

COLORADO CHESS

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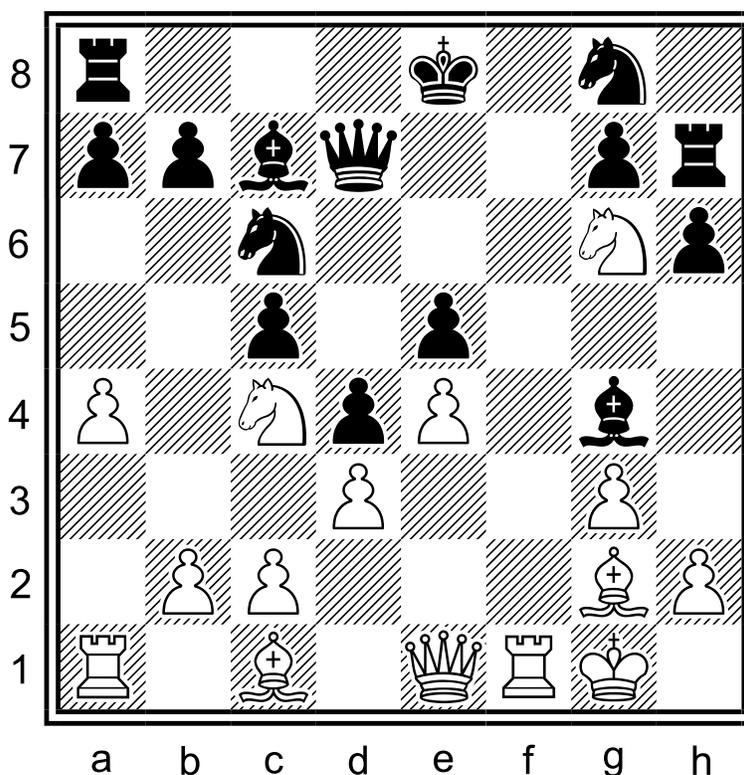
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Quiz: How are Paul Grimm (black in above game) and world champion Vladimir Kramnik alike? Hint: Paul *didn't* go to the bathroom 20 times in this game. (See page 4 for answer.)

ALSO: Players speak their mind about the MonRoi on pg. 16-17!

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**The Passed Pawn
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Greetings Chess Friends,

I'm already repeating on my "editor" pictures?!? Pssh, that's lame, but I've had a really good excuse for not getting a new one out: the holidays!

It's that wonderful time of year again where the holiday activities consume our lives, snow dictates whether we travel for that chess tournament, and we ask Santa once again about getting that DGT chessboard for Christmas. Even as editor, I'm also subject to the short days that December seems to bring with her, and it amazes me why more editor resignations didn't coincide with the January issue. It's definitely a tough one to produce due to all the other things competing with one's time.

Anyway, I'm glad to see that Manny Presicci played in the Colorado Open in September. I **thought** there were other people who played in the same tournament, too, but I haven't seen any other games from anyone else who supposedly went, so I guess I'll just have to assume that any other people I saw at the tournament were just figments of my imagination. :-). But it's not too late! Colorado Open games are often some of the best ones of the year, and I'm still eager to publish any games that came at Colorado's championship event.

Speaking of championship events, Fort Collins and Colorado Springs both held their club championships during the last quarter. At Fort Collins, we had 11 players competing for the title and the responsibility of holding a simultaneous exhibition over the next year. Marcus Petters was able to repeat as club champion, derailing the underdog bid by Klaus Johnson from Boulder. It was exciting to have players from all over the Northern Colorado area for this (although Boulder may not technically qualify as "Northern"). And it appears that DCC even is getting their championship event in before year end! Have a great time, guys; I want to hear about details and crosstables afterwards!

Todd Bardwick has been extra busy this quarter getting a chess event lined up at the Pepsi Center. For a pretty low price, you and even your whole family can listen to a National Master speak on chess, then get treated to an NHL hockey game (with food!). Definitely seems like a really good deal, so I couldn't end this column without giving a plug of my own to this event. Check it out on **page 8** for more details.

I wish you all the best in health and safety this season and hope to see all of you again across the chessboard during the coming year (hopefully down a piece in a lost position). ♞



RJR

A Word from our CSCA President

By CSCA President Dean Brown

At the Colorado Open, the CSCA membership elected officers for 2006-07. They chose a combination of deep experience and promising freshness to provide oversight of CSCA activities for the next 12 months.

This will be my first experience in the President's role, with past experience as the CSCA's Vice President, Treasurer, and Board Member at Large. Propping up my Presidency are two past Presidents of many terms experience, Todd Bardwick (VP) and Richard "Buck" Buchanan (Member-at-Large). Randy Reynolds returns as Secretary and Tom Nelson as Board Member at Large. And fresh leaders are Lee Lahti (Treasurer) and Jacob Zax (Junior Board Member).

Tom Nelson manages the CSCA Scholastic activities. Todd Bardwick and Jacob Zax both have strong interest in maintaining our Scholastic health.

Buck Buchanan, Randy Reynolds, Lee Lahti, and myself are very active in the chess realm as players, directors, club managers, and organizers.

The board is made up of a Master, an Expert, a B-player, 2 C-players, a D-player, and an E-player. The board includes past Colorado Open, Colorado Closed, and Colorado Scholastic Champions, many Colorado Tour Prize and Tour Most Active winners.

Three board members are from the Greater Denver area, two are from the Springs (Colorado and Manitou), and two from the Ft Collins-Loveland area.

This is a very well-rounded board. All are dedicated and vested in maintaining a healthy over-the-board Colorado Chess Scene.

Buck Buchanan and Dean Brown have been elected Colorado's Delegates to the United State's Chess Federation with Brian Wall and Randy Reynolds as the alternates.

We all welcome and appreciate our continuing non-elected volunteers. Randy Reynolds is our current editor of the Colorado Chess Informant. Rick Nelson is our Webmaster, assisted very ably by Mary Nelson. Randy Canney manages our Prison Chess activities and has graciously provided us uncompensated legal advice on many occasions. All CSCA offices/positions are unsalaried...please thank all for their unselfish efforts in support of Colorado chess. We survive through volunteer efforts at all levels of chess organization...club, scholastic, CSCA, and nationally. Your support will greatly help the CSCA Board and volunteers reach our healthy goals.

The goals I delineated in seeking the CSCA President's position were:

1. Revitalization of OTB Chess in recently dormant chess communities. Particularly, I promised to work towards bringing Colorado Tour Events back to Boulder, Greeley, Pueblo, and the West Slope. My job has been made easier by the recent resurrection of chess volunteers in Boulder, Greeley, and Pueblo. The Boulder Chess Club has already held the Boulder Fall Grand Prix tour event in November and has two additional tour events planned for this tour year. I am working with Liz Wood and her organizers to hold a one-day Colorado Tour event, the Pueblo Open, sometime this summer. The University of Northern Colorado Chess club

has expressed interest in a rated tour event in Greeley...I will work with them to see if we can resurrect the Northern Colorado Open. I am offering my assistance to Rick and Mary Nelson to hold the Northwest Colorado Open again this August; I would love to see this eight-time event back on our schedule. I will contact our Four Corner organizers to see if they are interested in holding a weekend chess event somewhere in the Durango, Pagosa, Cortez, Montrose, or Grand Junction area.

2. The extension of my hand to assist the Denver Chess Club (DCC) in any way possible to organize, advertise, and assist in the organization of their future tour events in a timely manner. There is a critical need to advance plan and advertise the DCC tour events. I implore all present, past, and future DCC members to get out and support DCC's advance scheduling efforts and offer your services of sound leadership. A healthy CSCA is predicated on healthy chess within our greatest population center.

3. Continue the support CSCA's loose confederacy with Scholastic Chess and recognize the role and responsibility of parents, students, teachers, coaches, and scholastic organizers to maintain and expand scholastic opportunities. The CSCA board stands ready to assist Scholastic Chess in the limited ways it can. As with adult chess, volunteerism is key to a healthy Scholastic chess scene. The CSCA is maintaining its traditional support of the Colorado Scholastic Closed tournament, support of the Denker and Polgar representative to their national events, sanctioning of the February's Colorado State Scholastic Open tournament and sharing expenses commonly levied on both the CSCA and its Scholastic counterparts.

4. Be open to new chess activities and opportunities. We are exploring interest in having team competitions between clubs within Colorado and state team competitions with neighboring states. I have been approached with ideas concerning different formats of tournaments. Much of the innovation must come from the club level but the board will happily provide bully-pulpit assistance to new efforts.

5. Recognition that there are many different factors that drive participation in Colorado Chess. First among them is the ample opportunity to fairly compete over-the-board in serious competition in suitable environments. Secondly, a welcoming social environment for friends, competitors, and newcomers to the chess scene. Thirdly, the CSCA must be the continuity and the historian of CSCA Chess through the Colorado Chess Informant, the CSCA's webpages (www.colorado-chess.com) and through the maintenance of sanctioned titles.

6. As stated at the Colorado Open, CSCA success will be measured by the level of participation and satisfaction in CSCA-related events. The board will work hard to help provide the Colorado chess community the opportunity to compete...we need your support by voting with your feet by attending and competing in Colorado Tour events and your local club/regional events. It is my hope our efforts will be rewarded in the return to much greater participation in CSCA-related events.

Please pass your concerns, suggestions for improvement, ideas, and frank, critical opinions of Colorado Chess to myself or any of the board members. We need your feedback to make CSCA fit your chess needs!

Come join me, whether in competition or chessic companionship (is chessic a word?!) at the next Colorado chess event.....

Dean Wm Brown, CSCA President. ♔

Western States Open Draws Colorado Participants

At the 24th Western States Open tournament in October held in Reno, Nevada, Colorado had some good representation (even if some of the players we're claiming have already left the state!). Renard Anderson, Tim Brennan, Pete Short, Francisco Baltier, and Paul Grimm all participated in a very competitive field.

Renard played in the Open section, scoring 3 out of 6. Tim played in the very competitive class A section and finished with only 2 points. The great thing, though, was that through a miracle (or maybe through the power of positive thinking?) he is still a class A player, precariously perched right at 1800 exactly. I thought only players hitting their rating floors are given ratings that are a multiple of 100, but I guess not.

In the class B arena, Paul Grimm managed to help knock a couple players back into class C, but he took a few rough poundings of his own to reach 3 out of 6 (see the game to the right for a good example). In the C class section, Pete Short picked up two wins and lost to the eventual champion of his section, then treaded water with 3 straight draws for 3.5 points. And Francisco played a trio of players who all ended up in the top 10 and still managed to grab 2.5 points in the tournament.

It is exciting to see Colorado's participation in these national events. ♖

A Grimm Spectacle

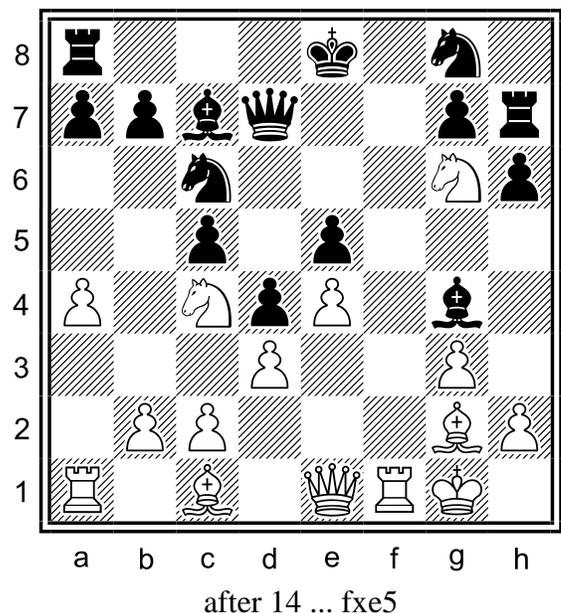
Bravery is a familiar concept to anyone who's played chess. Bravery can be shown in a hotly contested game where you play that queen sacrifice, even though you haven't quite analyzed the last few branches of variations. Bravery can be shown by turning down that draw offer in order to learn more from the endgame, even though it could mean losing the point entirely. But bravery can also be displayed by people like Paul Grimm, who was anxious to share this game from the Western States Open with the readers. Paul did a wonderful Kramnik impression in playing this game. Unfortunately, the element of Kramnik's play Paul chose to impersonate was "missing mate in ones". Enjoy! (And thanks for the submission, Paul!)

W: Blessing, Anthony (1606)

B: Grimm, Paul (1657)

Western States Open (2), Oct. 6th, 2006

1.Nf3 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.Nbd2 Bd6
6.e4 d4 7.0-0 e5 8.Nc4 Bg4 9.Qe1 Bc7 10.Nh4 Qd7
11.a4 h6 12.f4 f6? 13.Ng6 Rh7 14.fxe5 fxe5??
(Diagram) 15.Rf8# 1-0



The Tim Miniature

Tim Brennan couldn't sit and watch Paul grab all the excitement, so he let me publish this game of his from the Western States Open, too. This was a very challenging Danish Gambit game where White managed to keep the king in the center and finally had a crushing attack using the c and d files as the basis of the attack.

Thanks, Tim, for letting us have another glimpse at the fierce competition at the Western States Open!

Are you
having thoughts
like these at night:

What's the best way to balance chess life and family?

OR...

I love hockey and chess. I wish there was some way to combine the two of these into one great night of fun...

If so, head to page 8 for the answers to all your prayers:

**The first Family
Chess Knight!**

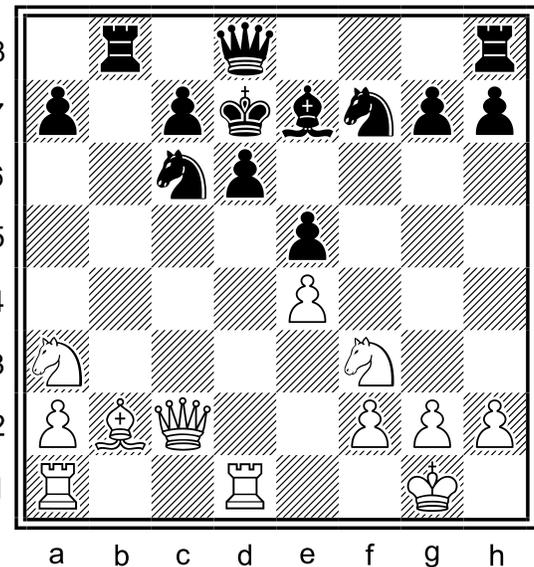
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W: Agarwal,Rohan (1854)

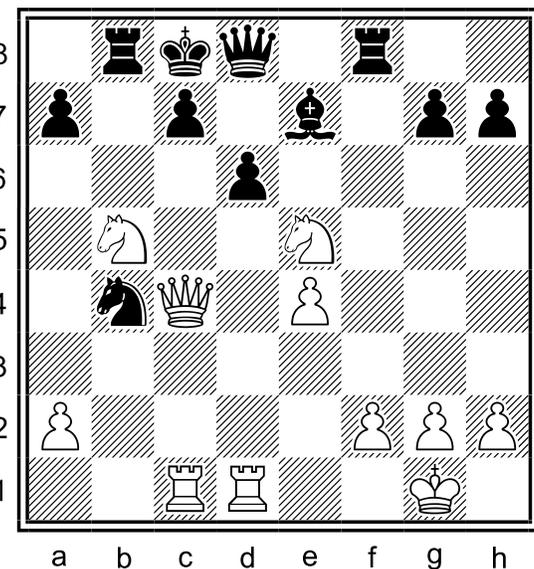
B: Brennan,Tim (1825)

Western States Open (3), Oct. 7th, 2006

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Bc4 cxb2 5.Bxb2 Nc6 6.Nf3 d6 7.Qb3 Be6 8.Bxe6 fxe6 9.Qxb7 Kd7 10.Qb3 Rb8 11.Qc2 e5 12.0-0 Nh6 13.Rd1 Nf7 14.Na3 Be7? (Qe8 seems to hold the monster attack about to happen along the c and d half-open files.) (Diagram)



15.Rac1 Nb4 16.Qc4 Rf8 17.Bxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5+ Kc8 19.Nb5 (Diagram)



Larimer County Open 2006

The 2006 Larimer County Open was held October 14-15th at the Ramada Inn in Fort Collins.

Finally, after putting up with non-wheelchair accessible facilities and no entry on site (Pulliam Community Building), as well as fire-and-brimstone sermons (Plaza Inn, 2005), this was a site that was quiet and easily accessible by all. Of course, I did find a site for the Loveland Open next February that might actually be even nicer (the new Larimer County Fairgrounds, off I-25 and exit 259), so after seeing how well the Loveland Open site plays out, we might be moving yet again!

25 players showed up to play, which is unfortunately the worst attendance LCO has had in its 5 years. Maybe it's all the site hopping, or maybe it's because Chess Life dropped the ball in getting the TLA in an earlier issue. But whatever the reason, it's nice to know there's pretty much nowhere to go but up (I hope..).

Once again, the Open champion was shared by two. Last year, it was Brad Lundstrom and Markus Petters sharing the honor. This year, Brad again scored 4 points, but Larry Wutt managed an upset on him and was able to share in the glory.

In the reserve section, Michael McCabe from Fort Collins came in on his first tournament and won all 5 rounds for the hat trick. He's been practicing at Fort Collins chess club regularly now, and it took a lot of convincing to get him to sign up for this one. Hopefully, after winning this title, it will take a little less coaxing next time to get him to play in rated chess.

Regardless of the low turnout, it was still a great tournament and everyone had lots of fun. I hope to continue this for at least 5 more years as well. Well, enough of this; let's get to the games! ♖

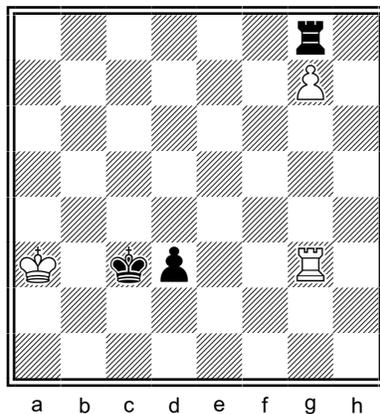
LCO Games

[This game went 89 moves, and it was SOOO entertaining...especially move 64!]

W: Sallade, Jeffrey (607)

B: Mullkin, Tom (1174)

Larimer County Open(4), Oct. 15, 2006
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 Nxe4 5.Nxe4 d5 6.Bxd5 Qxd5 7.Nbc3 Qd8 8.0-0 f5 9.Ng3 Bc5 10.Nce2 g6 11.c3 Qd3 12.Re1 0-0 13.b4 Nxb4 14.Qb3+ Nd5 15.Bb2 Be6 16.Qxb7 Qxd2 17.Rad1 Bxf2+ 18.Kxf2 Qe3+ 19.Kf1 f4 20.Nf5 Qe4 21.Ned4 Ne3+ 22.Nxe3 Qxb7 23.Nxe6 Qa6+ 24.Kg1 Qxe6 25.Nd5 Rad8 26.c4 c6 27.Rxe5 Qxe5 28.Bxe5 cxd5 29.Bc7 Rc8 30.Bd6 Rf5 31.c5 g5 32.Kf2 h5 33.h3 Kf7 34.Rd4 Ke6 35.g4 hxg4 36.hxg4 Rf7 37.a4 Rd7 38.Rb4 Rxd6 39.cxd6 Kxd6 40.Rb7 Rc7 41.Rb8 Rc4 42.a5 Ra4 43.Rg8 Ra5 44.Rxg5 Ke6 45.Kf3 Ra4 46.Rg8 Kf7 47.Rd8 Ke6 48.Rf8 d4 49.Rxf4 Kd5 50.Rf5+ Kc4 51.g5 Ra6 52.Rf6 Ra3+ 53.Kf2 Rh3 54.Rh6 Re3 55.g6 Re8 56.g7 Rg8 57.Rg6 Kc3 58.Ke2 a5 59.Kd1 a4 60.Rg3+ d3 61.Kc1 a3 62.Kb1 Rb8+ 63.Ka2 Rg8 64.Kxa3?? (diagram) I practically fell off my chair seeing this! Kc2??? And I don't put triple question marks just ANYWHERE! Never have I wanted to interfere more in a game than just then...even Kathy was watching in disbelief as the mate-in-one disappeared into the sunset.. 65.Kb4 d2 66.Rc3+ Kd1 67.Rg3 Ke2 68.Rg2+ Ke1 69.Kc3 d1Q 70.Rg1+ Ke2 71.Rxd1 Kxd1 72.Kd4 Rxg7 and did you really want to see a rook/king vs. king checkmate? I've got it on the scoresheet! Yeah, didn't think so.. Congrats, Tom; I never would have published this if you wouldn't have won in the end.. 0-1



after 64. Kxa3??

[I included this next game because it felt like I've been picking on Brad an awful lot in this issue.. Um, sorry, Buck...make it up to you next issue?]

W: Buchanan, Richard (2000)

B: Lundstrom, Brad (1927)

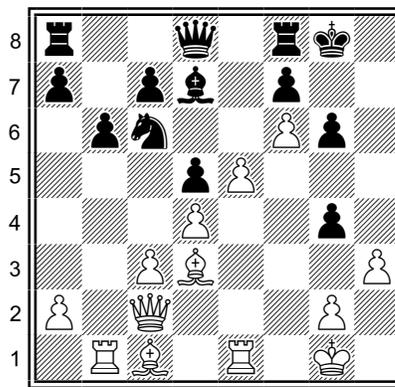
Larimer County Open(5), Oct. 14, 2006
 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Nc6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 Qb6 10.Qd3 Qxb2 11.a4 Qb4 12.Rab1 Qa5 13.Nb3 Qd8 14.Qd2 Ng4 15.Bxg4 Bxg4 16.h3 Be6 17.f5 Bc4 18.Rf3 Ne5 19.Rg3 Bxb3 20.Rxb3 Nc4 21.Qe2 Nxe3 22.Qxe3 Rc8 23.Qxa7 Rc4 24.Qxb7 e6 25.Qa6 Qc7 26.Ne2 Qc5+ 27.Kf1 Rxe4 28.Qd3 Qxf5+ 29.Rf3 Qe5 30.Qb5 Qa1+ 31.Rb1 Qxa4 32.Qd3 Qc4 33.Qd1 Rc8 34.c3 d5 35.Rb4 Qc6 36.Rb3 Rc4 37.Qa1 d4 38.Qa7 dxc3 39.Qxf7+ Kh8 40.Rb7 Rg8 41.Qe7 c2 42.Nc1 Rc3 43.Rxc3 Qxc3 44.Qxe6 Qd2 45.Rxg7 Qxc1+ 46.Kf2 Qf4+ 0-1

[Let's watch the combat between 1st and 2nd place finishers in the reserve...]

W: McCabe, Michael (unr.)

B: Evoniuk, Joey (1262)

Larimer County Open, Oct. 14, 2006
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 d6 5.h3 Be7 6.Re1 0-0 7.c3 Be6 8.d4 exd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.Nc3 Bb4 11.e5 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ne4 13.Qc2 h6 14.Bd3 Ng5 15.Nxg5 hxg5 16.Rb1 b6 17.f4 g4 18.f5 Bd7 19.f6 g6 (diagram)



after 19 ... g6

20.Bh6 [20.Qd2! and black is completely powerless against the upcoming mate on g7!; 20.Bxg6 Ne7 21.Bh7+ Kh8 22.Qd2] 20...Kh7 21.Bxf8 Qxf8 22.hxg4 Bxg4 23.Kf2 Qh6 24.Rh1 Bh5 25.Rh4 Nd8

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Larimer County Open 2006

October 14-15, 2006

Open Section

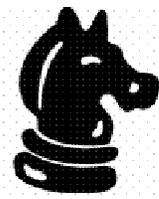
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2	Laurence R Wutt	12745430	1770	1811	W11	W3	H--	W1	D5	4.0
3	Richard Buchanan	10273030	2000	1981	W4	L2	W9	W6	L1	3.0
4	Martin R Abresch	12890748	1681	1680	L3	W11	L6	W8	W7	3.0
5	Shaun Macmillan	10410916	1827	1816	L6	W8	H--	W7	D2	3.0
6	Dean W Brown	10224098	1438	1500	W5	L1	W4	L3	L10	2.0
7	Thomas H Corbett	12417362	1482	1526	W10	W12	L1	L5	L4	2.0
8	Timothy M Fisher	12470788	1579	1589	L1	L5	W10	L4	W11	2.0
9	David S Brunner	12541290	1407	1415	L12	W10	L3	L11	B--	2.0
10	Mark Ayers	12709092	1833	1781	L7	L9	L8	B--	W6	2.0
11	Walter G Schmidt	12546940	1398	1399	L2	L4	H--	W9	L8	1.5
12	Mark L Krowczyk	12496393	1815	1799	W9	L7	U--	U--	U--	1.0

Reserve Section

1	Michael McCabe	13516632	unr.	1662	W6	W3	W2	W7	W5	5.0
2	Joey R Evoniuk	12498883	1262	1314	W11	W5	L1	W8	W3	4.0
3	Edward F Cronin	10408504	1211	1235	W10	L1	W7	W6	L2	3.0
4	Archie E Shipp	12919573	unr	1132	L5	W11	L6	W12	W8	3.0
5	Thomas Mullikin	12905792	1174	1166	W4	L2	D10	W9	L1	2.5
6	Gerald J Maier	12510521	1106	1125	L1	W9	W4	L3	D7	2.5
7	Cory E Foster	12928613	1243	1231	W12	W8	L3	L1	D6	2.5
8	Gary C Crites	12495043	1134	1107	W13	L7	W9	L2	L4	2.0
9	Jeffrey Sallade	13432958	607	650	B--	L6	L8	L5	W11	2.0
10	Ken Johnson	12962213	866	863	L3	B--	D5	L11	D12	2.0
11	Kathy Schneider	12545281	986	940	L2	L4	D12	W10	L9	1.5
12	Gregory Bain	12778293	974	927	L7	L13	D11	L4	D10	1.0
13	Ken Morrison	13516647	unr	1017	L8	W12	U--	U--	U--	1.0



Family Chess Knight With the Colorado Avalanche

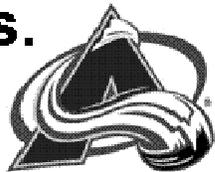


Thursday February 22, 7:00 p.m. @ Pepsi Center

Family chess seminar will start at 6 p.m. in the Avs Elite Ice Lounge.



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Chess Knight family package:

\$27.00 per ticket

(includes a soda and hotdog)

(with every four tickets, receive a \$10 ESPNZone game card)

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DEADLINE TO ORDER TICKETS: Friday, February 16th

Bring the family out to learn about the game of chess from nationally recognized chess master and teacher Todd Bardwick.

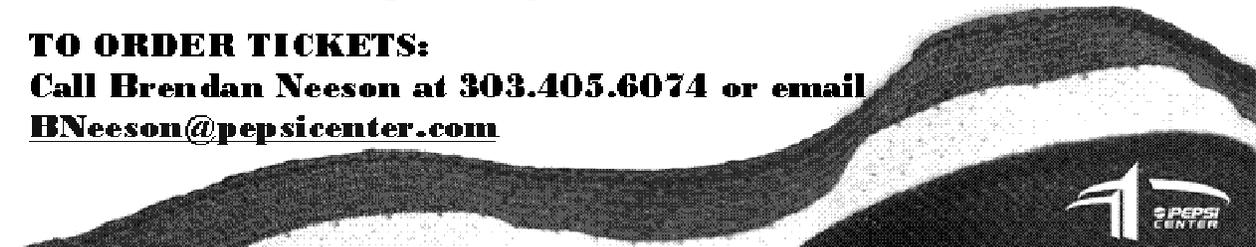
After the seminar, watch the Avalanche take on the division rival Minnesota Wild.

Prizes and give-a-ways will be handed out at the seminar

TO ORDER TICKETS:

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by NM Todd Bardwick

Good Knights and Bad Bishops

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When learning how to play chess, we are all taught that bishops and knights are both worth 3 pawns. This is an amazing coincidence because these pieces are not at all similar. The bishop has long-range powers, but can only touch 32 squares. The knight can touch all 64 squares, but is slow. On an 8x8 chess board, the relative values of these pieces are similar.

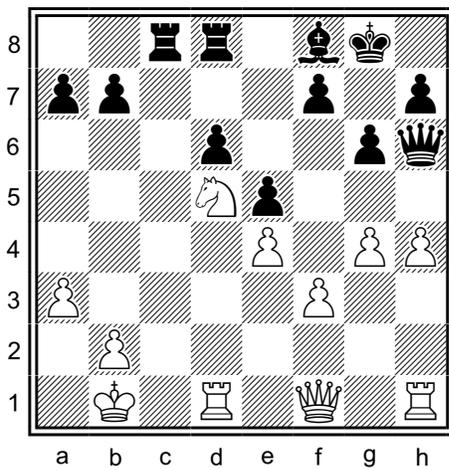
In open positions, bishops tend to be better than knights because they can fully utilize their long-range potential.

In positions with lots of pawns on the board, knights tend to be more valuable because they can jump over the pawns, whereas bishops are restricted because their long-range powers are limited. In this case, the knights are called “good knights” and the bishops are referred to as “bad bishops.”

Also, as a general rule of thumb, you want to keep your pawns off the color of your bishop because they tend to block him in.

In this position from Moscow in 1956, White sacrificed a pawn earlier in this game to get the good knight vs. bad bishop middle-game. Actually, this is more like a great knight vs. a terrible bishop! The knight is on a wonderful outpost square on d5 where he cannot be chased away by a pawn or attacked by the bishop. The Black bishop has to choose to defend either e7 or f6. Boleslavsk demonstrates the awesome power of the knight.

Boleslavsk (White) vs. Lissitzin (Black)

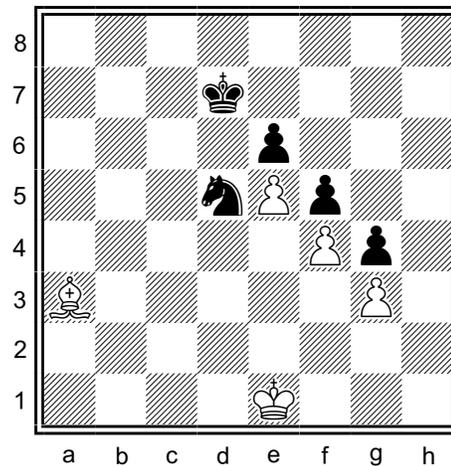


Position after 25.g4

25...g5 White threatened **26.g5 Qg7 27.Nf6+ Kh8 28.h5** threatening both **29.hxg6** and **29.h6** trapping the queen. Note that if the queen moves to h5, the knight will fork the king and queen on f6. **26.hxg5 Qxg5 27.Rh5 Qg6 28.g5! h6 28...Qxh5 29.Nf6+** forking the king and queen **29.Rxh6! Qxg5 29...Bxh6** loses the queen to **30.Ne7+ 30.Rh5! Resigns** Again, Black can't take the rook because of ...Nf6+. After **30...Qg3** or **30...Qg7** and White can play **31.Qh1** with the idea of **32.Rg1** and Black is lost.

Here is different type of position with a bishop and knight imbalance from the 1994 Colorado Closed where the knight dominates even though the bishop has his freedom. Since White's pawns are on the same color as his bishop, the bishop can defend them but cannot use his powers to attack Black's pawns.

Bardwick (2229)



Canney (2329)

51...Nc3 Threatening **52...Ne4** cutting the white king off from defending his g3-pawn. **52.Kf2 Ne4+ 53.Kg2 Kc6** Since Black doesn't have to protect his pawns from the bishop, his king is free to invade White's territory. **54.Be7 Kd5 55.Bd8 Kc4 56.Bc7 Kd3 57.Bb6 Ke2 58.Ba7 Nc3 59.Bb6 Nd1 60.Bd8** If the bishop stays on the g1-a7 diagonal by playing say, **60.Ba7**, then Black wins by playing **60...Ne3+ 61.Kg1 Kf3 62.Bxe3 (62.Bc5 Nd1 63.Kh2 Nc3 and 64...Ne2** wins the g3 pawn) **62...Kxe3 63.Kg2 Ke2 64.Kg1 Kf3 65.Kh2 Kf2** and White is in zugzwang. **60... Ne3+ 61.Kg1 Kf3 62.Bh4 Ng2 63.Kf1 Nxh4 64.Resigns** After **64.gxh4 Kxf4 65.h5 Kxe5**, Black's king is in the square of the h-pawn.

Remember when considering minor piece trades, always look for opportunities to end up with the “good knight” against your opponent's “bad bishop.”

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Manny Presicci Games

Submitted by Manny Presicci

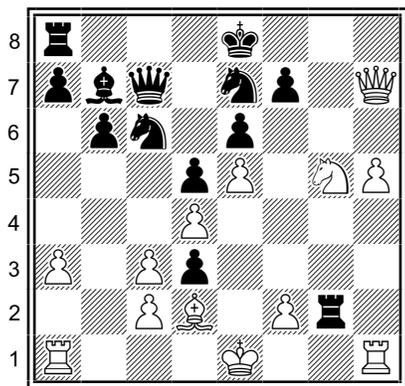
[Ed. note: Thanks to Manny for submitting some (well, all) of his Colorado Open games. They represent a good window of the excitement that happened at the tournament (especially game 2!). I'm sure there are other games out there, no? I'd love to print more of these!]

W: Dasgupta,Samik (1935)

B: Presicci,Manny (1500)

Colorado Open (1), Sept. 2nd, 2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.h4 Qc7 8.Bd2 b6 9.h5 Bb7 10.Bd3 Nbc6 11.Qg4 c4 12.Qxg7 Rg8 13.Qxh7 cxd3 14.Nf3 Rxxg2 15.Ng5 (Diagram) Rxxg5! 16.Bxxg5 Nxd4 17.Qxd3 Qxe5+ 18.Be3 Nf3+ 19.Kd1 Nf5 20.h6 Nxe3+ 21.fxe3 Ke7 22.h7 Rh8 23.Ke2 Ng5 24.Rag1 Ne4 25.Qd4 Ba6+ 26.Ke1 Qf5 27.Rh2 Rxxh7 28.Rxxh7 Qf2+ 0-1



after 15. Ng5

W: Hughes,Tyler (2195)

B: Presicci,Manny (1500)

Colorado Open (2), Sept. 2nd, 2006

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 e6 6.Nf3 d6 7.a3 Nc6 8.Bd3 g6 9.0-0 Bg7 10.Re1 0-0 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 dxe5 13.dxe5 Qc7 14.Bf4 Rd8 15.Qe2 b6 16.Rad1 Bb7 17.h4 Na5 18.h5 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Qxc3 20.hxxg6 hxxg6 21.Re3 Nc4 22.Bxxg6 Rxd1+ 23.Qxd1 Nxe3 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Qd7+ Kf8 26.Qd6+ Ke8 27.Qxe6+

Kd8 28.Qg8+ Kc7 29.Qxxg7+ Kc6 30.Qf6+ Kb5 31.Bxe3 Rc8 32.Qd6 Ka6 33.g3 Rh8 34.Qd1 Qc6 35.Qe2+ Kb7 36.f3 Qc3 37.a4 Qa1+ (Diagram)

[Ed. note: Lost on time, but won game..] 1-0

W: Presicci,Manny (1500)

B: Lundstrom,Brad (1927)

Colorado Open (3), Sept. 3rd, 2006

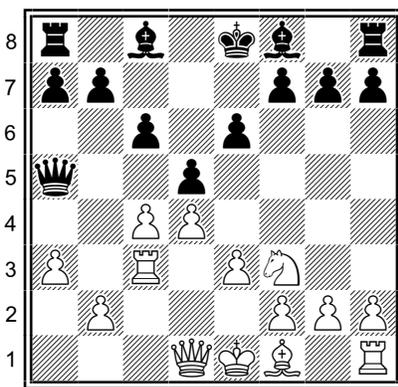
1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 e6 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd4 Nc6 7.a3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 f5 12.Qc2 Bb7 13.Rd1 Qc7 14.Bf4 Na5 15.c4 Rac8 16.Rdc1 Bxf3 17.gxf3 Qb7 18.Qe2 Nb3 19.c5 Nxd4 20.Qe3 Nxf3+ 21.Kf1 Bxc5 22.Rxc5 Rxc5 23.Rb1 Qd5 0-1

W: Brown,Devon (1853)

B: Presicci,Manny (1500)

Colorado Open (4), Sept. 3rd, 2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.Bxf6 Nxf6 8.a3 Ne4 9.Rc1 Nxc3 10.Rxc3 (diagram)



a b c d e f g h

10. ... Bxa3 11.Nd2 Bb4 12.Rc2 Bd7 13.Be2 c5 14.0-0 0-0 15.cxd5 Bxd2 16.Rxd2 Ba4 17.b3 Bxb3 18.Qc1 Bxd5 19.dxc5 Rac8 20.Rc2 Rc6 21.f3 Rfc8 22.e4 Bb3 23.Rb2 Rxc5 24.Qf4 e5 25.Qg3 Qc3 26.Rbb1 Qe3+ 27.Qf2 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Rc3 29.Rb2 a5 30.Bd1 Bc4 31.Re1 b5 32.Re3 Rxe3 33.Kxe3 Rd8 34.Be2 Bxe2 35.Kxe2 Rb8 36.Kd3 Kf8 37.Kc3 Ke7 38.Rd2 Rd8 39.Ra2 Ra8 40.Rd2 Rc8+ 41.Kb3 a4+

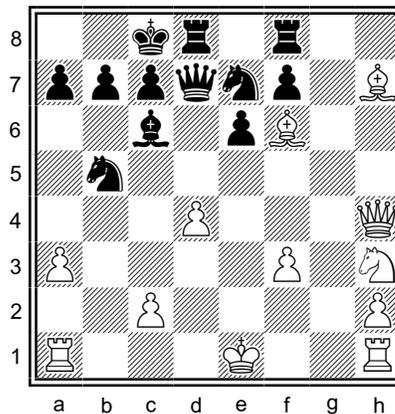
42.Kb4 Rb8 43.Ra2 Ke6 44.Rd2 f6 45.Rc2 Rb7 46.h3 Ra7 47.Kxb5 a3 48.Ra2 Kd6 49.Rd2+ Ke6 50.Ra2 h5 51.Kb4 Kd6 52.Rd2+ Kc6 53.Rc2+ Kb6 54.Ra2 h4 55.Kc4 Kc6 56.Kb4 Kb6 57.Kc4 Ra4+ 58.Kc3 Kc5 59.Kb3 Kb5 60.Kc3 g5 1/2-1/2

W: Towbin,Steve (2024)

B: Presicci,Manny (1500)

Colorado Open (5), Sept. 4th, 2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.f3 Bd7 7.Bc4 Bc6 8.Qe2 Nd7 9.Bf4 Ngf6 10.Nh3 exf3 11.gxf3 Nb6 12.Bd3 Nfd5 13.Bg5 Nxc3 14.Qe5 Qd5 15.Qxxg7 Rf8 16.Qf6 Qd7 17.Bxxh7 Nbd5 18.Qh6 Ne7 19.Qh4 Nb5 20.Bf6 0-0-0 (Diagram) 21.Bxe7 Nxd4 22.0-0-0 Bxf3 23.Bxd8 Bxd1 24.Bf6 Ne2+ 25.Kb2 1-0



after 20 ... 0-0-0

W: Presicci,Manny (1500)

B: Talmadge,Garrick (1656)

Colorado Open (6), Sept. 4th, 2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxxg7 Rg8 9.Qh6 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.cxd4 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Qc3+ 13.Qd2 Qxa1 14.f4 Bd7 15.Nb3 Qb1 16.Bd3 Ba4 17.Bxxh7 Rg7 18.Nc5 Rxxg2 19.Qxxg2 Qxc1+ 20.Kf2 Qxf4+ 21.Qf3 Qh4+ 22.Kf1 Qxxh7 23.Nxa4 Qxc2 24.Nc3 Rc8 25.Ne2 Qf5 26.Qxf5 Nxf5 27.Kf2 Rc2 28.h4 Rxe2+ 29.Kf3 Re3+ 30.Kf2 Rxa3 31.Rb1 Rh3 32.Rxxb7 Rxxh4 33.Rxa7 0-1

Winter Springs Open: December 2-3, 2006

June Section

1	Renard Anderson	10229391	2232	2241	W6	W5	W3	W2	4.0
2	Jason Check	12696635	1742	1826	W4	W10	W8	L1	3.0
3	Tyler Hughes	12799460	2176	2175	W9	W8	L1	W5	3.0
4	Randy Canney	10407443	2233	2221	L2	H--	W7	W8	2.5
5	DuWayne Langseth	11197175	1806	1812	W7	L1	W9	L3	2.0
6	Kyle Leeds-Tilley	13212071	1710	1707	L1	L9	W10	D7	1.5
7	Reuben Sbarge	13252501	1371	1419	L5	W11	L4	D6	1.5
8	Paul Anderson	12728345	1885	1871	W11	L3	L2	L4	1.0
9	Bill Weihmiller	12515063	1684	1684	L3	W6	L5	L10	1.0
10	Richard Buchanan	10273030	2000	1975	U--	L2	L6	W9	1.0
11	Anthea Carson	12614322	1638	1610	L8	L7	H--	U--	0.5

July Section

1	James McKenna	12548740	1750	1782	W10	W6	W5	W2	4.0
2	Paul Grimm	12461913	1653	1664	W9	W12	W6	L1	3.0
3	Evan Wright	12563327	1438	1501	L5	W9	W11	W7	3.0
4	Philip Meyer	12835697	1417	1460	L7	B--	W10	W5	3.0
5	Gordon Randall	12862113	1725	1706	W3	W7	L1	L4	2.0
6	Joe Fromme	12532662	1648	1637	W8	L1	L2	W9	2.0
7	Nathan Stark	12504691	1573	1565	W4	L5	W8	L3	2.0
8	Dean Brown	10224098	1420	1423	L6	W13	L7	B--	2.0
9	Gerry Sunderland	12559917	1429	1400	L2	L3	B--	L6	1.0
10	Renae Delaware	12913218	1453	1446	L1	W11	L4	U--	1.0
11	Walter Schmidt	12546940	1400	1395	W13	L10	L3	U--	1.0
12	Robert Rountree	12937640	1202	1199	B--	L2	U--	U--	1.0
13	Tom Corbett	12417362	1548	1505	L11	L8	U--	U--	0.0

August Section

1	Corey Chambers	12778761	1208	1281	W5	H--	W6	W3	3.5
2	Larry Wells	12606425	1253	1243	W7	W9	L3	D4	2.5
3	Mike Filppu	12915820	1256	1266	W10	H--	W2	L1	2.5
4	Tom Mullikin	12905792	1187	1169	L9	W8	W5	D2	2.5
5	Gary Frenzel	12528565	1016	1006	L1	B--	L4	W9	2.0
6	Fred Eric Spell	12835115	1189	1171	D8	H--	L1	W10	2.0
7	Russel Stark	13185723	1052	1073	L2	W10	W9	U--	2.0
8	Ken Johnson	12962213	853	852	D6	L4	L10	B--	1.5
9	Kathy Schneider	12545281	807	828	W4	L2	L7	L5	1.0
10	Jerry Maier	12510521	1095	1050	L3	L7	W8	L6	1.0

The Revitalization of Fort Collins Scholastic Chess

Fort Collins was busy in the chess scene November 11th as 70 students from Poudre School District and other schools came to participate in a CSU Scholastic Invitational tournament. It was held in one of Colorado State University's ballrooms and had a good turnout. One rated section was used for the 14 USCF rated players who participated, along with unrated sections for K-3, 4th grade, 5th grade, and 6-12th grade for a grand total of 5 sections. 40 trophies were handed out, which added to the positive excitement of the players during the tournament.

This tournament is part of a series of scholastic events to be held in Northern Colorado to revitalize their scholastic chess program. This is their first tournament of the 2006-07 scholastic year, and it was organized by Michael Kirby, a CSU professor. The head TD was Tom Nelson, and local TDs Bob Grant and Randy Reynolds assisted in the proceedings.

The next tournament for scholastic Fort Collins will be held January 13th. Unfortunately, for insurance is-

sues, it appears it will only be available for kids attending a Poudre School District (Fort Collins) school. But there are plans for future tournaments available to all kids in the state. So keep checking webpage: <http://www.colorado-chess.com/scholast/schtour.shtml>

for future scholastic tournaments to come in a Northern Colorado area near you! ♖

Here are the top final standings for the rated section of the CSU Scholastic Invitational (5 rounds):

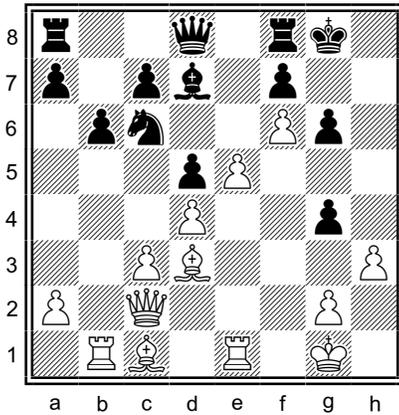
1st	Ryan Snodgrass	4.5
2nd	Aaron Lear	4.0
3rd	David Bocek	3.5
4th	Kyle Cooksey	3.0
5th	Ze-Hong Ong	3.0
6th	Christian Fahrenbruck	3.0



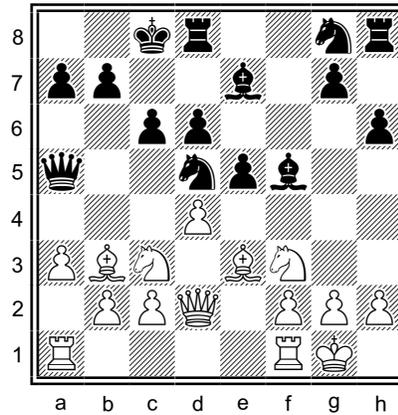
Scholastic players at the Colorado State University Scholastic Invitational concentrate on their games. *Photo by Michael Kirby.*

Tactics Time!

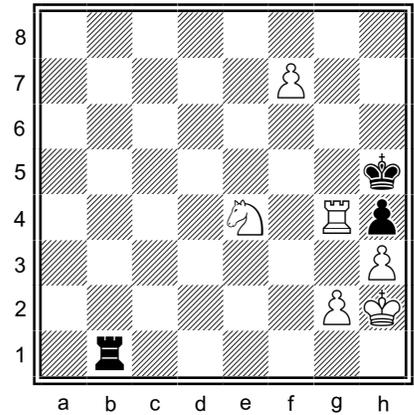
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following from recent games played in Colorado. Answers below



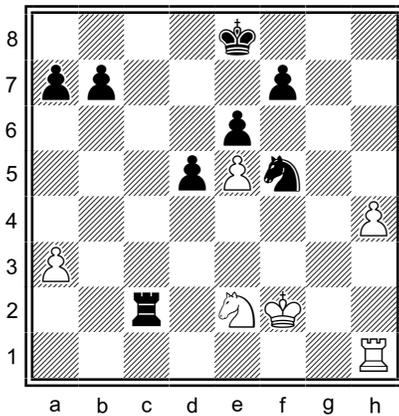
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Larimer County Open, 10/15/06
White to Move



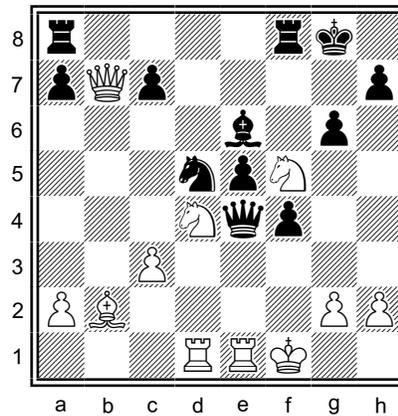
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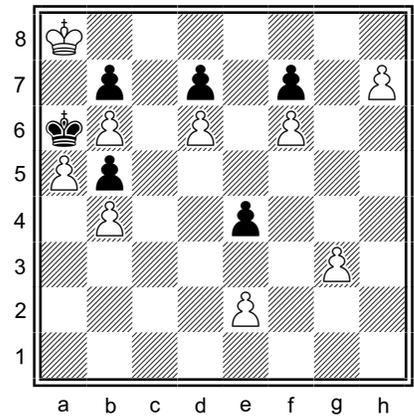
3. Cory Foster - Jerry Maier
Larimer County Open, 10/15/06
White to Move



4. Manny Presicci - Garrick Talmage
Colorado Open, 9/4/06
Black to Move



5. Jeff Sallade - Tom Mullikin
Larimer County Open, 10/15/06
Black to Move



6. Ryan McCracken (New Mexico)
Original Composition
White to Move and Mate in 10

Answers:

1. Michael went for Bh6 to get up the exchange. Even Bxg6 looks promising. But **Qd2!!** makes the queen checkmate at g7 inevitable without very heavy losses for black. A quiet move worth its weight in gold!
2. White started out all right here with **1. Nxd5 Qxd2**. But the knight gets a desperado in-between move with **2. Nxe7+!** and wins a piece after **2. ... Nxe7** **3. Bxd2**. Taking the queen right back misses out on the opportunity.
3. Man, I hate picking on Cory again, but this is exactly why promotion to queen should not be automatic. Out of force of habit, Cory played f8(Q)? and Jerry forced the stalemate with Rh1+. **f8(R)** wins, along with many others.
4. Garrick forces the king to the forking spot: **1. Rxe2+! Kxe2** **2. Ng3+** to get a knight up. In the actual game, Rxe2+ was met with king moving somewhere, but the knight was still lost.
5. It's a complicated position, but the big threat comes with **1. ... Ne3+** **2. somethingxN Qxb7**. Even more can be picked up depending on how white takes the e3 knight, but the big prize is definitely the queen.
6. This is a great instructional problem by Ryan McCracken from New Mexico. (yeah, yeah, New Mexico isn't technically Colorado, but it's close enough, and did I say this is a cool puzzle?) The mate in 10 becomes easy once you realize the real challenge is to keep giving black moves to avoid stalemate! **1. h8(N) e3** **2. Ng6 fxg6** **3. f7 g5** **4. f8(N) g4** **5. Ne6** (seeing the pattern yet?) **dxe6** **6. d7 e5** **7. d8(N) e4** **8. Nc6 bxc6** **9. b7 c5** **10. b8(N)#**

Chess Mazes: The En Prise Vaccine

A Book Review by Randy Reynolds

For beginning players and especially scholastic players, one of the greatest accomplishments in their chess career is to play a streak of games where a piece cannot be taken for free, or *en prise*. Obviously, this behavior of dropping pieces happens more often in time pressure, and the last 5 minutes of time control can turn even the greatest veterans of the game into piece dropping novices, as I've seen time and time again.

So where is the cure for this ill? What is the point of reading book after book on tactics if the rook you won through a cleverly constructed fork gets nullified by dropping a rook of your own 2 moves later? Why study positional strategy and fine craft a positional lead of +1 pawn if you forget to guard a pawn 3 moves later?

Fortunately, Bruce Alberston created the perfect way to train in visualization and avoiding leaving pieces *en prise*. Published over two years ago, Chess Mazes is a fun series of puzzles perfect for when you've grown tired of solving that millionth tactical problem. His rules for the bishop, knight, and rook mazes are simple: Your job is to put the enemy king in check with your single white piece. The black pieces do not move, so you have as many turns as you need to accomplish this feat. The only restriction is that you cannot place your piece on a square where it can be taken by the enemy. Oh, and for full credit, only the quickest and most efficient solution is acceptable.

Like the recent Sudoku puzzle craze, the simplicity of the rules draws one in. But also like Sudoku, there is a lot of complexity contained in the simple rules. Some puzzles had me circling my bishop around the enemy king like a vulture until the bishop finally had a safe place to land. After only one puzzle, I could tell that my visualization skills were being augmented, as it takes a careful eye to avoid

the controlling squares of the opposing pieces. The more of these puzzles that are solved, the quicker one will be able to discover what is safe and what is unsafe in a real chess game.

For those looking for a greater challenge than just moving a single piece around attack free until it checks the king, the 2nd half might be more of your style. This time, queens, pawns, and even kings are used as the "maze piece", the piece that moves around without putting itself in danger. But this time, checkmate is the goal. Any checks allowed before reaching this goal are disallowed, which bring a new level of complexity to the game. However, this complexity seems to have outfoxed even the author, as I found at least one problem in this section that could be solved 2 moves faster than listed in the answer section. There may be others as well. In addition, these mazes aren't quite as practical as the bishop, rook, and knight ones (how often is your king going to move around at will knocking out pieces like a secret agent in hopes of getting a checkmate?). In contrast, there will be many times where it will be important to know what the enemy pieces control when moving a piece to a certain square. Thus, I find the second half of the book more gimmicky than practical for chess tutoring. But, like Sam Lloyd's famous chess puzzles where there's a mate in 2 in a strange position that would NEVER happen in a real game, there is still entertainment merit in these problems.

Solving the puzzles of Chess Mazes can obviously build up some bad habits as well, the most obvious of which is not considering your opponent's responses to your moves. Chess is never played in a vacuum, so part of the game is learning how to balance your ideas and attacks while thwarting your opponent's advances. If you're looking for these kinds of skills, Chess Mazes will leave you



empty, for you will find very few moves for black in this tome.

Nevertheless, Chess Mazes is a wonderful book that teaches that, in chess, it doesn't always matter where the pieces stand. It matters what they control. This book will definitely increase your visibility and planning over the chess board and will reduce those silly errors that sometimes creep up in play. Should you buy it? Think back to the last game where you dropped a piece for nothing. If it was recent, the answer is yes. If you really can't remember, then maybe your days of *en prise* are long gone and this will be more of a fun little activity related to chess, rather than something that will actually improve your game.

3 stars out of 5.

(I have also learned that the sequel, Chess Mazes 2: Short King Mazes is due out in January. If these are really mazes with the king as the active piece, I suspect this will be similar to the 2nd half of Chess Mazes, good but not great. But definitely worth keeping an eye out for it.) ♚

HUMOR

by Paul "Louie" Anderson

We're Gonna Finally Get This Right...

OK, this humor section I've tried adding to the Informant has gone over like a lead balloon, hasn't it? I'm finding that trying to comically satisfy the diverse group of chess players we have in Colorado means I have to try to book the chess equivalents of Bob Newhart and Chris Rock all at the same time.

BUT I feel confident that we finally have a turning point in these new jokes from Paul Anderson. He has carefully crafted some good jokes aimed at all the segments of the chess community, so now we can all get offended together! Yay! No, just kid-

ding... I can tell that these are all perfectly tasteful, because Paul's done the one thing that I haven't -- field testing! That's right; most of these were already voted on by chess players just like yourself (from his cs_chess mailing list) and got great reviews, so if this batch of jokes upset you, you'll have to get mad at not only Paul and I, but also our crack team of experts, too.

So, without further ado, I give you: How to tell if you are bad at chess, and the flip side, How to tell if you are a chess master!

How to tell if you are bad at chess:

If you have ever received handicap plates because of diagonal blindness, you might be bad at chess.

If you ask your opponents to pinpoint where you went wrong and they all say, "Immediately after you started the clock", you might be bad at chess.

If you order score sheets and the only "circle correct result" choice is "YOU LOST", you might be bad at chess.

If your idea of a sacrifice is loaning out your clock, you might be bad at chess.

If the last time you found a line that had any success it was while you were fishing, you might be bad at chess.

If you announce "Mate in 1" several times during one game, you just might be bad at chess.

If the spectators always seem to laugh after you move the pieces, you might be bad at chess.

If every time your opponents drop a minor piece Fritz scores you as slightly worse, you might be bad at chess.

If you have ever recorded an entire game before you noticed the board was backwards, you might be bad at chess.

How to tell if you are a chess master:

If you have ever beaten one opponent 28 times to gain 3 rating points, you might be a chess master.

If you go to bingo and cringe when g4 is called, you might be a chess master.

If you have ever cursed at someone because the kings he was talking about play basketball, you just might be a chess master.

If you can't remember the name of any opponent rated lower than 2200, you might be a chess master.

If your idea of reading the funnies is looking at games from the reserve section, you just might be a chess master.

If you know how to pronounce Alekhine, you might be a chess master.

If you use LM and NM more often than AM and PM, you just might be a chess master.

If your dreams involve Abraham Lincoln, a beaver, and a deep sea diver, you might be a chess master.

If your favorite movies are The Luzhin Defense and Searching For Bobby Fischer because the main characters seem so normal, you might be a chess master.

If you have ever had a goal to knock someone out of his expert rating, you just might be a chess master.

Opinions

by Tim Brennan

Monroi – The iPod of Chess

I was very happy to see that the USCF finally decided to not allow players to write down their move before playing it, just as FIDE did last year. The purpose of a score sheet is to record the game that was played, not to record the thoughts going through a person's head. Just as the score keeper of a baseball game would not assume that Barry Bonds is about to hit a homerun and mark it down in the score book, then scratch it out if he is wrong, a chess player should only be writing down what happens during a game.

I personally have played dozens of players who write down a move, scratch it out, and then make another move. Often they repeat this process several times. It provides them with scratch paper to organize their thoughts. I have even seen players write out variations or forced sequences on their score sheet. I do like it, however, when the opponent does not cover up their moves, so that I have a little extra time to think about what they are going to play. But I can't stand the players who cover up their moves like they are guarding an Area 51 autopsy report.

I personally am excited about the new Monroi technology. As a former editor of the Colorado Chess Informant, I can tell you that most score sheets contain errors on them. Many are impossible to read. Some contain personalized notation that is a hybrid of Descriptive, Algebraic and Martian. Some are not even in English. Moves are often vague like Re1, instead of Rfe1 or Rae1. I have also had people falsely accuse me of not making the time control when their score sheets are messed up. If everyone used a Monroi device, then most, if not all, of these errors could be eliminated.

Of course, we are never going to reach a point in the near future where everyone is going to be using such a device. There will always be people who rely on paper and pencil, and resist technology. Then there

will be the people in Weird Al's "white and nerdy" video, like me, who love it. There will always be the "early adopters" of any technology. These are the people who bought the first laserdisc players, and Apple Newtons. If these people didn't exist there would never be any need for technological advances, and we would still be living in the middle ages.

But luckily we live in a society that lives for technological advances. People always want a bigger High def plasma 3-D large screen TV to watch "Everyone Loves Raymond" reruns, a 900 gigapixel digital camera with more colors the eye can see, an iPod the size of a postage stamp with 100 terabytes of memory, and a razor thin cell phone that works in Antarctica. And we will pay good money for them!

We fear that which we do not understand.

I applaud the USCF for trying to keep up with technology, even if this means changing the rules. Their website has become much improved. Tournament Directors can now submit ratings online, and events can be rated within hours. However most people are very slow to adopt this technology, and still like to do things "the good old fashioned way". When you check the USCF webpage for tournaments submitted you still see things like "Submitted on paper: Major Errors Present", which means that it will probably be a few more weeks or months before the event will be rated. You will also see tournaments that were submitted online, and rated within hours. If the technology had been used with the paper ratings it would have been cheaper, faster, and more efficient. Technology, including the Monroi, is a GOOD thing for everyone.

The only bad thing about actually using a Monroi at a tournament is that you will have all of the cavemen with their analog clocks and descriptive notation complaining to the TD that you are cheating with your computer dothingy.

We fear that which we do not understand.



by Todd Bardwick

Monroi and Todd's Technological Trip Through Time

Closing in on midnight at the Tournament Directors meeting for the 2006 Elementary School Nationals, I leaned over and whispered to Mary Nelson, "What is this MonRoi thing that they are talking about?"

Flash back to 1978. One of the classic instructional chess books of all time, Kotov's *Think Like a Grandmaster*, was published. Kotov suggests what I believe is the most important piece of practical advice given to the tournament chess player...Blumenfeld's Rule.

Blumenfeld's Rule says that after you have considered all the candidate moves and gone along all the branches of the analysis tree, write the move down on your score sheet before playing it. Then double-check it for obvious mistakes...Are any of your pieces *en prise*? Is there a mate in one or two? Is there anything obvious that you have missed? The purpose of Blumenfeld's Rule is to tear yourself away from the distant future of the position you just analyzed and look at the board again through fresh eyes.

This simple blunder check will save you countless games. Kotov claimed that the great majority of the world's best players use Blumenfeld's Rule. If it is useful for them, it is even more useful for us mere mortals.

Flash forward to the 1990's. The personal computer becomes the most influential invention in society since the automobile and the television set. Today it is hard to imagine the world before the computer. Remember back in the days of manual typewriters when you had to do special "pinky curls" at the gym to try to gain enough strength to type an "a" or a "s;" on the keyboard? For us old-timers, chess notation used to be a little more complicated...we used the old descriptive notation where you had to flip-flop back and forth.

Flash forward again to 2006. Every chess player has a home computer, and many spend countless hours in front of it on a daily basis.

Enter the MonRoi. My first thought at the TD meeting was, "Why would a parent buy one

of these for a kid instead of having the child learn the very basic algebraic notation language of reading and writing chess?"

What type of parent wouldn't want their kid to learn to read and write with good penmanship, instead of giving them a machine to do it for them?

I have no problems with technological advances, but I do have a BIG problem when technology actually influences changes in the rules of chess.

What is the primary purpose of the Canadian company that produces MonRois? To sell MonRois and make a profit. I have no problem with that, it is what America and the free enterprise system is all about.

The MonRoi people must think chess players are lazy fools who have difficulty counting to eight!

The MonRoi is an expensive chess-recording device where the player uses a stylus to trace out the move. Because the MonRoi would reject illegal moves and the player would get to see a future position by "writing" his move down first on the MonRoi, players using a MonRoi are required to make the move on the board first, before entering it into the device.

What is the major obstacle toward getting the greatest number of chess players to purchase such a device (besides the price!)?... Blumenfeld's Rule.

So what is a company to do? That is easy: try to eliminate Blumenfeld's Rule from tournament play. Now in order to do this, we need to come up with a reason as to why Blumenfeld's Rule should be eliminated. Hmm...that is a tough one. How about this: writing the move down before making it is note taking?

I don't buy this argument in the least, but let's say I concede the point and assume that

it is note taking. I would actually love it if my opponent were required to actually take notes during the game. Masters need to be able to sort out complicated variations quickly in their head...or they wouldn't be masters. If a master was required to take notes during the game, it would be a horrific waste of time...and he would surely be in time pressure later on. Hey, if I could force him to take notes, I'd run out and buy him a notepad and a pencil...while my clock is running!

USCF Rule 15A (see page 11 of the October 2006 CCI), disallowing writing down the move first before playing it, will go into effect January 1, 2007. This rule change is enough to make you wonder if the USCF Rules Committee is getting kickbacks from the MonRoi people.

Oh well, there are plenty of stupid laws in society that we are forced to obey. So how do we get around this one?

I floated an idea to comply with the new rule and keep Blumenfeld's Rule alive and well in the thought process to a friend who is one of the top level TD's in the nation, who, in turn, forwarded it to the USCF Rules Committee. The Rules Committee had no comment or complaint (or possibly they didn't take the suggestion seriously!).

So the idea appears to be okay. Here it is: at the time during Kotov's thought process where you used to do Blumenfeld's Rule, turn your pen over and pretend to write the move down, clearly and carefully, so that you tear yourself away from the position that you have just studied in depth, and then double check your move, as Kotov suggests. If the move has a problem, re-analyze, and then re-check it, again pretending to write it down as before. Continue to double check until you are confident that there are no obvious blunders and this is the move you want to play. Then make the move and write it down for real on your score sheet. Who can accuse you of note taking, when you actually aren't writing anything down?!

It is probably safe to say that tournament chess players are of higher than average intelligence. Algebraic chess notation is a simple application of the x,y coordinate plane that you were taught in third grade. Anyone who can figure out how the "horsey" moves

shouldn't have too much trouble writing his move down. The MonRoi people must think chess players are lazy fools who have difficulty counting to eight! Is this really so difficult a task that you need electronic assistance? If so, you should probably drop chess and take up tic-tac-toe. I wonder if there will be a MonRoi for the players of that game who have trouble counting to three?

Another problem I see with MonRoi, especially in regards to scholastic players, is that now the student doesn't even have to learn how to record their games and learn how to read and write chess...the MonRoi does this basic and important task for them. As a responsible chess educator, I feel very strongly about not straying from teaching the fundamentals (reading, writing, arithmetic, penmanship) as they relate to chess.

Since MonRois are probably here to stay, it is only fair that to submit some new definitions to Webster for the next dictionary.

Mon-Roi (män'roy) n. 1. an electronic chess scoring device for mentally-challenged chess players who flunked third grade math multiple times. 2. an aid to those with difficulty counting to eight and/or problems with the first eight letters of the alphabet. 3. a corporate philosophy that an above-average intelligent segment of the population will spend hundreds of dollars for a device that performs a simple function capable of certain kindergartners.

mon-roid (män'royd) v. to be scammed out of a large sum of money for an electronic device that performs a simple task capable of most elementary school children.

mom-roi (mäm'roy) n. a human female who keeps score for their offspring at a chess tournament. ♀

Thank you SOO much for the great opinions, guys! Regardless of where you fall in the debate, you have to concede they are both great writers!

What's the next big opinion? See next page! -- RSR

Opinions

**Denver Chess Club:
The Sleeping Giant**

An editorial by Randy S. Reynolds

My first suspicions arose during the Colorado Springs Denker/Polgar Fundraiser tournament last July. As a part of the announcements, I was informed that DCC was planning a Denker/Polgar Fundraiser of their own next Saturday. This surprised me; I was editor of the Colorado Chess Informant. I was supposed to be the eyes and ears of the Colorado chess community. How did this tournament somehow blindside me?

But apparently, I wasn't the only one surprised by this last minute announcement. Indeed, only 12 people showed up at DCC's tournament, 8 of which were at the Springs tournament and probably first heard of it the same day I did. The #1 seed in the DCC tournament was rated 1653. Before this tournament is viewed as an anomaly, consider the attendance of the last few Denver Opens, DCC's premier event, shown in the graph at the bottom. Clearly, it's a trend that cannot long continue.

The disquieting lull in DCC is not only affecting the Denver Open. The Larimer County Open experienced a low of 25 people, and I lumped the attendance into 3 groups: Fort Collins/Northern Colorado, Colorado Springs, and... people from outside the state! That's right; somehow the Larimer County Open attracted more people from New Mexico, Wyoming and California than from Denver (which I think I counted 3 participants). I think the Winter Springs Open can also quote similar statistics.

It's surprising because club's own participation

still seems decent. In any given month, 40-50 players show up on the local club's rated tournaments, which is entirely consistent with participation in 2003 and 2004. But this independent attitude, playing only in their own club tournaments, hurts Colorado chess in general. Indeed, there is and should be no "T" in Denver Chess Club.

Denver Chess Club holds perhaps the most vital link in continued Colorado chess vitality. Colorado Springs and Fort Collins/Loveland (and now Boulder) can hold their own tournaments, but holding a tournament in the capital city has a way of bringing everyone together. It's why the Regis Jesuit Grand Prix tournaments have instantly taken off, rivaling (and even surpassing) attendance at well established Colorado Tour events. It's no coincidence that the biggest tournament of the year, the Colorado Open, is held in Denver every year, and that all recent CSCA board meetings have congregated somewhere in Denver. The capital city is obviously the key for any meaningful unification.

But there has definitely been many forgotten tournaments throughout 2006. Long gone is the Halloween tournament (and a chance to see Brian Wall in Friar attire (hey, that rhymes!)) as well as the King Hunt Class tournament. Even the May Daze tournament was not to be found in 2006 after being held for 3 consecutive years. The recent dropping of so many DCC-sponsored events is especially discouraging for those who purchased DCC memberships for the intent of getting discounts when attending these events. How can DCC expect such members to renew with such a dearth of events on the horizon?

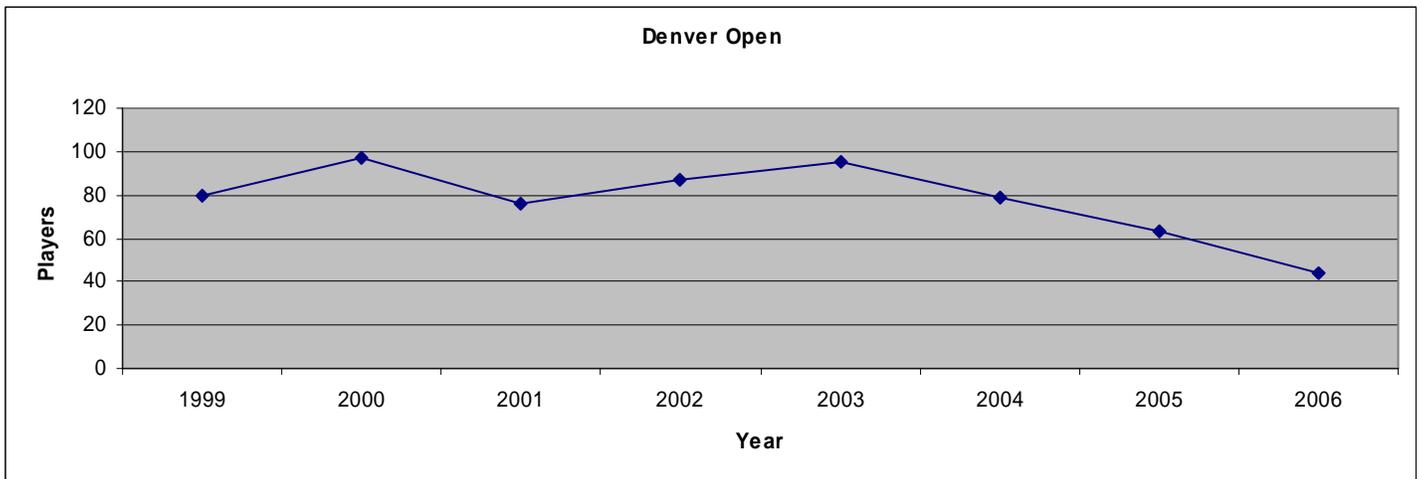
DCC is also a venue nomad, which can aggravate their troubles. I'll admit; it's difficult to plan 3-4 Colorado wide tournaments a year when you're looking for a new place to just

hold your club meetings every 6 months or so. VFW, Camp R, LoDo Tattered Cover... I'm sure that may not even scratch the surface, but already that's a big list of solid places for Denver tournaments and club meetings that had to be abandoned for one reason or another. Currently, they've had some success with 1st Avenue Presbyterian Church and Tabor Center. Tabor Center has its own set of problems because only Saturdays are available, but at least the price is right and they seem to enjoy the business chess players bring. I hope these sites can stay available for DCC, but I hope to also see other sites become available in time.

I am encouraged by DCC President's Bruce Bain's words, where he states "we have made our club a friendly and sociable place where newcomers will feel very welcome." I just hope in the pursuit of this goal, DCC does not overlook the needs of the veteran players. But even if they do, the resurgent Boulder Chess Club seems up to the task to pick up the slighted. Chess players are a diverse group, which inevitably makes razor sharp diplomacy a critical component to keep all players happy. It is not always possible to keep everyone happy. But it should always be the goal.

However, this cannot all be gloom and doom. It is wonderful to read about the chess set donation project organized through DCC from their website (www.denverchessclub.org). And, on the same website, you'll find the announcement for the club championships and MLK tournament. There is definitely evidence for good positive momentum moving forward into 2007, and I hope to eventually see the return of some of the tournaments previously mentioned. I suspect others also eagerly await for Denver to regain some of its tournament dominance.

I look forward to seeing the giant awaken once more. ♠



CLUB DIRECTORY: PLACES FOR YOU TO PLAY CHESS

Editor's note: PLEASE send new or updated information to randy_teyana@msn.com for listing here.

DENVER AREA

The Denver Chess Club meets Tuesdays 6:30-11 PM at the 1st Avenue Presbyterian Church (1 block West of Broadway and 1st & Acoma). Contact Bruce Bain at (720) 318-6496 or E-mail yaxisx@aol.com for more info.
www.denverchessclub.org

The Aurora Chess Club meets Saturdays, 1-4 PM, at the Aurora Public Library, 14949 E. Alameda. They now have a coach for those that want to learn to play. Contact Jeff Baffo at jbaffo2004@msn.com or (303) 617-9123.

Chess Knights meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evening from 7-9pm. From 470 & Broadway, on Broadway go 1.3 miles south, at the light, turn right onto Highland Ranch Parkway, go 0.2 miles, to the first light, turn left onto Ridgeline Blvd., go 0.2 miles, the library is on the left. We meet in the conference room on the left beyond the restrooms. Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HighlandsRanch-ChessClub/>. Contact: Frank Atwood 720-260-1493 or frank_atwood80120@yahoo.com

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

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

AROUND THE STATE AND REGION

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7 - 10 PM, in the cafeteria of the Acacia Apartments Building,

104 E. Platte. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8:00. For information see our website at: www.foxfrenchtranslations.com/csc or contact Buck Buchanan at buckpeace@pcisys.net or (719) 685-1984.

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

Alamosa Chess Club meets Thursdays, 7-10 PM, Adams State College Student Center in the food court. For info call Ken Dail (719) 589-0995.

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

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

Castle Rock Chess Club meets first and third Wednesdays of each month from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Grange cultural arts center. The Grange is located at 3692 Meadows Boulevard in Castle Rock. From the Founders Parkway/ Meadows Parkway exit off I-25, go west on Meadows Parkway to the 4-way intersection with Meadows Boulevard. Go straight through the light; the Grange is 1 mile down on your right. All levels of play welcome. Contact Cindy Chipman at (720) 733-1357 or Bethany Snyder at (303)814-3953.

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

The Durango Chess Club meets at 6:30

PM Wednesdays. Speed chess and informal instruction take place along with regular games in a casual atmosphere. Newcomers of all ages are welcome. No dues required. The location alternates weekly between Steaming Bean and Magpies Newsstand. Call John Mical, 259-4718.

The Fort Collins Chess Club currently meets Tuesdays, 7 PM, in the food court of the Lory Student Center (2nd level), Colorado State University. E-mail Randy Reynolds at randy_teyana@msn.com. http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess/

The Fort Lewis College Chess Club meets Thursday nights in the X-treme room which is located the College Union Building, the club is sponsored by the school and is a USCF affiliate club. If you have any questions you can contact Andrea Browne at (970)247-6239.

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

The Greeley Chess Club meets Thursdays, 7-11 PM, Best Western Inn, Bourbon on Eighth St Restaurant, 8th Ave and 8th St. Call Gary Dorsey at (970) 353-1539.

The Longmont Chess Club meets Thursdays, from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. at Abbondanza Pizzeria, 461 Main St., in Longmont, Colorado. Contact James Drebenstedt at (720) 494-0993 for more info.

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

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

11 Vie for Title of Fort Collins Club Champion

In a single elimination tournament, 11 players from Fort Collins Chess Club and surrounding regions competed to become the next club champion. After the smoke cleared, Markus Petters was left as the repeating champion in his second year.

The format is different from most Swiss system tournaments, but it makes for some exciting matches. 2 games of G/30 are played against an opponent to determine who moves on. In the case of a tie, a 12 minute tie breaker game is played to determine the champion. In the case of a draw in the tiebreaker, another game is played with the time remaining on the clock until there is a clear winner.

For those eliminated early, a special Swiss system consolation bracket was created so those eliminated could still play some chess and even win a consolation prize for the best performance in the consolation bracket. This format, conceived by Lee Lahti, has been used for 2 years now and has been an effective way to determine the champion.

See selected games from the tournament on page 24. ♠



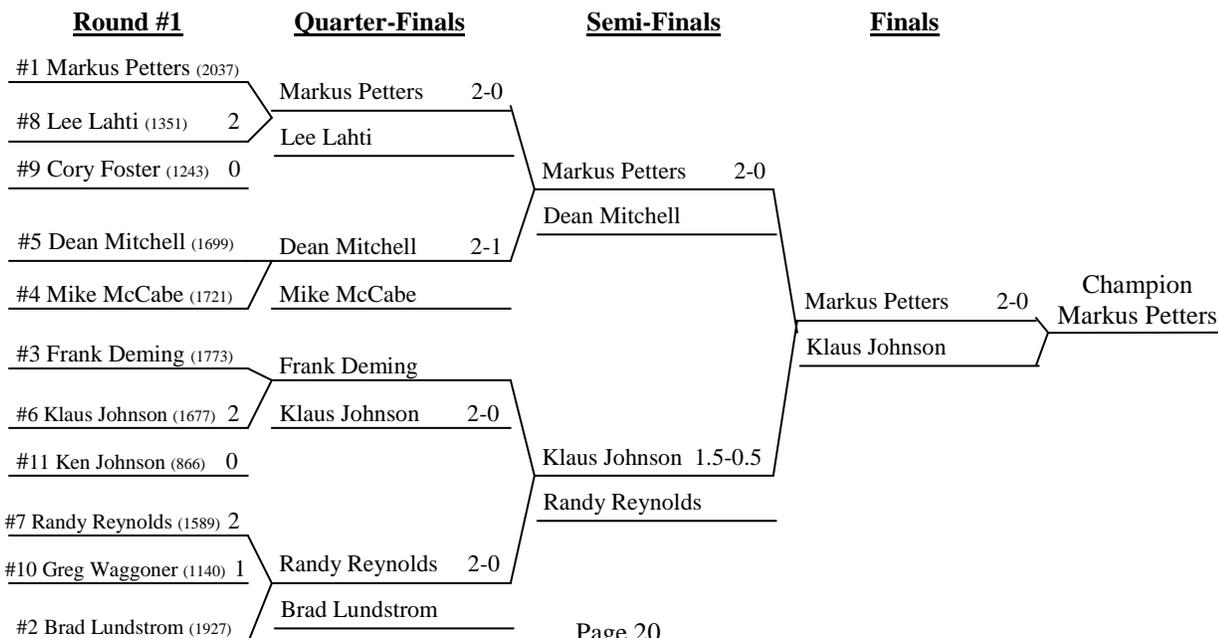
Klaus Johnson (L) and Markus Petters study the board during the championship game at Fort Collins Chess Club. *Photo by Randy Reynolds.*

A Humble Plea from Lee

The Fort Collins Chess Club is still awaiting a match challenge from any club who thinks they can beat us. We defeated Cheyenne back in March and no one has had the courage to take us on since. We are undefeated and plan to stay that way. Cheyenne has agreed to another beating, I mean match, coming up after the first of the year. Once we finish them off, we will take on anyone else who thinks they can knock us off.

--Lee Lahti, FCCC event organizer

Fort Collins Chess Club—2006 Knockout Championships



Colorado Springs Chess Club Championships Final Standings

Colorado Springs Chess Club Championship - 2006							
	Name	Club Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Total
1	Weihmiller, Bill Jr	1817	W14	W8	W2	W4	4.0
2	Anderson, Paul	1958	W7	W9	L1	W8	3.0
3	Delaware, Renae	1623	W12	L5	W11	W7	3.0
4	Brown, Dean	1428	W13	D6	W5	L1	2.5
5	Light, David	1653	W10	W3	L4	H	2.5
6	McGuire, Virgil	1647	L11	D4	W14	X13	2.5
7	Spell, Fred	1371	L2	W15	W9	L3	2.0
8	Pahk, Joseph	1604	W15	L1	W13	L2	2.0
9	Grigg, Peter	1645	W16	L2	L7	W12	2.0
10	Mullikin, Thomas	1261	L5	H	H	W11	2.0
11	Christensen, Paul	1216	W6	U	L3	L10	1.0
12	Meyer, Philip	1198	L3	L13	W15	L9	1.0
13	Avery, Daniel	2073	L4	W12	L8	F6	1.0
14	Maier, Gerald	1346	L1	H	L6	D15	1.0
15	Schneider, Kathy	1020	L8	L7	L12	D14	0.5
16	Wynkoop, Chris	1170	L9	U	U	U	0.0

Anyone have any games or personal experiences from this tournament they'd like to share? Seems like there were plenty of exciting games and upsets through this tournament, but I'm just not qualified to speak about all of it.

Please send any games or stories about Colorado Springs' club championship to randy_teyana@msn.com I'll print them in the next issue!

Thank you!

-- Randy S. Reynolds

Boulder Fall Rapid (Oct. 28th, 2006)

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1	Phillip Ponomarev	12685861	2362	2363	W11	W5	W6	W2	4.0	8	9.5	80.00
2	Garret Shrader	12819601	1502	1551	W12	W19	W14	L1	3.0	7.5	7.5	45.00
3	Kenneth Doykos	10358086	1850	1853	W16	L7	W11	W9	3.0	6.5	7.5	
4	Srikar Appana	12836508	1221	1291	L8	W12	W17	W16	3.0	4.5	5	45.00
5	La Moyne Splichal	10329515	1615	1638	W13	L1	W8	D6	2.5	8.5	10	
6	Jacob Zax	12744381	1728	1732	W17	W9	L1	D5	2.5	8.5	9	
7	John McDowell	new	unr.	2250	W10	W3	U---	H---	2.5	5	5	20.00
8	Ted Doykos	12724380	1664	1655	W4	D14	L5	D11	2.0	4.5	9	
9	Chai Neuhaus	12611637	1577	1568	W18	L6	W16	L3	2.0	3.5	7	
10	Michael Nugent	13325494	1033	1102	L7	L16	W19	W17	2.0	1.5	4.5	30.00
11	Lee Lahti	12914550	1351	1373	L1	W13	L3	D8	1.5	6.5	10.5	
12	Archie Shipp	12919573	unr.	1207	L2	L4	D13	W19	1.5	4.5	7.5	
13	Jackson Chen	13383565	1195	1199	L5	L11	D12	W18	1.5	3.5	6	
14	Tyler Hughes	12799460	2194	2173	W19	D8	L2	U---	1.5	2	5	
15	Klaus Johnson	12728798	1677	1678	H---	U---	W18	U---	1.5	0	0.5	
16	Edward Cronin	10408504	1211	1205	L3	W10	L9	L4	1.0	7	10	
17	Jayson Webb	13309280	1199	1153	L6	D18	L4	L10	0.5	5	8	
18	Jay Kranzdorf	12929030	1166	1139	L9	D17	L15	L13	0.5	4	6.5	
19	Corey Foster	12928613	1243	1186	L14	L2	L10	L12	0.0	5.5	8.5	

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31.Kxf3 Ne6 32.Bh7+ Kh8 33.Be4+
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38.Rxg6+ Kf7 39.Rg7+ 1-0

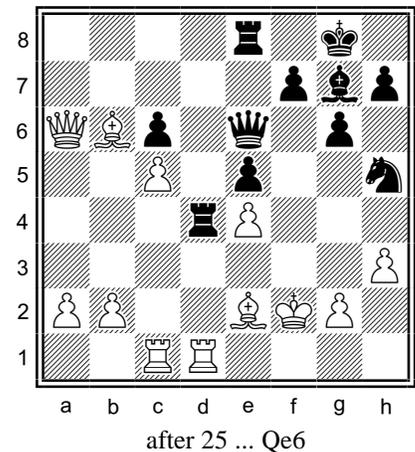
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B: Wutt,Larry (1770)

Larimer County Open(4), Oct. 15,
2006

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7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 d6 9.h3 Bd7
10.0-0 a6 11.Qd2 Qc7 12.Rac1
Rad8 13.Nd5 Qb8 14.f3 Nh5
15.Rfd1 Rfe8 16.Kf2 e6 17.Nb6
Bc8 18.Nxc8 Qxc8 19.Nxc6 bxc6
20.Bd4 e5 21.Bb6 Rd7 22.c5 d5
23.Qa5 dxe4 24.fxe4 Rd4
25.Qxa6 Qe6 (diagram) 26.Bxh5
gxf5 27.Qe2 Qg6 28.Re1 Bh6
29.Rc2 Bf4 30.Qf3 Re6 31.g3 Bd2
32.Re2 Rf6 33.Rcxd2 Rxf3+
34.Kxf3 h4 35.gxf4 Qf6+ 36.Kg2
Qxh4 37.Ba5 Rxe4 38.Rf2 Re3
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Boulder Fall Grand Prix

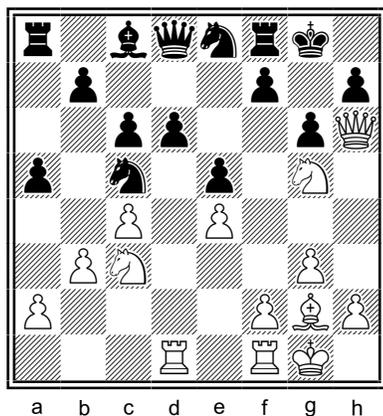
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2	Robert Ramirez	12776467	2082	2102	H---	W12	W6	D4	W3	4.0	13	13	11
3	Brian Wall	10923344	2234	2227	W16	W10	W7	D1	L2	3.5	13.5	15.5	13
4	Renard Anderson	10229391	2237	2227	W17	W13	L1	D2	W11	3.5	13	15	11
5	John Flores	12861581	1552	1602	W23	L1	W16	W15	D9	3.5	11.5	12.5	10.5
6	Samik Dasgupta	12915636	1935	1929	D18	W11	L2	W21	W10	3.5	10.5	12	9.5
7	Kevin Suchlicki	12456944	1959	1958	W24	W22	L3	D10	D1	3.0	11.5	12.5	10.5
8	Jackson Chen	13383565	1195	1342	D12	W9	L10	W13	H---	3.0	10.5	10.5	8.5
9	Christofer Peterson	12859076	1721	1698	H---	L8	W22	W20	D5	3.0	9	9	7.5
10	James Kulbacki	10287863	1829	1825	W19	L3	W8	D7	L6	2.5	9.5	15	9
11	Jerry Keker	12549399	1369	1413	H---	L6	W18	W14	L4	2.5	7.5	11	7
12	Ted Doykos	12724380	1664	1661	D8	L2	H---	W22	D15	2.5	6.5	10.5	6
13	Klaus Johnson	12728798	1677	1660	W20	L4	H---	L8	W17	2.5	6.5	10	7
14	Tim Fisher	12470788	1579	1537	L22	W24	D20	L11	W21	2.5	4.5	8	6.5
15	Ken Doykos	10358086	1850	1829	H---	W18	H---	L5	D12	2.5	4	7.5	7.5
16	Manny Presicci	10137993	1503	1484	L3	W19	L5	L17	W20	2.0	9	12.5	5
17	Dean Brown	10224098	1438	1427	L4	L20	W23	W16	L13	2.0	7	10.5	5
18	Lee Lahti	12914550	1351	1346	D6	L15	L11	X24	D19	2.0	7	10.5	4
19	Michael Flippu	12915820	1256	1258	L10	L16	H---	W23	D18	2.0	4.5	7	3.5
20	Alan August	20002496	1204	1238	L13	W17	D14	L9	L16	1.5	9	12	5.5
21	Frank Atwood	12117960	1390	1381	L1	W23	H---	L6	L14	1.5	7	11	5
22	Archie Shipp	12919573	unr.	1267	W14	L7	L9	L12	L23	1.0	9	12	5
23	Kathy Schneider	12545281	986	1008	L5	L21	L17	L19	W22	1.0	6.5	10	1
24	James Sherman	13410111	1388	1376	L7	L14	H---	F18	U---	0.5	2.5	5.5	1

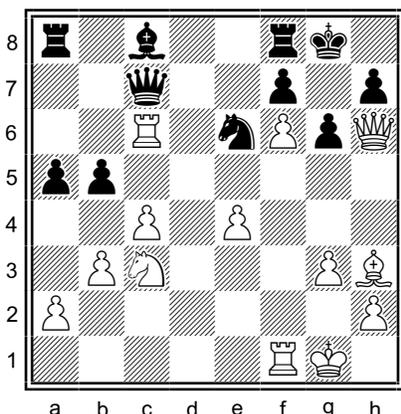
Fort Collins Club Championship Games

OK, so most (I mean, all) of these games are my own experiences from the Club championships. What can I say? These are the easiest for me to speak about. Besides, I asked around for other games, too. Didn't want to hog all the spotlight. Anyway, enjoy... I'm happy with the way most of these turned out...

W: Reynolds,Randy (1589)
B: Lundstrom,Brad (1925)
 Fort Collins Club Championships
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2
0-0 5.Nf3 d6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.d3 e5
8.e4 a5 9.b3 Nc5 10.Be3 c6
11.Qd2 Ne8 12.Bh6 Bxh6?
13.Qxh6 Nxd3 14.Rad1 Nc5
15.Ng5 (diagram) the initial choke-
 hold



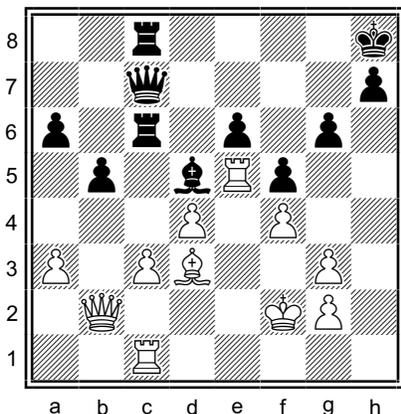
15. ... Nf6 16.f4 Ne6 17.fxe5 Nxe5
18.exf6 Ne6 19.Bh3?? Rf4 is
 MUCH better. **19...Qc7 20.Rxd6??**
 Again, Rf4 is decisive. **20...b5**
21.Rxc6? (Diagram) And
 again...Rf4 is the move... **21...Qa7+**
22.Kh1 b4 23.Nb5 Qb7 24.Kg1?
 [24.Nc7!! Qxc6 25.Nxe6 Qxe4+
 26.Bg2 Qxg2+ 27.Kxg2 Bb7+
 28.Kf2 fxe6 29.Qg7#] **24...Ra7**
25.Nxa7 Qxa7+ 26.c5 Qd7 27.Rd6
Qc7 28.Rfd1? Qxc5+ 29.R1d4
Qc3 30.Bxe6 fxe6 31.Qg7# 1-0



after 21. Rxc6?!

The rook has immunity because the queen guards against g7 mate, but Rf4! is still faster

W: Lundstrom,Brad (1925)
B: Reynolds,Randy (1589)
 Fort Collins Club Championships
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bd3
0-0 9.0-0 dxc4 10.Bxc4 a6 11.Qd2 b5
12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Rfd1 Kh8 14.Be2 Rc8
15.Rac1 Qd6 16.Bf4 Qd8 17.Ne5
Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Nd5 19.Bd3 f6? Bg5
 seems better **20.Bg3 Nxc3 21.bxc3**
Bd6 22.Qc2 Bxg3 23.hxg3 g6 24.Re1
f5 25.f3 Bd5 26.Re5 Qg5 27.Kf2 Rc6
28.f4 Qf6 29.Qd2 Rfc8 30.a3 Qe7
31.Qb2 Qc7 (diagram) completes the
 vicious battery on the backward pawn
32.Qe2 Rxc3 33.Re1 Rxa3 34.g4?
 Misses the rook pin on the queen **Ra2**
35.gxf5 Rxe2+ 36.R1xe2 gxf5
37.Bxf5 exf5 38.Rxd5 Qxf4+ 0-1

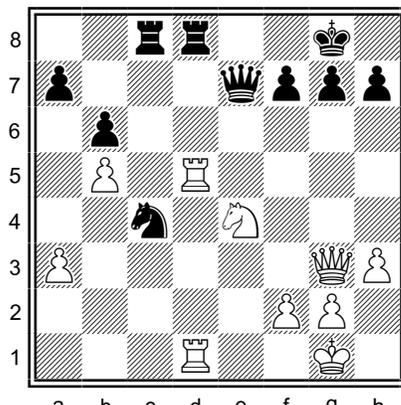


after 31. ... Qc7

W: Reynolds,Randy (1589)
B: Foster,Cory (1173)

Fort Collins Game, 2006
 [Reynolds,Randy]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 d5
5.a3 Bxc3 6.Bxc3 b6 7.e3 c5 8.b4
cxd4 9.Bxd4 0-0 10.Bd3 Nc6 11.Bc3
e5 12.b5 d4 13.exd4 Nxd4 14.Bxd4?
 [14.Ne2 better...the trade with bishop
 only lets the black queen get way too
 centralized] **14...Qxd4 15.Ne2 Qc5**
16.0-0 Bb7? e4 definitely removes the
 white bishop from c4 pawn defense
17.Qb3 e4 18.Bc2 Rfd8? a rook is
 crying out to be placed on the C file!
19.Rad1 Ng4 20.h3 Ne5 21.Ng3
Rac8? Just take the c pawn immedi-
 ately is better. **22.Bxe4 Bxe4 23.Nxe4**
Qc7? again, c pawn should be dead by
 now. **24.Qg3 Qe7 25.Rd5 Nxc4**
26.Rfd1?? (Diagram) HORRIBLE
 blunder..Randy gets cute with offering
 knights for back rank mate possibilities,
 but the tricks don't fool Cory. **26...Rxd5**
27.Rxd5 Qxe4 28.Qc7!? Once again,
 a cute trick, but nothing more. Both
 pieces are en prise, but at the expense
 of a back rank mate. Randy hoped to
 grab back the knight after the rook
 leaves the C file, but he forgot where
 the queen ended up...oops! **28...Rf8**
29.Rd7 h6 30.Re7 Qd4 31.Qxa7 Qc5
32.Rb7 Qd6 33.a4 h5? [33...Re8! and
 white can't effectively stop the back
 rank mate without heavy losses!]
34.Rd7 and black, in time pressure,
 eventually gives back the knight and
 eventually the game... **1-0**



after 26 Rfd1??

Crosstables from Recent Regis Jesuit Grand Prix Tournaments

Oct. 21, 2006	#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
	1	L Splichal	1615	1654	W16	W19	W4	W8	4.0
	2	Billy P Willson	1833	1846	W10	W12	W8	W3	4.0
	3	Paul M Grimm	1658	1664	W18	W9	W5	L1	3.0
	4	James Mac Neil	1696	1687	W14	W6	L2	W19	3.0
	5	C Loopesko	1579	1573	W13	W17	L3	W10	3.0
	6	Frank Wise	1357	1373	W15	L4	W11	W9	3.0
	7	David Glugla	1240	1243	W20	L8	D16	W11	2.5
	8	Payton Rose	1032	1081	L2	B---	D7	W17	2.5
	9	H Notgarnie	1650	1633	W24	W7	L1	L2	2.0
	10	Edward F Cronin	1211	1207	W21	L3	W13	L6	2.0
	11	Zachary D Fry	1113	1152	L1	W22	W12	L5	2.0
	12	Jeff Wilkins	1135	1130	W---	W14	L6	L7	2.0
	13	Corey Vollinger	1326	1301	W22	L1	L10	W15	2.0
	14	Eric Massey	1147	1145	B---	L2	W21	L4	2.0
	15	David L Vargas	993	987	L5	W20	L9	W23	2.0
	16	Li Ding	1108	1092	L4	L11	W23	W22	2.0
	17	Luke Domaleski	574	645	L9	W18	L19	B---	2.0
	18	S Zirkelbach	818	892	L6	W24	D17	L12	1.5
	19	Zachary Wilkins	1169	1125	W23	L5	D15	L16	1.5
	20	Alex Li	1100	1043	L3	L21	D22	W20	1.5
	21	Aaron Janicke	660	645	L7	L13	B---	L18	1.0
	22	Ryan Snodgrass	781	782	L12	L10	D18	L14	0.5
	23	Roman A Mary	307	304	L17	U---	L14	L13	0.0
	24	Douglas R Field	1047	1013	L8	L15	U---	U---	0.0

Nov. 11, 2006	#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
	1	Matt Kasper	1700	1713	W22	W6	D3	W8	3.5
	2	A Telinbacco Jr	1817	1826	W15	W13	W11	D4	3.5
	3	John Brezina	1579	1603	W27	W19	D1	W11	3.5
	4	L Sotaridona	1839	1834	W7	D5	W12	D2	3.0
	5	C Loopesko	1579	1604	W25	D4	D9	W12	3.0
	6	Corey Vollinger	1326	1357	W24	L1	W23	W14	3.0
	7	Brian Clason	1259	1304	L4	W27	W24	W13	3.0
	8	James Mac Neil	1696	1684	D21	W18	W10	L1	2.5
	9	Billy P Willson	1833	1806	L12	W16	D5	W19	2.5
	10	H Notgarnie	1690	1668	D18	W21	L8	W20	2.5
	11	Paul M Grimm	1658	1639	W17	W20	L2	L3	2.0
	12	David Glugla	1240	1346	W9	W14	L4	L5	2.0
	13	Dean W Brown	1438	1419	W26	L2	W22	L7	2.0
	14	L Splichal	1615	1572	W16	L12	W15	L6	2.0
	15	Edward F Cronin	1211	1224	L2	W25	L14	W18	2.0
	16	David L Vargas	993	1035	L14	L9	W25	W24	2.0
	17	Payton Rose	1032	1034	L11	L24	W27	W26	2.0
	18	Michael Nugent	1033	1078	D10	L8	W21	L15	1.5
	19	S Zirkelbach	818	841	B---	L3	D20	L9	1.5
	20	Frank Wise	1357	1329	W23	L11	D19	L10	1.5
	21	Li Ding	1108	1115	D8	L10	L18	W27	1.5
	22	Jackson Chen	1195	1170	L1	W26	L13	D23	1.5
	23	Luke Domaleski	574	600	L20	B---	L6	D22	1.5
	24	Andrew Carter	unr.	987	L6	W17	L7	L16	1.0
	25	A Jensen	931	905	L5	L15	L16	B---	1.0
	26	Peter P Cannici	920	891	L13	L22	B---	L17	1.0
	27	K Schneider	986	942	L3	L7	L17	L21	0.0

Colorado Chess Tour Standings (thru December)

Top 10 Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Renard Anderson	2236	131.25	15
2	Brian Wall	2235	124.45	14
3	Tyler Hughes	2190	116.71	15
4	Samik Dasgupta	1935	87.71	11
5	Sharavdorj Dashzeveg	2523	83.07	6
6	Brad Lundstrom	1927	71.89	11
7	Dean W. Brown	1434	71.53	20
8	Stephen Towbin	2019	69.8	9
9	Christofer Peterson	1721	69.53	10
10	Richard Buchanan	2000	67.56	11

Top 10 Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean W. Brown	1434	71.53	20
2	Kathy Schneider	950	24.04	20
3	Gerald Maier	1103	19.11	15
4	Renard Anderson	2236	131.25	15
5	Tyler Hughes	2190	116.71	15
6	Brian Wall	2235	124.45	14
7	Tim Fisher	1579	57.28	13
8	Thomas Mullikin	1178	26.27	12
9	Brad Lundstrom	1927	71.89	11
10	Edward F. Cronin	1211	22.41	11

Top 10 Expert

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Tyler Hughes	2190	116.71	15
2	Stephen Towbin	2019	69.8	9
3	Richard Buchanan	2000	67.56	11
4	Matthew O'Hara	2085	60.42	6
5	Robert Ramirez	2082	27.3	4
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Top 10 Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Samik Dasgupta	1935	87.71	11
2	Brad Lundstrom	1927	71.89	11
3	Leonardo Sotaridona	1820	61.15	6
4	Richard Herbst	1964	52.86	6
5	James Kulbacki	1829	43.99	8
6	Ken Doykos	1850	41.91	8
7	Mark Krowczyk	1815	36.85	8
8	Josh Smith	1929	36.74	3
9	Daoud Zupa	1991	30.21	5
10	Devon Brown	1853	30.21	5

Top 10 Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Christofer Peterson	1721	69.53	10
2	Klaus Johnson	1677	54.51	10
3	Ted Doykos	1664	54.51	10
4	Paul Grimm	1661	44.5	8
5	Jacob Zax	1728	44.48	6
6	J.C. MacNeil	1696	38.92	5
7	Jason Check	1742	32.66	4
8	James McKenna	1750	29.68	4
9	Howard M. Notgarnie	1650	24.49	3
10	Larry Wutt	1770	23.26	4

Top 10 Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean W. Brown	1434	71.53	20
2	John Flores	1552	60.65	11
3	Tim Fisher	1579	57.28	13
4	Peter Grigg	1422	55.59	6
5	Anthea Carson	1569	50.03	8
6	Philip Meyer	1412	46.75	7
7	David Twerskoi	1480	45.31	6
8	Joseph Pahk	1435	38.92	7
9	Matt DeElena	1595	38.92	6
10	Norbert Martinez	1584	38.92	6

Top 10 Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Robert Blaha	1390	33.36	6
2	Lee F. Lahti	1351	27.84	8
3	Gerry Smith	1393	27.8	6
4	Kendell Clarke	1201	26.04	9
5	Ben Reilly	1396	24.49	3
6	Edward F. Cronin	1211	22.41	11
7	Michael Filppu	1256	17.17	7
8	Reuben Sbarge	1371	16.33	4
9	Jerry Keker	1369	15.6	4
10	Walter Schmidt	1399	14.07	7

Top 10 Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Jackson Chen	1195	37.88	10
2	Thomas Mullikin	1178	26.27	12
3	Kathy Schneider	950	24.04	20
4	Aaron Lear	1172	22.98	6
5	Benjamin Twerskoi	1183	22.24	6
6	Mike Nugent	1033	20.69	6
7	Gerald Maier	1103	19.11	15
8	Jeff Wilkins	1135	18.37	3
9	Gary Crites	1134	14.94	11
10	Aron Susuras	1120	13.79	5

Upcoming Tournaments

2nd Annual Al Ufer Memorial, Jan. 6, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/60minutes with 5-sec delay

Site: Manitou Springs Masonic Lodge, 455 El Paso Ave

Directions: Take I-25 to Exit 141, US 24 West. Head 3 1/2 miles west towards the mountains and depart Highway 24 at the Manitou Avenue exit. Turn west onto Manitou Ave then go 1 mile to the Manitou Springs City Hall. Turn right for 2 1/2 blocks to the Masonic Lodge.

Open: Open to all.

Reserve: Open to Under 1600 and unrated.

Entry fee: \$30 if rec'd by 1/2/06; \$35 at site. \$9 off EF for seniors (65 & over), juniors (under 21), and unrateds. CSCA membership req'd (\$15, \$10 for jrs, srs), OSA

Prizes: Open: 1st: \$150 2nd: \$100 Master: \$100 Expert: \$100 A: \$100 B: \$100 Reserve (Under 1600): 1st: \$150 2nd: \$100 C: \$100 D: \$100 E: \$100 U1000: \$100 UNR: \$100

Registration: 8:00 - 8:45, Rounds: 9:00, 11:15, 2:00, 4:15.

Entries: Dean Brown 4225 Hedge Lane, Colorado Springs CO

Phone: (719) 573-5176

E-mail: browndw1@mindspring.com

COLORADO TOUR Event.

Listed prizes (\$1400) guaranteed; more if entries allow.

Restaurants and lodging nearby.

ChessCafe.com Grand Prix Points: 6

Regis Jesuit Grand Prix Series

January 13, 2007

February 24, 2007

March 17, 2007

April 7, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournaments.

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

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

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

Rated Division: Must be a USCF member.

Unrated Division:

Entry fee: \$10 if received by Friday before tourney. Make checks payable to Regis Jesuit High School. \$15 on day of tournament.

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

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

Entries: Billy Willson

Phone: 720-840-8312

E-mail: bwillson@regisjesuit.com

Martin Luther King Quick Chess Tournament, Jan. 20, 2007

7 round Swiss system.

Time Control: G/15.

Site: Tabor Center Food Court, 16th St. Mall.

Directions: At the intersection of 16th and Lawrence Streets, on 3rd floor.

3 sections: Open, U1600, U1200.

Entry fee: \$15 for DCC members, \$20 for non-DCC.

Prizes: based on entries.

Registration: 8:30-9:45AM.

Rounds: 10, 10:30, 11, 12:30, 1, 1:30, 2.

Entries/Questions: Bruce Bain.

E-mail: yaxisx@aol.com

CU Rapid #3, January 27, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/45 5-sec delay

Site: CU Campus, Univ. Memorial Center (UMC) Room #382.

Open: Open to all.

Entry fee: \$15

Prizes: 75% of Entries

Registration: 9-9:45, Rounds: 10, 11:45, 2:00, 3:45.

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

E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

<http://www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub>

Regular qualifier for Boulder Chess Club Championship

Boulder Winter GP, February 24 - 25, 2007

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/90 5-sec delay

Site: CU Campus, University Memorial Center (UMC) Room #382.

Open: Open to all

Entry fee: \$35, \$30 if rec'd by 2/21. \$8 EF off for Jrs/Srs/Unrated.

Prizes: \$800 b/40. Top 2 Guaranteed. 1st, 2nd: \$200-100. U2000/1800/U1600/ U1400/U1200 \$100 each.

Registration: 8:45-9:45, Rounds: 2/24 10, 2, 6, 2/25 11:30, 3:00.

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

E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

<http://www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub>

A CO Tour Event

CSCA membership required.

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*(Continued from page 27)***Loveland Open, February 10 - 11, 2007**

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/2, G/1**Site:** The NEW Larimer County Fairgrounds, McKee Community Bldg., 5280 Arena Cir., Loveland, CO, 80538.**Directions:** I-25 to exit 259, go east on Crossroads Blvd. to 1st light. Turn left and watch for the arched entrance on the left.**Open:** Open to all. EF: \$35(\$30 if rec'd by 2/8) Prizes: \$200-100-50, U2007 \$50.**Loveland:** U1877 & unrated. EF: \$30(\$25 if rec'd by 2/8) Prizes: \$110-70-30.**Santa Fe:** U1610 & unrated. EF: \$25(\$20 if rec'd by 2/8) Prizes: \$80-50-30, best unr. \$30.**Prizes:** \$800 Guaranteed.**Registration:** 8-9:30AM, Rounds: 10AM, 4PM; 9AM, 3PM.**Entries:** Randy Reynolds 1839 Thyme Court, Fort Collins, CO 80528**Phone:** 970-310-4224**E-mail:** randy_teyana@msn.com

Colorado Tour Event.

CSCA membership required. (\$15)

25% off advance EF for juniors/seniors/unrated.

Handicapped accessible facility this year!

Colorado Springs Open, March 3 - 4, 2007

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/90 and G/1 for rds 1-3, 40/2 and G/1 for rds 4-5**Site:** Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs**Sections:** Open**Entry fee:** \$31 if rec'd by 3/1, \$36 at site. \$8 discount for juniors, seniors, unrated.**Prizes:** Prizes at least \$175, 125, other prizes per entries**Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30, Rounds: 10, 2:30, 7; 9, 3.**Entries:** Richard Buchanan 844 B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829**Phone:** (719) 685-1984**E-mail:** buckpeace@pcisys.net

CSCA required (\$15, 10 Jrs, Seniors), OSA.

USCF Grand Prix Tournament

Colorado Chess Tour Event

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