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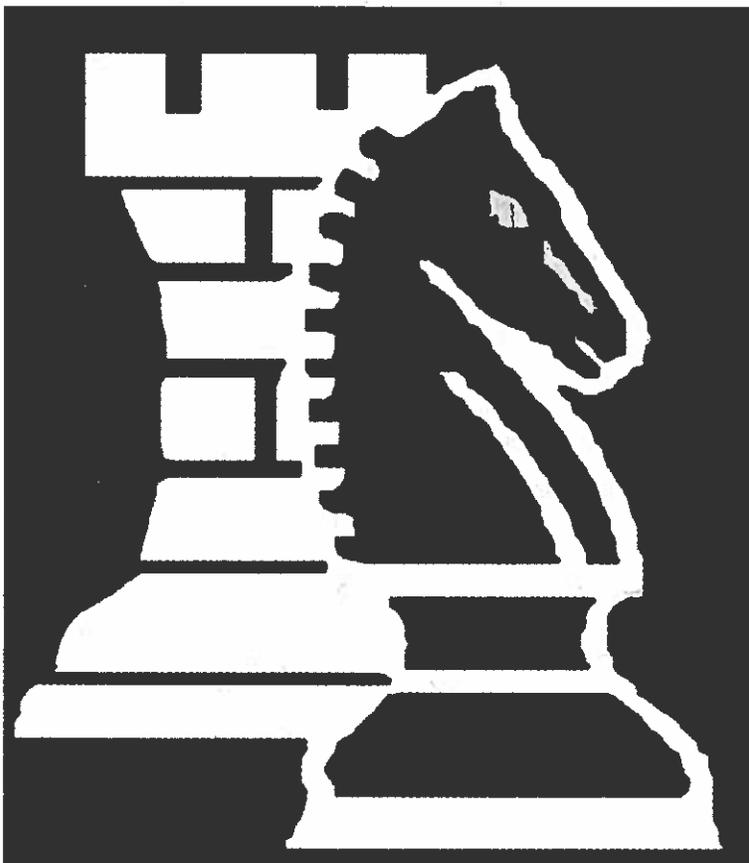
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**The Editor's Square
CO Chess Informant
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Greetings Chess Friends,

Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a nice holiday, and best wishes for a new year.



Often players set goals at the beginning of the year. Last year Paul Grimm made a goal to get to 1800. While Paul did not make it, I think it is really good how he did actually set a goal, and made a plan to achieve that goal. There might have been some logical flaws in his plan, but as they say in chess, "it is better to have a bad plan than no plan at all"!

One goal that many people have is to raise their ratings. Some people might claim that they do not care about ratings, but I know for most of us, we care deeply about our ratings. Since this is my space to "preach to the choir" I would like to talk about how I think many players can raise their ratings. One word — tactics!

Now this is not a novel idea. Most people know this. But I still hear F players telling me at tournaments that they are studying "How to Reassess Your Chess", and how much it is helping their game. Then they tell me how they had a positionally winning game (before they dropped a piece to a tactic).

If there is one piece of advice I would want to give to all the class players out there during my reign as editor it would be "Study tactics". An article that changed my life chesswise is called something like "How to gain 400 points in 400 days" and appears on the outstanding chesscafe.com website. You can probably still find it in the archives section there. It was written by Michael de la Maza, who has since become my chess idol. He wrote an article about how to gorge himself on nothing but an all tactics diet for 400 days, and went from being a class D player to an expert. He won the "A" section of the World Open one year, and 10,000 dollars. His book was later turned into a book called "Rapid Chess Improvement", which is basically a cut and paste of the article, which you can read for free.

I would highly encourage all of the class players out there to read de la Maza's articles. I personally found them very inspirational. While no one, except a few sociopaths, could literally follow his plan (basically studying tactics 8 hours a day for a year), I think that his focus on the importance of tactics is right on the money.

Cheers,

Tim

On the Cover: 2004 was a great year for chess in Colorado. Although the Edward Levy fell through, there were many exciting and creative tournaments held throughout the state. This issue covers some of those tournaments, including the Durango US G/60 Championship. I have no doubt that 2005 will prove to be another good year for Colorado Chess. Happy New Year! Graphics courtesy of <http://www.chessgraphics.net>

TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COLORADO STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION:

Unfortunately due to recent extraordinary events, the board has been forced to investigate and act upon extremely unsportsmanlike behavior. This is not something we take lightly. However, we felt for the good of the overall membership and the events, we were forced to take immediate action. We are publishing this to both keep you as members informed and to seek your support in maintaining the high standards of play.

Furthermore, the question at hand has nothing to do with skill or other contributions of an individual. It has everything to do with enforcing the by-laws and creating an appropriate environment for our adult and scholastic participants to play in.

The Board of Directors of the Colorado State Chess Association has unanimously voted to hold a hearing to determine whether to suspend Philipp Ponomarev from CSCA-organized events for 6 months followed by an additional 1-year probation for profane, threatening, and unsportsmanlike conduct displayed at the 2004 Colorado Quick Chess Tournament and the 2004 Denver Chess Club Championships. Any further negative action by Philipp over this year and a half period would lead to a five-year (or greater) suspension from CSCA activities. Philipp has been notified of his right to participate in the hearing.

Paragraph 3 of the Colorado State Chess Association Bylaws states:

Suspension and Expulsion: The Board of Directors has the power to suspend or expel any member for cause after conducting a hearing. The member has the right to attend the hearing and to call witnesses in his behalf. If the member is aggrieved by the decision of the Board, the member has the right to submit a written appeal to the Board of Directors within ten days of the decision. The appeal will be considered at the next regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose by the assembled membership.

Philipp was suspended a couple years ago (per Paragraph 3 of the Bylaws) for his involvement pertaining to physical altercations, disruptive actions during tournament play, and damage to playing sites.

We hope Philipp responds maturely to this relatively mild reprimand; the board seriously considered more extreme expulsion measures based on his lengthy record of misconduct. We are giving Philipp, over this year and a half period, the opportunity to demonstrate the maturity needed to remain an active and civil participant in CSCA activities. The practical result of the six-month suspension is that Philipp will not be allowed to participate in the 2005 Colorado Closed Championship and its related side events. He would not be banned by this action from playing in other organized competitions such as Colorado Tour Events.

What were the actions that led to his recommended suspension?

Philipp, upon learning that he lost the Colorado Quick title on tie breaks, went into a lengthy profane tirade directed first at the volunteer tournament directors and then at all the others who he says are colluding against him, preventing him from receiving his just honors.

This lengthy (over five minutes) public display of vulgarity did not win any converts over to the chess community.

When Philipp's father came to his defense at the Denver Chess Club Championships, Philipp verbally threatened Richard Wyatt harm for correcting a factual inaccuracy stated by his father.

The board strongly feels based on these two actions and coupled with his lengthy history of anger-induced violence this rebuke is merited...a rebuke that is tempered with the opportunity for Philipp to remain an participant in the state chess community.

Philipp's chess skill is unquestioned...his civil participation in CSCA events would be very welcomed, an asset that could hold promise to Colorado Chess. Philipp's future participation in CSCA competitions lies squarely in his own hands.

Philipp, for your own sake, for the sake of quality chess in Colorado, and for the sake of a healthy and welcoming chess climate in Colorado, please take this opportunity wisely and under self-control...your civil participation would be very welcomed.

The time and date of the hearing will be posted on the CSCA website.

CSCA Board of Directors

Chess tourney brings Masters, youngsters to Durango

November 8, 2004

By Dominic Weilminster
Herald Staff Writer

Bobby Fisher wasn't there, but who knows where he is, anyway.

Even without him, the U.S. 60-Minute Chess Championship at the DoubleTree Hotel in Durango featured some impressive competitors and shining young talent.

From International Master Enrico Sevillano, one of the top chess players in the country, to young chess prodigies Ryan Gould, 11, and Joshua Suresh, 15, the range of the tournament's 85 competitors made for an unpredictable competition Friday through Sunday.

The tournament, one of 10 different kinds of national chess championships up for grabs each year in the United States, was based on a 60-minutes-per-player format, making two hours the maximum length for a game. The field of competitors was split into two groups: a scholastic group for children and adolescents under age 20, and an open field for competitors of any age, including young people wishing to play adults.

"It's fast and exciting; we've seen brilliance here, and we've seen mistakes," said Damian Nash, co-organizer of the tournament.

Perhaps the most suspenseful mix of brilliance and misjudgment came in the first round of play in the open field section of competitors when the young Gould faced the tournament's seasoned No. 2 seed, Philip Ponomarov, of Denver.

With a crowd gathered around their game

board, Gould, who has played in more than 40 tournaments in only his second year of playing chess, seemed to be pulling off the upset of the tournament.

"I was winning for pretty much the whole game," said Gould, who, despite looking like he just came in from recess, speaks with the calculated confidence of a veteran. "I was thinking I could beat a master and everyone would be proud."

By virtue of his U.S. Chess Federation rating of more than 2,200 on a scale of 100 to 3,000, Gould's competitor is considered a chess Master, and Ponomarov's mastery shone through as he weaseled out a win late in the game. Ponomarov went on to finish second in the tournament and Gould, despite his loss, was still widely respected for his effort.

"As soon as he started playing, he developed such a passion for the game," said Lynda Gould, explaining that her son was recognized as Utah's most active chess player this year. "We don't take vacations anymore; we go to chess tournaments."

Gould's mother added that Ryan's early grasp of chess has already made him a stronger player than his father and older brother.

"That's a good sign," said Sevillano - the International Master and winner of the tournament - upon hearing of Gould's success after having played chess for only a few years.

"To get good at this game you study, play as many tournaments as you can and you must have patience," said Sevillano, 36, who was a quick learner himself, attaining the title of International Master, the second highest chess classification requiring rating of 2,500 or higher, at age 16 after winning the Asian Junior Chess Championship.

Sevillano was born in the Philippines, but now lives in Las Vegas.

At 15, Suresh, of Denver, is still a year younger than Sevillano was when he won his Asian Junior Championship, but Suresh

is well on his way to mastery. Competing in the scholastic group, Suresh won the overall national championship Sunday after completing six perfect rounds and a draw in his final match.

"I've never been a national champ before," said Suresh, who added this win to a third place ranking he received for his grade level at the High School Chess National Championship in Georgia.

"We're very happy about this," said George Suresh, Joshua's father. "I think this may be one of Joshua's biggest accomplishments."

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CSCA Sense

By CSCA President Todd Bardwick

Congratulations to Philipp Ponomarev who represented Colorado well in the 2004 Governor's Cup in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, from October 29-31 by tying with five other masters for the Top Master prize.

The 2005 Colorado Closed will be held March 19-20 and 26-27 at the Glendale Community Center. Dean Brown is working on series of one-day "Designer Tournaments" that will be held concurrently each day with the Closed. As of this writing, Dean is considering a Team Tournament, McMahan Quick Swiss, Peer Tournament, and Match Play tournament. Details will be out soon!



Larimer County Open Report

by Randy Reynolds

The 3rd annual Larimer County Open was held October 2nd and 3rd in Loveland, CO. This tournament was the first in recent memory to prohibit on-site registration, due to some convoluted agreements with the site personnel. As a result, only pre-entries could be accepted this year. Fortunately, this did not seem to deter chess players anxious to get their playing fix in, as we had a record 43 entrants in this year's tournament, easily surpassing the inaugural year turnout of 37. Does this mean pre-entry only tournaments are the way of the future? No, it means I got lucky. It's still notoriously difficult when you have pre-entry to enforce CSCA and USCF membership, so it's not something that I recommend any other tournament organizers doing, and I'm definitely in the market for another venue for next year.

The winners of each section completely overwhelmed the rest of the competition, as demonstrated with the fact that both section champions were ascertained before 1 hour had elapsed into the 5th round. Marc Jimenez, after a rusty Colorado Open, has proven that his disappointing Colorado Open showing was simply a fluke, and completed a 4.5 point domination of the open section. Newcomer to Colorado David Wallace, an Expert who hadn't played in USCF tournaments since 1996, showed few signs of atrophy as he tied with Shaun MacMillan and Jason Caldwell for the 2nd place prizes.

The biggest surprise, at least until his rating catches up to him, was 599 rated Christofer Peterson, pulling off upset after upset to claim 1st place in the U1400 section. To paraphrase Lloyd Bentsen's 1988 debate with Dan Quayle here: "I've played 599's. I've taught 599's. Chris, you are no 599!" It's a good lesson for all: don't underestimate anyone, no matter what their rating says. Chris pulled off the venerable hat trick of chess, going 5 for 5 in the U1400 section. Ed Cronin managed to regain his composure after his 4th round loss to Chris to win his last game and grab

sole possession of 2nd place.

A few door prizes were also given out before the 5th round, as LCO tradition dictates. Newcomer Caren Cheese won a package of chessmen cookies, Barb Fortune won a glass chess set, and another new tournament player, Carl Herrmann, won a \$15 gift certificate to Barnes & Noble.

I found it to be a very good tournament, easily the best of the 3. There were no forfeits at all (though Tom Corbett made the possibility look real a couple of times), which means all players used good etiquette when withdrawing. Everyone had a good time in a quiet environment (except for those dang train whistles every so often) and had some great games. I hope to see everyone at the 4th annual Larimer County Open next year, where hopefully we'll finally break 50 players and actually have on-site registration with any luck.

Now for some game highlights....

Local player Cory Foster gets blindsided by 8 year old Andrew Epstein's starting play, but recovers and wins with a plethora of active pieces.

W: Foster, Cory (1220) -
B: Epstein, Andrew (656) [D06]
Larimer County Open Round 1,
October 2nd, 2004

1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 dxc4 4.a4 Bf5 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.Nxe4 Bxe4 7.e3 f6 8.Bh4 e6 9.Bxc4? Bxg2 10.Nf3? 10. Qg4! allows a perpetual check, better than going a whole rook down...

10...Bxh1 11.Bxe6 Qd6 12.d5 Qd8?? 12 ... Bxf3 13. Qxf3 Qb4+ is a nasty double attack, snagging the dark square bishop!

13.Ne5 Letting the knight get away was truly the turning point of this game.

13...Bb4+ 14.Ke2 c6 15.Nf7 Qe7 16.Nxh8 Qc5 17.Qxh1 Qc4+ 18.Kf3 Qxh4 19.Qg2 Kd8 20.Qxg7 f5 21.Rg1 Bf8 22.Qxb7 This appears to give black drawing chances through Qh5+, Qg4+, Qd1+, Qg4+, etc.!

22...Bb4 23.Rg8+ Bf8 24.Rxf8# 1-0

Chris Peterson shows why advanced knights are dangerous, catching Ed Cronin in a tactical trap that ultimately determines 1st and 2nd place in the reserve section.

W: Peterson, Christofer (599) -
B: Cronin, Ed (1244) [A85]
Larimer County Open Round 4,
October 3rd, 2004

1.c4 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.e3 d6 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.0-0 a6 9.b4 Qe8 10.Qc2 Qg6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Rad1 b6 13.d5 Ne5 14.Nd4 exd5 15.Nxd5 Bd8 16.f4 Ng4 17.Bxg4 Qxg4 18.h3 Qg6 19.Nc6 Re8? 20.Nxd8 Rxd8?? 21.Ne7+ 1-0

Sacrificing the exchange on move 22 set up a beautiful combination for Marc Jimenez, showing he well deserved the title of 2004 Larimer County Open champion.

W: Jimenez, Marc (2011) -
B: Caldwell, Jason (1950) [B01]
Larimer County Open Round 3,
October 2nd, 2004

1.e4 d5 2.e5 c5 3.f4 Bf5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d3 h6 6.Nh4 Bh7 7.e6 fxe6 8.Be2 Nf6 9.Bh5+ Nxh5 10.Qxh5+ Kd7 11.Be3 b6 12.Na3 Qe8 13.Qg4 Qf7 14.0-0-0 Rg8 15.d4 cxd4 16.Bxd4 Nxd4 17.Rxd4 Bf5 18.Qe2 a6 19.Nf3 Qe8 20.Ne5+ Kc7 21.g4 Be4? 22.Rxe4! dxe4 23.Qc4+ Kb7 24.Qxe4+ Kb8 25.Rd1 Ra7 26.Nc6+ Kc7 27.Nxa7 g5 28.Qe5+ Kb7 29.Qxe6 1-0



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DCC 24 Hours of Chess Heaven

by Tim Brennan

The Denver Chess Club held a 24 hour tournament on September 18-19 at "Anthea's clubhouse", a party room at the apartment complex where active Colorado chess player Anthea Carson and her family live. The event was called "DCC 24 hours of chess heaven", and featured 20 rated G/30s in a 24 hour period. The event was divided into 10 rounds. In each round players played two games against their opponent: once as white and once as black.

The clubhouse provided a very cozy environment with couches, chairs, a kitchette, patio and game room. Players were allowed to take a maximum of four ½ point byes, before they were automatically withdrawn.



This tournament was the brain child of Paul Grimm, and organized the event with help from Anthea and her family. Anthea and her family secured the location, and provided lots of food during the tournament. Brian Wall said that he ate one of Emilio's tuna fish sandwiches between each round. Tim Brennan was the chief TD. This was the first 24 hour tournament held in Colorado for many years.

The event was rather taxing, but at the end I think that many of the players were surprised that they were able to hold up as well as they did. There were not as many upsets as people might have expected. Before the tournament Brian Wall sent out a challenge to the chess community in a hilarious email entitled "Don't be a chess girlyman", which stated reasons why people should play in the tournament. His email started "I have been hearing a lot of whiny baby talk that Anthea's marathon tournament is too taxing. Stop sniveling and listen up."

The tournament was both a CSCA and DCC grand prix event. However because of the way the CSCA formula is set up, the players did not actually receive a lot of CSCA points from playing the event, because there was only one section. Even after the event many of the players who played in all twenty rounds had fewer points than people who played 6 rounds at the Colorado Open.

Buck Buchanan has provided some history about the Insanity tournament idea:

The Insanity Open was invented by Michigan tournament

organizer and 1971 Michigan State Champion J. D. Brattin. In a 1974 article, J. D. began,

"In the chess world, I will probably be remembered longer as the inventor of the Insanity Open than for any other reason. This probably puts me in the category of the fellow who invented windshield wipers for submarines. Nonetheless, it is probably better to be acclaimed for an idiotic idea than never to have had an idea at all..."

The rest of this article can be found on www-personal.umich.edu/~vbrattin/jdb.htm which is a memorial site to J.D. constructed by his son. In the Articles section the one titled, "No, but it helps," describes in hilarious detail his adventures at one Insanity, which may be one I played in (and I may be one of the players he describes).

Now, in those days there was no such thing as sudden-death time controls in rated chess. There were not as many games as in the recent Denver tournament, but they took a lot more time to play. One tournament announcement for an Insanity says it is a 7-round Swiss, time limit 40/90, with the first round at 10:00 AM and "successive games at approximately 5-hour intervals." And in these games, of course, if you went over 40 moves you got more time for more moves - so games could be adjourned and finished later, at a time when the players were desperate to close their eyes for a few minutes.



I took second place in the Sixth Insanity Open (I think that means the sixth of such tournaments held anywhere in the world.), played in Cincinnati in March of 1971. Despite my success, this was the last of these tournaments I played in. The entry fee was only \$4, or "\$2 to anyone donating an insane prize worth at least \$1." The winner of the tournament, Ron Finegold (father of now-IM Ben Finegold) chose as his prize a "Nuts/bolts set." I settled for \$10. Other prizes, according to a report in the Parkway Chess Club Bulletin, included candy



and bubble gum, a "baboon picture," a basketball (for 21st place), a stuffed chicken, and a 1964 phone book.

Amazingly, my last round game was one I was very happy with.

W: Richard Buchanan (1901) -
B: George Kvakovszky (1751)

6th Insanity Open, Cincinnati, March 28, 1971
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bg5 0-0? 5.e4 d6
6.Bd3 h6 7.h4! e5 8.d5 Bxc3+ 9.bxc3 Nbd7
10.Be3 Kh7 11.g4! Rh8 12.g5 Ng8 13.Qf3 Qe7
14.Nh3 Nc5 15.Bxc5 Bxh3? 16.Bxd6 cxd6
17.Qxh3 h5 18.Kd2 Rd8 19.Qe3 b6 20.Rhf1
Qd7 21.f4 Re8 22.fxex5 Rxe5 23.Rf4 f6 24.Qf3
Qe8 25.Rg1 fxg5 26.hxg5 Ne7 27.Rf7 Kg6
28.Rf1 Rxc5 29.e5+ Kh6 30.exd6 Ng6 31.d7
Qb8 32.Qe3 Rd8 33.R7f5 Qg3 34.R1f3 Qh2+
35.Be2 Qh4 36.Rh3 1-0 ♠

Reprint from the last Colorado Insanity Courtesy of Buck Buchanan

What follows is a short article I wrote for the Colorado Chess Informant issue of July 1990. I was at that time the editor of the magazine.

Insanity Prevails!!

18 rounds of chess in less than 24 hours?? No, it's not a creation of the President's Newsletter; it really happened in Colorado Springs at the Pikes Peak Spring Insanity Open.

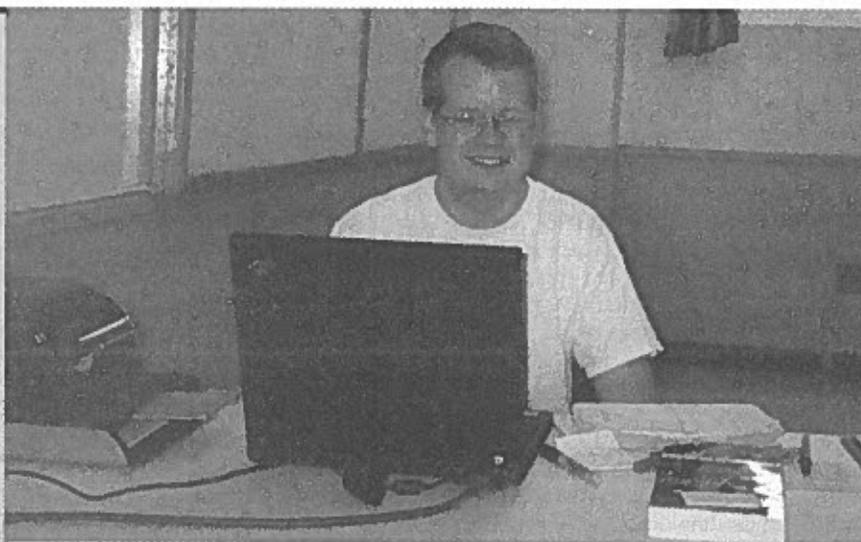
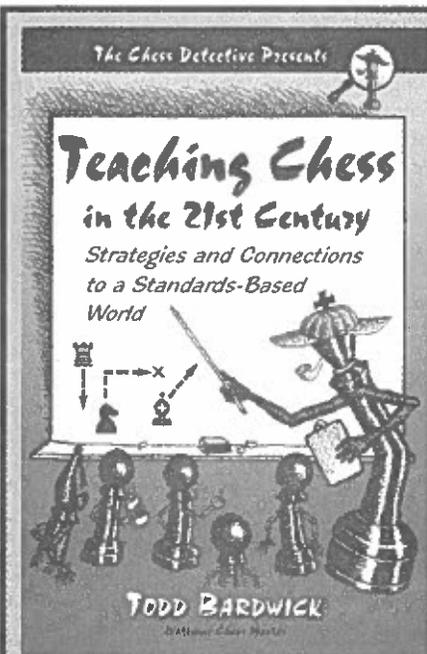
Organized by Ron Smits, the tournament actually attracted 20 players and was duly won by John Dunning with a score of 13.5 - 4.5. John lost two games over the board (to Towbin and Burden) and gave up 2.5 points on a Bye and two forfeits - I wonder why.

One unusual feature of the tournament was that the same players could meet more than once. So, for example, there were three games between Dunning and lucky Chris Brunt, two of them in consecutive rounds.

The event saw some disputes (not handled too well, I fear) and wound up with the Director withdrawing while there were still rounds to be played. Your Editor stayed the proverbial ten-foot-pole's length away from the whole thing, but could not resist dropping in a few times to count the bodies and gloat over his good night's sleep.

Ray Haskins and Jim Burden tied for second with 12 points, followed by William Engels with 11.5 and Vance Aandahl with 10. No, I am not going to print the crosstable. ♠

Clipart courtesy of gifart.com



Randy Reynolds has all the supplies a good TD needs— a laptop computer, printer, and copy of the 5th edition of the USCF rules at the Larimer County Open. Photo by Jon Fortune

Todd Bardwick completed his first book, *Teaching Chess in the 21st Century*, in November of 2004.

Teaching Chess in the 21st Century is a unique beginner book geared toward elementary school teachers who wish to teach chess in their classroom as part of their math curriculum. Todd combines his backgrounds as an engineer, chess journalist, and one of nation's leading chess teachers in writing the book.

One of the appendices includes a comprehensive comparison of math skills learned through chess incorporating National Math Standards. Each chapter contains exemplars and rubrics for testing student's knowledge and understanding of each lesson and teacher tips to help teachers deal with the various chess situations that will occur during the class. The book also includes chess analogies that children will relate to and is also a good book for a parent wishing to teach chess to their young child.

Local Colorado chess players that made contributions to the book are Alan Bardwick, Gary Bagstad, Anthea Carson, and Kevin Hempstead.

The book is available through various online chess retailers and local bookstores.

Todd has now been writing the Colorado Chess column for the *Rocky Mountain News* for over 11 years. He started writing the Chess Detective column for *School Mates* magazine in 2002 and *Chess Life* magazine in 2003.

— Tim Brennan

Hey Kids! Need something to pad your college applications and cover up your low GPA? Write an article for the Colorado Chess Informant, then tell the schools you are a highly respected, published, chess journalist!

Best Wishes to Francisco Baltier who recently moved from Denver to Tucson, Arizona. Francisco was a Tuesday night regular at the Denver Chess Club.

DCC 24 Hours of Chess Heaven Results

12 players played in all 20 rounds with no byes: Philipp Ponomarev, Brian D Wall, Mikhail Ponomarev, Daniel P Avery, Dylan M Lehti, Timothy Brennan, Christopher Peterson, Mark W Sherbring, Paul M Grimm, Randy S Reynolds, Thomas Mullikin, Richard H Wyatt. The first column shows the player's pre rating, the second column shows the post rating. As you can see, in most cases the ratings did not change much. For the complete crosstable see the Colorado Chess website at www.colorado-chess.com. The USCF crosstables had to be broken into two separate tournaments, due to restrictions in the pairing software, SwissSys, which only allows a tournament with up to 14 rounds.

1	Philipp Ponomarev	2299	2312	18.0
2	Josh S Bloomer	2167	2194	15.5
3	Chris L Mink	2018	2063	13.5
4	Brian D Wall	2210	2185	13.0
5	Mikhail Ponomarev	2200	2165	12.0
6	Daniel P Avery	1984	1976	11.5
7	James C Mac Neil	1693	1705	10.5
8	Dylan M Lehti	1609	1660	10.5
9	Leonardo Sotaridona	unr	1719	10.5
10	Mickey U Wentz	1318	1314	10.0
11	Timothy Brennan	1701	1693	9.5
12	Christopher Peterson	599	938	9.5
13	Mark W Sherbring	1909	1889	9.0
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17	Randy S Reynolds	1601	1554	8.0
18	Lee F Lahti	880	899	6.0
19	LaMoyné Splichal	1671	1660	5.0
20	Thomas Mullikin	1092	1051	5.0
21	Richard H Wyatt	1209	1127	4.0
22	Shannon J Fox	1738	1732	3.0
23	Isaac Martinez	485	494	2.0

2004 DCC King Hunt

The Denver Chess Club held their event known as the "King Hunt" at the Tattered Cover Book Store in Lower Downtown Denver (LoDo) on November 13 and 14th 2004. The event was a five round tournament with USCF rated G/90. It was a class tournament, which means that players were only allowed to play people in their own class, except for the A section, which had to merge with the experts and masters due to the low number of players in their section. There was also a special "King Hunt" prize awarded for the game which featured the best hunting of the king. Life Master Brian Wall was the judge for the King Hunt. The winner of the King Hunt was Vibi Varghese for his game with Thao Le. Vibi has done an outstanding job annotating this game, and is provided here for your enjoyment.

W: Varghese, Vibi (1163) -

B: Le, Thao (1175) [C60]

DCC King Hunt Denver (2), 13.11.2004

Annotated by Vibi Varghese

1.e4 Its interesting that everyone plays Chess based on their own outlook towards life. You conduct your battle based on your own principles. So it is with me. With my annotations I hope to expose my approach to this game while also trying to make it simple enough that the average chessplayer can understand. So here is an insight into an amateurs mind. Hope you find the game interesting.

1...e5 Gains space and prevents White from playing d4 which totally dominates the center.

2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Begins the opening called the Ruy Lopez. White's light squared Bishop indirectly controls the center by pinning the Knight. Since the Knight protects the e5 pawn, the Bishop indirectly applies pressure on the center. The Ruy Lopez is one of the oldest opening in chess. Fischer wrote in My 60 Memorable Games "It is hard to see how Black can thread his way to equality. But who knows." I always took those words as the gospel of the Ruy.

3...Nge7 I was really surprised to see this move. You normally never see this in the Ruy. Thao told me later that she was protecting the Knight as she was afraid of double pawns. One downside of this move is that the dark squared Bishop is locked in place. It will take many moves for Black to castle. I could see this was bad but I didn't know how to take advantage of it.

4.0-0 King safety.

4...a6 Breaking the pin.

5.Ba4 b5 Black has now gained Queenside space and has broken the pin. 0.63/12

6.Bb3 0.66/10 d5 Personally I don't like this move for Black because it attempts to open up the position before Black is fully developed. This would have been a good move if Black is developed because it challenges White's central superiority, his e4 pawn. 0.81/11

7.exd5 Taking is best if not Black will play d4 and dominate the center or take the e pawn which is White's only central stake. 0.84/11

7...Nxd5 Now Black is not doing badly. She only has to develop the dark square Bishop and she can castle.

8.Nxe5 When I played this move I thought it was harmless. It just wins a pawn for White. At the amateur level a pawn advantage is hardly enough to win. Black can now simply play

"Everyone plays Chess based on their own outlook towards life"

8...Nxe5. White will play 9. Rd1 and d4 pinning and winning the Knight. Of course White gets to keep the pawn.

8...Bb7 Now this is the move that begins the King Hunt. If Black had played Nxe5 all would be well. Now white can win another pawn and expose the King. 2.38/10

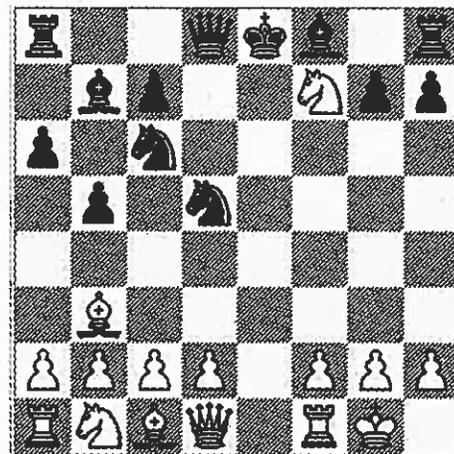
9.Nxf7! Please consult a master level player before giving away a piece for a pawn. In this case White can just win it back after Qf3+ because two of White's pieces attack Black's Knight. The Black Knight is defended only once. 2.69/11

9...Kxf7 2.38/9 10.Qf3+! White wins back the piece and also has the advantage that Black's King cannot castle. 2.69/10

10...Ke6 Black tries to hold onto the piece by defending the Knight with the King. 3.91/8

11.Re1+! Now it is obvious that White is clearly better. There were good signs that this game would not go into the endgame. Here I think I have to mention my philosophy of the attack. Everyone conducts the attack in different

ways. My personal philosophy is to conduct the attack with the greatest amount of force, keep your opponents counterplay to a minimum, bring each piece to the square where it is most effective and finally to never cede the initiative. I have tried to put all these principles into prac-



After 9. Nxf7—"Smithers release the hounds!"

time in this game. 4.22/11

11...Ne5 The best move. Protecting the King and also releasing the light square Bishop. 3.91/9

12.d4! Attacking the pinned piece but also releasing the dark squared Bishop. 4.22/10

12...Bd6 As Kasparov would say. Very Pretty. Black's most active pieces are all pinned. The Knight attacks the Queen but can't do anything. 3.91/8

13.dxe5 Nc3 was equally good but who can complain when you are getting your piece back. I only like taking well calculated risks. 4.22/9

13...Bxe5 9.06/9 14.Bf4 Now it is clear that this is the best square for the Bishop. Another piece has now joined the battle. 9.37/9

14...Kd7 The King flees the battle field while he can. Probably the best. 9.88/8

15.Bxe5 Now Bxd5 was the most accurate continuation but by taking the free piece, White can add 10 minutes on his clock by not calculating other variations. 7.94/10

15...Kc8 The King is now relatively safe. Black can always hope that White will make a mistake. Highly probable when the White player is human and an amateur. 7.63/9

16.Rd1! Before bringing more pieces out,

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Kosher Patzer vs. Spooky Hughes

Fall chess is always a great time of the year with lots of really good tournaments across the country not to mention the local events here in Denver. The annual Halloween tournament at the Tabor center is one those must attend events. Where else would you get great G30 chess and see Brian Wall dressed as his holiness the Bishop.

The Tabor is a great setting to play short time control chess because there is festive atmosphere being in the mall not to mention the added excitement of the public watching some of the games.

The Kosher Patzer was paired with Tyler Hughes in round one and the immediate question was what costume would Tyler be wearing and how much of a distraction would it be. Tyler didn't disappoint me; he came dressed as a little kid with an Avalanche baseball cap on! Very devious and clever on Tyler's part. His intelligence reports no doubt told him that the Kosher Patzer is spooked by the Little People. Tyler put on an incredible act of being just a happy go lucky kid; very tricky on his part.

The Kosher Patzer decided to fight fire with fire and (as White) play a surprising and unusual opening to scare Tyler.

Kosher Patzer 1720 – Tyler Hughes 2131

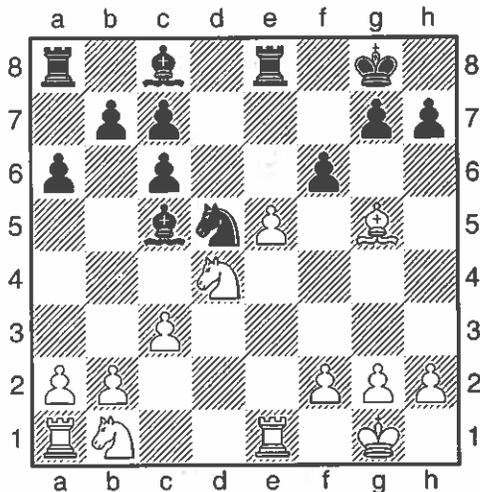
1.e4 The Kosher Patzer chickens out and plays boring opening.

1...e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4 Qxd4 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.0-0 Possibly (8) f3..Bc5 (9) c3 Fritz like this response. Gives White to maybe castle long as well.

8...Bc5 9.c3 0-0 10.e5 Patzer true to form. White won't be able to develop normally. The Kosher P. decides to forget about the e5 pawn and get active pieces. This is what Cardinal Brian Wall has taught the Patzer to do anyway (get active pieces but Brian never said to give away material!)

10...Nd5 11.Bg5 Fritz prefers (11) Nf3..R8 with the advantage to Black. The Kosher Patzer throws caution to the wind.

11...Re8 12.Re1 f6 Diagram

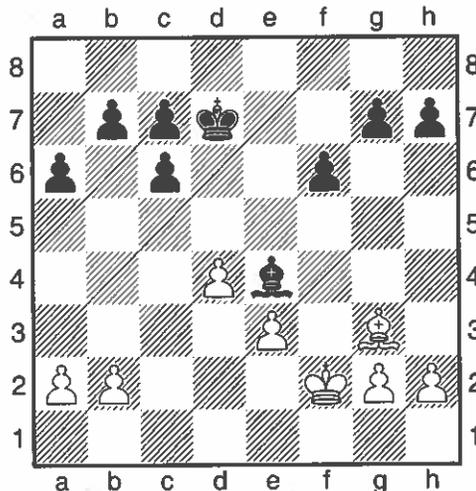


Darn kid! White's back rank is unprotected.

13.Bh4 Rxe5 14.Nd2 Bxd4 Tyler who is actually a 25 year Russian GM posing as a kid is showing no mercy. But the Patzer has a plan (15) cxd4.. Rxe1+ (16) Rxe1..Kf7 (17) Nc4! well okay, it's not a plan but it complicates things a bit. With Tyler that maybe your best hope.

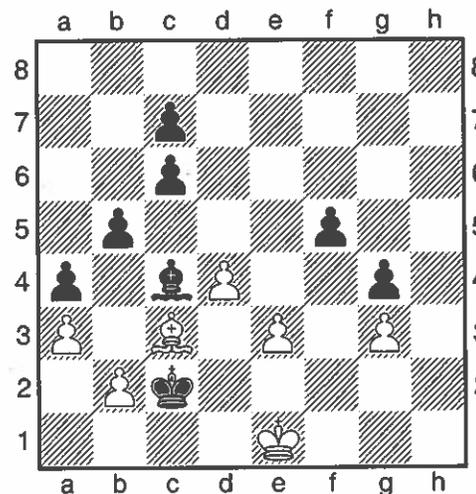
15.cxd4 Rxe1+ 16.Rxe1 Kf7 17.Bg3 Bf5 18.Nc4 Re8 19.Rxe8 Kxe8 20.Ne3 Now the Patzer is getting some advantage back. Tyler had to either let White have the pawn on c7 go, or re-connect White's d & f pawn with the following. Tyler chooses the latter but now we have Bishops of opposite color.

20...Nxe3 21.fxe3 Kd7 22.Kf2 Be4 Diagram



Another GMTyler type move. It ties up the King for several moves. But the Kosher Patzer hangs on and counts how many moves it will take to get the Bishop to c3. 23.h3 g5 24.Bh2 h5 25.g3 g4 26.hxg4 hxg4 27.Ke2 Ke6 28.Bg1 Bb1 29.a3 Kd5 30.Bf2 Ke4 31.Be1 Bd3+ 32.Kf2 Bc4 33.Bc3 f5 The Kosher Patzer dreams of a draw with opposite colored Bishops.

34.Bb4 b6 35.Be1 a5 36.Bc3 a4 37.Bb4 Kd3 38.Be1 Kc2 39.Bc3 b5 40.Ke1 Diagram



Black can't do much and agrees to a draw. The Patzer dreams of one day beating GM Hughes. 1/2-1/2 ♖

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White makes sure that each piece is ideally posted. At Rd1 the Rook is more effective as now the Knight is pinned against the Queen and cannot move. It is important to reduce Black's counterplay at every stage. 7.94/11

16...c6 Protecting the Knight. 8.59/9

17.Nc3 Now this developing move is even more effective because the Knight cannot escape. If the Rook were at e1, Black would just exchange Knights and free herself. 7.47/9

17...Rf8 Who can say what's best here. This move generates some counterplay for Black. 11.66/9

18.Qg3?+- Here the spectacular Queen sacrifice was possible. During the game I didn't even consider a Queen sacrifice because I wanted to play safely. I wanted to get rid of the Knight which is the only defender of the Queenside and use my Queen to penetrate. For that I needed my Queen on the third rank. Notice that Qh3+ is a weak move because it allows Black to offer an exchange of Queens, improving her chances. There is another reason why this is a weak move. It gives away the initiative. Black is not forced into making any moves. 7.78/9 [Fritz 8: 18.Nxd5 cxd5 (18...Rxf3 19.Nb6+ Qxb6 20.Be6# The Queen can be sacrificed for a quick mate here. I missed it.) 19.Qc3+ Kd7 20.Bxd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5+ Ke7 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.Bxg7 Rg8 24.Bf6+ Kf7 25.Bxd8 Rxd8+- [%eval 1166,9]]

18...g6 Thao was worried about Qxg7 but I had a different idea. 15.31/10

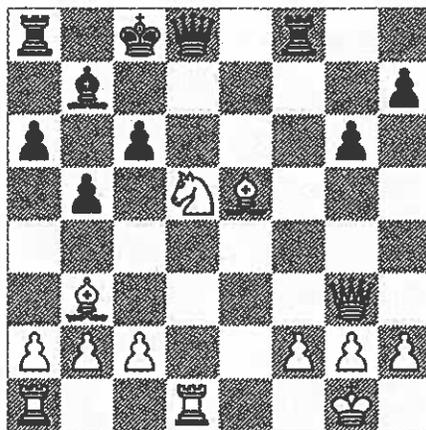
19.Nxd5! 15.62/12 cxd5! 15.31/10 20.Qc3+! The point of keeping the Queen on the third rank i.e 18. Qg3. 15.62/11

20...Kd7 15.03/9 21.Bxd5! Exposing the King and also posting the Bishop on an even better square. 15.34/8

21...Ke7 20.09/9 22.Bxb7?+- Here Qc5+ was even better. My move exposes the Queen to attack by White's Rook while at the same time attacks Black's Rook with White's Bishop. 30.87/9 [Fritz 8: 22.Qc5+- [%eval 2009,9] 22...Ke8 23.Bg7 Bxd5 24.Qxf8+ Kd7 25.Rxd5+ Kc6 26.Rxd8 Rxd8 27.Qxd8]

22...Qb6 Black is now threatening a check on the f2 square. Here White's investments in developing his whole army and exposing the King pays off. #6/6

23.Bd6+ #5/5 Ke6 #2/2 24.Qe5+ With mate



After 19. Nxd5 Be very very quiet! I'm King Hunting!

in one. An interesting game that I am very grateful to have received the best prize. I thank the organizers once again. Its interesting that during the game I was thinking about best squares, bringing out more pieces, reducing counterplay and keeping the initiative etc. I was amazed that Fritz found only two improvements where I could have done better. I am not sure if this is the best way to conduct the attack but I prefer this so called positional attack as opposed to thinking only in terms of variations. A final note to my opponent. She conducted the defense very well. I was lucky to play so many good moves and I still couldn't finish the game under 20 moves. After the game Dylan told me his King Hunt ended in 15 moves. I was thinking there is no way this is going to win. I was pleasantly surprised later. I normally like to play positionally but after this game my eyes were opened to how quickly you can finish a game if you play tactically. As Mel Gibson said in Lethal Weapon "It's easy. Keep shooting. Just make sure you don't miss". #1/2 1-0 ♠

King Hunt Section Winners		
Open Section	Brian D Wall	4.5
Class A Section	Joshua Jex	3.0
Class B Section	Gary L Bagstad	4.0
Class C Section	Randolph Schine	4.0
Class D Section	Renae D Delaware Corey S Kesler	4.0 4.0
Class E Section	Vibi Varghese	4.0
Class F Section (Below 1000, & Unr.)	Morgan Moore Lee F Lahti	4.0 4.0

2004 Western States Open October 15-17, 2004

Several Colorado players participated at this event held in Reno Nevada. Their scores in the six round class sections event are as follows:

- Tyler Hughes (expert): 3.5
- James Drebenstedt (A): 3.5
- Barry Biggs (A): 4.0
- Tim Brennan (B): 3.5
- Shannon Fox (B): 3.0
- Paul Grimm (B): 3.5
- Randy Schine (C): 3.0
- Al Gardner (C): 3.0
- Francisco Baltier (D): 4.5 (best score!)

Every person from Colorado had a plus score (at least 3 out of 6)

The highlight of this tournament was the special guest, former World Champion, Boris Spassky. There were many events featuring Spassky, such as a simul (Spassky finished with a score of 20 wins and 5 draws, no losses), a book signing, a very entertaining lecture, a movie discussing the Fischer-Spassky match, and several question and answer sessions. Spassky is a true gentleman, and a very entertaining speaker. It was an honor to be in his presence. A full report written by the tournament director can be found on the internet at www.renochess.org.

The tournament featured a team option where clubs could form a team with up to ten people. The nine people listed above formed a team, and were closely watching each others results after each round. Paul Grimm was keeping track of our points. In the end we finished in 7th place, but only one point out of the money. If we would have had one more person we probably could have won some money!

The tournament was very well run. One very nice touch was having state flags on the tables for most of the rounds. This was not just for the GM's but for all of the tables! This was a nice touch, and very creative. - Tim Brennan, with assistance from Paul Grimm ♠

Amos Burn – A Chess Biography

Richard Forster

8 ½ " x 11" – Hardcover Blue Binding with Gold Trim 972 p.

Published by McFarland and Company, Inc. \$75.00

Reviewed by Terry Powell

In my twenty years of reading chess history, I have never seen a book to rival this one. Weighing in at 5 pounds, and with its large format (8 ½ " x 11") it is impossible to read it in bed, or even holding it upright. It must be studied at a desk or on a kitchen table.

Amos Born, born in Yorkshire England 1848, did not learn the game of chess until the age of 16. Moving to Liverpool with his elder brother, he joined the local club. His first tournament was the Liverpool club championship of 1867, which he won with a score of +18 -1, draws not counting.

Although never a chess professional, he went on to contest all the leading players of the day, including Steinitz, Blackburne, Zukertort, Pillsbury and Lasker, just to name a few. In the February 1890 International Chess Monthly, Burn was rated the second strongest tournament player in the world, behind on Steinitz.

This book is not just about Burn, it is a treasure trove of information about all the top players of the late mid 19th century up until Burn's death in 1925. It is packed with photos, illustrations, and crosstables.

The game diagrams are large, and easy to read. Romantic chess was still very much alive in this era, and the games reflect this, but there is positional play as well; Steinitz's ideas were beginning to take hold in the chess world.

For lovers of chess history this book is a must. The \$75.00 cost seems high, but this is a book you will read again and again over the years. The real magic for me is being able to see images of the chess masters of that time and read about their personal lives. I feel a kinship to these people, for no matter what a player's strength we all know the joy and sorrow of chess, and this binds us together into one big family. ♠

Reynolds, Randy (1557) – Herrmann, Oscar (1319) [B08]

DCC King Hunt (5), 14.11.2004

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bg5 c6 6.Qd2 h6 7.Bf4 g5 8.Be3 Ng4 9.h3 Nxe3 10.Qxe3 Nd7 11.g4 b6 12.h4 f6 13.Bd3 e5 14.d5 Bb7 15.Bc4 b5 16.Bb3 a5 17.a3 Qc7 18.Qd3 Nc5 19.Qe2 Ba6 20.Qe3 Nxb3 21.cxb3 Bb7 22.Rc1 Rc8 23.Nxb5 Qd7 24.Na7 Rc7 25.dxc6 Bxc6 26.Nxc6 Rxc6 27.Rxc6 Qxc6 28.0-0 0-0 29.hxg5 hxg5 30.Rc1 Qd7 31.Nh2 Rb8 32.Rc3 Qb7 33.Qd3 Bf8 34.Nf1 Qd7 35.Qd5+ Kh7 36.Rh3+ Kg6 37.Qg8+ Qg7 38.Qe6 Qe7 39.Qf5+ Kf7 40.Ne3 Qe6 41.Rh7+ Bg7 42.Rxg7+ 1-0

Brennan, Tim (1747) – Grimm, Paul (1691) [A09]
DCC King Hunt (1), 13.11.2004

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.0-0 e5 6.d3 Bd6 7.e3 Bg4 8.Qb3 Qd7 9.Nbd2 Nf6 10.exd4 exd4 11.Re1+ Kd8 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Rxe4 Re8 14.Rxg4 Qxg4 15.Qxb7 Qc8 16.Qxf7 Ne5 17.Bg5+ Be7 18.Nxe5 Kc7 19.Bxa8 Qxa8 20.Bxe7 Kb6 21.Nd7+ Ka5 22.Bxc5 Ka4 23.b3+ Ka5 24.Bxd4 Kb4 25.Qf5 Qc6 26.Bc5+ Kc3 27.d4 Re2 28.Rc1+ Kb2 29.Qb1# 1-0

Pete Short (right) was looking Patriotic at the DCC Halloween Tournament at the Tabor Center.
Photo by Tim Brennan

The Book Worm
by Terry Powell

A short introduction to the King Hunt winner

My name is Vibi Varghese. I am originally from India. I came here in 1996 to get my masters degree in business administration. Since then I have been involved in various high technology start-ups with varying degrees of success. Chess and I go way back. I learned the game when I was 6 and won more often than I lost when I played against neighbors and friends. I never studied the game though. A year ago an attorney friend of mine challenged me to a game which I lost. I had to do better the next time so I picked up a copy of My Best Games by Alekhine at the library. For the first time I was introduced to the world of tactics. When I was young I just played positionally. I guess it came naturally. I was never calculating many moves ahead etc. After I promptly defeated my friend I decided to continue playing and studying chess as a hobby.

One of the things that most attracts me to the game is the spirit of the people playing it. I particularly like Alekhine, Fischer and Botvinnik and read everything that I can about them. Alekhine because he defeated the "chess machine" Capablanca when no one thought possible, Fischer for single handedly dismantling Soviet Chess, Botvinnik for defeating Tal at an age when most men his age were well retired. ♠



CO Chess Survey: Scholastic—Curtis Crockett

Interview done at 7:30 pm on 12/18/04. Curtis Crockett is a quiet, soft-spoken 10-year old in the 5th grade. He started playing chess in Denver about 3 years ago and his rated has gone from 1100 to the high 1600's. He was recognized by the USCF in September as the most active scholastic player in Colorado, having played 171 games in the previous year. Paul Grimm (PG) interviews Curtis (CC) here:

PG: When did you learn how to play chess and who taught you?

CC: when I was 4, my dad forgot to give me a Christmas present, and later they gave me a chess set. My dad taught me to play.

PG: Why do you like to play chess?

CC: I just think it's a fun thing to do. I just like playing the game.

PG: Everyone likes to win, but how do you deal with losing?

CC: Well, I sometimes go over the game with my coach, Jim Hammersmith so I can get better.

PG: What is your favorite opening and why do you like it?

CC: For white, I like the Queen's gambit; it can get really tactical and I like tactical games. For black, I like the Accelerated Sicilian Dragon. I like tactics because it's fun to checkmate someone!

"...I want to be a school-teacher because I get to take breaks and eat donuts."

PG: Do you consider yourself to be a positional player or tactical player?

CC: I'm trying to get better with my positional stuff with my coach, Jim.

PG: Do you like long time controls or short time controls?

CC: I like long time controls—there's more time to think and I can see better tactics.

PG: Do you have an archrival? If so, do you do anything specifically to beat him/her?

CC: Dylan Lehti, kind of. Whenever I play him I always get a draw anyways.

PG: What is your favorite tournament in the state of Colorado?

CC: Probably the state scholastic championship—it's fun winning trophies.

PG: Please share with us your favorite combination you played against an opponent. Why did you like it?

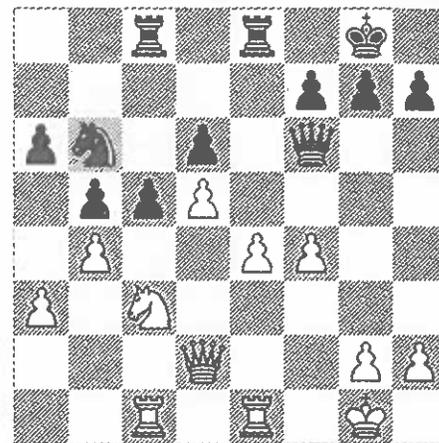
CC: See Diagram (game played at DCC, 30 Nov 04). Editor's Note: Curtis owns Billy Willson, having beaten him 3 times and one draw! ☺



Curtis holding a trophy that is almost as tall as he is!

PG: What is your most memorable game and why is it significant?

CC: When I beat Stanimir Ilic at the CO Open Warm-Up in August. This was the first time I ever beat an expert. He didn't say anything; he just got up and left.



Curtis Crockett—Billy Willson
In the position Curtis played 1. bxc5
Rxc5 2. e5 dxe5 3. Ne4

PG: What do you want to do when you grow up?

CC: I want to be a professional chess player. But if I can't, I want to be a schoolteacher because I get to take breaks and eat donuts.

PG: What is your next goal in chess?

CC: Probably to win at Nationals this weekend (11-12, Dec 04) or next year's state scholastic championship.

PG: Thank you Curtis. Good luck at Nationals and keep on winning those trophies!

CC: You're welcome.

Editors Note: Curtis was undefeated at the National K-12 Scholastic Championship held in Orlando, FL from 17-19 December 2004. He had five wins and two draws, placing 4th in a 5th grade field of 250+ competitors. Good job Curtis!



by James C. MacNeil

T Tyler Hughes: 13 years old, 5' 7" tall, maybe 120 pounds soaking wet, and carrying 20 lbs of chess books. Mild mannered, friendly, personable young man – away from the chess board. Sit down across the board from him and things change. A hint of brimstone and sulfur fills the air, the background music becomes ominous. If you dare glance up, you see red rimmed eyes looking at you like a jungle cat looks at fresh meat. Tyler Hughes has become Tyler HUGE and is impatiently awaiting your pitiful response to 1. e4. Witness the following game against 2100 strength. Tyler with the white pieces.

W: Hughes, Tyler (2081) -
B: Karagianis, Pete (2138) [C52]
U.S. Class Championships

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Here we go

4...Bxb4 Down one pawn

5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 Down two pawns

7.0-0 dxc3 In seven moves White's down three pawns BUT...

8.Qb3 Tyler Attacks

8...Qf6 9.e5 Another pawn?

9...Qg6 No Thank You

10.Nxc3 Tyler gets one back

10...Nge7 11.Ba3 The price for two pawns? FANTASTIC development

11...Bxc3 12.Qxc3 0-0 Black castles into lethal bishops

13.Bd3 Qh5 14.Rae1 All the pieces join the party

14...Re8 15.Re4 Ng6 16.h4 Maybe to support a possible Ng5, but I don't know. J.C. don't analyze Tyler's moves.

16...d5 17.exd6 Bg4 18.Bb2 LOOK OUT

18...f6 Black weakens the a2-g8 diagonal, but what else?

19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.Qxf6 HELLO!! The bishops are like fashion models on a runway - just beautiful (DIAGRAM)

20...Nge5 21.Nxe5 gxf6 White's down a queen

for a knight

22.Nxg4 Now a queen for a bishop and knight

22...Ne5 23.Nxf6 and a pawn

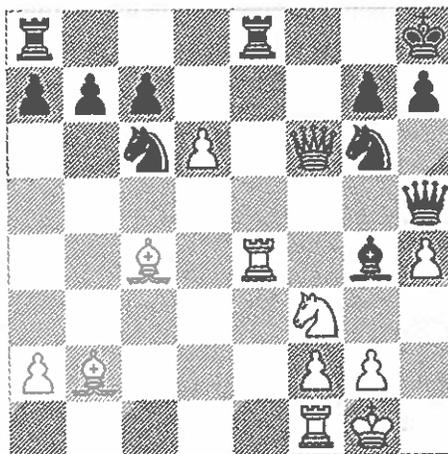
23...Qf5 24.d7 and it's a pretty good looking pawn too

24...Re7 25.Rfe1 "The house is rockin, just come on in"

25...Qxf6 26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Tyler lit the fuse on move twenty. Seven moves later the dust settles and Black has gotta feel dizzy.

27...Rf8 28.R1e2 No checks for you.

28...Rd8 29.Re8+ Kg7 30.R2e7+ Kg6 31.Re6 Rxd7 32.Rxf6+ Kxf6 White emerges up a Bishop. Black plays on. Evidence of the concussion he suffered when his position blew up. The rest, as the GM's say "requires no comment".



After 20. Qxf6!!

33.Bb3 c5 34.Rc8 b6 35.g3 Ke5 36.Kf1 Kd4 37.Ke2 b5 38.Kd2 a5 39.Bd1 Kc4+ 40.Kc2 Kb4 41.a3+ Kxa3 42.Rxc5 Kb4 43.Re5 a4 44.Be2 Rb7 45.g4 a3 Black is delusional at this point.

46.Rxb5+ Goodbye hopes and dreams.

46...Rxb5 47.Bxb5 Kxb5 48.g5 Giddy up little doggie 1-0

Black comes to his senses and resigns. In this tournament Tyler HUGE played five experts and scores five points. What does that tell you? ♔

Colorado Springs Chess Club – Tuesday evenings, November 30, 2004

by Zisa Mogilefsky

A Christmas tree waiting to be lit and decorated stands at the entrance to the cafeteria at the Acacia Hotel. Nearby, people are gathering to play chess at the tables in the cafeteria. It is seven o'clock in the evening. The game of chess is the reason for everybody coming together here as it has been since 1978 when the Colorado Springs Chess Club originated with just a few members including Richard Buchanan, Dean Brown and Shaun MacMillan.

You will find many good chess players in Colorado Springs when you visit the Acacia Hotel cafeteria downtown any Tuesday evening.

"We welcome everybody including beginners," said Richard Buchanan. As the President of the Colorado Springs Chess Club, Mr. Buchanan says: "All you need is a desire to play chess."

There are young strong players and older players too.

The President of the Colorado Springs Chess Club, Richard Buchanan is known in chess circles as an excellent player. He has played chess for more than 25 years and works hard to publicize the various tournaments in Colorado and throughout the U.S. In addition, Richard Buchanan writes chess articles for the Informant, a chess magazine.

Men and women have become members of the Colorado Springs chess club because Richard Buchanan encourages them to play. His enthusiasm for the game is infectious.

A man or a woman may be young or old, healthy or with one arm, or unable to walk several entered the room in a wheelchair. It doesn't matter.

"A chess club should not be intimidating," Richard Buchanan says. "We welcome everyone including beginners," he adds. "All that is necessary is a desire to learn the game of chess."

The Colorado Springs Chess Club meets every Tuesday evening at seven o'clock. It is a well-established chess club.

On the night that I visited the chess club, there was a young couple who just moved from Washington DC. Mary Ann was born in the Philippine Islands and became a winner in an international chess tournament when she met her chessplayer husband Rob Buchholz from Buffalo New York. ♚

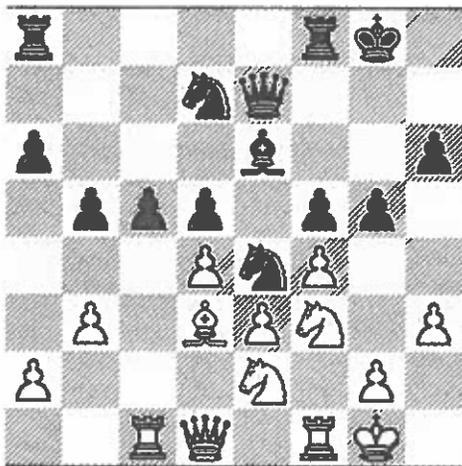
How the Southern Colorado Open was won

by Andrew Rea

Per usual, the second weekend of June is home to the Southern Colorado Open, in Colorado Springs. This has been well organized, even wading through a flood last year! As for the level of competition, I think it can be observed from my list of opponents that the points would all have to be earned!

Even my first round vs Glenn Miller needed some care as there were some bumps- but I was able to steer clear to the expected win. Against Paul Anderson in Rd2 (all are G/90) I was able to build a winning attack as he played solidly but much too passively

DIAGRAM after 18.Nd2-f3 White was concerned about allowing ...f5f-4 ergo f2-f4. Alas, his lack of activity lets Black pound the King-side anyway without repercussions to his own King safety...



After 18.Nd2-f3

19.Ne5 Nxe5 The retreats are ugly but safer- but playing from the baseline gets tiresome after awhile...

20.fxe5 gxh3 21.gxh3? Qg5+ Whites 21st is a real mistake; 21.Nf4 with some counterplay is better

22.Kh2 Qxe3 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.Rxf8+ Rxf8 25.Qg1+ White finds safety but less Pawns in the ending

25...Qxg1+ 26.Rxg1+ Kh7 27.dxc5 Rf5 28.Nd4 Rxe5 is 2 Pawns down after all, not all R+P endings are drawn- Paul tried in vain to make something of his c-Pawn, but this was inadequate to hold the fort...0-1

This led to Round 3, also Saturday night- there are plenty of mistakes to go around, but the addition of fatigue can really spice up the action with more lapses yet!...

Round 3

W: Rea, Andrew (2063)
B: Wall, Brian (2218) [C40]
Southern Colorado Open

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d5

First I try to catch Brian off guard with 1.e4, not my usual stuff- but then he decides I'm too strong for the Fishing Pole!? Elephant Schmelephant!

3.Nxe5 Bd6 4.d4 dxe4 5.Nc3 Bxe5 6.dxe5 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1

Apparently ALL of Brian's online opponents take with the Knight- safer, but hideously inactive, no wonder he has scored so well with this! As is, Black conceded the Bishop Pair in an open position, with some material issues...

7...Nc6 8.Nxe4 Bf5 9.Ng3 0-0-0+ 10.Bd2 Bg6 11.Kc1 Curiously this surprised Black- but duhh, why stay in the pin when its so unnecessary? To boot e5 remains covered- I expected ...f6 with definite counterplay brewing, that's the Brian we all know- especially as Whites forces aren't yet well organized. Instead he had a costly hiccup...

11...Nxe5?? 12.f4 Just like that, it's over, White wins a Piece.

12...Ng4 13.f5 N8f6 14.fxg6 hxg6 15.h3 Nf2 16.Rg1 N6e4 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bd3 Nc5 19.Bc3 The capture on d3 is not a huge problem for White as this gets his Rooks on the d-file- but strong alternatives are not exactly obvious.

19...Nxd3+ 20.cxd3 Rxd3 21.Kc2 Rhd8 22.Rad1 Bc3 is just a bit dominant, Blacks 2 Pawn edge wont last

22...Rxd1 23.Rxd1 Rxd1 24.Kxd1 f6 25.Ke2 Kd7 26.Kf3 c5 27.g4 g5 28.Ke4 Ke6 29.a4 b6 30.Be1 a6 31.Bf2 a5 32.Bg3 g6 A choice of evils, whether to be invaded by the King or the Bishop

33.Bc7 f5+ 34.Kd3 Kd5 35.Bxb6 f4 What optimism, but in spite of the lateness of the day White isn't set on messing this up.

36.Bxa5 c4+ 37.Ke2 Ke4 38.Bd8 f3+ 39.Kf2 Kf4 40.Be7 1-0

Of course 3-0 is a great start, but with 3 rounds to go, 3 others at 3-0, this is hardly settled! 5-1 was enough for second place for me in 2000 as I was the only player top draw Renard Anderson- i will see if I can do better this time!

Round 4

W: Rea, Andrew (2063)
B: Anderson, Renard (2240) [E62]
Southern Colorado Open

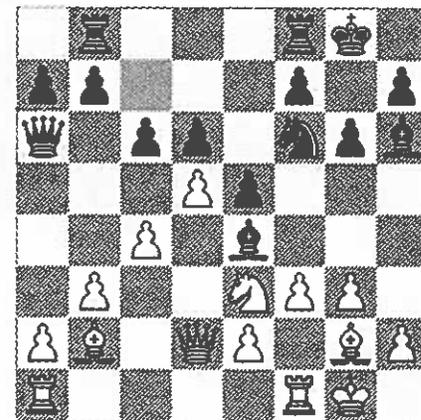
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.Qd2 Qa6

This is different- for me, at least. But covering c4 and helping the Qside is very sensible

9.b3 Nbd7 10.Bb2 Rb8 11.d5 Not allowing an easy ...b5, but Black has clearly wrested the initiative

11...Nc5 12.Nd4 e5! Sure, d6 is weak, but how does White make Black pay for this?!

13.Nc2 Bf5 14.Ne3 Nce4 15.Nxe4 Bxe4 16.f3 Bh6! DIAGRAM The possible double pin and open potential of the f-file makes e3 seriously touchy- but White isn't annihilated yet...



After 16...Bh6!

17.fxe4 Ng4 18.Nxg4!? Bxd2 19.Nf6+ Kg7 I was hoping to keep the Knight on f6, but this just not feasible. R+Kt aren't quite full compensation for the Queen, particularly as White's King remains unsafe

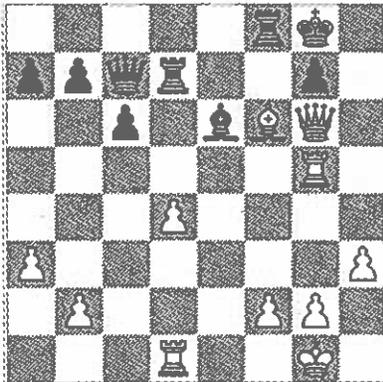
20.Nd7 Rbd8 21.Nxf8 Rxf8 22.Kh1 c5 23.a4 Qa5 24.Rf3 White cannot allow ...Bc3 and subsequent Qside invasion

24...Qd8 25.Rd1 Ba5 26.Bc1 Qd7 27.Rdf1 Bd8 28.h3 Not so much to prevent ...Qg4, annoying enough, but to deter ...f5 while gaining Kside space

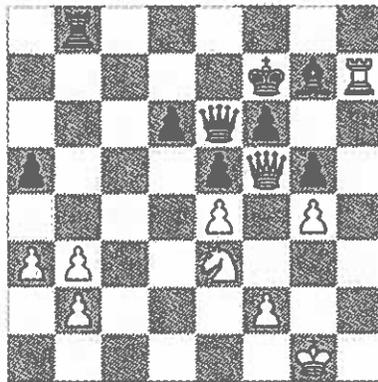
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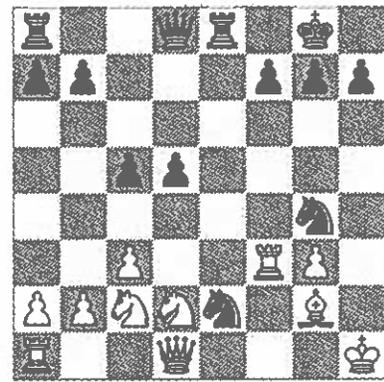
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on page 16



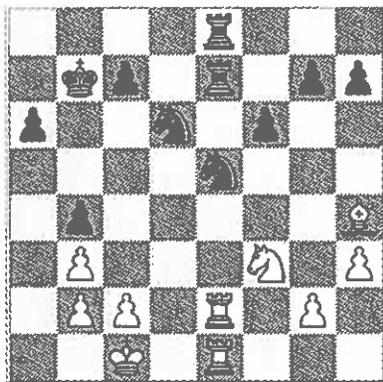
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White to Move



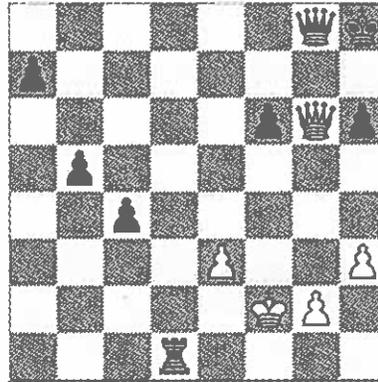
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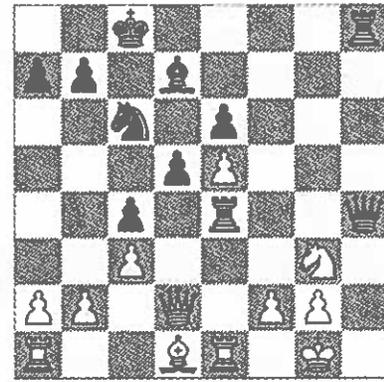
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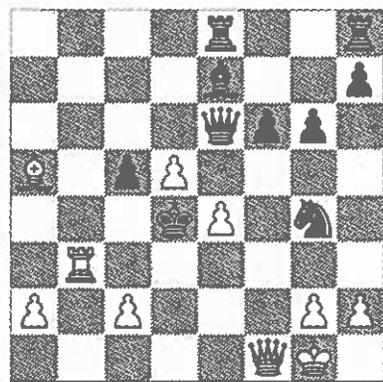
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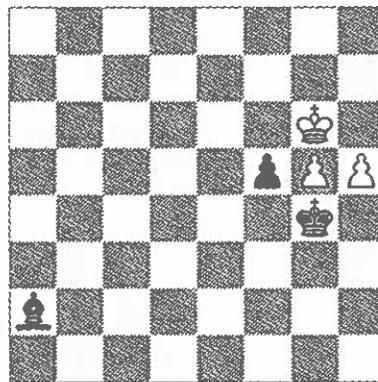
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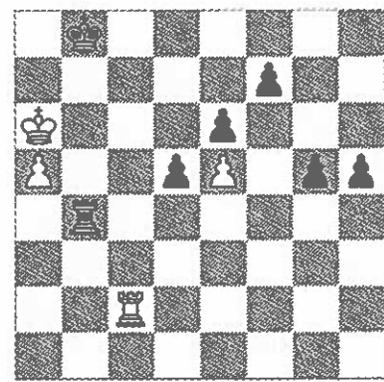
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Winter Springs Open 1999
Black to Move



7. Rubi, Aaron - Brown, Dean
Winter Springs Open 1999
White to Move



8. Smith, Josh - Thomas, M.
Colorado Springs Open 1999
Black to Move



9. Grimm, P - Ponomarev, M
US Game 60 Championship 2004
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The 2004 DCC Grand Prix Winners

Section	Name (Overall Rank)	Points	Avg Rating	Prize \$
1st Overall	Tyler Hughes (1)	236.3	2007	\$160
2nd Overall	JC Mac Neil (2)	235.2	1720	\$96
1st Expert	Andy Rea (6)	167.2	2051	\$64
2nd Expert	Chris Mink (20)	104.1	2017	\$32
1st Class A	Jesse Hester (9)	165.9	1845	\$64
2nd Class A	Josh Jex (16)	112.7	1938	\$32
1st Class B	Paul Grimm (3)	226.6	1689	\$64
2nd Class B	Tim Brennan (7)	166.8	1680	\$32
1st Class C	Anthea Carson (5)	181.2	1574	\$64
2nd Class C	Curtis Crockett (10)	149.9	1451	\$32
1st Class D	Dylan Lehti (4)	213.6	1341	\$64
2nd Class D	Amarjin Nemekhbayar (17)	107.8	1371	\$32
1st Class E	Bruce Bain (37)	67.3	816	\$64
2nd Class E	Richard Wyatt (38)	65.7	1172	\$32
Most Active	Paul Grimm (137 games)			\$40
Top Scholastic	Tyler Hughes			\$24
Total				\$896

Top 10 Prize Winners in 2004 DCC Grand Prix

Name	Rtng	Gs	Prize \$	Prize \$ per game
Tyler B Hughes	2007	89	\$1,025.00	\$11.52
Andrew B Rea	2051	68	\$639.25	\$9.40
Philipp M Ponomarev	2250	52	\$540.00	\$10.38
Roderick Santiago	1660	87	\$446.41	\$5.13
Brian D Wall	2229	62	\$423.75	\$6.83
Curtis P Crockett	1451	87	\$402.00	\$4.62
James C Mac Neil	1720	127	\$385.82	\$3.04
Jesse R Hester	1845	78	\$368.50	\$4.72
Amarjin Nemekhbayar	1371	72	\$363.00	\$5.04
Dylan M Lehti	1341	130	\$358.50	\$2.76



NEW CHESS BOOKS

Reviewed by Zisa Mogilefsky
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The French saying "La plus la meme chose.... the more things change, the more they remain the same" is true in 2005. International grandmaster Garry Kasparov is playing for the world chess championship again. As Garry Kasparov plays chess in a world championship in January 2005, there are chess books written about him and by him.

"Checkmate! My First Chess Book " by Garry Kasparov is one of the best beginner chess books that I have read. It is slick and beautifully illustrated. Pages of orange, yellow, gold, rose, purple and blue make it easy for the reader to locate each chapter.

Kasparov tells the reader that chess is a war game and the chessboard is the battlefield. On the first page, the reader learns that the goal of chess is to deliver checkmate by capturing the opposing king. How clearly written this book seems!

If you want to see how chessplayer Krammik plays the game, go to the last page of "Excelling at Positional Chess" by Jacob Aagaard. There is the Krammik-Karpov game which was played in Frankfort Germany in 1999. Be safe and sacrifice nothing, he says.

In his book, "Three Days with Bobby Fisher and other essays," Lev Alburt writes about Sidney Samole who patented the first chess computer in 1977. (Samole won several US commercial computer championships including a tournament in 1988 in Alabama). Computer chess is a new form of the game, perhaps only twenty years old.

Finally, read Garry Kasparov's book, "On My Great Predecessors (Volume II)," which was published in October 2003 and reviews the great games of Euwe, Botvinnik, Smyslov and Tal. ♘

CAN YOU GUESS WHICH COLORADO CHESS PLAYER THIS IS FROM THE HALLOWEEN TOURNAMENT? ANSWER PAGE 25. Photo by Tim Brennan



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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: Marc Jimenez (2025) -

B: Jeffrey A. Baffo (1872)

[C45] [Scotch game]

King Hunt (4), 14.11.2004

Annotations by Jeffrey Baffo

I asked Brian Wall about his game with Marc in the previous round. He quickly showed me a cool gambit and I thought I'd give it a whirl. I was ready to try anything to break out, having 2 losses and a bye from my first three games...

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bb4+ 5.c3 Be7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Qg4 Yikes, Brian can pack a lot of ideas into a one minute lesson, but he didn't cover this...It's a strong move. All blacks choices seem moderately bad here. I am forced to play a French like move and am not feeling happy. Brian's choice of g6 here especially did not appeal to me. (See his simul game in this month's Colorado Informant. Joe Fromme drew with Brian in that game. I didn't see that game! Further proof of the vital importance of reading your Informant cover to cover every issue!!)

9...Kf8 10.0-0 h5 11.Qe2 Bc5 12.Nd2 a5 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Rd1? Marc knows he has a good, maybe winning position, but this move is premature and the rook is misplaced.

14...f5?! This is mainly bluff, but it was also a good way to change the character of the game. I think it's better than just passive waiting, watching to see how Marc would tighten his bind...

15.exf6? [15.Qf3 This would have been very strong, proving the down side of my aggressive move.]

15...Nxf6 16.Ng5 It's unfortunate that Marc is trading his beautiful Knight for a Bishop

that hasn't even moved yet. I think Marc is losing the thread here...

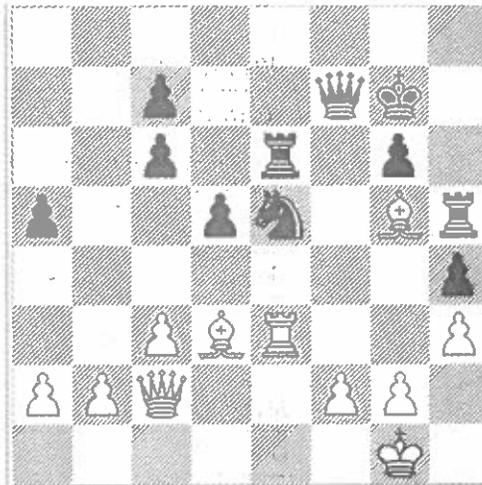
16...d5 17.Ne6+ Bxe6 18.Qxe6 Qd6 19.Qf5 Qd7 20.Qc2 By now Marc is realizing that most of his large advantage is gone.

20...Bd6 21.Bd3 Ng4 22.h3 Ne5 23.Bf5 Qf7 24.Bg5 g6 25.Bd3 Kg7 26.Re1 Rae8 27.Re3? time trouble...

27...Bc5 28.Rae1 Bxe3 29.Rxe3 Re6 30.Rg3 h4 31.Re3 Rh5!! **DIAGRAM**
Double exclamation because I saw a neat way to wrap thing up by returning the exchange, instead of miserly clinging to it.

32.f4 Rxc5! 33.fxc5 Qf4 34.Qe2? Understandable, given Marc's hanging flag...it allows a nice Rook offer. [34.Re2 Would have been better, but black's initiative would still have been hard to resist after...
34...Qxc5 35.Ba6 c5 and black's big center start's to roll.]

34...Ng4! 35.hxc4 If he takes the Rook, it's



After 31...Rh5!!

mate in two!

35...Rxe3 36.Qf1 Qxf1+ 37.Kxf1 Rxd3 and Marc resigned. I want to go on record here! Marc played beautifully and had a crushing bind on me for most of the way. Only his later errors allowed me back in the game. 0-1 ♖

Tactics Time answers:

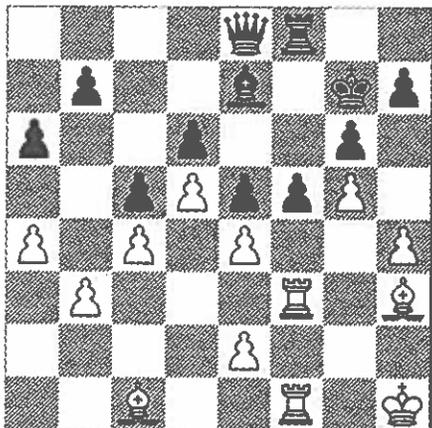
If you have a position from a game played in Colorado with an interesting tactic please send it to me! It can be anything from a mate in one to a deep combination that only you and Shirov could have possibly figured out!

- 1. Be5** is a double attack on the Queen, and the bishop on e6
- 2. Rxc7+** is a deflection, which forces the king to remove its defense of the queen on e6
- 3. Nxc3+** leaves white in a tough position with two knights in his face. If the rook takes the knight, then Nf2+ forks the king and queen. The game ended very nicely with 18. Kg1 Ne2+ 19. Kf1 Nh2+ 20. Kf2 Qh4+ with mate on the next move.
- This game was played in Reno, with really long time controls (no sudden death!). After the game James Drebenstedt asked me "Why didn't you play Nd3+", which is the best move. I had just won a pawn on the previous move after a lot of maneuvering, and didn't even consider this move, which wins an exchange! James saw it by just casually observing my game! Instead I played Ng6 and eventually won in 58 moves and two time controls. D'oh!
- 3. Qxc6+** leads to a perpetual check with **3. Qh7 2. Qf8+ Qg8 3. Qxc6+ etc.** Randy sacrificed a rook on f6 to setup this perpetual check on the previous move, to avoid a losing endgame with black's three passed pawns on the queenside.
- 1. Qh2+ Kg1 2. Qh1+ Nxh1 3. Rxc1#** is a nice mate in three back rank mate. This game can be found on the Colorado Springs Chess Club website, <http://jeffreyfox.addr.com/CSCC/>
- 1. Bc3+ Ke3 2. Qf3#** is the end to a nice game where white gave up his rook to leave the black king with no protection. This game is also available on the CSCC website.
- B7+** is the quickest way to end the game. Black gives up the bishop for the two white pawns, and his f pawn is unstoppable. This was not played in the game, and instead f4 was played, which lead to a more complicated endgame with each side queening a pawn. This position is interesting because Fritz 8 with tablebases found the move instantly, but Fritz 5 without tablebases could not find this move. This game also appears on the CSCC website.
- Mikhail just played g5, and it looks like his passed pawns will be unstoppable, but "no retreat, no surrender" Paul pulled off one of his trademark "swindles" with **Rb2!**. After **...Rxb2** the game ended in a stalemate draw.

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28...a6 29.g4 f6?! Black doesn't want to see g4-g5, but 29...h6 is much more accurate

30.g5 f5 31.h4 Qe8 32.Bh3 Be7 **DIAGRAM**
Capturing on f5 allows ...Qh5 problems, but this is tolerable



After 32. ..Be7

33.exf5 gxf5 34.e4! Blacks next is chosen to keep Bc1 at bay

34...fxe4! 35.Rxf8 Bxf8 36.Bg4 Getting ambitious as 36.Be6 looks to be equal

36...e3! 37.Bxe3 Qg6 Oops- with the Pawn sac, Black's Queen can get to the Qside, and less sting from h4-h5

38.Rf5 h5 Not a lot of choice- itll take time or material to get highly active again

39.Bh3 Kg8 40.Kg2 Bg7 41.Kf3 e4+! Dam, Black is not about to let his extra Queen get shut down easily!

42.Kxe4 b6 43.Kd3 Bb2 44.Ke2 a5 45.Kf3 Whites King is now safe, but can he make Blacks Kside too unsafe to hit b3?

45...Be5 46.Ke4 Qe8 47.Kd3 Bd4 **DIAGRAM**
Unlikely as it is, neither side has much choice on the next move- White cant allow ...Qe1

48.Rf3 Now Black has to play 48...Qe5 when White then is well advised to cash the perpetual check

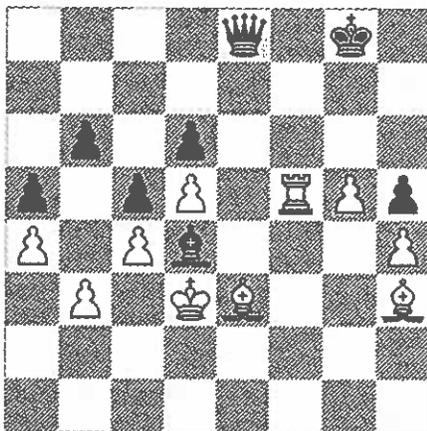
48...Bxe3?? 49.Be6+ Poof, over- Blacks Queen is stymied, White has an extra King, the g pawn is a terror

49...Kh8 50.Kxe3 Kg7 51.Rf7+ Kg6 52.Kf4 Qh8 53.Rf6+ Kg7 54.Kf5 Qh7+ 55.g6 1-0

Not the most skilled effort, but still a win on the

scoreboard- yet two more rounds to go! Paul Cornelison was also at 4-0, he chased me hard in Rd5 with the Blackmar Diemar Gambit- however, he recklessly sac'd a second pawn, couldn't get enough compensation for both- thus I went to the last round 5-0, half a point ahead of Eric Billaux!

In spite of some stories out there, it truly is easier to play for a draw in last round than for a win! Play for the win anyway, but having the second result in reserve is better than the player



After 47. ..Bd4

without any such support. Eric had Black, but got a small advantage out of the opening- alas for him (otherwise he would be writing this article!!) I was able to keep his edge small, reaching a drawn R+P ending, this time finishing on the bright side of 5.5! ♖

Manitou Springs Chess Tournament on Dec 4-5, 2004

by Zisa Mogilefsky

"Here comes a fighting spirit," said Jon Fortune of Cheyenne Wyoming as a chessplayer entered the Masonic Lodge in Manitou Springs. Jon was accompanied by his wife who is also a chessplayer. Other players arrived from Denver, Boulder and Golden, Colorado.

They came to play in the Winter Springs Tournament held during the weekend of December 4 and 5th. The chess tournament was sponsored by the Colorado Springs Chess Club. As approximately 40 chessplayers arrived, Richard Buchanan, organizer of the chess tournament, greeted them.

The first round began at 10 o'clock on Saturday. While others spent their weekend Christmas shopping at the local mall, these chessplayers came to triumph over their opponents and battle each other to win the number one prize.

By Sunday evening, December 5th, the four rounds had ended. The result was a four-way tie between Josh Bloomer, David Wallace, Randy Canney and Eric Billaux. They shook each other's hands and then, split the prize money. ♖



From Left to Right: LaMoyné Splichal, Renae Delaware, Anthea Carson, and Brian Wall all got into the spirit at the DCC Halloween tournament. Brian won the prize for Best Costume, and was blessing people in between games!

Photo by Tim Brennan

CO Chess Survey: Paul Anderson

Interviewed via email by Paul Grimm

1. *How long have you been playing chess and what got you started?* It all started back on October 23rd of 1995. I was still using my college email account but not receiving much email after graduation. So I decided to play email chess as a way to get email on a regular basis. I challenged my dad and sister to games. I beat my dad for the first time and crushed my sister. She was so devastated by the loss we have never played since. My dad enjoyed it, and we still play over email to this day. I have won 14, lost 12, and drawn 11 in the ten years we have played. While we were playing, I joined the FICS (11-30-95) as a way to sharpen my skills. However, it didn't help much. After the first win, I lost the next 4 games to my dad. It was about this time I met Paul Refalo at the University while playing chess online (telnet). He told me about the CSCC, and I thought it might be a way to improve. I played my first game at the club on May 27, 1997 against Clark Stroh with an initial rating of 1500. I won both the ladder games we played and went on to finish the year at 1735 with prize winnings in excess of \$13. Dean Brown suggested I could make more on the national level. So, on February 2nd, 1998 I played in my first USCF-rated game against John Brunn. I earned the unrated prize of \$5 and my professional chess career was in full swing.

2. *Why do you like to play chess?* I enjoy playing chess because of all the fame and fortune it brings me. Who knew when I started playing chess that the media would be contacting me for an interview? Of course, I could have expected it since my games are now getting international attention. Not only are people from across the globe viewing my games on my website (<http://cs.chess.home.att.net/>), but also I noticed my games showing up in a foreign database (<http://www.chesslive.de/>). If you go to the site and type in "anderson,paul" as white, you will see a come-from-behind win of mine over Michael Kass. You can put my name in as black (2 games) too, but the game are not near as interesting.

3. *Everyone likes to win, but how do you deal with losing?* I bang on the keyboard.

4. *What is your favorite opening and why do you like it?* Caro-Kann is the most common opening I play (74 of out 315 USCF games) as black. I started playing it during my FICS days when I had no idea what openings were and had a lot of success with it. Now I have played so many games with it that I can whip out the moves in blitz games and not get myself in trouble. As white, I play the Queen's Gambit most (56 out of 315 USCF games). My current favorite line is from one of Brian Wall's emails called the "Bishing Pole." I have played it 3 times and have won all 3 games with one of the games being the subject of my game of the year newsletter (http://home.att.net/~cs.chess/newsletter/Mon_Sep_06_v1.html).

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I was inspired by Richard Nixon to make a "list of enemies."

5. *Do you consider yourself to be a positional player or tactical player?* I consider myself tactically-challenged.

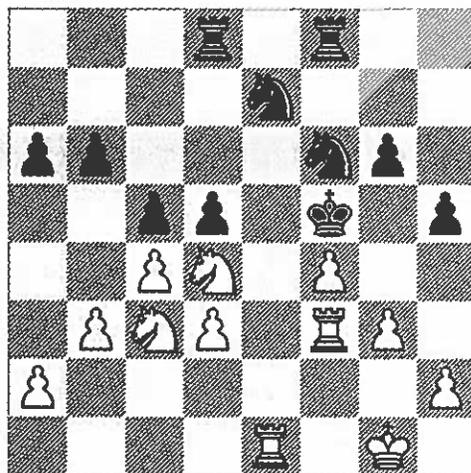
6. *Do you like long time controls or short time controls?* I prefer the long time controls. It has been more of a challenge for me to play well in the slower games, so I find the wins more rewarding. I was better at the quick games early on and got a rating of 1670, but I quickly dropped to 1496 when I started playing the longer time controls. I had to learn to be more patient.

7. *Do you have an archrival? If so, do you do anything specifically to beat him/her?* I have more than one archrival. I have ten. I was inspired by Richard Nixon to make a "list of enemies." I track all my rated games and at the end of the year I calculate who has taken the most net rating points from me. I call it the "10 Most Wanted." It changes from year to year, but currently the list is (my opponent, my victories, my losses, my rating change, opponent ave rating):

- INN SOHN 0.0 3.0 -81 1561
- JOHN FARRINGTON 1.5 5.5 -67 1631
- LARRY WUTT 4.0 5.0 -63 1564
- NATHAN MENSAY 0.0 2.0 -44 1482
- DAN CABRERA 3.0 4.0 -42 1546

- ROBERT KOHLER 6.0 6.0 -40 1702
- KATIE ROBERTS-HOFFMAN 1.0 5.0 -40 1814
- JON TINDALL 0.0 2.0 -36 1655
- JACK MAYNES 0.0 2.0 -30 1762
- ANN DAVIES 0.0 1.0 -29 1211

8. *What is your favorite tournament in the state of Colorado?* It is hard to pick a favorite. I like the Colorado Springs Open since it was my first. I like the Southern Colorado Open since I won my biggest prize there (\$120 Class B). I like the Pikes Peak Open since I have won the most prize money there. I like the Winter Springs Open since it will put me over 1800. I also like the CSCC tournaments as I get my most of my upsets there. But I think the best overall experience was at the Northwest Colorado Open when I took the family camping at RMNP for a couple days before staying at a hotel in Craig. There is nothing like playing a chess game, taking a break at the wave pool, playing another chess game, and finishing with a soak in the hot tub. I can't remember if I won any games that year, but I sure would like to do it again.



"Would you like to make that a combo meal?"
 After 27. Nd4+!

9. *Please share with us your favorite combination you played against an opponent. Why did you like it?* See below from move 27. The best combinations are those that lead to mate!

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DCC Pays \$13,071 in 2004!

by Paul Grimm

That's right! The club saw 257 people play in 26 different DCC-sponsored events and paid 125 of those people \$13,071.44¹ . . . to be exact. Thank you for your patronage!! 😊

- **DCC membership held steady!** We started out the year with 127 active members and finished the year with 120 members and 96 expired members (hint: RENEW!). This steady membership provided the financial base for the club to continue to offer \$1115 in guaranteed prize money at the year-end club championship . . . for only a \$5 entry fee. And the Grand Prix prizes were increased from \$800 to \$896 with the addition of the Expert class prizes.
- **Site Relocations:** This was a year of change. Change is good, right? ☺ Joseph Haines offered a new site to play when we were "invited" on "short-notice" (1-day, to be precise) to leave the VFW in April. Thanks Joe! And the Cherry Creek Community Church kindly welcomed us to their facility in August where we hope to remain for the indefinite future. Thanks to Andy Rea for finding the site and Julianne Dunne & Pastor Dean Hill for letting us in the front door!
- Other Noteworthy contributors made the DCC a success:
 - La Moyne Splichal continued another fine year as the club's manager and chief tournament director. With excellent ideas and assistance from JC Mac Neil, Rod Santiago, and Paul Grimm, club operations were in firm hands.
 - Jon Fortune donated his time and friendly service as Chief TD at several DCC events (for his "usual rate", . . . FREE!).
 - Marti Stewart (Tattered Cover) and Nina Thomas (Tabor Center) are to be thanked for allowing the club to play in their nice facilities down town. Weekend chess couldn't have better locations to play!
 - Randy Reynolds for setting up databases for tracking the DCC Grand Prix standings. (Where else do you think all these stats came from?)
 - Parents of scholastic players again deserve special thanks for religiously driving their kids to the DCC each Tuesday night and numerous weekends. They helped the club's "Under 18 population" grow to 28% of total membership.

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

Once again, the DCC had another outstanding year—thank you for your patronage! I wrap this article up with some basic comparisons between 2003 and 2004 and this year's monthly winners from our Tuesday night events.

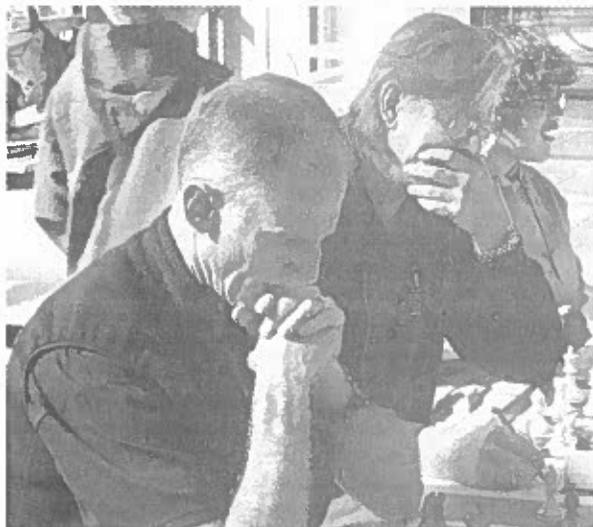
¹DCC Tue. Night Dec tourney not included at time of this article.
²Includes all DCC events, weekends & Tue nights.
³Rating reduced by entry of new players in to CO tournaments.

Overall Stats

	2003	2004 (thru 11/30)
Club members	127	115
Scholastic members	28	32
Monthly Players	54	55
Avg Player Strength ²	1388	1371 ³
Avg Monthly Prize \$	\$402	\$478
Total Monthly Prize \$	\$4,423	\$5,261

Monthly Winners

	Open Winner	Reserve Winner
Jan	Andy Rea & Tyler Hughes	Tien Nguyen & Denny Dennis
Feb	Mitesh Shridhar	Curtis Crockett
Mar	Tyler Hughes	Tien Nguyen
Apr	Chris Mink	Bill O'Neil
May	Andy Rea	Richard Petrino
June	Andy Rea	Bill O'Neil
Jul	Tyler Hughes	Joseph Haines
Aug	Steve Towbin & Richard Herbst	Mickey Wentz
Sep	Jesse Hester	Fletcher Tufts
Oct	Josh Jex	Francisco Baltier, Paul Kullback, Lou Berman, & Thao Le
Nov	Josh Jex	Thao Le
Dec	TBD	TBD
DCC Champ.	Brian Wall	N/A



DCC Secretary Shannon Fox (left) and DCC President JC MacNeil (middle) and CSCA Scholastic Rep Joshua Suresh (right)

Photo by T. Brennan

A SNOWBALL IN A COAL BIN (Dec 2004)

by Zisa Mogilefsky

I walk into a room filled with chessplayers who are busy playing the game of chess. There are approximately 35 men in the room. As I enter the room, I feel strange. I am the only female in a roomful of men playing chess. I am like a snowball in a coal bin as my friend Allen used to say.

Allen, who attended Howard University in Washington DC, used to call himself a "snowball in a coal bin." He was a white student at the black-dominated Howard University. My friend joked and told me his nickname was "Snowball."

I thought of my friends when I attended the recent chess tournament held in Denver. The chessplayers who were busy pushing chesspieces really didn't notice me....a woman among many men. Yet, I felt like someone of a different color or stripe.

Why are so few women in the male-dominated world of chess? Is it because chess is a game of war and combat and women are more peace-oriented? Is it in the genes or in the culture that men are more attracted to the game of chess? In 600 AD, when chess began, only royalty played the game. Indeed, chess was known as the "game of kings." The royalty did not include women. It has been a recent development – the latter part of the twentieth century that women have emerged as celebrated names in the chess world.

Recently I read a chess book that featured famed chessplayers, Susan Polgar and Irina Krush. In Lev Alburt's book, "Three Days with Bobby Fisher and Other Essays," there is a picture of two women grandmasters: Susan Polgar and Irina Krush as they are inducted in the 2003 Hall of Fame of Chess. How wonderful! Two women are honored in the competitive (man's) world of chess.

I do not play chess. I learned the moves of the chesspieces when I was a schoolgirl but I never really played the game. I met some one my father's chess cronies and heard my mother joke about being a chess widow. (The other woman was a chesspiece!)

Since I was in kindergarten, I have known about chess. Chess is all around me. My father played competitive chess in New York City, as well as postal chess and tournament chess. While I swam with my friends and family at Brighton Beach in New York City, my father took out his chess board and played a game of chess every summer. The Atlantic Ocean and Brighton Beach provided many memories for the Russian Jewish chessplayers like my dad who met each summer day just to play chess.

Perhaps the 21st century will find men and women playing chess together at tournaments and women will no longer be the minority chessplayers in the room. In the meantime, you will find me writing this column, "Snowball in a Coal Bin." ♁

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10. *What is your most memorable game and why is it significant?* It was that first email game I played against my dad. There is nothing like beating your old man to kick off your chess career. I chose it as the first game I published on my chess webpage (http://home.att.net/~cs.chess/newsletter/Mon_Mar_01_v1.html) because it was the event that got this whole train a'rollin'.

11. *What is your next goal in chess?*

My ongoing goal in chess is to keep my winnings ahead of my dues and entry fees. So far, I am at 134%. I also had a goal to break 1800. I was at 1738 when I read about Paul Grimm's quest to break 1800, and I thought I could beat him there. But it was harder that I thought. I had to go unbeaten in my last 3 events (6-0-2) to make it. Of course, I am waiting for the my ratings to show up on MSA before I make any new goals, but I am pretty sure I am now class A.

12. *What would you change in the Colorado chess scene, if anything? Why?*

One of the things I think the chess scene in Colorado needs is more communication. I enjoy reading the Informant, but it just doesn't come out often enough. So, last year I decided to help out by starting my own website (<http://cs.chess.home.att.net/>). It has been a lot of fun to do, and I hope others have enjoyed it. But I still publish too many of my own games that I'd like too. Also, I would like to get more news items from other clubs, but hopefully, that will pick up in 2005.

W: Anderson, Paul -

B: Anderson, Douglas [A36]

Email, 2004

1.e4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.b3 e6 6.Bb2 Nge7 7.e3 0-0 8.Nge2 b6 9.0-0 Bb7 10.d3 d6 11.Qd2 Qd7 12.Nb5 Bxb2 13.Qxb2 a6 14.Nbc3 Ne5 15.Rad1 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Qb7+ 17.e4 f5 18.f4 Ng4 19.Qd2 Nf6 20.Qe3 Rad8 21.Kg1 Kf7 22.Qf3 h5 23.exf5 Qxf3 24.fxe6+ Kxe6 25.Rxf3 d5 26.Re1 Kf5 27.Nd4+ Kg4 28.h3+ Kxh3 29.Nd1 Ng4 30.Re2 1-0 ♁



Allen Ufer (Left) and Bruce Bain (Right) playing at the Halloween Tournament. Photo by Nina Thomas



Paul as a Jedi Knight at a local Star Wars convention.

CO Tour thru Winter Springs Open
compiled by Randy Reynolds
Top 10 Overall

	Name	Rtng	Points	Games
1	Brian Wall	2212	234.25	38
2	Phillip Ponomarev	2264	229.08	40
3	Mikhail Ponomarev	2188	208.17	40
4	Paul Grimm	1688	197.6	53
5	Josh Bloomer	2131	197.36	33
6	James Drebenstedt	1881	181.2	27
7	Morgan Robb	1699	176.21	21
8	Tyler Hughes	2007	170.13	18
9	David Wallace	2024	168.98	23
10	Jason Caldwell	1929	154.39	15

Top 10 Active

	Name	Rtng	Points	Games
1	Paul Grimm	1688	197.6	53
2	J.C. MacNeil	1703	141.88	40
3	Mikhail Ponomarev	2188	208.17	40
4	Phillip Ponomarev	2264	229.08	40
5	Brian Wall	2212	234.25	38
6	Christofer Peterson	599	54.42	36
7	Dean W. Brown	1430	136.07	36
8	Dylan Lehti	1605	127.02	36
9	Leonardo Sotaridona	1671	149.1	36
10	Lee F. Lahti	875	52.1	35

Top 10 Experts

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Mikhail Ponomarev	2188	208.17	40
2	Josh Bloomer	2131	197.36	33
3	Tyler Hughes	2007	170.13	18
4	David Wallace	2024	168.98	23
5	Chris Mink	2018	107.98	25
6	Eric Billaux	2070	104.59	10
7	Jesse Cohen	2099	99.48	6
8	Marc Jimenez	2016	81.23	12
9	Paul Corneison	2017	73.89	7
10	Eric Anderson	2182	63.24	9

Top 10 Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	James Drebenstedt	1881	181.2	27
2	Jason Caldwell	1929	154.39	15
3	Joshua Jex	1932	134.41	25
4	Andrew Smith	1989	113.64	13
5	James Hammersmith	1946	87.76	12
6	Paul Yelton	1884	79.58	6
7	Larry Wutt	1818	69.11	14
8	Ken Doykos	1800	66.5	10
9	Shaun T. MacMillan	1873	64.76	8
10	Jeffrey Baffo	1871	63.46	12

Top 10 Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Paul Grimm	1688	197.6	53
2	Morgan Robb	1699	176.21	21
3	Leonardo Sotaridona	1671	149.1	36
4	J.C. MacNeil	1703	141.88	40
5	Dylan Lehti	1605	127.02	36
6	Jon Fortune	1608	126.16	25
7	Anthea Carson	1603	112.49	33
8	Joshua Suresh	1723	106.75	13
9	Roderick Santiago	1653	104.88	18
10	Tim Brennan	1673	87.77	35

Top 10 Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean W. Brown	1430	136.07	36
2	Ted Doykos	1566	100.02	16
3	Tim Fisher	1409	94.6	15
4	Curtis Crockett	1507	91.66	18
5	Salvador Menaamaro	1555	81.57	11
6	Ryan Gould	1441	68.69	15
7	Dmitri Tarasov	1452	62.47	6
8	Joseph P. Haines	1546	61.16	15
9	Tom Corbett	1442	60.43	9
10	Jacob Zax	1470	60.35	12

Top 10 Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Rich Pace	1382	78.36	20
2	Rena Delaware	1339	71.55	22
3	Terry Powell	1258	58.74	14
4	Ryan Crisp	1350	55.06	18
5	Trent Gould	1284	47.32	13
6	Allan Ufer	1229	44.24	16
7	Peer Seyferman	1328	38.02	7
8	Samuel Meyer	1382	38.02	7
9	Andrei Tarasov	1339	34.7	6
10	Matthew Kasper	1290	34.7	5

Top 10 Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Peter Grigg	1025	65.3	10
2	Christofer Peterson	599	54.42	36
3	Lee F. Lahti	875	52.1	35
4	J. M. Szymanski	988	51.45	11
5	Eirik Ogilvie	1001	46.69	17
6	Thao Le	1181	44.55	18
7	Natasha Deakins	1138	37.27	18
8	Kathy Schneider	814	36.36	34
9	Mike Chacon	1030	35.61	12
10	Robert Rountree	1177	32.07	14

by Andrew Rea *Postcard From Kuwait*

I have been in Kuwait since late July. The people here are mainly friendly- many remember events of 1990-91! The driving here is more interesting than most would like- apparently it rates as third most dangerous place for accidents/injuries, adding a different twist to the daily commute!

English is well understood- alas, chess is not! When I arrived I had the #3 FIDE rating (not knowing if we have some stronger players from elsewhere in the midst...); judging by the October list my 2172 FIDE is moving up the Kuwait list- and of course this is not such a grand rating for such a lofty standing!

However, while the 21st century might not yet be here in full force, it is re the Internet! So I have been able to withstand the dearth of local chess activity by playing online. The following two games are 2/3, and were played within a half hour back in October:



Andy Rea the number #3 player in Kuwait!
Photo by Tim Brennan

Blanche, Ceska – Rea, Andrew [A36]
1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.e4 d6 6.Nge2 Be7 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 0-0 9.0-0 Rb8 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Qa4 Qc7 Double attack meets double defense. Note the play is enmeshed in time trouble, hiccups are hardly unheard of...

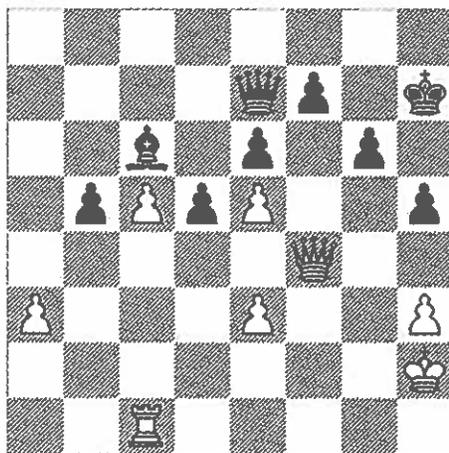
12.b4?! d5 13.a3 dxc4 14.Be3 a6 15.h3 Rd8 16.Rfc1 Bb7 White is a Pawn down but Blacks Q-side is less than awesome...

17.Qc2 Ba8 18.Na4 Rd3 Activity!

19.Qxc4 Rxe3!? 20.fxe3 Qxg3 21.Re1 Surely 21.Qe2 is better- as is, Black still hasn't enough compensation, but White faces a lot of pressure

21...Rb5 22.Nc5 Bd6 23.Kf1 Bxc5 24.bxc5 Qe5 25.Rad1 Qc7 26.Qd4 Rb8 The sac hasn't panned out, but White still has 5 isolated Pawns, an ineffective Bg2, an unsafe King, and not a lot of time for deep reflection- plenty to play for in the online world!
27.Qd6 Qa7 28.Qd8+ Ne8 Guess that was missed, the game is alive...

29.Qd4 h5! 30.Bf3 g6 31.Re2 Qe7 32.Kg2 Nf6 33.Kh2 Kh7 34.e5 Nd5 35.Bxd5 cxd5 36.Rc1 Bc6 37.Rb2 Rb5 38.Rxb5 axb5 DIAGRAM
It seems Black is lost given shots on f6, f7, and the passed c-pawn- but f6 is not fatal, c-Pawn is blocked, and Whites King is not safe



After 38. ...axb5

39.Qf4 Qa7 40.Rf1 Kg8 41.Qb4 Qc7 42.Qd4 f5! That secures the f-file, Black is OK!

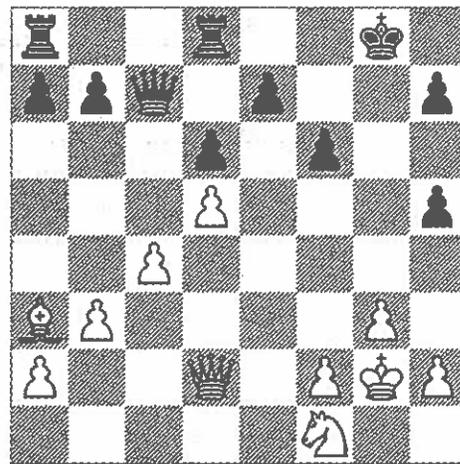
43.Rg1 Kg7 44.Qf4 Be8 45.Kg3? White wants something other than mere equality...

45...Qxc5 46.Ra1 Bc6 47.Qg5 Kh7 48.Kh2 d4 White gets it- he has serious exposure issues

49.Qf6 Qc2+ 50.Kg3 Qg2+ 51.Kh4 Qf2+ 52.Kg5 Qg3# Flawed, as is the sequel played less than 30 minutes later- who can be sterling perfect in constant time trouble!? 0-1

Rea, Andrew – Schwartz, Dirk [A49]
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.Nbd2 c5 7.c3 Na6 8.e4 Qc7 9.Re1 Rd8 10.d5 c4?! 11.Qa4 Bd7 12.Qxc4 Qb6 13.Qb3 Qc7 14.Nf1 Nc5 15.Qc2 Ba4 16.b3 Bb5 17.Ba3? Ugh, so uneven...

17...Bd3 18.Qd2 Nfxe4 19.Rxe4 Bxe4 20.Re1 Bf5 21.Nd4 Nd3 22.Nxf5 Nxe1 23.Nxg7 Nxg2 24.Nh5 f6 25.Kxg2 gxh5 26.c4 DIAGRAM
Not even a Pawn for either Exchange, but

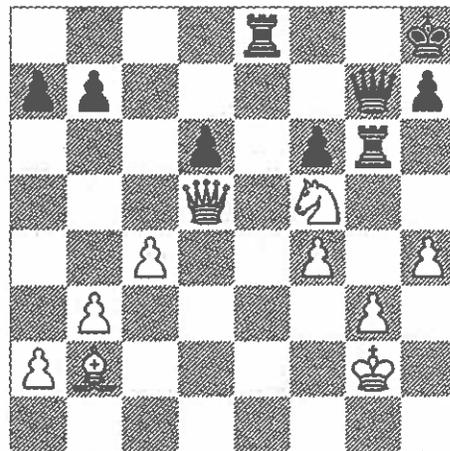


After 26. c4.

Blacks Kside is sensitive- and Black isn't making progress if he plays all defense on the Kside... its ugly there but not fatal, of course hitting the Qside w ...a5 is called for quickly

26...Rf8? 27.Qh6 Rf7 28.Ne3 Qd7 29.Bb2 Rg7 30.Qxh5 Rf8 31.h4 Rg6 32.Nf5 e6 33.Nd4 exd5 34.Qxd5+ Qf7 35.Qf5 Re8 36.f4 of course this is weakening- despite the sluggish ..Rf8 Black is ready for offense after all, White can hardly fortify vs both Rooks

36...Qg7 37.Qd5+ Kh8 38.Nf5 DIAGRAM
Now Black is winning in lines like 38...Qg8 39.Qd3 Qe6 40.Qe1 as ...Qh1+ negates h4-h5. How costly can it be to miss this though?...



After 38. Nf5

38...Re2+? 39.Kf3 Qd7 40.Bd4 A bit of Wallisian extravagance

40...Re8 41.h5 Rg7 42.Bxf6 Reg8 43.h6 Qc6 44.hxg7+ 1-0



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 nights from 7-11 at Cherry Creek Community Church 366 Garfield (4th & Garfield) Denver, CO 80212 720-283-3996 Contact Paul Grimm at grimm_p@msn.com On the web at <http://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 jbafo2004@msn.com or (303) 617-9123.

The Centennial Chess Club Jeff Baffo. jbafo2004@msn.com Meetings will be at the *new* Smoky Hill Library! 5430 S. Biscay Circle Centennial, Colorado 80015. 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.

The Littleton Chess Club meets on the first and third Thurs of every month at the Edwin A. Bemis Public Library. If you are looking for free, non rated casual games and live near the Littleton area please give us a visit. Take Santa Fe Dr. to Littleton Blvd, make a right on Datura St., go about 6 blocks and the library is on the left. Email vibiv@yadoo.com"

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.

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 : Every Wednesday, 7:00 pm - midnight

LOCATION: University Memorial Center (UMC) on Boulder Campus. Rooms 382 to 386. The UMC is on the north side of Broadway at approximately 16th St. and Broadway. Dave Bayless (303) 444-2144.

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 X-treme 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 flcchessclub@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, 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 LM Brian Wall

You can't do this to me!

I won or tied for first in 7 Colorado tournaments this year.

- Denver Chess Club Championship 2004 with Tyler Hughes
- Denver Chess Club King Hunt Classic
- Denver Chess Club Halloween Tournament with Eric K Anderson
- Colo Springs Chess Club Championship
- Pikes Peak Open with Eric Billaux
- Denver Open with Andy Rea
- Pikes Peak January McMahon Swiss

I also played the most embarrassing rated game I ever played in my life – I believe I started at age 13 with a 1555 rating. I skipped the whole 1800 thing. So we are talking about 36 years of rated Chess.

I won the Winter Springs 2001 tournament, beating IM Valvo (after a few strokes). I won the 2003 Winter Springs Open.

This is Round 2 of the 2004 Winter Springs Open.

I won this tournament 2 out of the last 3 times I played in it.

I won 7 tournaments this year.

I never met or heard of my opponent David Wallace. The pre-game chatter was odd - David said he owned nothing. I didn't know if he was joking or a Buddhist or a hitchhiker or slightly nuts. A few Chess-players told me later they played him in the Colorado Quick Chess Championship a week earlier. The consensus was that he was positionally suspect, a cheap shot artist, a sort of Towbin clone.

W: Wallace, David (2023)

B: Wall, Brian (2200) [A43]

[Opening "Old Benoni defense"]

Winter Springs Open 2004 Round 2

Manitou Springs, Colorado

TimeControl: "40/90 then Game/Hour"

1.d4 c5 2.e3 f5 The story of this opening begins in Chess Life. Two women played 1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bc4 Nf6 4. O-O Nxe4 - This is a common occurrence on ICC. I believe Renae Delaware (who broke 1400 this tournament, winning her section - she had already broken 1500 in the Colorado Springs Chess Club rating earlier) had a game with this position in this tournament.

The point is that one woman told the other, "I am playing the Guicco Piano - What are you playing?"

The story is a classic because we all want our opponents to follow what we know.

Maybe 6 years ago I watched an opening video with Nikita Zanichowsky. GM Levitt recommended 1. d4 c5!? 2. d5 f5?!, naming it the Clarendon Court, an apartment complex where he lived in England.

Nikita (about 1200) wanted to know what to do if White didn't play 2 d5. I remembered the Guicco Piano story and told her to play 2 ... f5 "no matter what!!" - I even created two T-shirts for us with Chess designs that said - "I am playing the Clarendon Court - what are you playing?"

So my T-shirt is specifically designed to deal with the situation on the board now.

My attitude was - "Get Thee Behind Me, Satan!!!"

3.g4?! I asked myself if he was trying to answer wackiness with silliness of his own? Most likely David plays g4 against the Dutch and figures it must be even stronger with 1. ...c5 in.

3...fxg4 The position is sort of mutually balanced in goofiness. I usually answer g4 with... fxc4 then if h3 I play ..g3 keeping lines closed. I mostly looked at the other capture 3 ... cxd4. I could have defended my f5 pawn with 3. ...d6 or ..d5 or ..e6 or ..Nh6. I could have ignored it with 3.

Costume answer: Emir Santana

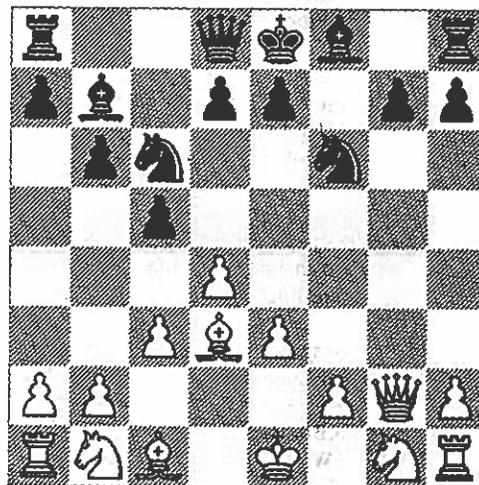
..Nf6 or 3. ..Qa5+.

4.Qxg4! Nf6 5.Qg2!? A very bizarre square for a Queen after 5 moves - I don't remember seeing a Queen there in any other game. Josh Bloomer said he passed the board and couldn't figure out how David's Queen could have arrived there in a logical sequence.

5...Nc6 Maybe 5. ...cxd4 is better but I didn't want to activate his c1-bishop so easily. I walked around the tournament hall - David thought for 16 minutes.

6.c3 b6 7.Bd3 David made his move instantly and so did I. It was all over in 6 seconds. One moment I was visualizing ..Bb7, ..Qc7 and ..Nxd4, the next moment I was resigning.

7...Bb7 !!!! (diagram)



After 7. Bb7??

8.Bg6+ 1-0 Black resigns

Aftermath:

David felt bad for me, mumbled something about "getting lucky" and asked me to blitz with him, trying to cheer me up.

My attitude was - "Get Thee Behind Me, Satan!!!"

I had a good talk with Larry Wutt before the tournament started - it was my first

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chance to talk to him since our last game where he missed a forced mate and I publicized it everywhere, even convincing Todd Bardwick to put it in the Rocky Mountain News. When Larry and I played last round in this tournament, I wrote - Larry-Wutt-the-Hell-is-Brian-going-to-do-to-me-this-time? in the name slot and he wrote Brian-I-hope-I-last-8-moves-Wall for mine.

Everyone asked me to show them the game.

In an earlier email Steve Towbin claimed that if anyone has the choice between playing Bg6+ leading to mate and Qg6+ leading to mate and fails to sacrifice the Queen, then USCF deducts a point from each player - no one wins, both players lose. David Wallace was asked why he didn't play 8. Qg6+ and his response was "because I didn't hate Brian".

What happened? Is this the official beginning of my second childhood? The weird Qg2 position might have something to do with it. It kind of looks like a g-pawn if you look quickly enough. About 4 days before this game, I attended a brilliant lecture by Sean MacMillan at the Colorado Springs Chess Club. He said that he has been analyzing his losses to see what problem areas he has. One was tactics, another was taking too much time for no good reason. I noted publicly that I write the times down for each move so I can identify why I made mistakes later. I said one key component in my blunders was overconfidence, moves made in less than a minute. I remember 7. ..Bb7 !!!! was made almost immediately.

Roderick Santiago told me it does him good to see my losses published so this one's for you, buddy! Rarely can I make so many happy with so few moves!



WGM Rusa Goletiani was recently crowned the 2005 US Women's Champion at the US Championships held in San Diego

Photo courtesy of ChessNinja.com

CHESS AT CHRISTMASTIME

By Zisa Mogilefsky

Today, there are many Christmas shoppers at the mall in search of the perfect gift for their loved ones. It goes without saying that department stores everywhere will be very crowded during this holiday season.

However, there is a group of people who are someplace else. They are sitting across from each other at the Tattered Cover Bookstore downtown on Wynkoop. These men (and some women) belong to the Denver Chess Club and are spending Saturday December 11 and Sunday December 12 competing against each other in a chess tournament.

Known as the game of kings, chess is very popular in Colorado. There are chess clubs in various locations ranging from Denver Colorado to Alamosa and Estes Park. A publication called the **Colorado Chess Informant** lists the chess tournaments, interviews with chess masters and even pokes fun at chessplayers. There is a Geezers vs. Teasers chess tournament which pits the youngsters (the teasers) against the older chessplayers (the geezers). Of course, speed chess ("blitz") is fun too!

Earlier this year, in August 2004, thirteen year old Tyler Hughes of Colorado swept the Expert Section of the US Class Championships in Des Moines, Iowa. He won all five games and emerged with a rating of 2494 tournament performance.

Although I don't play chess, I have attended many chess sessions with my father who was a chessplayer. When I was a schoolgirl growing up in Brooklyn New York, I watched my father play postal chess, play chess at the beach, and play in chess tournaments at the United Nations. How he loved the game of chess!

Now that I am the mother of a chessplayer, I drive my son to chess tournaments and learn about the latest chess "stars." Yes, Bobby Fisher is still revered in the world of chess. However, it is good to read about other chess grandmasters such as Garry Kasparov. There are even women who are famed for their chess prowess – the famous Polgar sisters Judith and Susan, for example.

The internet and the computer has allowed chess to enter everybody's home. Chess is no longer the game of kings. It is for everyone. At Christmastime, a chessboard and sixteen chessmen become an excellent gift. Not only will you give an exciting game, chess will allow you to exercise your mind forever! ♖

by LM Brian Wall

Styles of Blitz

Here are some styles of blitz play I recognize -

1 - My own - move fast on cruise control and think hard during critical moments.

2 - Board Control - these Sidney Safeco freaks try to turn blitz into tournament Chess - they play safe systems they have played thousands of times before - they move slowly and carefully - they get upset when they start losing on time and angrily beg for draws.

3 - Jackrabbits - the bullet mentality - just move fast with little thought.

4 - Reversible Jackets - these guys, like GM Norwood, play one system for Black and White - they get in double the practice on their favorite system. Norwood plays 1 g3 and 1 ... g6 only.

5 - Panic Button - these poor souls do the opposite of what I do - move slowly and when their position reaches critical mass so does their self pity, resulting in a complete meltdown and mandatory dropped pieces. They can no more control the position than they can their own emotions.

6 - The Philosophers - I love these guys - when they reach a fascinating position they forget all about the blitz and analyze it for an hour.

7 - The Natural Player - I like these guys too - they haven't read many Chess books but they know hundreds of thousands of Chess patterns from blitz games—their games are a mix of shocking theoretical ignorance followed by a shocking display of brilliant tactics you didn't think they had in them.

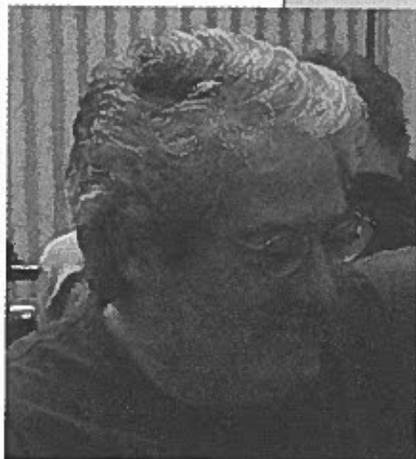
8 - The Kibitzer - hates to play but loves to point out any two move tactics you miss - they are often wrong and even more annoyingly, often right.

9 - The Researcher - hates to lose the same way twice - always comes back next time with refutations of what you played last time.

10 - Catch me if you can-can - The anti-researcher - These guys try to keep one step ahead of ECO jockeys by switching openings almost every blitz session.

11 - Sour Grapes - these pathetic souls go out of their way to ruin the fun of beating them, insisting on mentioning how little Chess they play these days, how good they used to be and how trivial blitz is. Once in a while their opponents will get fed up and scream - YOU SUCKED THEN, YOU SUCK NOW AND YOU ARE HERE EVERY WEEK, SAME AS ME!!

12 - The Old Men - These guys either clean your clock with openings you never heard of, then space out the clock till they have 12 seconds left or blunder a rook and start snoring. WARNING- DO NOT MENTION ANYTHING THAT EVER OCCURRED BEFORE 1969 IF YOU



Brian is familiar with all sorts of blitz players! Photo courtesy of photos.groups.yahoo.com/group/brianwallchess

US G/60 Championship Durango Nov 5-7, 2004 Open Section (see coloradochess.com for scholastic section results)

1	Enrico Sevillano	2550	2559	7.0
2	Philipp Ponomarev	2295	2299	6.0
3	Mikhail Ponomarev	2206	2207	5.5
4	James Drebenstedt	1919	1915	5.0
5	Eric Morrow	1813	1853	5.0
6	Derek Christensen	1766	1804	4.5
7	Hans M Morrow	2000	2005	4.5
8	Damian Nash	1918	1926	4.5
9	Andrew M Smith	2010	1993	4.5
10	Paul M Grimm	1691	1721	4.5
11	Scott A Watson	1706	1741	4.5
12	Vincent Bazemore	1965	1960	4.0
13	David A Wallace	2024	2002	4.0
14	Charles F Burrow	1504	1636	4.0
15	Glenn J Miller	1725	1722	4.0
16	Algie P Arante	1587	1596	4.0
17	Anand Kalyanaraman	1808	1785	3.5
18	Majid Kahhak	1408	1454	3.5
19	Michael Wright	1725	1709	3.5
20	David L Baca	1603	1597	3.5
21	Jonathan Fortune	1636	1645	3.5
22	Ryan Z Gould	1514	1536	3.5
23	Anthea J Carson	1619	1631	3.5
24	Benjamin Reeves	1228	1304	3.5
25	Karl W Irons	1776	1742	3.0
26	Anthony Steventon	1734	1693	3.0
27	Carlos Herrera	1532	1520	3.0
28	W Christensen	1643	1595	3.0
29	William Barfuss	1408	1400	2.5
30	Dean W Brown	1461	1412	2.5
31	Sherri F Astle	1141	1158	2.5
32	Joe Souvignier	unr	1250	2.5
33	Richard A Pace	1474	1425	2.0
34	Trent Gould	1283	1257	2.0
35	James J Gould	1115	1106	2.0
36	Kevin Heath	873	871	2.0
37	Kathy Schneider	841	853	1.5
38	David Roenfanz	unr	888	1.5
39	Peter Emery	unr	1340	1.0
40	Jonathan Fortune	1636	1637	1.0
41	Damian Nash	1918	1919	1.0
42	Erik K Hansen	341	338	0.0

WANT TO GET OUT OF THE CLUB BEFORE MIDNIGHT.

13 - The Newbie - can't make it past 5 moves in any opening without ruining his pawn structure permanently or relegating his pieces to irrelevant positions. He matches your exasperated expression with smarmy charm - doesn't need lessons, just experience.

14 - The Girl - Who cares if she wins or loses, it's just fun to be around her.

15 - The Immigrant - plays the same system over and over because it reminds him of the food his Mother made in the straw hut back home, makes strange faces, seems pretty good, lights up when someone who speaks a similar language shows up at the club.

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16 - **The Rules Committee** - winning the blitz games is priority 1,000 - Priority #1 is winning the argument.

17 - **The Kid** - knows all the latest theory and music, laughs at you with his young friends behind your back, pity smiles at you because he knows you were never half as good as he is now in your prime, has a different look every 9 months, is pretty friendly after he removes half your army.

18 - **The Post-mortem** - insists he was winning every game, if you do play a steady brilliancy he is finally silent till the next game - willing to waste endless time of yours on his good moves, unwilling to waste a second on anything you might have had. Objective - prove he is the better tournament player regardless of the blitz score.

19 - **The Basket Case** - loudly threatens to quit Chess forever every time a piece falls off the board - seems to be highly conflicted and in emotional agony.

20 - **The Unicorn** - the opposite of the Rules Committee - insists on takebacks, one minute penalties for illegal moves, his clock, your pieces and on a TD present at all times as an "independent arbiter". Everyone in the club plays the same way except the Unicorn.

21 - **The Nosh** - eats loudly while playing, greases up all your pieces, armed with an omnipresent water bottle he routinely sucks, swigs, smacks, bops and pops. The tournament table resembles a picnic basket more than a Chess game.

22 - **ADD** - jumps up and down in his seat, looks tortured when it is your move, touches everything, eyes dart everywhere, removes and puts back articles of clothing compulsively. You can't understand why you are finishing every 5 minute game in under a minute.

23 - **The Recluse** - won't talk, it feels like he wants to kill you psychically, enjoys touching your rooks just a little too much. You know what trailer park he lives in but you don't want to visit a crime scene.

24 - **The Celebrity** - makes you feel like hell because after the game, no matter how well played, he goes back to his life and you to yours.

25 - **The Artist** - They make life beautiful for everyone around them except their landlord. Fun to be around, interesting brand of Chess, wears original clothes, piercings, tattoos, scarves, necklaces, bracelets and earrings. Imagines what the game would look like with shellacked seashells and blue sapphires adorning the pieces and board.

26 - **Popeye** - grumbles incoherently as if he is playing a computer and you are not there, won't look you in the eye till you resign, explains every decision, kind of, if you can translate his grunts and oaths.

27 - **The Bod** - These people are so healthy they look like they belong in a gym, not a Chess Club - makes all us pasty-faces look ill. If you want a sound mind in a sound body, go to the Greek Club and leave us girllymen alone. Their lousy Chessmoves don't

quite balance their off-setting appearance.

28 - **The Party Animal** - everything has to be done in a loud group - bughouse, team Chess, analysis. If you want to analyze something, pipe down and ask yourself why you can't be alone for 10 minutes without compulsively running to Elitch's. Avoids mirrors.

29 - **The Brooder** - is miserable as long as you have a plus score - transforms from zombie to human again when he goes +1. Asks how you are doing then - seems friendly and helpful. You are just glad he is breathing again.

30 - **The Alien** - not quite there with you, looks off in the distance, has trouble remembering it is his move, gives you the impression the board is levitating, never eats, drinks with difficulty, refuses all gifts. You can't quite make out whether he just broke up with his girlfriend or just got released. You find yourself searching his wrist for an identifying tag. ☞

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June Section

1 Randy Canney	2235	2234	W11	W2	L3	W6	3.0
2 Eric Billaux	2077	2087	W8	L1	W10	W3	3.0
3 Josh Bloomer	2159	2164	W12	W7	W1	L2	3.0
4 David Wallace	2023	2034	D9	W5	D6	W7	3.0
5 Brian Wall	2217	2203	D6	L4	W9	W8	2.5
6 Shaun MacMillan	1873	1891	D5	W9	D4	L1	2.0
7 Jason Caldwell	1950	1939	W10	L3	D8	L4	1.5
8 Larry Wutt	1832	1843	L2	W11	D7	L5	1.5
9 DuWayne Langseth	1804	1800	D4	L6	L5	B--	1.5
10 Anthea Carson	1622	1648	L7	W12	L2	D11	1.5
11 Anthony Telinbacco	1937	1923	L1	L8	W12	D10	1.5
12 Jeff Baffo	1871	1843	L3	L10	L11	U--	0.0

July Section

1 Ken Dail	1484	1577	W2	L6	W10	W5	3.0
2 Paul Grimm	1691	1700	L1	W12	W7	W6	3.0
3 Paul Anderson	1793	1802	D8	H--	W9	W4	3.0
4 J.C. MacNeil	1747	1751	W10	D5	W6	L3	2.5
5 Joe Fromme	1682	1681	W11	D4	W8	L1	2.5
6 Glenn Miller	1725	1714	W12	W1	L4	L2	2.0
7 Andrew Ritchie	1348	1396	W9	L8	L2	W11	2.0
8 Joe Haines	1567	1559	D3	W7	L5	L9	1.5
9 Jon Fortune	1593	1577	L7	H--	L3	W8	1.5
10 Gerry Sunderland	1566	1538	L4	D11	L1	B--	1.5
11 Dean Brown	1461	1437	L5	D10	B--	L7	1.5
12 Al Gardner	1557	1539	L6	L2	U--	U--	0.0

August Section

1 Renae Delaware	1372	1405	W4	W8	D2	W3	3.5
2 Frank Shotwell	1386	1393	W10	W5	D1	D4	3.0
3 Robert Rountree	1156	1204	W6	W10	W5	L1	3.0
4 Tom Mullikin	1129	1142	L1	W11	W6	D2	2.5
5 Allan Ufer	1283	1248	W7	L2	L3	W9	2.0
6 Andrew Furze	477	624	L3	W9	L4	W7	2.0
7 Michael Varney	610	594	L5	H--	D9	L6	1.0
8 Ed Cronin	1288	1277	W9	L1	U--	U--	1.0
9 Kathy Schneider	841	776	L8	L6	D7	L5	0.5
10 Gary Crites	1152	1125	L2	L3	U--	U--	0.0
11 Barbara Fortune	711	707	U--	L4	U--	U--	0.0

by Tim Brennan

Tactics Books Reviewed

Here are some reviews that I have written over the years at amazon.com. All of the books deal with tactics.

following review helpful:

Great tactics - improvements of 1001 tactics format, June 24, 2003

★★★★★

I really liked the format of this book. I love tactics books. The kind with no text in them, and page after page of nothing but chess diagrams. The kind that people on an airplane look at you funny when you are "reading" them.

This book is very similar to the other tactics books out there, but with some improvements that I think are nice. One improvement is that the tactics are labeled with a * symbol to show how difficult the problem is. The more stars the harder it is. This is a nice break from the Reinfeld books which will have a mate in one followed by a mate in ten, and you have no idea beforehand how hard the problem is going to be. I personally like to have some idea of what I am getting into.

Another nice feature is that the answers show where the game came from. I think that this is a nice touch, and gives credit to the people that actually played the game. A lot of books don't do this, and you see puzzles where you know where the game came from - "Oh yeah this is the opera box game", etc, but the author gives no credit where it is due.

I also like that the answers are in algebraic notation, as opposed to descriptive ("e4" versus "pawn to king 4"). Reinfeld's books still have the old school style. One note is that the notation is not really standard. Bxe3 would be Be3, which is a little odd. I got confused at least once when looking up an answer and did not see the "x". I assumed I had the wrong answer when I didn't. But once you know this is the format they use, you can adjust. But it would be nice to see the standard used in the first place.

Overall great tactics book. If you like doing tactics til your eyes bleed, and want something that could be used as part of a "400 points in 400 days" type of study program, this is a good one to add to your collection.

★★★★★ **Clever and unique formatting - great beginners tactics book, March 7, 2003**

This was the 3rd or 4th chess book that I ever bought (after reading the dummies and idiots books), and I accidentally made a very wise choice!

This book will help a beginner (rated around 1000 USCF or less) really get his feet wet with the important idea of studying tactics. You cannot get better at chess without studying tactics! If you are over 1000 it is probably too simple, but reviewing the basics never hurts.

There are some really clever things about this book, which I have not seen done in any other chess books out there. One is that there is no notation being used. It is all about arrows and lots of diagrams. This is sort of nice. Also the answers to the problems are given on the next page, so there is no flipping to the back all the time, or accidentally seeing the answer to the problem as you try to solve it, as is the case when the answer is on the same page. The book also has pages that are upside down so you read it straight through, then flip it over, and go the other way! Very interesting idea!

I read this book while working out at the gym on the exercise bike. I like books like this where you do not need a board to read it.

The book has little to with Bobby Fischer, so don't buy it because you are a fan, or think that he is going to teach you something deep about chess. If you are a brand new chess beginner who wants to improve you need to read this book! You will rarely miss a back rank tactic afterwards. I would love to see some companion volumes to this with different sort of tactics.

The only reason I give it 4 stars instead of 5 is because I think that the title is a little misleading, and it would be nice if the book was a little longer. But still a great book I highly recommend!! ♖

BEGINNING CHESS : OVER 300 ELEMENTARY PROBLEMS FOR PLAYERS NEW TO THE GAME

by Bruce Pandolfini

Edition: Paperback

Price: \$10.50



6 of 6 people found the following review helpful:

★★★★★ **collection of VERY simple tactics, October 10, 2003**

The collection of tactical puzzles in this book are the easiest that I have ever seen. Most of the problems are 1 move tactics such moving a knight to fork two pieces. Some of the problems simply involve capturing a piece that is hanging. This is not necessarily a bad thing, but unless you have just learned the game it probably will be too simple for you. But if you have just learned how the pieces move, this will be a great start on the way to starting to solve tactical problems, which are a key to becoming a better player.

I am not familiar with many other tactics books that are this simple. A 1400 rated player could probably go through the whole book in an hour. It is probably even more simple than Bobby Fischer Teaches chess. But while that book focuses mostly on back rank checkmates, this covers different positions, with diagram after diagram for you to find the best move.

One nice thing is that in the end he doesn't just give the answer, he briefly explains why it is the answer. So instead of just saying "Nf6", he says "Nf6 forking the king and queen". Most tactics books, even for beginners just give the answer, and no explanation about why it is the answer, if you don't see it.

Sharpen Your Tactics by Anatoly Lein, Boris Ar-changelsky
Edition: Paperback
Price: \$16.96



12 of 13 people found the

Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess by BOBBY FISCHER, et al
Edition: Paperback
Price: \$7.19



3 of 3 people found the following review helpful:

Have you read a good book lately? Have you read a really bad one? Interested in letting others know? Write a review for the Colorado Chess Informant! It does not have to be long—even a few paragraphs. Reviews of videos and software is welcomed also! There are so many chess products on the market it is hard to know what is good, and what is not!

Tournament Announcements:**Aurora Chess Club
Invitational Quads,****January 8 - February 26, 2005**

6 round Quads system tournament.

Time Control: G/30**Site:** Aurora Central Library, 14949 East Alameda Drive (by City Hall)**Directions:** Take I-225 to Alameda Exit. Go East; Travel 1 mile (past Aurora Mall & Sable); library on the left.**Entry fee:** FREE--to A.C.C. members only**Prizes:** \$500 guaranteed in 5 quads: \$70 1st; \$30 2nd in each quad, thx to anonymous donor.**Registration:** No walk-ins. Contact Jeff Baffo to pre-register., Rounds: 1:00 to 4:00 pm on Sat. from 8 Jan 05 to 26 Feb 05..**Entries:** Jeff Baffo**Phone:** 303-210-2160**E-mail:** jbaffo2004@msn.com

You have 8 Saturdays from 8 Jan 05 to 26 Feb 05 to play 6 games. These games are unrated, but USCF rules apply. Score keeping recommended; bring your own equipment.

**New Mexico Memorial and
Senior Championship,
January 15 - 16, 2005**

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/2, SD/1**Site:** University of New Mexico Student Union Ballroom A, Albuquerque (200 yds. N of Central ave and Cornell).**Directions:** 7 hr drive from Denver.**Tom Keffer Invitational:** Open to anyone previously rated over 2000 or by invitation.**Mark McKee Open:** Open to all USCF members and unrated.**Bill Dixon Challenge:** open to U/1200 USCF.**Entry fee:** \$30 (\$20 U/1200 section) if rec'd by 1/14. All: \$5 more at site. Free entry if you have never played rated chess before, however will not be eligible for cash prizes. \$10 entry discount if USCF expired over one year and you renew in 2005.**Prizes:** Tom Keffer Invitational: \$\$/G \$400-\$200, U/2200 \$150-\$100, senior over age 50 \$100. Mark McKee Open: \$\$/G 1st \$175, senior over age 50 \$75. Additional \$\$ b/entries: 2nd place \$125, U/1800 \$100, U1500 \$75. Bill Dixon Challenge: \$\$/G 1st \$100, senior over age 50 \$25. Additional \$\$ b/entries: 2nd \$60, U/1000 \$40.**Registration:** Sat. 8:00-8:30am., Rounds: Rds: 9-4, 9-4. No half-pt. byes..**Entries:** Art Glassman PO Box 4215, Albuquerque, NM 87196-4215**Phone:** 505-867-2993**E-mail:** chessart@newmexico.com

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**DCC Martin Luther King Quick
Chess, January 22, 2005**

7 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: USCF Rated G/15 or G/12 with a 3 second delay**Site:** Tabor Center 3rd floor Food Court. See www.taborcenter.com for details.**Directions:** Tabor Center located on the 16th Street Mall between Larimer Street and Arapahoe Streets. You can enter the Tabor Center parking garage on Larimer Street.(If taking the 16th Street Shuttle get off at Lawrence Street).**Open:** Open to all players**U1500:** Open to players with USCF rating under 1500 and unrateds**Entry fee:** \$20 for DCC members \$25 for non-DCC members. \$3 discount if pre-register by Jan 19. \$2 Junior/Senior discount. Masters and Unrateds play free!**Prizes:** 80% of entry fees returned as prizes**Registration:** 9:00AM - 9:45 AM, Rounds: First round 10AM, rounds every half an hour after that with lunch break after round 3..**Entries:** Tim Brennan 901 Sherman St Apt 516 Denver CO 80203**Phone:** 303-894-8890**E-mail:** TimmyBx@aol.com

First DCC Grand Prix event of 2005! Masters play free (winnings deducted from entry fee) No teams allowed.

**Loveland Open,
February 12 - 13, 2005**

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 1st Round 40/90 30/1; 2nd Round and later 40/2 20/1**Site:** Loveland Community Building 545**The DCC holds its annual MLK tournament
January 22.** Art courtesy of US DOD.

Cleveland Ave. Loveland, Colorado

Open: open to all \$20 advance entry, \$30 at site. Prize fund: \$600: 1st: \$250, 2nd: \$150, 3rd: \$100, under 2004: \$100**Loveland:** Under 1877 and unrated \$16 advance entry, \$26 at site. Prize fund: \$350: 1st: \$150, 2nd: \$100, 3rd: \$50, special: \$50**Santa Fe:** Under 1610 and unrated \$14 advance entry, \$24 at site. Prize fund: \$190: 1st: \$80, 2nd: \$50, 3rd: \$30, unrated: \$30**Entry fee:** \$5 off for unrated**Prizes:** Guaranteed Prize fund: \$1140**Registration:** 8:00-9:30AM, Rounds: 10:30AM, 3:30PM, 9:00AM, 3:00PM.**Entries:** Charles Moore 425 W. 10th St. Loveland, Colorado 80537**Phone:** (970) 667-7043**E-mail:** cmoore@frii.com

CSCA membership required \$15/year.

Other state membership accepted.

A Colorado Chess Tour Event

No Smoking, no Wheelchair Access.

No advance registration accepted without payment.

On site registration will be at City Newsstand, 6th and Cleveland, across the street from the playing site.

**Fort Collins Free Chess Tournament,
February 26, 2005**

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/15**Site:** Marshak's House of Fantasy (Comic Book store), 256 Linden Street, Ft. Collins.**Directions:** From I-25, take Mulberry (Exit 269) west 3 miles. Turn right on Riverside (which becomes Jefferson). Go 0.7 miles to Linden St. Marshak's is on the SW corner.**Rated:** Open to all USCF members.**Unrated:** Open to anyone -- no rating points.**Entry fee:** FREE!**Prizes:** Fun prizes for Top players in each section.**Registration:** 9:00-9:45 AM, Rounds: 10:00 AM, 10:40 AM, 12:30 PM, 1:10 PM, 1:50 PM.**Entries:** Randy Reynolds**Phone:** 970-206-9107**E-mail:** teyanak5@comast.net

Sponsored by Ft. Collins Chess Club.

Limited parking available behind store. Two hour on-street parking available. Or nearby lot for \$.50 hour available.

**Colorado Springs Open,
March 5 - 6, 2005**

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

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Ave., Manitou Springs.

Sections: One Open Section

Entry fee: \$31 if rec'd by 3/2, \$36 at site

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

\$8 discount for juniors, seniors, unrated.

\$1 from each EF is voluntary contribution to Professional Players Health & Benefits Fund. USCF Grand Prix Tournament.

Colorado Chess Tour Event.

Colorado Chess Festival: Team Swiss, March 19, 2005

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/60 with 5 second delay

Site: Glendale Community Center 999 S. Clermont

Team Swiss: 3-Player Teams with no rating limitations. Players without a team may team-up at registration.

Entry fee: \$10

Prizes: Cash Prizes per Entries

Registration: 8:30-9:30, Rounds: 10, 1, 4.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndwl@mindspring.com

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

Colorado Chess Festival: 2005 Colorado Closed Championships, March 19 - 27, 2005

7 round Round Robin system tournament.

Time Control: 40/2 SD 60

Site: Glendale Community Center 999 S. Clermont

Colorado Closed Championship: 8 Highest Rated CSCA Players Accepting the Championship Invitation.

Scholastic Closed Championship: 8 Highest Rated CSCA Players from Grades K-12 Accepting the Championship Invitation

Entry fee: \$30, \$20 Scholastic

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

Registration: N/A, Rounds: Player Meeting:

19th @ 8:30; Rounds: 19th: 9, 4; 20th: 9, 4;

26th: 9, 4; 27th: 9.

Entries: Todd Bardwick

Phone: (303) 770-6696

E-mail: tbardwick@yahoo.com

Tie Break Order (for title only, not prizes): 1.

Head-to-Head Result; 2.

Score vs. Players >50%; 3.

Sonnenborn-Berger; 4. 2-

game Blitz Match; 5. If still

tied, 6/5 Tie-Break Blitz

Game.

CSCA Membership Re-

quired.

Colorado Chess Festival: McMahon Quick

Swiss, March 20, 2005

7 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/25 with 3-second delay

Site: 999 S. Clermont

Sections: McMahon Quick Swiss

Entry fee: \$10

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

Registration: 8:30-9:30, Rounds: 10, 11, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndwl@mindspring.com

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

CSCA Membership Required (\$15; \$10 for Jrs and Seniors); OSA

Colorado Chess Festival: Designer Swiss Tournaments, March 26, 2005

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/45 with 5-second delay

Site: Glendale Community Center 999 S. Clermont

Ladies: Open to all females.

Bulls: Open to males 21 years or older with a rating 1500 or greater.

Stags: Open to males 21 years or older with a rating under 1500.

Mavericks & Pintos: Mavericks: Open to males under the age of 21 with a rating 1100 or greater. Pintos: Open to males under the age of 21 with a rating under 1100.

Entry fee: \$10

Prizes: Per Section per Entries

Registration: 8:30-9:30, Rounds: 10, 12:30, 2:15, 4.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndwl@mindspring.com

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

Colorado Chess Festival: Match Play, March 27, 2005

4 round system tournament.

Time Control: G/45 with 5-second Delay

Site: Glendale Community Center 999 S. Clermont

4-Game Match: All four rounds will be against the same opponent. The top 2 rated players will be paired against each other; the next 2 paired together; and so on.

Entry fee: \$10

Prizes: Match Winner \$15

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Upcoming Scholastic Chess Events

January 15, 2005	The Holiday Transition (CSSCS)	Colorado Springs
January 15, 2005	CFJ January Scholastic	Ft Collins
January 29, 2005	Pre-State Warm-up Tournament	Adams City High School
February 5, 2005	Pre-State Endgame (CSSCS)	Colorado Springs
February 5, 2005	CFJ February Scholastic	Ft Collins
February 12-13, 2005	CO Scholastic Championship	Denver
March 12, 2005	CFJ March Scholastic	Ft Collins
March 19, 2005	Boy Scout Troop 574 / CO Army National Guard	Englewood
April 4, 2005	The Series Finale (CSSCS)	Colorado Springs
April 16, 2005	CFJ April Scholastic	Ft Collins
May 14, 2005	CFJ May Scholastic	Ft Collins
June 11, 2005	CFJ June Scholastic	Ft Collins
July 16, 2005	CFJ July Scholastic	Ft Collins

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Registration: 8:30-9:30, Rounds: No Later Than 10, 12:30, 2:15, 4.

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

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com

CSCA Membership Required (\$15, \$10 for Jrs and Seniors); OSA

Springs Fundraiser, April 2, 2005

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/60

Site: Embassy Suites Hotel, 7290 Commerce Ctr. Dr.

Directions: I-25 & Woodmen, 1 block west, then right on Commerce Ctr. Dr.

Sections: Played in sections if entries warrant.

Entry fee: \$20 (\$15 for Jrs, Srs, Unr.), \$2 less if rec'd by March 30.

Prizes: Modest cash prizes per entries. Most of tournament income will go to help Colo State High School Champion and Girls' State Champion attend national championship tournaments.

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 conjunction with Series Finale Scholas-

tic Tournament.

CSCA membership req'd.

CSCA TOUR EVENT

3rd Annual DCC School of Mines Chess Tourney, April 30, 2005

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: Ben Harper Student Center, upstairs. Corner of 16th St & Maple. Parking free in Elm St. lot.

Directions: I-70 west to 6th Ave exit. 6th Ave west (right on 6th) to 19th street. Right on 19th street. East on 19th to Elm street. Left on Elm street. Take Elm street north, the road will curve to the right. Ben Harper Student Center will be on your left.

Open: Open to all USCF and unrated.

Unrated Section: FREE entry. No prize money in this section.

Entry fee: \$10 for DCC members and students/employees of School of Mines. \$13 for all others.

Prizes: B/entries. 1st & 2nd open, 1st & 2nd in these classes: U2000, 1800, 1600, 1400, 1200 and unrated.

Registration: 9:00 - 9:45. on-site registration only, no pre-registration., Rounds: 10:00 am and every hour thereafter except for extra 30 min for lunch between Rnd 2 & 3..

Entries: Paul Grimm

Phone: 720-283-3996

E-mail: grimm_p@msn.com

DCC Grand Prix event. Masters play free (winnings deducted from entry fee)

Tournaments Executive Summary

Aurora Quads	Jan 8 - Feb 26
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