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**LM Brian Wall at the Denver
Chess Club Fall Classic
(Photo by Rajesh Rajaraman)**

From the Editor

Hello Colorado and Happy 2023! I am excited to bring you our latest issue and to highlight our long history of chess in Colorado. We are very fortunate to have a State publication that players can access for info or add to themselves. I have been studying other State's publications and we are one of the few with such a thorough platform to highlight our great game and players. But this can only happen and continue with your support by submitting articles, photos and news from our clubs all around our State. My goals this year are to update our State chess clubs directory page, which some have been out of date for 20 years I recently discovered! Also we'll continue to highlight our chess clubs and start getting to know more about some of our players. With your help we can make our Colorado Chess Informant the envy of the country....

- John Brezina

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CSCA President – Earle Wikle’s Message

Hello everyone, I hope everybody had a wonderful time during the Holidays and a Happy New Year.

This past Fall was very busy with another great turnout for the DCC Fall Classic, Jesse Cohen’s Summit School of Chess tournaments, and a rebuilding of the Winter Springs Open. With so much chess available, it can make it difficult to decide on which tournament to go play at. I hope everyone enjoyed all the events, and you are ready to come out and play in many of this year’s tournaments.

For starters, we have another DCC premier event coming up on January 14-15 with the MLK. I hope to see many chess players there, because it looks to be shaping up to be another great tournament.

The rest of the Winter to Spring, we have our State Scholastic Championship, Closed Championships, Senior Championship, and then the Denver Open. So be ready to come out and watch or play in some of Colorado’s best tournaments that are available. I hope we are all excited and looking forward to a wonderful 2023 in Colorado Chess, and we are truly thankful for all of you that enjoy and support Colorado chess!

I want to thank all the volunteers that help keep the Colorado State Chess Association going and continue to make chess great in Colorado. Special thanks to John Brezina for all his hard work in making the Colorado Chess Informant great.

Earle P. Wikle
President of Colorado State Chess Association



DuWayne Langseth Jesse Cohen Andrew Starr Earle Wikle





Colorado State Chess Association Board Meeting

October 30, 2022



1. In attendance:

Voting Board Members: Earle Wikle-President, Jesse Cohen-Vice-President, Scott Lett-Secretary, Andy Starr-Treasurer, DuWayne Langseth-At Large Representative, Richard Shtivelband-At Large Representative

Non-Voting Attendees: Shirley Herman, Josh Samuel, Sharmila Kamath

Not In Attendance: Neil Bhavikatti

2. Purpose of meeting: The purpose was a regular board meeting.

3. Summary: Earle brought the meeting to order. The following discussions and actions were taken.

4. Old Business

o CSCA Bank Accounts

i. New officers still don't have access to the US Bank accounts.

ii. Bills are becoming due/past due.

iii. Andy Starr reported that he transmitted new documents to US Bank on Friday, and is awaiting updates from them

iv. Several people expressed concern that US Bank should be replaced going forward, due to their poor service. Josh gave some history and offered to assist in moving money from US Bank to new accounts elsewhere, since as of Sunday, he has signature authority on checks.

v. Scott reported that, in researching CSCA details for US Bank, he found that there is no record CSCA has filed tax form 990-N since 2019 ([see here](#)) He urged Earle to address this issue (possibly with Andy, who left the meeting) AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, as the consequences of failure to file for three consecutive years is loss of tax-exempt status ([see here](#)) .

Action voted on: Andy gives us updates on progress as soon as possible, then the board later considers the question of moving to a new bank. Everyone voted in favor.

o Tournament Tiebreaks

i. reported on what he's learned DuWayne Langseth about tournaments, tiebreaks, and playoffs, but asked that rules be left as they are (per USCF Rules) until he has a specific proposal about playoffs. Everyone voted in favor.

o Tournament Schedule

i. Earle Wikle reported on the draft tournament schedule and the difficulty of finding playing sites for reasonable cost. Some discussion about whether the scholastic tournament should or could be rescheduled to accommodate the Super Bowl, but it was determined that the playing site reservation was for 2022 February 10-12, so the board voted unanimously to move forward with that date, and for Earle to continue efforts to solidify the tournament schedule.

o Marketing/Outreach/Messaging

i. Jesse Cohen reported on his efforts to utilize text (SMS) messaging and email to communicate with Colorado chess players. This is work in progress, but seems successful, so far. Earle proposed a vote to continue this effort and approved reimbursement of costs to Jesse, who will continue to report on expenditures. Vote: all in favor.

ii. Richard reported on Denver Chess Club efforts. Scott proposed, and the board approved (all in favor) for Scott to contact Richard about collaborating with DCC to combine contact lists.

5. New Business

o Tournament Standards

i. Earle outlined his proposed standards for tournament time controls, round times, and prize guarantees.

ii. There was discussion about time controls, with most expressing support for G90+30 for major tournaments, which is not only a common time control, but the fastest permitted by FIDE for standard chess. It was pointed out that at most two games at that time control can be played under FIDE standards. Jesse Cohen pushed back on slow time controls, especially in the era of rising tournament site costs, and pointed out in scholastic events that he favored faster controls for children. The discussion was tabled (all in favor) but Earle will continue to research this question.

iii. Earle outlined his thoughts on prize guarantees, using one of his tournaments as an example. There was a great deal of concern around guarantees in the current rising cost environment. Scott suggested that fundraising efforts and risk-sharing (as CSCA did with DCC) may help the financial concerns around guarantees. The discussion was tabled, all in favor.

o Membership roster

i. Scott reported on his recently-completed curation of the CSCA membership roster, and requested permission to grant full credit



Spotlight on Colorado Chess Clubs



Highlands Ranch Chess Club

The Highlands Ranch Chess Club meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday from 6:00-8:00pm at the Highlands Ranch library. It has been in very capable hands by Frank Atwood who welcomes all ages and levels. On a recent visit I was able to talk with Frank and he has been running the club for 21 years! He also helps teach kids and others the basics of the game. In addition he tries to pair up similar abilities to keep everyone actively playing. His friendly attitude and sense of humor is a testament to those who regularly attend the club. Frank's dedication all these years is what helps make chess grow in our communities. And our local libraries are such a great resource and place for chess clubs around our State with dedicated volunteers.



Frank Atwood ready to greet you with a smile



A great crowd on a Wednesday evening



Frank helping pair up players



Always a teachable moment in chess

Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Boulevard, 80129.

Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at www.HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.
Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or by email: FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.

If you would like to see your chess club in the Spotlight here or have news about your club for future issues, please contact me.
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DCC Fall Classic

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A great turnout for the Fall Classic



A tournament for all ages

Once again Denver Chess Club tournament attendance proves that the DCC is providing what Colorado chess players want. We are staging organized, well run tournaments in a central location with a substantial prize fund, that is paid out fairly to players of all levels of ability. Previous DCC Fall Classic tournaments - going back to 2016 as tabulated by Dean Clow's caissachess software - averaged around 65 players. This year we more than doubled that figure with an excellent registration of 133 players. I can't help but mention this follows our record attendance of 188 players at the DCC 2022 Denver Open. The sound you hear is me tooting the Denver Chess Club horn :-)

With that lead in serenade, I'll get on to who won what at this year's great tournament, which featured an innovation by the DCC President, Richard Shtivelband. He scheduled five sections instead of the usual three, meaning several more players than usual won prize money. Also, Mr. Shtivelband and the DCC board agreed to supplement the prize fund with money from the DCC Treasury if necessary. The total prize money payout was - get ready for this number - five thousand, five hundred and seventy five dollars. Yes, you read that right, 5575 dollars. An unprecedented prize money payout for a local Colorado tournament. GM Jesse Kraai won a 1000 dollar prize check at the DCC 2022 Denver Open, and here at the DCC 2022 Fall Classic the winner of the Championship section - which would likely be a local Colorado player - could also have won a 1000 dollar prize by finishing in clear 1st place in the Championship section. Wow.

Okay, now on to who actually won a share of the enormous prize money pot. In the 25 player Championship section, as it turned out, NM Richard Shtivelband (see diagrams #1 thru 4 below) and rising star Sullivan McConnell ended up sharing the combined 1st and 2nd place prize. Richard had lost to Sullivan in round 3, but otherwise won all his games, including a last round win against the strong 2229 rated James Neal. Sullivan started off with 3 wins but was held to a draw by both Mr. Neal and Neil Bhavikatti in rounds 4 and 5. Still, I don't think either Sullivan or Richard will complain about winning 750 dollars each. Six players tied for 3rd place with a final score of 3.5 points. Neil Bhavikatti, James Neal, Brian Wall (diagrams #5 thru 8) Orgil Batsaikhan, Brad Lundstrom, and notably Davin Yin. They each won 83 dollars and 33 cents. The young Davin lost to Vedanth Sampath (another young Colorado chess rising star) in round 1, then proceeded to upset his next four opponents. His total rating point difference against those - can I say - victims was 751 points. Mr. Lundstrom managed to hold Davin to a last round draw.

The U2200 section was won by Caravaca Aguirre, who with a 2139 rating was the strongest player in this section. Mr. Aguirre only lost to the new CSCA President, Earle Wikle in the last round to finish with 4 points and win 600 dollars. Mr. Wikle along with Christopher Motley and Mike Maloney all ended up with 3.5 points and they share the combined 2nd and 3rd place prize of 750 dollars. There was a sparse registration for this section with only 10 players. That just meant nobody had an easy game as evidenced by the numerous upsets. Aside from Mr. Wikle's 270 point difference win, Grayson Manuel upset Tim Brennan, and Mr. Brennan in turn upset Kenzie Moore. Both were over 100 point difference wins, along with many lesser point difference wins by other players.



Sullivan McConnell kibitzes and shares first place with



DCC President Richard Shtivelband



DCC Club Manager JC Macneil (left) plays former Informant editor Jeffrey Baffo



The venerable Dean Brown on his beautiful chess board



The stress of chess!

In the 20 player U1800 section Caleb Pena took clear 1st place with 4.5 points and won 450 dollars. Caleb only allowed a round 3 draw to Amitai Shebba. Jermey Roldan only lost to Mr. Pena, to finish with 4 points and win the 2nd place prize of 350 dollars. Amitai won the 200 dollar 3rd place prize with 2 wins and 3 upset draws. Phineas Hagg finished out of the money with 2.5 points, but those points were from upsetting much higher rated players, plus a round 3 bye. Had there been Upset prizes for this tournament, Phineas would have won it for his big 257 point win against Luis Jimenez.

The 25 player U1600 section was won by William Wolfe who only gave up a round 2 draw to Chris Burkhardt. Mr. Wolfe won 350 dollars for his undefeated performance. Eric Massy, Brian Miller, and David Aizenberg all scored 4 points and they share the combined 2nd and 3rd place 375 dollar prize. Hans Krull did not win any money, but he will gain plenty of rating points. his 3.5 point final score was from a combined upset rating point difference of 763 points. Mr. Krull only lost to Antony Brown in round 1. The biggest Upset in this section was Rocco Degreest's 754 point round 3 win over well known and long time Colorado chess player, Dean Brown. I doubt if there has ever been a tournament where Mr. Brown's only point was a forced bye.

52 players signing up for the U1400 and Unrated section was great. If this many players had signed up for the other sections we would have had to set up tables in the hallway :-). I think increasing DCC tournament attendance indicates that interest in chess as more than just a game is growing in the United States. As it should be. After all, wherever else you may go in the world you can find chess players. And that will be enough opinion. I'm supposed to be reporting who won what ;-). Johnathan Jenkins and Seth Fortinsky (diagram #18) each scored 4.5 points and they share the combined 1st and 2nd place prize, with each player winning 200 dollars. Three players tied for 3rd place with 4 points. Levi Kaklauskas, Julian Medina (diagram #19) and Sarvesh Rajesh with each player winning 33 dollars and 33 cents. There was also a slew of upsets in this section. The largest was Caleb Weiler's 820 rating point difference over Stuart Simon. I should mention that Tyler Geonetta's 2.5 points were all from upset wins and draws.

To me the prize payout for this section seemed low compared to the other sections. Mr. Shtivelband has indicated in future DCC tournaments the total prize payout will be distributed more equally between sections. The top sections will always earn more but maybe not so great of a difference. The DCC President has also said that future DCC weekend tournaments will include an Upset prize for each section. I'm all for that. It's only right that a player who wins big be rewarded as we do for our monthly Tuesday and Thursday night tournaments. There is more to tournament chess than USCF rating points. There is also winning money and bragging rights :-).

The DCC is pleased and grateful that so many players are attending DCC tournaments. Thank you all kindly. Special thanks to FIDE Arbiter Tom Nelson for directing the tournament with his usual efficiency. Also, when we realized the DCC had scheduled too long of a gap between the 4th and 5th round, Mr. Nelson sent an email blast to every player we had an email address for. Saying they could start their last game at 3:30 instead of 4:30, if their opponent was in attendance. Resulting in at least some players not having to wait the extra hour.



Current CSCA President Earle Wikle



Former CSCA President Brad Lundstrom



FIDE Arbiter Tom Nelson at work

DC FALL CLASSIC 2022 (202210166572)
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 Chief TD THOMAS NELSON (12854867)
 Chief Assist. TD RICHARD SHTIVELBAND (12630593)

Section 1 - CHAMPIONSHIP (USCF 1800+)

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL	14696346 / R: 2273 ->2287	4.0	W	17W	6W	2D	4D 3I
2	RICHARD SHTIVELBAND	12630593 / R: 2206 ->2230	4.0	W	13W	9L	1W	5W 4I
3	NEIL BHAVIKATTI	14919064 / R: 2251 ->2258	3.5	W	10W	11L	4W	12D 1I
4	MR. JAMES NEAL II	12884217 / R: 2211 ->2226	3.5	W	16W	21W	3D	1L 2I
5	BRIAN D WALL	10923344 / R: 2207 ->2217	3.5	W	22D	12W	15L	2W 11I
6	ORGIL BATSAIKHAN	13214543 / R: 2144 ->2156	3.5	W	25L	1H	W	13W 12I
7	BRAD LUNDSTROM	10410347 / R: 1929 ->1973	3.5	L	11W	10W	9W	19D 8I
8	DAVIN YIN	15610124 / R: 1839 ->1934	3.5	L	12W	22W	17W	15D 7I
9	RHETT LANGSETH	13392987 / R: 2155 ->2148	3.0	W	23L	2L	7W	14W 16I
10	SARA HERMAN	14345441 / R: 2058 ->2059	3.0	L	3L	7W	25W	21W 18I
11	DANIEL HERMAN	14345456 / R: 2187 ->2176	2.5	W	7L	3D	14W	20L 5I
12	VEDANTH SAMPATH	15543043 / R: 2090 ->2096	2.5	W	8D	5W	21L	3L 6I
13	ALEXANDER STEGER	12597213 / R: 1988 ->2004	2.5	L	2W	23D	20L	6W 21I
14	SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR	16973491 / R: 1955 ->1962	2.5	L	15W	18D	11L	9W 19I
15	GRIFFIN THOMAS MCCONNELL	14692997 / R: 2238 ->2221	2.0	W	14W	20L	5L	8U
16	NICKOLAS PETERSEN	13072431 / R: 2027 ->2009	2.0	L	4W	25L	19W	17L 9I
17	WILLIAM MURRAY	12288810 / R: 2020 ->1992	2.0	L	1W	19L	8L	16B
18	VEDANTH PRAVIN MARGALE	16018722 / R: 1762 ->1762	2.0	L	20L	14X	W	25L 10I
19	HENRY BENAID	15273055 / R: 1674 ->1688	2.0	B	W	17W	16L	7L 14I
20	MRS. JUAN C BRENES SALGADO	30297104 / R: 2062 ->2050	1.5	W	18L	15D	13L	11U
21	MATTHEW WOFFORD	12812582 / R: 2144 ->2102	1.0	W	24L	4L	12L	10L 13I
22	DAVID KASSIN	12649606 / R: 1963 ->1943	0.0	L	5L	8F	18U	U
23	EDWARD YASUTAKE	12822260 / R: 1943 ->1925	0.0	L	9L	13U	U	U
24	MIRZA PELJTO	12739939 / R: 1841 ->1835	0.0	L	21U	U	U	U
25	GREG JOHNSON	17124023 / R: 1906P8 ->1803P12	0.0	L	6L	16L	10L	18U

Section 2 - U2200

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	ANTONIO CARAVACA AGUIRRE	14493712 / R: 2139P21->2137	4.0	W	5W	3W	2L	4W 8I
2	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY	16231534 / R: 1925 ->1950	3.5	W	9W	10L	1W	5D 3I
3	MIKE MALONEY	12318730 / R: 1900 ->1923	3.5	W	7L	1W	6W	8D 2I
4	EARLE P WIKLE	12126030 / R: 1869 ->1894	3.5	H	1L	6W	10W	1X 9I
5	DWAYNE LANGSETH	1119175 / R: 1895 ->1892	2.5	L	1W	8D	7L	2W 10I
6	PURPANA MOLINA	12761501 / R: 1856 ->1872	2.5	D	10W	4L	3W	7U
7	DANIEL MARMER	12889369 / R: 1753 ->1757	1.5	L	3W	9D	5L	6U
8	GRAYSON MANUEL	16746206 / R: 1674 ->1680	1.5	H	1L	5W	9L	3L 1I
9	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN	12718954 / R: 1813 ->1800	1.0	L	2L	7L	8W	10F
10	KENZIE L MOORE	13028820 / R: 1947 ->1885	0.5	D	6L	2L	4L	9L 5I

Section 3 - U1800

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	CALEB PEÑA	30080070 / R: 1759 ->1819	4.5	W	6D	3W	16W	2W 4I
2	JEREMY BRIAN ROLDAN	15475345 / R: 1727 ->1761	4.0	W	7W	17W	9L	1W 5I
3	AMITAI SEBBA	15807085 / R: 1655 ->1699	3.5	W	19D	1D	8D	4W 7I
4	KRISTOPHER ZELKIN	30155254 / R: 1707 ->1721	3.0	W	20W	8H	D	3L 1I
5	JEFFREY STUART DAVIS	14823963 / R: 1612 ->1634	3.0	D	17H	W	6W	11L 2I
6	ALEC CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT	30219040 / R: 1606 ->1630	3.0	L	1W	19L	5W	17W 15I
7	ABHIRAM PALLE	17054842 / R: 1522 ->1553	3.0	L	2B	W	17W	13L 3I
8	JEFFREY ALAN RAFFO	10340195 / R: 1700 ->1700	2.5	W	12L	4D	3D	15D 10I
9	KENNETH DOYKOS	10358086 / R: 1700 ->1700	2.5	D	14W	15L	2D	10D 11I
10	DEREK YIN	16493370 / R: 1567 ->1575	2.5	D	18L	13W	14D	9D 8I
11	PHINEAS HAGG	30173046 / R: 1464 ->1497	2.5	D	13W	18H	L	5D 9I
12	JAMES MACNEIL	12532599 / R: 1600 ->1600	2.0	L	8H	U	W	18D 14I
13	DON EUGENE WISDOM JR.	12631931 / R: 1588 ->1582	2.0	D	11W	10H	L	7U
14	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN	16913354 / R: 1545 ->1523	2.0	D	9L	16L	10B	D 12I
15	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU	16349446 / R: 1451 ->1477	2.0	D	16L	9W	18D	8L 6I
16	ALEXANDER HUBERTS	16419664 / R: 1633 ->1628	1.5	D	15W	14L	1U	U
17	JEFF NOHRDEN	30350883 / R: 1703 ->1639	1.0	D	5L	2L	7L	6D 18I
18	LUIS A JIMENEZ	14736983 / R: 1617 ->1552	1.0	D	10L	11L	15L	12D 17I
19	ROBERT CARLSON	14678120 / R: 1661 ->1624	0.5	L	3L	6H	U	U
20	PAUL MORGAN	30540955 / R: 1605P20->1590P21	0.0	L	4U	U	U	U

Section 4 - U1600

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5
1	WILLIAM LEO WOLF	14762885 / R: 1593 ->1662	4.5	W	22D	6W	16W	5W 2I
2	ERIC MASSEY	30120417 / R: 1563P13->1597P18	4.0	W	23W	13W	4W	11L 1I
3	BRIAN MILLER	12501579 / R: 1498 ->1527	4.0	W	14L	4W	8W	18W 10I
4	DAVID AIZENBERG	30680599 / R: 1401P5 ->1524P10	4.0	W	24W	3L	2W	15W 6I
5	SOURABH BHANGE	16456860 / R: 1544 ->1563	3.5	W	18W	16H	L	1W 12I
6	CHRIS C BURKHARDT	17031943 / R: 1370P13->1501P18	3.5	W	8D	1W	20W	12L 4I
7	HANS P KRULL	15505738 / R: 1157 ->1332	3.5	L	17W	21D	10W	13W 11I
8	MARK WESTON	30614763 / R: Unrated->1516P5	3.0	L	6W	9L	3W	16W 18I
9	KAAYVA SAKTHISARAVANAN	16909357 / R: 1504 ->1483	3.0	L	16L	8W	25W	17X 19I
10	YOUSUF GTAT	17134130 / R: 1535 ->1488	2.5	L	12W	15D	7W	14L 3I
11	GEORGE PESCHKE	15618142 / R: 1459 ->1425	2.5	W	25W	19D	12L	2L 7I
12	MR. BENJAMIN SIMBERG	30017727 / R: 1316 ->1366	2.5	W	10W	17D	11L	6L 5I
13	CHRIS BRUNER	12827660 / R: 1178 ->1257	2.5	W	20L	2H	L	7W 21I
14	NATHANIEL LASAGA-IVEY	30222836 / R: 1146P25->1216	2.5	L	3W	24W	17L	10D 15I
15	ROCCO JAN DEGEEST	30438419 / R: 909 ->1009	2.5	B	L	10W	21L	4D 14I
16	DANIEL THEODORE SMITH	16820573 / R: 1566 ->1539	2.0	W	9L	5L	1L	8W 20I
17	ANTONY E BROWN	17328111 / R: 1519P9 ->1408P13	2.0	W	7L	12L	14L	9B

Section 4 - U1600 continued

18 LAN TRUONG	2.0 L 5 B W 22 L 3 L 8
CO 30588843 / R: 1125P14->1152P18	W B B W
19 JOSEPH GUNN	2.0 W 21 L 11 H D 20 F
CO 30380792 / R: 911P15->1033P18	B W B
20 NASH NICHOLAS	1.5 L 13 W 23 L 6 D 19 L 16
CO 14890410 / R: 1529 ->1454	B W B W B
21 DEAN W BROWN	1.0 L 19 L 7 L 15 B L 13
CO 10224098 / R: 1441 ->1400	W B W B
22 LEV SHULMAN	1.0 L 1 W 25 L 18 U U
CO 30180261 / R: 1432 ->1392	W B W
23 ANDREW ROBICHAUD	0.0 L 2 L 20 U U
CO 30154062 / R: 1385 ->1355	W B
24 KAMRON WESLEY CORREIA	0.0 L 4 L 14 U U U
CO 30171816 / R: 1385 ->1336	B W
25 JEFFREY THOMAS SAVAGE-SKAJA	0.0 L 11 L 22 L 9 U U
CO 16609197 / R: 1093P9 ->1067P12	B W W

Section 5 - U1400 AND UNRATED

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5					
1	JONATHAN REX JENKINS	30086439 / R: 1326 ->1374	4.5	W	27	D	30	W	17	W	9		
2	SETH FORTINSKY	30303093 / R: 1158 ->1283	4.5	W	43	W	35	W	4	W	8		
3	MR. LEVI KAKLAUSKAS	30142630 / R: 1267 ->1327	4.0	D	12	W	18	H	W	35	W	15	
4	SARVESH RAJESH	16925315 / R: 1103 ->1265	4.0	W	15	W	21	L	2	W	32	W	17
5	JULIAN MEDINA	30345962 / R: 1133P24->1210	4.0	W	46	W	47	W	7	D	2	D	6
6	MR. SETH JOEL LICHTENSTEIN	30244195 / R: 1383 ->1373	3.5	W	19	L	8	W	16	W	12	D	5
7	TYLER A POOLE	12612558 / R: 1284 ->1280	3.5	W	38	W	20	L	5	D	10	W	29
8	TREVOR LEE BRADFORD	30570869 / R: 1151 ->1251	3.5	W	25	W	6	H	W	23	L	2	
9	MIKE HENCHEN	30598183 / R: 1083P17->1219P22	3.5	D	22	W	41	W	14	W	11	L	1
10	HENRY WALLACE KOVACS	17262461 / R: 972P21->1177	3.5	W	26	W	33	L	1	D	7	W	25
11	MADELEINE FINCH	30219070 / R: 1113 ->1175	3.5	W	42	H	W	30	L	9	W	22	
12	PETRA LAMBERT-GORWYN	15689074 / R: 933 ->1167	3.5	D	3	W	22	W	29	L	6	W	23
13	KARTHIKA SAKTHISARAVANAN	17129234 / R: 1138 ->1153	3.5	W	44	W	45	L	17	D	25	W	32
14	NATHAN ALEXANDER FRASER	30599616 / R: 1420P15->1378P20	3.0	W	16	D	29	L	9	W	28	D	20
15	SAMVED MUKHERJEE	30756134 / R: Unrated->1277P5	3.0	L	4	W	24	W	33	W	26	L	3
16	MICAH PE	30081553 / R: 1187P24->1191	3.0	L	14	W	37	L	6	W	46	W	40
17	MR. JOHN ALEXANDER DAVINE	30499185 / R: 1026P17->1168P22	3.0	W	49	W	39	W	13	L	1	L	4
18	MR. GNANESWAR KUSHAL DOPPALAPUDI	30402217 / R: 1153 ->1146	3.0	D	41	L	3	W	43	D	30	W	35
19	VEDANT RATNAKAR	17127917 / R: 1125 ->1109	3.0	L	6	W	42	L	25	W	47	W	38
20	CHRISTOPHER ROBERT FIMBEL	30244571 / R: 970P8 ->1085P12	3.0	W	50	L	7	H	W	40	D	14	
21	AN ANDY GIA HOANG	30554313 / R: 851P25->1021	3.0	W	24	L	4	W	34	L	22	W	37
22	MATTHEW MALONEY	30433885 / R: 1380P8 ->1272P13	2.5	D	9	L	12	W	47	W	21	L	11
23	ROGER M MORRIS	12459348 / R: 1200 ->1200	2.5	W	52	W	28	H	W	8	L	12	
24	TOM NEEDHAM	12743781 / R: 1200 ->1200	2.5	L	21	L	15	W	44	W	45	D	30
25	JOSH GARRISON	30753608 / R: Unrated->1171P5	2.5	L	8	W	27	W	19	D	13	L	10
26	TANISHKA TAGARE	16788310 / R: 1205 ->1168	2.5	L	10	W	48	W	45	L	15	D	27
27	AYRAT GAYNULLIN	30521406 / R: 1147P8 ->1134P13	2.5	L	1	L	25	W	46	W	31	D	26
28	MR. GLEN HOLGUIN	30373052 / R: 1117 ->1132	2.5	W	32	L	23	D	40	L	14	W	41
29	GARY JELINEK	30566487 / R: 1085P5 ->1108P10	2.5	W	37	D	14	L	12	W	41	L	7
30	TYLER GEONETTA	30350927 / R: 1032P18->1105P23	2.5	W	31	D	1	L	11	D	18	D	24
31	MR. K W COWIN	15215890 / R: 1322 ->1231	2.0	L	30	W	38	L	35	L	27	W	43

Section 5 - U1400 AND UNRATED continued

32 RICHARD S RAY	2.0 L 28 W 52 W 36 L 4 L 13
CO 12558123 / R: 1303 ->1225	B W B W B W
33 MAXWELL BANKS	2.0 W 48 L 10 L 15 L 38 W 45
CO 30672583 / R: 1253P13->1173P18	W B W B W B
34 VINCENT WORKMAN	2.0 L 35 W 44 L 21 W 48 U
CO 30564699 / R: 1277P5 ->1102P9	W B W B W B
35 SHIRLEY HERMAN	2.0 W 34 L 2 W 31 L 3 L 18
CO 14812654 / R: 1039 ->1063	B W B W B W
36 BERT DANIEL AMES	2.0 L 39 W 49 L 32 L 37 W 47
CO 30639782 / R: 964P11-> 960P16	W B W B W B
37 JOSEPH RUSYN	2.0 L 29 L 16 W 52 W 36 L 21
CO 30677145 / R: Unrated-> 917P5	B W B W B W
38 MARIA LASAGA	2.0 L 7 L 31 W 42 W 33 L 19
CO 30289206 / R: 844P21-> 900	B W B W B W
39 MORGAN SHOWN	1.5 W 36 L 17 H U U
CO 30584493 / R: 1293P19->1266P21	B W
40 STEVEN ARTHUR ENDERSBEE	1.5 L 45 W 46 D 28 L 20 L 16
CO 12559466 / R: 1241 ->1145	B W B W B W
41 NICHOLAS MOLL	1.5 D 18 L 9 W 50 L 29 L 28
CO 30591711 / R: Unrated-> 984P5	B W B W B W
42 GABRIEL KEVIN COSTILLA-WEBB	1.5 L 11 L 19 L 38 D 44 W 48
CO 30671263 / R: 835P6 -> 760P11	W B W B W B
43 CALEB ALEXANDER WEILER	1.5 L 2 D 50 L 18 W 49 L 31
CO 30564546 / R: 505P8 -> 655P13	B W B W B W
44 SOFIA GAINULLINA	1.5 L 13 L 34 L 24 D 42 W 52
CO 30666704 / R: 422P6 -> 541P11	W B W B W B
45 JAMES ALEX MANNING	1.0 W 40 L 13 L 26 L 24 L 33
CO 30349185 / R: 850P15-> 863P20	W B W B W B
46 CHRISTIAN BILKE	1.0 L 5 L 40 L 27 L 16 B
CO 30152666 / R: 639P1 -> 639P5	W B W B W B
47 JERRY DANIELS	1.0 X L 5 L 22 L 19 L 36
CO 30481202 / R: 552P6 -> 552P10	B W B W B W
48 STEVEN REED	1.0 L 33 L 26 B L 34 L 42
CO 30581181 / R: 385P5 -> 377P9	B W W B W B
49 STUART K SIMON	0.5 L 17 L 36 H L 43 U
CO 12500180 / R: 1325 ->1206	B W B W B W
50 AARON BLAIR	0.5 L 20 D 43 L 41 U U
CO 30628722 / R: 1195P14->1102P17	W B W B W B
51 MICHAEL T TOTH	0.0 F 47 U U U U
CO 30338558 / R: 1182P12->1182P12	B W
52 JACOB HELLE	0.0 L 23 L 32 L 37 U L 44
CO 16986942 / R: 728 -> 662	W B W B W B

Section 6 - Extra Games

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5			
1	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN	16911354 / R: 1523 ->1537	1.0	U	U	U	U	W	5	U	
2	ANTONY E BROWN	17328111 / R: 1408P13->1426P14	1.0	U	U	U	U	U	W	6	
3	WILLIAM LEO WOLF	14762885 / R: 1662 ->1653	0.5	D	4	U	U	U	U	U	
4	KAAVYA SAKTHISARAVANAN	16909357 / R: 1483 ->1493	0.5	D	3	U	U	U	U	U	
5	DEAN W BROWN	10224098 / R: 1400 ->1400	0.0	U	U	U	U	U	L	1	U
6	THOMAS NELSON	12854867 / R: 1300 ->1300	0.0	U	U	U	U	U	L	2	U



Games from the DCC Fall Classic

<p>Round 5 Neal, James 2229 Shtivelband, Richard 2206</p> <p>1. e4 Nc6 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 Bg4 4. Be3 Nf6 5. Nc3 e6 6. Be2 d5 7. e5 Ne4 8. O-O Nxc3 9. bxc3 Na5 10. Nd2 Bxe2 11. Qxe2 Qd7 12. a4 a6 13. c4 Bb4 14. cxd5 Qxd5 15. c4 Qe6 16. Rac1 Bxd2 17. d5 exd5 18. cxd5 Qxd5 19. Bxd2 Nb3 20. Rcd1 Nd4 21. Qg4 h5 22. Qxg7 O-O-O 23. f3 Rhg8 24. Qh7 Nxf3+ 25. Kh1 Nxd2 26. Rf2 Qe4 27. Qxf7 Nc4 28. Rc1 Kb8 29. Qe7 Qxe5 0-1</p>	<p>Round 3 Sikander Baker-Nagar 1955 Daniel Herman 2187</p> <p>1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 e6 3. g3 Nc6 4. Bg2 Nf6 5. Nc3 Be7 6. O-O O-O 7. Re1 d6 8. d3 Rb8 9. a4 Nd7 10. d4 cxd4 11. Nxd4 Nde5 12. Nb3 a6 13. f4 Nc4 14. Qd3 b5 15. axb5 Qb6+ 16. Kh1 axb5 17. Qe2 Bb7 18. Rd1 Rbc8 19. f5 N6e5 20. Nd4 b4 21. Na4 Qa7 22. fxe6 fxe6 23. b3 Na3 24. Bxa3 bxa3 25. Rxa3 d5 26. Raa1 Ba6 27. Qh5 Bf6 28. exd5 Nd3 29. cxd3 Bxd4 30. Ra2 e5 31. Qg4 Kh8 32. Be4 Qf7 33. Qe6 Qh5 34. Rad2 Rf6 35. Qd7 Rf2 36. Rxf2 Qxd1+ 37. Kg2 Bxf2 38. Qf5 Qg1+ 39. Kh3 Qf1+ 40. Kg4 Qe2+ 41. Kh3 Qf1+ 42. Kg4 Qe2+ 43. Kh3 g6 44. Qxe5+ Kg8 45. Qe6+ Kg7 46. Qe5+ 1/2-1/2</p>
<p>Round 2 Langseth, Rhett 2142 Shtivelband, Richard 2206</p> <p>1. Nf3 Nf6 2. c3 g6 3. d4 Bg7 4. Bf4 d6 5. Nbd2 O-O 6. e4 e5 7. dxe5 dxe5 8. Bxe5 Nc6 9. Bxf6 Qxf6 10. Bc4 b5 11. Bxb5 Rb8 12. Bxc6 Qxc6 13. Qc2 Ba6 14. O-O-O Qb6 15. Nd4 Bd3 16. Qb3 Qc5 17. Qa4 Rfd8 18. g3 Bxd4 19. Nb3 Qg5+ 20. Rd2 Bxf2 21. Qa5 Be3 0-1</p>	<p>Round 4 Brennan, Tim 1800 Moore, Kenzie 1939</p> <p>1. d4 e6 2. Bf4 f5 3. Nf3 Nf6 4. e3 b6 5. Bd3 Ba6 6. Bxa6 Nxa6 7. Qe2 Qc8 8. Nbd2 Be7 9. h3 c5 10. c3 O-O 11. Rg1 d5 12. Ne5 cxd4 13. exd4 Nb8 14. g4 Nc6 15. gxf5 exf5 16. Bh6 Ne8 17. Ndf3 Rf6 18. Bf4 Bd6 19. O-O-O Rb8 20. Rg2 b5 21. Kb1 Re6 22. Ng5 Re7 23. Nxb7 Kxh7 24. Qh5+ Kg8 25. Ng6 Bxf4 26. Qh8+ Kf7 27. Qf8+ Ke6 28. Nxf4+ Kd7 29. Qxf5+ Kd8 30. Qxd5+ Kc7 31. Qe5 Kb7 32. d5 Rc7 33. dxc6+ Rxc6 34. Qd5 Nf6 35. Rxc7+ Ka8 36. Qd4 Qf5+ 37. Ka1 Ra6 38. Qe3 Qc2 39. Qf3+ Ne4 40. Nd5 Rc6 41. Nb4 1-0</p>
<p>Round 3 Super GM Brian Wall 2224 Griffin McConnell 2221</p> <p>1. c4 g6 2. d4 Bg7 3. e4 d6 4. Nc3 c5 5. d5 Nf6 6. f3 h5 7. h4 Nbd7 8. Nh3 Ne5 9. Ng5 Bd7 10. a4 a6 11. Bd2 O-O 12. Be2 Nh7 13. g4 hxg4 14. f4 Nxc5 15. hxg5 Nf3+ 16. Bxf3 gxf3 17. Qxf3 f5 18. gxf6 exf6 19. O-O-O f5 20. e5 dxe5 21. fxe5 Bxe5 22. Rdg1 Be8 23. Bh6 Bg7 24. Bxg7 Kxc7 25. Qf4 Qf6 26. Ne4 fxe4 27. Qh6+ Kf7 28. Rf1 Ke7 29. Rxf6 Rxf6 30. Qe3 Bf7 31. Qxe5+ Kd7 32. Qd4 Rf5 33. Rh7 Re8 34. Rh3 Kc8 35. Kd2 g5 36. Rh8 Bg8 37. Ke1 Rf7 38. Qa7 Kc7 39. Rh6 Rd7 40. Rc6+ Kd8 41. Rc8+ Kxc8 42. Qa8+ Kc7 43. Qxe8 Bh7 44. a5 g4 45. b4 e3 46. Qxe3 Bg8 47. Qe5+ 1-0</p>	<p>Round 5 Seth Fortinsky 1152 Trevor Bradford 1103</p> <p>1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4 Bc5 5. c3 dxc3 6. Bxf7+ Kxf7 7. Qd5+ Ke8 8. Qxc5 cxb2 9. Bxb2 d6 10. Qe3 Qe7 11. O-O Nf6 12. Nc3 Ng4 13. Qf4 Rf8 14. Qg3 Nce5 15. Nd5 Qd7 16. Nxe5 Nxe5 17. Bxe5 dxe5 18. Qxe5+ Kf7 19. Qxc7 Qxc7 20. Nxc7 Rb8 21. Rac1 Be6 22. Nxe6 Kxe6 23. Rfd1 Rfc8 24. f4 b5 25. Kf2 b4 26. Ke3 Rc3+ 27. Rxc3 bxc3 28. Kd3 Rb2 29. Kxc3 Rxa2 30. Rd2 Ra4 31. Re2 a5 32. g3 g5 33. fxg5 Ke5 34. Kb3 Rb4+ 35. Kc3 Rxe4 36. Rxe4+ Kxe4 37. h4 Kd5 38. Kb3 Kd4 39. Ka4 Ke5 40. Kxa5 Ke6 41. Kb5 Kd5 42. Kb4 Kd4 43. Kb3 Ke5 44. Kc3 Ke4 45. Kd2 Ke5 46. Ke2 Ke4 47. Kf2 Ke5 48. Kf3 Kf5 49. g4+ Kg6 50. Kf4 h6 51. gxh6 Kxh6 52. h5 Kg7 53. Kg5 Kh7 54. Kf6 Kh6 55. g5+ Kh7 56. Kf7 Kh8 57. h6 1-0</p>
<p>Round 1 Brian Wall 2224 Daniel Herman 2176</p> <p>1. Nc3 c5 2. Nf3 g6 3. h4 d5 4. h5 gxh5 5. e4 dxe4 6. Ng5 Bg4 7. Be2 Nf6 8. Ngxe4 Nbd7 9. d3 Qe7 10. Bg5 Rg8 11. Bxf6 Nxf6 12. Nxf6+ exf6 13. Bxg4 Rxg4 14. Qf3 Qe5+ 15. Kf1 O-O-O 16. Re1 Qf4 17. Qxf4 Rxf4 18. Rxb5 a4 19. g3 Rfd4 20. Nb5 R4d7 21. dxc4 a6 22. Nc3 Bb4 23. Rxb7 Bxc3 24. bxc3 Kc7 25. Re4 Rd1+ 26. Kg2 Ra1 27. Rxf7+ Rd7 28. Rxf6 Rxa2 29. g4 Rg7 30. Kg3 Rxc2 31. f4 a5 32. g5 Rd7 33. g6 Rd3+ 34. Kg4 Rg2+ 35. Kf5 a4 36. Re7+ Rd7 37. Rff7 Rxe7 38. Rxe7+ Kb6 39. Kf6 a3 40. Re8 a2 41. Ra8 Kc5 42. g7 Kxc4 43. Rxa2 Rg1 44. f5 Kxc3 45. Kf7 b5 46. f6 b4 47. Kg8 b3 48. Ra3 Kb4 49. Rxb3+ Kxb3 1-0</p>	<p>Round 3 T. Poole 1237 J. Medina 1133</p> <p>1. e4 d6 2. Nf3 Nf6 3. d3 Bg4 4. Nbd2 Nc6 5. c3 Qd7 6. Be2 e5 7. Qc2 Nh5 8. Nf1 Nf4 9. Bxf4 exf4 10. O-O-O Be7 11. d4 Bf6 12. Qb3 Qe8 13. h3 Bh5 14. N1d2 a5 15. Bb5 O-O 16. g4 fxg3 17. fxg3 Nb8 18. d5 Nd7 19. Bxd7 Qxd7 20. Qxb7 Rfb8 21. Qc6 Qxc6 22. dxc6 Ra6 23. g4 Bg6 24. Nd4 Bxd4 25. cxd4 Rxc6+ 26. Kb1 Rcb6 27. b3 d5 28. Kb2 dxe4 29. Nc4 Rb5 30. Rhe1 f6 31. Re3 Rd8 32. Kc3 Rbd5 33. Re2 h5 34. Ne3 R5d7 35. Nf5 Bxf5 36. gxf5 Rd5 37. Rxe4 Rxf5 38. Re7 c5 39. d5 Rfxd5 40. Rxd5 Rxd5 41. Ra7 f5 42. Rxa5 f4 43. Ra4 Rf5 44. Re4 g5 45. a4 f3 46. Re1 f2 47. Rf1 g4 48. a5 g3 49. a6 Rf7 0-1</p>
<p>Round 5 Rhett Langseth 2142 Nick Petersen 2028</p> <p>1. d4 Nf6 2. Bf4 d6 3. e3 g6 4. c3 Bg7 5. Nf3 O-O 6. Bd3 Nbd7 7. O-O b6 8. e4 Bb7 9. Qe2 Nh5 10. Be3 e5 11. dxe5 dxe5 12. Rd1 Qe7 13. Na3 a6 14. g3 b5 15. Bxb5 axb5 16. Qxb5 Bc8 17. Qe6 Qf6 18. Qxa8 Qxf3 19. Nc2 Ndf6 20. Ne1 Qg4 21. f3 Qh3 22. Rd2 Nxc3 23. hxg3 Bg4 24. Qa6 Bxf3 25. Nxf3 Qxg3+ 26. Rg2 Qxf3 27. Qe2 Qxe4 28. Be5 Rd8 29. Be7 Ra8 30. Bxf6 Qxe2 31. Rxe2 Bxf6 32. a4 c5 33. a5 Ra6 34. b4 cxb4 35. cxb4 e4 36. Rd1 Bc3 37. Rxe4 Bxb4 38. Rxb4 Rxa5 39. Rb7 Rf5 40. Rf1 Rxf1+ 41. Kxf1 Kg7 42. Kf2 h5 43. Kf3 g5 44. Ke4 Kg6 45. Rb6+ f6 46. Ra6 h4 47. Rb6 Kh5 48. Kf3 g4+ 49. Kf4 g3 50. Kf3 Kg5 51. Rb8 Kh5 52. Rh8+ Kg5 53. Rh7 f5 54. Rh8 1-0</p>	<p>Round 1 Nick Petersen 2025 James Neal II 2229</p> <p>1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 c5 4. exd5 Qxd5 5. Nfg3 cxd4 6. Bc4 Qd6 7. O-O Nc6 8. Nb3 a6 9. Nbx4 Nxd4 10. Nxd4 Qc7 11. Bb3 Bd6 12. Qh5 Nf6 13. Qh4 O-O 14. Bg5 Be5 15. c3 h6 16. Be3 Nd5 17. Bxd5 exd5 18. f4 Bf6 19. Qh5 Qc4 20. Rf3 Re8 21. Rd1 g6 22. Qxh6 Bg4 23. f5 Bg7 24. Qf4 Re4 25. Qg3 Bxf3 26. Qxf3 Rae8 27. Bf2 Bxd4 28. cxd4 Qe2 29. Qb3 Rf4 30. Rf1 Rxf5 31. Qxb7 Qxf2+ 0-1</p>



USCF Top 100 Players in Colorado

Rated current members are shown
Rank / Rating as of 1/4/2023

1. IM MICHAEL A MULYAR 2457
2. GUNNAR ANDERSEN 2362
3. SULLIVAN MAC MCCONNELL 2303
4. NEIL BHAVIKATTI 2258
5. CHRISTOFER PETERSON 2254
6. DIEGO GARCIA 2239
7. AKSHAT JAIN 2236
8. BRIAN D WALL 2222
9. GRIFFIN THOMAS MCCONNELL 2217
10. DANIEL HERMAN 2207
11. RICHARD SHTIVELBAND 2204
12. JORGE RUBIO 2196
13. VLADISLAV YANOVSKY 2193
14. ZACHARY BEKKEDAHL 2168
15. DAVID BASTIAN WELLNITZ 2163
16. MICHAEL B GINAT 2156
17. ORGIL BATSAIKHAN 2156
18. ANTONIO CARAVACA AGUIRRE 2137
19. EAMON CURCHIN MONTGOMERY 2132
20. KEVIN SEIDLER 2129
21. MATTHEW WOFFORD 2117
22. RHETT LANGSETH 2108
23. ROBERT E O'DONNELL 2100
24. VEDANTH SAMPATH 2096
25. ERIC JEAN BILLAUX 2079
26. JUAN C BRENES SALGADO 2078
27. DMITRY KISHINEVSKY 2072
28. CRAIG D WILCOX 2069
29. YUVAL LAOR 2046
30. LUIS ALBERTO DE AVILA 2045
31. NICKOLAS PETERSEN 2021
32. SCOTT LETT 2008
33. DANIEL PATRICK AVERY 2005
34. ALEXANDER STEGER 2003
35. JESSE RANDALL HESTER 2001
36. RICHARD W BUCHANAN 2000
37. JOEL SENGER 2000
38. SARA HERMAN 1997
39. PAUL D ANDERSON 1992
40. ALEKSANDR BOZHENOV 1988
41. JOSHUA SAMUEL 1982
42. BRAD LUNDSTROM 1973
43. MARK KROWCZYK 1970
44. SIKANDER BAKER-NAGAR 1959
45. MR. KEITH JAY OXMAN 1953
46. LAURENCE ROBERT WUTT 1950
47. JAMES DREBENSTEDT 1944
48. DAVIN YIN 1934
49. DAVID KASSIN 1928
50. TURPANA MOLINA 1926

51. GARY PAUL WARMERDAM 1926
52. MIKE MALONEY 1923
53. EDWARD YASUTAKE 1920
54. PETER BARLAY 1918
55. CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY 1914
56. DYLAN SMITH 1908
57. IRIS LI 1901
58. ELLIOTT WOO 1888
59. KENZIE L MOORE 1885
60. EARLE P WIKLE 1877
61. MR. MARK OVERTON BROWN 1876
62. DUWAYNE LANGSETH 1875
63. CORY KOHLER 1873
64. CALEB PEÑA 1862
65. YOSEF GROSS 1857
66. BRIAN JOHN ROUNTREE 1854
67. J RICHARD SCOTT 1842
68. BRAD LEONHARDT 1841
69. SHAWN BURNHAM 1839
70. MIRZA PELJTO 1835
71. BARRY F BIGGS 1828
72. MARK J BOGART 1822
73. HARSH MALI 1816
74. EDWARD D BOLDT 1814
75. WOODIE HUBERT DIAMOND JR. 1810
76. ALEKSEY KAIKOV 1807
77. GREG JOHNSON 1803
78. HERMAN W CHEW 1801
79. WILL FRAZIER 1801
80. RICHARD R ROLOFF 1800
81. CHARLES MINSKEY 1800
82. TIMOTHY E BRENNAN 1800
83. JOHN JOSEPH BREZINA 1797
84. JORDAN EDMONSON 1794
85. ALONSO RODRIGUEZ 1794
86. JEREMY BRIAN ROLDAN 1793
87. NOAH EZEKIEL FALKNER 1778
88. MILES THOMAS BROWN 1775
89. JASON MCEWEN 1772
90. KOEN PAZDAN BEAVER 1772
91. TODD WALKER 1768
92. CALEB NOAH KOELLER 1764
93. RODERICK BEECHER GORBY 1763
94. ANDREW PATRICK NOEL 1760
95. MS. JAYNE J PERRY 1758
96. HAROUN MUELLER-OMAR 1758
97. VEDANT PRAVIN MARGALE 1758
98. TYLER MANDEL 1757
99. MARK MCGOUGH 1755
100. MR. JACKSON KENNETH ROADS 1752



2022 Colorado Springs City Championship

By Earle Wikle

This was Colorado Springs largest city championship with 33 players. The tournament had many new players and a number of upsets that narrowed the field to a last round game between Daniel Marmer and Chris Motley that would decide first place. If a tie would occur, the tie breaker favored Daniel Marmer, so Chris Motley needed to win. The game did not disappoint the players that stayed to watch. After some back and forth chances, the position reached a critical point on move 59. Marmer was down to making moves and gaining increment, and unfortunately for him, he made a mistake in a position that was equal. Motley found the win and became the 2022 Colorado Springs City Champion. Congratulations to Chris Motley for becoming city champion and for recently going over 2000 to become Colorado's newest chess expert.

**2022 CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
COLORADO SPRINGS
2022-11-29
Time Control: G/90;+30**

Pair Num	Player Name USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4	Round 5					
1	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY 16231534 / R: 1933 -->1960	4.5	W	28	D	11	W	9	W	10	W	5
2	DWAYNE LANGSETH 11197175 / R: 1892 -->1902	4.0	W	17	W	29	H		H		W	8
3	NOAH EZEKIEL FALKNER 17104083 / R: 1683 -->1778	4.0	H		H		W	29	W	6	W	10
4	PAUL D ANDERSON 12728345 / R: 2000 -->1992	3.5	W	15	L	5	H		W	27	W	13
5	DANIEL MARMER 12889369 / R: 1742 -->1807	3.5	W	19	W	4	D	10	W	11	L	1
6	WOODIE HUBERT DIAMOND JR. 15106306 / R: 1814P17->1810P22	3.0	W	18	L	10	W	15	L	3	W	11
7	JOHN JENKS 30838800 / R: Unrated->1698P3	3.0	H		H		L	8	W	28	W	15
8	BILL WEHLMILLER 12515063 / R: 1694 -->1690	3.0	L	29	W	33	W	7	W	9	L	2
9	JAMES WILLIAM NEWBY JR. 12699600 / R: 1566 -->1640	3.0	W	25	W	27	L	1	L	8	W	18
10	RHETT LANGSETH 13392987 / R: 2154 -->2117	2.5	W	20	W	6	D	5	L	1	L	3
11	MARK MCGOUGH 11366481 / R: 1773 -->1755	2.5	W	33	D	1	W	13	L	5	L	6
12	JACOB DECKER 30853522 / R: Unrated->1711P2	2.5	H		H		U		D	21	W	20
13	SPENCER NORMAN 30835697 / R: Unrated->1182P7	2.5	H		W	32	L	11	W	24	L	4
14	DAVID WALSMAN 30575185 / R: Unrated->1544P4	2.0	H		W	24	H		U		U	
15	ALEC LANE 30671820 / R: 1529P10->1529P15	2.0	L	4	W	19	L	6	W	29	L	7
16	JOSEPH J REININGER 16305137 / R: 1442P25->1463	2.0	H		H		U		U		W	29
17	DEAN W BROWN 10224098 / R: 1400 -->1400	2.0	L	2	L	26	L	19	W	33	W	31
18	CLINTON EADS 12435350 / R: 1236 -->1260	2.0	L	6	W	20	L	22	W	32	L	9
19	GRIFFIN EMERS 30776582 / R: 1123P3 -->1252P6	2.0	L	5	L	15	W	17	H		H	
20	WILLIAM LEO WOLF 14762885 / R: 1602 -->1559	1.5	L	10	L	18	W	33	H		L	12
21	NEFTALI SANTOS JR. 16238668 / R: 1463P13->1481P14	1.5	H		H		U		D	12	U	
22	ANDREW SEBASTIAN PLATT 30644854 / R: 1438P6 -->1470P7	1.5	H		U		W	18	U		U	
23	DILLON KOCH 30860596 / R: Unrated->1300P1	1.5	H		U		U		U		W	32
24	JOHN F HUME 30822280 / R: Unrated-> 977P3	1.5	H		L	14	W	32	L	13	U	
25	RICHARD W BUCHANAN 10273030 / R: 2000 -->2000	1.0	L	9	W	30	U		U		U	
26	PETER BARLAY 14700831 / R: 1912 -->1914	1.0	U		W	17	U		U		U	
27	EARLE P WIKLE 12126030 / R: 1912 -->1877	1.0	H		L	9	H		L	4	U	
28	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU 16349446 / R: 1520 -->1507	1.0	L		L		H		L	7	U	
29	MANUEL PASCUAL VACA LOPEZ 30809312 / R: Unrated->1409P5	1.0	W	8	L	2	L	3	L	15	L	16
30	JACK TRAVIS LUKE 30820417 / R: Unrated->1300P1	1.0	H		L	25	H		U		U	
31	BRANDON MICHAEL YOUNG 30501005 / R: 1217P12->1199P13	1.0	H		H		U		U		L	17
32	RYAN THOMSON 30835700 / R: Unrated-> 616P4	0.5	H		L	13	L	24	L	18	L	23
33	DANIEL RUPP 15768473 / R: 1074 -->1061	0.0	L	1	L	8	L	20	L	17	U	

Round 5
Marmer, Daniel 1807
Motley, Chris 1960

1. d4 d5 2. c4 Bf5 3. Nc3 e6 4. Nf3 Nc6 5. a3 Nf6 6. Bg5 Be7 7. e3 h6 8. Bh4 Ne4 9. Bxe7 Nxe7 10. Rc1 O-O 11. Bd3 e5 12. O-O Rc8 13. Qe2 a6 14. Rfd1 b5 15. b3 Qa5 16. dxc5 Nxc3 17. Qe1 Bxd3 18. Rxd3 Ne2+ 19. Qxe2 Qxa3 20. Qd2 bxc4 21. bxc4 Qxc5 22. Ne5 Qc7 23. Qb2 f6 24. Nf3 dxc4 25. Rdc3 Rfd8 26. Nd4 Qd6 27. Qd2 e5 28. Rxc4 Kh8 29. Rxc8 Rxc8 30. Rxc8+ Nxc8 31. Qe2 Ne7 32. Nf5 Nxf5 33. Qc8+ Kh7 34. Qxf5+ g6 35. Qb1 h5 36. h3 Qc7 37. Qa2 a5 38. Qe6 Kg7 39. Qe8 Qa7 40. Qa4 Kh6 41. h4 Kg7 42. Kh2 Qc7 43. g3 Qd8 44. Qb5 Qa8 45. Qd7+ Kh6 46. Qa4 g5 47. Kg1 gxf4 48. Qxh4 Qf3 49. Qa4 Qd5 50. Kh2 Qd2 51. Kg2 Qb4 52. Qc6 Kg5 53. e4 a4 54. f4+ exf4 55. gxf4+ Kxf4 56. Qxf6+ Ke3 57. Qf3+ Kd2 58. Qf2+ Kc1 59. Kf3 Qf8+ 60. Ke3 Qxf2+ 61. Kxf2 a3 0-1



The diagram above is after Chris played 59...Kc1
 Daniel could have held the draw but played 59. Kf3? allowing an unfavorable Queen trade
 This last round win gave Chris Motley the Colorado Springs City Champion title.

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Round 4
Petersen, Nick 2003
Herman, Sara 2015

1. d4 d5 2. e4 c6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. e3 Bf5 5. Qb3 Qb6 6. Qxb6 axb6 7. cxd5 e6 8. dxc6 Bxe6 9. Bd2 Bb4 10. a3 Nbd7 11. Rc1 Be7 12. Nf3 b5 13. Bd3 Nb6 14. Ne5 Nfd7 15. Nxd7 Kxd7 16. O-O Nc4 17. Bxc4 Bxc4 18. Rfe1 Bg5 19. Ne4 Be7 20. Bc3 f5 21. Nd2 Rhe8 22. Nxc4 bxc4 23. f3 Bg5 24. Kf2 Re6 25. Re2 Rh6 26. Kgl Re8 27. Rce1 Rhe6 28. Kf2 Rh6 29. Kgl Rhe6 30. e4 b5 31. g3 Bd8 32. Kf2 f4 33. Kg2 Rg6 34. d5 fxg3 35. hxg3 Bh4 36. Kh3 Bxg3 37. Rgl Bf4 38. Rxxg6 hxg6 39. Kg4 g5 40. dxc6+ Kxc6 41. Bxg7 Be5 42. Bxe5 Rxe5 43. Rd2 Kc5 44. Rd8 b4 45. axb4+ Kxb4 46. Rd5 Re8 47. Kxg5 Rb8 48. e5 Kb3 49. Rd2 Ka2 50. e6 Rxb2 51. Rxb2+ Kxb2 52. e7 c3 53. e8-Q e2 54. Qc6 Ka1 55. f4 Kb1 56. Qxc2+ Ka1 57. Qc7 1-0

Round 4
Wolf, Will 1559
Herman, Daniel 2209

1. Nf3 e5 2. c4 Nc6 3. g3 g6 4. d4 cxd4 5. Nxd4 Bg7 6. Ne2 Nf6 7. Bg2 O-O 8. O-O d6 9. Ne3 Be6 10. Na3 Qd7 11. Re1 Bh3 12. Bh1 Rac8 13. e4 Ng4 14. Nd5 Bd4 15. Ne3 Nxe3 16. fxe3 Be5 17. Rb1 Nb4 18. Bf3 f5 19. Nc2 Nxa2 20. Bd2 fxe4 21. Bxe4 Bg4 22. Bd5+ Kg7 23. Re2 Qf5 24. Nd4 Bxd4 25. exd4 Bxe2 26. Qxe2 Qxb1+ 27. Kc2 Rc7 28. h4 Qf5 29. g4 Qf6 30. e5 Ne1 31. Bh6+ Kh8 32. Qe3 Qf1+ 33. Kg3 Ne2+ 0-1

Round 4
Neal, James 2227
Peterson, Chris 2254

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Qxd4 a6 5. c4 Nc6 6. Qe3 Nf6 7. h3 e6 8. Nc3 Be7 9. Be2 O-O 10. O-O Qc7 11. b3 b6 12. Bb2 Bb7 13. Rac1 Nb8 14. Nd4 Nbd7 15. f4 Rac8 16. g4 Ne5 17. Bf3 h6 18. Nde2 Rfe8 19. Kh1 d5 20. e5 Nf4 21. cxd5 exd5 22. b4 d4 23. Qxd4 Red8 24. Nxe4 Rxd4 25. Bxd4 Qd8 26. bxc5 bxc5 27. Bgl Ba8 28. Rfd1 Qa5 29. N2c3 e4 30. Re2 Bb4 31. Bg2 Bc6 32. Rd4 Ba8 33. Bf2 Kh7 34. Kgl Bxc3 35. Nxc3 Bxg2 36. Kxg2 g5 37. Rd5 Qb4 38. f5 Qb7 39. Kh2 Re6 40. Red2 Qb4 41. Bd4 Re8 42. Rd7 Kg8 43. Re2 Qb8 44. Nd5 Kf8 45. Bc3 Rd8 46. Nf6 Kg7 47. Rxd8 Qxd8 48. e6 Qd3 49. Nh5+ Kg8 50. Ng3 fxe6 51. fxe6 Kf8 52. Bb4+ Ke8 53. Rf2 Kd8 54. Rd2 1-0

Round 3
Billaux, Eric 2112
Wolf, Will 1559

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bd3 e5 7. Nde2 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Ng3 b5 10. a4 b4 11. Nd5 Nxd5 12. exd5 f5 13. c4 bxc3 14. bxc3 e4 15. Be2 Nd7 16. a5 Qc7 17. c4 Ne5 18. Be3 Bh4 19. Bb6 Qe7 20. Rc1 Nd3 21. Bxd3 exd3 22. Qxd3 f4 23. Ne4 f3 24. c5 fxg2 25. Rfe1 Qf7 26. cxd6 Rb8 27. Rc7 Bd7 28. Ba7 Qf5 29. Qd4 Rb3 30. Ng3 Bxg3 31. hxg3 Rxxg3 32. fxg3 Qf1+ 33. Kh2 g1=Q+ 34. Qxxg1 Qh3# 0-1

The Winter Springs Open

By Earle Wikle

After three years from the last WSO, I asked Buck about getting the WSO started up and if he needed help. After Buck and I spoke, I was honored that he allowed me to continue to run the tournament. I kept the same format with three sections and time control of G/90;+30. The Open section had 3 Masters and 5 Experts among 19 players. There were some upsets by James Drebenstedt and Will Wolf that provided them the chance to play on one of the three DGT boards for the top three boards. The tournament was smaller than hoped for, but everyone had a pleasant time. Congratulations to all the winners, 1st in Open section was chess master James Neal, 1st in the under 1800 section was Shubh Misra, and 1st in the under 1400 section was Leif McFadden, congratulations to all and thank you to all that showed up.

2022 WINTER SPRINGS OPEN
COLORADO SPRINGS, CO
2022-12-03 thru 2022-12-04
Time Control: G/90;+30

OPEN Section

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	MR. JAMES NEAL II	12884217 / R: 2227	4.0	W	11W	7W	3W 2I
IA	12884217 / R: 2227			N:M	B	W	B
2	CHRISTOFER PETERSON	12859076 / R: 2254	3.0	W	17W	4W	8L 1I
CO	12859076 / R: 2254			N:C	W	B	W
3	DANIEL HERMAN	14345456 / R: 2209	3.0	W	12W	10L	1W 5I
CO	14345456 / R: 2209			N:1	W	B	W
4	NICKOLAS PETERSEN	13072431 / R: 2003	3.0	W	14L	2W	15W 9I
CO	13072431 / R: 2003			N:1	B	W	B
5	WILLIAM LEO WOLF	14762885 / R: 1559	3.0	X	20W	9W	16L 3I
CO	14762885 / R: 1559				B	W	B
6	RHETT LANGSETH	13392987 / R: 2117	2.5	L	8H	W	19W 17I
CO	13392987 / R: 2117				B	W	B
7	ALEXANDER STEGER	12597213 / R: 1998	2.5	W	15L	1W	13D 8I
CO	12597213 / R: 1998			N:1	W	B	B
8	JAMES DREBENSTEDT	12478674 / R: 1883	2.5	W	6W	16L	2D 7I
CO	12478674 / R: 1883			N:C	W	B	B
9	SARA HERMAN	14345441 / R: 2015	2.0	W	13L	5W	10L 4I
CO	14345441 / R: 2015			N:2	W	B	W
10	DAVID KASSIN	12649606 / R: 1943	1.5	W	19L	3L	9H 1I
CO	12649606 / R: 1943				B	W	B
11	ELLIOTT WOO	17100032 / R: 1903P20->1888P23	1.5	L	1H	D	18D 15I
CO	17100032 / R: 1903P20->1888P23				W	B	B
12	DUWAYNE LANGSETH	11197175 / R: 1902	1.5	L	3L	15B	D 13I
CO	11197175 / R: 1902				B	W	B
13	ALEKSEY KAIKOV	17070946 / R: 1792P14->1807P18	1.5	L	9W	17L	7D 12I
CO	17070946 / R: 1792P14->1807P18			N:2	B	B	W
14	DANIEL MARMER	12889369 / R: 1807	1.5	L	4D	18L	17W 19I
GA	12889369 / R: 1807			N:3	W	B	W
15	KOEN PAZDAN BEAVER	30356574 / R: 1758	1.5	L	7W	12L	4D 11I
CO	30356574 / R: 1758			N:2	B	B	W
16	ERIC JEAN BILLAUX	12578819 / R: 2112	1.0	W	18L	8L	5U 1I
CO	12578819 / R: 2112				W	B	W
17	CHRISTOPHER MOTLEY	16231534 / R: 1960	1.0	L	2L	13W	14L 6I
CO	16231534 / R: 1960				B	W	B
18	TIMOTHY E BRENNAN	12718954 / R: 1800	1.0	L	16D	14D	11U 1I
CO	12718954 / R: 1800				B	W	W
19	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN	16913354 / R: 1496	1.0	L	10B	L	6L 14I
CO	16913354 / R: 1496				W	B	W
20	LAURENCE ROBERT WUTT	12745430 / R: 1950	0.0	F	U	U	U 1I
CO	12745430 / R: 1950						

U1800 Section

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	SHUBH MISRA	16824026 / R: 1568	3.5	W	9W	4D	2W 5I
CO	16824026 / R: 1568			N:3	B	W	B
2	ABHIRAM PALLE	17054842 / R: 1494	3.0	W	8W	3D	1D 4I
CO	17054842 / R: 1494			N:3	B	W	B
3	ROBERT CARLSON	14678120 / R: 1626	2.5	W	10L	2D	7W 9I
CO	14678120 / R: 1626			N:4	W	B	W
4	MS. TANYA GURPUR MADKE PRABHU	16349446 / R: 1507	2.5	W	6L	1X	8D 2I
CO	16349446 / R: 1507				W	B	W
5	BRADFORD C BLAKE	11052533 / R: 1600	2.0	L	7W	10W	6L 1I
CO	11052533 / R: 1600			N:4	W	B	W
6	DARSHAN SATISHKUMAR	16961241 / R: 1114	2.0	L	4W	9L	5W 7I
CO	16961241 / R: 1114			N:4	B	W	B
7	DEAN W BROWN	10224098 / R: 1400	1.5	W	5L	8D	3L 6I
CO	10224098 / R: 1400			N:4	B	W	B
8	SCOTT F MASSEY	12059850 / R: 1748	1.0	L	2W	7F	U 1I
CO	12059850 / R: 1748				W	B	
9	GEORGE PESCHKE	15618142 / R: 1463	1.0	L	1L	6W	10L 3I
CO	15618142 / R: 1463				W	B	W
10	JOSEPH J REININGER	16305137 / R: 1463	0.0	L	3L	5L	9U 1I
CO	16305137 / R: 1463				B	W	B

U1400 Section

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	LEIF PAUL MCFADDEN	30596924 / R: 1252P9 ->1407P13	4.0	W	11W	3W	6W 2I
CO	30596924 / R: 1252P9 ->1407P13			N:4	B	W	B
2	SHAURYA MISRA	16824011 / R: 1321 ->1325	3.0	W	9W	10W	4L 1I
CO	16824011 / R: 1321 ->1325				W	B	W
3	KYLE LUO	30588060 / R: 1034P7 ->1137P11	3.0	W	13L	1W	7W 6I
CO	30588060 / R: 1034P7 ->1137P11				W	B	W
4	SHIRLEY HERMAN	14812654 / R: 981 ->1055	3.0	W	12W	11L	2W 8I
CO	14812654 / R: 981 ->1055				B	W	B
5	JAMIE HALSTEAD	12647141 / R: 821 -> 874	2.5	L	8B	W	10D 9I
CO	12647141 / R: 821 -> 874				B	W	B
6	DAVID BRYANT	30832125 / R: Unrated->1278P8	2.0	X	14W	8L	1L 3I
CO	30832125 / R: Unrated->1278P8				B	W	B
7	KYLE RICHARD HENDRICKS	30682222 / R: Unrated->1078P14	2.0	L	10W	9L	3W 11I
CO	30682222 / R: Unrated->1078P14				W	B	W
8	DANIEL RUPP	15768473 / R: 1061 ->1047	2.0	W	5L	6W	12L 4I
CO	15768473 / R: 1061 ->1047				W	B	W
9	JONATHAN REINHARD	16428233 / R: 891 -> 876	1.5	L	2L	7W	13D 5I
CO	16428233 / R: 891 -> 876				B	W	B
10	DONALD WILBUR HILLMAN	15332472 / R: 1072 ->1048	1.0	W	7L	2L	5U 1I
CO	15332472 / R: 1072 ->1048				B	W	B
11	MAXIM KAIKOV	17024162 / R: 822 -> 798	1.0	L	1L	4B	L 7I
CO	17024162 / R: 822 -> 798				W	B	B
12	BENJAMIN JOHN LARSON	30866598 / R: Unrated-> 746P3	1.0	W	4W	13L	8U 1I
CO	30866598 / R: Unrated-> 746P3				L	B	B
13	LUCAS PAYNE	30866499 / R: Unrated-> 396P3	1.0	L	3L	12L	9B 1I
CO	30866499 / R: Unrated-> 396P3				B	W	W
14	BENJAMIN MICHAEL MCCARRAGHER	30408653 / R: 1006P11->1006P11	0.0	F	U	U	U 1I
CO	30408653 / R: 1006P11->1006P11						

EXTRA GAMES

Pair Num	Player Name	USCF ID / Rtg (Pre->Post)	Total Pts	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Round 4
1	ABHIJAY BALAMURUGAN	16913354 / R: 1485 ->1516	1.0	W	2U	U	U 1I
CO	16913354 / R: 1485 ->1516				B		
2	JAMES WILLIAM NEWBY JR.	12699600 / R: 1640 ->1613	0.0	L	1U	U	U 1I
CO	12699600 / R: 1640 ->1613				W		

More Games from the Winter Springs Open

Round 1

Peterson, Chris 2254
 Motley, Chris 1960

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. Nf3 d6 4. d4 dxe5 5. Nxe5 g6 6. Bc4 Be6 7. O-O Bg7 8. Re1 c6 9. e3 O-O 10. Nd2 Nd7 11. Ndf3 b5 12. Bf1 Bg4 13. h3 Bxf3 14. Nxf3 Qc7 15. Bg5 Rfe8 16. Rc1 N5b6 17. Bxe7 Ne5 18. Bh4 Nec4 19. b3 Nd6 20. Bg3 Qd7 21. Ne5 Qb7 22. Bd3 Rad8 23. Qf3 1-0

Round 1

Herman, Daniel 2209
 Langseth, Duwayne 1902

1. e4 d5 2. exd5 Qxd5 3. Nc3 Qd6 4. d4 Nf6 5. Nf3 c6 6. Ne5 Nbd7 7. f4 a6 8. g4 Nxe5 9. fxe5 Qe6 10. h3 h5 11. g5 Nd5 12. Bg2 Nxc3 13. bxc3 Qc4 14. Qd2 Bf5 15. Rb1 O-O 16. Rb4 Qxa2 17. O-O Qxc2 18. Qxc2 Bxc2 19. e6 fxe6 20. Bf4 g6 21. Be5 Rg8 22. Rf7 Bd3 23. Rb6 Bb5 24. Kf2 a5 25. Ke3 a4 26. Kd2 a3 27. Kc2 Kd7 28. Rxb7+ Ke8 29. Rh7 Rd7 30. Rb8+ Rd8 31. Rxb5 exb5 32. Bc6+ Rd7 33. Bxb5 Kd8 34. Bxd7 Kxd7 35. Kb3 Kc6 36. c4 Bg7 37. Rxc7 Ra8 38. Ka2 Ra4 39. c5 Rc4 40. Rxc6 Rc3 41. d5+ Kxd5 42. Bxc3 1-0

Round 3

Herman, Daniel 2209
 Neal, James 2227

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Bb4 4. e5 c5 5. a3 Bxc3+ 6. bxc3 Qa5 7. Bd2 Qa4 8. Qg4 Kf8 9. Nf3 b6 10. c4 Nc6 11. Bd3 cxd4 12. exd5 exd5 13. Qf4 h6 14. Bg6 Be6 15. Nh4 Ke8 16. Bd3 g5 17. Qg3 Nge7 18. Nf3 Nf5 19. Bxf5 Bxf5 20. O-O Be6 21. h4 Kd7 22. hxg5 Rg8 23. Qf4 hxg5 24. Nxc5 Qxc2 25. Rac1 Qg6 26. Qg3 d3 27. Qe3 Qh5 28. f4 Qh2+ 29. Kf2 Rh3 30. Rh1 Rxe3 31. Bxc3 Qxh1 32. Rxh1 Ke7 33. Nxe6 Kxe6 34. Rd1 d4 35. Be1 Kd5 36. Rxd3 Kc4 37. Rh3 Rc8 38. Rh7 Nd8 39. f5 Kd5 40. e6 fxe6 41. f6 Rxc1 42. g4 Ke5 43. g5 Kf5 44. Rxa7 Kxg5 45. f7 Nxf7 46. Rxf7 Rc3 47. a4 Ra3 48. Rb7 Kf5 49. Rxb6 Rxa4 50. Ke2 Ra3 51. Kd2 e5 0-1

Dissecting a Chess.com Puzzle #8

Jeffrey Baffo November 8, 2022



Chess.com Puzzle, no task given. Puzzle (#2099584) Rating "Pending"

Gist of the situation; Die or Win! White is a piece down and Black's forces pose menacingly near our home base. Both sides have attacks going and it seems that the first side to crash thru will win. On reflection; FALSE...White simply lacks a string of forcing moves or checks needed for a quick kill. I need to calm down here. Our material deficit may not be so important. We too, have fire power near his King. Add to that the fact that mutual attacks do not always mean that mean we throw all thoughts of defensive ideas out the window. In fact, it may be a paradoxical situation here. The first side to defend wins! That means we seek to defuse the other's attack, significantly slow it down or prevent it and only then do we COUNTER-attack and win. Very interesting.

One thing that I notice here is that were a second attacker available here, Black's pinned knight already under threat by our Queen on e7 is not easily defended. Capturing that Knight with check would give White a winning mate-based attack. And there is such an attacker available with 1.Bg5! However, that move is NOT check, so simply moving our Bishop there fails to the pedestrian reply 1...f6. Sad face and wah, wah, wah music play. So, does that mean that we can salvage our idea if eliminate Black's f pawn? Dare we play 1.B:c4+ and follow it up with the non-check move Bg5. What of Black's reprisal? Do we survive that? So we put forward this continuation; 1.B:f7+ K:f7 and now what? Black's Knight is no longer pinned and 2.Bg5 lacks the mating threat that we needed.

On further thought, must we abandon the desired move 1.Bg5? could there be some saving idea involving our advanced pawn? So, 1.Bg5 and we must first disprove Black's attacking potential or all will be for nothing. 1...Qf2+ 2.Kd1 Q:f3+ 3.Kc1 and our safe haven, thoughtfully provided by our Queen's Bishop timely departure, has been reached. But now it's Black's move again! Can he, in his turn, defend and ruin our attacking dreams? I calculate that Black must, attacking plans aside, must now fall back on the move we feared 3...f6 as his only defense against our crude mating plans. And for all his lack of choice, Black's "only move" seems quite effective. Our Queen and Bishop are forked and the mate on e7 prevented. Once again, we cast our gaze skyward and shout to the Chess Gods; "Are we thwarted?!!!"

Perhaps not. What of our lowly and to this point ignored foot soldier, far advanced behind enemy lines? Can this humble unit provide our salvations when nothing else can? Our hoped-for rescue effort continues; 4.hg7 does this deserve "!!" or "??". Let's calculate. 4...fe5 surely must fail to our new born Queen on h8, yes? 5.g7:h8=Q+ That's mate, I think. I am about 5 full moves out in my calculations and my vision is getting blurry, but I'll say that's a mate. So, What else does Black have? At this point, because of desperate picture facing White, decision and action is reached. Play 1.Bg5

Confirmed correct!! Holy Horse Feces! That took me one hour and 19 minutes! Black's reply 1...Bf2+ which I did not consider! The essentials are unchanged. Even if my own Rook on h1 falls with check, I can and I must still survive Black's counter punching before I can execute my ideas. So, clearly forced, my reply is 2.Kd1 as stepping into a discovered check by Ke2 or Kd2 is too dangerous. Decision and action; Play 2.Kd1.

Confirmed correct! Black's reply, the dreaded, much-anticipated 2...f6. Now the acid test for my previous calculations. Desire 3.h:g7 to either pawn promote or smash thru the g7-f6 pawn chain to re-establish my attack on his pinned Knight and King. And I'm all in here, to borrow a Poker term. I'm betting that my mating themes will even outweigh dropping a full Rook with check! After blunder check, decision and action reached; Play 3.hg7

Confirmed correct!! And at this point, the Chess.com system gave me the coveted "Puzzle Solved" green check mark. Wow, wow, wow, just plain WOW. This is without a doubt the most nerve-wracking attack I have ever executed. Total time to get my thoughts into this article and solve on the board; one hour, 43 minutes, and 31 seconds. Solved with no hints and no take backs I am exhausted!

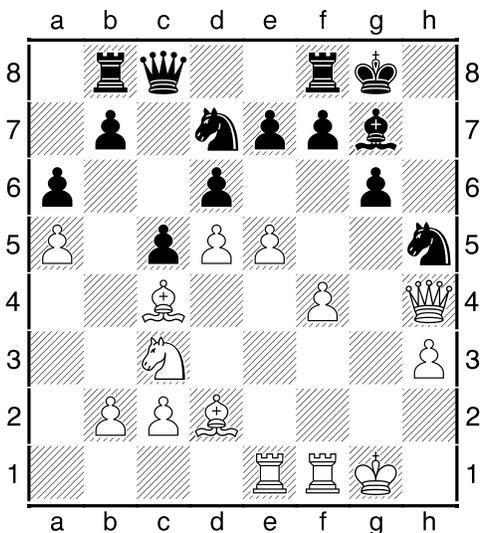
Sealer-Sweeper!

Submitted by Jeffrey Baffo

phatchess (1646) - Eneius (1639) [B06]

(Blitz 3+2) Chess.com, 31.12.2022

1.Nc3 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 c5 4.d5 d6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Qd3 Nd7 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Ne5 9.Qg3 Nf6 10.f4 Ned7 11.a4 a6 12.Bc4 [12.Be2 is better, as there are too many lines where the B's more aggressive post on c4 provides a target for Black.] **12...0-0 13.0-0 Rb8 14.a5 Nh5 15.Qh4** [15.Qe1,same thing. There is no justification for the Q to take up station on h4 at this point in the game. Qe1 is a flexible central post where the Q may radiate her power over White's entire position.] **15...Qe8** [15...Bxc3 is a Karpovian positional strike, surrendering the iconic fianchettoed Dragon style Bishop, but receiving full compensation in the form of major damage to White's pawn structure.] **16.g4 Nhf6 17.Bd2 Qc8 18.Rae1 h5 19.gxh5 Nxh5 20.Kh2** [20.e5! Just so! This is the type of "Sealer-Sweeper" move written about in the classic Pawn Power book. And I must deal with WHY type of move is so hard a move for me to see!...] **20...Bf6 21.Qg4 Kg7 22.Nd1 b5 23.axb6 Nxb6 24.Be2 Rh8 25.Qxc8 Nxc8 26. Bxa6 Bxb2 27. Nxb2 Rxb2 28.Bc3+ 1-0**



Position after 20.e5!

I know this type of pawn structure comes up in many games, I hope, dear reader, that you will be alert for it's dynamic power.

Chapter VI, pg 174. Pawn Power in Chess. Hans Kmoch, Dover Publications, New York, 1990 "An Immobilized pawn may hamper its own pieces. We call such a pawn a *sealer*. A dynamically immobilized pawn may self-sacrificially advance, thus vacating its square for the benefit of its pieces. We then call it a *sweeper*."

NM Lior Lapid lecture at Parker Chess Club

by John Brezina

The Parker Chess Club had a special guest lecture by NM Lior Lapid on October 17, 2022. Lior founded PALS Chess Academy and has coached for over 25 years. His chess accolades are numerous and we were honored to have him join us. We had a full house of spectators from our club and many others joined us including some of his students. Colorado State Chess Association President Earle Wikle joined us in addition to Kris Littlejohn, Hikaru Nakamura's long time second. But our most special guest in the audience was Lior's wife Maria, due soon with their first child.



The lecture took place during our regular club meeting time so we planned for one and a half hours and the time flew by. Lior started out with a brief introduction and some chess opening ideas before analyzing a game. And that game was played in 1938 between two former world champions, Mikhail Botvinnik and Jose Raul Capablanca. Click here for the full game: <https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1031957>

I was taking photos & video of the event and was very impressed how Lior was able to engage the audience and keep them involved by posing questions about the position on the demo board. Many kids would anxiously raise their hands in anticipation of being called on to give the answer. While the lecture catered to many different levels, some of the more difficult questions were impressively answered by the kids.



Before I knew it an hour and a half had passed and we had to start wrapping things up. We had a great turnout to represent our club and I received much positive feedback about this lecture. Mr. Lapid enjoyed his time with us and left the door open for more future events. Thank you to everyone who showed up to support our guest speaker, as such support will assure future events for our chess club. Finally a thank you to Mr. Lapid for sharing his talented gifts with us and showcasing his superb lecture skills.

Photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/qPdGCSH3oNRKDDGf6>

Video 1: <https://youtu.be/qEXv3Ocl4Mk>

Video 2: <https://youtu.be/iO0fRo5OYN4>

World Fischer Random Chess Championship 2022

by John Brezina

Fifty years after the Match of the Century was held in Reykjavik Iceland, another world championship match took place there. The World Fischer Random Chess Championship 2022. Aptly named for the 1972 World Champion Bobby Fischer and his popular chess variant. This was the second official FIDE Fischer Random title, the first in 2019 when Wesley So defeated Magnus Carlsen. After a two year absence and on the 50th anniversary of the Fischer Spassky match, the inaugural champion Wesley So returns to defend his title along with fellow American player Hikaru Nakamura who qualified online through Lichess.org. Three other players qualified online through Chess.com and Lichess.org: Vladimir Fedoseev, Matthias Blübaum and Nodirbek Abdusattorov. Three others were directly seeded: Top rated Magnus Carlsen, FIDE wildcard pick Ian Nepomniachtchi, and top rated Icelandic Grandmaster Hjorvar Steinn Gretarsson. It would begin with a two-stage group, then a semi-finals knockout followed by the championship final.



Gudmundur Thorarinsson making the ceremonial opening move on the board of defending champion Wesley So



Magnus Carlsen looking for the only chess title to elude him

After learning that Hikaru Nakamura qualified and the match would be held in Reykjavik Iceland at the end of October, I planned to attend the opening and first two days. Esteemed photographer and FIDE communications officer David Llada graciously granted me media access. Once the playing venue at the historic hotel Reykjavik Natura was announced, I was quick to book a room there. Originally called the Hotel Loftleidir, it is where Bobby Fischer stayed during the 1972 match and again in 2005 after being granted asylum and Icelandic citizenship. Soon after checking in I was thrilled to see the 50th anniversary exhibition of the 1972 match near the lobby and playing hall. There were many historic items relating to the match on display and you could see how this small island nation is still big on chess. I was quite humbled to be able to attend this match and stay at this historic hotel as it was the 1972 match and Bobby Fischer's story that ignited my passion for chess as it had for so many others.

The match took place October 25-30 and started with the opening ceremony the night before. Beforehand the players were interviewed by a local news channel in the hotel lobby to give their thoughts on the match. The opening ceremony took place at the hotel where attendees enjoyed food and drinks while mingling with local chess officials and all the players. Most notable was the current Icelandic Chess Federation President Gunnar Bjornsson along with the former 1972 ICF President and main organizer of the Match of the Century Gudmundur Thorarinsson. He authored the book "The Match of All Time" with inside stories from the 1972 match, a must for collectors. Also in attendance were both parents of World Champion Magnus Carlsen and his long-time second Peter Heine Nielsen. After much socializing the formalities began with an opening speech by ICF President Gunnar Bjornsson followed by FIDE Vice President Joran Aulin-Jansson. Finally the chief arbiter Omar Salama made the ceremonial drawing of lots to determine the group stages.

The next opening day many last minute preparations were happening in the playing hall. Starting with the players going over the official rules and regulations with FIDE to playing conditions including their chairs. Interestingly Magnus asked for a more comfortable roller chair while Hikaru opted for a standard chair used in the audience. I missed all of this while sightseeing around Reykjavik in the morning and when I arrived there was still much to do setting up DGT boards and the many cameras being used. Helping with all of this was photographer extraordinaire Lennart Ootes who is also a DGT expert and photographer Maria Emelianova who sub streams for Nakamura on occasion. The amount of work and detail into such a match is extraordinary.

Final touches were prepared including a check in for spectators who were scanned for devices before entering. Fifteen minutes before the start of the round the starting position was revealed to the players where they had a short time to prepare with their seconds or other players. A very appropriate special guest was discerning the playing hall and preparing to make the ceremonial opening move to kick off the match. Former Icelandic Chess Federation President Gudmundur Thorarinsson himself, who was a key figure in getting the 1972 match to even take place. Fantastic to have such a historical figure from the past match to start off this new one named in Bobby Fischer's namesake.



The President of Iceland about to be defeated at the board



Bobby Fischer's bodyguard and friend Saemi Palsson

Group A had defending champion Wesley So, Nepomniachtchi, Gretarsson, and Abdusattorov compete while group B had Carlsen, Nakamura, Fedoseev, and Blubaum. In round 1 defending champion Wesley So paired up with top Iceland Grandmaster Gretarsson while Nakamura and Blubaum faced off in group B. Classical world champion Carlsen faced Fedoseev while world champion challenger Nepomniachtchi faced world rapid champion Abdusattorov. Quite a powerhouse field indeed. Each match had the players get one game with black and white with the same starting position. A match win got two points, drawn match one, and a loss zero. Twelve rounds over three days and the top two finishers in each group would move onto the semi finals. A few opening words by current ICF President Bjornsson, then a photo shoot of the ceremonial opening move and Reykjavik begins another World Championship match half a century later.

Nakamura and Carlsen both struck first with wins in group B in round one while the young Nodirbek defeated Nepo. Gretarsson and So steered into a peaceful draw to start but in game two So struck a win with a beautiful rook sacrifice to take the two match points. Nodirbek shocked Nepo with another win in round two with the black pieces while Nakamura and Carlsen coasted to match wins with draws in their games. After a break the new position was revealed for the next mini matches. During the break some more dignitaries arrived for the second half of the day. FIDE President Arkady Dvorkovich escorted the President of Iceland Guðni Thorlacius Jóhannesson and his family into the playing hall. A true testament to the popularity and devotion Iceland has to chess. Many people wanted to meet and greet the President. There was even enough time for a young eight year old Icelandic boy to challenge the President to a quick game. The game attracted a large crowd of onlookers and cameras with FIDE President Dvorkovich looking on as the arbiter. After a tough struggle where both played chess well, youth prevailed and defeated the President. A story to tell for the rest of this young chess player's life.

Another special guest and historical figure from the 1972 match was in attendance and an absolute delight to talk with, Saemi Rock Palsson. He was best known as Bobby Fischer's bodyguard during the 1972 match. Saemi is now 87 years old and a very respected former police officer. He kindly made his way around introducing himself and telling stories about his time with Bobby. What a delight to listen to him tell his stories and he told me he speaks eight different languages. Saemi was instrumental in getting Bobby Fischer asylum and citizenship in Iceland after Bobby called him from a Japanese jail after his detainment in 2005. A great documentary on this extraordinary friendship was released a year after Bobby's death by Icelandic Films, titled *Me & Bobby Fischer*. Here is the link: <https://www.icelandicfilms.info/films/nr/1611> \

Back to round three and the main board was Magnus Carlsen vs. Hikaru Nakamura. The President of Iceland approached and shook both players hands and then made the opening move for Hikaru, b3. Both players smiled and laughed perhaps because it was the move Hikaru stuck with on the board after possibly analyzing this move. Magnus responded with g5! setting up a queen trap with a capture of his bishop in the opposite corner with Hikaru's queen on move one. These opening scenarios are what makes Fischer random so fascinating. After 39 moves they agreed to a draw.



*Clash of the Titans:
Magnus Carlsen & Hikaru Nakamura*



Iceland's top GM Hjorvar Steinn Gretarsson

Nepo came back with a vengeance after two losses and won his two games against Gretarsson. Nodirbek shocked the defending champion Wesley So by winning their second game and taking the two points. Fedoseev won his first game against Blubaum and drew the second to get his first points. Game two between Nakamura and Carlsen was the shocker to watch and to end the day with. After a long think, Magnus made the move 31.a6? which blundered a rook with a simple fork. After realizing his mistake, Magnus was clearly mad at himself for messing up his move order and played on a few more moves before resigning. This left Hikaru and Nodirbek on top with four points each on the first day.

Day two the players would stay with their pairings for both mini matches all four rounds. Nakamura and Fedoseev drew all four games in very tough struggles, splitting the points. Wesley So won his first game against Nepo but struggled the rest of the day. In their second game, Wesley made an illegal move trying to castle out of check which prompted a visit by the arbiters. After clarification about the castling rule and realizing he would be lost anyways, So resigned and went on to lose his next two games as well. Nodirbek dominated the Icelandic Grandmaster and won all four of their games. Magnus easily dispatched Blubaum with three wins and a draw which left the German Grandmaster scoreless after two days along with his Icelandic counterpart.

Unfortunately I had to leave the next day but continued to follow the remaining games. Wesley So could not recover on day three and failed to make the semi finals as Nepo edged him out by a point. Nodirbek easily took first in group A while Nakamura and Carlsen tied in group B moving them all to the semi finals after a rest day. The players took a group photo at the Perlan museum landmark nearby on the rest day and some traveled to Bobby Fischer's gravesite to pay their respects. The semi-final matches were the best of four games and paired Nakamura against the young Nodirbek. All expected a tough match but Hikaru was in great form and won three games in a row and a seat in the finals. On the other side a World Championship rematch between Carlsen & Ian Nepomniachtchi. Magnus struck first with a win but Nepo composed himself and took the next two games. This forced Magnus to win game four and after overpressing in a must win situation, he lost the game and his chance to capture the only World Championship title yet to elude him.



Ian Nepomniachtchi settled for second place after an epic finale



The new World Fischer Random Champion Hikaru Nakamura

The last day was an epic finale between Hikaru Nakamura and Ian Nepomniachtchi. Hikaru continued his great form and won game one with the black pieces. Game two with the same starting position steered into a calm draw. But game three and with a new starting position, Nepo struck back with a win to tie the match. The players came to a draw in a bloodless calm game four setting up an armageddon game. Nepo won the bid as black with 13 minutes to Hikaru's bid of 14. So Nepo just had to draw the game with 13 minutes to Hikaru's 15 with no increment. The game stayed rather equal until move 25 where Nepo weakened his position and lost a rook exchange soon after. This gave Hikaru a chance and he was relentless, forcing Nepo's King up the board and setting up a mating net with his two rooks. After move 48 Nepo threw in the towel and resigned. Another American World Champion in Reykjavik 50 years after the first one, a fitting end to a great tournament.

After the other playoff games Magnus ended in third place despite his lower standard of play. Defending champion Wesley So ended in a disappointing sixth place but rebounded a week later by winning the first ever Chess.com Global Championships in Toronto. Abdusattorov finished a respectable fourth followed by Fedoseev. Rounding out the bottom was Blubaum and the host nation's own Hjorvar Steinn Gretarsson. A fantastic tournament in a great host nation at a historic hotel with an American champion. Can't ask for more. I have attached a large photo album below from the tournament as well as my YouTube link that has some video clips from the games. Enjoy....

Tournament photos: <https://photos.app.goo.gl/qFadyPPN9aBRNYgWA>

Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQ85GefQ-cz41MKBsJm2xdw>

Tactics Time!

These positions came from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on the next page.

by Tim Brennan



1. F. Sadler – Andrew Robichaud
DCC MLK 2022
Black to Move



2. R. Shtivelband – T. Molina
March DCC 2022
White to Move



3. Michael Igoe– Phil Brown
May DCC 2022
Black to Move



4. Devyn Wolcott– Seth Fortinsky
April DCC 2022
Black to Move



5. Will Wolf – Alexander Huberts
April DCC 2022
White to Move



6. Brian Wall – Evan Helman
April DCC 2022
White to Move



7. Vedanth Margale – Brian Wall
April DCC 2022
Black to Move



8. S. Baker-Nagar– C. Motley
March DCC 2022
White to Move



9. A. Robichaud – Brandon Larson
Denver Open 2022
White to Move

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Answers:

1. Black missed a killer move **20...Nh3+** forking the King and Queen, taking advantage of the pinned g-pawn. He did find it two moves later in a similar position.
2. **22.Bc5** attacking the Rook with a discovered attack on the Black Bishop.
3. **31...Rc2** traps the White Queen which cannot move because of Qxg2#
4. **16...Bb5** skewers the White Queen and Rook.
5. **35.Bd6+!** Hungry like the Wolf! **35...Rxd6 36.Rxg7 Rd7 37.Qxd7 Kb8 38.Qc7#**
6. **26.Rxd6+! Kxd6** (26...Kc8 27.Rxd8 Kxd8 28.Qe8#) **27.Qe6+ Kc5 28.Re5+ Rd5 29.Rxd5#**
7. **19...Qe5!** Threatens ...Qa1# and discovers an attack on the White Queen from the Black Rook.
8. **32.Rxb7+!** Black cannot recapture with the King **32...Kxb7** because of the family fork **33.Nxc5+** and after **32...Qxb7 33.Nxc5** captures the Bishop and forks the Queen and Rook.
9. **21.Rxd7!** Removes and deflects both defenders of the e5 pawn, and threatens Qxh7# **21...Qxd7 22.Bxe5+** and Black has to give up the Queen to get out of check.

THE CHESS DETECTIVE:

HUNTING THE KING WITH THE EXCHANGE SACRIFICE

By NM Todd Bardwick

Even when it means opening up the position in front of the enemy king, most novice chess players have difficulty sacrificing pieces because they place too much emphasis on material advantages.

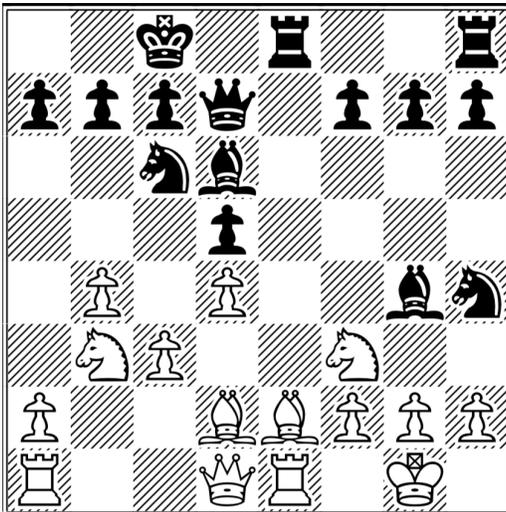
This doesn't mean that material isn't important. Just remember that material imbalances must be carefully weighed against the other types of chess imbalances: king safety, piece activity, pawn structure, and space.

During the course of the game, these imbalances are constantly fluctuating and the master must carefully weigh each one against the other in order to determine the most favorable outcome.

Since the object of the game is checkmate, the highest importance must be placed on king safety.

The exchange sacrifice, giving up a rook for a bishop or a knight, is one of the most common types of sacrifices in chess.

Here is an example from the Exchange Variation of the French Defense.



Position after 13.Be2 (from d3)
Black to move

First, let's pick up the clues in the position and get a general overview of what is happening.

Notice the pawn structure is symmetrical and the players are castled on opposite sides. When opposite side castling occurs, the general strategy for each player is to launch an attack in front of the opposing king in an attempt to hunt him down and checkmate him.

Time is of the essence; usually the player to break through first wins the game.

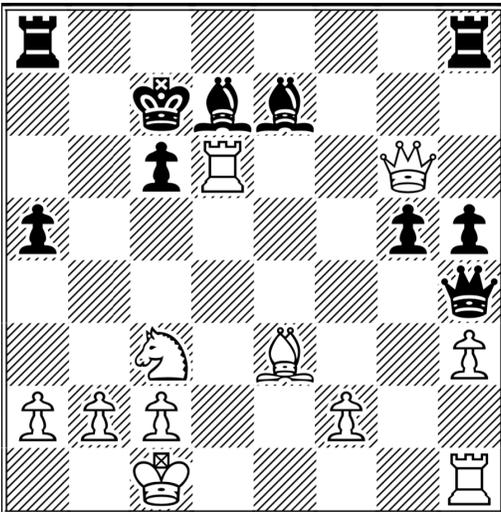
White's last move 13.Be2 protects the knight and breaks the pin on the queen.

The most important square in front of the White's king is f3. White's knight is attacked twice and defended three times. The exchange idea of 13...Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Rxe1+ 15.Bxe1 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 leaves White's pawn structure intact and his king out of harms way.

Black can sacrifice the exchange in order to pry open White's king with **13...Rxe2!** eliminating the bishop, a key defender of f3. **14.Qxe2 Bxf3 15.gxf3 Qh3 16.Qf1** stopping 16...Qg2 mate. **16...Qxh2 mate**

In this position from the 1995 Denver Open, Senior Master David Lucky demonstrates the beauty of the exchange sacrifice as he successfully hunts Black's king.

Sharnopolsky (2100)



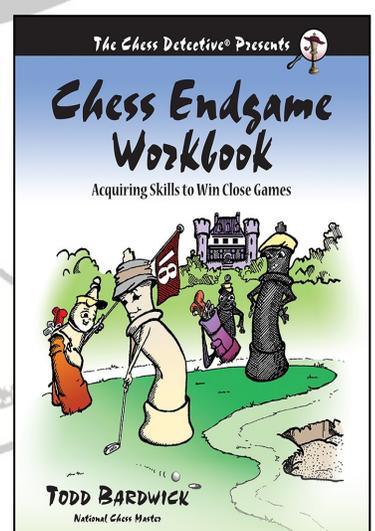
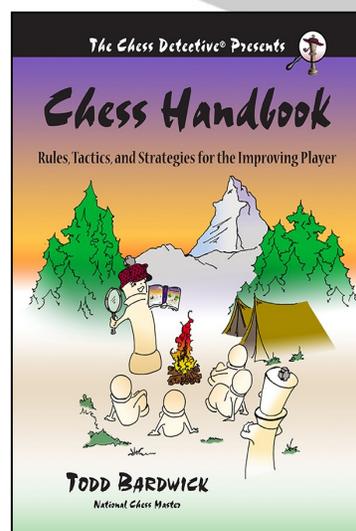
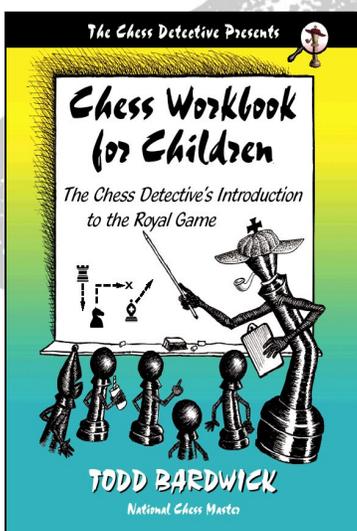
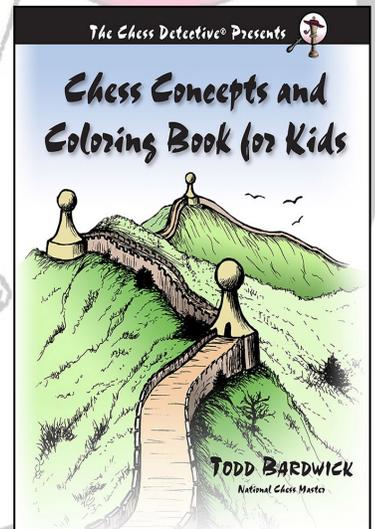
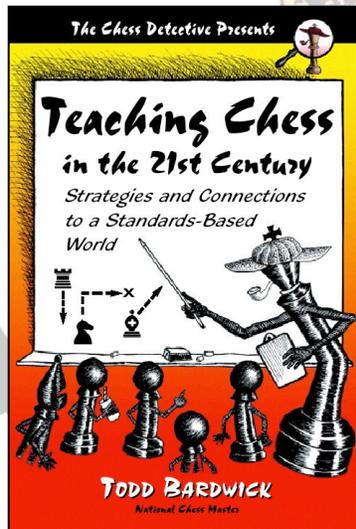
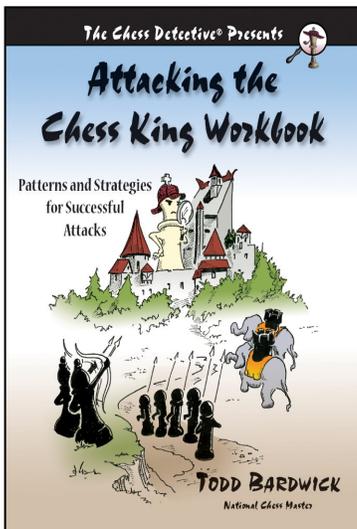
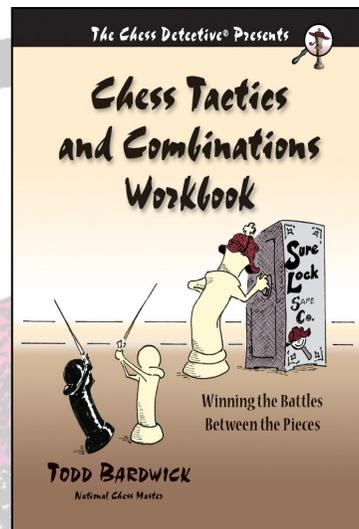
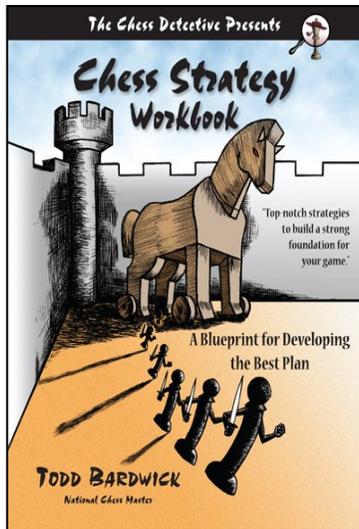
Lucky (2407)
Position after 22...Kc7

Black's king is partially exposed and is hoping to find a safe haven on the queenside.

White played **23.Rxd7+!** A pretty exchange sacrifice that tears open Black's defenses. **23...Kxd7 24.Rd1+** Bringing the other rook into the attack without the loss of tempo. **24...Kc7 25.Nb5+! cxb5** If 25...Kb8 or 25...Kc8, then 26.Qxc6 is mating. 25...Kb7 is met by 26.Rd7+ with mate soon. **26.Qb6+ Kc8 27.Qc6+ Kb8 28.Rd7 Resigns**

It is important to keep in mind that when you sacrifice material to make sure that you get some other type of advantage to offset your material loss, or your "sacrifice" is unsound and would be more accurately described as a blunder!

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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.

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

Castle Rock Chess Club: Meets every Monday from 6:00-8:00pm at the Philip S. Miller Library, 100 South Wilcox Street, Castle Rock, 80104.

Chess Knights: (Highlands Ranch) Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm. Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Boulevard, 80129. Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org. Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or by email: FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.

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

Colorado Springs Chess Club: Weekly on Tuesday 104 E. Platte Ave, Colorado Springs, CO at 6 pm. We meet in the Ballroom of the Acacia Apartment Building, which is just across the hall from the front door. Please knock if no one is at the door. USCF-rated games start at 7pm. For more info call or text Paul at 719-551-9833 or email cschess@juno.com.

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

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

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: This is an online club and also a place to advertise face-to-face club meetings. We are having problems with a consistent site to play at. Until further notice go to <https://lichess.org/team/fort-collins-co-chess-club> to get weekly information on the next club meeting.

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

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

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

Greeley Chess Club: Meets Thursday's, 6:00-9:00pm at *Zoe's Cafe* located at 715 10th Street in Greeley. Club is informal and free of charge. Please show support of Zoe's by purchasing food and drinks - tips are donated to charity projects they support. Club is directed by Brad Lundstrom - he can be reached at (970) 415-3855 or at ChessCoach2014@gmail.com.

Lafayette Chess Club: Looking for new venue....

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

North Jeffco Chess Club: Meets Thursdays from 7:00-10:00pm at the Grandview Tavern & Grill, 7427 Grandview Avenue in Arvada. Email James Therrien at james.therrien@swimlane.com for more information.

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.

Parker Chess Club: Meets every Monday from 6:00-8:00pm at the Parker library in Parker, CO. All levels and ages welcome. Contact John Brezina at skibrezina@gmail.com <https://parkerchessclub.godaddysites.com/>

Pueblo Chess Club: Mondays from 5pm to 8pm at the Williams Pavilion (Admin building near the fountain) in the City Park. For further info: John Shriver, 719-821-2402 or Liz Nickovich, 719-696-0497 Quarterly non-rated tournaments.

Rifle Chess Club: Please contact with any info....

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

I am trying to update our chess club directory from around the State. If you know of any clubs not listed or have updated info for any here, please contact me at skibrezina@gmail.com



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