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From the Editor

And so a New Year has begun and for this magazine, we start its 45th year in publication! I hope all of you had a safe and wonderful time celebrating 2018's arrival.

With the holiday season just completed, all of us will be getting back to our regular daily routines like work, and spending time directed at doing the things we love to help balance out our lives.

Through the tireless efforts of organizers and directors it appears that the upcoming year for chess in Colorado will be a busy one. So if you have the time and inclination to do so, attend an event or two and have some fun (yes I know, playing tournament chess can be stressful - but hey, its an enjoyable past time).

Reading Curtis Carlson's article in this issue brings up something that is rarely talked about but is always there - those friends in the chess community that we lose. For whatever reason, be it a new job or family move or when a friend is called to play at the big chessboard in the sky, it is never easy. But with all things in life we adapt, but we also cherish those around us during the special times and remember those who are no longer here to share our wins as well as our losses. Our community may be one of many, but it is just as important to each of us as we play through this game called life.

May Caissa be with you.

Fred Eric Spell



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Winter Springs Open

by Chief Tournament Director
Richard "Buck" Buchanan

The 2017 Winter Springs Open took place on a warm December weekend in Manitou Springs (climate change deniers, take note). Attendance was a bit less than usual, but we still had some good fighting chess.

The June section, open to all, was by far the largest. Brian Wall was the highest rated player, and he celebrated the occasion by starting every game with 1 h4 or 1...h5. He gave up a draw to Griffin McConnell in the first round (Swiss Gambit?), but then won the rest of his games to tie for the top prize with Rhett Langseth (I guess that shows the advantage of playing eccentric openings.) Daniel Herman was the only one going into the last round with 3-0, but he lost to Rhett on the top board. Following the leaders were Daniel, Vibi Varghese, and Neil Bhavikatti with 3 points. Other prize winners in that section were Mukund Gurumurthi, Vedanth Sampath, and Aditya Krishna. As you can see, the young players were a mighty force in this tournament.

The July section (U1800) had only 12 players, and was won by Kenneth Doykos and Andrew Starr with 3 points each. Jason Lee took the Under 1600 prize, while Jordan Dorchuck and Erik Johnson won the Under 1500 money. The August section (U1400) was a runaway for William Wolf, who tended to win short, sharp games. He scored 3.5 points, and half a point behind him was Valentin Almanza. This section only had six players, a record for this tournament which the Director hopes will never be challenged.

The event was not, shall we say, free of problems. My printer ran out of ink after Round 1, and try as I did I was unable to secure another cartridge. So the pairings in later rounds were posted with the old-fashioned pen and paper technology. There was also the matter of who was or was not taking a bye in round two, and... but why go on? There was also a lot of

just plain fun, as two players showed up in costume Sunday (see photo). Seth's service dog was a very popular feature. The tournament happened, we cleaned things up, the rating report was sent in and the prizes paid, and we adjourned to whatever else December had in store for us!

(Pictures courtesy of Shirley Herman)

Brian Wall (2294)
Griffin McConnell (1864)

Round 1

1.h4 d5 2.d4 c5 3.c3 e6 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.e3 c4 6.b3 cxb3 7.axb3 Bd6 8.Nf3 Bxf4 9.exf4 f6 10.Bd3 Nge7 11.Nbd2 Qc7 12.g3 e5 13.fxe5 fxe5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Nxe5 Qxe5+ 16.Qe2 Qxe2+ 17.Kxe2 0-0 18.f4 Bg4+ 19.Kf2 Nc6 20.Rhe1 a6 21.Nf3 Bxf3 22.Kxf3 Rae8 23.Rxe8 Rxe8 24.Rd1 Rd8 25.Ke3 Re8+ 26.Kf2 g6 27.Bf1 Ne7 28.Bg2 Rc8 29.Rd3 Kf7 30.Ke3 Ke6 31.Kd2 Rc5 32.Re3+ Kf7 33.Re5 Rb5 34.Kc2 Ra5 35.Kb2 Rb5 36.g4 Kf6 37.Bf3 h6 38.Bg2 Kf7 39.h5 Kf6 40.hxg6 Nxe6 41.Rxd5 Rxd5 42.Bxd5 b6 43.Bb7 a5 44.g5+ hxg5 45.fxg5+ Kxg5 46.Ka3 Kf4 47.Ka4 Ke3 48.Kb5 Kd3 49.c4 Ne5 50.Bd5 Nd7 51.Kc6 Nc5 52.Kxb6 Nxb3 53.Kb5 Kd4 54.Bf7 a4 55.Kb4 Nc5 56.Bg8 Nd3+! 57.Kxa4 ½-½



Brian Wall deep in calculations.

Brian Rountree (1866)
Dean Clow (2107)

Round 1

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 dxe4 4.fxe4 Nf6 5.e5 Bg4 6.Nf3 Nd5 7.c4 Nb6 8.Be3 e6 9.Be2

Bb4+ 10.Nc3 Bxf3 11.gxf3 N8d7 12.a3 Bxc3+ 13.bxc3 c5 14.0-0 Qc7 15.Rc1 0-0-0 16.f4 f6 17.a4 Nb8 18.a5 N6d7 19.Qa4 Rdf8 20.d5 fxe5 21.dxe6 Nf6 22.Qb5 exf4 23.Bxf4 Qc6 24.Bf3 Qxb5 25.cxb5 Re8 26.Rfe1 g5 27.Be5 Rxe6 28.Bg4 Nxe4 29.Bxe8 Rh6 30.Re8+ Kc7 31.h3 Rxe3 32.b6+ axb6 33.axb6+ Kxb6 34.Rxb8 Rg3+ 35.Kh1 Kc7 36.Rf8 h5 37.Re1 Rh3+ 38.Kg2 Rh2+ 39.Kg1 Rc2 40.Rf5 Kc6 41.Rxg5 Nh2 42.Rg6+ Kb5 43.Rb1+ Kc4 44.Rg2 Nf3+ 45.Kh1 Nd2 46.Rxb7 Rc1+ 47.Rg1 Rc2 48.Rf7 Ne4 49.Rf4 Kd3 50.Rf3+ Kc4 51.Rg2 Rc1+ 52.Kh2 Nxc3 53.Bxc3 Rxc3 54.Rxc3+ Kxc3 55.Kg3 Kd3 56.Kf3 c4 57.Rg5 c3 58.Rd5+ Kc4 59.Rd8 h4 60.Ke2 h3 (61.Kd1 wins easily.) 1-0

Charles Alexander (1800)
Daniel Herman (2064)

Round 1

1.g3 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.b3 d5 4.Nf3 e5 5.d3 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 d4 9.Re1 Ne8 10.Nf1 f5 11.N3d2 Bf6 12.Rb1 Nd6 13.a3 a5 14.Bd5+ Kh8 15.e4 Ne7 16.Qf3 Nxd5 17.cxd5 fxe4 18.dxe4 a4 19.b4 c4 20.Qe2 b5 21.Nf3 Bg4 22.h3 Bxh3 23.N1h2 Bd7 24.Kg2 Qc8 25.Rh1 Nxe4 26.Nxe5 Bh3+ 27.Kg1 Nc3 28.Qh5 Qf5 29.Qxf5 Ne2# 0-1

Earle Wikle (1993)
Clifton Ford (1800)

Round 1

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 f5 4.d3 Nf6 5.g3 g6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Rb1 d6 9.b4 a6 10.a4 Kh8 11.b5 axb5 12.axb5 Ne7 13.Qb3 Nh5 14.Bg5 h6 15.Bxe7 Qxe7 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Rfc1 f4 18.Nh4 Kh7 19.Be4 Bf5 20.Nxf5 gxf5 21.Bf3 fxe3 22.fxe3 Qg5 23.Bxh5 Qxh5 24.Nxc7 f4 25.Qc2 fxe3 26.hxe3 Qg4 27.Kg2 e4 28.d4 Bxd4 29.Rf1 Ra3 30.Rf3 Rxf3 31.exf3 Rxf3 0-1

DuWayne Langseth (1892)
Vedanth Sampath (1601)

Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d5 3.f4 Bf5 4.Bd3 Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.Qb5+ Nbd7 7.Qxb7 Bd6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 Qb8 10.Qxb8 Raxb8 11.Nbd2 c5 12.Ne5 cxd4 13.exd4 Bb4 14.c3 Bd6 15.b4 Rfc8 16.Bb2 Nb6 17.Nb3 Na4 18.Bc1 Nxc3 19.a3 Ne2+ 20.Kf2 Rc2 21.Kf3 Rbc8 22.Be3 R8c3 23.Rf2 Rxb3 24.Rxe2 Rcc3 25.g4 Bxe5



1/2-1/2

Daniel Herman (2064)**Karl Irons** (1865)**Round 2**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
 5.Nc3 a6 6.h3 e5 7.Nde2 Be7 8.g4 h6
 9.Bg2 Be6 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Ng3 g6 12.Nd5
 Bxd5 13.exd5 Nb8 14.f4 Nbd7 15.f5 g5
 16.Be3 Qc7 17.Qe2 Kf8 18.c4 a5 19.b3
 Nc5 20.Rab1 Kg7 21.a3 Ncd7 22.Rfc1
 Ra6 23.Bf3 Nh7 24.f6+ Nhx6 25.Nf5+
 Kf8 26.h4 Ng8 27.b4 axb4 28.axb4 f6
 29.c5 dxc5 30.Nxe7 Nxe7 31.bxc5 Qc8
 32.Qb5 Ra3 33.Kf2 Ra2+ 34.Rb2 Rxb2+
 35.Qxb2 Ng6 36.d6 Nf4 37.Bxf4 gxf4
 38.Qxb7 Qxb7 39.Bxb7 Kf7 40.Bd5+
 Kg6 41.Bb7 Kf7 42.Bd5+ Kg6 43.c6 Nb6
 44.Be6 h5 45.d7 hxg4 46.c7 Nxd7
 47.Bxd7 f5 48.Rb1 e4 49.Rb8 1-0

Clifton Ford (1800)**Neil Bhavikatti** (1927)**Round 2**

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 dxe5 4.Qxd8+
 Kxd8 5.Nf3 f6 6.Nc3 c6 7.a3 Be6 8.e3
 Nd7 9.b3 Kc7 10.Bb2 a5 11.0-0-0 Nc5
 12.Nd2 Nh6 13.f3 Nf5 14.Re1 Nd6
 15.Kc2 Be7 16.Be2 Rhd8 17.g4 a4 18.b4
 Nb3 19.Nxb3 axb3+ 20.Kxb3 b5 21.Rd1
 Nxc4 22.Bxc4 Bxc4+ 23.Kc2 c5 24.bxc5
 Bxc5 25.e4 Rxd1 26.Rxd1 Bxa3 27.Ra1
 b4 28.Nb1 b3+ 29.Kc3 Bxb2+ 30.Kxb2
 Rxa1 31.Kxa1 Kc6 32.Nd2 Kc5 33.Kb2
 Kd4 34.h4 Be6 35.Nf1 Kd3 36.Ng3 g6
 37.h5 Ke3 0-1

Richard Pugh III (1797)**Earle Wikle** (1993)**Round 2**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 c6
 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Qa5 8.Bd2 Qh5
 9.Re1 Bh3 10.Qb3 b6 11.Rac1 Ng4
 12.Bh1 Nd7 13.Ne4 c5 14.e3 Rac8
 15.Bc3 Ngf6 16.Ned2 Bg4 17.Qa4 e5
 18.Ra1 e4 19.Nh4 g5 20.Ng2 Bf3 21.Nf1
 Be2 22.h4 cxd4 23.Bxd4 Bxc4 24.Qd1
 Ng4 25.Bxg7 Kxg7 26.Qxd6 Nde5
 27.Qd4 Rfd8 28.Qxe4 Bd5 29.Qf5 Nf3+
 0-1

Jordan Dorchuck (1359)**Kenneth Doykos** (1700)**Round 2**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Bd3 d5
 5.Nbd2 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.0-0 Qxc5 8.Nb3
 Qc7 9.Nbd4 0-0 10.Nb5 Qd8 11.Nbd4

26.fxe5 Nxc4 27.Kxc4 Rxe3 28.Rxe3
 Rxe3 29.Rc1 Re4+ 30.Kf3 g5 31.Rc7 a6
 32.Ra7 Rxd4 33.Rxa6 Rd3+ 34.Ke2 Rb3
 35.Ra5 h5 36.b5 g4 37.a4 h4 38.Ra6
 Rb2+ 39.Kf1 Rxh2 40.b6 Rb2 41.a5 h3
 42.b7 Rxb7 43.Rb6 Ra7 44.a6 Kg7
 45.Kf2 Kg6 46.Kg3 Kf5 47.Rb7 Rxa6
 48.Rxf7+ Kxe5 49.Kxc4 Rd6 50.Kxh3
 Ke4 51.Kg2 e5 52.Kf2 d4 53.Ke1 d3
 54.Kd2 Kd4 55.Ra7 e4 56.Ra4+ Ke5
 57.Ra1 Rc6 58.Ke3 Rd6 59.Rh1 Rf6
 60.Rh8 Rf3+ 61.Kd2 Rf2+ 62.Ke1 Re2+
 63.Kd1 Rf2 64.Ke1 d2+ 65.Kd1 Kd4
 66.Ra8 e3 67.Rd8+ Ke4 68.Rd7 Rf1+
 69.Kc2 d1Q+ 70.Rxd1 Rxd1 71.Kxd1
 Kf3 72.Ke1 e2 0-1

Karl Irons (1865)**Karthik Selva** (1535)**Round 1**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7
 5.Nge2 0-0 6.f3 a6 7.Bb3 Nbd7 8.Be3 e5
 9.d5 b6 10.Qd2 Re8 11.0-0-0 Nc5 12.Kb1
 Nxb3 13.cxb3 Bd7 14.g4 Rf8 15.Ng3 a5
 16.h4 a4 17.b4 Ne8 18.h5 f5 19.Bg5 Qc8
 20.hxg6 hxg6 21.gxf5 gxf5 22.Bh6 f4
 23.Bxg7 Nxc7 24.Nh5 Nxc7 25.Rxc7
 Kf7 26.Rh7+ Kf6 27.Rg1 Ra7 28.Qh2
 Qd8 29.Qh4# 1-0

Aditya Krishna (1494)**Sam Bridle** (1831)**Round 1**

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Bb4
 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Bxe4 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0
 Nf6 9.Bg5 d6 10.Re1 h6 11.Bh4 Nbd7
 12.c4 0-0 13.c3 Re8 14.Nd2 e5 15.Qc2
 Qe7 16.Re2 g5 17.Bg3 Nh5 18.dxe5
 Nxc3 19.hxc3 dxe5 20.Rae1 Qxa3 21.Bf5
 Nf6 22.Rxe5 Rxe5 23.Rxe5 Qd6 24.Re1
 a5 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Bxe4 27.Qxe4
 Rd8 28.Kf1 Kg7 29.Qe3 Qd3+ 30.Qxd3
 Rxd3 31.Rc1 Rd2 32.Ke1 Rb2 33.g4 Kg6
 34.Kf1 f5 35.Ke1 fxc4 36.Rd1 Rc2
 37.Rd7 Rxc3 38.Rxc7 Rb3 39.Rb7 Rb4
 40.Kd2 Rb2+ 41.Kc3 Rxf2 42.Rxb6+
 Kf7 43.c5 Ke7 44.Rxc6 Kd7 45.Rg6
 Rxc6 46.Rxc6 Kc6 47.Kb3 Kb5 48.c6+
 Kxc6 49.Rxa5 Rf2 50.Rg5 Rf3+ 51.Kc4
 Rf4+ 52.Kd3 Kd6 53.Ke3 Rf3+ 54.Ke4

Mukund Gurumurthi (1459)**Ted Doykos** (1902)**Round 1**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be3 a5 7.Be2 Na6 8.0-0 c5
 9.d5 Bd7 10.Qd2 Nc7 11.a4 Ng4 12.Bf4
 f5 13.h3 fxe4 14.Nxe4 Nf6 15.Nxf6+
 Bxf6 16.Bg5 Qe8 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Qh6
 Qf8 19.Qh4 Rf4 20.g4 Qg7 21.Rae1
 Bxa4 22.Bd1 Bxd1 23.Rxe7 Rf7 24.Rxf7
 Qxf7 25.Ng5 Qg7 26.Rxd1 b5 27.cxb5
 Nxb5 28.Re1 Nd4 29.Qg3 Qf6 30.Ne4
 Qe5 31.f4 Qe7 32.Kf1 Qf7 33.Nxd6
 Qxd5 34.Qg2 Nf3 35.Re8+ Rxe8
 36.Nxe8 Nd2+ 37.Kf2 Qd4+ 38.Ke1
 Qe3+ 39.Qe2 Nf3+ 40.Kd1 Qg1+ 0-1

Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Ne5 Qc7 14.f4 Ne4
 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Qd4 Bxe5 17.fxe5 Bf5
 18.Qc3 Rad8 19.Bd2 Rd5 20.Be1 Qb6
 21.Bh4 Rc5 22.Qa3 Rxc2 23.Bxe7 Re8
 24.Bf6 Be6 25.Rf2 Rxf2 26.Kxf2 Rb8
 27.b3 Bd5 28.Qe7 Qb4 29.Qxb4 Rxb4
 30.h4 h6 31.g4 a5 32.Kg3 Kf8 33.Bd8
 Rb5 34.Kf4 a4 35.bxa4 Rb2 36.a3 Rf2+
 37.Kg3 Rf3+ 38.Kg2 Rxe3 39.Rf1 Rxa3
 40.a5 e3+ 41.Kg1 Ra2 42.Re1 Rg2+
 43.Kf1 Rg3 44.Bb6 Bc4+ 45.Re2 Bxe2+
 46.Kxe2 Rxc4 47.a6 Ra4 48.a7 Ke7
 49.Kxe3 Ke6 50.Bd4 Kf5 51.Kd3 Ke6
 52.Kc3 Kd5 53.Kb3 Ra6 0-1

Karl Irons (1865)

Seth Vander (1413)

Round 3

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7
 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7 Qxe7 7.f4 c5 8.Nf3
 Nc6 9.Nb5 0-0 10.dxc5 Nxc5 11.c3 a6
 12.Nbd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 Ne4 14.Qc2
 Qh4+ 15.g3 Nxc3 16.Qf2 Nf5 17.Nxf5
 Qxf2+ 18.Kxf2 exf5 19.Rd1 Be6 20.Bg2
 Rfd8 21.Rd4 Rd7 22.h4 h6 23.Bf3 Rc8
 24.Rhd1 Rc5 25.a3 b5 26.R1d2 g6
 27.Ke3 Kg7 28.Rg2 f6 29.exf6+ Kxf6
 30.Be2 Rg7 31.Rd1 g5 32.hxg5+ hxg5
 33.Rdg1 g4 34.Kd4 Rcc7 35.Bf1 Rh7
 36.Rg3 Rh2 37.Bg2 Rc4+ 38.Ke3 Re4+
 39.Bxe4 dxe4 40.R1g2 Rh8 41.Kd4 Rd8+
 42.Kc5 Rd3 43.Rxd3 exd3 44.Kd4 Bc4
 45.b3 Bxb3 46.Kxd3 Kg6 47.Ke3 Bd5
 48.Rd2 Be4 49.Kf2 Kh5 50.Kg3 a5
 51.Rd6 a4 52.Kh2 Bf3 53.Rf6 Be4
 54.Kg3 Bd3 55.Re6 Be4 56.Re5 Kg6
 57.Rxb5 Bc2 58.Rd5 Kf6 59.Rd4 Ke6
 60.c4 Bb3 61.c5 Bd5 (*As they say, the
 bishop has more than one wedding to
 dance at.*) 62.Rxa4 Kd7 63.Ra6 Bb7
 64.Rd6+ Kc7 65.a4 Bc6 66.a5 Kb7
 67.a6+ Kc7 68.Rf6 Be4 69.Rb6 Kc8
 70.a7 Ba8 71.Rb8+ 1-0

Sam Bridle (1831)

Michael Maloney (1907)

Round 3

1.b3 d6 2.Bb2 Nd7 3.g3 Ngf6 4.Bg2 e5
 5.e3 c6 6.Ne2 Qc7 7.c4 Be7 8.0-0 Rb8
 9.d4 0-0 10.Nd2 Rd8 11.Qc2 b6 12.h3
 Ba6 13.f4 exf4 14.Rxf4 d5 15.g4 dxc4
 16.bxc4 Bd6 17.Rf3 c5 18.Raf1 Bb7
 19.Rf5 Bxc2 20.Kxc2 Re8 21.Qd3 Re7
 22.g5 Rbe8 23.R1f3 Nh5 24.Nc3 Re6
 25.Rxf7 Qd8 26.h4 cxd4 27.exd4 Bb4
 28.Qf5 g6 29.Qg4 Nc5 30.Nf1 Bxc3
 31.Bxc3 Re4 32.Qh3 Re2+ 33.Kh1 Ne4
 34.Qd7 Qxd7 35.Rxd7 Nxc3 36.Rxc3



Rxa2 37.Rf3 Ra4 38.Rc7 Ra1 39.Kg2
 Re2+ 40.Rf2 Nf4+ 41.Kg3 Ra3+ 42.Rf3
 (...and Black lost on time. A tough fight.)
 1-0

DuWayne Langseth (1892)

Clifton Ford (1800)

Round 3

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 d5 3.f4 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bd3
 e6 6.Nd2 Be7 7.Ngf3 b6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Ne5
 Qc7 10.Rf3 Bb7 11.Rh3 Nxe5 12.fxe5
 Ne4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qh5 h6 15.Qg4
 Qc6 16.Rxh6 cxd4 17.exd4 e3 18.Nf3
 Qc4 19.Bxe3 Qe2 20.Bf2 Bxf3 21.gxf3
 Qxb2 22.Re1 Qxc3 23.Rh3 Qd2 24.f4 g6
 25.Rd1 Qxa2 26.Bh4 1-0

Davin Yin (1723)

Mukund Gurumurthi (1459)

Round 3

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5
 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 dxe5 8.Nxe5
 Nxe5 9.dxe5 e6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Kh1 0-0
 12.f4 b6 13.f5 f6 14.Qb3 fxe5 15.Nc3
 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Qd6 17.Rd1 Qc6 18.fxe6
 Bb7 19.Rg1 Rf2 20.Bb5 Qe4 21.Qc4
 Rxc2 22.Qxe4 Rxc1+ 23.Kxc1 Bxe4
 24.Bb2 Rf8 25.h3 Bc5+ 26.Kh2 Rf2+
 27.Kg3 Rg2+ 28.Kh4 g5+ 29.Kh5 Bg6+
 30.Kh6 Bf8# 0-1

Leonard Sistek (1600)

Jason Lee (1588)

Round 3

1.c4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6
 5.Be2 Bd6 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 Nbd7 8.Qc2 a6
 9.Ng5 Re8 10.Bd3 h6 11.h4 hxg5
 12.hxg5 Ne4 13.f4 Ndc5 14.Bxe4 Nxe4
 15.Nxe4 dxe4 16.Qxe4 g6 17.Rh8# 1-0

William Wolf (1339)

Valentin Almanza (1067)

Round 3

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Be7
 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 0-0
 9.0-0 Nd4 10.Qf2 c6 11.fxe5 dxe5
 12.Qg3 Bb4 13.Bg5 Bxc3 14.Qh4 Ne2+
 15.Kh2 Bb4 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Qg4+ Kh8
 18.Qxe2 Qe7 19.Qh5 Rg8 20.Qxf7 Qc5
 21.Qxf6+ Rg7 22.a3 Qe3 23.Rf3 Be7
 24.Qxg7+ 1-0

Daniel Herman (2064)

Rhett Langseth (2102)

Round 4

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 e5
 5.Be2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 c6 8.Bc4 Qc7
 9.a4 b6 10.b3 a6 11.Ba3 Re8 12.Qd2 Nf8
 13.Rad1 Bg4 14.Be2 Ng6 15.h3 Be6
 16.Ng5 Nf4 17.Nxe6 Nxe6 18.dxe5 dxe5
 19.Bd6 Bxd6 20.Qxd6 Qxd6 21.Rxd6
 Nd4 22.Bd3 Re7 23.Ne2 Ne8 24.Rxd4



Answering the question, "Was there a dress code?"

exd4 25.Nxd4 c5 26.Nf5 Rd7 27.e5 g6 28.Ng3 Re7 29.f4 f6 30.e6 f5 31.Bxf5 gxf5 32.Nxf5 Rc7 33.Rd1 Ng7 34.Nh6+ Kf8 35.f5 Ke7 36.g4 Nxe6 37.fxe6 Kxe6 38.Nf5 Rd7 39.Re1+ Kf6 40.Kg2 Rd2+ 41.Kg3 Rxc2 42.Kf4 Rf2+ 43.Kg3 Rb2 44.Re3 h5 45.Nd6 b5 46.Kf4 hxg4 47.hxg4 bxa4 48.g5+ Kg7 49.Ne8+ Kf8 50.bxa4 Rb4+ 51.Kg3 Rab8 52.Re6 R8b6 53.Nd6 Kg7 54.a5 Rb3+ 55.Kf4 R6b4+ 56.Ne4 Rb1 57.Kf5 Rf1+ 58.Kg4 c4 59.Ng3 c3+ 60.Kh5 c2 0-1

Brian Wall (2294)
Sam Bridle (1831)

Round 4

1.h4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.d3 d6 5.h5 h6 6.g4 Be7 7.f4 Bh4+ 8.Ke2 f5 9.Bg2 Bf6 10.Kf1 Nd7 11.Nge2 Nc5 12.Ng3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Qf6 14.exf5 Bxg2+ 15.Kxg2 exf5 16.Re1+ Kd7 17.Nxf5 Re8 18.Rxe8 Kxe8 19.Be3 Ne6 20.Qe2 Ne7 21.Nxe7 Qxe7 22.Re1 Kf7 23.f5 Nd8 24.Bd4 Qxe2+ 25.Rxe2 Nc6 26.Re6 Nxd4 27.cxd4 b5 28.c4 bxc4 29.dxc4

Rb8 30.Re2 Rb4 31.Rc2 Kf6 32.Kf3 c6 33.Re2 Rxc4 34.Re6+ Kf7 35.Rxd6 Ke7 36.Re6+ Kf7 37.Ke3 Rc3+ 38.Kf4 Rc2 39.Ke5 Rc4 40.Rg6 a5 41.a4 Rc3 42.f6 gxf6+ 43.Rxf6+ Kg7 44.Rg6+ Kh7 45.Rd6 Re3+ 46.Kf4 Rc3 47.Rd7+ Kg8 48.Kf5 c5 49.Kg6 Kf8 50.Kxh6 cxd4 51.g5 d3 52.g6 Ke8 53.Rd5 1-0

Vibi Varghese (1679)
Karl Irons (1865)

Round 4

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.c4 Ngf6 6.Nc3 g6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Ng5 0-0 9.f4 e6 10.d3 a6 11.a4 Nb8 12.Qe1 Nc6 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.Qh4 h6 15.Nh3 Nd4 16.Rab1 Qd8 17.g4 Nd7 18.Qg3 Qe7 19.Kh1 Kh7 20.Nf2 f5 21.gxf5 exf5 22.Rg1 Qf7 23.Rg2 Rfe8 24.Rbg1 Re6 25.h4 Rg8 26.Nh3 Nf8 27.Rh2 Rh8 28.Rhg2 Qe8 29.Nd5 Qd7 30.h5 Rg8 31.hxg6+ Rxg6 32.Qh4 Rxg2 33.Rxg2 Nf3 34.Ng5+ Nxe5 35.fxe5 Ng6 36.Qh5 fxe4 37.Nf6+ Kh8 38.Nxe8 Kxe8 39.gxh6 1-0

Griffin McConnell (1864)
Vedanth Sampath (1601)

Round 4

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.0-0 Nxb5 7.Nxb5 e6 8.Nd6+ Ke7 9.e5 Nh6 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Kf8 12.b3 Nf5 13.N4xf5 exf5 14.Qd5 Qe7 15.Ba3 Kg8 16.Nxf5 Qxa3 17.Nd6 h5 18.Qxf7+ Kh7 19.f5 Qc5+ 20.Kh1 Qxe5 21.fxe6+ Kh6 22.Nf5+ Kg5 23.Nxe7 1-0

Andrew Starr (1664)
Leonard Sistik (1600)

Round 4

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Be7 7.c4 Bb4+ 8.Nbd2 Bg4 9.Qa4+ Nc6 10.Bxe4 dxe4 11.Ne5 Bd7 12.Nxd7 Bxd2+ 13.Bxd2 Qxd7 14.Bc3 0-0 15.0-0 Rfd8 16.d5 Ne7 17.Qc2 f5 18.f3 exf3 19.Rxf3 Rf8 20.Rg3 Ng6 21.Qd2 Rf7 22.Qg5 f4 23.Rh3 Qf5 24.Rh5 Qxg5 25.Rxg5 Raf8 26.Re1 Rf5 27.Rxf5 Rxf5 28.Re8+ Rf8 29.Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Kf2 Ne7 31.Be5 g5 32.Bxc7 Nf5 33.Kf3 Ne3 34.b3 h5 35.g3 Nf1 36.gxf4 Nxe2+ 37.Kg2 Ng4 38.fxe5 Kf7 39.Kf3 Kg6 40.Kf4 Nf2 41.d6 Nd3+ 42.Ke4 Nc5+ 43.Kd5 b6 44.Kc6 h4 45.d7 Ne6 46.d8Q Nxd8+ 47.Bxd8 h3 48.Bc7 Kxe5 49.Kb7 1-0



Winter Springs Open - June Section

Richard "Buck" Buchanan - Chief Tournament Director

	<u>Player</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>Rd2</u>	<u>Rd3</u>	<u>Rd4</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Brian Wall	2294	D9	W23	W17	W10	3.5
2.	Rhett Langseth	2102	W21	W12	D6	W3	3.5
3.	Daniel Herman	2064	W11	W13	W4	L2	3.0
4.	Neil Bhavikatti	1927	W25	W20	L3	W6	3.0
5.	Vibi Varghese	1679	L7	W21	W12	W13	3.0
6.	Sara Herman	1954	W24	W16	D2	L4	2.5
7.	Michael Maloney	1907	W5	D17	L10	W16	2.5
8.	DuWayne Langseth	1892	L17	W25	W20	D11	2.5
9.	Griffin McConnell	1864	D1	L10	W22	W17	2.5
10.	Sam Bridle	1831	D18	W9	W7	L1	2.5
11.	Charles Alexander	1800	L3	W14	X	D8	2.5
12.	Ted Doykos	1902	W14	L2	L5	W18	2.0
13.	Karl Irons	1865	W22	L3	W23	L5	2.0
14.	Mukund Gurumurthi	1459	L12	L11	W25	W23	2.0
15.	Earle Wikle	1993	L20	W24	D16	U	1.5
16.	Brian Rountree	1869	W19	L6	D15	L7	1.5
17.	Vedanth Sampath	1601	W8	D7	L1	L9	1.5
18.	Aditya Krishna	1494	D10	L19	W21	L12	1.5
19.	Dean Clow	2107	L16	W18	F	U	1.0
20.	Clifton Ford	1800	W15	L4	L8	U	1.0
21.	Atharva Vispute	1782	L2	L5	L18	B	1.0
22.	Karthik Selva	1535	L13	B	L9	U	1.0
23.	Seth Vander	1413	B	L1	L13	L14	1.0
24.	Richard Pugh III	1797	L6	L15	U	U	0.0
25.	Davin Yin	1723	L4	L8	L14	U	0.0



Winter Springs Open - July Section

Richard "Buck" Buchanan - Chief Tournament Director

	<u>Player</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>Rd2</u>	<u>Rd3</u>	<u>Rd4</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	Kenneth Doykos	1700	W10	W6	D2	D3	3.0
2.	Andrew Starr	1664	D8	W11	D1	W5	3.0
3.	Robert Carlson	1610	D9	H	W7	D1	2.5
4.	Jason Lee	1588	W7	H	L5	W6	2.5
5.	Leonard Sisteck	1600	L6	W10	W4	L2	2.0
6.	Jordan Dorchuck	1359	W5	L1	W11	L4	2.0
7.	Erik Johnson	1337	L4	X	L3	W11	2.0
8.	Jeffrey Cohen	1510	D2	W9	U	U	1.5
9.	Dean Brown	1407	D3	L8	L10	B	1.5
10.	David Green	1524	L1	L5	W9	U	1.0
11.	Rick Lovato	1206	W12	L2	L6	L7	1.0
12.	Grant Luckey	1562	L11	F	U	U	0.0



Winter Springs Open - August Section

Richard "Buck Buchanan - Chief Tournament Director

	<u>Player</u>	<u>Rating</u>	<u>Rd1</u>	<u>Rd2</u>	<u>Rd3</u>	<u>Rd4</u>	<u>Points</u>
1.	William Wolf	1339	W5	D3	W2	W4	3.5
2.	Valentin Almanza	1067	W4	W5	L1	W6	3.0
3.	Scott Williams	1210	W6	D1	L4	W5	2.5
4.	Steven Readel	1325	L2	H	W3	L1	1.5
5.	Nicolas Torres	1215	L1	L2	W6	L3	1.0
6.	Daniel Bush	667	L3	B	L5	L2	1.0



The Chess Detective®

Opposite Color Bishops in the Middlegame

by NM Todd Bardwick

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When most chess players hear the words “opposite color bishops” they automatically think draw. A draw is often the result in the opposite color bishop endgame when the weak side succeeds in blockading his opponent's pawns on the color of his bishop to prevent a promotion.

In the middlegame, however, opposite color bishops heavily favors the player with the better placed bishop as it relates to attacking the opponent's king. The reason is that the aggressor, by definition, has an extra attacker on the color of his bishop because the defensive bishop is of little or no use defending those colored squares.

Back in the early 1990's IM Igor Ivanov came to town to give a simultaneous exhibition. He played White on all boards. I noticed after about a dozen moves or so that a third of the games had opposite color bishop middlegames with Igor on the attack as White (I don't recall which specific opening, but it came after 1.e4 e5). Igor cleverly found an opening line where the local players voluntarily traded for opposite color bishops in the middlegame - thinking they would have chances to draw - but ended up getting crushed before they could reach the endgame!

This position occurred in the 2009 World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, between Victor Bologan and Ahmed Adiv.

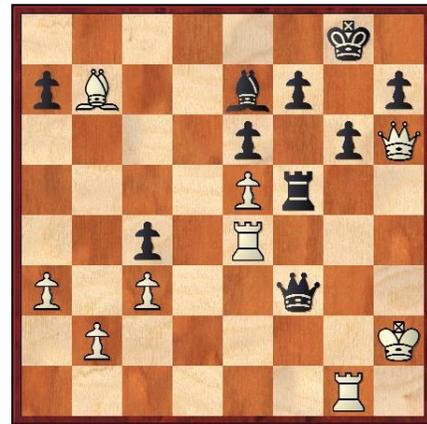


Position after 35...Kg8
White to move

Because his bishop has great access to the light squares around Black's king, Bologan calculates a successful rook sacrifice that forces Black's king toward his side of the board by playing, 36.Re7! Bxe7 37.Qh7+ Kf8 38.Qh8+ Kf7 39.Ba2+ Kg6 40.Qe8+ Rf7 41.Qg8+ Rg7 (41...Kf5 42.Be6+ Kf6 43.Qxf7 mate or

41...Kh5 42.Bxf7+ Kh4 43.Qg6 with mate soon) 42.Bb1+ d3 43.Bxd3+ Kh5 44.Qxg7 Rxf2 (nothing else works) 45.Rxe7 (45.Bg6+ or 45.Qg6+ lead to quicker mates) 45...Qc5 46.Qxh6+! (A nice queen sacrifice to finish him off!) 46...Kxh6 47.Rh7 mate.

Here is a position is from a game between Claus Toerber and Ludwig Roedel played in Luneburg, Germany in 1947.



Position after 34.Rg1
Black to move

Black played, 34...Rh5+ 35.Qxh5 Qxh5+ (An interesting opposite color bishop middlegame with a queen vs. two rooks. White's exposed king is a problem.) 36.Kg2 Qg5+ 37.Kh2 Qh6+ 38.Kg3 f5 39.exf6 Bd6+ (White is in trouble on the dark squares. Black will be looking to continue with forcing checks so that White cannot coordinate his pieces, hide his king, or have time to attack Black's king. Note that White's bishop on b7 does not play a role.) 40.Kf3 Qh3+ 41.Ke2 Qd3+ 42.Ke1 Qb1+ 43.Kd2 Qxb2+ 44.Ke3 Bc5+ 45.Kf4 Qf2+ Resigns.

The player with the initiative and the better placed bishop usually wins the opposite color bishop middlegame.

It is important to keep in mind that opposite color bishop middlegames can end up as drawish opposite color bishop endgames, if neither player mounts a successful attack on the king.



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Remembering Robert Wendling (Part One)

by Curtis Carlson

“Chess is a discipline masking as a game.”

- GM Maurice Ashley

“Faith, like hope, is a human construct that simply helps us pretend that an indifferent universe actually cares what we like... a useful variant of hope. When things are bad there is a statistical likelihood that they can get better. But the opposite is also true.”

- Lawrence Krauss

“Each move we make has consequences... as well as each move we don't make.”

- GM Alexander Stripunsky

“Scientific progress is like mountain climbing: the higher you climb, the more you know, but the wider the vistas of ignorance that extend on all sides.”

- Jack Miles

Disclaimer: this article is based on my imperfect memory.

I believe these recollections are accurate, but other old timers may have different recollections that are equally valid.

Robert Newton Wendling was born on March 17, 1948, and died on August 31, 1977. I first saw him at the 1969 Denver Open (my first rated tournament) where he lost a close game to tournament winner Jude Acers. We first played in the 1971 Denver Open Kings Gambit blitz tournament, when I won on time. Bob had no kind words for the Muzio Gambit! Our first rated game was in Salt Lake City two weeks later; see www.coloradochess.com/informant/July%202017.pdf, page 8. It took seven tournament games over four years before I finally drew one. He won most of our blitz games and often chuckled at my bad positions. Former Denver Champion Alfred Hulmes said when playing Bob he was beat before he ever sat down. I could relate.

Bob spent much of his childhood sick at home studying chess. He had a congenital disability that kept him from absorbing food nutrients; in effect he starved when eating normally. He was only five feet tall and weighed less than 100 pounds, but took first place in many events in Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah from 1967-73. He sold his trophies back to directors since he had so many! Bob's last complete tournament was the 1973 Mile High Open, where an unfortunate loss to Mike Dalesio in the final round kept him from tying for first. He only had five more games in three tournaments as his health issues worsened. In the first round of the Mile High Open (November 5, 1976) we played what was his final tournament game. He withdrew and I never saw him again.

In 1970 Bob got a degree in Psychology from the University of Denver but chess was his first love. His highest rating was about 2260, which would be about 2300-2350 today. In 1972 I suggested he try playing postally, and he entered 1st US Correspondence Chess Championship. Only a close loss to to 10th World Correspondence Champion Victor Palciauskas (see

below) kept him tying for first place with Tony Cayford. The crosstable is at www.iccfus.com/crosstables/usccc_finals/usccc01.htm. Bob wasn't able to participate in the 2nd USCCC, which he would likely have won.

Bob said *Pawn Power in Chess* by Hans Kmoch was excellent; maybe some day I'll read it! He showed me this puzzle: White plays 1.f3, 2.Kf2, 3.Kg3, and 4.Kh4, and gets mated on Black's 4th. The solution is at the end of this article.

Here are some of Bob's games with me and others. Unless otherwise stated notes are mine with help from Houdini Chess Engine (HCE) and Komodo Chess Engine (KCE).

RW (2219, age 24) - CC (1883, age 18) Al Wallace Memorial / Round 5 / March 26, 1972 (40/2): 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.Be3 Be7 8.O-O O-O 9.f4 Nc6 10.Qe1 Qc7 (The most common continuation, but 10...Nxd4 11.Bxd4 b5 12.a3 Bb7 is also good as in in Kamsky-Mamedyarov 2008. I of course knew no theory and just made routine moves that looked good.) 11.Qg3 Nxd4 (The logical followup to Black's last is 11...d5 12.e5 {12.exd5 exd5 13.Bf3 Rd8 = KCE} 12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 Bc5 = KCE.) 12.Bxd4 b5 13.Kh1 (13.a3 Rd8 14.Kh1 += KCE) 13...Kh8!? (As Magnus might say: too weak, too slow! Best is 13...Bb7 {= KCE, HCE}, as played by Ribli, Andersson, and Hou Yifan. Bob is quick to strike.) 14.e5 += dxe5 15.Bxe5 Bd6!? (15...Qb6 16.a4 b4 += KCE.) 16.Bxf6 (An obvious but impatient move which loses White's theoretical edge, although it works well in this case. KCE and HCE say 16.Bd3 Bxe5 17.fxe5 Ng8 {there was a reason to play 13...Kh8!} 18.a4 with small advantage. It's better for White to defer the f6 capture in hopes Black may take and allow a pawn recapture, opening the f file.) 16...gxf6 17.Qh4



17...Qe7?? (After this the game is over. Best was 17...Be7 {= KCE, HCE}, and 17...Rg8 18.Qxf6+ Rg7 19.Bf3 Bb7 20.Bxb7 Qxb7 {+=KCE, HCE} is playable when the bishop compensates for the pawn.) 18.Ne4 +- Rg8 19.Nxf6 (19.Nxd6 Qxd6 20.Qxf6+ Rg7 21.Rad1 was also crushing.) 19...Rg7 20.Rf3 Bb7 21.Rg3 Rag8 (21...Be4 22.Bf3 is no better. Bob played his next instantly.) 22.Qxh7+ Rxh7 23.Rxg8#. I could have resigned anytime after 18.Ne4. Not the best game ever played by a high school senior, but not as bad as remembered. Was this really 45 years ago?? Unbelievable! This tournament was held in the

basement of the YMCA, the first in several years not at the Gates Rubber Company.

RW (2240, age 24) - CC (1832, age 18) Salt Lake City Days of '47 Open / Round 7 / July 22 1972 (40/2): 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 Qc7 7.Bd3 e6 8.O-O Nbd7 9.Be3 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.Qf3 Be7 12.g4 Nb6? (This was typical of the passivity of my youth. KCE says 12...g5, 12...h6, and 12...h5 {+= HCE} are all even.) 13.g5 Nfd7 14.f5 e5 15.f6 gxf6 16.Nf5 (± HCE) 16...Rg8 17.Nxe7!? (Too soon! Black could almost resign after 17.Qh5 Rg6 18.Qxh7.) 17...Kxe7 18.Kh1 (KCE says it's only +=, and HCE says it's =! It didn't seem that good during the game.) 18...Raf8 (HCE's second choice, but a little better was 18...Rg6 hoping to double rooks on the g file.) 19.gxf6+ Kd8 20.Bh6 Re8 (My Colorado 'friends' were laughing at my position and said I castled a little too long!) 21.Bg7 Nc5 22.Rae1!?



(Curiously Black is better! Bob was concerned about 22...d5 and wanted to strengthen e4, but KCE says 22.Rac1 hoping to open the c file is +=, -/+ HCE.) 22...Ne6? (Right was 22...Kc8 and 23...Kb8, which is still -/+. I wonder how Bob would have answered 22...d5 {+= KCE, -/+ HCE} trying to open the long diagonal. HCE gives 23.exd5 Nxd5! 24.Nxd5 Qd6 25.Rd1 Bxd5 26.Qxd5 Qxd5 27.Be4 Qxd1+ Kc7 29.Bxh7 Rd8 -/+, which I wouldn't have seen in a million years. 23.Rg1 Kc8 is also better for Black.) 23.Rg1 Nf4 (= KCE, += HCE) 24.Bh6 (24.Ne2 = or 24.Rd1 = or 24.Rg3 = KCE) 24...Ng6? (A useless retreat since an f4 exchange opens the file for the e8 rook. Right was 24...Rxc4 25.Rxc4 Nc4 26.Bxf4 {26.Bxc4 Qxc4 27.Rg7 a5 += HCE} 26...exf4 27.Bxc4 Qxc4 28.Re1 Re5 += KCE. The rest of the game was played quickly since we were both low on time.) 25.Nd5 (25.Rg3) 25...Nxd5 26.exd5 Qc5? (Much stronger was 26...Nh4 27.Qe4 Rxc4 28.Rxc4 Qc5 = KCE, += HCE.) 27.Be4 (± HCE) 27...Nh4 (This is worse with d3 vacant.) 28.Qd3 Ng6? (Another poor move. 28...Rxc4 or 28...Kc7 were better tries. Black should not have allowed White to bring his dark squared bishop back to e3.) 29.Be3 Qc4? (Black's position is bad after 29...Qc7 but now the game is over.) 30.Bb6+ Kc8 31.Qh3+! Kb8 32.Qd7 1-0. 32...Qc8 33.Qxd6+ Ka8 34.a4 is hopeless. A humiliation for me but better than it seemed at the time. In the 1973 National Open Bob lost to Laszlo Szabo (see <https://2700chess.com/games/szabo-wendling-r3-las-vegas-1973-03-13>). He said before playing the veteran GM he thought he could give anyone in the world a good game! After playing Bob

I wondered if I could give anyone in the world a good game.

RW (2224, age 24) - CC (1909, age 18) Denver Chess League / October 24, 1972: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 e5 7.Nde2 Be7 8.Bg2 O-O 9.O-O Nbd7 10.h3 Nb6 11.g4 Qc7 12.Ng3 h6 13.Nd5 Nfxd5 14.exd5 f5 15.gxf5 Bxf5 16.Nxf5 Rxf5 17.Qg4 Rf6 18.Be4 Raf8



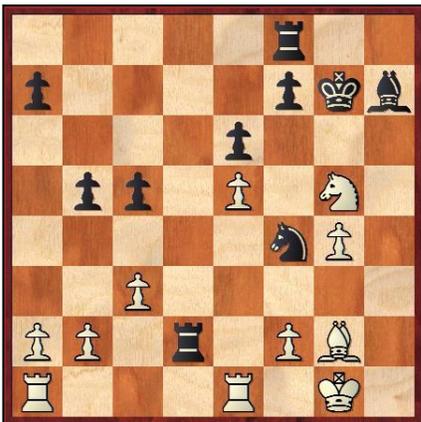
19.h4!? (Preparing his next move, which worked well against his weak opponent. 19.Bd3, 19.a4, and 19.Be3 are all equal according to KCE.) 19...Kh8? (Too weak, too slow! Black is OK after 19...Na4, 19...Qd7, or 19...Bd8 {+= HCE, planning ...Qf7, ...Nd7, and ...Bb6} when 20.Bg5? fails to hxg5 21.hxg5 Rf4. Bob's Alekhine like optimism was intimidating and induced many blunders by nervous opponents.) 20.Bg5 R6f7?? (A gross blunder. After 20...Nd7 {=KCE, HCE}, not 21.Bxf6? Nxf6 22.Qf5 Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Rf4 {+ KCE, HCE}, but 21.f4 R6f7 22.Bxe7 Rxe7 23.Qg6 Nf6 24.fxe5 dxe5 25.Rad1 {+= KCE, =HCE}. Also possible was 20...hxg5 21.hxg5 Rh6 22.gxh6 gxh6 23.Qe6 {or 23.Qh5} 23...Bg5 hoping the strong dark squares compensate for the exchange. If 20...Rg8?! 21.Qh5 ± HCE.) 21.Bxe7 Rxe7 22.Qg6 1-0 Bob never again allowed me a Najdorf!

RW (2194, age 25) - CC (1981, age 19) Al Wallace Memorial / Round 5 / March 25, 1973 (40/2): 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Nf6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 a6 9.O-O O-O 10.Qe1 Qc7 11.Qg3 Bd7 12.Nf3 b5 13.e5 Nd5 (13...Ne8 is Tal-Andersson 1983. HCE actually thinks my move is also good!) 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Rad1 Be6 (Youthful passivity strikes again! 15...dxe5 16.fxe5 Bf5 17.Rxd5 Bxc2 = HCE.) 16.Bd3 dxe5 17.fxe5 f6! (HCE thinks this is best, but I almost didn't play this since Bob might laugh! He later said it was good.) 18.Nd4 (He took fifteen minutes here. The fish in me hoped for 18.Bf4 fxe5 19.Nxe5? Rxf4!, but of course he saw it.) 18...Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Bc5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 21.Kh1 Qc7 (21...f5) 22.Qh4 f5 23.Rde1 Rae8 24.a4 Qe7 25.Qd4 Qb7 += 26.axb5 axb5 27.h3 Ra8 28.Ra1 Ra4 (Bob said I was a comedian - shot after shot! - and asked why didn't I play this way against Louis Hornyak, who nearly beat me the third round.) 29.Qc5 Rc8 30.Qd6 Qc6 31.Bxb5 Qxd6 32.exd6 Rb4 (As usual we were both low on time. 32...Rxa1 33.Rxa1 Rd8 34.Ra6 Kf7 {+= HCE} is hard to win.) 33.Rae1 (It's probably better for White to keep a rook on the a file. 33.Bd3 Rb6 34.b4 Rxd6 35.b5 += HCE.) 33...Kf7 34.Bd3 g6 35.g4



35...Rxb2?? (Black probably draws with 35...Kf6 36.b3 Rd8 {+= KCE}, but now it's over.) 36.gxf5 Bxf5 37.Bxf5 gxf5 38.Rxf5+ Kg6 39.d7 Rd8 40.Rxd5 Rb7 41.Red1 Rc7 42.R1d2 Kf6 43.R5d4 Ke5 44.c4 (Bob said he nearly missed 44...Rxc2!) 44...Ke6 45.Kg2 Rcx7 46.Rxd7 Rxd7 47.Rxd7 Kxd7 48.Kg3 1-0 in a few. I could have resigned any time after White's 36th. Bob said I was much harder to beat than usual, which meant hitherto I had always been easy to beat! I'm not sure if it was a compliment or not, but at least he had to earn this point.

Spencer Lucas (2023 {NM}, age 18) - RW (2182, age 25) Air Academy Open / Round 4 / May 27, 1973 /: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.O-O Qc7 8.Re1 b6 9.Nf1 dxe4 10.dxe4 Ba6 11.c3 O-O 12.Bg5 (This gives Black too much freedom. 12.e5 Nd5 13.Qc2 =, or 12.Bf4 e5 13.Bg5 = KCE.) 12...Rad8 13.Qa4 Bd3 (+= KCE) 14.e5 b5 15.Qh4 Nd5 16.Ne3 Nxe3 17.Rxe3 h6!? (17...Bxg5 18.Qxg5 h6 19.Qf4 Ne7 += KCE) 18.Bxe7? (18.Bf6! Bg6 19.Ne1 threatening 20.Bxc6 = KCE, HCE. The text gives Black a clear edge.) 18...Nxe7 19.g4 Bh7!? (Black has a clear edge after 19...b4, which KCE and HCE think is best. 19...Rd7 and ...Rfd8 was also strong.) 20.Qg3 Nd5 (20...b4) 21.Ree1 g5?! (Bob overplays his hand and loses his advantage. This move stops White's intended g5 and gives the knight an f4 base, but White gets counterplay against Black's weakened kingside. KCE and HCE agree that 21...b4 is still right since Black stands well after 22.g5 h5!. White now creates a g5 target.) 22.h4! Qe7 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Qh2 Kg7 25.Qh5 Nf4 26.Qxg5+ Qxg5 27.Nxg5 Rd2 (=KCE, HCE)



28.Be4?! (White's last six moves were consistent and strong, but he should now play 28.Nxh7 Kxh7 29.b4! planning to liquidate the queenside pawns. 28.a4 is also good. After the text Black again has an edge.) 28...Bxe4 29.Nxe4 Rxb2 30.Rab1 Rxa2 31.Rxb5 c4!? (This move isn't necessary since White can't take on c5; Bob must have been in his usual time pressure. Best was 31...Rh8 and 32...Rh4 threatening the hard to defend g4 pawn.) 32.Rb7 Nd3 33.Re3 Ra5? (This slip loses Black's advantage. Not 33...Nxe5? 34.Nc5! KCE likes 33...Kg6, while HCE prefers 33...a5. Either maintain an edge for Black.) 34.Nd6 = Nxe5 35.f4 (Safer is 35.Re4 = HCE.) 35...Nd3 36.Nxc4 Ra1+ 37.Kh2? (Lucas didn't want to lose his f4 pawn with check, but ...Rh8 check was worse! 37.Kg2 Nxf4+ 38.Kg3 Ng6 39.Rxe6 was likely drawn.) 37...Rh8+ 38.Kg3? (It's too late for 38.Kg2 Ra2+ 39.Kg3 Rah2, or 39.Kg1 Nxf4 and Black wins. White had to play 38.Rh3 Rxb3+ 39.Kxh3 Nxf4+ 40.Kg3 Ne2+ 41.Kf2 Nxc3 42.Nd6 += KCE. Now the game is over.) 38...Rg1+ 39.Kf3 Rh3+ 40.Ke2 (40.Ke4 Nc5+ 41.Kd4 Rxe3 42.Rxa7 Ree1 43.Kxc5 Rxb4 was also hopeless.) 40...Nxf4+ 0-1. An interesting and hard fought game. It's too bad they never played again! Lucas soon became a master and won the 1974 US Junior Championship.

RW (2253, age 25) - CC (2032, age 19) Colorado Open / Round 5 / September 2, 1973 (40/2): 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 e6 (I'd now play 3...e5, not allowing an open game!) 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 a6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.a3 d6 8.Nb3 Be7 9.f4 O-O 10.Qf3 Qc7 11.Bd3 b5 12.O-O Bb7 13.Qh3 g6 (It was slightly embarrassing to have made this move, but it's also been played by GM's Hjartarson and Suetin! After the game Bob said 13...b4 was best.) 14.g4 d5 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.f5



17...Rfe8? (After this blunder the game is over. The beginner's delusion of development over all else still obsessed me. Now it's over.) 18.fxg6 fxg6 19.Rf7! Kxf7 20.Qxh7+ Ke6. I resigned after... 21.Bf5+! When several pieces aim at the same square it's often good to occupy that square. When playing 17...Rfe8 I only looked at 21.Qxg6+ Kd7 when Black survives. On the next board Master Don Sutherland had a crushing win over life expert Brian Wall. We were simultaneously devastated! It's hard to believe it's been 44 years.

(Picture of the scoresheet is on the next page.)

OFFICIAL SCORE SHEET
COLORADO STATE CHESS ASSOCIATION

EVENT Colorado Open DATE 9/3/73

ROUND 5 BOARD 2 TIME CONTROL 40/2

PLAYERS STARTING RANKS: WHITE 1 BLACK 5

WHITE R. Wendlin (2253) BLACK L. Carlson (2032)

1	P-K4	P-RB4	31	
2	N-QB3	N-RB3	32	
3	K-K1	P-T3	33	
4	P-Q4	PXP	34	
5	NXP	P-OR3	35	
6	B-K3	N-B3	36	
7	P-OR3 :13	P-Q3 :21	37	
8	N-N3 :16	B-K2 :25	38	
9	P-B4 :20	O-O :32	39	12...b4 14...Nb4
10	O-B3 :25	O-B2 :47	40	
11	B-O3 :26	P-QN4 :53	41	B-KB5
12	O-O :27	B-N2 :55	42	B-N6
13	O-R3 :28	P-KN3 :59	43	17...d4+
14	P-KN4 :31	P-Q4 :1:14	44	17...Nb6+
15	PXP :46	NXP :1:17	45	
16	N-N2	P-N	46	
17	R-N5	KR-KR1 :34	47	
18	P-K5 :57	APXP :1:36	48	
19	R-B7 :1:02	K-NR :1:35	49	
20	B-B4	K-K3 :1:37	50	
21	B-TS5*	R-Q4	51	
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CIRCLE CORRECT RESULT WHITE WON DRAW BLACK WON

SIGNATURES R. Wendlin L. Carlson

Original scoresheet of RW-CC 1973 Colorado Open. The illegibility shows my 19 year old brain was still in an adolescent stage.

I wasn't the only one to play 17...Rfe8. Eleven months later I faced future IM Jay Bonin in the penultimate round of the 1974 NY City US Open. After an opening transposition we played a game identical to RW-CC, only I had White! He kept finding my moves! After 21.Bf5+ he played 21...Ke5 and resigned when I played 22.Qg7+. He looked at me and said, "You're good!" I didn't try to change his mind. Bob got a kick out of this; Jay didn't know who he had really played! For some reason it's not in his recent book *Active Pieces*. I'm lucky he missed 17...Bd6, since it would have been hard to tell Bob I lost from both sides. Curiously the game was repeated in Germany in 1992, where Black also resigned after 21.Bf5+ : see <https://2700chess.com/games/schulte-bartold-dickmann-r%3F.4-germany-1992>. Evidently 90s Europeans were unfamiliar with '70s Coloradans!

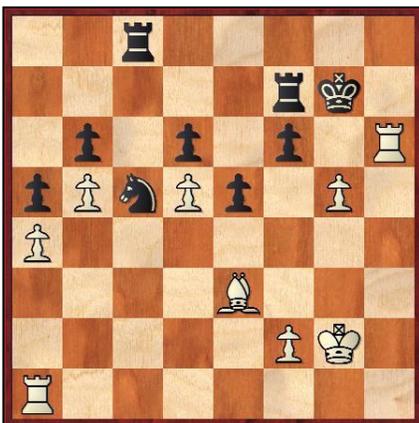
This disaster was terribly embarrassing and I hoped to bury it away forever, but in October 1973 Louis Hornyak analyzed it in his CUDC newspaper column, with a diagram before 19.Rf7! I didn't know it had been published until I saw someone reading

it while riding a bus to school. Louis rightly said there was a big difference between master and expert. It was an effective way for my college friends to see I wasn't another Bobby Fischer.

Victor Palciauskas - RW / 1st USCCC 1974-76: 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.Nge2 Be7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 O-O 8.O-O Qc7 (8...d6 has been played by Ivanchuk and Shirov. Bob may have disliked Larsen's 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.e5 although HCE says it's equal after 10...dxe5 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Bxc6 Rb8. "Black has another possibility: 8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 and the weakness of the d5 pawn is offset by Black's active pieces. There is still another line for Black in this system: 9...exd5 (10.Bg5? h6). The text is weaker." - Estrin. 8...d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Be3 += HCE.) 9.Ncb5 (+= Estrin, = KCE.) 9...Qb8 10.c4 a6 11.Nc3 Rd8 (11...Qc7 transposes into familiar lines. 11...d6 = KCE.) 12.Be3 += Ne5 (This seems to lose time although it doesn't ruin Black's game. KCE prefers 12...d6, 12...Nxd4 13.Bxd4 d6, or even 12...b5 which are all +=.) 13.b3 (13.Qe2 {± HCE, += KCE} is preferable since it gets the queen off the d file and discourages ...b5. Black could now play 13...Bb4 14.Nde2 b5 +=.) 13...d6 14.h3 Bd7 15.Qe2 (White threatens 16.f4 Nc6 17.Rad1 with a dominant space advantage. 15.f4 Nc6 16.Qe2 was also good.) 15...Nc6 "Black has wasted some important tempi and White has managed to prevent the freeing ...b5. Black tries to exchange knights to ease his position." - Estrin. Despite Estrin's pessimism Black is only slightly worse.) 16.Rfd1 Nxd4 (Black should probably play 16...b5, when KCE and HCE say 17.cxb5 Nxd4 18.Bxd4 e5 19.Be3 axb5 is +=.) 17.Bxd4 Bc6 (17...Be8 is safer since on c6 the bishop gets threatened by White's advancing pawns.) 18.a4 Nd7 19.b4 b6 20.Nd5! (This was also good on the last move. Black avoids 20...exd5 21.exd5 Bxa4 22.Rxa4 Bf6 23.Bxf6 Nxf6 24.Qa2 += HCE.) 20...Bf8 21.b5 "White continues to force matters: Now he exchanges the bishop on c6." - Estrin. 21...Bxd5 (White's greater space gives a small but pesistent advantage. HCE and KCE prefer 21...axb5 22.axb5 Rxa1 23.Rxa1 Ba8 += since trades help Black.) 22.cxd5 e5 23.Be3 a5 (Closing the queenside increased White's edge. Best is 24.Rac1 Nc5 25.Rc4, since White's rook is better on c4 than a1, but Palciauskas' move is also good.) 24.h4 Nc5 (Bob's based his game on this strong knight but his other pieces are passive. White now plays for a kingside attack.) 25.Qg4 Qc8 26.Qf3 Ra7 27.Kh2 Rc7 28.Bh3 Qb8 29.Ra3 "A good square for the rook. From here it can get over to the kingside when it is needed." - Estrin. (Bob tries to regroup.) 29...Be7 30.h5 Rf8 31.Bf5 (KCE prefers 31.h6 or 31.Qg4.) 31...Qd8 32.Kg2? (This allows Black to trade bishops. White stands well after 32.Rc3 Bg5 {32...Nxa4?! 33.Rc6 Qb8 34.Kg2 is good for White - HCE, KCE.} 33.Bxc5 bxc5 34.Kg2 even with opposite colored bishops - KCE. White tries to force a c5 pawn recapture to get a powerful passed pawn of his own.) 32...Bg5! (This equalizing move is best, even though Estrin gives it a ? and says, "Black goes in for a forced line which only increases White's advantage. Stronger is 32...Kh8 followed by ...g6. A tough struggle would then lie ahead." But 32...Kh8? 33.Rc3! Bg5 34.Bxc5 bxc5 35.Rc4 is very strong, and 33...Nxa4 34.Rc6 Qb8 35.Ra1 Nc5 36.Bxc5 also gives White a clear plus. Also reasonable is 33.Qg4 {+= KCE}, which stops ...Bg5.)



33.Bxh7+? (This should have lost! KCE's top three are 33.Bxc5 =, 33.Bg4 =+, and 33.Rh1 =+.) 33...Kxh7 34.Qf5+ g6? (I wonder why Bob rejected 34...Kh6! {+ HCE, KCE}, which Estrin doesn't even mention. Both players must have felt 35.f4 exf4 36.gxf4 Be7 37.e5 was winning, but Black is safe after 37...Qd7! 38.e6 Qe8!) 35.Qxg5 (Bob was probably hoping for 35.hxg5+? fxg5 36.Qxg5 Rxf2+!) 35...Qxg5 36.Bxg5 Nxe4 (It's still equal despite Black's 34th. Bob must have analyzed this position when playing 32...Bg5 and correctly assessed it as level.) 37.Be3 Nc5?! (Not a mistake but on the wrong track. Since Black has the c file, his knight should go to f6 where it eyes the d5 pawn; right was 37...Rb8! with ...Rc4 coming soon. "There was an interesting resource in the pawn sacrifice 37...Rc2 38.Bxb6 f5. Black loses after the text." - Estrin. 37...Rc2 38.Bb6 f5 {38...gxh5! 39.Rh1 Kg6 = KCE, HCE} 39.Rda1 and R3a2 is better for White according to KCE.) 38.Rh1 f6 (White was threatening to win the d6 pawn with 39.hxg6+ Kxg6 40.Rh6+ so Bob blocks the 6th rank.) 39.hxg6+ Kxg6 40.g4 Rcc8 (Black wants to get a rook to h8 but 40...Nd7! 41.Raa1 Rc4 42.Rh6+ Kg7 43.Rah1 Rf7 is OK for Black with his active rook. Also possible is 40...Rg8, when 41.Rh6+ Kf7 42.Rh7+ Rg7 is equal.) 41.Rh6+ Kg7 42.g5 Rf7?! (Bob clears the way to for his other rook to h8. According to HCE and KCE 42...Ne4! 43.gxf6+ Nxf6 44.Rh1 Kg6 45.Bxb6 Nxd5 46.Bxa5 Nf4+ 47.Kf3 Rc2 is equal. White gets nothing from 43.Bxb6 fxg5 44.Re6 Rc4, or 44.Rah3 Rc2. Bob was too concerned about his b6 pawn.) 43.Ra1 (= HCE, KCE)



43...Rh8? (This simplifies into a lost rook ending. "Black is not saved by 43...Ne4 44.Rah1 Nxe5 45.Bxg5 fxg5 in view of

46.Rh7+ Kf6 47.R1h6+ Ke7 48.Re6+ etc." - Estrin. This is ridiculous since 44...Nxe5? just loses a piece. Best is 44...Rc4! 45.Rh7+ Kg8 {45...Kf8?? 46.g6 1-0} 46.Rh8+ Kg7 47.Bxb6 Rxa4 48.R8h7+ Kg8 49.g6 Rxh7 50.gxh7+ Kh8 when Black's active pieces should hold.) 44.Rxh8 Kxh8 45.Bxc5 dxc5 (45...bxc5 was more resistant but still losing after 46.gxf6 Rxf6 47.Kf1 when White's king either penetrates to b5 or wins material.) 46.Kf3 (The game is over. White's active king and guarantees the win. Palciauskas finishes very nicely.) 46...f5 (47...fxg5 48.Ke4 is hopeless.) 47.Re1! Re7 48.d6! Rd7 49.Rxe5 Rxd6 50.Kf4! Kg7 51.Kxf5 Kf7 (Black's last desperate hope for counterplay is 52...c4, which White stops.) 52.Re4! 1-0 "It should be noted that White demonstrated fine technique in realizing his advantage. Bravo, Mr. Palciauskas!" - Estrin. A devastating setback for Bob since 34...Kh6 would probably given him a tie for first with Cayford. Still, his final result was still was impressive; clear second with ten wins, three draws, and only one loss against formidable competition. Bob even finished half a point ahead of Palciauskas, who drew four players Bob defeated. I wonder what he would have said in 1975 if he had known this game would be published with computer analysis more than four decades later! Time waits for no one, least of all chess players, but games live on forever. **Yakov Borisovich Estrin (1923-87) was the 7th World Correspondence Champion.** His remarks are from *The United States Correspondence Chess Championship*, published in 1978. He obviously didn't check his analysis with AlphaZero!

Palciauskas has a fascinating game with the twelfth World Correspondence Champion Grigory Sanakoev at tinyurl.com/y7n2whca, which Bob would have liked. Fischer and Spassky weren't the only World Champions to play nice games against each other. The answer to Bob's puzzle: 1.f3 e5 2.Kf2 Qf6 3.Kg3 Qxf3+! 4.Kh4 Be7#. He said seeing Black's third was the key.

My previous article should have included the following links:

The 4th USCCC crosstable is at tinyurl.com/y75hxffc.

CCLA's web site is at www.ChessByMail.com.

My next article will have more about Bob. As always, I appreciate the opportunity to share memories. I'm at Curt2309@comcast.net and www.facebook.com/curt2309 if there are any questions, corrections, or comments.



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Colorado State University. You can email Randy Reynolds at randy_tesyana@msn.com.
On the web - groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Denver Chess Club 2017 Review & Survey

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Year End Review

Before getting to the December 2017 Quick Tournament report let me review a few statistics relating to the state of the Denver Chess Club's Tuesday night tournaments. First, I want to say what I really like about Dean Clow's *CassiaChess* software is its record keeping. We now have accurate attendance figures and prize money accounting for over two years. The records for 2015 are unfortunately incomplete and before that non-existent.

On average, in 2016 over the course of the month we would see 47 individual players. Weekly, we would pair an average of around 36 players. This was definitely an increase over past years. From memory. I'm guessing in 2015 the weekly average would have been around 28 players, if that.

In 2017 over the course of the year we averaged 65 individual players monthly. Our weekly attendance increased to an average of 46. Our high point in 2017 was the 3rd week of June when we paired 62 players. 31 boards in an energetic room. We had a weekly average of 50 or more players in 5 separate months. Encouraged by the significant increase in attendance, our goal for 2018 is to have an attendance of between 50 to 60 players each and every week.

In 2016 our average monthly prize money payout was \$557. In 2017 DCC expenses increased and consequently the average monthly prize payout remained about the same; \$575. But we also will be awarding 18 DCC Tour prizes to Colorado chess players who played often and played well in DCC tournaments. We had guaranteed a \$1500 payout but increased attendance resulted in a 2017 DCC Tour prize fund of \$1848. Which will be awarded to the

top 3 players in each of 6 rating classes, with each group getting an equal share. Thus, for the Tuesday night tournaments and the brand new DCC Tour, the DCC paid out a total of \$8748 in prize money over the course of the year.

If we include the prize money paid out at the MLK, the Denver Open and the Fall Classic the total rises to nearly \$14,500. Well, now. I think it is safe to say the Denver Chess Club has never paid out that much prize money. I am proud of the fact that it is DCC policy to spread the prize money as far and wide as possible. Regardless of a players rating, they have a chance to win prize money in DCC tournaments.

One final 2017 note: Our fearless, and greatly esteemed President, Brian Wall, the most well known chess player in Colorado, and throughout the entire world, seriously beloved by all, would like it to be known that he, the Magnificent, only lost two Tuesday night games all year. When aliens land here from outer space, it will not be; *"Take us to your leader."*, but instead, *"We are here to play chess, take us to Brian Wall."*

DCC Survey

The DCC survey indicated that by far the most popular time control is for standard rated games. In months with 5 Tuesdays It seems as if most players would rather have a 5th round instead of Blitz on the 5th Tuesday. Although a good number also like the Blitz tournament. Speaking of time controls, it is unfortunate that we failed to include a dual rated time control

question on the survey, in light of a recent Brian Wall Yahoo group discussion.

Players voted to continue the DCC Tour by a margin of 3 to 1, but 22 players also said they didn't know what the DCC tour was. Astounding to me. We will be posting the 2018 Tour details on the DCC website after the first of the year.

We would like more players to register online for Tuesday nights, but it seems most players prefer to pay in person, or did not know online registration was available.

Quite a few players would like a separate Friday night event at our major weekend tournaments. With either a Blitz tournament or a meet and greet with a well known Grandmaster giving a lecture rather than a simul. The DCC board has discussed this and due to financial considerations and arrangement difficulties, the idea has been placed on the back burner for the coming year. Unless something falls into our lap.

For two day weekend tournaments, players preferred low entry fees and low prize funds as opposed to high entry fees to make a high prize fund. But the numbers were not far apart. For one day tournaments low entry fees was favored by a 3 to 1 margin.

We asked if players would like the occasional Bughouse, Blindfold, Fischer 960, or quirky tournaments like Clone Wars. There was definitely some interest for each, but most players selected, *"None of the above."*





It does not seem right that Daniel Herman did not win money for his 4th place finish. In the first 6 rounds he only lost to Mr. Shtivelband in round 3. Then for the last 3 rounds he had to face in order; Brian Wall, Josh Bloomer and Gunnar Andersen. A tough row to hoe. His score - Draw, Loss, Win to ended up with 6.5 points and no money. His win over Mr Andersen was a classic rook and pawns ending battle that went down to the last seconds on the clock for both players.

For the following prize winners, keep in mind their Quick ratings were used. Sara Herman won the U1900 prize with a 6 point score, that included wins over Chris Peterson and Earle Wikle. Was good to see Mr. Wikle at this tournament, and we hope to see him more often, now that he has joined the DCC. Neil Bhavikatti won the U1800 prize with 5.5 points. He also took a game from Mr. Peterson. Chris had a rough tournament, but he did work his way up to board 1 for the last round. Only to lose to Mr. Shtivelband. Sara and Neil each won 35 dollars.

Griffin McConnell and Seth Vander share the combined U1700 and U1500 prize of 70 dollars with 5 point final scores. Griffin is probably disappointed with his score in light of the recent increase in his regular rating, while Mr. Vander is probably quite pleased after a long lay off from tournament chess. Welcome back, Mr. Vander. Griffin, just count the money.

None other than Shirley Herman won the U1300 prize of 35 dollars with a final score of 4.5 points. Winning against the wily DCC veteran Paul Kullback in the last round. Again, I'm gonna tell anyone who will listen that Ms. Herman is way better than her 3 digit Quick rating. Way better than her regular rating too.

Finally, the 5 round January tournament will determine the DCC Tuesday Night 2018 Champions in 3 sections; Open, U1900 and U1500. Winners receive a trophy and of course the prize money.

Thanks to all who have and are playing at the Denver Chess Club!



From the general comments: We are definitely going to "Use social media engagement to advertise events." We will address "Lectures could be better organized." "Find a permanent location." Our own building is a dream. "Pizza every last Tuesday of the month." is probably not going to happen.

We took it as a good sign that DCC players were not the least bit apathetic about filling out the survey. The increasing attendance and the vibrant feeling in the room on Tuesday nights is satisfying and we hope to build on that in the coming year. Feedback on any DCC issue is always welcome.

December Quick Chess Report

Since we were not going to be playing the day after Christmas, Dean Clow liked the idea of playing a 9 round G/20; d3 Quick tournament. With 3 rounds on each of the first 3 Tuesdays in December. We were pleased to have 4 Master level players; Josh Bloomer, Brian Wall, Chris Peterson, and Richard Shtivelband, (recently moved to Denver from New York) playing all 9 rounds. In addition we had Gunnar Andersen - taking a break from his chess coaching schedule - playing the last three rounds. The best of Colorado chess here at the Denver Chess Club. Not to mention the 10 Experts

and strong Class A players who were also playing.

Quick chess ratings were used for pairings, but maybe we should use regular ratings for any future Quick tournament. Everybody knows Neil Bhavikatti is way better than his 1330 Quick rating. Sullivan and Griffin McConnell, 1650. Sara Herman, 1770... I don't think so. All of them more like 1900 at least. Anyway, that said, on to who won what.

Only 2 players went undefeated - Mr. Shtivelband with 6 wins and 3 draws, and Mr. Wall with 5 wins and 4 draws. Richard's 7.5 points tied for 1st place with Mr. Bloomer. Josh and Richard drew their round 4 game and Josh lost to Brian in round 5, but otherwise won all his games. They share the combined 1st and 2nd place prizes, and each won 65 dollars.

Mr. Wall finished a half point behind with 7 points. Brian regretted agreeing to a 6 move draw with Mr. Shtivelband in round 6. Quoting Mr. Wall "I beat Josh Bloomer but was cursed when Richard Shtivelband offered me a draw after 6 moves. After that I could only draw every game like Schlechter/Giri." He still took clear 3rd place and won 40 dollars.

More Games From the 2017 Colorado Open

Submitted by Richard "Buck" Buchanan

Continuing from the October 2017 issue of the *Colorado Chess Informant* are more games from last year's Colorado Open.

Sean Scott (1924)

Gunnar Andersen (2291)

Round 1

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.c4 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Be2 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.Rc1 Bd7 11.a3 Nxd4 12.Qxd4 Bc6 13.f4 e5 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.Qxe5 Bd6 16.Qd4 Qb8 17.h3 Bh2+ 18.Kh1 Be5 19.Qd3 Bxc3 20.bxc3 Bxe4 21.Qd2 Qg3 22.Bf3 Rad8 23.Bd4 Qg6 24.Qf2 Bxf3 25.Qxf3 Ne4 26.Rfe1 Rfe8 27.Re3 Re7 28.Rce1 Rde8 29.Qf4 h6 30.Kh2 Qg5 31.Qf3 Nd2 32.Qe2 Rxe3 33.Bxe3 Rxe3 34.Qxe3 Qxe3 35.Rxe3 Nf1+ 0-1

Nathaniel Reeves (1910)

Ryan Swerdlin (2257)

Round 1

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3 Qb6 6.Qb3 c4 7.Qxb6 axb6 8.Be2 b5 9.Nbd2 b4 10.0-0 e6 11.h3 Nd7 12.e4 bxc3 13.bxc3 b5 14.Rfe1 Be7 15.Ne5 Ndx5 16.dxe5 Ra3 17.exd5 exd5 18.Bf3 Be6 19.Nb1 Ra5 20.Rd1 b4 21.Nd2 Nb8 22.cxb4 Bxb4 23.Rab1 Na6 24.Nxc4 dxc4 25.Bc6+ Ke7 26.Bg5+ f6 27.exf6+ gxf6 28.Bf4 Kf7 29.Bb7 Be7 30.Rb6 Nc5 31.Bf3 h5 32.Rc6 Nd3 33.Bc7 Rc5 34.Rxc5 Bxc5 35.Rd2 Rc8 36.Bxh5+ Kg7 37.Ba5 Bxf2+ 38.Rxf2 Nxf2 39.Kxf2 c3 40.Bd1 c2 41.Bxc2 Rxc2+ 42.Kf3 Bd5+ 43.Kg3 Rxc2+ 0-1

Akshat Jain (2117)

Cory Kohler (1829)

Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nf3 0-0 7.Bd3 e6 8.0-0 exd5 9.exd5 Re8 10.h3 Nbd7 11.Re1 Ne5 12.Nxe5 dxe5 13.Bg5 Qb6 14.Rb1 Nd7 15.Be3 f5 16.b4 e4 17.Na4 Qd8 18.Bf1 cxb4 19.c5 Ne5 20.Rxb4 Bd7 21.Rxb7 Qa5 22.c6 Nd3 23.Bxd3 exd3 24.cxd7 Re4 25.Nc5 d2 26.Re2 Rxe3 27.Rxe3 Qxc5 28.Re8+ Bf8 29.d8Q Rxd8 30.Rxd8 1-0

Aravindaswamy Anandakumar (1835)

Eamon Montgomery (2111)

Round 1

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 Bc5 8.Nb3 Be7 9.f4 d6 10.Be3 0-0 11.Na4 Nbd7 12.Nc3 b5 13.a3 Bb7 14.Bf2 Rac8 15.Bg3 d5 16.f5 Qb6+ 17.Bf2 Qd8 18.exd5 exd5 19.Bd4 Bd6 20.Re1 Qc7 21.h3 Rfe8 22.Qd2 Ne5 23.Qg5 h6 24.Qd2 Re7 25.Re2 Rce8 26.Rae1 Nc4 27.Bxc4 dxc4 28.Rxe7 Bxe7 29.Nc1 Rd8 30.Qf2 Rxd4 31.Rxe7 Qxe7 32.Qxd4 Qe1+ 33.Kh2 Qxc1 34.Qd8+ Kh7 35.Qe7 Be4 36.Nxe4 Nxe4 37.Qxf7 Qf4+ 38.Kg1 Qf2+ 39.Kh2 Qg3+ 40.Kg1 Nd2 41.Qd5 Qe1+ 42.Kh2 Nf1+ 43.Kg1 Ne3+ 0-1

Matthew Hernandez (2023)

Daniel Marmer (1706)

Round 1

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 c6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bd3 Bf5 7.b4 Qxb4 8.Rb1 Qa5 9.Bxf5 Qxf5 10.Rxb7 Qc8 11.Rb3 e6 12.Ne5 Nbd7 13.Qf3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Nd5 15.Ne4 Qc7 16.0-0 Qxe5 17.c4 Ne7 18.Bf4 Qa5 19.Nd6+ Kd7 20.Rd1 Nd5 21.cxd5 Bxd6 22.dxc6+ Ke8 23.Bxd6 Rd8 24.Rb7 Rxd6 25.Qxf7+ Kd8 26.Rxd6+ Kc8 27.Qd7# 1-0

Daniil Ioffe (1778)

Norbert Martinez (1622)

Round 1

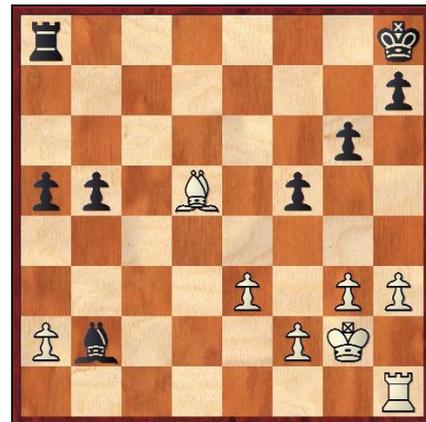
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Bf4 0-0 5.h3 d6 6.e3 Bf5 7.Be2 Nbd7 8.Nc3 c5 9.0-0 Nb6 10.Rc1 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Nd2 Bc6 13.d5 Bd7 14.Qc2 e5 15.Bg3 f5 16.e4 Bh6 17.f4 Qe8 18.fxe5 dxe5 19.Rcd1 Nc8 20.Qc3 Bg7 21.b4 b6 22.bxc5 bxc5 23.Nb3 Ba4 24.Qa5 Bxb3 25.axb3 Nd6 26.exf5 Nxf5 27.Bf2 Nd4 28.Bxd4 Rxf1+ 29.Rxf1 cxd4 30.d6 e4 31.Qd5+ Kh8 32.d7 Qd8 33.Qxe4 Rb8 34.Bg4 Bf6 35.c5 Kg7 36.Qd5 Qa5 37.Rxf6 Kxf6 38.Qd6+ Kg7 39.Qxb8 Qxc5 40.d8Q d3+ 41.Kh2 1-0

Alexander Marsh (1596)

Cory Foster (1740)

Round 1

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.Bf4 0-0 6.e3 d6 7.h3 Qe8 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.Nb5 Qd7 10.c5+ e6 11.cxd6 cxd6 12.Bxd6 Rd8 13.Ne5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4 15.Bc4 Nxd6 16.exd6 a6 17.Nc7 Qxd6 18.Nxe6 Qd2+ 19.Kf1 Bxe6 20.Bxe6+ Kh8 21.g3 b5 22.Kg2 Qxb2 23.Qxb2 Bxb2 24.Rad1 a5 25.Rd5 Rxd5 26.Bxd5



Rd8 27.Rd1 Kg7 28.Bb3 Rxd1 29.Bxd1 Kf6 30.f4 Ke7 31.Bb3 h6 32.g4 Kf6 33.Kf3 b4 34.e4 fxe4+ 35.Kxe4 g5 36.f5 Ke7 37.Kd5 Kf6 38.Kd6 Be5+ 39.Kd7 Bc3 40.Ke8 Kg7 41.Ke7 Bf6+ 42.Ke6 Bc3 43.Bc4 Bf6 44.Kd7 Bc3 45.Kc6 Kf6 46.Kb5 Ke5 47.Kxa5 Kf4 48.Ka4 Kg3 49.Bf1 Kf2 50.Bc4 Kg3 51.Kb3 Kxh3 52.Be2 Bd4 53.Kxb4 Kg3 54.a4 Kf4 55.a5 Ke5 56.Kb5 h5 57.gxh5 Kxf5 58.a6 g4 59.Bxg4+ Kg5 60.Bd1 Kh6 61.Kc6 Be3 62.Kd6 Kg7 63.Ke6 Kh6 64.Kf7 Kh7 65.Bc2+ Kh6 66.Bg6 Bd4 67.Ke7 Kg7 68.Kd7 Kh6 69.Kc7 Kg7 70.Kb7 Kh6 71.a7 Bxa7 72.Kxa7 Kg7 73.Kb7 Kh6 74.Kc7 Kg7 75.Kd7 Kh6 76.Ke6 Kg7 77.Ke7 Kh8 78.Kf6 Kg8 79.Kg5 Kh8 80.Kh6 Kg8 81.Kg5 Kh8 82.Kf6 Kg8 83.Ke7 Kg7 84.Ke8 Kh8 85.Bf7 Kg7 1/2-1/2

Frederick Sadler (1464)
Michael Crill (1564)

Round 1

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.0-0 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.d4 exd4
 7.Nxd4 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 d6 9.Be3 Ng4 10.h3 Bf6 11.Qd2 Ne5
 12.Bb3 c5 13.Bd5 Qe7 14.f4 Nd7 15.Rad1 Rd8 16.Nb5 Nb6
 17.c4 Be6 18.b3 a6 19.Nc3 Nxd5 20.cxd5 Bd7 21.Rfe1 b5
 22.Bf2 b4 23.Nb1 a5 24.Bg3 Bd4+ 25.Bf2 Qf6 26.Bxd4 cxd4
 27.e5 dxe5 28.fxe5 Qg6 29.Qd3 Bf5 30.Qf3 Rac8 31.g4 Bxb1
 32.Rxb1 Rc3 33.Qe2 Rc2 34.Qf3 d3 35.e6 fxe6 36.Rxe6 Qf7
 37.Qxf7+ Kxf7 38.Rf1+ Kg8 39.d6 Re2 40.Rxe2 dxe2 41.Re1
 Rxd6 ½-½

David Gao (1438)
Ann Davies (1504)

Round 1

1.e4 a6 2.d4 b5 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Qe2 e6 6.Bg5 Be7
 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Bxf6 Bxf6 9.e5 Be7 10.Be4 Nc6 11.c3 Rb8
 12.Qd3 g6 13.h4 f5 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.h5 Ne7 16.hxg6 Bxe4
 17.gxh7+ Kh8 18.Qxe4 Qe8 19.Ne5 d6 20.Ng4 Nd5 21.Nf3 Qf7



22.Nh4 Bxh4 23.Rxh4 Rbe8 24.g3 e5 25.0-0-0 Nf6 26.Nxf6
 Qxf6 27.f4 exf4 28.Qxf4 Qe6 29.Qh6 Qxa2 30.Rg4 Qa1+
 31.Kc2 Rf2+ 32.Rd2 Rxd2+ 33.Qxd2 Qa4+ 34.Kb1 Qc4
 35.Rg8+ Rxc8 36.hxc8Q+ Kxc8 37.Qg5+ Kf8 38.Qd8+ Kg7
 39.Qe7+ Qf7 40.Qxf7+ Kxf7 41.Kc2 d5 42.Kd3 Kg6 43.Ke3 a5
 44.Kf4 Kf6 45.g4 b4 46.cxb4 axb4 47.g5+ Kg6 48.b3 c6 49.Kg4
 Kg7 50.Kf5 Kf7 51.g6+ Kg7 52.Kg5 c5 53.dxc5 d4 54.c6 d3
 55.c7 d2 56.e8Q d1Q 57.Qc7+ Kg8 58.Qf7+ 1-0

K.W. Cowin (1406)
David Green (1533)

Round 1

1.g3 g5 2.d4 Bg7 3.c3 e6 4.f4 gxf4 5.Bxf4 Nf6 6.Bg2 Nc6 7.Nf3
 h6 8.Qd3 d5 9.Nbd2 Nh5 10.Qe3 Ne7 11.0-0-0 a5 12.g4 Nxf4
 13.Qxf4 b5 14.Ne5 f6 15.Rhf1 Qd6 16.Nd3 Ng6 17.Qxd6 cxd6
 18.e4 Nh4 19.Bh1 Ba6 20.exd5 b4 21.Kc2 Rc8 22.Ne4 Ke7
 23.Ng3 bxc3 24.bxc3 f5 25.Kd2 fxg4 26.dxe6 Rhf8 27.Rf7+
 Rxf7 28.exf7 Kxf7 29.Bd5+ Kg6 30.Nf4+ Kh7 31.Be4+ Kh8
 32.Ng6+ Nxg6 33.Bxg6 Rf8 34.Kc2 Rf2+ 35.Rd2 Rxd2+
 36.Kxd2 Bc4 37.a3 Bf8 38.Ne4 Kg7 39.Bf5 h5 40.a4 Bb3
 41.Bd7 Kg6 42.Kd3 d5 43.Be8+ Kh6 44.Ng3 h4 45.Ne2 Bd6
 46.Bd7 Kg5 47.Ke3 Bxh2 48.Bb5 h3 49.Kf2 Kh4 50.Ng1 Bg3+

51.Kf1 Bd6 52.Bc6 Bc4+ 0-1

Neil Hendren (1496)
Siddarth Ijju (1324)

Round 1

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.0-0 Bb4 7.c3
 Ba5 8.Nbd2 Ne7 9.c4 0-0 10.c5 b6 11.cxb6 Bxb6 12.a3 c5
 13.dxc5 Bxc5 14.b4 Bb6 15.Nb3 Nc6 16.Bg5 Qb8 17.Nbd4
 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bxd4 19.Qxd4 Qxe5 20.Qxe5 Nxe5 21.Be7 Rfc8
 22.Bc5 a5 23.Rfc1 axb4 24.Bxb4 Nd3 25.Bxd3 Bxd3 26.Rxc8+
 Rxc8 27.f4 g6 28.Bd6 f6 29.Kf2 Rc6 30.Bb8 Rc2+ 31.Kg3 Be4
 32.h4 Rxc2+ 33.Kh3 g5 34.a4 g4# 0-1

Robert Dunham (Unrated)
Shane Rightley (1479)

Round 1

1.g3 f5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.e3 e5 4.b3 d6 5.Bb2 Be7 6.Nc3 c6 7.f4 e4
 8.d3 d5 9.Nge2 Ng4 10.Qd2 0-0 11.h3 Nf6 12.0-0-0 Be6 13.Nd4
 Bd7 14.h4 Ng4 15.Bh3 Nh6 16.Nce2 c5 17.Nxf5 Bxf5 18.Bxf5
 Nxf5 19.dxe4 Bf6 20.exf5 Bxb2+ 21.Kxb2 Qf6+ 22.Kb1 Rd8
 23.Qc3 Qxf5 24.Qxc5 Na6 25.Qd4 Rac8 26.Qd3 Qf6 27.Qd4
 Qf5 28.Qd3 Qf6 ½-½

Wilson He (1281)
Isabelle Knowles (1014)

Round 1

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 Bd6 5.Nc3 Nge7 6.Bd2
 0-0 7.0-0-0 a5 8.Nb5 Bb4 9.a3 Bxd2+ 10.Rxd2 b6 11.Bd3 Ba6
 12.Qg3 d6 13.f4 d5 14.f5 Nc8 15.Nxc7 Bxd3 16.Rxd3 Ra7
 17.Nxd5 f6 18.Nf4 Qe7 19.Ne6 Rf7 20.Rc3 Qd7 21.Rd3 Qb7
 22.Ne2 Ra8 23.N2d4 N8a7 24.Rhd1 h6 25.Nxc6 Nxc6 26.e5
 fxe5 27.f6 Ra7 28.fxg7 Qe7 29.Rd6 Qb7 30.Qg6 Ra8 31.Qxh6
 Re7 32.Qh8+ Kf7 33.Rf1+ Kg6 34.Nd8+ Kg5 35.g8Q+ Rg7
 36.Qh6+ Kg4 37.Rg6+ Rxc6 38.Qgxc6# 1-0

Kary Fang (1249)
Cynthia Langseth (881)

Round 1

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bc4 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7
 7.Re1 b6 8.Bg5 Bb7 9.Qd2 e6 10.e5 Bxf3 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.Bxf6
 Qxf6 13.gxf3 Qxf3 14.Bd3 Qf6 15.Bb5 Rfd8 16.Ne4 Qf5
 17.Bxd7 Rxd7 18.Qh6 f6 19.Qh4 Rf7 20.c3 Re8 21.Rad1 g5
 22.Qg3 d5 23.Nd2 Qc2 24.Nb3 Qxb2 25.Rd2 Qa3 26.Qg4 Qd6
 27.Rde2 e5 28.h4 h6 29.hxg5 fxg5 30.dxe5 Qe6 31.Qg3 c6
 32.Nd4 Qe7 33.Nxc6 Qc7 34.Nd4 Kg7 35.Qh3 Kg6 36.Qd3+
 Kh5 37.Re3 Rf4 38.Rh3+ Rh4 39.Rxh4+ Kxh4 40.Kg2 Kh5
 41.Rh1+ Kg4 42.Qf3# 1-0

George Voorhis (1795)
Sean Scott (1924)

Round 2

1.e4 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Bd3 d6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.a3
 0-0 8.Rb1 a5 9.0-0 Bg4 10.h3 Bd7 11.Ne2 Rb8 12.g4 Na7
 13.Ng3 b5 14.g5 Ne8 15.f5 Nc7 16.Nh4 Nc6 17.cxb5 Nxb5
 18.Bc4 Ne5 19.Ba2 Nd4 20.d3 Bb5 21.Bf4 Nxd3 22.fxg6 Nxf4
 23.gxf7+ Kh8 24.Rxf4 Be5 25.Qh5! 1-0

Gerry Morris (1904)
Teah Williams (1695)
Round 2

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 Nc6 6.Nf3 e5 7.d5 Ne7 8.Be2 Nh5 9.g3 Bd7 10.Be3 f5 11.Ng5 Nf6 12.Bd3 h6 13.Ne6 Bxe6 14.dxe6 fxe4 15.Nxe4 Qc8 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Qg4 Kd8 18.Rd1 h5 19.Qe4 c6 20.Be2 Kc7 21.b4 Qxe6 22.b5 Qf5 23.Bf3 Rhd8 24.g4 Qxe4 25.Bxe4 d5 26.cxd5 cxd5 27.Rc1+ Kd7 28.Bb1 Rac8 29.Ke2 d4 30.Bd2 Ke6 31.a4 Bh4 32.Be4 b6 33.f3 Kf6 34.Bb4 hxg4 35.Bxe7+ Kxe7 36.hxg4 g5 37.Kd3 Kd6 38.Bf5 Rc5 39.Rxc5 bxc5 40.Kc4 Rf8 41.a5 Rb8 42.Rb1 Bf2 43.Be4 Be3 44.Rh1 Bd2 45.Rh6+ Kd7 46.Rh7+ Kc8 47.Rxa7 Bb4 48.b6 Kd8 49.Kb3 Kc8 50.Rc7+ Kd8 51.a6 Rc8 1-0

Jeffrey Cohen (1429)
Jeffrey Baffo (1840)
Round 2

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 e6 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.Ngf3 Bd7 9.0-0 0-0 10.e4 dxe4 11.Nxe4 Nxe4 12.Bxe4 cxd4 13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Qxd4 15.cxd4 Rab8 16.Rac1 Rfc8 17.Rfd1 Rxc1 18.Rxc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Kf1 Kf8 21.Ke2 Ke7 22.Ke3 h6 23.f4 Kd6 24.Kd3 b6 25.Kc4 Bd7 26.h3 Bc6 27.Bxc6 Kxc6 28.a4 a6 29.b3 Kd6 30.b4 g6 31.g4 g5 32.fxc5 hxg5 33.b5 a5 34.Kd3 Kd5 35.Kc3 Ke4 36.Kc4 f6 37.Kc3 e5 38.dxe5 fxe5 39.Kd2 Kf3 40.Kd3 e4+ 41.Kd2 e3+ 42.Ke1 e2 0-1

Siddarth Ijju (1324)
Michael Crill (1564)
Round 2

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nd5 Nxd5 5.exd5 0-0 6.Bd3 Re8 7.Bc4 d6 8.0-0 Qf6 9.c3 e4 10.Re1 Ba5 11.d3 Bf5 12.dxe4 Bd7 13.Nd4 Bb6 14.f3 c6 15.Be3 c5 16.Nc2 Bc7 17.Qd2 b5 18.Be2 a5 19.a3 Na6 20.b4 a4 21.bxc5 dxc5 22.Rab1 Be5 23.Bg5 Qg6 24.Bxb5 Ra7 25.Bxd7 Rxd7 26.Bf4 h6 27.Bxe5 Rxe5 28.Ne3 Rg5 29.c4 Qd6 30.Rb2 Qf4 31.Reb1 Qxf3 32.Rb6 Qxe4 33.R1b5 Re7 34.Rxa6 f5 35.Re6 Rxe6 36.dxe6 f4 37.Rb8+ Kh7 38.Nf1 f3 39.g3 Rf5 40.Ne3 f2+ 41.Kf1 Qh1+ 42.Ke2 f1Q+ 43.Nxf1 Qxf1+ 44.Ke3 Re5# 0-1

Dean Brown (1452)
Brian Ledsworth (1286)
Round 2

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.0-0 Nf6 6.d3 0-0 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.Ne5 Qc7 9.f4 d6 10.Nc4 d5 11.e5 dxc4 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.dxc4 Bxc3 14.bxc3 Ba6 15.Qe2 Rfe8 16.Be3 Qa5 17.f5 Qxc3 18.fxe6 Bxc4 19.exf7+ Kf8 20.Bxc5+ 1-0

Robert Dunham (Unrated)
Joseph Abousharkh (1515)
Round 2

1.g3 Nf6 2.Bg2 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.Ne2 0-0 5.Nbc3 d5 6.d4 c5 7.b3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 e5 9.Nde2 e4 10.Bb2 Nc6 11.Qd2 Bg4 12.h3 Bf3 13.Rg1 Qd7 14.g4 Rad8 15.0-0-0 Ne5 16.Qd4 Nfxg4! 17.Kb1 Nxf2 18.Rdf1 Bxg2 19.Rxg2 Nf3 20.Qxa7 Nd2+ 21.Ka1 Nxf1 22.Rxf2 Nd2 23.Nf4 Nf3 24.Rf1 Ra8 25.Qb6 Ra6 26.Qb4 Rfa8

27.a4 Bf8 28.Ncxd5 f6 0-1

Brian Wall (2266)
Dean Clow (2113)
Round 3

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bf4 e6 5.e3 Bd6 6.Bg3 0-0 7.Nbd2 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.c3 Nd7 10.Qc2 f5 11.0-0 Nxc3 12.hxg3 Nf6 13.Ng5 Qe7 14.f4 Ng4 15.Rae1 a5 16.Ndf3 Rac8 17.Ne5 Bxe5 18.dxe5 c5 19.Qd2 Ra8 20.Nh3 Ba6 21.Bxa6 Rxa6 22.Nf2 h5 23.Nxg4 hxg4 24.Qe2 Qb7 25.Rd1 b5 26.Kf2 c4 27.Rd2 b4 28.Rfd1 bxc3 29.bxc3 Rb6 30.e4 fxe4 31.Qxg4 Qf7 32.Ke3 ½-½

Matthew Hernandez (2023)
Cory Kohler (1829)
Round 3

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nf6 8.Ne5 Bh7 9.Bc4 e6 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.f4 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Nd5 14.Bxd5 cxd5 15.Qb5+ Kd8 16.c3 Rc8



17.Be3 a6 18.Qb3 Bd3 19.Rf3 Bc4 20.Qb6+ Qc7 21.Qxc7+ Rxc7 22.b3 Bb5 23.a4 Be8 24.Bd2 Be7 25.c4 b6 26.cxd5 exd5 27.Nf5 g6 28.Nxe7 Kxe7 29.Bb4+ Kd8 30.Raf1 g5 31.hxg5 hxg5 32.Rf6 a5 33.Bd2 Rh4 34.Bxg5 Rxd4 35.R6f4+ 1-0

Nathaniel Reeves (1910)
Teah Williams (1695)
Round 3

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0-0 d6 5.Re1 a6 6.Ba4 Be7 7.h3 0-0 8.c3 b5 9.Bc2 Bb7 10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.Nf1 g6 13.Ng3 Bg7 14.a4 exd4 15.cxd4 Nb4 16.Bb1 Re7 17.Bg5 Qe8 18.e5 dxe5 19.dxe5 Rd7 20.Qb3 Nfd5 21.axb5 axb5 22.Rxa8 Bxa8 23.Be4 c5 24.Bd2 Qd8 25.Bxb4 Nxb4 26.e6 Re7 27.Bxa8 Qxa8 28.exf7+ Kf8 29.Rxe7 Kxe7 30.Qe3+ Kxf7 31.Ng5+ Kg8 32.Qxc5 Qc6 33.Qxb4 Qc1+ 34.Kh2 Qxg5 35.Ne4 Qe5+ 36.g3 Qxb2 37.Qxb2 Bxb2 38.Kg2 Kf8 39.Kf3 Ke7 40.Ke3 h6 41.f4 Ke6 42.Kd3 Kd5 43.g4 ½-½

Steve Kovach (1739)
Davin Yin (1638)
Round 3

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nc6 3.d4 e6 4.Nf3 d5 5.e5 h6 6.Be2 Nge7 7.Na3 a6 8.0-0 Ng6 9.g3 Be7 10.Bd3 0-0 11.Qc2 Kh8 12.Kg2 Qe8 13.h4

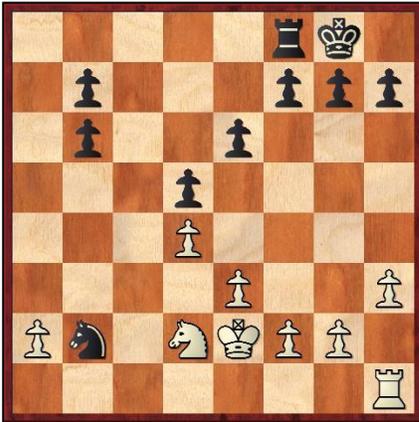
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exf5 19.Bf4 Be6 20.Qd2 Kh7 21.Nc2 Rc8 22.Ne3 Ba5 23.Qd1
Ne7 24.Rc1 Qd7 25.Qd3 Rc6 26.Nh4 Rfc8 27.Rxc6 Rxc6 28.g4
g6 29.hxg6+ fxg6 30.gxf5 Bxf5 31.Nexf5 Nxf5 32.Nxf5 gxf5
33.Qh3 Rg6+ 34.Kf3 Qe6 35.Qh2 Bc7 36.Rg1 Rxc1 37.Qxg1
Qg6 38.Qxg6+ Kxg6 39.e6 Bxf4 40.Kxf4 Kf6 41.e7 Kxe7
42.Kxf5 Kf7 43.Ke5 Kg6 44.Kxd5 Kf5 45.Kd6 Kf6 46.d5 h5
47.Kc7 h4 48.d6 h3 49.d7 h2 50.d8Q+ Kg7 51.Qh4 1-0

Curtis Chun (1672)
Jesse Williams (1527)
Round 3

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5 5.b3 Nc6 6.0-0 Qc7 7.Bb2
exd4 8.exd4 Bd6 9.a3 Ng4 10.h3 h5 11.Nbd2 Bh2+ 12.Kh1 Bf4
13.c4 e5 14.cxd5 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.Bb5+ Kf8 17.Bxd4
Bxd2 18.g3 Qd6 19.Bc4 Qh6 20.Qf3 Bd7 21.Kg1 b5 22.d6 Be8
23.d7 Nf6 24.Bc5+ Kg8 25.Qxa8 1-0

Alexander Marsh (1596)
Rahul Sampangiramah (1421)
Round 3

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.h3 Bd6 6.Bh2 0-0 7.Bd3
Be4 8.Nbd2 Bxh2 9.Rxh2 Bxd3 10.cxd3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Rc8
12.Ne5 c5 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.dxc5 Rxc5 15.Rxc5 Nxc5 16.d4
Nd3+ 17.Ke2 Nxb2 18.Qb3 Qc7 19.Rh1 Qb6 20.Qxb6 axb6



21.Rb1 Na4 22.Rb4 Nc3+ 23.Kd3 Nxa2 24.Rxb6 Nc1+ 25.Kc2
Rc8+ 26.Kd1 Rc7 27.Nb3 Nxb3 28.Rxb3 Kf8 29.Kd2 Ke7
30.Rb6 f6 31.Ke2 e5 32.e4 dxe4 33.dxe5 fxe5 34.Ke3 Rc4
35.Rxb7+ Kf6 36.Rb6+ Kf7 37.Rb7+ Kf6 38.Rb8 Kf7 39.g3
Ra4 40.h4 g6 41.Rb7+ Kf6 42.Rxh7 Kf5 43.Rf7+ Ke6 44.Rb7
Kf5 45.Rb3 Ra1 46.Rb2 Ra3+ 47.Ke2 Rc3 48.Kf1 Rf3 49.Re2
Rd3 50.Kg2 Rd4 51.Kh3 Rd1 52.Re3 Rd3 53.Kg2 Rxe3 54.fxe3
Kg4 55.Kh2 Kf3 56.Kh3 Kxe3 57.Kg4 Kf2 58.Kh3 e3 59.h5
gxh5 60.Kh2 e2 0-1

Derek Eskeldson (1275)
Shane Rightley (1479)
Round 3

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 c5 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Be2 Bd6 6.0-0 b6 7.d3 b5
8.c4 0-0 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.d4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 a6 12.Bf3 Bb7 13.e4
Nf4 14.e5 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Bxe5 16.Qxa8 Bxd4 17.Nc3 Bxc3
18.Bxc3 Ne2+ 19.Kh1 Nxc3 20.Qf3 b4 21.a3 a5 22.axb4 axb4

23.Ra8 Qd5 24.Qxd5 exd5 25.Re1 d4 0-1

Rob Hartelt (1192)
Zac Andersen (281)
Round 3

1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.f3 exf3 4.Nxf3 Bg4 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6
7.Be2 h6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Ne5 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Bd6 11.Rad1 Nc6
12.Bf4 Nd5 13.Nxf7 Qh4 14.Nxd6+ cxd6 15.Nxd5 0-0
16.Qxe6+ Kh8 17.Bxd6 Rxf1+ 18.Rxf1 Nxd4 19.Nf4 Nxe6
20.Ng6+ Kh7 21.Nxh4 Nd4 22.Rf7 Rd8 23.Be5 Ne6 24.h3 Kg8
25.Rxb7 g5 26.Nf5 Rd1+ 27.Kh2 Rd2 28.Nxh6+ Kf8 29.Bf6
Ke8 30.Re7+ 1-0

Gregory Bain (1076)
Darel LeFevre (769)
Round 3

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Nf6 6.Bxb4 Nxb4
7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.c5 Bd7 10.Bb5 a6 11.Bxc6 Bxc6
12.Qc2 Ne4 13.0-0 f6 14.a4 Re8 15.Nd2 f5 16.f3 Nxd2 17.Qxd2
Qf6 18.f4 b6 19.cxb6 cxb6 20.Qc2 Rec8 21.b4 Bd7 22.Rfc1 Ra7
23.Qb3 Rac7 24.Rc2 Rb8 25.b5 a5 26.Rac1 Rbc8 27.Ne2 Qd8
28.Rc3 Rxc3 29.Rxc3 Rxc3 30.Qxc3 Qc8 31.Qxc8+ Bxc8
32.Nc1 g6 33.Nd3 Bb7 34.Ne5 Kg7 35.Kf2 h5 36.h4 Ba8
37.Nc6 Kf8 38.Nb8 Ke7 39.Nc6+ Bxc6 40.bxc6 Kd8 41.Ke2
Kc7 42.Kd3 Kxc6 43.Kc3 ½-½

Nikhilesh Kunchu (2322)
Matthew Hernandez (2023)
Round 4

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7
7.f4 Qb6 8.Nb3 e6 9.Qf3 Qc7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bd3 b4 12.Ne2
Bb7 13.Kb1 d5 14.e5 Ne4 15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Qe3 Rc8 17.c3 Nb6
18.Rc1 Bd5 19.Qd4 Nc4 20.Rhd1 Be7 21.cxb4 Bxg5 22.fxc5
0-0 23.Nf4 Qb8 24.Nxd5 exd5 25.Qxd5 Ne3 26.Qxe4 Nxd1
27.Rxd1 Rfe8 28.Re1 Qb5 29.a3 Rc4 30.Qe2 Qd5 31.Nc5 a5
32.Rd1 Rd4 33.Rxd4 Qxd4 34.Qb5 Qd1+ 35.Ka2 Qd5+ 36.Kb1
Qxe5 37.Qxa5 Qe4+ 38.Ka2 Qd5+ 39.Nb3 Qxg2 40.b5 Qxg5
41.b6 Qxa5 42.Nxa5 f5 43.Nc4 f4 44.a4 f3 45.Nd2 f2 46.Kb3
Kf7 47.a5 Rb8 48.Kc4 Rc8+ 49.Kb5 Rc2 50.Nf1 Rxb2+ 51.Kc6
Ke7 52.a6 Rb1 53.Ng3 Rg1 54.b7 Rxc3 55.hxc3 f1Q 56.b8Q
Qxa6+ 57.Kc5 Qa3+ 58.Kd5 Qd3+ 59.Kc5 Qe3+ 60.Kc4 Qe6+
61.Kc3 Qc6+ 62.Kb3 Qd6 63.Qb7+ Kf8 64.Qf3+ Qf6 65.Qd3
Kg8 66.Qe3 h5 67.Qe8+ Qf8 68.Qxh5 Qf7+ 69.Qxf7+ Kxf7
70.Kc4 Kf6 71.Kd4 Kf5 72.Ke3 Kg4 73.Kf2 Kh3 74.Kf3 g5
75.g4 Kh4 76.Kf2 Kh3 77.Kf3 Kh2 78.Kf2 Kh3 79.Kf3 Kh4
80.Kf2 Kxg4 81.Kg2 Kh4 82.Kh2 g4 83.Kg2 g3 84.Kg1 Kg4
85.Kg2 Kf4 86.Kg1 Kf3 87.Kf1 Kg4 88.Kg2 Kh4 89.Kg1 ½-½

Daniil Ioffe (1778)
Robert Blaha (1685)
Round 4

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Bf4 Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.h3
Nbd7 8.Be2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5 10.Be2 b4 11.Na4 Nd5 12.Bg3 Qa5
13.0-0 N5b6 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.Nd2 c5 16.Nc4 Qa7 17.Bf3 Bb7
18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Qb3 Qd5 20.Rfd1 b5 21.Nd2 Qxb3 22.Nxb3
c4 23.Nc1 e5 24.Ne2 Ra6 25.dxe5 Nxe5 26.Rd5 Nd3 27.Nd4
Rfa8 28.Rxb5 Bxd4 29.exd4 Rxa2 30.Rb8+ Rxb8 31.Rxa2 Rd8

32.Kf1 Rxd4 33.Ra4 Re4 34.f3 Re6 35.Bf2 Nxf2 36.Kxf2 Rb6 37.Ra8+ Kg7 38.Rc8 Rd6 39.Ke2 Rd4 40.Ke3 Rd3+ 41.Ke2 Rb3 42.Rxc4 Rxb2+ 43.Ke3 b3 44.g3 Rh2 45.h4 b2 46.Rb4 Kf6 47.Kf4 h6 48.Rb6+ Ke7 49.g4 f6 50.Kg3 Re2 51.f4 Kd7 52.Kf3 Re2 53.Ke3 Kc7 54.Rb4 Kc6 55.Kd3 Rh2 56.g5 hxg5 57.hxg5 f5 58.Kd4 Re2 59.Kd3 Kc5 60.Rb8 Re4 61.Rxb2 Rxf4 62.Rg2 Rf3+ 63.Ke2 Ra3 64.Rg1 Kd4 65.Rh1 Rg3 66.Rh4+ Ke5 0-1

Christopher Merrill (1486)

Siddarth Ijju (1324)

Round 4

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 Nc6 4.c3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Qb3 Rb8 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.Ne5 Bxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.Nf3 0-0 11.Be2 Be4 12.0-0 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Ndx5 14.Be2 Ng6 15.Bg3 Nce7 16.h3 a6 17.Rad1 Nc6 18.Qc2 Qe7 19.Rfe1 Rfd8 20.Bd3 Kh8 21.Qe2 Nce5 22.Bb1 Nc4 23.e4 Nb6 24.exd5 Rxd5 25.Rxd5 Nxd5 26.c4 Ndf4 27.Qg4 Qf6 28.h4 e5 29.h5 Ne7 30.Bh4 Qd6 31.Rd1 Qe5 32.Bxe7 Qxe7 33.Rd7 Qe6 34.Qxe6 fxe6 35.Rxc7 Nxe5 36.Re7 Nf4 37.Be4 b5 38.cxb5 axb5 39.g3 Ne2+ 40.Kf1 Nd4 41.a3 g6 42.Rc7 Kg8 43.Ke1 Rb6 44.Kd2 Rd6 45.Kc3 b4+! 46.Kxb4 Rb6+ 47.Kc3 Nb5+ 48.Kc4 Nxc7 ... 0-1

K. W. Cowin (1406)

David Gao (1438)

Round 4

1.g3 d5 2.c3 Bf5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.d3 e5 5.f4 e4 6.dxe4 Bxe4 7.Nf3 Bc5 8.e3 Ng4 9.Qe2 c6 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Nd4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nf6 13.Nd2 Bxd4 14.cxd4 0-0 15.Re1 Ne4 16.Qd3 Nd7 17.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 18.Qxe4 dxe4 19.Bd2 f5 20.Rac1 Nb6 21.Bb4 Rfe8 22.Rc5 Nd5 23.Bd2 g6 24.b4 a6 25.Rb1 Rec8 26.Rb3 Kf7 27.a4 b5 28.a5 Ra7 29.Kf2 Ke6 30.Rb1 Re7 31.Rg1 Nf6 32.h3 h5 33.Ke2 Rh7 34.Rg2 Nd5 35.Be1 Kd7 36.Bc3 Rg8 37.h4 Re7 38.Rg1 Nc7 39.Rd1 Ne6 40.Re5 Nc7 41.Rxe7+ Kxe7 42.Rc1 Rd8 43.Bd2 Rd6 44.Rc5 Kd7 45.Ke1 Rd5 46.Rxd5+ Nxd5 47.Kd1 Kd6 48.Kc2 Nf6 49.Kb3 Kd5 50.Bc1 Ng4 51.Kc3 Nh2 52.Bd2 Nf1 53.Bc1 Nxe3 54.Bd2 Ne2+ 55.Kb3 Ng1 56.Be1 Nf3 57.Bf2 Nd2+ 58.Kc3 Nf1 59.Kb3 Nh2 60.Kc3 Ng4 61.Bg1 Nf6 62.Bf2 Ne8 63.Bg1 Nd6 64.Bf2 Nc4 65.Bg1 Na3 66.Kb3 Nb1 67.Bf2 Nd2+ 68.Kc3 Nf3 69.Kb3 Kd6 70.Kc3 Ke6 71.Kb3 Kf6 72.Kc3 Kf7 73.Bg3 Kg7 74.Bf2 Kf6 75.Bg3 g5 76.fxg5+ Nxg5 77.Be5+ Kg6 78.Bg3 Nh3 79.Kd2 Ng1 80.Ke1 Kf6 81.Kd2 Ke6 82.Kc2 Kd5 83.Kb3 Ke6 84.Bf2 Nh3 85.Bg3 f4 86.exf4 Kf5 87.Kc3 Nxf4 88.Kd2 Nd3 89.Bd6 Kg4 90.Be7 Kf3 91.Kc3 Nf4 92.Kd2 e3+ 0-1

Nathaniel Reeves (1910)

George Voorhis (1795)

Round 5

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e5 3.d5 Nce7 4.c4 d6 5.Nc3 f5 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Bd3 g6 8.Bd2 Bg7 9.Qc2 0-0 10.0-0-0 f4 11.h3 h6 12.Be2 g5 13.Ne1 Ng6 14.Kb1 Nh4 15.g3 Ng6 16.Nd3 c6 17.Rdg1 b5! 18.dxc6 bxc4 19.Nb4 Be6 20.Nbd5 Nxe4! 21.Nxe4 Bxd5 22.Rh2 Bxc6 23.Bb4 Bxe4 24.Qxe4 Qb6 25.Bxc4+ Kh7 26.Bd3 d5 27.Qxg6+ Qxg6 28.Bxg6+ Kxg6 29.Bxf8 fxg3 30.Rxg3 Rxf8 31.h4 Rb8 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Ra3 Rb7 34.Ra5 e4 35.b3 d4 36.Rg2 Bf6 37.Rg4 Re7 38.Kc2 Kh5 39.Rg1 Rc7+ 40.Kd2 d3 41.Rf5 Rc2+ 0-1

DuWayne Langseth (1882)

Cory Foster (1740)

Round 5

1.d4 f5 2.e3 Nf6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.c3 d6 6.d5 a5 7.Bc4 Na6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Nbd2 Qe8 10.Qc2 b5 11.Bd3 Nxd5 12.Qb3 e6 13.Bxb5 Bd7 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.Re1 Nc5 16.Qc2 e5 17.Nf1 e4 18.Ng5 h6 19.Nh3 Kh7 20.Nf2 a4 21.Bd2 Nb6 22.b4 axb3 23.axb3 Qe6 24.Rxa8 Rxa8 25.c4 Qc8 26.Bc3 Bxc3 27.Qxc3



Qe6 28.Nd2 Ra2 29.Ra1 Rxa1+ 30.Qxa1 Nd3 31.Nxd3 exd3 32.Qd4 Nd7 33.Qxd3 Qf6 34.Qd4 Qh4 35.Nf3 Qe7 36.b4 Nf6 37.Kf2 Ng4+ 38.Ke2 Qe4 39.Qxe4 fxe4 40.Nd4 Nxe2 41.Ne6 Ng4 42.Nxc7 Nf6 43.b5 Kg7 44.b6 Kf7 45.b7 Nd7 46.Na6 Ke6 47.b8Q Nxb8 48.Nxb8 g5 49.fxg5 hxg5 50.Nc6 g4 51.Kf2 d5 52.Nd4+ Ke5 53.cxd5 Kxd5 54.Kg3 1-0

Alexander Freeman (1822)

Davin Yin (1638)

Round 5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 Nbd7 6.Be3 0-0 7.Qd2 c5 8.Nge2 a6 9.g4 Qc7 10.h4 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.h5 Nxc4 13.Bxc4 Qxc4 14.hxg6 fxg6 15.0-0-0 b5 16.Kb1 e5 17.Nde2 Rd8 18.Bh6 Be6 19.Nc1 a5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Qh6+ Kg8 22.g5 Nh5 23.Rxh5 gxh5 24.g6 hxg6 25.Qxg6+ Kf8 26.Rg1 Bf7 27.Qh6+ Ke8 28.Rg7 Rac8 29.Qf6 b4 30.b3 Qe6 31.Nd5 Qxf6 32.Nxf6+ Kf8 33.Rh7 Rc3 34.Nxe5 Rxf3 35.Rh8+ Ke7 36.Rh7 Rh3 37.Nf6 Rxh7 38.Nxe7 Bg6 39.Ng5 Kf6 0-1

James LaMorgese III (1508)

Rahul Sampangiramah (1421)

Round 5

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.Bf4 e6 4.e3 Be7 5.Bd3 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Nbd2 h6 9.c3 Nh5 10.Be5 Nc6 11.Nb3 Bb6 12.Bc2 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Nf6 14.Qd3 Bc7 15.Ng4 g6 16.Nxe6+ Kg7 17.Nxf7 Kxf7 18.Qxg6+ Ke7 19.Nd4 Rg8 20.Qh6 Bd7 21.e4 dxe4 22.Bxe4 Rb8 23.Rfe1 Qf8 24.Qd2 Bb6 25.Bf5 Qg7 26.g3 Bxd4 27.Qxd4 Qg5 28.Bh3 Qh5 29.Qb4+ Kf7 30.Bg2 Qf5 31.Be4 Qh3 32.Bg2 Qf5 33.Rad1 Be6 34.Bxc6 bxc6 35.Qc4 Rxb2 36.Re2 Rxe2 37.Qxe2 Rh8 38.h4 Qg6 39.Qa6 Nd5 40.Qxa7+ Kf6 41.Qd4+ e5 42.Qa4 Rc8 43.Rxd5 Qb1+ 44.Rd1 1-0

Andrew Starr (1567)
Shan Obaidullah (1495)
Round 5

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 a6 6.Ba4 Ba7 7.h3 Nf6 8.Re1 0-0 9.d3 h6 10.Nbd2 Ne7 11.Nf1 Ng6 12.Ng3 Be6 13.d4 Qc8 14.Bc2 c5 15.d5 Bxh3 16.gxh3 Qxh3 17.Be3 Nf4 18.Bxf4 exf4 19.Nf5 g6 20.Nxd6 Ng4 21.c4 b5 22.Bd3 bxc4 23.Nxc4 Bb8 24.Bf1 Qh5 25.Qb3 Ne3 26.Nxe3 Qxf3 27.Ng2 Qh5 28.Be2 Qg5 29.Bf3 Ba7 30.Kf1 Rab8 31.Qc3 c4 32.Ke2 Rfe8 33.Rg1 Qxd5 34.Nxf4 Rxe4+ 35.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 36.Kf1 Qxf4 37.Rg2 Bd4 38.Qxc4 Rxb2 39.Rxg6+ Kh7 0-1

Michael Crill (1564)
Karthik Selva (1346)
Round 5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bc4 c5 9.Be3 e6 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Qb3 b6 12.Ng5 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nf6 14.e5 Nd5 15.Bd2 Bb7 16.Ne4 h6 17.Nd6 Bc6 18.Qh3 h5 19.Bd3 Ne7 20.Bg5 Qd7 21.Bc4 Nf5 22.Nxf5 exf5 23.Rad1 Ba4 24.Rd2 b5 25.Bb3 Bxb3 26.Qxb3 a5 27.Re1 Rfe8 28.f4 Bf8 29.d5 Bb4 30.e6 fxe6 31.dxe6 Qxd2 32.e7+ Kg7 33.Bf6+ Kxf6 34.Re6+ Kg7 35.Rxg6+ Kxg6 36.Qe6+ Kg7 37.Qe5+ ½-½

David Gao (1438)
Jesse Mellinger (1412)
Round 5

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 Nge7 5.Bb5 a6 6.Bxc6 Nxc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Qe1 d5 9.e5 Bd7 10.Qg3 g6 11.Ne2 h6 12.d4 cxd4 13.Nfxd4 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 Bc5 15.Be3 Qb6 16.c3 Qxb2 17.Nb3 Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 0-0 19.Rfb1 Qc2 20.Nd4 Qe4 21.Qxe4 dxe4 22.Rxb7 Rfd8 23.Rab1 Rac8 24.R1b3 Bc6 25.Nxc6 Rxc6 26.Rb8 Rdc8 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8 28.Kf2 Rc4 29.Ke3 Kg7 30.Ra3 g5 31.g3 Kg6 32.Kd2 Rc6 33.Ke3 Kf5 34.h3 g4 35.h4 h5 36.Kd4 Rc7 37.Rxa6 Rd7+ 38.Rd6 Ra7 39.Ke3 Rxa2 40.Rd7 Kg6 41.Rd2 Ra4 42.Rd4 Ra3 43.Rc4 Ra2 44.Kxe4 Rg2 45.Rc6

Rxg3 46.f5+ Kg7 47.fxe6 fxe6 48.Rxe6 Rxc3 49.Kf5 Rc8 50.Rg6+ Kh7 51.e6 Re8 52.Rf6 g3 53.Rf7+ Kh6 54.Kf6 g2 55.Rg7 Rxe6+ 56.Kf7 Re7+ 0-1

Derek Eskeldson (1275)
Dean Brown (1452)
Round 5

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 g6 3.e3 c5 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 d5 8.d3 Bf5 9.Nbd2 Qb6 10.Nh4 Bd7 11.Rf3 Bg4 12.Rg3 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nh5 14.Bxg7 Nxg3 15.hxg3 Kxg7 16.Kf2 f5 17.Rh1 e5 18.Nhf3 e4 19.Ng5 Rh8 20.g4 Ne7 21.gxf5 Nxf5 22.dxe4 dxe4 23.Ndx4 h6 24.Nf3 Qb4 25.c4 Qa3 26.Ne5 Rad8 27.Nxg6 Nxe3 28.Nxh8 1-0

Andrew Melland (1039)
Michael Crowe (1164)
Round 5

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.Nc3 e6 7.Nxd5 Qxd5 8.c4 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Qxf3 10.gxf3 Nc6 11.d5 exd5 12.cxd5 Ne5 13.Bf4 Bb4+ 14.Ke2 f6 15.Bxe5 fxe5 16.a3 Bd6 17.b4 Rc8 18.Ke3 Ke7 19.Rg1 Kf6 20.Ke4 c6 21.h4 Rhd8 22.Bh3 cxd5+ 23.Kxd5 Bxb4+ 24.Ke4 Rc4+ 25.Ke3 Bc5+ 26.Ke2 Rc2+ 27.Ke1 Bxf2+ 28.Kf1 Bxg1 29.Kxg1 Rd3 ... 0-1

Gregory Bain (1076)
Zac Andresen (281)
Round 5

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Be3 Bd7 6.Nf3 Nge7 7.g4 g6 8.Ne2 Bg7 9.c3 0-0 10.Nf4 f6 11.h4 f5 12.g5 Na5 13.h5 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4 15.hxg6 Nxg6 16.Nxg6 hxg6 17.Qe2 f4 18.Bd2 cxd4 19.cxd4 Bc6 20.Rh3 Bxf3 21.Rxf3 Qxd4 22.Bc3 Qd5 23.Rd1 Qb5 24.Qe4 Rf5 25.Rd6 Bxe5 26.Rxe6 Bxc3+ 27.bxc3 Rxg5 28.Rxf4 Rg1+ 29.Kd2 Qb2+ 30.Qc2 Rd8+ 0-1



Tuesday Night Chess

by Club Tournament Director
Paul Anderson

In October, the Colorado Springs Chess Club held the 53rd annual *Colorado Springs City Chess Championship*. Twenty-one players came out for a chance to claim the title of Best In The Springs (BITS), including 2 Masters who ended up facing in the final round.



LM Brian Wall (right) got the best of NM Josh Bloomer (left) this night. However, Josh got the BITS by surviving the tie breaks against Larry Wutt. This is his 4th Colorado Springs City Championship, which ties him with Dan Avery for the most titles.



In November and December, the club returned to four-round, monthly events (4SS, G/90+30). I took 1st place in November with Mike Smith, Mark McGough and Brian Rountree splitting up 2nd place. Scott Williams came in late to sneak off with the Under prize. Mark McGough and I tied for the top spots in December, while Clint Eads and Joey Arispe stepped up their games to get the Under prize.

The attendance continued to grow to 12.89 players per event with 550 games being played in 2017. The club saw a 33% increase in the number of games played over last year's total. We collected \$1,227.00 in entry fees and returned \$1,125.02 in prizes (91.69%).

The annual *Colorado Springs City Speed Chess Championship* will be held in January on the 16th and 23rd (RR, G/5;d/0; \$10 entry). Come join us!

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

Standard Rated Chess

Ayush Vispute	0	7	0	0.00%
Brian Wall	3	1	1	70.00%
Brian Rountree	6	3	0	66.67%
Clinton Eads	4	9	0	30.77%
Damon Walker	0	1	0	0.00%
Dean Brown	6	7	0	46.15%
Douglas Clark	1	6	0	14.29%
DuWayne Langseth	1	1	2	50.00%
Earle Wikle	3	2	0	60.00%
Grayson Harris	4	7	0	36.36%
Imre Barlay	1	1	2	50.00%
Joey Arispe	5	7	0	41.67%
Josh Bloomer	4	1	0	80.00%
Larry Wutt	4	1	0	80.00%
Mark McGough	8	4	1	65.38%
Matt Murphy	1	5	0	16.67%
Matthew Hansen	2	2	0	50.00%
Michael Smith II	8	5	0	61.54%
Mustafa Suleymanov	0	2	0	0.00%
Paul Anderson	9	1	2	83.33%

Peter Barlay	7	0	0	100.00%
Richard "Buck" Buchanan	1	3	1	30.00%
Sam Bridle	1	2	1	37.50%
Scott Williams	3	4	0	42.86%
William Wolf	1	1	0	50.00%

Grayson Harris (763)
Michael Smith II (1580)

Colorado Springs City Championship October 3, 2017

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 Bf5 5.h3 e6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 Bg6 8.Nf3 a6 9.c5 b6 10.Bxg6 hxg6 11.b4 a5 12.a3 Nh5 13.Bh2 g5 14.Rb1 b5 15.Ne2 f5 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Nf6 18.Nc1 g4 19.h4 Ne4 20.Rb3 a4 21.Rb2 Rxh4 22.Rf1 Qg5 23.Bf4 Qh5 24.Nd3 g5 25.f3 Rh1 26.fxe4 Rxf1+ 27.Kxf1 gxf4 28.Nxf4 Qh1+ 29.Ke2 Qh2 30.Kd3 fxe4+ 31.Kc3 Qg3 32.Re2 Kd7 33.Qe1 Qh2 34.g3 Qh6 35.Qg1 Bg7 36.Rh2 Qg5 37.Rh5 Qf6 38.Qh2 Rh8 39.Rxh8 Bxh8 40.Qh7+ Qg7 41.Qxg7+ Bxg7 42.Ng6 e5 43.dxe5 Ke6 44.Kd4 Kf5 45.Ne7+ Ke6 46.Nxc6 Bh8 47.Nd8+ Ke7 48.Kxd5 Kxd8 49.Kxe4 Bg7 50.Kf5 Bh6 51.e4 Bc1 52.e6 Ke7 53.c6 Kd8 54.Kf6 Bb2+ 55.Kf7 Bf6 56.Kxf6 Ke8 57.c7 1-0

Larry Wutt (1968)
Brian Wall (2280)

Colorado Springs City Championship October 10, 2017

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.d4 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.c4 Qd6 7.Nc3 c6 8.Be3 Nbd7 9.Qd2 Qc7 10.h3 Bh5 11.a3 Bd6 12.c5 Be7 13.b4 Nd5 14.Nxd5 exd5 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Bxc7 1-0

Josh Bloomer (2316)
Mark McGough (1866)

Colorado Springs City Championship October 24, 2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 Ne4 7.0-0 f5 8.Bc1 c6 9.c5 Ba5 10.Nbd2 Nxd2 11.Nxd2 Bc7 12.e4 b6 13.b4 Ba6 14.Re1 bxc5 15.bxc5 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Bc4 17.Qc2 Bd5 18.Ng5 Rf5 1-0

Grayson Harris (763)
Clinton Eads (1228)

Colorado Springs City Championship
October 31, 2017

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bb5
Bd7 6.f4 Qb6 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.Nf3 Be7
9.h3 Nh6 10.g4 0-0-0 11.b3 f5 12.g5
Ng8 13.Be3 h6 14.g6 Be8 15.Rg1 h5
16.Nbd2 Kb8 17.Rb1 Rc8 18.c4 cxd4
19.Bxd4 Bc5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.cxd5
Qxd5 22.Nc4 Qe4+ 23.Kf2 Qxf4
24.Qd6+ Ka8 25.Qxe6 Rd8 26.Nd6 Bc6
27.Qxf5 Qb4 28.Nf7 28.Ne7 29.Qg5
Qc5+ 30.Qe3 Qc2+ 31.Qe2 Qf5 32.Nxd8
Rxd8 33.Rbd1 Rf8 34.Rd3 Nxc6 35.Rgd1
Qc8 36.Qd2 Bxf3 37.Rxf3 Qc5+ 38.Qd4
Qxd4+ 39.Rxd4 Rxf3+ 40.Kxf3 a6 41.e6
Ne5+ 42.Ke4 Nc6 43.Rd7 Kb8 44.Rxg7
Kc8 45.Kd5 Kd8 46.Kd6 Ke8 47.Rg8#
1-0

William Wolf (1341)
Mark McGough (1873)

November Swiss 90
November 7, 2017

1.b4 d5 2.Bb2 a5 3.b5 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bf5
5.e3 e6 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qb3 Nbd7
9.cxd5 Nc5 10.Qc4 exd5 11.Qd4 Ne6
12.Qe5 Bg6 13.Qg3 d4 14.Ne2 Ne4
15.Qg4 dxe3 16.fxe3 N6c5 17.Nf4 Bf6
18.Bxf6 Qxf6 19.Rd1 Bf5 20.Qh4 Rad8
21.Qxf6 Nxf6 22.Nd4 Be4 23.d3 Bd5
24.Nxd5 Nxd5 25.Rc1 b6 26.Kd2 Rfe8
27.g3 0-1

Douglas Clark (159)
Joey Arispe (1048)

November Swiss 90
November 14, 2017

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 d6 3.c3 Nc6 4.Ne2 Nf6
5.d3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Bf4 0-0 8.Nd2 a6
9.a3 b5 10.Bd5 Nxd5 11.exd5 Nb8 12.b4
Bxc3 13.Nxc3 e5 14.Bh6 Re8 15.bxc5
dxc5 16.Be3 Qd6 17.Nde4 Qd7 18.Nxc5
Qc7 19.Qf3 Bb7 20.a4 f5 21.g3 b4
22.Ne2 Nd7 23.Rac1 Nxc5 24.Rxc5 Qf7
25.Nc1 e4 26.dxe4 Rxe4 27.Rd1 Rd8
28.Bg5 Bxd5 29.Bxd8 Re1+ 30.Rxe1
Bxf3 31.Rc7 Qf8 32.Be7 Qb8 33.Bd6
1-0



Joey Arispe (1048)
Ayush Vispute (935)

November Swiss 90
November 21, 2017

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Be2 Nc6 4.0-0 Nf6
5.d3 e6 6.b3 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.Nbd2 Bd7
9.Ne1 e5 10.f4 Qb6 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.f5 d5
13.Nd2 Qb6 14.Kh1 g6 15.g4 Rad8 16.g5
Ne8 17.f6 Bd6 18.exd5 Nd4 19.Ne4 Nc7
20.c4 Bh3 21.Rg1 Nxe2 22.Qxe2 a5
23.Bc3 Ra8 24.Rg3 Bf5 25.Nc2 a4
26.Rb1 axb3 27.axb3 Ra2 28.Rb2 Rxb2
29.Bxb2 Qxb3 30.Ne3 Bxe4+ 31.dxe4
Qa2 32.Kg2 Rb8 33.Nd1 b5 34.Ra3 Qxc4
35.Qg4 Qc2+ 36.Nf2 Qxb2 37.Ra7 Ne8
38.Qd7 Bf8 39.Qxf7+ Kh8 40.Qxh7# 1-0

Clinton Eads (1188)
Matthew Hansen (1518)

November Swiss 90
November 28, 2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6
5.Nd2 Bf5 6.Bb5 e6 7.h3 cxd4 8.cxd4
Bd6 9.Qf3 Be4 10.Qg3 Nh5 11.Qg5 g6
12.Nxe4 Nxf4 13.Nxd6+ Qxd6 14.Bxc6+
bxc6 15.exf4 Qb4+ 16.Kf1 Qxd4 17.g3
Rb8 18.Kg2 Rxb2 19.Ne2 Qe4+ 20.Kh2
Rxe2 21.Rhf1 0-0 22.Rab1 Rxf2+
23.Rxf2 Qxb1 24.h4 Rb8 25.Kh3 Qh1+
26.Rh2 Qf1+ 27.Rg2 Rb2 28.h5 Qh1+
29.Rh2 Qxh2+ 0-1

Dean Brown (1415)
Douglas Clark (264)

December Swiss 90
December 5, 2017

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 Nxe4 4.Qe2
Qe7 5.d4 Nxf2 6.Qxf2 d6 7.Qe3 dxe5
8.Qxe5 Be6 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.Bb5 a6
11.Bxc6+ bxc6 12.0-0 f6 13.Qh5+ Bf7
14.Qd1 c5 15.Re1 Be6 16.d5 Rd8 17.c4
Rd6 18.Qa4+ Qd7 19.Rxe6+ Be7
20.Qxd7+ Rxd7 21.Rxa6 0-0 22.Bd2
Rfd8 23.Re6 f5 24.Nc3 h6 25.Rae1 c6
26.Rxe7 Rxe7 27.Rxe7 Kf8 28.Rc7 Re8
29.Rxc6 h5 30.Rxc5 1-0

Clinton Eads (1187)
Grayson Harris (1013)

December Swiss 90
December 12, 2017

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Bf5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Bg6
5.Nd2 e6 6.c3 Bxd3 7.Qb3 b6 8.Ngf3
Nbd7 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Ne4 11.Nxe4
dxe4 12.0-0-0 c5 13.c4 Qd7 14.Rd2 Be7

15.f3 Qc6 16.fxe4 Bxe4 17.Rg1 a6 18.g3
g5 19.Bxg5 Bxg5 20.h4 Bxe3 21.Qxe3
Rd8 22.Rxd8+ Kxd8 23.Rd1+ Ke7
24.Qg5+ Kf8 25.Rd8+ Qe8 26.Rxe8+
Kxe8 27.Qf4 Bd3 28.Qd2 Ke7 29.Qxd3
Rd8 30.Qxh7 Rd4 31.Qc2 b5 32.cxb5 c4
33.bxa6 Rd7 34.Qxc4 Kd8 35.a7 Rxa7
36.Qd4+ Rd7 37.Qxd7+ Kxd7 38.h5 Ke8
39.h6 Kf8 40.a4 Kg8 41.a5 Kh7 42.a6
Kxh6 43.a7 Kg6 44.a8Q Kf5 45.Qf3+
Kxe5 46.Qxf7 Kd5 47.Kd2 Kd6 48.Ke3
Ke5 49.g4 Kd5 50.g5 Ke5 51.g6 Kd5
52.g7 Kc4 53.Qxe6+ Kc5 54.Qd7 Kb6
55.g8Q Kc5 56.Qgc8+ Kb4 57.Qdb7+
Ka5 58.Qca8# 1-0

Dean Brown (1415)
Clinton Eads (1187)

December Swiss 90
December 19, 2017

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 e5
5.Bc4 h6 6.0-0 Be7 7.Re1 c6 8.Nh4 g6
9.h3 Qc7 10.Bb3 Nf8 11.dxe5 dxe5
12.Qf3 Bd7 13.Be3 0-0-0 14.Bxf7 g5
15.Ng6 Nxc6 16.Bxg6 g4 17.hxg4 Nxc6
18.Bf5 Nxe3 19.Bxd7+ Qxd7 20.Qxe3
Rdg8 21.Qxa7 Qh3 22.g3 Rxc3+ 23.fxc3
Qxc3+ 24.Kf1 Rf8+ 25.Ke2 Qf3+
26.Kd2 Bg5+ 27.Re3 Qf2+ 28.Kd3 Rd8+
29.Nd5 cxd5 30.Qc5+ Kb8 31.exd5 Bxe3
32.Qxe3 Rxd5+ 33.Ke4 Rd4+ 34.Qxd4
Qxd4+ 35.Kf5 Qxb2 36.Rh1 Qxc2+
37.Kxe5 Qc5+ 38.Kf4 Qg5+ 0-1

Paul Anderson (2036)
Michael Smith II (1624)

December Swiss 90
December 26, 2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nd2 Bb4
5.c3 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Nxd6 7.e4 b6 8.Ngf3
Bb7 9.Bd3 0-0 10.0-0 f5 11.e5 Ne4
12.Qe2 Ng5 13.Rac1 Nc6 14.Ne1 Nh3+
15.Kh1 Nf4 16.Qe3 Nxd3 17.Nxd3 f4
18.Nxf4 Ne7 19.Nh3 Nf5 20.Qg5 Ne7
21.f4 Rf5 22.Qh4 Qf8 23.Kg1 Ng6
24.Qg3 Qe7 25.Rf2 Raf8 26.Rcf1 c5
27.Qe3 cxd4 28.Qxd4 h6 29.g3 Qe8
30.Nc4 Qc8 31.Nd6 Qc6 32.Nxb7 Qxb7
33.Rd1 Rh5 34.Qxd7 Qxd7 35.Rxd7
Rxx3 36.Rfd2 Nxf4 37.gxf4 Rxf4
38.Rxa7 Re3 39.Rb7 Kh7 40.Rxb6 Kg6
41.Rxe6+ Kh5 42.Red6 Kh4 43.R6d4
1-0

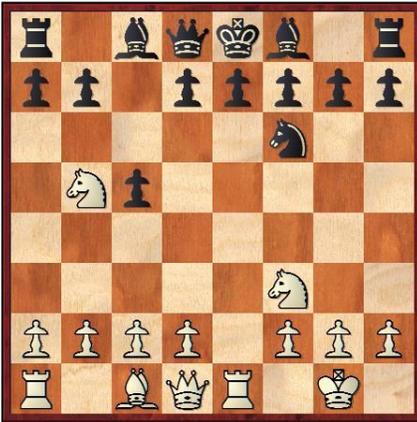


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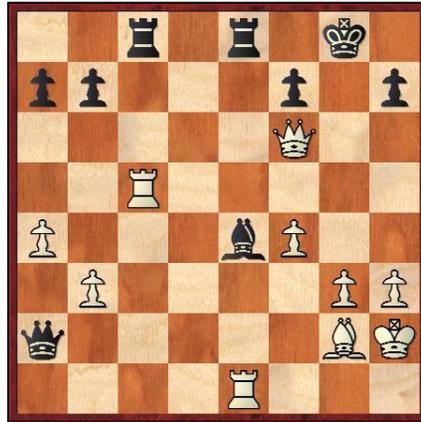
by Tim Brennan

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

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1. Dean Brown - Stephen Brock
TicTac Fall Back / Nov. 2017
White to move



2. Brian Wall - Paul Covington
Club Chess!! Medieval / Oct. 2017
White to move



3. J.C. MacNeil - Shiva Kakarla
DCC Fall Classic / Oct. 2017
Black to move



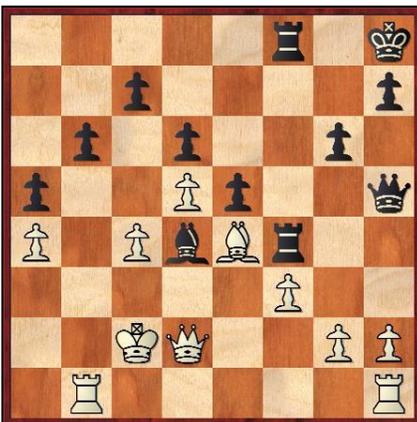
4. Matt Henderson - Gunnar Andersen
National Chess Day Celebration / Oct. 2017
White to move



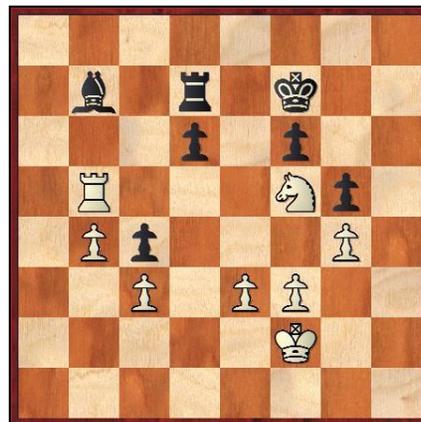
5. Clinton Eads - Grayson Harris
CSCC September Swiss / 2017
White to move



6. Mark McGough - Paul Anderson
CSCC July Mating Game / 2017
White to move



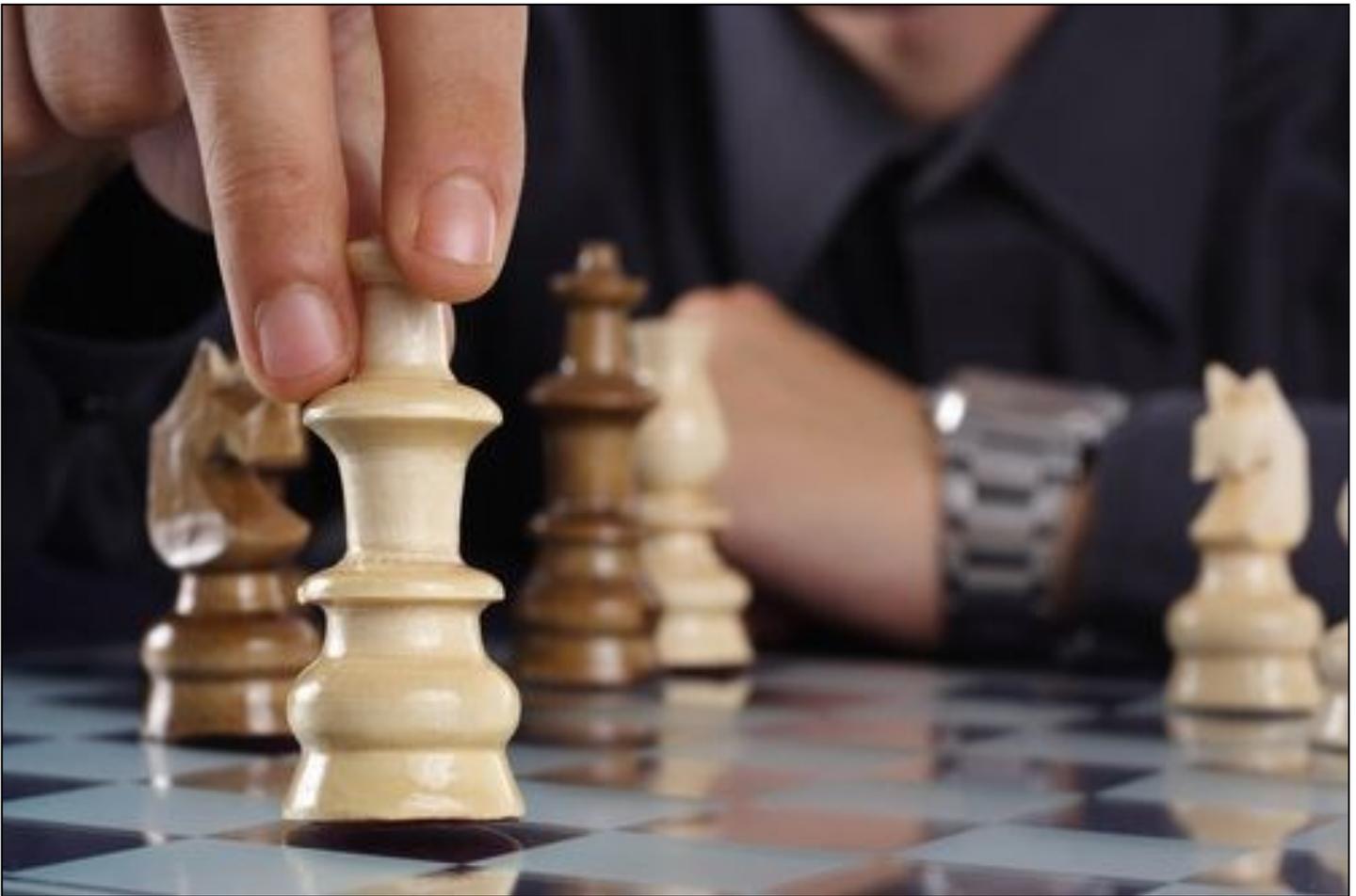
7. Sami Al-Adsani - Brian Wall
Pikes Peak Open / August 2017
Black to move



8. Dan Ruvins - Mukund Gurumurthi
Pikes Peak Open / August 2017
White to move



9. Gunnar Anderson - Paul Baxter
Pikes Peak Open / August 2017
White to move



Tactics Time Answers:

1. **8.Nd6#** - smothered mate!
2. Brian got medieval with **33.Rxe4!** Black cannot recapture because of **33...Rxe4 34.Rxc8+ Re8 35.Rxe8#**
3. **29...Ne1+!! 30.Kf1 Nxf3** or **30.Nxe1 Rxd2**.
4. **25.Rxd6!!** Was missed in the game. Black cannot recapture because of **25...Qxd6 26.Qxh7+!! Kxh7 27.Rh3+ Kg8 28.Rh8#**
5. Both queens are under attack but White finds an in between check move **28.Qh8+ Rg8 29.Qxg8+ Rxg8 30.fxe4** winning a piece.
6. **36.Qxg5 Qxg5 37.Ne6+ Kd7 38.Nxg5**.
7. **31...Rxe4! 32.fxe4 Rf2** pinning the queen to the king.
8. **45.Rxb7 Rxb7 46.Nxd6+**.
9. **19.Bxh7+ Kxh7 20.Qe4+ Kg8 21.Qxg4** and White gets his piece back with a pawn up.

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UPCOMING COLORADO TOURNAMENTS

10th Annual Colorado Correspondence Championship January 1 - December 31, 2018

Time Control: 10 moves in 30 days, time duplication after 20 days, 30 days excused time per calendar year.

Sections: Multiple sections if needed

Entry fee: \$20

Prizes: 1st place of the championship section receives a \$25 stipend to a correspondence tournament of their choice. 1st place of every section receives a free entry to a future colorado correspondence championship.

Registration: Deadline: December 15th 2017

Entries: Jeff Cohen 1600 Broadway # 1660, Denver CO 80202

E-mail: cscamailcc@gmail.com

Games will not start before January 1st 2018.

CSCA membership required.

If there are 10 or more entries, then there will be multiple sections.

The following players are guaranteed a spot in the championship (top) section.

- 1) The current champion
- 2) The immediate previous champion
- 3) The top three players in the 2017 Colorado Correspondence Championship.

The remaining spot(s) will be filled by players who have the highest US Chess correspondence rating.

DCC Tuesday Night Championship January 2 - 30, 2018

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G70;d5

Site: Third Christian Reform Church at 2400 S. Ash, Denver, CO 80222

Directions: One block East of S. Colorado Blvd. on Wesley. Please use rear entrance.

OPEN: Open to all USCF members.

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

Prizes: Based on entries. Paid the Tuesday following event by check at club meeting or mailed.

Registration: 6:15 - 7:15 p.m

Rounds: 7:30 each Tuesday.

Entries: Dean Clow 10200 Park Meadows Dr, #1131, Littleton, CO. 80124

Phone: (312) 914-3041

E-mail: deanrclow@gmail.com

Online registration available at www.DenverChess.com.

Bye Policy (Updated):

- Byes for round 1 may be requested at the start of round 2.
- A last round bye must be requested before the start of the penultimate round. Otherwise a last round bye will be recorded as zero.
- Except for the last round, Players may call in a bye request for

any round. Only 2 byes will be allowed for non prepaid players. The player will be charged \$3 for each bye.

- Except for the last round, Players prepaid for the month will receive a bye automatically, if not in attendance at the close of registration.

- Only one bye will count towards prize money.

An unrated players prize money is restricted to \$20, unless they qualify for a place prize in the Open section or there is an Un-rated prize. No player can win a special prize and a place/class prize.

Club Chess!! Classical Wednesdays January 3 - 31, 2018

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/90+30

Site: Club Chess!! Main Tournament Hall, 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Open: USCF Membership required, free Club Chess!! Day Pass included with entry.

Entry fee: \$30 includes all 5 Wednesday rounds in January plus eligibility for prizes; or \$8 per single round; up to 25% off for Club Chess!! Members

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

Registration: Anytime before 6:30pm.

Rounds: First round 6:45pm..

Entries: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Phone: Jesse (719) 600-9462

E-mail: missioncontrol@clubchess.org

Register online: www.clubchess.org

Pairings 6:30pm: One 1/2pt Bye available per tournament if requested before round 2 pairings.

Classical music outside tournament hall.

Varying chess related free presentations ongoing in the Library.

Pre-packaged food and refreshments available.

Spectators and casual players warmly welcomed.

Club Chess!! Winter Blizzard January 4, 2018

7 Rounds.

Time Control: G/5

Site: Club Chess!! Main Tournament Hall, 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Open: USCF Membership required; free Club Chess!! Day Pass included with entry.

Entry fee: \$12 includes all 7 rounds (14 games!!) plus eligibility for prizes; or \$2 on site per single round; up to 25% discount for Club Chess!! Members

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

Registration: Anytime before 6:30pm.

Rounds: First round 6:45pm..

Entries: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado

Springs, CO 80915

Phone: Jesse (719) 600-9462

E-mail: missioncontrol@clubchess.org

Register online: www.clubchess.org

Pairings 6:30pm: Byes not available.

Classical music outside tournament hall.

Varying chess related free presentations ongoing in the Library.

Pre-packaged food and refreshments available.

Spectators and casual players warmly welcomed.

Club Chess!! Friday Night Quick January 5, 2018

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/24+5

Site: Club Chess!! Main Tournament Hall, 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Open: USCF Membership required; free Club Chess!! Day Pass included with entry;

Entry fee: \$12 includes all 4 rounds plus eligibility for prizes; or \$4 on site per single round; up to 25% discount for Club Chess!! Members

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

Registration: Anytime before 6:30pm.

Rounds: First round 6:45pm.

Entries: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Phone: Jesse (719) 600-9462

E-mail: missioncontrol@clubchess.org

Register online: www.clubchess.org

Pairings 6:30pm: One 1/2pt Bye available per tournament if requested before round 2 pairings.

Classical music outside tournament hall.

Varying chess related free presentations ongoing in the Library.

Pre-packaged food and refreshments available.

Spectators and casual players warmly welcomed.

Club Chess!! Winter Blizzard January 11, 2018

7 Rounds.

Time Control: G/5

Site: Club Chess!! Main Tournament Hall, 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Open: USCF Membership required; free Club Chess!! Day Pass included with entry;

Entry fee: \$12 includes all 7 rounds (14 games!!) plus eligibility for prizes; or \$2 on site per single round; up to 25% discount for Club Chess!! Members

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

Registration: Anytime before 6:30pm.

Rounds: First round 6:45pm..

Entries: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Phone: Jesse (719) 600-9462

E-mail: missioncontrol@clubchess.org

Register online: www.clubchess.org

Pairings 6:30pm: Byes not available.

Classical music outside tournament hall.

Varying chess related free presentations ongoing in the Library.

Pre-packaged food and refreshments available.

Spectators and casual players warmly welcomed.

Club Chess!! Friday Night Quick January 12, 2018

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/24+5

Site: Club Chess!! Main Tournament Hall, 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Open: USCF Membership required; free Club Chess!! Day Pass included with entry;

Entry fee: \$12 includes all 4 rounds plus eligibility for prizes; or \$4 on site per single round; up to 25% discount for Club Chess!! Members

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

Registration: Anytime before 6:30pm.

Rounds: First round 6:45pm.

Entries: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Phone: Jesse (719) 600-9462

E-mail: missioncontrol@clubchess.org

Register online: www.clubchess.org

Phone: Jesse (719) 600-9462

Pairings 6:30pm: One 1/2pt Bye available per tournament if requested before round 2 pairings.

Classical music outside tournament hall.

Varying chess related free presentations ongoing in the Library.

Pre-packaged food and refreshments available.

Spectators and casual players warmly welcomed.

DCC Tribute to Martin Luther King January 13 - 14, 2018

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Rds. 1: G/90;d5 Rds. 2-5: G90;+30

Site: Holiday Inn & Suites; Denver Tech Center; 6638 South Nome Street; Centennial; CO.

Sections: Open, U1800, U1400

Entry fee: Open: DCC Members: \$55 by 1/12 or /\$60 on site. Non DCC members \$65 by 1/12 or \$75 at the door. U1800/ U1400: DCC members \$50 by 1/12 or \$55 on site. Non DCC members \$60 by 1/12 or \$70 at the door. Juniors (U14) pay DCC member rates at all times

Prizes: Will be based on number of entries in each category. Total prize pool is projected to be \$2,200 based on 80 entries. Unrated prize is limited to \$100 if playing in the U1800 or U1400 category.

Registration: 8:15 - 9:15am.

Rounds: Saturday, 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm. Sunday, 9:00am, 2:00pm.

Entries: Dean Clow, 10200 Park Meadows Dr, #1131, Littleton, CO. 80124

Phone: (312) 914-3041

E-mail: deanrclow@gmail.com

Tournament Director: Todd Bardwick
Computer/Pairings Assistant: Dean Clow

No last round byes. All other rounds upon request. Byes for rounds 4 must be requested before the end of Saturday. Only one bye may apply with regards to prize money winners.

Make checks payable to the Denver Chess Club.

CSCA and USCF membership required.

Summit School of Chess Tournament Series January 27, 2018

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/30 for all sections

Site: Trinity Presbyterian Church—7755 Vance Dr., Arvada, CO 80003

Broncos: Open/Adults can play!

Scholastic: K-3 (U800) 4-6 (U800) 7-12 (U800) Rockies (U1000) Avalanche (U1400)

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

Prizes: Cash prizes for Broncos Division (80% of entry fees) School Team Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. K-3, 4-6 and 7-12: Trophies for 1st - 5th place

Registration: 8:00-8:30 AM.

Rounds: Round 1 starts at 9:00 AM.

Entries: Jesse Cohen

Phone: (720) 243-1450

E-mail: jessercohen@gmail.com

Discounts: (Except Open/Adult Section) - Sign up for the entire series - \$144 (Save 10%!!)

Online Payment Option (PayPal):

sites.google.com/site/summitschoolofchess/tournaments

Players meeting is at 8:30 AM (all players must attend). There is a 30 minute break for lunch from 12:00-12:30 PM. Every player is responsible for providing their own lunches.

RMC - Lee's January Action January 27, 2018

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G30; d5

Site: MCM Elegante' Hotel, Banquet Room. 6450 N. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, Co. 80918

Rated: Open to all USCF members. Players grouped by rating.

Unrated Scholastic: K-3, 4-6, and 7-12 divisions.

Entry fee: \$16 if received by Thursday, January 25, \$20 cash only at door.

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

Registration: 7:30-8:30a.m.

Rounds: First Round at 9:00 a.m.

Entries: Lee Simmons, 2513 Alexander Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

Phone: (719) 634-1144

E-mail: rockymountainchess@comcast.net

Make checks payable to Lee Simmons and include information

on section(s) registering for.

Online registration available at www.RockyMountainChess.com.

Loveland Open 2018 February 3 - 4, 2018

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: 40/120, SD/60, d/5

Site: Larimer County Fairgrounds, McKee Community Building, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80538

Directions: I-25 to exit 259. Head East to Fairgrounds Ave. light and turn left. Watch for the arched entrance on the left.

Sections: Open, Loveland, Santa Fe

Entry fee: Details forming.

Registration: 8:20 - 9:05 a.m.

Rounds: 9:30 and 3:30 Saturday and Sunday.

Entries: Shirley Herman 1450 Old North Gate Road, Colorado Springs, CO 80921

Phone: (719) 510-0169

E-mail: Shirley@northgatechess.com

Follow this tournament using CaissaLive.

USCF membership required.

Chess & Chocolates Valentine's Day Open February 10, 2018

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/70+30

Site: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Open: USCF Membership required; Free Club Chess!! Day Pass included with entry

Entry fee: \$30 includes all 4 rounds; \$8 per single round; up to 25% off for Club Chess!! Members

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

Registration: 8-8:30am

Rounds: Saturday 9:00, 12:30, 4:00, 7:30.

Entries: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

E-mail: missioncontrol@clubchess.org

Entries online: www.clubchess.org

One 1/2pt Bye available rounds 1-3 if requested before being paired. Doors open at 8:00am. Pairings at 8:45am.

Chocolates will be provided compliments of Club Chess!!

Classical music outside tournament hall.

Varying chess related free presentations ongoing in the Library.

Prepackaged foods and refreshments available.

Spectators and casual players warmly welcomed.

Summit School of Chess Tournament Series February 24, 2018

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/30 for all sections

Site: Trinity Presbyterian Church—7755 Vance Dr., Arvada, CO 80003

Broncos: Open/Adults can play!

Scholastic: K-3 (U800) 4-6 (U800) 7-12 (U800) Rockies

(U1000) Avalanche (U1400)

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

Prizes: Cash prizes for Broncos Division (80% of entry fees) School Team Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. K-3, 4-6 and 7-12: Trophies for 1st - 5th place

Registration: 8:00-8:30 AM.

Rounds: Round 1 starts at 9:00 AM.

Entries: Jesse Cohen

Phone: 720-243-1450

E-mail: jessercohen@gmail.com

Discounts: (Except Open/Adult Section) - Sign up for the entire series - \$144 (Save 10%!!)

Players meeting is at 8:30 AM (all players must attend). There is a 30 minute break for lunch from 12:00-12:30 PM. Every player is responsible for providing their own lunches. Online Payment Option (PayPal): sites.google.com/site/summitschoolofchess/tournaments

Colorado Springs Open March 3 - 4, 2018

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Rds 1-2 G/90 with 5 seconds delay; Rds 3-5 G/90 with 30 seconds increment

Site: Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave.

Open: One open section

Entry fee: \$40 if rec'd by 3/1, \$45 at site. \$5 discount for paid CSCA members (OSA). Additional \$5 discount for Supporting Members of Colorado Springs Chess Club

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries.

Registration: 8:30 - 9:30 AM

Rounds: 10 AM, 2:30 PM, 7:00 PM Saturday; 9 AM, 3 PM Sunday. Second day Byes must be requested before Round 1.

Entries: Richard Buchanan 1 Sutherland Rd., Manitou Springs CO 80829

Phone: (719) 685 1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

RMC - Lee's March Action March 10, 2018

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G30 :d5

Site: MCM Elegante' Hotel, Banquet Room. 6450 N. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, Co. 80918

Rated: Open to all USCF members. Players grouped by rating.

Unrated Scholastic: K-3, 4-6, and 7-12 divisions.

Entry fee: \$16 if received by Thursday, March 8, \$20 cash only at door.

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

Registration: 7:30-8:30a.m

Rounds: First Round at 9:00 a.m.

Entries: Lee Simmons 2513 Alexander Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

Phone: (719) 634-1144

E-mail: rockymountainchess@comcast.net

Make checks payable to Lee Simmons and include information on section(s) registering for.

Online registration available at www.RockyMountainChess.com.

Shamrock Showdown March 17, 2018

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/70+30

Site: Club Chess!! Main Tournament Hall, 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

Open: USCF Membership required; Free Club Chess!! Day Pass included with entry

Entry fee: \$30 includes all 4 rounds; \$8 per single round; up to 25% off for Club Chess!! Members

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

Registration: 8-8:30am

Rounds: Saturday 9:00, 12:30, 4:00, 7:30.

Entries: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave., Colorado Springs, CO 80915

E-mail: missioncontrol@clubchess.org

Entries online: www.clubchess.org

One 1/2pt Bye available rounds 1-3 if requested before being paired;

Doors open at 8:00am; Pairings 8:45am.

It's St. Patrick's Day - the Round 1 player wearing the most articles of green clothing receives \$25 ClubCash compliments of Club Chess!! (underwear doesn't count).

Classical music outside tournament hall.

Varying chess related free presentations ongoing in the Library. Pre-packaged foods and refreshments available. Spectators and casual players warmly welcomed.

2018 Colorado Senior Championship March 24 - 25, 2018

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/90 + 30 second increment

Site: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave, Colorado Springs, CO. 80915

Open: Open to anyone turning 50 in 2018 or older.

Entry fee: \$35 online, \$40 on-site

Prizes: based on entries

Registration: 8:30-9:30 AM Saturday

Rounds: 10am and 3pm each day.

Entries: Dean Clow, 10200 Park Meadows Dr, #1131, Littleton, CO. 80124

Phone: (312) 914-3041

E-mail: deanrclow@gmail.com

Secure Online Registration available at: caissachess.net/online-registration/index/166

Follow pairings/results using CaissaLive

Winner is the Official Colorado Senior Champion, and represents Colorado in the next *Rocky Mountain Team Championship* against New Mexico.

CSCA Membership required.

In case of tie two G/25 + 5 sec increment then 4 G/3 + 2 sec increment then 6 4 Armageddon game, White determined by coin flip . In case of multi-tie for title, Rapid games will be skipped.

Round 3 byes must be requested before round 2. No byes available for Round 4.

2018 Women's Closed Championship March 24 - 25, 2018

5 Round Round Robin Tournament.

Time Control: Rnd 1-2: G90/d5. Other: G/90;+30

Site: Club Chess!! 5625 Constitution Ave, Colorado Springs, CO. 80915

Closed Championship: Invitations to players decided by the CSCA board

Entry fee: \$25

Prizes: TBD

Round Times: Sat. 10, 2 & 7; Sun. 10 & 3.

Entries: Dean Clow 10200 Park Meadows Dr, #1131, Littleton, CO. 80124

Phone: (312) 914-3041

E-mail: deanrclow@gmail.com

Players eligible for the closed championship will be contacted shortly by the CSCA board.

Boulder Open March 30 - April 1, 2018

Time Control: Regular Rated

Site: Boulder Inn/Best Western Inn Plus

Entries: Shirley Herman, 1450 Old North Gate Road

Phone: (719) 510-0169

E-mail: Shirley@northgatechess.com

Details forming. Notice this is Easter weekend.

Summit School of Chess Tournament Series March 31, 2018

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/30 for all sections

Site: Trinity Presbyterian Church, 7755 Vance Dr., Arvada, CO 80003

Broncos: Open/Adults can play!

Scholastic: K-3 (U800) 4-6 (U800) 7-12 (U800) Rockies (U1000) Avalanche (U1400)

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

Prizes: Cash prizes for Broncos Division (80% of entry fees) School Team Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. K-3, 4-6 and 7-12: Trophies for 1st - 5th place

Registration: 8:00-8:30 AM

Rounds: Round 1 starts at 9:00 AM.

Entries: Jesse Cohen

Phone: (720) 243-1450

E-mail: jessercohen@gmail.com

Discounts: (Except Open/Adult Section) - Sign up for the entire

series - \$144 (Save 10%!!)

Players meeting is at 8:30 AM (all players must attend).

There is a 30 minute break for lunch from 12:00-12:30 PM.

Every player is responsible for providing their own lunches.

Online Payment Option (PayPal):

sites.google.com/site/summitschoolofchess/tournaments

RMC - Lee's April Action April 21, 2018

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G30 :d5

Site: MCM Elegante' Hotel, Banquet Room. 6450 N. Academy Blvd. Colorado Springs, Co. 80918

Rated: Open to all USCF members. Players grouped by rating.

Unrated Scholastic: K-3, 4-6, and 7-12 divisions.

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

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

Registration: 7:30-8:30a.m

Rounds: First Round at 9:00 a.m.

Entries: Lee Simmons 2513 Alexander Road, Colorado Springs, Colorado

Phone: (719) 634-1144

E-mail: rockymountainchess@comcast.net

Make checks payable to Lee Simmons and include information on section(s) registering for.

Online registration available at www.RockyMountainChess.com.

Colorado Closed Championship April 27 - 29, 2018

5 Round Round Robin Tournament.

Time Control: G/90 + a 30 second increment

Site: TBD

Closed Championship: Invitation only

Scholastic Closed Championship:

Entry fee: TBD

Registration: Player's meeting 6:30 PM Friday

Rounds: Round 1, 7 PM Friday, Rounds 2-5, 10 & 3 Sat, Sunday.

More details to follow.

USCF rated only

Colorado Round Robin April 28 - 29, 2018

5 Round Round Robin Tournament.

Time Control: Rnd 1: G90/d5. Other: G/90;+30

Site: TBD

Sections: 6 player Round Robin groups

Entry fee: TBD

Entries: Dean Clow 10200 Park Meadows Dr, #1131, Littleton, CO. 80124

Phone: (312) 914-3041

E-mail: deanrclow@gmail.com

New concept by the 2017/2018 CSCA board.

Round Robin groups will be formed based on USCF ratings. 6 players per group.

More information to come.

Summit School of Chess Tournament Series April 28, 2018

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Game in 30 minutes: G/30 for all sections

Site: Trinity Presbyterian Church—7755 Vance Dr., Arvada, CO 80003

Broncos: Open/Adults can play!

Scholastic: K-3 (U800) 4-6 (U800) 7-12 (U800) Rockies (U1000) Avalanche (U1400)

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

Prizes: Cash prizes for Broncos Division (80% of entry fees) School Team Trophies for 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall. K-3, 4-6 and 7-12: Trophies for 1st - 5th place

Registration: 8:00-8:30 AM

Rounds: Round 1 starts at 9:00 AM.

Entries: Jesse Cohen

Phone: (720) 243-1450

E-mail: jessercohen@gmail.com

Discounts: (Except Open/Adult Section) - Sign up for the entire series - \$144 (Save 10%!!)

Players meeting is at 8:30 AM (all players must attend). There is a 30 minute break for lunch from 12:00-12:30 PM. Every player is responsible for providing their own lunches. Online Payment Option (PayPal): sites.google.com/site/summitschoolofchess/tournaments

2018 Colorado Class Championships May 19 - 20, 2018

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Rnd 1: G90/d5. Other: G/90;+30

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

Master/Expert: 2000 and above

Class A: 1800-1999 or unrated

Class B: 1600-1799

Class C: 1400-1599

Class D: 1200-1399

Class E: (under 1200)

Unrated: (No establish or provisional USCF Rating.)

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

Prizes: Cash prizes based on entries.

Registration: 8:00 - 9:15 a.m. at site.

Rounds: Sat. 10, 2 & 7; Sun. 10 & 3.

Entries: Dean Clow, 10200 Park Meadows Dr, #1131, Littleton, CO 80124

Phone: (312) 914-3041

E-mail: deanrclow@gmail.com

Tournament Director: Dean Clow

Follow pairings/results at CaissaChess.net.

Online Registration Available at CaissaChess.net.

Players must play in section, but Unrated players may play in Unrated or Class A section.

Winners of Class A-E sections will be asked to represent CO in Team match against NM in the *Rocky Mountain Team Chess Challenge* in Colorado in 2018, regardless of rating.

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

May USCF supplement used for rating/section placement.

4th round half point byes must be requested before end of Saturday.

No 5th round half point byes available.

CSCA Membership required for all rated sections (OSA).

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