myself for those who do not know me. I have lived in Denver for about 3 years, and am an active player at the Denver Chess Club. I am currently a class "B" player, and have clawed my way up from being a class "D" when I first moved here from Dallas, TX. Originally I am from Pittsburgh PA, where I was born and raised. I have worked as a software engineer for 7+ years.

Luckily for me there has been a lot going on in Colorado Chess in the past several months since the September issue came out. Most notably is the 2nd Edward Levy Memorial Chess Classic! This was a large and fun tournament. We have pages and pages of coverage including annotated games, pictures, stories, quotes, and results. We also have some new columns to introduce, including one on rules of the game, and one dealing with my personal interest, computers and chess.

Thanks to all the people who helped me with contributions. I really appreciate everything. Thanks to Jeff Baffo for showing me the ropes, and for doing such a great job with the magazine for the past couple of years. I now know how much work it takes to do this! Special thanks also to Paul Grimm for lots of help, and contributions.

If there is anything you would like to see in the magazine please let me know. Again contributions are very welcome! You do not have to be a chess master to contribute something. I certainly am not one! If you have a digital camera, take it to the next tournament, and send me a copy of any good shots you take. Annotated games are also always welcome. It does not have to be a super brilliant game, or a 400 point upset against a titled player to get published. Maybe it is a game where you tried a new opening, or learned something interesting in the post mortem.

I would especially be grateful to hear from people outside of Denver. While I play in almost every event held by the DCC, I am not much of a "road warrior" when it comes to out of town tournaments. I do not want to see this turn into the Denver Chess Club newsletter! So I will need your help in that matter. Any feedback is very welcome.



Cheers,

Games from the 2003 Colorado Open

Annotations by Mark Scheidies

W: Daoud G Zupa (1952)

B: GM Dashzeveg Sharavdorj (2511) [A16]

Colorado Open 2003 (1), August 30, 2003

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6
8.h3 Ne8 9.d3 Nc7 10.Rb1 Rb8 11.Be3 b5 12.b3 b4 13.Nd5 Ne6 14.f4
f5 15.Bf2 Ned4 16.Kh2 a5 17.Re1 Bd7 18.Ne3 fxe4 19.dxe4 Kh8
20.Nc2 e5 21.Ncxd4 cxd4 22.Rf1 Qe7 23.Be1 Rf7 24.Nc1 Rb8 25.Nd3
Nd8 26.Rb2 Ne6 27.Rbf2 Nc5 28.Qe2 exf4 29.gxf4 Bc6 30.Nxc5 dxc5
31.e5 Bxg2 32.Kxg2 Rf5 33.Qg4 Kg8 34.Bd2 Qb7+ 35.Kg1 a4 36.Qg2
Qxg2+ 37.Kxg2 axb3 38.axb3 Ra8 39.Kf3? Bxe5 40.Re1 Raf8 41.Kg4
g5 42.fxe5 Rxf2 43.Bxg5 Rg2+ 44.Kh4 d3 45.Re3 Re2 46.Rxd3 Re4+
47.Kg3 Rxe5 48.Bh6 Rf6 49.Rd8+ Kf7 50.Rd7+ Ke6 0-1

W: Kenneth Doykos (1878)

B: LM Brian Wall (2223) [A37]

Colorado Open 2003 (1), August 30, 2003

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Nh6 6.0-0 Nf5 7.e3 h5
8.d4 cxd4 9.exd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Nxd4 11.Bg5 Ne6 12.Be3 d6 13.Rc1
Bd7 14.b4 Rc8 15.Nd5 b6 16.Qd3 Bc6 17.h4 0-0 18.Rfd1 Kh7 19.Nf4
Nxf4 20.Bxf4 Bxg2 21.Kxg2 Qd7 22.Kg1 Qc6 23.Qa3 Qb7 24.Rd5
Bh6 25.Bxh6 Kxh6 26.Qe3+ Kg7 27.Rxh5! Rh8 [27...gxh5
28.Qg5+Kh7 29.Qxh5+ Kg7 30.Qg5+=] 28.Rxh8 Rxh8 29.Qd4+ Kh7
30.Qd5 Qxd5 and a draw was agreed to (although it may be time for
White to start looking for winning possibilities!) ½-½

W: Mikhail Ponomarev (2200)

B: Kevin Seidler (1810) [D01]

Colorado Open 2003 (1), August 30, 2003

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Bf5 4.f3 c6 5.Bxf6 exf6 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 Bg6
8.Nf3 Bh4 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.bxc3 c5 12.e5 Nc6 13.Rb1 fxe5
14.Bxg6 hxg6 15.d5 Na5 16.d6 Nc4 17.Qd3 b5! 18.Rfd1 [18.Rxb5?
Nxd6 19.Rxc5 (19.Rbb1 e4) 19...Qb6] 18...Qd7 19.Qe4 Rae8 20.Ng5 f6
21.Qd5+ Kh8 22.Rd3 fxe5 [22...Nb6! with excellent winning prospects
for Black.] 23.Rh3+ Qxh3 24.gxh3 Rd8 25.d7 Rf6 26.Qxc5 Rf7
27.Rd1 Nb6 28.Qxe5 Nxd7 29.Qxg5 Rdf8 30.Qxb5 a6 31.Qe2 Kg8
32.Qe6 Nb8 33.Rf1 1-0

W: Mitesh Shridhar (1503)

B: Richard Buchanan (2000) [C50]

Colorado Open 2003 (1), August 30, 2003

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.d4 exd4 5.c3 d3 6.Qb3 Na5 7.Bxf7+
Kf8 8.Qa4 Kxf7 9.Qxa5 d6 10.Qd5+ Ke8 11.Qxd3 Nf6 12.Bg5 c6
13.0-0 Be6 14.Nd4 Bd7 15.Re1 Qa5 16.Bh4 Qh5 17.Bg3 Kf7 18.f4 d5
19.e5 Ne4 20.Nd2 Nxd2 21.Qxd2 Bc5 22.Kh1 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Rhe8
24.Qb4 b6 25.Qd6 Rad8 26.Qc7 Kg8 27.e6 Bc8 28.e7 [28.Re5 is an
even stronger path to the win 28...Qg6 29.Bh4] 28...Rd7 29.Qxc6 Qf7
30.Bh4 Qxf4 31.Rf1 Qd6 32.Qxd6 Rxd6 33.Rf4 Ba6 34.Re1 Rc6
35.Re3 Rce8 36.Ref3 h6 37.Rf8+ leading to a draw... time pressure,
perhaps?? [37.Ra4 retains good winning chances.] 37...Rxf8 38.exf8Q+
Rxf8 39.Rxf8+ ½-½

W: Jeffrey Baffo (1770)

B: Jesse Hester (1640) [B02]

Colorado Open 2003 (5), September 1, 2003

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 Nf6 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Nge2 e5 5.Nxd5 Qxd5 6.Nc3 Qd8
7.Bc4 Bc5 8.d3 Nc6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Ne4 Bb6 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.c3 Kh8?!
13.Nf6! gxf6 [13...Qd8 14.Nxh7 Qd6 15.Qh5 g6 16.Qh6] 14.Bxf6+ Kg8
15.Qh5 Ne7 16.Qg5+ Ng6 17.Qh6 1-0

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CSCA Sense

By CSCA President Andrew Rea



Greetings! We have had a lot of recent activities- 2 events, including the State Championship, on Labor Day weekend, followed a few weeks later by the Second Edward Levy Memorial Colorado Classic and congrats to John Schultz and Brian Wall for holding draws in the simul vs US Champion GM Alexander Shabalov!! Back to the events- we had a healthy turnout for the Levy as well as strong competition in each of the Levy sections! Yes, there will be a third, late July, as we give ourselves a chance to draw even more from the students and teachers among us while letting our players be 100% sure there won't be snow or cold in their midst!

Of course every weekend is not a Tour Event, not a Grand Prix, but these events do not come from a vacuum. Lets look at what we have seen afterwards- a number of club and scholastic tournaments in Denver and Colorado Springs! To include the 2003 Colorado Quick Chess Championships- congratulations to our players for braving the wintry elements, and to Buck Buchanan for his outstanding play- after getting upended in the last round by Brian Wall, Buck was in a tie with David Fox- David had merely beaten Brian earlier!- but then prevailed in their playoff match to claim the title!

And who is it that makes our local events possible? It is twofold- we need to have organizers willing to take on the detail drudge work of setting up sites and establishing prizes while incurring some business risks- we all know weather can be a large factor late September through late April- and we also need to have players! And where is our main source of players? Referring to ACTIVE TOURNAMENT PLAYERS this would have to be THE CHESS CLUB!! And we do have a nice feeder system set up, seeing as we have SCHOLASTICS to bring players into the fold... however, we need to have active CHESS CLUBS. Anyone can play on the Internet, but we need whether its large clubs such as Denver Chess Club, medium as with Boulder, or among the many several smaller clubs, we need to have thriving local chess clubs, showing on a regular basis what a FUN game chess is, in order to have our events continually supported!

Having said all that, lets face it, our large cities have it easier in supporting the local club, with more players to draw from. Nevertheless, I can let all of our players and would-be club organizers know that if you get in touch with me or other CSCA Board Members asking for assistance in setting up a Chess Club we will do all that can be done to help! The Internet is here to stay, but there's no reason we can't have Chess Clubs continuing to thrive in this new era! ♔

by Tim Brennan

The 2nd Edward Levy Memorial Colorado Chess Classic was held September 18-21, 2003 at the Red Lion Hotel in Denver Colorado. A total of 260 players competed in the Continental Chess Association event, organized by Bill Goichberg.

The Edward Levy was a very strong tournament. IM John Donaldson told me he believed this was the strongest tournament in Colorado history. The Continental Chess Association website, www.chesstour.com, wrote "U.S. Champion Shabalov wins powerful Edward Levy Memorial in Denver. The Open Section of this event, held Sept 18-21, was so strong that an even score won top Under 2400 money! Fully half the players in this section were Grandmasters or International Masters!"

Shabalov is dominating the American Chess scene this year. So far his 2003 tournament accomplishments include

- 1st US Championship
- 1st Chicago Open
- 1st US Open
- 1st World Open (tie)

The Week in Chess, located on the web at www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html, which is one of the best sources for up to date chess news, covered the Levy tournament in issue 464. They wrote "Shabalov's score of 4 1/2 from 5, which included wins over GMs Dmitry Gurevich and Alexander Stripunsky plus IM Varuzhan Akobian, earned him \$5000. His only draw was with IM Nazar Firman of Ukraine in round 5. Firman tied for second with Stripunsky and GM Viktor Mikhalevski in the 42-player top section which included 16 GMs and 6 IMs." The Week in Chess also provided 33 games which were available for download. These games were submitted by IM John Donaldson who took them from the score sheets.

The tournament drew players from around the country. Denver chess player Paul Grimm did some analysis of the pre-entries, which showed:

Shabalov continues US Chess domination at Levy Memorial

- ⇒ 169 pre-registered from 28 states and 1 foreign country (Belarus)
- ⇒ 81 pre-registered from CO (47.9%)
- ⇒ 17 from CA
- ⇒ 7 from TX
- ⇒ 6 from WY & UT
- ⇒ 5 from NM & IL

Overall the attendance was down from the previous Edward Levy Memorial, which was held April 19-21 2002 in Denver, which drew over 340 players. The organizers were disappointed with the turnout. The 80,000 dollar projected prizes were based on 450 entries. 50,000 dollars in prizes were guaranteed, and were paid out to the winners.

There were several changes from the previous Edward Levy tournament. The location was one difference. The tournament was held at the Red Lion Hotel in the Stapleton area of Denver, instead of its sister hotel, the Doubletree Hotel down the street. The Red Lion Hotel was previously a Holiday Inn. The new owners spent a lot of money renovating the lobby and conference room area of the hotel, and did a very nice job.

The playing conditions were excellent, and were improved over the Doubletree. The chess players were the only people using the ballroom and conference areas. During the previous Edward Levy at the Doubletree there were other activities in the adjoining rooms, including a dance party Saturday night and gospel choir singing Sunday morning. There was plenty of room for the players, and other activities such as a skittles room, book sale, the tournament organizers, and analysis by IM John Donaldson.

The Stapleton area itself has improved a great deal since the previous Levy tournament was held. This area is one of the

fastest growing areas in the country, and has a wide selection of restaurants and shops in the area which were not there a year and a half before.

Another difference was the addition of a four round schedule. Players could choose to play in a four day, three day, or two day schedule. I thought this was a really great idea, and opted to play in the four day option. This makes the tournament a little less grueling as you only have one day where you have to play two games.

Alexander Shabalov held a simul on Thursday evening. The turnout was disappointing with only 10 players willing to pay 25 dollars to play the US Champion. Perhaps the timing was bad, as the first round was starting on Thursday night at the same time. Shabalov had 8 wins and 2 draws. Denver Life Master Brian Wall drew the US Champion in a fine display of home preparation. Shabalov also played a simul earlier in the day at Regis High School, where active Denver chess player Billy Willson teaches.

IM John Donaldson provided commentary and analysis of player games one hour after the start of the round. I was able to sit in on a fair amount of John's talks and thoroughly enjoyed it. This to me was like listening to Mozart talk about music. This man knows his chess! Basically someone would hand him a scorecard (most likely with bad handwriting and incorrect notation), and John would start talking about the game as if he had spent hours studying it. He would talk about the opening, where the player went "out of book", and what is going on in the game. John is like a walking MCO, and did a great job of explaining the ideas of the openings to the players in the room. He is a great speaker and very funny.

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Some of his comments were very clever. In one game he was analyzing a game by Denver player Anthea Carson. Anthea had an endgame with a dark square bishop and all of her pawns on dark squares except for two. John explained that you want to have your pawns on the opposite color of your bishop in the endgame. So in the game Anthea moved another one of her pawns to a dark square. John made the comment "e3 with the threat of f4, putting all of the pawns on dark squares." A very clever joke only a chess player could love! The whole crowd was laughing. Besides the great humor, John made gave some really sound advice to the crowd. English opening aficionado Pete Short went home and hit the books after IM Donaldson showed him a small inaccuracy in his opening preparation during an analysis of his game against fellow Colorado player Emir Santana. If you are ever at a large tournament where John is giving a talk, make

"I just hung a 400 dollar bishop!"

you stop by and check it out!

Another exciting thing for me was seeing all of the top players. There are not many sports or activities where you can play against the best of the best. How many golfers get to play in the same tournament as Tiger Woods? How many even get to be close to Tiger Woods? Shannon Fox and I were eating dinner at the hotel restaurant, and Shabalov the US Champion was sitting right next to us. I really enjoyed looking at the top boards and thinking "wow! Hikaru Nakamura! Youngest American grandmaster ever! Wow! Walter Browne! Six time US Chess Championship!" This tournament was so strong, that these two future US Chess hall of famers didn't even win any money!

With so much money on the line people were really trying their best to win. This was the Super Bowl, World Series and Stanley cup of Colorado Chess. You could feel the tension and nervousness in the

hallway. The ABC wide world of sports could have been there to capture "The thrill of victory and the agony of defeat". Anthea Carson made the best comment of the tournament telling Shannon Fox in passing "I just hung a 400 dollar bishop", when asked how her game was going, referring to losing a must win game 5 that would have netted her some prize money. I thought that was a clever response. Anthea did sell one of her beautiful pieces of Bobby Fischer artwork at least!

Many area players did well in the tournament, including Joshua Jex, and Andrew Smith of Wyoming, who each netted 1156.50 dollars for 4/5 points in the Under 2000 section; Dustin Eager, and my great predecessor, Jeff Baffo each won 1812.67 dollars in the U1800 section, each with 4.5 points. Honorable mention to DCC President J.C. Mac Neil who didn't give up after a disastrous first game, to come back and get 3.5 points and most of his money back. Young, fast track, Denver player Mitesh Shridhar (4.5/5), proved timing is everything winning 1250.00 in the Under 1600 section, while sitting on a 1751 unofficial rating. As much as we would like to call him a sandbagger Mitesh did nothing wrong! His August supplement rating was 1503. Joe Aragon doubled his money tying for second in the under 1400 section. DCC regular Kevin Hempstead, probably the strongest player at the Levy – literally – took come a cool grand winning 5 out of 5 in the Under 1200 section, one of only 3 people with a perfect 5 points. Congrats to all players! Please see the crosstable for all the players I didn't have space to call out by name.

The Continental Chess Association's website, <http://www.chesstour.com/refs.html>, now has a tentative listing for the Levy next year. July 21-25, 23-25 or 24-25, 2004: Edward Levy Memorial Colorado Chess Classic, Denver CO. Watch their website for more details. Playing in large, well run tournaments, such as the Levy is great fun.

Book seller's viewpoint

Bob Long of CHESSCO/ Thinkers Press operated the book store. Bob has an amazing collection of books, software and equipment for sale. Their website says their total inventory exceeds 2500 items. I saw several friends of mine drooling, and reaching for their pocket books. So many chess books so little time! Their web address is <http://www.chessco.com>.

Bob has an online journal on his chessco webpage. He wrote about the Levy:

Attendance was down to 260 from 310 last year. I suspect the \$220 entry fee had something to do with it. Midwesterners and Coloradans aren't as impressed with an \$80,000 prize fund which requires 450 entries as say in NY or Philadelphia, where 200 bucks isn't as big of a stretch, and the chance to win a pile of money is good. So look for a change in dates next year, a difference month than Sept. is being discussed and perhaps a much lower entry fee with an absolute guarantee of a base prize. A number of us discussed this with Bill Goichberg with many of the ideas being his, and we think it has a good chance.

In the meantime, Shabalov won the tournament. His opponent in the last round, the young Firman, agreed to a draw though he was a pawn up. Shabalov also gave a 10 man simul Thursday night. All the opponents were players who weren't (most of them anyway) in the tournament. The event should have started at least 1.5 hours earlier. Shabalov allowed two draws.

We met a lot of great people out there, and the credit card machine was working flawlessly. The HOT items were: "Super Tournaments 2002" by Khalifman, "On the Endgame" by Purdy (thanks Nate), "Bobby Fischer Re-Discovered" by Soltis, and "Shirov's One Hundred Wins" by Soloviov and Co. I won't have all the details until we enter the invoices in the computer. Thanks to everybody.

Edward Levy Memorial, Open Section

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT	Prize
1 GM Shabalov, Alexander.....	2662	W 29	W 21	W 19	W 2	D 4	4.5	\$5188.00
2 GM Stripunsky, Alexander...	2660	W 16	W 9	W 14	L 1	W 13	4.0	\$1458.34
3 GM Mikhalevski, Victor.....	2625	W 32	W 10	D 4	D 6	W 14	4.0	\$1458.34
4 IM Firman, Nazar.....	2540	W 40	W 11	D 3	W 8	D 1	4.0	\$1458.34
5 GM Novikov, Igor.....	2705	L 10	W 38	D 26	W 29	W 20	3.5	\$ 260.84
6 GM Goldin, Alexander.....	2688	W 17	W 31	L 8	D 3	W 21	3.5	\$ 260.84
7 GM Kudrin, Sergey.....	2632	D 34	W 39	D 13	W 26	D 8	3.5	\$ 260.84
8 GM Ibragimov, Ildar.....	2619	W 22	W 15	W 6	L 4	D 7	3.5	\$ 260.84
9 GM Blatny, Pavel.....	2539	W 24	L 2	W 36	D 19	W 18	3.5	\$ 260.84
10 IM Khachiyan, Melikset.....	2505	W 5	L 3	D 18	W 34	W 19	3.5	\$ 260.84
11 GM Nakamura, Hikaru.....	2656	W 23	L 4	W 28	D 21	D 16	3.0	
12 GM Wojtkiewicz, Alek.....	2652	L 31	W 17	L 27	W 37	W 28	3.0	
13 GM Yermolinsky, Alex.....	2609	D 33	W 35	D 7	W 27	L 2	3.0	
14 GM Ivanov, Alexander.....	2579	W 36	W 27	L 2	W 15	L 3	3.0	
15 GM Sharavdorj, Dashze.....	2511	W 42	L 8	W 30	L 14	W 27	3.0	
16 IM Kraai, Jesse.....	2510	L 2	W 33	W 39	D 20	D 11	3.0	
17 Kustar, Sandor.....	2414	L 6	L 12	W 25	W 39	W 30	3.0	
18 GM Ehlvest, Jaan.....	2662	L 38	W 32	D 10	W 23	L 9	2.5	
19 IM Akobian, Varuzhan.....	2613	W 30	W 28	L 1	D 9	L 10	2.5	
20 IM Sevillano, Enrico.....	2563	L 39	W 25	W 22	D 16	L 5	2.5	
21 GM Gurevich, Dmitry.....	2542	W 37	L 1	W 38	D 11	L 6	2.5	
22 Barrios, Felix.....	2350	L 8	W 24	L 20	D 31	W 37	2.5	\$ 515.75 1st-4th U2400
23 Markzon, Gregory.....	2308	L 11	D 40	W 31	L 18	W 35	2.5	\$ 515.75 1st-4th U2400
24 Ponomarev, Philipp.....	2212	L 9	L 22	W 42	W 38	D 29	2.5	\$ 515.75 1st-4th U2400
25 O'Donnell, Robert E.....	2147	D 26	L 20	L 17	W 33	W 34	2.5	\$ 515.75 1st-4th U2400
26 GM Browne, Walter S.....	2540	D 25	W 34	D 5	L 7	U---	2.0	
27 Casella, Michael.....	2381	W 41	L 14	W 12	L 13	L 15	2.0	
28 Rensch, Daniel.....	2360	W 43	L 19	L 11	W 36	L 12	2.0	
29 Karklins, Andrew.....	2322	L 1	D 37	W 35	L 5	D 24	2.0	
30 Wall, Brian D.....	2223	L 19	W 43	L 15	W 32	L 17	2.0	
31 Mc Entee, Tim R.....	2168	W 12	L 6	L 23	D 22	D 36	2.0	
32 Towbin, Stephen.....	2099	L 3	L 18	W 41	L 30	W 39	2.0	
33 Mc Carty, James M.....	2279	D 13	L 16	L 37	L 25	W 42	1.5	
34 Anderson, Renard W.....	2262	D 7	L 26	W 40	L 10	L 25	1.5	
35 Adu, Oladapo O.....	2228	H---	L 13	L 29	W 40	L 23	1.5	
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40 Salinas, Chad.....	1920	L 4	D 23	L 34	L 35	D 41	1.0	
41 Carroll, Franklin.....	1512	L 27	L 36	L 32	D 42	D 40	1.0	
42 Grieve, Peter J.....	1857	L 15	L 30	L 24	D 41	L 33	0.5	
43 Grieve, P (filler).....	1857	L 28	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0	



IM Nazar Firman

Photos by
Todd Bardwick



GM Alex Yermolinsky
AKA "The Yerminator"

Edward Levy Memorial, Under 2200 Section

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT	Prize
1 Liu, Elliott.....	2093	W 19	W 7	D 5	W 6	W 4	4.5	\$3125.00
2 Polyakin, Vladimir.....	2110	W 25	W 11	L 8	W 14	W 9	4.0	\$ 936.67
3 Butros, Ryan.....	2045	L 16	W 21	W 11	W 10	W 8	4.0	\$ 936.67
4 Karagianis, Pete D.....	2022	W 21	W 16	W 20	W 8	L 1	4.0	\$ 936.67
5 Prasetyo, Aditya.....	2140	W 23	W 10	D 1	H--	H--	3.5	\$ 271.00
6 Sansing, Richard C.....	2003	W 27	D 20	W 16	L 1	W 13	3.5	\$ 271.00
7 Lisle, Mark A.....	2000	W 9	L 1	D 22	W 16	W 12	3.5	\$ 271.00
8 Tserendorj, Batsai Khan.....	2190	W 18	W 24	W 2	L 4	L 3	3.0	\$ 109.50
9 Murray, William J.....	2041	L 7	W 25	W 26	W 20	L 2	3.0	\$ 109.50
10 Gitis, Alexander.....	2006	W 28	L 5	W 18	L 3	W 14	3.0	\$ 109.50
11 Riestler, Scott M.....	2000	W 17	L 2	L 3	W 24	W 20	3.0	\$ 109.50
12 Dykes, Denton rr/e.....	2067	H---	X---	L 14	W 19	L 7	2.5	
13 Rodriguez, Luis E.....	2048	D 15	L 14	W 17	W 23	L 6	2.5	
14 Avery, Daniel P.....	2033	D 24	W 13	W 12	L 2	L 10	2.5	
15 Ramsey, Patrick R.....	1973	D 13	L 18	D 24	D 17	W 23	2.5	
16 Times, Lawyer.....	2169	W 3	L 4	L 6	L 7	W 24	2.0	
17 Rea, Andrew B.....	2048	L 11	D 22	L 13	D 15	B---	2.0	
18 Jungman, Gerard J.....	1986	L 8	W 15	L 10	D 21	D 19	2.0	



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19	Pagan, Victor R.....	1946	L 1	B---	D 23	L 12	D 18	2.0
20	Barlay, Imre.....	2165	X---	D 6	L 4	L 9	L 11	1.5
21	Davidovich, Manis.....	2144	L 4	L 3	W 25	D 18	U---	1.5
22	Musumeci, Jim.....	2038	H---	D 17	D 7	U---	U---	1.5
23	Hammersmith, James.....	2018	L 5	B---	D 19	L 13	L 15	1.5
24	Hajenius, Willem D.....	2115	D 14	L 8	D 15	L 11	L 16	1.0
25	Morrow, Hans M.....	2014	L 2	L 9	L 21	B---	U---	1.0
26	Ahmed, Jahangir.....	2000	B---	F---	L 9	U---	U---	1.0
27	Dykes, Denton J.....	2067	L 6	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
28	Dykes, Denton r/e.....	2067	L 10	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
29	Stevanovic, Miomir.....	2017	F---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Edward Levy Memorial, Under 2000 Section

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT	Prize
1	Zulic, Jasmin r/e.....	1991	W 21	W 19	W 4	W 5	D 2	4.5 \$3125.00
2	Jex, Joshua.....	1936	D 23	W 28	W 13	W 8	D 1	4.0 \$1156.50
3	Smith, Andrew M.....	1860	L 13	W 27	W 20	W 17	W 9	4.0 \$1156.50
4	Schemm, Michael A.....	1999	W 27	W 15	L 1	D 6	W 10	3.5 \$ 300.20
5	Tums, Valdis M.....	1983	D 11	W 23	W 7	L 1	W 15	3.5 \$ 300.20
6	Ramirez, Robert W.....	1896	L 14	W 25	W 22	D 4	W 13	3.5 \$ 300.20
7	Yelton, Paul J.....	1832	W 29	D 13	L 5	W 24	W 14	3.5 \$ 300.20
8	Sandagsuren, Gansukh....	1825	D 9	W 17	W 14	L 2	W 19	3.5 \$ 300.20
9	Bowers, David E.....	1968	D 8	W 26	D 10	W 21	L 3	3.0 \$ 62.50
10	Angel, Antonio.....	1908	D 24	W 18	D 9	W 19	L 4	3.0 \$ 62.50
11	Higgins, Ernest.....	1826	D 5	D 16	L 21	W 25	W 24	3.0 \$ 62.50
12	Abarca, Jose W.....	1801	L 15	B---	L 17	W 27	W 21	3.0 \$ 62.50
13	Haubrich, Scott A.....	1998	W 3	D 7	L 2	W 18	L 6	2.5
14	Mayers, Dan E.....	1944	W 6	D 24	L 8	W 23	L 7	2.5
15	Curcuru, Michael.....	1876	W 12	L 4	D 24	W 20	L 5	2.5
16	Langlois, David A.....	1874	D 28	D 11	L 19	D 22	W 26	2.5
17	Lundstrom, Brad.....	1999	D 26	L 8	W 12	L 3	D 22	2.0
18	Dunlap, John M.....	1943	D 25	L 10	W 26	L 13	D 23	2.0
19	Drebenstedt, James H....	1915	W 20	L 1	W 16	L 10	L 8	2.0
20	Martinez, Lawrence.....	1887	L 19	B---	L 3	L 15	W 27	2.0
21	Hughes, Tyler B.....	1887	L 1	W 22	W 11	L 9	L 12	2.0
22	Rentzenkhand, Dash.....	1862	B---	L 21	L 6	D 16	D 17	2.0
23	Ilagan, Sam A.....	1824	D 2	L 5	W 25	L 14	D 18	2.0
24	Makhlin, Yuriy M.....	1970	D 10	D 14	D 15	L 7	L 11	1.5
25	Doykos, Kenneth P.....	1878	D 18	L 6	L 23	L 11	B---	1.5
26	Davis, Charles F.....	1866	D 17	L 9	L 18	X---	L 16	1.5
27	Mac Lellan, Ian B.....	1868	L 4	L 3	W 28	L 12	L 20	1.0
28	Yoo, Kei Joon.....	1800	D 16	L 2	L 27	F---	U---	0.5
29	Zulic, Jasmin.....	1991	L 7	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Edward Levy Memorial, Under 1800 Section

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT	Prize
1	Fox, Jeffrey R.....	1777	W 37	W 42	D 10	W 5	W 9	4.5 \$1812.67
2	Baffo, Jeffrey A.....	1770	W 6	W 28	W 18	D 3	W 10	4.5 \$1812.67
3	Eager, Dustin H.....	1729	X---	W 31	W 21	D 2	W 13	4.5 \$1812.67
4	Jones, Gary Willia.....	1754	W 27	L 21	W 45	W 36	W 18	4.0 \$ 328.25
5	Presutti, Michael J....	1741	W 33	W 41	W 35	L 1	W 19	4.0 \$ 328.25
6	Lakhovsky, Meir r/e....	1738	L 2	W 32	W 41	W 35	W 20	4.0 \$ 328.25
7	Pineda, Andrew.....	1627	L 14	W 52	W 15	W 22	W 16	4.0 \$ 328.25
8	Quint, David P.....	1765	W 30	D 17	W 36	L 9	W 27	3.5 \$ 109.50
9	Driscoll, Walter A.....	1744	D 19	W 12	W 24	W 8	L 1	3.5 \$ 109.50
10	Albano, Paul.....	1693	W 39	W 38	D 1	W 28	L 2	3.5 \$ 109.50
11	Mac Neil, James C.....	1680	L 13	X---	D 27	W 42	W 24	3.5 \$ 109.50
12	Miller, Glenn J.....	1795	L 17	L 9	W 46	W 31	W 30	3.0
13	Emery, Nicholas D.....	1785	W 11	L 18	W 32	W 25	L 3	3.0
14	Shugal, Alexei.....	1729	W 7	L 35	L 37	W 32	W 36	3.0
15	Davidson, Allan.....	1718	H---	D 40	L 7	W 41	W 35	3.0
16	Willson, Billy P.....	1705	W 34	L 36	W 39	W 37	L 7	3.0
17	Su, Michael H.....	1692	W 12	D 8	D 19	L 20	W 28	3.0
18	Baker, Bernard C.....	1684	W 49	W 13	L 2	W 38	L 4	3.0
19	Robb, Morgan T.....	1646	D 9	W 23	D 17	W 21	L 5	3.0
20	Santiago, Roderick.....	1605	D 40	W 48	D 22	W 17	L 6	3.0
21	Herbst, Richard E.....	1782	W 46	W 4	L 3	L 19	D 25	2.5



Josh Jex tied for second in the under 1800 section.
Photo by Eruna Schultheiss



Andrew Smith of Wyoming took home some nice money with a second place finish in the U1800 section. Andrew is also the new Wyoming Closed Champion!
Photo by Ann Davies

“Money won is twice as sweet as money earned”

- Fast Eddie Felson,
The Color of Money

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22	Irons, Karl W.....	1732	W 45	D 24	D 20	L 7	D 26	2.5
23	Cooksey, Brandon.....	1713	L 41	L 19	D 33	W 48	W 38	2.5
24	Fabia, Carmelo Nav.....	1678	W 44	D 22	L 9	W 29	L 11	2.5
25	Kerr, Charles.....	1677	D 48	D 44	W 43	L 13	D 21	2.5
26	Parsons, Michael A.....	1641	L 28	L 37	W 51	W 44	D 22	2.5
27	Claussner, Michael.....	1469	L 4	B---	D 11	W 34	L 8	2.5
28	Tabing, Dante r/e.....	1790	W 26	L 2	W 31	L 10	L 17	2.0
29	Suresh, Joshua.....	1693	L 36	W 33	D 42	L 24	D 34	2.0
30	Foster, Ursula.....	1692	L 8	D 34	D 44	X---	L 12	2.0
31	Taylor, Arthur.....	1676	W 50	L 3	L 28	L 12	W 46	2.0
32	Ish, Yadamsuren.....	1653	W 43	L 6	L 13	L 14	W 44	2.0
33	Hester, Jesse R.....	1640	L 5	L 29	D 23	W 51	D 39	2.0
34	Brennan, Timothy E.....	1611	L 16	D 30	W 48	L 27	D 29	2.0
35	Rossi, Ronald J.....	1611	W 51	W 14	L 5	L 6	L 15	2.0
36	Brown, Phillip M.....	1608	W 29	W 16	L 8	L 4	L 14	2.0
37	Winick, Jon.....	1604	L 1	W 26	W 14	L 16	U---	2.0
38	Splichal, La Moyne.....	1600	W 52	L 10	W 40	L 18	L 23	2.0
39	Schultz, John F.....	1565	L 10	B---	L 16	D 40	D 33	2.0
40	Bagstad, Gary L.....	1716	D 20	D 15	L 38	D 39	U---	1.5
41	Betita, Diego.....	1630	W 23	L 5	L 6	L 15	H---	1.5
42	Cole, Marcel E.....	1400	B---	L 1	D 29	L 11	U---	1.5
43	Chen, Tony X.....	1791	L 32	W 46	L 25	U---	U---	1.0
44	Flewellyn, Kenneth.....	1767	L 24	D 25	D 30	L 26	L 32	1.0
45	Wisdom, Don E.....	1662	L 22	W 51	L 4	U---	U---	1.0
46	Grubel, Charles R.....	1617	L 21	L 43	L 12	W 53	L 31	1.0
47	Grimm, Paul M.....	1705	U---	U---	U---	U---	W 51	1.0
48	Holland, Morry R.....	1744	D 25	L 20	L 34	L 23	U---	0.5
49	Tabing, Dante D.....	1790	L 18	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
50	Lakhovsky, Meir.....	1738	L 31	F---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
51	Hunt, Edwin S.....	1729	L 35	L 45	L 26	L 33	L 47	0.0
52	Shaw, John R.....	1700	L 38	L 7	U---	U---	U---	0.0
53	Powell, Terry K.....	1369	U---	U---	U---	L 46	U---	0.0

U.S. Chess Champion Plays Regis Jesuit Students

By Billy Willson

Reigning U.S. Chess Champion and Grandmaster Alexander Shabalov competed with 25 Regis Jesuit student chess aficionados on Friday, September 19, in Regis Jesuit's gym. Mr. Shabalov played all the students simultaneously.

Parents, faculty, students and local media attended and watched as Mr. Shabalov won 24 of the matches and played to a draw with junior John Staley.

Chess Club moderator Billy Willson reports that the event was a huge success benefiting both the Regis students and the promotion of scholastic chess in the Denver area.

Edward Levy Memorial, Under 1600 Section

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT	Prize	
1	Davey, Matthew H.....	1400	W 14	W 15	W 5	W 3	W 8	5.0	\$2500.00
2	Shridhar, Mitesh.....	1503	X---	D 13	W 29	W 23	W 10	4.5	\$1250.00
3	Williams, Joel A.....	1540	W 35	W 33	W 7	L 1	W 16	4.0	\$ 375.17
4	Williams James P.....	1532	L 7	W 31	W 17	W 18	W 19	4.0	\$ 375.17
5	Bottinelli, Lone.....	1520	W 45	W 34	L 1	W 33	W 13	4.0	\$ 375.17
6	Girardi Joseph E.....	1451	L 20	W 45	W 43	W 28	W 14	4.0	\$ 375.17
7	Cunningham, Cha r/e.....	1424	W 4	W 21	L 3	W 31	W 23	4.0	\$ 375.17
8	Dondon, Josito C.....	1286	W 44	W 25	W 30	W 20	L 1	4.0	\$ 375.17
9	Howe, Alan F.....	1536	W 53	D 16	L 23	W 35	W 20	3.5	\$ 62.50
10	Wheatley, Guy.....	1506	W 17	W 43	D 20	W 24	L 2	3.5	\$ 62.50
11	Musselman, Seth r/e.....	1476	L 43	W 32	H---	W 37	W 21	3.5	\$ 62.50
12	Brezina, John J.....	1433	W 27	D 23	L 13	W 29	W 24	3.5	\$ 62.50
13	Martinez, Norbert E.....	1567	W 52	D 2	W 12	D 16	L 5	3.0	
14	Carson, Anthea J.....	1563	L 1	W 52	W 34	W 25	L 6	3.0	
15	Bolorbold, Luvsant.....	1514	X---	L 1	L 18	W 38	W 36	3.0	
16	Barfuss, William G.....	1461	W 51	D 9	W 22	D 13	L 3	3.0	
17	Muniz, Gabriel.....	1414	L 10	W 27	L 4	W 39	W 28	3.0	
18	Tseng, Leon Y.....	1414	L 25	W 44	W 15	L 4	W 30	3.0	
19	Golshan, Vishtasbg.....	1407	W 47	L 29	W 39	W 30	L 4	3.0	
20	Strandberg, Gene.....	1583	W 6	W 39	D 10	L 8	L 9	2.5	
21	Churchill, Walt r/e.....	1577	D 31	L 7	W 47	W 26	L 11	2.5	
22	Stolpe, Samuel F.....	1575	L 30	W 41	L 16	W 40	D 25	2.5	
23	Sneed, David Newto.....	1574	W 32	D 12	W 9	L 2	L 7	2.5	
24	Fox, Shannon J.....	1558	W 36	W 26	H---	L 10	L 12	2.5	
25	Maxwell, Wray A.....	1502	W 18	L 8	W 36	L 14	D 22	2.5	
26	Doykos, Ted K.....	1474	W 46	L 24	D 37	L 21	W 41	2.5	
27	Kappas, Luke.....	1548	L 12	L 17	L 45	W 52	W 44	2.0	
28	Pearson, Nick.....	1543	L 38	W 46	W 40	L 6	L 17	2.0	
29	Varchetto, Richard.....	1539	D 40	W 19	L 2	L 12	D 37	2.0	
30	Dail, Kenneth W.....	1506	W 22	W 38	L 8	L 19	L 18	2.0	
31	Short, Peter J.....	1505	D 21	L 4	W 41	L 7	D 35	2.0	
32	Erkenbayar, Jagdagdorj..	1497	L 23	L 11	W 52	L 36	W 45	2.0	

Alexander Shabalov is one of the world's great chess players. In town to defend his title in an international tournament, the Edward Levy Memorial Chess Tournaments, he graciously devoted some time to promote the game of chess and inspire students of the game at Regis Jesuit.

Regis Jesuit Chess Club has about 75 active members. They routinely compete amongst themselves, in the Denver Chess League and at the state championship in February.

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33	Grant, Adam	1483	W 37	L 3	W 38	L 5	U---	2.0
34	Lobaugh, Doyle W	1440	W 49	L 5	L 14	W 45	U---	2.0
35	Santana, Emir M	1435	L 3	D 47	W 42	L 9	D 31	2.0
36	King, John Hugh	1400	L 24	B---	L 25	W 32	L 15	2.0
37	Fisher, Timothy M	1398	L 33	B---	D 26	L 11	D 29	2.0
38	Woods, Brian D	1156	W 28	L 30	L 33	L 15	W 42	2.0
39	Robbins, James L	1500	W 42	L 20	L 19	L 17	D 40	1.5
40	Walley, David M	1430	D 29	D 42	L 28	L 22	D 39	1.5
41	Colbert, Donald L	1400	H---	L 22	L 31	W 47	L 26	1.5
42	Charlton, Clint D	1597	L 39	D 40	L 35	D 44	L 38	1.0
43	Menaamaro, Salvado	1571	W 11	L 10	L 6	U---	U---	1.0
44	Cunningham, Allan	1472	L 8	L 18	D 46	D 42	L 27	1.0
45	Fernando, Gene R	1422	L 5	L 6	W 27	L 34	L 32	1.0
46	De La Victoria, Mario	1570	L 26	L 28	D 44	U---	U---	0.5
47	Evenson, Paul E	1499	L 19	D 35	L 21	L 41	U---	0.5
48	Jaszcar, Clint	1597	F---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
49	Churchill, Walter	1577	L 34	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
50	Sneed, David N	1574	F---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
51	Musselman, Seth B	1476	L 16	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
52	Bonifate, Gregory	1425	L 13	L 14	L 32	L 27	U---	0.0
53	Cunningham, Charles	1424	L 9	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Edward Levy Memorial, Under 1400 Section

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT	
1	Hale, John A	1308	W 33	W 15	W 3	D 7	W 8	4.5
2	Lee, Joshua C	1294	W 23	D 6	W 16	W 5	W 7	4.5
3	Trudnak, Michael J	1396	W 26	W 31	L 1	W 12	W 13	4.0
4	Aragon, Joseph R	1364	W 30	L 7	W 31	W 21	W 10	4.0
5	Couvillon, Robert	1328	D 8	W 25	W 13	L 2	W 18	3.5
6	Small, Dave L	1295	W 17	D 2	W 18	L 8	W 14	3.5
7	Brunner, David S	1285	W 9	W 4	W 11	D 1	L 2	3.5
8	Coleman, Jack r/e	1244	D 5	W 27	W 15	W 6	L 1	3.5
9	Nguyen, Tien Q	1393	L 7	L 12	W 28	W 31	W 21	3.0
10	Zax, Jacob M	1380	L 13	W 17	W 30	W 11	L 4	3.0
11	Wood, Glenn R	1346	W 19	W 14	L 7	L 10	W 24	3.0
12	Menard, Andre P	1307	L 15	W 9	W 24	L 3	W 22	3.0
13	Wells, Larry A	1293	W 10	W 21	L 5	X---	L 3	3.0
14	Skarie, Al	1274	W 28	L 11	W 19	W 16	L 6	3.0
15	Brown, Dean W	1397	W 12	L 1	L 8	W 30	D 17	2.5
16	Crockett, Curtis P	1305	W 22	D 18	L 2	L 14	W 25	2.5
17	Hennings, Ralph	1269	L 6	L 10	B---	W 23	D 15	2.5
18	De Vera, Narayan	1246	W 20	D 16	L 6	W 27	L 5	2.5
19	Hopfe-Heintz, Catherine	1170	L 11	W 28	L 14	D 25	W 27	2.5
20	Bailey, Roman Davi	1360	L 18	W 24	W 23	F---	U---	2.0
21	Reiser, Randall S	1295	W 32	L 13	W 22	L 4	L 9	2.0
22	Tanner, Jonathan C	1186	L 16	B---	L 21	W 29	L 12	2.0
23	Svyatlovsky, Alina	1109	L 2	W 35	L 20	L 17	W 30	2.0
24	Szymanski, J M	1019	B---	L 20	L 12	W 26	L 11	2.0
25	Benson, Roy R	1376	D 27	L 5	D 29	D 19	L 16	1.5
26	Meyer, Samuel D	1289	L 3	D 29	L 27	L 24	W 34	1.5
27	Dykes, Denton	1281	D 25	L 8	W 26	L 18	L 19	1.5
28	Powell, Terry K	1369	L 14	L 19	L 9	B---	U---	1.0
29	Read, Robert David	1326	L 31	D 26	D 25	L 22	U---	1.0
30	Berman, Louis	1259	L 4	B---	L 10	L 15	L 23	1.0
31	Manka, William r/e	1217	W 29	L 3	L 4	L 9	U---	1.0
32	Coleman, Jack	1244	L 21	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
33	Manka, William S	1217	L 1	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
34	Jenkins, Richard S	1184	U---	U---	U---	U---	L 26	0.0
35	Cooksey, Kyle	990	U---	L 23	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Edward Levy Memorial, Under 1200 Section

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT	Prize	
1	Hempstead, Kevin P	1163	W 25	W 8	W 14	W 4	W 5	5.0	\$1000.00
2	Phillips, Robert A	890	W 10	W 7	D 9	W 13	D 6	4.0	\$ 500.00
3	Fuselier, Ronald r/e	1189	L 6	W 15	W 17	D 14	W 13	3.5	\$ 250.25
4	Cooksey, Jack C	1188	W 22	W 19	D 13	L 1	W 14	3.5	\$ 250.25

CO Chess News and Notes

Denver chess player Josh Smith moved to California in Fall 2003. Before he left he had a chess party on October 24. In his invitation to the party he wrote: "Requirements: good behavior, boards, pieces, clocks, a few bucks so we can get some pizza and so forth."

Brian Wall, being more of a realist wrote: "I would tell the chess players to bring \$5 for pizza but then no one would come so just bring your broken clocks, 31 chess pieces and spotted boards and hungry bellies and we will see if there are any Cheese nips left."

Good luck in California
Josh! Photo by Eruna Schultheiss



Josh Smith

Interesting quotes

courtesy of Paul Grimm

"Why didn't you resign before you had winning chances?"--JC MacNeil to Paul Grimm at the CO Open after Grimm nearly came from behind to take a won game from MacNeil.

"I'll give you the draw if you find the win!"--Paul Grimm to Anthea Carson at Ed Levy Warm-Up when Anthea had a forced win but no time to find it.

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5	Abarca, Jose A.....	1088	D	20	W	25	W	7	W	9	L	1	3.5	\$ 250.25
6	Bain, Moshe R.....	1054	W	3	L	14	W	19	W	8	D	2	3.5	\$ 250.25
7	Garcia, Michael D.....	1199	W	11	L	2	L	5	W	22	W	15	3.0	\$ 83.34
8	Kasper, Matthew D.....	1189	W	24	L	1	W	11	L	6	W	17	3.0	\$ 83.34
9	Fritze, Melvin P.....	1161	W	23	W	20	D	2	L	5	D	12	3.0	\$ 83.34
10	Cooksey, Ryan A.....	1155	L	2	W	22	D	12	D	15	X---		3.0	\$ 83.34
11	Cooksey, Kyle.....	990	L	7	B---		L	8	W	25	W	19	3.0	\$ 83.34
12	Askar, Ibara.....	887	L	14	W	16	D	10	W	21	D	9	3.0	\$ 83.34
13	Paul, Ed r/e.....	1158	W	17	W	21	D	4	L	2	L	3	2.5	
14	Dashzeved, Samdan.....	1155	W	12	W	6	L	1	D	3	L	4	2.5	
15	Sills, Scott W.....	868	W	16	L	3	W	21	D	10	L	7	2.5	
16	Anderson, Roger M.....	1083	L	15	L	12	W	20	L	17	W	25	2.0	
17	Cooper, Willow R.....	916	L	13	W	18	L	3	W	16	L	8	2.0	
18	Hughes, Joseph D.....	695	L	21	L	17	B---		B---		F---		2.0	
19	Lewis, Robert J.....	396	B---		L	4	L	6	W	20	L	11	2.0	
20	Jenkins, Richard S.....	1184	D	5	L	9	L	16	L	19	B---		1.5	
21	Maier, Gerald J.....	1063	W	18	L	13	L	15	L	12	D	22	1.5	
22	Bain, Gregory A.....	958	L	4	L	10	W	25	L	7	D	21	1.5	
23	Fuselier, Ronald J.....	1189	L	9	U---		U---		U---		U---		0.0	
24	Paul, Ed F.....	1158	L	8	U---		U---		U---		U---		0.0	
25	Schneider, Kathy A.....	718	L	1	L	5	L	22	L	11	L	16	0.0	

Edward Levy Memorial, Unrated Section

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1 Tran, Vinh L.....	unr.	W 13	W 4	W 2	W 5	W 7	5.0	\$375.00
2 Dashzeveg, Rentsenmyada	unr.	W 8	W 3	L 1	W 10	W 5	4.0	\$250.00
3 Tyler, John S.....	unr.	W 14	L 2	W 6	D 4	W 8	3.5	\$109.50
4 Chow, Andrew.....	unr.	W 7	L 1	W 9	D 3	W 10	3.5	\$109.50
5 Blanco, John E.....	unr.	W 10	W 6	W 11	L 1	L 2	3.0	\$ 78.50
6 Fiest, Richard.....	unr.	W 12	L 5	L 3	W 13	W 11	3.0	\$ 78.50
7 Hughes, Daniel.....	unr.	L 4	W 13	D 8	W 11	L 1	2.5	\$ 63.00
8 Hicks, Antonio J.....	unr.	L 2	W 14	D 7	W 9	L 3	2.5	\$ 63.00
9 Craig, Anthony.....	unr.	H---	D 11	L 4	L 8	W 13	2.0	
10 Batzaya, Tsegmed.....	unr.	L 5	W 15	W 13	L 2	L 4	2.0	

Games from the 2003 Edward Levy Memorial Colorado Chess Classic—Annotations by Tim Brennan

W: GM Ildar Ibragimov (2587)
 B: IM Nazar Firman, (2513) [D36]
 Levy Memorial Denver (4), Sept. 23 2003

International Master Bill Paschall featured this game as part of his "Annotated Games" feature on the Internet Chess Radio website, www.chess.fm. "Annotated Games" is a really wonderful feature on chess.fm in which Bill verbally annotates a game. The game is shown in a "flash" style animation where the user can see the board while listening to Bill's comments about it. Bill has new annotated games on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. They always feature interesting games from the top players in chess. He does a fantastic job of explaining the ideas of the game, and bringing the game to life. I would highly recommend this to anyone interested in chess. There is no fee or registration required. Unfortunately there is no archive of previous features, so you have to watch them as they come up. 1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qc2 h6 7.Bh4 g6 8.e3 Bf5 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nbd7 11.Nge2 Bg7 12.b4 White launches a minority attack on the queenside 12...b5 black responds to this attack. He leaves himself a hole on c5, but it is not easy for white to take advantage of this. 13.Bxf6 Nxf6 14.a4 a6 15.0-0 0-0 16.Nc1 Qd6

17.Qb1 Ng4 with the subtle threat of Qxh2 mate 18.g3 h5 19.Nd3 white has repositioned the knight to try to hop into the hole on c5 19...Rfe8 20.Ne2 b4 21.axb5 hxg3 22.hxg3 cxb5 23.Kg2 (diagram) Nxe3+!! This was the shocking move that caused Bill to choose this game to be selected as part of his annotated games series. Wow!! Sac'ing a knight for two pawns and an attack. 24.fxe3 Rxe3 25.Ra2 giving reinforcement to the knight. Whites pieces are not very well coordinated, but blacks are set to harass the white king. 25...Rae8 doubling the rooks, adding more pressure to the awkward knight on e2. 26.Qd1 adding a second defender to the knight. This knight is guarding the important g3 pawn, which must not fall. 26...Qe7 tripling on the open e file, hoping to make dog food of the poor knight. 27.Ndc1 all of whites moves are defensive, all of whites moves are attacking.



After 23. Kg2

Rxe3 25.Ra2 giving reinforcement to the knight.

27...Qe4+ 28.Kh2 g5 Bill really liked this move a lot. It now allows the queen to fall back to h7 with another square to check the king from. 29.Qc2 Qg4 White would love to trade queens, but black obviously does not wish to do this. 30.Qf5 Qh5+ 31.Kg2 R8e6 32.Nf4 (diagram) It looks like black is getting forked. 32...Rxg3+!! Another shocking sacrifice! Rook for pawn! 33.Kxg3 gxf4+ Black gets back a knight for the rook. But he is still down a whole piece. 34.Rxf4 Rg6+ 35.Kf2 Bxd4+ time to get that bishop in the game! The rook cannot capture it because it is defending the queen. It is overloaded. 36.Ke1 Rg1+ white resigns. A brilliant, exciting game by Firman, with lots of creative sacrifices. I was really excited to see the Edward Levy get put in the national spotlight on chess.fm. Bill did a great job making this game come to life. 0-1

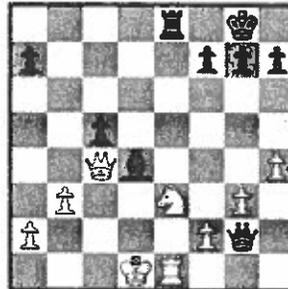


After 32. Nf4

W: Jerry Hanken (2069)
B: Enrico Sevillano (2490) [A14]
 Levy Memorial Denver (1),
 Sept. 23, 2003

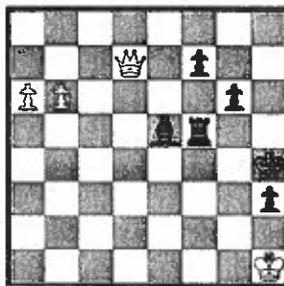
After each round International Master John Donaldson was doing analysis of people's games. This was truly an amazing and instructive thing to watch. I was extremely impressed. John has an encyclopedic knowledge of the game, and can annotate a game on the fly better than most people can do with hours of time and the strongest computers available. This was one game that I watched John analyze. 1.c4 Jerry Hanken has been playing tournament chess for a very long time. He is a regular contributor to chess life magazine. He was nominated for Chess Journalist of the Year in 2002. I really enjoy his features in Chess Life. He often interviews "the little guy", someone for example who wins the Under 1600 section at a major tournament. I have read on chess bulletin boards where some people do not like this sort of "fluff", but I always enjoyed reading about the people who play in the tournaments, and not just the game scores, or the latest theoretical novelty on move 25 of the Najdorf. 1...e6 2.g3 Jerry is a die hard English player. He has been playing the English for over 30 years he said. This move is featured in the book "The Dynamic English" by Tony Kosten. Denver Chess Club regular, and fellow English die hard, Pete Short, is a big fan of this book. I was really impressed at how well Donaldson knew the theory of this opening. g3 is the response to all moves by black except for b6. 2...d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Be7 5.0-0 The king in a nice safe English home. 5...0-0 6.b3 Nbd7 7.Bb2 double fianchetto of the bishops 7...c6 8.d3 b5 9.Nbd2 Rb8 10.Qc2 bxc4 11.dxc4 c5 12.e3 Ba6 13.Rfc1 Qb6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Rbd8 16.Qb2 white gets a nice battery along the long diagonal 16...Ne8 17.cxd5 exd5 Fritz evaluates the position as equal at this point. 18.Nf3 Bd3 19.Bc3 Be4 20.Qa3 Qb7 21.Ne1 Bxg2 22.Nxg2 white fianchetto his knight 22...d4 23.Ba5 Rd7 24.Qa4 Nf6 25.exd4 Rxd4 26.Rc4 Ne4 27.Rac1 white goes to work on black's isolated pawn 27...Bf6 28.Rxd4 Bxd4 29.Be1 Ng5 30.h4 Nf3+ 31.Kf1 Qe4 32.Qc4 Re8 33.Ne3 Nxe1 34.Rxe1

Qh1+
 35.Ke2
 Qg2
 36.Kd1
 (diagram)
 Qxf2??
 Black goes pawn grabbing, and gives white the initiative.



After 36. Kd1

37.Rf1 giving an x-ray attack to the f7 pawn. 37...Bxe3 Black has to give up the queen for rook and bishop 38.Rxf2 Bxf2 39.Qb5 Rd8+ 40.Ke2 Bxg3 41.Qxc5 Re8+ 42.Kf3 Bb8 Black does not want to give up the a pawn, giving white two queenside passers 43.b4 passed pawns must be pushed 43...g6 44.a4 Kg7 45.Qd4+ Re5 46.b5 blacks position is looking bad. His rook is pinned. White's queen is nicely centralized, and his king is active. 46...Kh6 47.Qd8 Rf5+ 48.Kg2 Be5 49.Qd7 Kh5 50.Qxa7 Kxh4 51.a5 Kg4 52.Qd7



After 55. Kh4

55.Kh1 Kh4 (diagram) 56.Qxf5 A cute queen sac. The passed pawns cannot be stopped. A nice upset by a tournament journeyman! 1-0



W: GM Alexander Ivanov (2538)
B: Gary Simms (2272) [B30]
 Levy Memorial Denver (1),
 Sept. 23, 2003

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 The Pelican 4.Bc4 d6 5.d3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 ?? (diagram) This seems like a harmless move. It maintains the pin on the knight. This position appears in 6 games in my database. In one game a 2400 player just continued with 0-0?? and eventually lost. In the other people played Be3 and g4. But there is only one good move for white here which wins immediately! 7.Nxe5!! Black re-

signs on move 7! Wow! That is a fast game. According to my database this opening tactic has happened in at least three other games. In the other games black played on for a little while, but white always won a quick game. Black has no compensation for the pawn. If he gets greedy and grabs the hanging queen it will be a beautiful Legall's mate with Bh7+ followed by Nd5 mate.

This is a good tactic to know, and doesn't just come up in patzer's games! 1-0



After 6. ...Bh5??

W: Steve Towbin (2099)
B: GM V. Mikhalevski (2523) [A00]
 Levy Memorial Denver (1),
 Sept. 23, 2003

1.Nc3 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Bg5 Qb6 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Nb3 Qc7 8.Nd5 Qd8 9.Qd3 e6 10.Qe4 Ne5 11.Ne3 d5 12.Qh4 a5 13.a4 h5 14.f4 Ng6 15.Qf2 f5 16.g3 Bg7 17.Rb1 Bd7 18.Nc5 Bc6 19.Bg2 Qb6 20.Nd1 d4 21.Nd3 Bxa4 22.b3 Bc6 23.h4 Rc8 24.Rb2 Ne7 25.0-0 Nd5 26.Ne5 Bxe5 27.fx5 Rg8 28.Kh2 f4 29.gxf4 Nxf4 30.Bxc6+ Qxc6 31.Qf3 Rg4 32.Nf2 Rxh4+ 33.Kg1 Ke7 34.Qxc6 Rg8+ 35.Ng4 Rgxg4+ 0-1

W: James McCarthy (2279)
B: GM Alex Yermolinsky(2551) [B51]
 Levy Memorial Denver (1)
 Sept. 23, 2003

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.0-0 Ngf6 5.Re1 a6 6.Bf1 b6 7.c4 e6 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.d3 Be7 10.g3 0-0 11.Bg2 Ne5 12.b3 Qc7 13.Bb2 Rfd8 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Rad1 Bc6 16.Nh4 Ng6 17.f4 Nxh4 18.gxh4 b5 19.Bf3 b4 20.Na4 d5 21.cxd5 exd5 22.e5 Nd7 23.h5 d4 24.Rc1 Nb6 25.Bxc6 Qxc6 26.Bxd4 Nxa4 27.bxa4 Rad8 28.Bf2 Qxa4 29.Rc4 Qd7 30.Bxc5 Bxc5+ 31.Rxc5 Qxd3 32.Qxd3 Rxd3 33.Ra5 b3 34.axb3 Rxb3 35.Rxa6 Rh3 36.h6 g6 37.Kg2 Rxh6 38.Re1 Kg7 39.Ra8 Rxa8 40.Rxa8 Rh5 41.Kg3 Rf5 42.h4 h6 43.Kg4 Kh7 44.Rb8 Kg7 45.Ra8 Kh7 46.Rb8 Kg7 47.Ra8 1/2-1/2

by LM Brian Wall

Wall draws hero, US Champ in simul

Shabalov turned out to be the nicest guy I ever met. I am pretty generous in simul - my last round had everyone pick both a color of their choosing but also my move out of a hat! Shabalov was kind - he said we could pick the color we wanted, he promised to move slow because otherwise "it would not be much fun for you guys" and most impressively he said (and he's probably the only simul giver in history who ever said this) - "you don't have to wait for me to arrive at your board to move, fire at will." - in other words, he is confident he will spot any errors we make by moving twice. Last year at the Levy Memorial 2002 I asked Shabba to sign my copy of Shirov's book *Fire on Board*. I didn't know if he recognized me as a Chess Master so I disguised myself by sitting between my student Barbara Fortune (700) and my hero Kent Evenson. Kent played dynamic, intuitive Chess like he always does, but you can't out-Latvian Shabalov! Neither could Andrew Karklins who tried the Latvian Gambit against Shabalov! Karklins speaks Latvian and, along with his father, wrote an excellent book about Tal 25 years ago. Karklins beat my Brick 1 e4 c5 2 Nh3!! at the 2001 Governor's Cup in Sioux Falls, South Dakota.

I got another taste of Shabalov's innate kindness watching Barb Fortune play to my right. Whenever Barb would get nervous and blunder, Alex would kindly point out the problem and let her retract the move so the game would have more value for her. Alex ended up drawing a guy after allowing at least one takeback. Shabalov was also a perfect gentleman the next day at Billy Willson's Regis simul which attracted at least twice as many kids as adults the day before. It struck me that Alex was probably a very patient Husband and Father.

Shabalov has 4 computers working non-stop, day and night, on critical positions

Andy Rea asked Alexander if he preferred a lecture or questions and he preferred to answer our questions. I asked him about his intense game with Akopian 2600 in the final round of the U.S. Championship - this is the famous game where everyone like Joel Benjamin, John Fedorowicz, etc. took a last round draw but Shabalov fought for the title and won. He earned an extra \$5,000 from the organizer to shame the peacemakers further! Shabalov said the game was difficult because all eyes were on

him but he managed to play well. I didn't know it at the time but I was paired with Akopian in Round 1 of the Levy! - in other words I had to play the two finalists of the 2003 U.S. Championship back to back! Whew.

I asked Shabalov if he paid Tal for his instruction. Alexander answered that in Russia at the time, it was not even a consideration! Shabalov showed his gratitude by stating that although he never paid Tal one penny, Tal made him the man he is today.

The best question came from Roderick Santiago, who asked him how a 1600 or 1800 could improve. Shabalov answered with delightful honesty - "At your level, study anything, anything and you will see results - openings, tactics, studies, endgames, problems, middlegames, whatever!"

As a followup to Roderick's question, Shabalov revealed that he had 4 computers working non-stop, day and night, working on critical positions. He said to maintain a 2700 USCF rating he must work with his computers 4-5 hours a day - to maintain a FIDE 2700 rating you must work 8-10 hours a day.

While everyone else was actually thinking and playing moves, I was just whipping out prepared analysis. When Shabba took a bathroom break, I explained the next 7 moves to teenagers like Mitesh (pronounced Mih - taysh) and Suresh (pronounced Anand) and Jesse Hester - they were rather incredulous and I enjoyed watching their huge Indian eyes get bigger and bigger as each move unfolded as I predicted. "Brian, is it really true that you know absolutely nothing about this opening?! You only know one position!!!! Against the U.S. Champion!!!! Are you insane????"

Brian to teenagers - "Relax, I don't need to learn a whole opening. Shabalov is going down. He will fall for my prepared analysis."

A few days later, sitting next to good buddy Josh Bloomer and with Colorado Chess Informant Editor Tim Brennan in the room, I asked IM John Donaldson to analyze the game. I had made fun of John in an email "The New Hypermodernism" after I beat him in the last round of the 2002 Governor's Cup. John was a good sport as always and didn't hold it against me. Since I knew absolutely nothing about the Slav and John had written books about it chock-full of original analysis, I was eager to get his comments. John said that Shabalov was a highly principled player, often sticking to main lines and has been known before to unleash innovations in simul games that a GM would normally reserve for tournament games.

W: GM Alexander Shabalov (2662)

B: LM Brian Wall (2223) [D48]

Edward Levy Memorial Simul
Red Lion Hotel Denver, CO
September 18, 2003
Semi Slav Meran System

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 IM Donaldson was explaining basic Slav choices and ideas here to the Levy audience.

8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 a6 10.e4 c5 11.d5 Qc7 IM John Donaldson explained that 11 ... Qc7 was favored by specialist GM Dreev.

12.dxe6 fxe6 13.Bc2 IM Donaldson explained this is a prophylactic move with the belief that Black has no better idea than ... c4 eventually.

13 ... Bd6 14.Ng5 Nf8 15.f4 0-0-0 16.Qe2 IM Donaldson mentioned 16 Qe1 as a possibility too which would have completely confused me if Shabalov had played that. Any deviation at any point would have mandated an immediate resignation from me.

16 ... h6 17.Nf3 Bxf4 18.e5 Bxf3 19.Rxf3 Bxe5 Somehow around here, I took over the analysis because I was entering familiar territory, much like Towbin claims he did when Donaldson tried to analyze the brilliant and highly confusing Wall-Towbin game played in the 2002 Levy Memorial, not to be confused with a second Wall victory over Towbin in the 2003 Levy Memorial. Whenever I saw two Colorado players facing off in the Levy, I would scribble on the scoresheet - "You paid \$200 to play him?" - Dustin Eager, impressed with how much money the Colorado players walked away with, including himself, declared us to be "an army of sheep!" 20.a4 Ng4 Always remember, Children, no matter what the opening or who the opponent, always try to transpose into a Fishing Pole as soon as possible.

Shabalov mentioned a critical game in the 56th Russian Championship in Krasnoyarsk played 2 weeks before our game on September 3, 2003, my Mother's birthday between Serge Klimov (White) and Valer Flippov which ended in a draw - Flippov played Mulyar's move, 20 ... b4 21 Q:a6+ and then deviated with 20 ... Kb8 TN Flippov which I analyzed in my Email within an email above without finding anything wrong with it although I found it complicated and unfathomable. Shabalov seemed to think the variation may be dead now but there seems to be universes to analyze for guys like me.

21.g3 Bd4+ 22.Kg2 b4 TN Theoretical Novelty 10,000 by Brian Wall. This was the move that I wanted Team Denver to try on every

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board as Black. I was going to call our joint victory - Mulyar's Revenge. Al Modiahki tried 22 ... Qe5 here against Shabalov in Round 6 of their Bermuda game on January 25, 2003. 23.Qxa6+ Qb7 24.Qe2! (diagram) Arrghhhhh!!!! Complete panic!!! He was supposed to trade queens after which Fritz said I was better even though Shabalov wondered



After 24. Qe2!

after the game if he couldn't play this ending for a win. I was grateful my laptop was down and I hadn't sent out my email which would have led to 19 of my loyal Colorado comrades all facing the same dilemma, glaring

hatefully at their unprepared leader!

My brother Bill said one time that he envied how cool I was in a crisis. I think he was referring to times when older bullies would try to start trouble. To make matters worse, Shabalov had already dispatched about half of my comrades so he was coming around even faster - Arrggghhh!! Now what! How disappointing! How devastating! There is an Aesop's fable about an animal who teases a dog for letting a rabbit escape. The dog replies - I was running for a meal, the rabbit was running for his life. I have always believed that I had the talent to be an International Master, I just never had the opportunity to travel freely to all the big tournaments. Maybe all 2200 players tell themselves this. Shabalov was just playing a meaningless simul game but I was trying to justify my whole miserable 2200 existence! If I could beat Shabba, then it would prove I had talent, just not the same chances to meet and learn from top players.

Then a funny thing happened. Even though I was not as prepared as I liked, all the analytical work I did on the position kicked in and I was able to use some of the ideas I had explored.

I reasoned that this game is very close to a previous Shabalov game - therefore his computer quartet had done much deeper work than my preliminary Email analysis. What must have happened is that Fritz 8 or any computer likes the defense at first because it is counting material - I stopped too soon and thought that 24 Qe2 was unsound - Shabba had looked deeper - in a way it was better that I knew this was prepared analysis so I did not have to analyze the possibility of Andy Rea's "calling the obvious bluff". I had analyzed the knight sac in other positions and hated the way White's rook cre-

ated havoc on the b-file. I decided that I chose this line not to capture on c3 but to hassle the f3-rook with ... Ne5. Here is a sample of what would happen if I took the bait. 24

Qe2!! bc 25 bc Bf6 26 Rb1 Qa7 27 Bf4! and after letting Fritz run all night he favors Shabalov after 27 ... e5 28 Bc1! or 27 Bf4! Bg5 28 Bd3! R:d3! 29 R:d3!

If we look at the position after 27 Bf4! with words instead of computer chips then as a counterbalance to the extra piece Black has the following problems -

1. Shabalov has the 2 bishops
2. Shabalov's King is nestled in safety - my King needs to switch places with my out of play h8-rook with 0-0-0-0-0!!!! (... Kg8, ... Rhe8)
3. permanent light square weaknesses
4. pathetic knights with no natural outpost
5. weak pawns on e5 and c6

I felt like a complete idiot at this point for not completing my analysis. I felt good after the game for trusting my instincts and not capturing on c3.

24 ... Ne5! This idea was common when I analyzed the Mulyar game - the f3 rook has trouble finding a home but the Latvian genius just sacs it nonchalantly!

25.Be4! Qa7! I have no idea how I found the best move here among a sea of disastrous possibilities -

1. 25 Be4 Qb8 runs into a pin after 26 Bf4! and 26 Nb5 is not bad either.
2. 25 Be4 Qb6? 26 a5! and the runaway a-pawn gives Shabalov a winning position as we saw in the Mulyar game
3. 25 Be4 Qc7? 26 Qa6+ Kd7 27 Nb5 is also crushing for Alex
4. 25 Be4 Nc6? and Shabalov has at least 10 good moves especially 26 Nb5!! & 26 a5!

26.Nb5! Qa5!! I am giving myself 2 exclams because once again I found the only move - babysitting a rookpawn with a queen goes against all the rules but remember -

1. the a-pawn is a 2700 a-pawn and my Queen is only a 2200 Queen!
2. ... Qa5 was the right idea in the Mulyar game but he missed it - I only discovered the idea by studying Michael's loss.
3. Shabalov has his computer quartet but I have my own little quartet protecting my King and Queen on b4-c5-d4-e5
4. I have my own theory that pawns should change shape to help amateurs see the real value before they reach the 8th rank, if only symbolically - on the 7th the pawn

should look like a shadow rook, on the 6th it should look like a shadow piece, on the fifth it should look like a Richard Wyatt scarecrow.

Kasparov reveals in My Great Chess predecessors that he has an original theory of Chess called - the quality of the position - despite my finding the best moves the quality of my position is poor - my experiment has completely backfired.

I get many emails from Cypress questioning whether a player of my great strength should even be playing in a simul. The answer is Yes, my Greek speaking friends. Although I "prepared" this line as a possibility of playing Shabalov in the Levy, the truth is that he would kill me in this position in a tournament game. Around here I was feeling completely lost and in 4 moves when I escaped Freddy Kruger's nightmare, I understood that my remaining 5 simul comrades were actually distracting the great man.

27.Bf4!? A smooth Latvian move, developing and ignoring the hanging f3-rook. Just moving the rook with 27 Rf1! or Rb3! would leave me with all my problems for no compensation.

27 ... Nxf3! Best move again - as IM Donaldson said - What else can you do? might as well take it.

I calculated $3(\text{value of a knight}) \times 2200(\text{my rating}) = 6600 = \text{my knight as opposed to } 3(\text{value of a knight}) \times 2700(\text{Shabalov's rating}) = 8100 = \text{Shabalov rook - not a bad trade for me!}$

28.Bxf3! Strong - in a tournament game Shabalov might try 28 Bc7! Qa6 29 B:d8 where again I have no material compensation for all my problems or 28 Bc7! Q:c7! 29 N:c7 K:c7 30 B:f3 and Shabalov emerges with Queen for rook, knight and pawn but in view of all my weaknesses I consider that Alex should win this.

28 ... Qa6? OK, I finally crack under the pressure - he was coming around fast and what was I supposed to do about Nd6+. If 28 ... Rd7 Alex has Bc6, Rd1, h3, Nd6+ and even 29 N:d4! cd 30 Qb5! Q:b5 31 ab Rd5 32 Ra8+ Kb7 33 Rb8+ Ka7 34 b6+ Ka6 35 B:d5 ed 36 b7 winning in a way reminiscent of the Mulyar game. I could try other moves like 28 ... Rd7 29 N:d4 R:d4 30 Rc1! Nd7 31 Q:e6 but basically my position is too creaky.

29.Rc1!? Hmmm - I was humbly waiting for 29 N:d4 Q:e2+ 30 N:e2 ending all my dreams - surely his two bishops could beat my rook and pawn. Shabalov said after the game that he saw this line of course but did not see any moves for me at all after 29 Rc1!? - There were so few participants left and the positions were so com-

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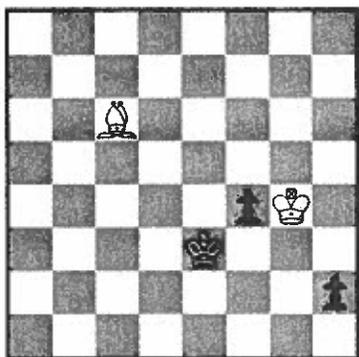
by Paul Grimm

USCF Rules Corner: Draw by Insufficient Losing Chances

Editor's Note: This will be a new feature in each Colorado Informant. The purpose is to educate tournament players on the nuances of USCF chess rules as applied in actual tournament situations. Anyone may submit a "tournament chess rules situation" for publication. This inaugural article is provided by Paul Grimm of the Denver Chess Club (DCC).

This month's rule is **14H**. **Claim of insufficient losing chances in sudden death** (pg 49-53, USCF Official Rules of Chess, 5th Edition), otherwise known as "draw by insufficient losing chances."

I was playing my final game of the October DCC tournament against John Mitchell and arrived at this position with 1 second on my clock (G/90, sudden death):



Grimm (1629) vs. Mitchell (1448),
10/28/03, VFW, Denver, CO

I move my king to h3 and John calls my flag. I lost on time. But should I have lost this one?

According to Rule 14H, which covers draws by insufficient losing chances:

⇒ "14H1: In a sudden death time control, a player on the move with two minutes or less of remaining time may stop the clock and ask the director to declare the game a draw on the grounds that the player has insufficient losing chances."

⇒ "14H1: This procedure is not available for games in which a clock is being

used with time delay, whether the game begins with such a clock or one is added during the game."

⇒ "14H4: A player whose flag is down may not claim insufficient losing chances."

With my flag down, I'm totally lost. BUT, had I made the request (claim) to draw by insufficient losing chances before my flag fell, here are four ways the TD (La Moyne Splichal) could rule:

⇒ "14H2a: The claim is unclear and a time-delay clock is available." This rule says the TD "may place a delay clock on the game, setting it as follows: The claimant (Grimm) gets half the claimant's remaining time (rounded to the nearest second); the opponent's time is unadjusted; the time delay is set for the standard delay announced at the start of the tournament." Using this rule, if the TD can find a time-delay clock, I get 1 second placed on a digital clock set to a 5-second delay.

⇒ "14H2b: The claim is unclear and a time-delay clock is not available." If the TD believes this situation applies and can't find a clock, then Rule 14H2b says the TD may either:

"1. Deny the claim while inviting a later re-claim. There is no adjustment of either player's time." Since this is a draw offer, my opponent may accept or reject it. John may also insist that I make a move first before deciding on the draw offer.

"2. Watch the game while reserving judgement on the claim. The director should make every effort to resolve the claim before the flag of either player falls. There is no adjustment of either player's time. Since this is a draw offer, my opponent may accept or reject it. John may also insist that I make a move first before deciding on the draw offer.

⇒ "14H2c: The claim is clearly correct." "A director who believes the claim is clearly correct should declare the game drawn." This rule further states that "the draw shall be rewarded if the director believes that a Class C player would have *little* chance to lose the position against a Master with both players having ample time," where "*little*" is

generally defined as "less than 10%."

⇒ "14H2d: The claim is clearly incorrect." The TD "should deny the claim and may subtract up to 1 minute from the claimant's remaining time." In the context of 14H2a, the TD may deduct ½ the claimant's remaining time. I'd be forced to play on without time delay clock and keep my 1 second of remaining time. Since this is a draw offer, my opponent may accept or reject it. John may also insist that I make a move first before deciding on the draw offer.

So there's the low-down on claiming draw by insufficient losing chances. Again, this rule only applies when there is a sudden death time control (ie, not an x-moves-in-y-time control) and no time delay clock is being used. HINT: I should ask Santa for a time-delay clock for Christmas!

I've heard of this rule being invoked when the claimant had an overwhelming material advantage but not enough time to execute the win. I should have invoked the rule since I didn't have enough time to execute the draw—a slight difference!

Last notes of interest:

"There is no rule allowing players, after the game has started, to ask for a properly set delay clock to be placed on their game, which would replace an analog clock or delay clock not set properly. Only the TD can initiate placing a clock with time delay" on a game after a draw by insufficient winning chances is claimed. Pages 51-52.

Rule 14H2a is the "preferred method of resolving a 14H claim (draw by insufficient losing chances) for directors who wish to ensure the result of the game is decided by the players, rather than any outside influence"—such as the judgement of the TD.

Rule 14I has advice on resolving claims of insufficient losing chances in a sudden-death time control. For instance, it allows a TD who is unsure about a situation to consult a "Master or near-Master who has no stake in the outcome of the game in question." This paragraph also covers various different "basic endings" in which claim for draw by insufficient losing chances is either appropriate or inappropriate. ♠

Tactics Time!

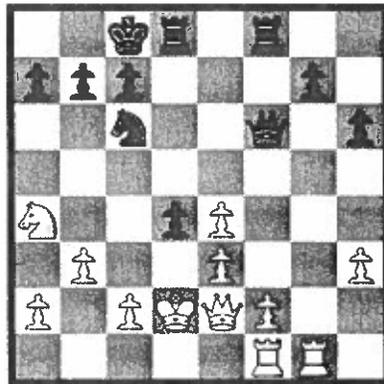
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on page 16



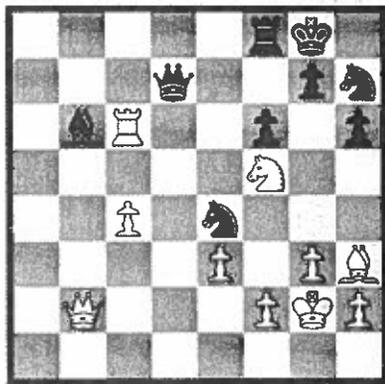
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Boulder Open 2003
 Black to Move



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 Black to Move



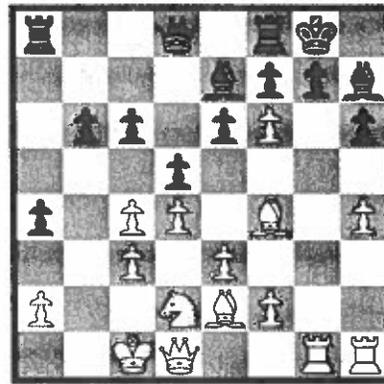
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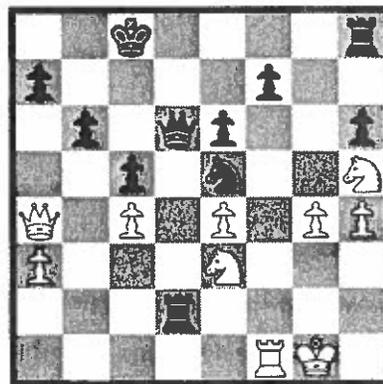
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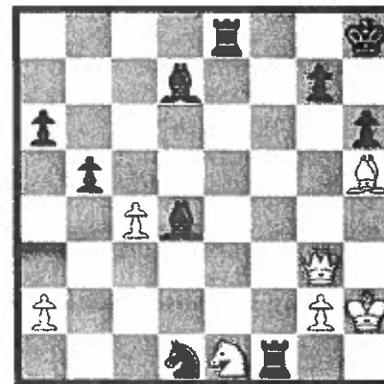
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 Black to Move



7. Schultz, J - Grimm, Paul
Boulder Open 2003
 Black to Move



8. Short, Pete - Brennan, Tim
Denver Chess Club 2002
 Black to Move



9. Cohen, Jesse - Wall, Brian
Ann Davies Revival 2003
 Black to Move — Mate in 7!

Readers Games

Games submitted by CSCA players are very welcome! You do not have to be a GM or play the game of the century for it to be of interest to other Colorado players. The best format is with PGN or Chessbase format. But I will except just about anything, including scorecards. Email: TimmyBx@aol.com.

W: Mikhail Ponomarev (2200)
B: Jim Hamblin (2081) [C12]
 CO Open 2003 Round 1 August 31, 2003
 Annotations by Dr. Mikhail Ponomarev

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.exf6 hxg5 7.fxg7 Rg8 8.h4 gxh4 9.Nf3 Qf6 10.Rxh4 Qxg7 11.Qd2 Nc6 12.a3 Be7 13.Rh1 Qf8 14.Nb5 Bd8 15.Qf4 Qe7 16.Rh7 White's position stands better

(diagram) 16...a6 17.Nc3 Qf6 18.Qe3 Be7 19.0-0-0 Bd7 20.g3 0-0-0 21.Ne5 Rg7? Necessary was 21...Be8 or 21...Rd8; now



White has a surprising combination to win a Pawn (diagram) 22.Nxd5! exd5



23.Rxg7 Qxg7 24.Nxc6 Bxc6 25.Qxe7 With same colored Bishops, White should be winning! 25...Re8 26.Qh4 Re4 27.Bh3+ Kb8 28.Qd8+? [28.Qh5 is correct, if 28...Rxd4 then 29.Rxd4 Qxd4 30.Qxf7 Qe4 31.Qe6 with advantage] 28...Ka7 29.Qxc7 A blunder when 29. Bg2 is the right way 29...Qh6+ 30.Kb1 Qxh3 31.Qxf7 Re2 32.Qf3 Qe6 33.b3 Be8 34.Rd3 Bg6 35.Rc3 Qe4 36.Qxe4 dxe4! 37.f4 exf3 38.Rxf3 Rxc2 39.Ka1 Rd2 40.Rf4 Rd3 41.Rg4 Bf7 42.Rf4 Bxb3 43.g4 Bd5 44.Kb2 Rb3+ 45.Kc2 Rxa3 46.g5 Rg3 47.Kd2 Rxg5 48.Kc3 a5 49.Rh4 Rg3+ 50.Kc2 b5 0-1



Dr. Mikhail Ponomarev

Another game featuring our state Champ!

W: Paul Grimm (1629)
B: Jim Hamblin (2018) [D10]
 Denver Chess Club Round 10 Sept. 30, 03
 Annotations by Paul Grimm

1.d4 I'm trying to get positional and play 1.e4 less often now 1...d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 e5 4.e3 e4 5.Be2 f5 6.Qb3 Nf6 7.f3 Bd6 Looks like a reverse French to me 8.c5 Bc7 9.Bd2 0-0 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Nh3 a5 12.Rdf1 Kh8 13.Nf2 a4 14.Qd1 Ba6 15.g4 b4 16.Nb1 exf3 17.Bxa6 Nxa6 18.gxf5 b3? Takes all the pressure off white's Q-side 19.a3 Ne4 20.Qxf3 Nxd2 21.Nxd2 Ba5 22.Ng4 Bxd2+ 23.Kxd2 Qa5+ 24.Kc1 Rae8 25.Ne5 Rxe5 26.dxe5



Paul Grimm

Nxc5 27.Rhg1 Nd3+ White's 27th forced to meet 27...Nd3+ 28. Kb1 Qd2 with 28. Qg2 or 28. Rg2 28.Kb1 Nxe5 29.Qg3 Qc7 30.f6 g6 31.Qh3 Qd7 32.Qh6 Qf7 (diagram) 33.h4! Re8 34.h5 Re6? Severe time pressure for black, white 2 min, black 1 min. 34 ... Qf8 no better 35.hxg6 Qxg6+ Nxc7 no better; 36 f7! 36.Qxg6 hxg6 37.f7 resign. 1-0 ♖



After 32. Qh6

Tactics Time answers:

1. ...Bxf3 gxf3 2. Qxd4 nets a nice center pawn
1. ...Nxd5! with a double attack on the bishop on g5. 2. Bxe7 Nxe7 bringing the knight back to safety. This is a good trick to remember.
1. ...exd3+ double checks are always fun 2. Ke1 Qa1+ 3. Qd1 Qxd1# Josh Smith showed this game to some of students to teach them how to play against odd ball openings like the killer grob (1 g4!), which I played in this game.
 1. Nxh6+ winning the queen
 - 2.a5 Qf2# ; 2.Qd2 Qh3#
1. ..Rg1+ 2. Bf1 Bh3 with 3. ..Rxf1# to follow
- This was the first game that I ever played at the Denver Chess Club. I was rated in the 1200s at the time. I thought that I was winning when all of a sudden my opponent said "checkmate". I was totally stunned! I completely missed the mate 1. ...Ba3#
- 1 ..e3 with mates all over.
 - 2.Rxh2 Qxh2 3.Ke1 Qh1# ; 2.Kg2 Rg8+ 3.Kf1 Qf2#
 - 2.a5 Qf2# ; 2.Qd2 Qh3#
- Sorry Pete! 1. ...Nf3+ 2.Rxf3 Qh2+ 3.Kf1 Qh1# or 2.Kh1 Qh2# or Rh2#
- 1...Bg1+ 2.Kh1 Nf2+ 3.Qxf2 Bxf2+ 4.Kh2 Rxe1 5.g3 Bg1+ 6.Kg2 Rf2+ 7.Kh1 Bh2# Luckily I have a computer here :-)

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

(Continued from page 13)

plicated that Shabalov stopped moving around the room - he just remained poised in the middle like a Circus ringmaster and let us move when we were ready - like I said, he is about the nicest guy I ever met. Adam Weissbarth told me the same thing after his game with Shabalov in the U.S. Open where Shabba pointed out an "instant draw" that Adam missed. Andy Rea that the draw was "instant" for a GM but maybe not for an expert.

29 ... Ng6!!! I am giving 3 exclams because -

1. It is scary playing Shabalov
2. I saw 10 moves ahead
3. This was my first ray of hope all game!
4. I had my hand over my eyes like a Bobby Fischer sun visor, concentrating hard.
5. The concept is brilliant
6. My problems remain after 29 ..e5 30 Be3!

30.Nxd4?? OK, the reigning U.S. Champion played the move, Fritz 8 agrees it is best at first, it wins a piece, so what is the problem? The problem is it trades queens and White's advantage is based on my loose King so continuations that keep queens on are stronger than winning a piece - 30 Rc4!!!, 30 Qe4!! and 30 Be3! would all kill me and there are other good moves too.

30 ... Nxf4+! 31.gxf4 Qxe2+! 32.Nxe2 Rd2!! 33.Rxc5+ Kd7! Fritz is still very pleased with himself, happily trumpeting a 1.5 advantage for White. Earlier in the game, I was aided somewhat by a previous study of the variation. Now I am aided by something else - thousands of endgames played in blitz games. I have saved hundreds of lost positions with one simple idea, trading off as many pawns as I can.

I was smiling to myself because two days earlier I had just spent a few hours explaining the drawing tendencies of rook pawns in various endings to Anthea Carson Martinez as part of her Levy training - We both had a shot at money in the final round. Anthea's reaction was the same as all my students -

1. This is boring
2. Tara sit down.
3. I will never get this position so why are we studying it?
4. Does it look like I am losing weight, gaining weight or staying the same?
5. Can we look at openings now?

So I was smiling that all my students are convinced that they will never reach endings they study while I am convinced that I reach them almost daily. Anthea looked distracted while I was explaining the magical but irrelevant drawing properties of rookpawns and here I am 3

days later demonstrating the concept to the National Champion!

My idea when I played 29 ... Ng6!!!, even though I fully admit it shouldn't have worked, is that the b2-pawn is indefensible and I can try to trade off Shabba's f4-pawn with ... g5 which leaves him with only two miserable rook pawns to win with. I was much more optimistic here than the Fritz evaluation - and what a relief to have Shabalov's queen off the board!! Shabalov was smiling when we reached this position in analysis later - "Suddenly I had no pawns!"

34.Kg3 How does he guard his b-pawn after my intended 34 b3 Rb2? although Fritz 8 also likes 34 b3 Rb8.

34 ... Rxb2 35.Nd4 g5!!! The final piece of the puzzle. 36.f5 This surprised me because I was expecting 36 fg hg 37 h3. Fritz has favored Rb5 for Alex the last two moves.

36 ... exf5 37.Rxf5 Ra2 OK, just a couple of more trades and I should have the draw - b4 pawn for a4 pawn and h6-g5 pawns for h2-pawn. The rook is ideally placed here hitting both rookpawns and impeding the dangerous march of the a-pawn which wins so often in this variation. Fritz likes 37 ... Rc8.

38.Rf6 Fritz likes 38 a5 but Shabalov starts making dangerous threats against my King.

38 ... h5 39.Bc6+ Kc7 40.Nb5+ Wow! Just when I was starting to feel pleased with myself, I reach a critical position with only one way out. I put on my Bobby Fischer two-hand sun visor and concentrated fiercely. This attack was completely unexpected and came out of nowhere.

40 ... Kd8! Whew! 40 moves and I am still on the brink of disaster!

1. 40 ... Kc8? 41 Rf7! wins The basic mechanism is the threat 41 Ra7 and if 41 ... R:a4 to stop it then 42 Nd6+ K-any 43 B:a4.
2. 40 ... Kb6? 41 Bd5+ K-any 42 B:a2
3. 40 ... Kb8? 41 Rf7! R:a4 42 Rb7+ Kc8 43 Nd6+ Kd8 44 Rd7 mate!
4. 40 ... Kb8? 41 Rf7! Ra3+! (forced to avoid mate) 42 Kf2 Ra2+ (forced to avoid mate) 43 Ke3 Re8+ (forced to avoid mate) 44 B:e8 with an easy win and it is mate in 8 anyway.

The idea of 40 ... Kd8! is to escape after 41 Rf7 Rd2 42 Ra7 Rh6!

41.Rd6+ Letting me out of the box but I think I can draw after 41 Rf7 Rd2! 42 a5 h6! 43 Bb7 Ra2! 44 a6 b3! 45 a7 Rb6 46 a8(Q)+ R:a8 46 B:a8 R:b5 47 Be4 b2 48 Bb1 g4 - I will try to remove his last pawn, if Shabalov trades rooks he is left with a wrong-colored rook pawn for his bishop, he also has to

watch out for ... Rc5-c1 and try to keep my king contained as well. I can also play ... Rd5-d2 and h4+ to snag the h2-pawn. Kh4 is easily met by Rb3-h3. Of course losing a rook versus rook and bishop ending would be sick!

41 ... Ke7! 42.Rd7+ Kf6 Sensing the moment, I offered a draw. Fritz confirms I have stumbled my way out of hell into greener pastures.

43.Nd4 Ra3+ 44.Kg2 Rb8 I was very proud of this move during the game because it seemed he wanted to play Rb7. Fritz says its better to play 44 ... Ra2+ 45 Kg1 Rc8 and White seems stymied.

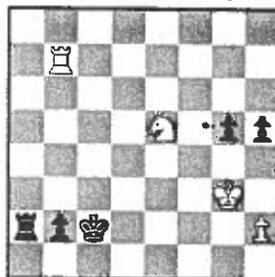
45.Bd5 Fritz likes 45 Rd6+ - one trick about analyzing with a computer is that it often doesn't recognize theoretical draws so it's hard to trust with limited pawns.

45 ... b3 I had a hard time deciding between this and 45 R:a4. Fritz likes my move best - it seemed most forcing. 46.Rf7+ I like this move because every legal move draws a reigning United States Chess Champion.

46 ... Ke5 47.Nc6+ Kxd5 48.Nxb8 Rxa4 Pay attention, Michael, this is how it's done.

49.Rb7 Kc4 50.Nc6 Kc3 51.Ne5 Ra2+ 52.Kg3 b2 53.Rc7+ Kb3 54.Rb7+ Kc2 55.Rc7+ Kb3 56.Rb7+ Kc2 1/2-1/2 (diagram)

A few people asked me after the game why I didn't aim for a1 with king but Nc4:b2 leaves 2 versus one on the Kingside which would be an



insult to continue. Shabalov's comment after the game was, "Wow!" - I guess he meant it felt more like a tournament game than a simul game.

After the game I told Shabalov how

much work I had done in preparing and we discussed the opening - he said a recent game played in the 2003 Russian Championship was critical to the variation. I asked him if he wanted a score of the game and he smiled like I had asked him if he wanted a copy of a Scholar's mate - I got the idea that my game was well within his understanding of the variation. We analyzed the whole game briefly which was a treat. I enjoyed his company so much I offered to help Billy Wilson with another Shabalov simul the next day. I ended up talking a lot to kids, parents, teachers and reporters including a very nice lady from the Christian Science Monitor. ♠

by NM Todd Bardwick

The Chess Detective

Perceptive Private Eyes Ponder Pawn Possibilities

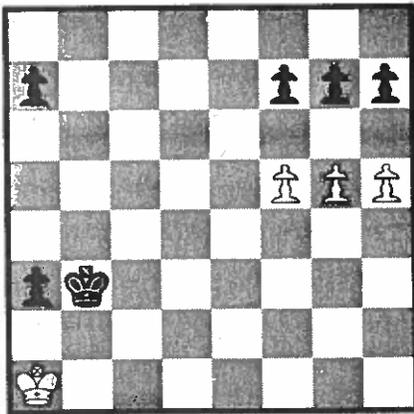
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Usually when considering tactics, we tend to focus on queens, rooks, bishops, and knights as they pin, fork, and skewer each other.

What about the pawns? After all, at the start of the game, half of the chess pieces on the board are pawns.

In general, pawns have three move choices: push (move forward), sit (not move) or take (capture a piece). A good chess detective needs to consider each possibility.

Here is a variation on a common endgame theme.



White to move

Let's pick up the clues in this position. Black is up two pawns, but he cannot force the a-pawn to the promotion square because the white king blocks the path. White looks to be in trouble, but his kingside pawns are further advanced and, fortunately for him, it is white to move.

The white pawns can't take. If they sit, black will play 1...g6 to freeze them, and then march his king over to the kingside and gobble them up. White must quickly create a passed pawn.

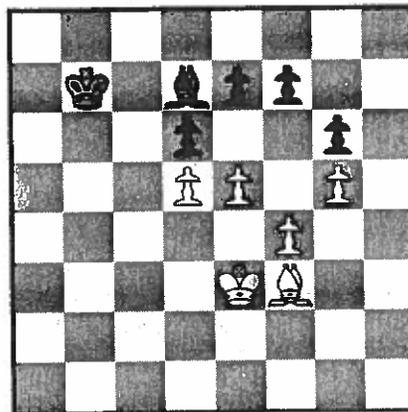
The solution is to push 1.g6! Now black's f and h pawns can push, sit, or take. If they sit, white will play either 2.gxf7 or 2.gxh7 and

promote. If one of the pawns pushes, white will capture the other one.

That leaves taking. If black plays 1...hxg6, then white would respond 2.f6!

Now if black's g-pawn sits, white plays 3.fxg7, and if black takes with 2...gxf6, white pushes 3.h6 and creates a passed h-pawn. (or 1...fxg6 2.h6 gxh6 3.f6 creating a passed f-pawn).

Here is an interesting endgame with a wealth of push, sit, or take possibilities.



Rea (2079) - Hochreiter (2169)
2000 Colorado Closed

First of all, gather the clues. White has winning chances do to superior king position and further advanced pawns. Also, the black king is lined up on the same diagonal as the white bishop and d-pawn.

48.e6! [Push - forking the bishop and the pawn. Black can either take the e6 pawn or sit by retreating the bishop to e8] 48...Be8 [If black chooses to take with 48...fxe6, then 49.fxe6+ Bc6 50.f5 creating a passed g-pawn regardless of whether black sits or takes white's f-pawn.] 49.f5! [Push!] Kb6 [Black loses quickly if he pushes 49...f6 50.Bh5! gxh5 51.g6 or takes with either 49...gxf5 50.Bh5! or 49...fxe6 50.dxe6+ followed by the pawn push 51.f6] 50.exf7 [White also wins with the push 50.f6 Kc5 51.Ke4 Kc4 52.Bg4 with the idea of exf7 and Be6 or 50...Kc7 51.Be4 with the threat of Bxg6.]

50...Bxf7 51.fxg6 Bg8?! [Black is losing, but he can put up stiffer resistance with 51...Bxg6 52.Be4 Bf7 53.g6 Bg8 54.Kd4 e6 (Black's plan is to trade off his e-pawn for white's d-pawn and then sacrifice his bishop for white's remaining g-pawn. White wins after either

54...Kc7 55.Bf5 Kd8 56.Be6 Bxe6 57.dxe6 Ke8 58.g7 or 54...e5+ 55.Kc4 Kc7 56.Bf5 Kd8 57.Be6 Bxe6 58.dxe6 and 59.g7) 55.dxe6 Bxe6 56.Bd5 Bf5 57.g7 Bh7 58.Be6 Kc6 59.Kc4 d5+ 60.Kd4 Kd6 61.Bxd5 Kd7 62.Ke5 Ke7 63.Be6 Kd8 64.Kf6 Ke8 65.Ba2 Kd8 66.Kf7 Kd7 67.Kf8 Kd6 68.Bb1-0]

The game continued, 52.Kd4 Kc7 53.Bg4 Kd8 54.Be6 Bxe6 55.dxe6 Ke8 56.g7 Resigns

Remember that the good chess detective must consider all the push, sit, or take, combinations when considering pawn moves. ♠

Here is the game that won the DCC King Hunt Prize. Annotations by Fritz 8. See tournament details on page 23.

W: Mink,Chris (2013)
B:Towbin,Steve (2092) [A40]
DCC King Hunt (5) November 9, 2003
A40: Unusual replies to 1 d4
1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.exd6 Bxd6 5.e3 Bg4 6.Be2 Qe7N 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 9.c4 Ne4 10.Nd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nxd4 12.exd4 Nxd2 13.Qg4+ Kb8 [13...Qd7 14.Qxd7+ Rxd7 15.Bxd2?] 14.Bxd2± h5 15.Qf3 [15.Qh3!? is worth looking at] 15...Qh4= 16.g3 Prevents intrusion on f4. 16...Qxd4 17.Be3 [! 17.Bc3!? is worthy of consideration 17...Qxc4 18.Bxg7=] 17...Qxc4µ 18.Rfcl Qg4 19.Qg2 [19.Qxf7!? h4 20.Qc4µ] 19...h4 20.h3 Qg6 21.g4 f5 22.Rc3 fxg4 23.Rb3 [23.Qxg4 Qxg4+ 24.hxg4 Rde8+] 23...c6 [23...b6 24.Qxg4 Qxg4+ 25.hxg4+] 24.Rc1 Ka8 25.Kh1 Be5 26.Ra3 [26.Qxg4!? Qf7 27.Rc5+] 26...a6+ 27.Ra4 g3 28.f4 Qd3 29.fxe5?? White falls apart. [! 29.Ra3 Qd1+ 30.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 31.Bg1+] 29...Qxe3 30.Rf1 [30.Rac4 there is nothing better in the position 30...Rd2 31.Re4+] 30...Rhf8 31.Rxa6+ bxa6 [31...Kb8 32.Ra4 Rxf1+ 33.Qxf1 Qd2 34.Ra8+ Kxa8 35.Qg1 Qd5+ 36.Qg2 Qd1+ 37.Qg1 Qf3+ 38.Qg2 Rd1#] 32.Qxc6+?? sad, but how else could White save the game? 32...Kb8 33.Rxf8 [33.Qd6+ does not improve anything 33...Rxd6 34.Rxf8+ Kb7 35.Rf7+ Kb6 36.exd6 Qe1+ 37.Kg2 Qe2+ 38.Kg1 Qh2+ 39.Kf1 g2+ 40.Kf2 g1Q+ 41.Kf3 Qxh3+ 42.Ke4 Qge3+ 43.Kd5 Qhe6#] 33...Qe1+ 34.Kg2 Qe2+ [34...Qe2+ 35.Kg1 Qh2+ 36.Kf1 Rxf8+ 37.Qf6 Rxf6+ 38.Ke1 Rf1+ 39.Kxf1 Qf2#]0-1

2003 Colorado Quick Chess Championship

by Richard Buchanan

The Colorado Quick Chess Championship was held November 1 in Manitou Springs, directed by Andy Rea. Threatening weather may have been a factor in keeping down the attendance, and leading to the truly amazing result! David Fox and I played a match to determine the champion. Our match was split 1 - 1, so we played a 6-5 minute game with Black (me) having draw odds. This game was duly drawn, leaving me in first place, to my great astonishment. Congratulations to David Fox for a very fine tournament.

2003 Colo QC Champ: 2003 Colo QC Champ-- Standings											
#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Total
1	Richard Buchanan	1943	1974	W18	W6	W8	W4	W2	W10	L3	6.0
2	David Fox	1605	1772	W25	W14	W5	W3	L1	W4	W9	6.0
3	Brian Wall	2286	2283	H---	W21	W9	L2	W8	W5	W1	5.5
4	Dan Avery	1984	1971	W16	W10	W11	L1	D5	L2	W13	4.5
5	Imre Barlay	2052	2038	W13	W17	L2	W16	D4	L3	W10	4.5
6	Steve Hornyak	1639	1648	W24	L1	W22	L11	W18	W14	D7	4.5
7	Richard Herbst	1673	1672	X26	L8	L16	W24	W15	W11	D6	4.5
8	Eric Billaux	2180	2152	W15	W7	L1	D13	L3	D17	W19	4.0
9	Jeff Fox	1799	1782	W22	L11	L3	W19	W21	W13	L2	4.0
10	Seth Musselman	1620	1634	W23	L4	W20	W18	W11	L1	L5	4.0
11	Shankar Rajamoney	unr.	1727	B---	W9	L4	W6	L10	L7	W17	4.0
12	Gary Frenzel	1052	1107	L17	L13	L23	W25	W20	W16	W21	4.0
13	Michael Trudnak	1471	1539	L5	W12	W14	D8	W17	L9	L4	3.5
14	Glenn Miller	1703	1663	W19	L2	L13	W22	W16	L6	D15	3.5
15	Larry Wutt	1473	1480	L8	W19	L17	W20	L7	W18	D14	3.5
16	Anthea Carson	1442	1439	L4	W24	W7	L5	L14	L12	W22	3.0
17	Victor Smith	1679	1667	W12	L5	W15	H---	L13	D8	L11	3.0
18	Dean Brown	1354	1355	L1	W25	W21	L10	L6	L15	B---	3.0
19	Fred Eric Spell	1171	1172	L14	L15	W25	L9	W23	W24	L8	3.0
20	Rahul Shankar	800	822	L21	B---	L10	L15	L12	W25	W23	3.0
21	Roderick Santiago	1543	1482	W20	L3	L18	W23	L9	D22	L12	2.5
22	Sanjay Derbyshire	1261	1259	L9	W23	L6	L14	W24	D21	L16	2.5
23	Nick Brown	unr.	889	L10	L22	W12	L21	L19	B---	L20	2.0
24	Kathy Schneider	808	802	L6	L16	B---	L7	L22	L19	W25	2.0
25	Greg Scrivner	unr.	402	L2	L18	L19	L12	B---	L20	L24	1.0
26	Tom Mullikin	857	857	F7	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0

Chess with a side of spam:

If you like newsletters and email about Colorado Chess there are several electronic email groups that you can join.

Yahoo! www.yahoo.com offers a free "Yahoo! Groups" service where members can subscribe to different mailing groups. Both the Denver Chess Club and Fort Collins Chess Club have active email groups. Currently the Denver Chess Club group has about 75 members, and the Fort Collins group has about 50 members.

Topics include chess news, tournaments, web site updates, rumors and the occasional flame war. You can always unsubscribe if you do not enjoy the email. You can also subscribe with the option to not get email, and you can login to read the postings at your convenience. The Denver Chess Club Yahoo group also features an archive of photos from various events.

Denver Chess Club URL:
groups.yahoo.com/group/denverchessclub/

Fort Collins Chess URL:
groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess/

You will have to create a Yahoo! ID to join the groups. I did not think this was too hard, but not everyone agrees. Life Master Brian Wall on his excellent website, www.walverine.com, writes "If you have an hour to spare, create a Yahoo ID. If you then can find another 2 hours, try joining the Denver Chess Club group. If you lack an advanced degree in Computer Systems Analysis, give up and just look at these pictures."



DCC Halloween Charity Tournament

The Denver Chess Club held a one day Halloween Chess Tournament at the Tabor Center on 16th Street Mall in Denver on October 24, 2003. Participants were encouraged to wear costumes, and received half off their entry fee if they wore a costume. Paul Grimm writes, "We had a very successful chess tourney. The DCC raised \$300 for Rainbow Bridge (<http://www.rainbowb.org>) and want to thank Brian Wall (simul raised \$70), The Tabor Center, It's Your Move, and all participants for supporting this excellent event. Now we can answer Brian Wall's question: "What did the DCC ever do for anyone?" (w/Brian Wall laugh!). The tournament was a lot of fun, and the Tabor Center food court is a really nice place to play chess, with clean facilities and nice atmosphere. Photos by Nina Thomas.

Open Section

#	Name	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Andrew B Rea	2073	W6	W9	W2	L3	W10	4.0
2	Tyler B Hughes	1955	W12	W4	L1	W10	W3	4.0
3	Imre Barlay	2138	D11	W7	W16	W1	L2	3.5
4	Matthew H Davey	1729	W8	L2	D5	W15	W6	3.5
5	Jesse R Hester	1657	L15	W18	D4	W16	W12	3.5
6	Paul M Grimm	1664	L1	W13	W9	W11	L4	3.0
7	Shannon J Fox	1628	H---	L3	W14	D9	W11	3.0
8	Norbert E Martinez	1584	L4	W12	L11	W13	W15	3.0
9	Mark W Sherbring	1907	W13	L1	L6	D7	W16	2.5
10	Timothy E Brennan	1705	D14	W19	W15	L2	L1	2.5
11	Roderick Santiago	1626	D3	D14	W8	L6	L7	2.0
12	Anthea J Carson	1611	L2	L8	W19	W14	L5	2.0
13	Rick F Barton	1566	L9	L6	W18	L8	W19	2.0
14	Peter J Short	1529	D10	D11	L7	L12	W18	2.0
15	Joshua Jex	1888	W5	D16	L10	L4	L8	1.5
16	James C Mac Neil	1639	W18	D15	L3	L5	L9	1.5
17	LaMoynie Splichal	1648	D19	H---	U---	U---	U---	1.0
18	Terry K Powell	1290	L16	L5	L13	W19	L14	1.0
19	Dean W Brown	1337	D17	L10	L12	L18	L13	0.5

Reserve Section

#	Name	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	Curtis P Crockett	1378	W15	W6	D3	W5	W7	4.5
2	Emir M Santana	1409	L7	W12	W11	W8	W3	4.0
3	Peer V Seyferman	1375	W11	W10	D1	W4	L2	3.5
4	Mickey U Wentz	1237	W9	D8	W7	L3	W6	3.5
5	Ann Davies	1444	L6	W15	W8	L1	W11	3.0
6	Allan Ufer	1206	W5	L1	W9	W13	L4	3.0
7	Corey S Kesler	1111	W2	W13	L4	W10	L1	3.0
8	Sanjay Derbyshire	1242	W12	D4	L5	L2	W15	2.5
9	Kathy Schneider	859	L4	B---	L6	W15	D10	2.5
10	Richard H Wyatt	1058	W14	L3	D13	L7	D9	2.0
11	Gary G Frenzel	1092	L3	W14	L2	W12	L5	2.0
12	Dylan M Lehti	940	L8	L2	W15	L11	W13	2.0
13	Ayo Derbyshire	312	B---	L7	D10	L6	L12	1.5
14	Thomas H Corbett	1349	L10	L11	U---	U---	U---	0.0
15	Bruce R Bain	912	L1	L5	L12	L9	L8	0.0

Tournament notes from TD La Moynie Splichal

\$300.00 was donated to the Rainbow Bridge charity, which helps the elderly.
 193.75 (50% of entries from G/45 tmt.)
 70.00 (Master Brian Wall chess simul)
 32.50 (Two anonymous donations)
 3.75 (add-in from DCC)



OPEN Section Winners

1st (tie) - Andy Rea & Tyler Hughes. Both won \$26, and a Cheesecake Factory restaurant gift certificate.

Top Under 1800 - Matt Davey & Jesse Hester each won \$10.

Top Under 1600 - Norbert Martinez and Shannon Fox won \$4. Also, Norbert won the BEST UPSET PRIZE, a gift certificate to "It's Your Move" game store @ the Tabor

Center.



RESERVE (under 1500) Section Winners

1st - Curtis Crockett won \$31.50, and a Cheesecake Factory restaurant gift certificate.

2nd - Emir Santana won \$21.00

Top Under 1200 (tie) - Corey Kesler & Al Ufer each won \$5.25.

Top Under 1000 - Kathy Schneider won \$7.

Best Adult Halloween Costume - Emir

Santana won certificate to "It's Your Move" game store.

Best Youth Halloween Costume - Sanjay Derbyshire won certificate to "It's Your Move" game store.

19 players in the Open, 15 players in Reserve, 7 players at the chess simul.

Thank you to all participated in the fun chess tournament !!! - LaMoynie Splichal, Chief Tmt. Director.



CLUB DIRECTORY: PLACES FOR YOU TO PLAY CHESS

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

The Denver Chess Club meets Tuesday and Friday evenings at the VFW, 955 Bannock Street, at 7:00 pm. Rated games (G/90) and blitz chess tournaments every Tuesday night. Rated quick-chess every Fri night. \$7 for non-members, \$5 for members. USCF masters play for free if they purchase a club membership. Contact Paul Grimm with questions at grimm_p@msn.com.
www.denverchess.com

The Aurora Chess Club meets Saturdays, 1-4 PM, at the Aurora Public Library, 14949 E. Alameda. Certified coach available. Contact Jeff Baffo at jbaffo@msn.com or (303) 617-9123.

The Centennial Chess Club CHANGE! New Contact Jeff Baffo. Jbaffo@msn.com Meetings will be at the *new* Smoky Hill Library! Sundays 1:30 – 4:00 pm (303) 617-9123

Chess Knights meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evening from 7-9pm. We meet in Library conference room. Information on the Chess Knights' Web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/chess-knights/>. Contact: Frank Atwood 720 260-1493

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

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

Colorado Springs Area

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets Tues, 7:00, at Acacia Apts Platte & Tejon in downtown Colorado Springs. Many activities, tournaments. Call Richard Buchanan at (719) 685-1984.

Monument Academy Chess Club has nearly 50 members. Monument Academy has grades K-9, with nearly all of members in K-5. Schools in the area interested in a match, contact Mike McConnaughey at mmcconna@aol.com.

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

Other Areas

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

Boulder Chess Club meets Saturday afternoons 1:30 pm - 4:00 pm in northwest Boulder 80304 Beginning late October and Continuing through the school year except holidays. This club offers: USCF Rated Events, Casual Play, Equipment, Book Library, Under 18 Permitted, Refreshments, Beginners Welcomed. Contact Dan Lang at (303) 417-1263 (home) or email at DWL3858@attbi.com. Visit us on the web at <http://boulderchessclub.com>

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

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

CU/ Boulder meets Wednesday evenings, 6:45 PM to 11:00 PM, in room 140 in the stadium building. Enter by gate 7. 1/2 way down the hall is the door to rm. 140. Bela Geczy at (303) 543-0143.

Colorado State University Chess Club now meets Mondays at 7:30 PM, in the Lori Student Center's basement near the Subway on the CSU campus, Fort Collins. Now officially recognized and funded by CSU.

Craig Chess Club meets Thursdays, 6-9 PM, School Administration Bldg, 755 Yampa. Call Rick or Mary Nelson, (970) 824-4780.

The Durango Chess Club meets every Wednesday at 6:15 at the Steaming Bean on 915 Main Avenue. For questions concerning that club, contact John Mical jbovinski@cs.com.

Estes Park The Chess Club, Stanley Steamers is not in session for the summer but you can still play on Mon. nights at the Estes Park Library from 6:00-9:00pm. We welcome all. Info, call Estes Park Library at (970) 586-8116.

The Fort Collins Chess Club is open to anyone interested in playing chess. For more information please visit us on the web at: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess, or call Bret McKee at (970) 495-1787 for more information.

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

Glenwood Springs Chess Club meets Thurs nights, 6:30 until we get tired, basement of Black Diamond Studios, 823 Cooper Ave., Downtown Glenwood Springs. Call Jon Rietfors (970) 928-8344 or email jrietfor@sopris.net for info. All welcome!

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

The Greeley Chess Club meets Thurs, 7-11 PM, meets at Best Western Inn, Bourbon on Eighth St Restaurant, 8th Ave and 8th St, new poc: Gary Dorsey, 970-353-1539

Gunnison Chess Club open to all community members. Meets in the College Union Rm 202 7:00pm to 10:00pm on Tuesdays. All levels are welcomed. Contact Jacob Hadar at 641-5856 or e-mail at jacob.hadar@western.edu

The Longmont Chess Club meets Thursdays, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Meeker Center, 831 Meeker Street, in Longmont, Colorado. (One block east of 9th and Lashley St.)

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

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

by Paul Grimm

The Denver Chess Club in 2003: Another Great Year!

The Denver Chess Club has never been stronger in at least the last five years. The accomplishments of 2003 support this assertion:

DCC membership continued to grow! We started out the year with 85 active members and finished the year with 122 members.

This growth rate allowed the club to host a club championship that was **FREE** to all DCC members (with a \$1000 prize fund, 40% more than 2002), support more metro chess, purchase club t-shirts and equipment, and sustain the Denver Grand Prix, started in 2002.

More DCC-sponsored tournaments! We had seven new one-day events to include five at the renovated Tabor Center Food Court (thanks to Nina Thomas!), one at Anthea Carson's place (thanks Anthea!), and one at the LoDo Tattered Cover. We also continued the Martin Luther King Quick Chess Event (Jan), Denker Fundraiser and MayDaze (May), Denver Open (Jul), Ann Davies Revival (Jul), King Hunt (turned into a class championship from the former Elk Hunt/Slaughter in Nov), and Club Championship (Dec).

More DCC support to the Local Community! The DCC was proud to sponsor these events:

- ⇒ **Sanjay Derbyshire Tourney** at the LoDo Tattered Cover raised \$93 for the CSCA's Prison Chess program (Thanks Richard Wyatt!)
- ⇒ **Alexander Shabalov Simul** at Regis High School before the Ed Levy Memorial Tournament in December (thanks to Billy Willson!)
- ⇒ **Halloween Charity Tournament** was a great success, raising \$300 for the Rainbow Bridge, a non-profit organization dedicated to organizing volunteer services in some of the city's nursing homes (thanks to Brian Wall, Pete Short, Ann, and Anthea for suggesting this great idea!)
- ⇒ Continuing a three-year tradition, DCC raised \$310 to help send the **CO State Scholastic Champion (and DCC member) Kevin Seidler** to the Denker Tournament in Los Angeles in August.

Other Noteworthy contributors made the DCC a success:

- **La Moyne Splichal** continued another fine year as the club's manager and chief tournament director.
- **Brad Johnson and Don Wisdom** kept the web site together, keeping members informed on the Grand Prix race and other club happenings.
- **Don Wisdom, Jon Fortune, and John Mitchell** donated computer equipment a printer.
- **Parents of scholastic players** who helped the club's "Under 18 population" to grow to 25% of total membership by 15 December of 2003. The DCC owes its gratitude to these parents who consistently supported the club since 2002: Eruna Derbyshire, Karen & Richard Herbst, Carol Hughes, George Suresh, Jesse Hester, Gino Seider, Paul Kullback, and all other parents who started bringing their kids in 2003!

Here are items that the DCC will explore in 2004:

- Experimenting with **chess on Friday nights** at the VFW (not to replace Tuesday nights), starting on 9 January 04.
- Bringing back the **Peoples' Fair Chess Booth** in June w/ the CSCA.
- **USCF Masters** who become DCC members play for free

If you have ideas on how to improve your club, please share them to any of the club's active contributors.

In summary, the DCC has had another outstanding year—thank you for

your patronage! I wrap this article up with some basic comparisons between 2002 and 2003 and this year's monthly winners from our Tuesday night events.

	2002 (thru Nov)	2003 (thru Nov)
Number of club members	85	127
Number of scholastic members	15	28
Monthly Player Participation	52	54
Average Player Strength	1468	1388 ¹
Average Monthly Prize \$	\$386	\$402
Total Monthly Prize \$	\$4,630	\$4,423

¹Drop in rating explained by increased number of new and scholastic players starting out with lower ratings.

	Open Winner	Reserve Winner
Jan	Adam Hall & Sakhatov	Pete Short
Feb	Tyler Hughes	John Figuerado
Mar	Mamed Sakhatov	Jesse Hester
Apr	Andy Rea & Sakhatov	Garrick Talmage
May	Joshua Suresh	John Mitchell
June	Andy Rea	
Jul	Andy Rea & Ramsey	Alina Svyatlovsky
Aug	Rea, Ramsey, MacNeil, Shridhar	David Fox
Sep	Andy Rea & Ramsey	David Fox
Oct	Andy Rea	Emir Santana
Nov	Richard Herbst & Mitesh Shridhar	Robbie Caldwell & Tom Corbett

Section	Name (rank)	Points	Avg Rating	Prize \$
1 st Overall	Andy Rea(1)	198.0	2071	\$160
2 nd Overall	Paul Grimm (2)	186.8	1665	\$96
1 st U2000	Billy Willson (3)	170.0	1709	\$64
2 nd U2000	Anthea Carson (5)	150.8	1541	\$32
1 st U1800	JC MacNeil (4)	159.8	1621	\$64
2 nd U1800	Tim Brennan (7)	129.0	1580	\$32
1 st U1600	Jesse Hester (6)	145.6	1563	\$64
2 nd U1600	Rod Santiago (8)	127.3	1592	\$32
1 st U1400	Richard Wyatt (13)	104.3	1170	\$64
2 nd U1400	Alan Ufer (40)	53.6	1174	\$32
1 st U1200	Sanjay Derbyshire (22)	85.5	1064	\$64
2 nd U1200	Bruce Bain (41)	50.2	972	\$32
Most Active	Paul Grimm—108 games		1665	\$40
Top Scholastic	Jesse Hester		1563	\$24
			Total	\$800

On November 8-9 the Denver Chess Club held a class championship dubbed "The King Hunt". This was a unique tournament in two ways. First of all each class played in its own section. No one was allowed to play up. This made all rounds very competitive. There were not enough players to have for an A section, so they merged with the Open section. The tournament was called The King Hunt, as a replacement for previous Colorado tournaments, such as the Elk Hunt, and Elk Slaughter. An award was given for the game which featured the best king hunt. Steve Tobin won the award for the best king hunt game. The turnout was a little lower than expected, with less than fifty players. The event was held at the Ramada Inn on Colfax, which provides a nice playing area, although not in the best neighborhood. The event was rather grueling with three rounds on Saturday—a G90 followed by 2 standard time control games. Lots of people took byes Saturday.

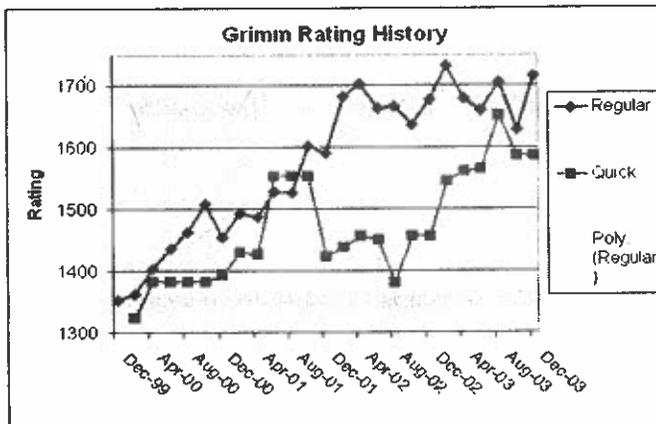
#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total	Open Section
1	James M McCarty	2260	2258	D7	W6	W2	W5	D3	4.0	 <p>Steve Towbin won the King Hunt award. Photo by Eruna Schultheiss</p>
2	Stephen H Towbin	2092	2087	L6	W7	L1	B---	W5	3.0	
3	Joshua Jex	1936	1955	W4	D5	H---	D8	D1	3.0	
4	Imre Barlay	2149	2128	L3	W8	H---	L7	B---	2.5	
5	Chris L Mink	2013	2012	W8	D3	W6	L1	L2	2.5	
6	James H Drebenstedt	1906	1918	W2	L1	L5	H---	W8	2.5	
7	Tyler B Hughes	1936	1951	D1	L2	H---	W4	U---	2.0	
8	Steve Cherico	1800	1789	L5	L4	B---	D3	L6	1.5	
1	Stephen R Kovach	1619	1686	W9	W3	W2	L4	W6	4.0	
2	Glenn C Leotaud	1735	1749	W5	W7	L1	D3	W4	3.5	
3	James C Mac Neil	1647	1685	W11	L1	W4	D2	W8	3.5	
4	Timothy E Brennan	1696	1705	W6	W8	L3	W1	L2	3.0	
5	Roderick Santiago	1632	1652	L2	W11	W8	L6	W9	3.0	
6	Jesse R Hester	1628	1635	L4	B---	W10	W5	L1	3.0	
7	Emanuel J Weiss	1660	1663	B---	L2	H---	W10	U---	2.5	
8	Anthea J Carson	1628	1620	W10	L4	L5	W9	L3	2.0	
9	Istvan Hornyak	1613	1592	L1	W10	H---	L8	L5	1.5	
10	Carlos Herrera	1719	1657	L8	L9	L6	L7	B---	1.0	
11	Dustin H Eager	1783	1753	L3	L5	U---	U---	U---	0.0	Class B Section
1	Richard Cordovano	1543	1604	W7	W2	W5	W6	D3	4.5	
2	Denny T Dennis	1487	1537	W3	L1	W9	W7	D4	3.5	
3	Shannon J Fox	1591	1592	L2	W6	H---	W5	D1	3.0	
4	Randolph Schine	1535	1529	D6	D8	H---	X---	D2	3.0	
5	Emir M Santana	1406	1461	W8	W9	L1	L3	W7	3.0	
6	Timothy M Fisher	1402	1430	D4	L3	W10	L1	W8	2.5	
7	Jacob M Zax	1427	1427	L1	W10	W8	L2	L5	2.0	
8	Peter J Short	1536	1488	L5	D4	L7	W10	L6	1.5	
9	Rick F Barton	1585	1557	W10	L5	L2	F---	U---	1.0	
10	Majid Kakhak	1478	1414	L9	L7	L6	L8	B---	1.0	
1	Sanjay Derbyshire	1254	1300	B---	D3	W2	X---	W4	4.5	
2	Dean W Brown	1367	1380	W5	W4	L1	W3	B---	4.0	
3	Mickey U Wentz	1207	1222	W4	D1	B---	L2	X---	3.5	
4	Jack C Coleman	1244	1216	L3	L2	W5	B---	L1	2.0	
5	Joseph R Aragon	1309	1271	L2	B---	L4	F---	F---	1.0	
1	Christopher Washburn	1129	1242	W2	W5	W4	W3	X---	5.0	
2	Dashzeveg Samdan	1155	1166	L1	W4	W3	X---	D5	3.5	
3	Kesley Goettling	1117	1095	W5	L6	L2	L1	W4	2.0	
4	Richard H Wyatt	1082	1071	W6	L2	L1	W5	L3	2.0	
5	David M Dye	1066	1040	L3	L1	W6	L4	D2	1.5	
6	Arthur Samuels	1074	1051	L4	W3	L5	F---	F---	1.0	
1	Dirk Goettling	unr.	1191	W2	W5	L3	W4	W6	4.0	
2	Lee F Lahti	unr.	1191	L1	W4	W5	W6	W3	4.0	
3	Bruce R Bain	983	991	L4	W6	W1	W5	L2	3.0	
4	Kathy A Schneider	823	876	W3	L2	W6	L1	W5	3.0	
5	Isaac Martinez	unr.	652	W6	L1	L2	L3	L4	1.0	
6	Brandan Goettling	unr.	423	L5	L3	L4	L2	L1	0.0	

by Paul Grimm

A Grimm New Year's Resolution for 2004

My New Year's Resolution for 2004 is simple: Become the most over-rated A-player in the state of Colorado. Below is my cynical, sarcastic, (humorous!), and diabolical plan to achieve this. Every time you see a ☺, just laugh along!

I've spent the last 18 months since April 2002 bouncing between 1600 and 1730. I'm tired of this and it's my sworn goal to break



1800 if it's the last thing I do in my measly, cheesy chess career! I don't care if that also makes me the most over-rated A-player in the entire state (who probably deserves to be no higher than the mangy 1650-player that I am). I want a 1600 floor—TODAY! :-)

So how do I plan to carry this impossible feat out? Simple: I'll only play people that are at least 200 points away from my rating!

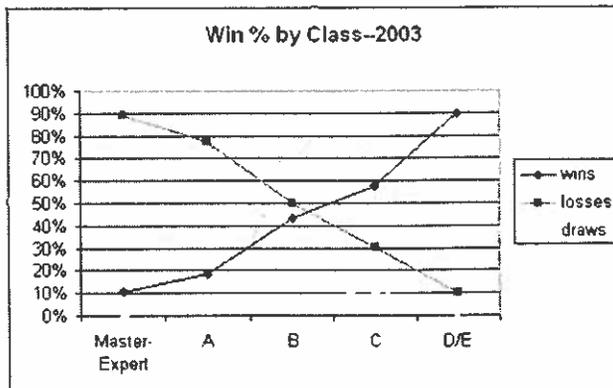
☺ I'll start to look at all opponents as merely a source of "free" rating points—like Wiley Coyote drools after Road Runner meat. I'm in this for **BLOOD** folks! ☺

My road to 1800 will occur in two steps:

- **Part A:** I'll play a maximum amount of chess until my post-tournament rating once again climbs above 1730 (based on my history above, I'm bound to go above 1700 again);
- **Part B:** I begin the long, tortuous process of clawing my way to 1800 1-, 2-, and 3-points at a time. I'll do this by playing less chess (ouch!) against only those whom I'm (*supposed*) to have a good chance of beating statistically, or whom losing to will not hurt me much.

Here's the logic behind the plan. These are the approximate win expectancies taken from the USCF ratings web site (www.uschess.org/ratings) for any given rating point spread:

And here is my historical performance in 2003 that shows I'm a B-player (1600-1800), where win and loss percentage is about equal:



Rating Spread between Opponents	Stronger Player's Chances of Winning	Weaker Players Chances of Winning
0	50%	50%
100	67%	33%
200	76%	24%
300	85%	15%
400	90%	10%
500	95%	5%

If I play people exactly 200 points above or below my rating, I know my chances of winning (above) and the table below will show how many points I stand to gain or lose from each individual game, according to the ratings calculator at <http://www.uschess.org/ratings/calculator.html> (assuming I'm rated 1730):

If I win ...	If I lose ...
Against a player 200 points higher (1930):	Against a player 200 points higher (1930):
I gain 22 points	I lose 7 points
Against a player 200 points lower (1530):	Against a player 200 points lower (1530):
I gain 7 points	I lose 22 points

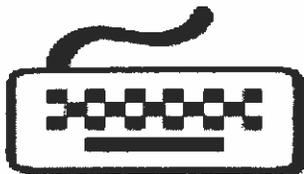
Against people 300 points above or below my rating, here's how many points I can gain or lose:

If I win ...	If I lose ...
Against a player 300 points higher (2030):	Against a player 300 points higher (2030):
I gain 24 points	I lose 5 points
Against a player 300 points lower (1430):	Against a player 300 points lower (1430):
I gain 5 points	I lose 24 points

Finally, against someone 400 points above or below my rating:

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The Computer Geek



By Tim Brennan

Being what you would probably call a computer geek, I would like to introduce a new column here which discusses the world of computer chess. As everyone knows the computer has drastically changed the game of chess over the last 50 years. The computer has solved many of the mysteries of the game, and you can use it to help your game as well.

Many computer companies, such as Chessbase seem to spend most of their efforts on making their computer programs, such as Fritz and Junior, play at a top level. This is true, even though their programs are already ridiculously strong, and can already beat more than 99% of Earth's population. Their current goal is for the program to play at a 2775 rating, instead of a 2750 rating. This is understandable as they get a lot of publicity and sales when their programs play in high spotlight games against world champions such as Kramnik and Kasparov.

Unfortunately these companies do not spend a lot of time making their programs easier to use for everyday club players. I often get a lot of questions from fellow chess players on how to use their programs efficiently. Many of these questions are a direct result of the programs not being easy to use. In this column I would like to address different questions that seem to come up regarding chess software.

The question I would like to tackle this month is, "How do I e-mail a game to another person". This is a question that benefits me as an editor of a chess magazine as well, because I would love for all readers to email me their games! But even before I was an editor people asked me this question on a frequent basis.

One obvious way to email a game to a person is to open an email, and start typ-

ing directly from your score sheet. While this does get the game from point A to B, it is not the easiest thing to do for either the sender or the receiver. There are several problems with this method.

⇒ The notation used may not be correct. Moves such as when two knights may move to the same square, may not have the necessary detail. For example the person might write Nd2 instead of Nbd2 when the Knight on f3 can also move to d2. The author knows which knight he meant, but the reader does not.

⇒ The notation might be incomplete. I received at least two games that were entered by hand, which had moves missing.

⇒ The notation might not be standard. People have lots of ways of writing the same thing. BxN or Bxf3. Most of the time you can figure this out, but not always.

⇒ The person on the other end has to set up a board and play through all the moves. It is much easier if they can load it directly into a chess program and click through the moves and variations.

Hopefully I have convinced you that just typing the moves is not the best way to format a game to email. A better way to do this is to first enter the moves into some sort of software program, and email the program's output to someone.

The program that I would recommend people to use is Chessbase. This is a very powerful program that most serious and strong chess players own. To buy the full version of Chessbase is fairly expensive. So if all you want to do is email games, you can use a free version of the program called Chessbase light. This will allow you to enter your games, and store up to 6000 of them. This may sound like a lot of games, but the full version of Chessbase comes with over a million games. You can find Chessbase light on the internet at www.chessbase.com.

The ultimate goal of this column is for the reader to be able to store and send the game in PGN format. PGN stands for

Portable Game Notation, and is basically a language to describe a chess game, which can be understood by many chess programs. It is very rare to find a chess program that does not understand PGN. Software programs such as Blitz (Internet Chess Club), ChessMaster, Chessbase and hundreds of other programs can recognize PGN files. It is basically a universal language of chess. If you send another person a game in PGN they will almost certainly be able to read it. Even if they do not have any chess software, they could open it with a text reader such as Microsoft Word to read it.

Here is an example of what a PGN file looks like:

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[Event "UNIX Mail m"]
[Site "Internet"]
[Date "1989.??.??"]
[Round "2"]
[White "Comp Deep Thought"]
[Black "Valvo, Michael J"]
[Result "0-1"]
[ECO "C36"]
[BlackElo "2385"]
[PlyCount "96"]
[EventDate "1989.??.??"]
[Source "ChessBase"]
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1. e4 e5 2. f4 d5 3. exd5
c6 4. Nc3 exf4 5. Nf3 Bd6
6. d4 Ne7 7. dxc6 Nbx6 8.
d5 Nb4 9. Bc4 O-Q 10. a3 b5
11. Bb3 Na6 12. Nxb5 Qa5+
13. Nc3 Nc5 14. Ba2 Ba6 15.
b4 Qc7 16. bxc5 Rfe8 17.
Ne2 Qxc5 18. c4 Nxd5 19.
Qd4 Qxd4 20. Nfxd4 Bc5 21.
Kd2 Ne3 22. Kc3 Rac8 23.
Bb2 Nxc2 24. Raf1 Rcd8 25.
Rhg1 Re3+ 26. Kd2 f3 27.
Rxf3 Rxf3 28. Rxc2 Rh3 29.
Kc1 g6 30. a4 Bb7 31. Rf2
Ba8 32. Bb1 Rb8 33. Ba2 Rd3
34. Rf4 Rd2 35. Kxd2 Rxb2+
36. Nc2 Rxa2 37. Nc3 Rb2
38. Rf6 Kg7 39. Rf1 f5 40.
Nd5 Bxd5 41. cxd5 Rb3 42.
h4 Kf6 43. Re1 Rh3 44. Re6+
Kf7 45. a5 Rxh4 46. Rc6
Bb4+ 47. Nxb4 Rxb4 48. Rc7+
Kf6 0-1
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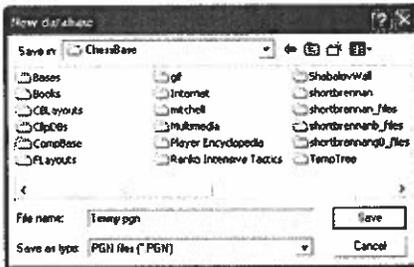
This shows a famous correspondence game that was played between former Coloradoan IM Michael Valvo, and the chess computer Deep Thought, which was the predecessor to IBM's Deep Blue.

At the top of the file you see information about the event such as the player names, and ratings. Below this information is the actual game. It is easily read by a human and a computer. It is not as easy for a computer to read a chess game as it is for a human. A human can understand that 0-O, O-o, castles kingside, 0-0, O-O, and o-o all mean the same thing. But for a computer these might not all make sense. So the easiest way to create a PGN file that software will be able to read is to create it in chess software.

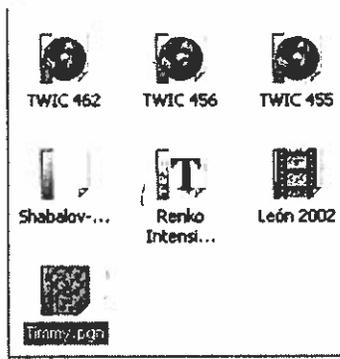
Chessbase will allow you to do this pretty painlessly. I will demonstrate this using Chessbase 8.0, but the procedure is similar when using Chessbase light or other software.

Step 1: From the main window select File > New Database

Step 2: Change the file type to be PGN in the new window. Note that this is not the default value. Make a mental note of



Save the database as type PGN where you are saving it, as it is easy to get lost in the tons of folders available. Give your new database a name, and



Highlight the filename

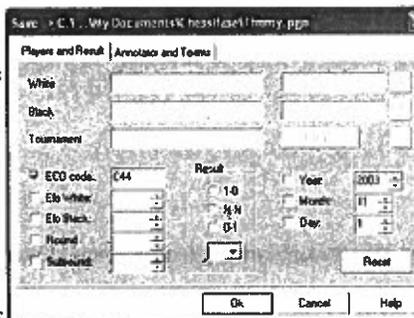
click Save. I am calling my database Timmy.pgn. (diagram)

The new database will now show up on your list of files. (diagram)

Step 3: Click on this file to highlight it.

Step 4: Now select the menu option "File > New Board in Timmy.pgn", or whatever you called your database. A board window will come up

Step 5: From this board you can drag and drop the pieces to the correct squares as in the game you want to enter. If you make a mistake you can use the arrow



Fill in player information

keys to go back and enter the correct move.

Step 6: When done select File> Save

Step 7: You will be prompted to enter information about the game such as player names. Fill this in. (diagram).

That's it! Now you have a file that you can email to your friends! You can open the file in a text editor, such as Notepad or Word and just copy and paste the text into an email, or send the file as an attachment.

If you have any questions or topics you would like to see covered in future columns, please email me at TimmyBx@aol.com.

computer clipart courtesy of <http://www.designedtoat.com/>
Screen shots from Chessbase 8.0



Best of the Web

Here are some chess related websites that will appeal to chess players.

www.chess.fm— This website never ceases to impress me. They have live coverage of almost all major chess tournaments where you can listen to audio commentary while watching the game being played on the internet chess club. Very cool! They also have other radio shows such as "Chess and Books" with Fred Wilson where they interview top players. Tony Rook, the man who created Chess.fm has funny expressions such as "Lets get ready to woodpush!" which he says at the beginning of each game. Great stuff!

www.chessbase.com—This site has a lot more than just software for sale. It is updated daily with interesting, light hearted chess news from around the world. Often there are great articles by Steve Lopez on how to use their software better with helpful tips.

www.chesscafe.com —This site has articles updated every Wednesday. They have an impressive list of writers including Bruce Pandolfini, Susan Polgar, Dan Heisman and Yasser Seirawan. There is almost always something interesting to read here. They often have good deals at their online store if you subscribe to their newsletter.

<http://www.uschess.org/msa/>
This is the new place to find your ratings online. The USCF has done a really nice job with this! You can see the results of every rated tournament that you have played in for about the last ten years. The results seem to be posted quicker than in the past, and you can see how each tournament affected your rating. If you are obsessed with your rating (and who isn't?) check this out!

The Kosher Patzer does Dallas

by The Kosher Patzer

A good chess buddy of mine GM Timmy, suggested that I check out the local chess scene on one of my occasional business trips to Dallas. Being that Timmy spent a few of his early career days working and playing chess in Dallas (I guess they're all early days for Timmy right now). My curiosity I got the inside scoop on where to go for a good game of chess in "T" town.

Well I wasn't disappointed. The Dallas chess club has their own building smack dab in Dallas proper with all the Chess junkie amenities like vending machines, lots of tables with chess boards, clocks and a bathroom with plenty of toilet paper. Definitely up-town.

One thing that stood out in the club was this oversized poster (right next to several pictures of Bobby Fischer) of a guy who made the cover of Chess Life a year or two ago due to his record breaking ten zillion games of official tournament chess played in one year. You may remember the chess life issue, the man on the cover was none other than Robert Smeltzer. Apparently, a total chess nut.

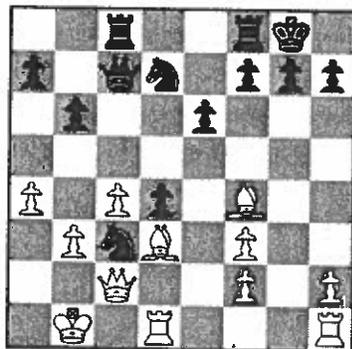
As I was signing up to play in Dallas Chess Club's Wednesday night tournament (3 rounds of G30) in walks none other than the man himself, Robert Smeltzer wearing the same pair of shades as on the cover of Chess Life. Very cool! Now you probably guessed what happened next, yep, I got paired with Mr. Smeltzer, hot damn!

As we sat down to play our game of chess, ole Smeltzer says "so, you're from Colorado eh?" To which, I quickly replied "yup" in a manner

that should convince them Texans that we're a classy bunch up here Denver. I punched his clock and our game was underway. Smeltzer lit into me right away with e4 and the rest is as follows:

W: Robert Smeltzer (1600)
B: The Kosher Patzer (1591)
[B17] Caro-Kann Modern Line
 Dallas Chess Club

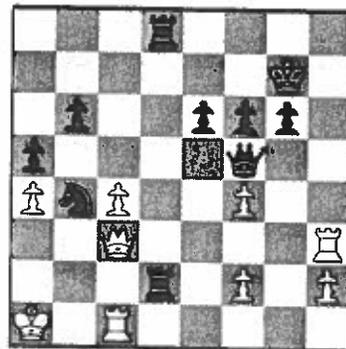
1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 dxe4 White is mixing up the move order 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.a4 5. a4 is something I haven't seen in the Caro-Kann; I pressed on with my development 5...Ngf6 6.Ng3 e6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.c3 0-0 9.Bd3 b6 10.Qc2 Bb7 11.Bg5 Qc7 White is gaining valuable space on the King-side and I moved the Queen to c7 to get rid of the pin on f6 as well as add pressure to the f4 square 12.0-0 c5 c5 is quite often a key move for Black in the Caro-Kann 13.Kb1 Bxf3 I debated this move because it gives White the open g-file to line his rook up on my King. But, it also serves to loosen White's control of the d4 square. 14.gxf3 cxd4 15.c4 15. c4 didn't make sense, instead 15. Ne4 looks better even with the temporary pawn sacrifice on h2 15...Rac8 16.b3 Bf4 17.Ne4 Nxe4



After 18. ...Nc3+

18.Bxf4 Nc3+ (diagram) 19.Kb2

19. Kb2 looks like a tactical mistake; 19. Qxc3 forces Black to recapture with 19. ...dxc3 or 19. ..Qxf4. In either case it looks like a better situation for White. 19...Qxf4 20.Bxh7+ Kh8 21.Rd3 g6 22.Rg1 Kxh7 White gives up the Bishop, but the Black Knight on c3 is trapped in a couple moves 23.Rg4 Qf6 24.Rgxd4 Nxa4+ 25.bxa4 Ne5 25. ...Nc5 is preferred by Fritz because it keeps the d4 Rook pinned and allows Black to play 26. ..Rfd8 26.Rc3 Rfd8 27.Re4 Nd3+ (diagram) 28.Kb1 Nb4 29.Qb3 a5 30.f4 Rd4 30. ..Rd2 is better according to Fritz and I eventually move there after wasting a tempo anyway 31.Ree3 Qf5+ 32.Ka1 Rcd8 33.Re1 Rd2 Black finally gets his Rook to d2 34.Rh3+ Kg7 35.Qc3+ f6 35. ..Qf6 would be a fatal mistake 36. Rh7+ and Black loses his Queen 36.Rc1 (diagram) Ra2# 0-1



After 36. Rc1

Well, it's time to for the Kosher Patzer to head back to Denver.

Editors note: In 1995 Robert Smeltzer played 2,266 USCF rated games in one year, the most ever! You can find out more about the Dallas chess club on the Internet at www.dallaschess.com. ♖

by Paul Grimm

An Informal Survey of CO Chess Attendance: 1998-2003

This article contains information that may be of interest to *tournament directors* who are wondering how their events' attendance compares to other major Colorado events. Or they may be interested in seeing how attendance in their event or across the state has changed over the last 5 years. Or they may be thinking about having an event and wonder what kind of attendance to expect based on past attendance. *Players* may be interested in this information just to know which events are the largest. (The larger the event, the more CO Tour points that can be earned!)

Restrictions on this informal, unscientific survey are as follows:

Counts rated adult tournaments only; non-rated and scholastic events are not counted; Data taken from posted results on CSCA web site; Non-CO Tour events not included unless they are in the WY/Western Slope; while these events may be numerous (e.g., Denver Chess Club 1-day events and monthly CO Springs events) their attendance is smaller than the average CO Tour event; National events not counted such as Ed Levy & US G/60 Championship due to substantial national attendance.

Without further adieu, here are attendance data on area adult tournaments from 1998-2003 (in chronological order from CO Open (Sep) to NW CO Open (Aug):

	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	Average
Number CO Tour events		10	10	13	15	14	12.4
CO Open	99	89	104	111	86	84	95.5
Membership Open	14		15	15	20	23	17.4
Elk Hunt	56		56	57	66	46	56.2
CO Quick Chess	72	41	37	18	45	26	39.8
Winter Springs Open	64	57	67	60	43	37	54.7
Loveland	66	82	77	68	75	79	74.5
C Springs Open	56	70	58	59	40	67	58.3
Hillside				20	18	29	22.3
Boulder Open	86	107	111	100		68	94.4
Larimer County Open					37	28	32.5
Denker				30	21	30	27.0
MayDaze	74		76		46	60	64.0
S CO Open		67	53	81	71	64	67.2
Denver Open	116	84	98	86	87	95	94.3
Pikes Peak Open	70	62	62	58	52	52	59.3
NW CO Open	31	34	25	25	32	23	28.3

Overall "trends":

- ⇒ It appears as though the best attendance was in 2000 and 2001.
- ⇒ The Boulder Open has the best 100+ attendance record.
- ⇒ The largest tournament in this time period is the Denver Open in 1998 (116).
- ⇒ The number of CO Tour events has increased 40% from 2000 (10) to 2003 (14), thanks to the advent of Hillside, Denker, and Larimer County Open.

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Here are these tournaments sorted by average attendance over the last 5 years:

CO Tour: Most to Least	
CO Open	95.5
Boulder Open	94.4
Denver Open	94.3
Loveland	74.5
S CO Open	67.2
MayDaze	64.0
Pikes Peak Open	59.3
Elk Hunt	58.8
C Springs Open	58.3
Winter Springs Open	54.7
CO Quick Chess	39.8
Larimer County Open	32.5
NW CO Open	28.3
Denker	27.0
Hillside	22.3
Membership Open	17.4

Finally, here are attendance data for Cheyenne, WY and the Western Slope to include Moab, UT (most-to-least, last 5 years):

Western Slope/WY	
Cheyenne Open	32.8
Moab (most in 2002 & 2003)	29.0
Fri-Sat (in 2000 & 2001 only)	25.3
Adams State (1998)	20.0
Durango (2002 & 2003)	16.3
Dave Trujillo Memorial (1998)	16.0

If you would like to see the source data I used, please contact me (grimm_p@msn.com) and I'll be glad to e-mail to you. Otherwise, see you on the CO Tour in 2004! ♖

More 2003 Colorado Open Games

Annotations by Mark Scheidies

W: Jesse Cohen (1968)

B: Jason Caldwell (1941) [C17]

Colorado Open 2003 (1), August 30, 2003

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Bd2 Ne7 6.Nb5 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 0-0 8.dxc5 Nbc6 9.Nf3 b6 10.Qc3 Ba6 11.Qa3 Bxb5 12.Bxb5 bxc5 13.Bxc6 Nxc6 14.Qxc5 Rc8 15.Qa3 Qc7 16.0-0 Nxe5 17.Nxe5 Qxe5 18.c3 Rb8 19.Rae1 Qc7 20.f4 Rb5 21.f5 e5 22.f6 Rfb8 23.b3 Qxc3 24.Qxa7 R5b7 25.Qf2 e4 26.Qf5 Qc5+ 27.Kh1 gxf6? 27...g6 leaves a fairly

even game, where both sides must be careful.]

28.Rxe4! Qc8 29.Rg4+ Kf8 30.Qh5 Qe6 31.Qh6+ Ke7 32.Rg3 Rb4 33.Rgf3 R8b6 34.h3 Re4 35.Qxh7 Re2 36.Qd3 Re5 37.Qd4 Rc6 38.Qa7+ Kd8 39.Rg3 Qe8 40.Kh2 Re2 41.Rd1 Qd7 42.Qa5+ Ke7 43.Rxd5 Qc7 44.Qb4+ Ke6 45.Qg4+ Kxd5 46.Qxe2 Rc3 47.Qd2+ 1-0

W: GM Dashzeveg Sharavdorj (2511)

B: Daniel P Avery (2033) [D17]

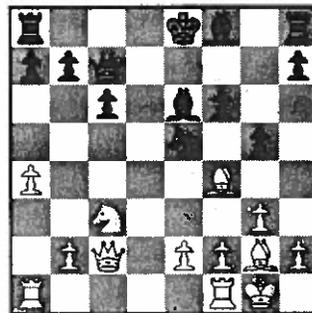
Colorado Open 2003 (2), August 30, 2003

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 Qc7 8.g3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Bf4 Nfd7 11.Bg2 Be6 12.Nxe5 Nxe5 13.0-0 f6 14.Qc2 g5 Diagram 15.Nb5 Qc8 16.Bxe5 fxe5 17.Qe4 cxb5?

[17...Qb8 leaves White

with just an edge.] 18.Qxe5 Rg8 19.Bxb7 Qxb7

20.Qxe6+ Qe7 21.Qxg8 0-0-0 1-0



After 14...g5

W: David E Bowers (1968)

B: Imre Barlay (2165) [B54]

Colorado Open 2003 (4) August 31, 2003

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Qd3 g6 6.c4 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 Nc6 9.a3 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 Be6 11.Qd3 Rc8 12.Nd5 Nd7 13.Rb1 Re8 14.0-0 Nc5 15.Qe3 Nxe4! 16.Qxa7 [16.Qxe4? Bf5] 16...Bxd5 17.cxd5 Nc5 18.Be3 Ra8 19.Bxc5 Rxa7 20.Bxa7 b6 21.Bb5 Rf8 22.Rfc1 Qa8 23.Bxb6 Qxd5 24.a4 Qa2 25.b4 Qa3 26.a5 Bc3 27.a6 Bxb4 28.a7 Bc3 29.Bc6 Bf6 30.g3 [30.Be3!] 30...Kg7 [30...Bb2! sets White more difficult problems, although it seems white should win eventually. 31.Rc2 Be5 32.Be3 d5 33.Bc5 (33.Bxd5 Qd3) 33...Qa5] 30...Kg7 31.Be3 Bb2 32.Rc2 Rc8 33.Rbxb2 Rxc6 34.Rxc6 Qxb2 35.a8Q Qb1+ 36.Rc1 1-0

W: Brad Lundstrom (1999)

B: Paul Nikitovich (2238) [B13]

Colorado Open 2003 (6), September 1, 2003

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.e3 g6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.Bf4 Nh6 8.Qd2 Nf5 9.Na3 a6 10.Nc2 0-0 11.h4 Re8 12.h5 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Bxe5 15.Bxe5 Rxe5+ 16.Kf1 Qf6 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Ne3 Rf8 20.Re1 Be4 21.Rh3 Qf4 22.Kg1 Rg5 23.Re2 [23.Rh2 and Black still needs to look for a way to crack White's defences] 23...Bf3! 24.Rxf3 [24.Re1 Rxc2+ 25.Nxc2 Qxd2] 24...Qxf3 25.g3 Re8 0-1

Tournament Announcements:

Pikes Peak January McMahon Swiss, January 3, 2004

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: Pikes Peak Christian School, 5905 Flintridge Dr, CO Springs.

Directions: From North Academy Blvd, turn east (away from mtns) onto Flintridge or Vickers until they intersect (traffic light). Northeast corner of Flintridge at Vickers, next to storage units.

Sections: USCF Regular/Quick-Rated, Non-USCF section.

Entry fee: \$5.00

Prizes: per entries.

Registration: 9:30 AM to 10:00 AM, Rounds: 10:15, 11:30, lunch, 1:30, 2:45, 4:00..

Entries: Dean Brown
5-game McMahon Swiss System
(see ChessLife, Feb '03, pg 6).



Dean Brown—
King of the
McMahon Swiss.
Photo by
Eruna Schultheiss

2004 Foundation Cup Team Championship, January 10, 2004

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/90

Site: Ramada Inn 3836 East Mulberry Street Fort Collins, Colorado

Sections: Open, U1600 (Team average)

Entry fee: Per team: \$50 by January 4, \$60 at site.

Prizes: Each section: 1st Board \$100 2nd Board \$50 3rd Board \$25

Registration: 8 AM – 9 AM, Rounds: 10 AM, 2 PM, 6 PM.

Entries: Brian Walker 2835 Forest Drive, Cheyenne Wyoming 82001

E-mail: brianret@yahoo.com

Make check payable to: Tri-State Fred Reinfield Foundation. Each team must select a team name prior to the first round. Teams will play teams, not an individual swiss style. Trophies awarded in each section: 1st Team, 2nd Team, 3rd Team.

DCC Martin Luther King Quick-Chess, January 24, 2004

7 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/15

Site: Tattered Cover--3rd floor, 1628 16th St, Denver CO 80202, 303-436-1070.

Directions: On Wynkoop & 16th St, Lower Downtown district. Park at Tabor Center and take Mall Shuttle to Tattered Cover; or take RTD Light Rail to Union Station, then Mall Shuttle to Tattered Cover.

Open: Open to all USCF members.

Reserve--U1500: Open to all USCF members under 1500 and unrated.

Entry fee: Open Section: \$20 for DCC members, \$24 for non-members; Reserve Section: \$15 for DCC, \$19 for non-members.

Prizes: Open \$220 total: 1st-\$85, 2nd-\$50, U2100/U1900/U1700-\$40 each. Reserve \$200 total: 1st-\$70, 2nd-\$40, U1300/U1100-\$30 each. Unrated-\$30. Prizes based on 45 players or less.

Registration: 9:00 - 9:45, Rounds: 10:00, 10:45, 11:30, lunch, 1:15, 2:00, 2:45, 3:30.

Entries: Paul Grimm 1641 W. Canal Circle #722, Littleton, CO 80120

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1st DCC Grand-Prix event of 2004.

February 14-15 2004 Loveland Open Loveland

February 28, 2004 Tabor Center Quick Denver

Liesl Shaffer College Fundraiser Saturday, February 28, 2004

A Promotion by Master Brian Wall

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/45

Site: Tabor Center Food Court Area, Denver CO.

Directions: 16th Street Mall between Lawrence and Larimer St. <http://www.taborcenter.com>

Sections: Open: Open to all USCF members.

Reserve-- U1500: Open to all USCF members under 1500 and unrated.

Entry fee: Open Section: \$15 for DCC members, \$20 for non-members;

Prizes: based on number of players.

Bonus Prize: Liesl will select one of the top 3 finishers in the Open Section for an entertaining evening in Denver!

She is 19, winner must be 18-25 years old.

Registration: 8:30 - 9:30, Rounds: 10:00AM,

11:45AM, lunch, 1:15-2pm, 2:00pm, 3:45pm, Awards Show 5:30pm.

Phone: Chief TD LaMoyne Spichal 303-296-2606

DCC Grand-Prix event

Colorado Springs Open, March 6 - 7, 2004

5 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: 40/90 and G/1 for rds 1-3, 40/2 and G/1 for rds 4-5
Site: Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs
Sections: One open section
Entry fee: \$31 if rec'd by 3/3, \$36 at site. \$8 discount for juniors, seniors, unrated.
Prizes: Prizes at least \$175, 125, other prizes per entries.
Registration: 8:30 - 9:30, Rounds: 10, 2:30, 7; 9, 3.
Entries: Richard Buchanan 844 B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829
Phone: (719) 685-1984
E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net
 \$1 from each EF is voluntary contribution to Professional Players Health & Benefits Fund.
 USCF Grand Prix Tournament.
 Colorado Chess Tour Event.
 CSCA required, OSA

Prairie Hills Fundraiser, April 3, 2004

4 round Swiss system tournament.
Time Control: G/30
Site: Prairie Hills Elementary School, 8025 Telegraph Dr.
Directions: I-25 to Briargate Pkwy (exit 151), go south, then left on Research Pkwy and go about 3.5 miles, then right on Scarborough, right on Telegraph - 2nd stop sign
Sections: Played in sections if entries warrant
Entry fee: \$20 (\$15 for Jrs, Srs, Unr.), \$2 less if rec'd by April 1.
Prizes: Modest cash prizes per entries.
Registration: 8:30 - 9:30, Rounds: 1st rd. 10:00.
Entries: Richard Buchanan 844 B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829
Phone: (719) 685-1984
E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net
 Held in connection with Prairie Hills Scholastic Tournament.
 Most of tournament income will go to help Colo State High School Champion attend Arnold Denker Tournament of Champions.
 CSCA membership req'd. CSCA TOUR EVENT

**Larimer County Open
 Fort Collins October 11 - 12, 2003**

Open Section

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT
1 Alexander Gitis	2021	W14	W8	W4	W3	D2	4.5
2 Andrew B Rea	2066	L5	W16	W10	W8	D1	3.5
3 David M Landers	1949	W16	D5	W6	L1	W10	3.5
4 Mitesh Shridhar	1732	W11	W10	L1	W6	D5	3.5
5 Jesse R Hester	1628	W2	D3	D13	W14	D4	3.5
6 Roderick Santiago	1632	W15	W12	L3	L4	W11	3.0
7 Carlos Herrera	1719	L12	L15	L11	X17	W14	2.0
8 Michael Presutti	1711	W17	L1	W12	L2	U--	2.0
9 Timothy Tobiason	1600	U--	U--	U--	W12	W15	2.0
10 Majid Kahhak	1478	W13	L4	L2	W15	L3	2.0
11 Dean H Mitchell	1458	L4	L13	W7	W16	L6	2.0
12 Timothy M Fisher	1402	W7	L6	L8	L9	W16	2.0
13 James Drebenstedt	1906	L10	W11	D5	U--	U--	1.5
14 John F Schultz	1576	L1	W17	D15	L5	L7	1.5
15 Dean W Brown	1367	L6	W7	D14	L10	L9	1.5
16 Richard Cordovano	1543	L3	L2	W17	L11	L12	1.0
17 Mark Robins	1402	L8	L14	L16	F7	U--	0.0

Reserve Section

Name	rtng	rd 1	rd 2	rd 3	rd 4	rd 5	TOT
1 Ronald G Fertig	1316	W6	W8	W2	W9	W4	5.0
2 Jack C Coleman	1244	W7	W4	L1	D8	W9	3.5
3 Roger M Anderson	1092	X--	W10	L9	L4	W8	3.0
4 Gary Dorsey	1042	W11	L2	W10	W3	L1	3.0
5 Scott W Sills	868	L10	W11	L8	W12	D6	2.5
6 Kathy Schneider	823	L1	L9	W11	W10	D5	2.5
7 Barbara Fortune	592	L2	B--	B--	L11	D12	2.5
8 C Campbell Jr.	unr	W9	L1	W5	D2	L3	2.5
9 Allan Ufer	1196	L8	W6	W3	L1	L2	2.0
10 Lee Lahti	unr	W5	L3	L4	L6	W11	2.0
11 Kevin Jones	unr	L4	L5	L6	W7	L10	1.0
12 Kendel Boy Crose	824	U--	U--	U--	L5	D7	0.5

May 29-30, 2004 DCC MayDaze Denver

June 12-13, 2004 Southern Colorado Open Manitou Springs

July 21-25, 23-25 or 24-25, 2004: Edward Levy Memorial Colorado Chess Classic, Denver CO (tentative)

Scholastics:

- January 17, 2004 CFJ January Scholastic Ft. Collins
- January 31, 2004 Colorado Army National Guard Armory Englewood
- February 7, 2004 CFJ February Scholastic Ft. Collins
- February 21-22, 2004 Colorado Scholastic State Chess Championship Denver
- March 6, 2004 CFJ March Scholastic Ft. Collins
- April 10, 2004 CFJ April Scholastic Ft. Collins
- April 25, 2004 Colorado Army National Guard Armory Englewood
- May 15, 2004 CFJ May Scholastic Ft. Collins
- June 12, 2004 CFJ June Scholastic Ft. Collins

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If I win . . .	If I lose . . .
Against a player 400 points higher (2130):	Against a player 400 points higher (2130):
I gain 26 points	I lose 3 points
Against a player 400 points lower (1330):	Against a player 400 points lower (1330):
I gain 3 points	I lose 26 points

The key to Part B of my evil, diabolical plan (☺) is to play less chess (ouch!!) I have to forgo being Colorado's Most Active player, and CO Tour and DCC Grand Prix prizes (ouch again!!). I give up playing in complete tournaments from beginning to the end (ouch, three times!!!).

What's my strategy to maximize my chances of playing against only those at least 200 points below my rating? I play only the last 2 rounds of the Denver Chess Club (DCC) monthly tournament where I'm guaranteed to play people with zero points. These folks *will most* likely be 200 points or more below my rating! Hee! Hee! Hee!

My strategy to assure I play only folks at least 200 points above me is to play in the Open section of a major tournament or even better, the U2200 section of the Ed Levy in July 2004. If I score just 1 win out of 4 against players rated 2030 or higher, I gain at least 10 rating points!! ☺

How long will this whole thing take? Once I get to 1730 (hopefully before the April Supplement), part B could take me the rest of the entire year. Only playing 2 DCC games a month and an occasional weekend tourney here and there is not a lot of chess—by historical “Paul Grimm-I-played-700-rated-games-in-5-years-standards”, anyways! ☺

So next time we meet over the chess board in 2004, beware of my sneaky, conniving, and devious plan to become Colorado's weakest, most undeserving A-player. After attaining 1800, I'll wait until it becomes an “official” rating (published in a bi-monthly USCF ratings supplement), then resume my normal chess play. “Normal” for me means having my rating fall as low as 1600—my new rating floor! And this will benefit Colorado in the long run! The more players Colorado has with floors of 1600, the stronger the average rating in the state will become.

I will become a “life-time B-player” and a “free” source of rating points for numerous scholastic kids on their way to true class-A status! ☺



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