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Paul Nikitovich's double victory.



It's an "Open and Closed" case, he's the Champ!

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The Editor's Corner, by Colorado Chess Informant Editor Jeffrey A. Baffo

Ah yes, another Colorado summer is here. And what a summer it has been! No matter what your level of involvement is the game of chess, our beautiful state has it for you. Hard core tournament play, scholastic competition or just old fashioned casual wood pushing, colorful Colorado has what you want. This issue will help you enjoy chess even more, it is hoped. Play over the games in here! Grandmaster games are the best source of instruction, but our players here know a thing or two, too! Check out the club listing, really study it! Hey! Bet you hadn't seen that listing before. Plan your summer chess sorties with our Tournament announcements. Two and one half pages to survey. Hunker down in your favorite air conditioned spot and immerse yourself in the story of a double champion and his deeply annotated games. Last but not least, start thinking about who will be the new CCI editor as the next issue will be my last. When that is complete you will have had 8 issues, two full years of my brand of chess reporting and editing. Now it's time for a change. Who's going to step up and serve his/her fellow chess players?? In any case, my dear readers, it's been a hoot. I thank you all from the bottom of my heart for all your kind words, encouragement and contributions. I love you guys!! (Full "Good bye note" next issue)

Yours in Chess fellowship,

Jeff

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On the cover: Paul Nikitovich double dips! Winning both the Colorado Open and Closed Championships in succession is a rare thing worth examining more closely. See inside for Paul's selected games -- fully annotated by the champ!

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In their own words...(1)

Games annotated by CSCA members

I am Adam Hall*, and here is a little about myself. I am 18 and started playing tournament chess back in April. My first tournament was the Edward Levy Memorial. I like longer time controls because I am mentally slow (or so I seem when I play Steven Towbin in blitz or bullet) and like to daydream (mainly chess variations and positions) during chess games. I offer CCI readers two of my games, both against Jesse Cohen. Both involve unsound sacrifices by me. I apologize for any wrong variations or annotations. They all come from my own ideas, and have not been computer checked or Grandmaster checked. They are fun games to play through, even though both sides make mistakes.

(*scholastic champ!, ed.)

Hall,A (1845) - Cohen,J (1817)

[B15] Scholastic state championship (6), 02.02.2003

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.f3 to dodge all of Jesse Cohens preparation, I play this gambit 4...e3 He declines 5.Bxe3 Nf6 6.Bd3 e6 7. Nh3 b6 8.Qe2 a5 9.Ne4 Nd5 10. Bd2 Nb4 11.Bxb4 axb4 12.c3 Ba6 13.0-0 Results from the opening I have developed all my pieces quickly and black has one developed piece. He does have the a-file though. 13...Be7 14.f4 Bxd3 15. Qxd3 Qd5 16.f5 exf5 17.Rxf5 The obvious 17... Qxf5 loses to 18. Nd6+ 17...Rxa2 18.Nd6+ I finally decided on this move after some

thought there are many lines one I missed in the game is 18.RxRa2 QxR 19. Qg3 (hitting g7 and Nb8). This long range forks are difficult to see in cluttered games like this 18...Kd7 forced 19.Rxa2 Qxa2 20. Nc4 f6 21.Nxb6+ Kc7 22.Nc4 bxc3 23.bxc3 Re8 24.Ra5 Now the a-file is whites. Black has yet to develop his knight on b8 24...Qb3 25. Ra7+ Kd8 26.Nf4 Bf8 27.d5? Here I had to go to the bathroom and was a little careless with move choice. I thought this won but it loses a rook. No reason to sacrifice here. The simple Kf1 threatening d5 looks hard to meet. 27...Bc5+ 28. Kf1 Bxa7 29.dxc6+ Ke7 30.c7 Kf8? This innocent move actually loses! 31.Qd6+ Kg8 32.Qe6+! Kf8 [32...Rxe6 33.c8Q+ Kf7 34.Qxe6+ Kf8 35.Qc8+ Kf7 36.Qc7+] 33. Qxe8+ Kxe8 34.c8Q+ Ke7 35. Nd5+ Notice how my knight on c4 blocks the Queen from protecting the a2-g8 diagonal which allows Nd5+ 35...Kf7 36.Nd6+ Kg6 37. Qf5+ Kh6 38.Nf7# True chess beauty. My knights have switched roles. The knight that was blocking the queen at first is now checking. And the knight that first checked is now blocking. 1-0

Hall,A (1850) - Cohen,J (1845)

[C99] Scholastic Closed (4), 20.03.2003

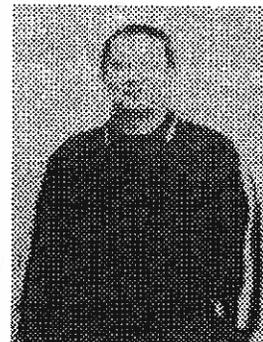
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 This game I enter into an opening Jesse knows well, the Ruy Lopez. Of course I didn't know this at the time. 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7. Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13. cxd4 Nc6 14.d5 Nb4 15.Bb1 a5 16.Nf1 Bd7 17.Bg5 My idea is to move my Knight to e3. But I see in

the future a black Knight on c5 and f6 hitting e4 twice and my rook on e1 will be blocked by my knight on e3. So Bg5 is to remove the Knight on f6 to make Ne3 a little safer. This idea is most likely too slow. 17...Rfc8 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Ne3 g6 20.g4 a4 21.a3 Black threatened a3 21...Na6 22.Kh2 Nc5 23.Bc2 Qb7 24.g5 Bg7 25.Qd2 Rab8 Okay I have used over an hour of clock time, Jesse only ten minutes. The worst part is that I am being outplayed. My kingside attack is truly biting granite, and I feel I am in for a slow defensive game which I will probably lose but might draw. I figure if I am going to lose why not complicate things and hope for the best. I play a sacrifice I know must be unsound, but the refutation is not that simple. 26.Nf5 gxf5 27.exf5 e4 28.Nh4 Be5+ 29.Kh1 I saw this far but here I missed e3. Subconsciously I probably rejected it figuring I could take e3 safely with at least one piece. 29...e3 30.Rxe3 [30.Qxe3 Qxd5+; 30.fxe3 Bg3] 30...Bf4 Now I will be losing more material but still there is a chance to destroy blacks kingside 31.g6 f6? This allows white to get back in the game. 32.Re7! Offering my queen. I have played two games against Jesse and both involve offering my queen. Of course in this game taking it leads to mate by gxh7+ and Ng6 mate next. 32...hxg6 33.Qxf4 Qxd5+ 34.Kh2 Re8 34...g4 forking my pieces is refuted by Rg1 followed by sacrificing the rook on g4 in many lines. 35.Nxg6 Black is hopeless. For example, 35...Qc4 (35...Rxe7 56. Nxe7+ and 57. Nxe5) 36. Qh6 Rxe7 37. Qh8+ Kf7 38. Qh7+ Ke8 39. Qxe7 mate. So ere black resigned. 1-0

Letters to the Editor

Hello Fellow Board Members,

I want to report to you all that yesterday 6 scholastics representatives were honored to meet with Governor Bill Owens in his office at the Capitol. Adam Hall, Kevin Seidler, Sam Galler, Richard Herbst, Robbie Herbst and David Twerskoi were the kids who participated. It was a great experience. Very few groups who make this request are granted the request. I think this is a good step for all of Colorado chess. We have pictures for the Informant. Karen Herbst (e-mail 10 April 2003)



CSCA Sense

By CSCA President Andy Rea

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>>>>Subject: Last night's vote

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Upon further review, it appears that the members have voted NOT to allow Philipp to return to the club. In summary, there were about 60 people present last night. Of those, 28 people voted. In addition, three people voted by e-mail prior to Tuesday night. With one vote to abstain, there were 15 votes "Yes" and 15 votes "No." After reviewing these votes, one "Yes" vote and one "No" vote did not have names and therefore are considered invalid votes. It was clearly stated that people should write their names on the ballot in order to verify their membership status. In the future, I think we should just pass out official ballots to members and check them off of a list. This would be a better process. Back to the vote... An additional "Yes" vote was from a person that is not and has never been a member. Therefore, the official tally is 14 to disallow Philipp's return to 13 to allow his return. I received numerous after-the-voting-booth-is-closed votes, but considering that I asked three different times if there were any remaining votes, these votes were not tallied. There were some cases where people were new members, but otherwise, people should have voted. A number of people angrily stated to me, "I would have voted No, if I knew it was going to be tied." Please consider that a lesson learned and VOTE next time. Regardless, the club has decided not to allow Philipp to return to the club.

Brad Johnson

Greetings, all

It is with regret that I am informed of Jeff's decision to resign as Colorado Chess Informant Editor, with Oct 2003 to be his last hurrah! Thank you Jeff for the time and dedication you have poured into CCI, you leave a tough act to follow! The show goes on, though- if you are interested in taking the reins as CCI Editor, please contact me, abrea2@aol.com, thanks! Andy Rea- - email

Its time to gear up for chess this summer!! Between the Denver Open and the Edward Levy Memorial we scarcely have more than 2 weeks without a tournament! As seen on our website, the activity is not limited to Denver, its all over the state! I will see if I can retain my Colorado Tour lead! We will have our Annual Meeting Saturday afternoon Aug 31, 4:30. As usual we have Elections, some reports, and at least one motion- much as I prefer not to raise rates, I agree with the following CSCA Board Motion passed May 31- " Move to increase CSCA Scholastic and Senior Membership (annual) from \$8 to \$10, effective 9/1/03." The reason I concur is that postal costs have increased the cost of per CCI mailing to \$2.25 . Before I move on to USCF matters, I want to thank all who have contributed to the 2003 Denker Fund! Your generous support has enabled Kevin Seidler's expenses to be completely supported- good luck Kevin, play well!! The 2003 Denker Tournament Of High School Champions runs concurrently with the US Open, I'll be there as one of our two Delegates, with Buck Buchanan! The most contentious matter figures to be decided by then- the USCF Policy Board Election- remember you have a vote! I agree with 2 of Bucks 3 selections, Don Schultz and Beatriz Marinello. I prefer USCF Board Member Dr Joseph Wagner vs Tim Hanke, Dr Wagner has been a reliable member of the current USCF Board I think we'd do well to retain him! One final matter: CSCA disagrees with the Boulder Chess Club's decision to have Philipp Ponomarev play in the 2003 Boulder Open. This was a CSCA Tour Event, and there in lies the problem. Philipp remains on suspension, a suspension upheld by our CSCA members at the 2002 Annual Meeting. This is not pleasant, having one of our strongest players on the sidelines, but this is also not permanent. My point is this: it is not right to pick and choose which CSCA actions will be followed. We have an Annual Meeting to address such matters! Make a motion the majority of our Members agree with and policies can be changed democratically!

Editor's Note: Got something to say? Send your comments to me. I even take (shudder) hard copy (limit two paragraphs, otherwise in email please. JAB)

More Games from the ... Colorado Springs Open 2003

(CSO2003)

Selected and annotated by Buck Buchanan

Eric Billaux - Roderick Santiago French (CSO2003)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 c5 5.Nxc5 Bxc5 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.Bd2 Qxc5 8.Qg4 Qe5+ 9.Ne2 Nh6 10.Bxh6 gxh6 11.0-0 Qg5+ 12.Qf4 e5 13.Qd2 Nc6 14.f4 exf4 15.Nxf4 0-0 16.Bc4 Bg4 17.Rdf1 Rad8 18.Qf2 Rd4 19.Bb3 Re8 20.h4 Qe5 21.Bxf7+ 1-0

Gerry Sunderland -Imre Barlay (CSO2003)

1.e4 Sicilian 1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.0-0 Nc6 9.f4 Bd7 10.Nb3 a6 11.Bf3 b5 12.h3 Rc8 13.Ne2 Na5 14.Nxa5 Qxa5 15.c3 Qc7 16.Qd2 Rfd8 17.Bd4 e5 18.Be3 Bc6 19.Ng3 d5 20.fxe5 dxe4 21.Qf2 exf3 22.exf6 fxg2 23.Rfe1 Qd7 24.fxg7 Qxh3 25.Qf4 Qh1+ 26.Kf2 g1Q+ 27.Rxg1 Qh2+ 28.Kf1 Qxb2 29.Re1 Qxc3 30.Ne4 Qd3+ 31.Kf2 Bxe4 and Black won. 0-1

Paul Grimm - Steve Smith (CSO2003)

1.c4 King's Gambit 1...e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bc4 g5?! (4...h6 or 4...Be7 first) 5.h4 g4 6.Ng5 Nh6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Qe2 Nc6 9.c3 Bd6 10.d3 Qf6 11.Ne4 Qf5 12.Rf1 Ne7 13.g3 Bd7 14.gxf4 exf4 15.Nxd6+ cxd6 16.Bxf4 Qg6 17.Bg5 Be6 18.Rf6 Qg7 19.Rxh6 Qe5 20.Qxe5 dxe5 21.Bxe6 and White won. 1-0

Martin Abresch - Karl Irons (CSO2003)

Sicilian 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e5 4.fxe5 Nxe5 5.Nf3 d6 6.d3 g6 7.Bf4 Bg7 8.Qd2 Nxf3+ 9.gxf3 Nf6 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.h4 h5 12.Bg5 Qb6 13.f4 Ng4 14.Bh3 f6 15.Nd5 Qd8 16.f5 fxg5 17.Bxg4 hxg4 18.f6 Bxf6 19.Nxf6+ Qxf6 20.hxg5 Qf4 21.Rh6 Kg7

22.Rdh1 Qxd2+ 23.Kxd2 Rf2+ 24.Ke3 g3?? 25.Rh7+ Kg8 26.Rh8+ Kf7 27.R1h7+ Ke6 28.Re8# 1-0

Mike Kuiper - Nathan Soli (CSO2003) Polish Opening

1.b4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.a3 a5 4.b5 d5 5.e3 Bc5 6.d4 Bd6 7.c4 b6 8.Nc3 Bb7 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.Na4 dxc4 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.Nc3 e5 13.Bb2 exd4 14.Nxd4 Ne5 15.Ba2 Bxg2? 16.Rg1 Bf3 17.Nf5 Ng6 18.h4 Bh2 19.Rg5 Kh8 20.Ne2 h6 21.Rd1 Qe8 22.Nxh6 gxh6 23.Bxf6+ Kh7 24.Bd5 Bxe2 25.Kxe2 hxg5 26.Bxa8 Qxb5+ 27.Ke1 Rxa8 28.h5 Kh6 29.hxg6 fxg6 30.Qe4 Rf8 31.Rd5 c5 32.Bxg5+ Kg7 33.Qe7+ Kg8 34.Qe6+ Rf7 35.Qxg6+ Rg7 36.Rd8+ 1-0

J. C. MacNeil - Josh Smith (CSO2003)

1.b4 Polish Opening 1...e5 2.b5 Nf6 3.c4 d5 4.e3 Be6 5.Nf3 dxc4 6.Nxe5 Qd5 7.Nxc4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qd7 9.Nc3 0-0 10.Qxb7 Nd5 11.Qxa8 Nxc3 12.dxc3 Rd8 13.Nd2 Ba3 14.Qxb8 Rxb8 15.Bxa3 Rd8 16.Rd1 Bf5 17.Be2 Bc2 18.0-0 Bxd1 19.Rxd1 Qf5 20.e4 Qg5 21.Bc1 Qc5 22.c4 f5 23.exf5 Qxf5 24.Bf3 Qc2 25.Kf1 Qxa2 26.Bd5+ Rxd5 27.cxd5 Qxd5 28.Re1 Qxb5+ 29.Kg1 a5 30.Nf3 h6 31.Nd4 Qb4 (Black won on time.) 0-1

Randy Haines - Kirk Oberdorf (CSO2003)

1.d4 Pirc 1...g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 0-0 6.c3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.Be3 e5 10.fxe5 dxe5 11.d5 Ne7 12.0-0 c6 13.c4 cxd5 14.cxd5 Nd7 15.g4 Rc8 16.Nc3 Nc5 17.Bc4 Nd7 18.Qe2 Kh8 19.d6 Nc6 20.Bxf7 Nf6 21.Be6 Nd4 22.Bxd4 exd4 23.Bxc8 dxc3 24.Bxb7 Qb6+ 25.Qf2 Qxb7 26.Qd4 Qb6 27.Qxb6 axb6 28.e5 Nd5 29.e6 Rxf1+ 30.Rxf1 cxb2 31.e7 Bd4+ 32.Kh1 b1Q 33.Rxb1 Nf6 34.d7 Kg7 35.d8Q 1-0

Josh Bloomer - Brian Wall (CSO2003)

1.e4 Scotch 1...Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.d4 exd4 4.

Nxd4 Bb4+ 5.c3 Be7 6.Bc4 Nf6 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 Nd5 9.Bxd5 cxd5 10.Qxd5 Rb8 11.0-0 Rb6 12.c4 Bb7 13.Qd3 Rg6 14.f3 0-0 15.Nc3 f6 16.Bf4 fxe5 17.Bxe5 Bc5+ 18.Bd4 Rxf3 19.Rxf3 Bxd4+ 20.Qxd4 Bxf3 21.g3 d6 22.Qxa7 h5 23.Qe3 Bb7 24.Re1 Qh4? 25.Qe8+ 1-0

Jim Hamblin - Eric Billaux (CSO2003)

1.e4 Sicilian 1...c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Qe4 f5 8.exf6 Nxf6 9.Qc2 d5 10.Bg5 e5 11.Bb5 Bd6 12.Nbd2 0-0 13.0-0-0 Qa5 14.Qa4 Qc7 15.h4 a6 16.Bxc6 bxc6 17.h5 h6 18.Be3 c5 19.Nb3 a5 20.Na1 Bd7 21.Qc2 Be6 22.Nh4 Rfc8 23.f3 a4 24.a3 d4 25.Bf2 c4 26.g4 d3 27.Qd2 Nd5 28.Ng6 Rab8 29.g5 Qb7 30.Rdg1 Bxa3 31.Bb6 Qxb6 32.Rg2 hxg5 33.h6 gxh6 34.Rxh6 Kg7 35.Nxe5 Qxb2+ 36.Qxb2 Bxb2+ 37.Rxb2 Kxh6 0-1

Markus Petters - Andy Rea (CSO2003)

1.e4 Pirc 1...d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.0-0 Nfd7 8.Be3 Nc6 9.e5 Nb4 10.Be4 c6 11.h3 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nb6 13.Ne4 d5 14.Ng3 e6 15.Ne2 Nc4 16.Bc1 a5 17.b3 Nb6 18.Ba3 Re8 19.Nc1 Qh4 20.c3 Na6 21.Nd3 Nc7 22.Qd2 a4 23.Bc5 Nd7 24.Bd6 Nb5 25.Nc5 Nxc5 26.dxc5 Bh6 27.Be2 axb3 28.a4 Nxd6 29.exd6 e5 30.Qb2 Bxf4 31.Qxb3 Qg3 32.Rxf4 Qxf4 33.Rf1 Qe3+ 34.Rf2 Qxc5 35.Qxb7 f5 36.d7 Red8 37.Qc7 Qe7 38.Qxc6 Qxd7 39.Qb5 Rxa4 40.Qxd7 Ra1+ 0-1

Cristian Carvajal - Luis Rodriguez (CSO2003)

1.e4 Sicilian 1...c5 2.c3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.cxd4 d5 5.e5 Bg7 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.Ne2 h5 8.Nbc3 Nh6 9.Qb3 e6 10.Nb5 0-0 11.Nd6 Qb6 12.Qxb6 axb6 13.Bd2 Nf5 14.Bxf5 gxf5 15.0-0 Rd8 16.a3 Bf8 17.Bg5 Be7 18.Bxe7 Nxe7 19.Rac1 Nc6 20.Rc3 f6 21.f4 fxe5 22.fxe5 Ra4 23.Rd1 h4 24.Rb3 Na5 25.Rxb6 Nc4 26.Nxc4 Rxc4 27.Nc3 Kf7 28.Kf2 Rg8 29.h3 Kg6 30.Nxd5 Rc2+ 31.Kf1 Kg5 32.Ne3 Rc7 33.d5 f4 34.d6 Rc5

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35.Ng4 1-0

Denis Kholodar - Ken Doykos
(CSO2003)

1.e4 Caro-Kann 1...c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3
dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.
h4 h6 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 e6 10.0-0 Ngf6
11.Be3 Be7 12.c4 0-0 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.
Qc2 Rfd8 15.Ne2 Rac8 16.Nf4 Nf8 17.
Rfe1 Bb4 18.Re2 Bd6 19.g3 Ng4 20.Bc1
e5 21.dxe5 Nxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.Rdel
Bf6 24.Nh5 Nh7 25.Bf4 Qd7 26.Nxf6+
Nxf6 27.Re7 Qh3 28.Rxb7 Nh5 29.Qe4
Re8 30.Qxe8+ Rxe8 31.Rxe8+ Kh7 32.
Rxf7 Nf6 33.Ree7 Ng4 34.Rxg7+ Kh8 35.
Rxg4 Qxg4 36.Be5+ 1-0

Carlos Herrera - Jesse Cohen
(CSO2003)

1.d4 Clarendon Court 1...c5 2.d5 f5 3.c4
Nf6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.e4
fxe4 8.Nxe4 d6 9.Ne2 Bf5 10.Ng5 h6 11.
Ne6 Bxe6 12.dxe6 Nc6 13.0-0 Qb6 14.Rb1
Rad8 15.Qc2 g5 16.Rd1 Nd4 17.Nxd4
cxd4 18.h4 gxh4 19.Qg6 Kh8 20.Bxh6
Rg8 21.Bxg7+ Rxg7 22.Qh6+ Rh7 23.Qf4
Rg8 24.Bf3 d3! 25.Rxd3 hxg3 26.Qe3 g2!
27.Bxg2 Rhg7 28.Qh3+ Nh7 29.Rf3 Qd4
30.b3 Rxg2+ 31.Kf1 Rg1+ 32.Ke2 Rxb1
33.Rd3 Rb2+ 34.Kd1 Rg1+ 0-1

Jim McKenna - Richard Cordovano
(CSO2003)

1.c4 Dutch 1...f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Nf3
d6 5.Bg5 Bg7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 Qe8 8.Bxf6
Bxf6 9.Nd5 Na6 10.Nxf6+ Rxf6 11.0-0 e5
12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qd5+ Re6 14.Rfd1 c6 15.
Qd8 h6 16.Qh4 g5 17.Nxg5 hxg5 18.
Qxg5+ Qg6 19.Rd8+ Kg7 20.Qxg6+ Kxg6
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Rd7+ Re7 28.Rxe7+ Kxe7 29.h4 Nc7 30.
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Nd6 34.b3 a5 35.Ke3 c5 36.f4 e4 37.h5
Kg7 38.g5 Nxf5+ 39.Kxe4 Ng3+ 40.Kd5
Nxb5 41.f5 Nf4+ 42.Kxc5 Nd3+ 43.Kb5
Nc1 44.Kxa5 Nxa2 45.b4 Nc3 46.b5 Ne4
47.b6 Nxg5 48.b7 Kf6 49.b8Q Kxf5 50.
Kb4 Ne4 51.Kc4 Ng5 52.Kd5 Nf3 53.
Qf8+ Kg4 54.Ke4 Ng5+ 55.Ke3 Kh5 56.
Qf6 Kg4 57.Qg6 Kh4 58.Kf4 Nh3+ 59.

Kf5 Nf2 60.Qg1 Kh3 (The scoresheet ends
here. Of course if 61.Qxf2 it is stalemate.
But. for example, 61 Kf4 Nd3+ 62 Ke3
drives the knight away to its doom.) 1-0

Paul Jakubczyk - Steve Smith
(CSO2003)

1.e4 Latvian Gambit 1...e5 2.Nf3 f5 3.d4
fxe4 4.Nxe5 Nf6 5.Bg5 d6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.
Nc4 Nc6 8.c3 Bd7 9.Ne3 0-0-0 10.Nd2 h5
11.Nxe4 Qf7 12.Bb5 Qg6 13.f3 Be7 14.
Qe2 Bg5 15.Nxg5 Qxg5 16.0-0 Rde8 17.f4
Qg6 18.Qf2 Rhf8 19.d5 Nb8 20.Bxd7+
Nxd7 21.b4 Qd3 22.Nd1 Qxd5 23.Qxa7
g5 24.fxg5 Rxf1+ 25.Kxf1 Qf5+ 26.Nf2
Qxg5 27.Qd4 Rf8 28.Re1 Qf5 29.Qe3 Ne5
30.Qh3 Ng4 31.Re2 Qb5 32.Ke1 Qg5 33.
Nxg4 Qc1# 0-1

Eric Billaux - Adam Weissbarth
(CSO2003)

1.e4 Center Counter 1...d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.
Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.d5 Nb4 7.
Bd2 Qc5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Be3 Qd6 10.Bc4
Bf5 11.Bb3 0-0-0 12.Qd4 c5 13.Qxc5+
Qxc5 14.Bxc5 e6 15.Bxa7 Bxc2 16.Bc4
exd5 17.Bb5 d4 18.Na4 Bxa4 19.Bxa4 b5
0-1

Randy Canney - Cristian Carvajal
(CSO2003)

1.e4 Sicilian 1...c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d3 Nc6 4.g3
d6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.0-0 Be7 7.c3 0-0 8.Re1
Rb8 9.d4 d5 10.e5 Ne4 11.Be3 cxd4 12.
cxd4 f6 13.exf6 Bxf6 14.Nbd2 Nd6 15.g4
h6 16.Nb3 Nc4 17.Bf4 Ra8 18.Bg3 Nxb2
19.Qe2 Nc4 20.Rac1 Re8 21.h4 a5 22.
Red1 a4 23.Nc5 b6 24.Rxc4 dxc4 25.Ne4
Ba6 26.g5 Nxd4 27.Nxf6+ Qxf6 28.Nxd4
hxg5 29.Bxa8 Rxa8 30.hxg5 Qxg5 31.
Qxe6+ Kh8 32.Kg2 1-0

Zeb Fortman - Roderick Santiago
(CSO2003)

1.d4 QP 1...d5 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.c4 Bxf3 4.gxf3
e6 5.Qb3 c6 6.Bf4 b6 7.e3 Bd6 8.Bg3 Ne7
9.Nc3 Nf5 10.Bxd6 Qxd6 11.cxd5 exd5
12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Bd3 Qf6 14.Qc2 Nh4 15.
Bxh7+ Kh8 16.Bd3 Nxf3 17.h4 Qh6 18.

Kb1 Nxb4 19.f4 f6 20.Rxh4! Qxh4 21.
Qg2 f5 22.Rh1 Qxh1+ 23.Qxh1+ Kg8 24.
Qh5 Nd7 25.Bxf5 1-0

Josh Smith - Daniel Weissbarth
(CSO2003)

1.d4 QGD 1...e6 2.Nf3 b6 3.Bf4 Bb7 4.e3
Nf6 5.c4 d5 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Be2 Ne4 8.0-0
Ndf6 9.Nb5 Bd6 10.Nxd6+ cxd6 11.cxd5
Bxd5 12.Qa4+ Nd7 13.Bd3 0-0 14.Bxe4
Bxe4 15.Bxd6 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Qg5+ 17.Bg3
Nf6 18.Rac1 h5 19.h4 Qd5 20.e4 Qd8 21.
Rfd1 Rc8 22.Rc3 Qe7 23.Rdc1 Rxc3 24.
Rxc3 Nh7 25.Rc7 Qf6 26.f4 Qg6 27.Qc2
Nf6 28.f5 Qg4 29.Rc8 Rxc8 30.Qxc8+
Kh7 31.fxe6 Nxe4 32.d5 Nxg3 33.fxg3
Qxg3+ 34.Kf1 Qf3+ 35.Ke1 Qe4+ 36.Kf2
Qxh4+ 37.Ke3 Qe1+ 38.Kf3 fxe6 39.dxe6
Qd1+ 40.Ke4 Qe2+ 41.Kd5 Qd3+ 42.Kc6
Qc4+ 43.Kb7 Qd5+ 44.Qc6 Qg5 45.Qe4+
Qg6 46.Qxg6+ Kxg6 47.Kc8 Kf6 48.Kd7
1-0

J. C. MacNeil - Paul Grimm
(CSO2003)

1.b4 Polish Opening 1...Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.
Bb2 Bg7 4.g4 d6 5.g5 Nh5 6.Bxg7 Nxg7
7.h4 Bf5 8.Bg2 c6 9.Nc3 e5 10.Rb1 Qe7
11.b5 Nd7 12.bxc6 bxc6 13.Rb7 0-0 14.
Qb1 Rfb8 15.0-0 Qe6 16.d4 Nb6 17.
Rxb8+ Rxb8 18.e4 Bh3 19.Ne2 Bxg2 20.
Kxg2 Nd7 21.Qa1 exd4 22.Qxd4 Nc5 23.
Ng3 Nh5 24.e5 Rd8 25.Rd1 Nxg3 26.fxg3
Qxa2 27.exd6 Qxc2+ 28.Rd2 Qf5 29.Qe5
Qxe5 30.Nxe5 Ra8 31.Nxc6 Nd7 32.Ra2
a6 33.Ra5 Kf8 34.Nb4 Nb8 35.Kf3 Ke8 (A
new winning strategy: put your pieces
back on their original squares!) 36.Ke4
Kd8 37.Kd5 Kd7 38.Kc5 Ke6 39.Kb6
Nd7+ 40.Kc7 Ra7+ 41.Kc6 Nb8+ 42.Kb6
Rd7 43.Rd5 Rxd6+ 44.Rxd6+ Kxd6 45.
Kb7 a5 46.Nc2 Nc6 47.Ka6 Nb4+ 0-1

Billy Willson - Larry Wutt
(CSO2003)

1.e4 French. Another apparently winning
position suddenly turns around. 1...e6 2.d4
d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bxe7
Qxe7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 f5 9.Qh3 a6 10.g4

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Qg5 11.gxf5 exf5 12.Nxd5 c6 13.Nc7 Nb6
14.Nxa8 Nxa8 15.Nf3 Qe7 16.0-0-0 Be6
17.Kb1 g6 18.Rhg1 Nb6 19.Nh4 Qf7 20.
b3 Nd5 21.Kb2 Nd7 22.Nf3 Nf4 23.Qh6
Nxd3+ 24.Rxd3 Re8 25.c4 Nf8 26.h4 b5
27.Ng5 Qd7 28.Nxe6 Qxe6 29.Kc3 bxc4
30.bxc4 c5 31.f4 cxd4+ 32.Rxd4 Qb6 33.
Rgd1 Rb8 34.R1d2 Ne6 35.Rd7 Qb4+ 36.
Kc2 Qxc4+ 0-1

Michael Hines - Gerry Sunderland
(CSO2003)

1.g3 King's Fianchetto 1...d5 2.Bg2 c6 3.
b3 e5 4.c4 dxc4 5.bxc4 Qd4 6.Nc3 Qxc4
7.e3 Nf6 8.Nge2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0 10.d3 Qe6
11.d4 Rd8 12.Qc2 Na6 13.a3 Nc7 14.Bb2
exd4 15.exd4 Ncd5 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.
Rfe1 Qd6 18.Bc3 Nxc3 19.Nxc3 Bf8 20.
Red1 Bg4 21.Rd2 Qh6 22.f3 Bh3 23.Bxh3
Qxh3 24.Ne4 Qf5 25.g4 Qd7 26.Ng5 g6
27.Ne4 Bg7 28.h4 Qe7 29.Kg2 Rxd4 30.
Rxd4 Bxd4 31.Rh1 Re8 32.g5 Qe6 33.Re1
Qd7 34.Rd1 Rxe4 35.Qxe4 c5 36.Rb1 b6
37.h5 gxh5 38.Rh1 Qe6 39.Qa8+ Kg7 40.
Rhx5 Qe2+ 41.Kg3 Be5+ 42.Kg4 Qc4+
43.Kh3 Qf4 44.Kg2 Qd2+ 45.Kh1 Qe1+
46.Kg2 Qe2+ 47.Kh1 Qf1# 0-1

Adam Weissbarth - Randy Canney
(CSO2003)

1.c4 French 1...e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3
Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.a3 c4 7.Bf4 Qb6 8.Qc2
f6 9.Be2 Nge7 10.Nbd2 Ng6 11.Bg3 Be7
12.Rb1 fxe5 13.dxe5 0-0 14.b3 Nf4 15.
bxc4 Qc7 16.Bxf4 Rxf4 17.cxd5 Nxe5 18.
Nxe5 Qxe5 19.Qd3 exd5 20.Qe3 Bf6 21.
Rxb7 Bc6 22.Qxe5 Bxe5 23.Re7 Bxc3 24.
Rc7 Rf6 25.Bf3 Re8+ 26.Kd1 Ba4+ 27.
Kc1 Ba5 28.Bxd5+ Kh8 29.Rxa7 Rc8+ 30.
Nc4 Rxf2 31.Rxa5 Rc2+ 32.Kb1 Rb8+ 33.
Ka1 Bb3 34.Nb6 Ra2+ 35.Kb1 Bxd5 36.
Rxd5 Rxa3 37.Kc2 Ra2+ 38.Kc3 Rvg2 39.
Rhd1 h6 40.Rd8+ Rxd8 41.Rxd8+ Kh7
42.Rd2 Rg4 43.Nc4 Rf4 44.Kd3 h5 45.
Ne5 h4 46.Ke3 Ra4 47.Rd4 Ra3+ 48.Kf4
Ra2 49.Nf3 Kh6 50.Kg4 Rf2 51.Rd2 Rf1
52.Nxh4 g6 53.Nf3 Ra1 54.Rd6 Ra5 55.h4
Kg7 56.Re6 Kf7 57.Re5 Ra4+ 58.Kg5 Ra3
59.Kf4 Ra4+ 60.Re4 Ra5 61.Ng5+ Kg7
62.Re7+ Kf8 63.Rb7 Rf5+ 64.Kg4 Rf1 65.

Ne6+ Ke8 66.Kg5 Rf5+ 67.Kxg6 Rf6+!
68.Kg5 Rxe6 1/2-1/2

Jim McKenna - Josh Smith (CSO2003)

1.c4 King's Indian 1...g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3
d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd2 Nc6 7.d5
Nb8 8.Bd3 e5 9.e4 Ne8 10.Qc1 f5 11.Bg5
Nf6 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Nh4 e4 14.Be2 Qe8
15.Bh6 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Qe5 17.Qg5+ Kh8
18.Qh6 Rg8 19.f4 Qe7 20.h3 Qg7 21.
Qxg7+ Rxg7 22.Kf2 Na6 23.g3 Bd7 24.a3
Nc5 25.Nb5 e3+ 26.Kf3 Nfe4 27.Rhg1
Nb3 28.Rad1 Nf2 29.Rde1 Re8 30.Nxc7
Nd2+ 31.Kg2 Reg8 32.Kh2 Nde4 33.g4
fxg4 34.Ne6 Bxe6 35.dxe6 Nxh3 36.Rxg4
Rxg4 37.Bxg4 Nxf4 38.Rxe3 Nf6 39.Bf3
Re8 40.e7 Ng8 41.Nf5 Ng6 42.Bh5 Nf6
43.Re6 Nxh5 44.Rxd6 Nxe7 45.Re6 Rf8
46.Nxe7 Rf2+ 47.Kg1 Rxb2 48.Nf5 Rb1+
49.Kf2 Ng7 50.Nxg7 Kxg7 51.Re3 Kf6
52.Rc3 Ke5 53.Ke3 Rh1 54.c5 Rh3+ 0-1

Roderick Santiago - Ken Dail
(CSO2003)

1.d4 QGD 1...d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5
Bb4 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.e3 0-0 7.Nf3 Qe7 8.
Ne5 Bd7 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.
Bd3 a6 12.0-0 Bxc3 13.bxc3 dxc4 14.
Qxc4 Ne7 15.f4 f5 16.Rf3 b5 17.Qb3 c5
18.c4 cxd4 19.cxb5 Rab8 20.a4 dxe3 21.
Rd1 Qa7 22.Kf1 Rfd8 23.Bc4 Rd2 24.
Rxd2 exd2 25.Qd3 Qc5 26.Ke2 Rc8 27.
Bb3 Nd5 28.Bxd5 exd5 29.Kxd2 Qc1+ 30.
Ke2 Rc2+ 0-1

Games from the ...

Paul Grimm, 1740 - Richard Herbst, 1755
Hillside Fundraiser, 20.04.2003

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.
Bc4 d6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe1 0-0 8.d3 a6 9.
Ne2 b5 10.Bb3 Na5 11.c3 Nxb3 12.axb3
Bb7 13.Nh4 Rc8 14.f5 c4 15.fxg6 fxg6 16.
Nf4 Qd7 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Rxf1+ 19.
Kxf1 Rf8+ 20.Kg1 cxd3 21.Bg5 Bf6 22.
Bxf6 Rxf6 23.c4 Qg4 24.Kh1 d2 25.Qxd2
Qxh4 26.h3 bxc4 27.Re1 Rf7 28.bxc4
Qxc4 29.Rc1 Rf1+ 30.Rxf1 Qxf1+ 31.Kh2
Qf5 32.Qa5 Qxd5 33.Qd8+ Kf7 34.Kg3
Qxg2+ 35.Kh4 h6 36.Qxe7+ Kxe7 37.b4
Qg5# 0-1

Nd4 51.Rb1 Nf3+ 52.Kh1 Qxg3 53.Bxf3
Qxh3+ 54.Kg1 Qg3+ 55.Kf1 Qxf3+ 56.
Kg1 1/2-1/2

**Games from the Boulder Open 2003
Selected and annotate by Mark Scheid-
dies. (BO'03)**

Anderson, R- Petters, M (BO'03)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.
Nb5 d6 6.a4 Be7 7.N1c3 a6 8.Na3 Nf6 9.
Bc4 0-0 10.0-0 Be6 11.Re1 Rc8 12.Nd5
Ne8 13.Be3 Bg5 14.Bb6 Qd7 15.c3 Kh8
16.Ba2 f5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Nc4 Qf7 19.
Be3 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 Bg4 21.Qd2 Rd8 22.
Ncb6 Be6 23.Rf3 Qg8 [allowing a neat
combination. 23...Nf6 instead leaves
White with only a slight edge.] 24.Ne7!
Nxe7 25.Bxe6 Qxe6 26.Rxf8+ Ng8 27.
Qd5 Nc7 28.Qxe6 Nxe6 29.Rxd8 Nxd8
30.Rd1 1-0

Weissbarth, A- Doykos, K (BO'03)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.
Nc3 g6 6.Qb3 Bg7 7.cxd5 0-0 8.Be2 Nbd7
9.Bf3 Nb6 10.Nge2 a5 11.a4 Bg4 12.Bxg4
Nng4 13.0-0 Nf6 14.d6 Qxd6 15.Nb5 Qd7
16.Bd2 Nbd5 17.Rac1 b6 18.Rfd1 Rac8
19.h3 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Rc4 Rxc4 22.
Qxc4 e6 23.Nf4 Ne4 24.Bc1 Nef6 25.Nd3
Ne7 26.Ne5 Qc8 27.b3 Nfd5 28.Ba3 Bf8
29.Nd6 Qxc4 30.bxc4 Nc3 31.Kf1 Nf5 32.
c5 bxc5 33.dxc5 Nxa4 34.Nxf5 gxf5 35.
Nd7 Be7 36.c6 Bd8 37.Bd6 Nb6 38.Nxb6
Bxb6 39.c7 Bxc7 40.Bxc7 a4 41.Bd6 Kg7
42.Ke2 Kf6 43.Kd3 e5 44.Kc4 Ke6 45.Bc5
h5 46.Bb6 e4 47.Kb4 Kd5 48.Kxa4 Kc4
49.Be3 Kd3 50.Kb4 Ke2 51.g3 Kf3 52.
Kc3 f4 53.gxf4 Kg2 54.h4 Kh3 55.Kd4
Kxh4 56.Kxe4 Kg4 57.f5 h4 58.Bf4 h3 59.
f3+ Kh4 60.Ke5 1-0

Baffo, J- Rea, A (BO'03)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Nxd5 4.c4 Nf6 5.
Nc3 e6 6.Nge2 Be7 7.g3 0-0 8.Bg2 c6 9.0-
0 Re8 10.b3 Nbd7 11.Bb2 Nf8 12.Qc2
Qa5 13.a3 Ng6 14.b4 Qh5 15.h3 e5 16.
dxe5 Nxe5 17.Nf4 Qf5 18.Ne4 g5 19.Bxe5
Qxe5 20.Nd3 Qf5 21.g4 Qg6 22.Ne5 Qg7
23.Ng3 Bd6 24.Nf3 Bxg3 25.fxg3 Bd7 26.
Rad1 Re3 27.Rd3 Qg6 28.Rfd1 Rae8 29.

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Denker Fundraiser

Denver May 10, 2003 Jon Fortune, Director

One Section

1	Adam Weissbarth	2091	2105	W18	W9	W12	W3	4.0
2	Andy Rea	2083	2081	W24	W20	W8	D5	3.5
3	Imre Barlay	2216	2209	W15	W10	W4	L1	3.0
4	Paul Grimm	1680	1720	W28	W6	L3	W17	3.0
5	Kenneth Doykos	1801	1814	D21	W13	W14	D2	3.0
6	Kevin Seidler	1828	1826	W11	L4	W15	W12	3.0
7	Vance S Aandahl	1800	1791	W19	L8	W24	W13	3.0
8	Brad Johnson	1596	1624	W30	W7	L2	D10	2.5
9	Paul Anderson	1734	1727	W25	L1	W18	D11	2.5
10	Sulia Mason	1774	1772	W26	L3	W22	D8	2.5
11	Jesse R Hester	1318	1332	L6	X30	W23	D9	2.5
12	Dustin H Eager	1666	1676	W27	W14	L1	L6	2.0
13	Dean W Brown	1448	1508	W17	L5	W16	L7	2.0
14	Mamed Sakhatov	1850	1827	W16	L12	L5	W21	2.0
15	Roderick Santiago	1595	1597	L3	W29	L6	W24	2.0
16	LaMoyné Splichal	1600	1582	L14	W19	L13	W26	2.0
17	Charlie Zetterower	1853	1821	L13	W26	W21	L4	2.0
18	Ted Doykos	1522	1515	L1	W28	L9	W25	2.0
19	Peer V Seyferman	1264	1290	L7	L16	W28	W22	2.0
20	Billy Willson	1707	1704	W29	L2	H--	H--	2.0
21	Andrew Lunsford	1277	1292	D5	W23	L17	L14	1.5
22	Jonathan Ray Fortune	1543	1512	H--	W25	L10	L19	1.5
23	Arthur Samuels	512	573	H--	L21	L11	W29	1.5
24	Gerard Sunderland	1449	1434	L2	W27	L7	L15	1.0
25	Sanjay Derbyshire	943	953	L9	L22	W27	L18	1.0
26	Allan O Ufer	1139	1138	L10	L17	W29	L16	1.0
27	Thomas Mullikin	unr	780	L12	L24	L25	W28	1.0
28	Barbara Fortune	625	607	L4	L18	L19	L27	0.0
29	Kathy Schneider	794	745	L20	L15	L26	L23	0.0
30	Tyler Shea	unr	750	L8	F11	U--	U--	0.0

In case anyone is wondering about why we have fund raising events for our scholastic chess programs. please read the below essay by a 2nd grade youngster. Simple prose but there is wisdom here!

Chess in My Life (by a "chess kid")

I do not know how I do it, I just move. It all started in kindergarten when I was five years old. My dad bought me a chess set for \$2. Then it took me a week to learn how to set up the board and move the pieces.

I was too young to join the chess club at my school unless I showed good sportsmanship. Then my mom read me a library book on sportsmanship so I could join the club. I learned to shake hands with my opponents before and after the game. At the beginning I often lost against older kids but I did not give up.

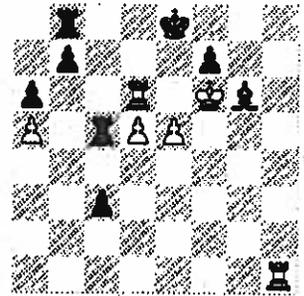
My second state tournament was in Colorado. I was a first grader and felt scared. My dad said it was OK, just do your best. This gave me confidence for other chess tournaments. Many times I was low on material but with concentration I could win.

I am a member of several chess clubs. I make many new friends by playing chess. Some are my age and others are older. I met somebody who won the National Spelling Bee and I want to be like him.

Chess is challenging to me and so is life.

**Hillside Fundraiser,
Colorado Springs, April 5th 2003, directed by Richard Buchanan**

Pl	Name	ID	Rtg.	1	2	3	4	pts
1	Josh Bloomer	12626102	2043	W10	W4	W12	W3	4
2	Kevin Seidler	12696800	1821	W20	D8	W5	W7	3.5
3	Dan Avery	12405387	2035	W16	W6	W11	L1	3
4	Larry Turner	10303931	1780	W17	L1	W16	W11	
5	Paul Anderson	12728345	1722	W26	W9	L2	W12	
6	Dustin Eager	12754316	1712	W27	L3	W22	W15	
7	J. C. MacNeil	12532599	1559	D13	W23	W8	L2	2.5
8	Richard Herbst	12792169	1687	W28	D2	L7	W21	
9	Alexander Gitis	12807035	1995	W24	L5	D10	W20	
10	Jon Fortune	12707562	1547	L1	W17	D9	D13	2
11	Victor Smith	10397421	1817	W18	W14	L3	L4	
12	Jeff Fox	12641996	1811	W25	W22	L1	L5	
13	Andy Rea	11052452	2088	D7	L19	W23	D10	
14	Roderick Santiago	12873808	1578	W29	L11	L19	W25	
15	Ken Doykos	10358086	1801	L22	W18	W24	L6	
16	Ted Doykos	12724380	1476	L3	W27	L4	W22	
17	Alan Buring	12656241	1207	L4	L10	W28	W24	
18	Gerry Sunderland	12559917	1448	L11	L15	W26	W23	
19	Richard Buchanan	10273030	2005	-----	W13	W14	-----	
20	Richard Cordovano	12421064	1458	L2	W28	D21	L9	1.5
21	Paul Grimm	12461913	1732	L23	W25	D20	L8	
22	Fred Eric Spell	12835115	1216	W15	L12	L6	L16	1
23	Allan Ufer	10054362	1127	W21	L7	L13	L18	
24	Dean Brown	10224098	1464	L9	W26	L15	L17	
25	Matthew Tucker	12728765	1247	L12	L21	W27	L14	
26	Riccardo Schiaffino	12838084	974	L5	L24	L18	W28	
27	Kathy Schneider	12545281	709	L6	L16	L25	.5B	0.5
28	Barbara Fortune	12717006	685	L8	L20	L17	L26	0
29	Imre Barlay	11024190	2216	L14	-----	-----	-----	



An interesting final position from this event. (Due to the fast time limit, the game score was not recoverable.) Seen above is the finish to the first round game, Santiago - Barle. Rod writes: "(He) let the clock run out and offered his hand afterwards. So I take it that he believes that he lost on time." Mr. Barle could find no defense to the mate. Kudos to Rod who created chances for himself despite being down a piece and a pawn. Bravo!

The first of the 2003 Denker Fund Raiser tournaments was held on Saturday, April 5th. As could be expected with a fast paced game in 30 minutes event, it had several surprise upsets. Kudos to the prize winners (in bold above). But prizes were not the focus here. What this was all about was this: having fun playing chess and raising money to support our young people who will be fighting it out at the annual Denker Tournament of Champions. Bravo to the TD and players. You all did a good thing! These fund raisers are now an annual thing. Watch for them and play in them if possible. You have fun and boost are young people. Every body comes out of that a winner!

In a related event, scholastic co-ordinator Karen Herbst posted this item: "CSCA Scholastics has just awarded \$350.00 each as **GOCHES** Scholarships to two worthy scholastic players. This money will help fund these top Colorado players at Nationals this Spring." If you know of a good candidate for this scholarship program please contact Karen Herbst for more information, or check out the scholastics section of the CSCA web site. I have nothing to add but this: GO GET "EM KIDS!!

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Qb3 Rxd3 30.Rxd3 h6 31.Qd1 Be6 32.Ne5 Qg7 33.Rd2 Nh7 34.Rd8 Qf8 35.Rd6 Bc8 36.Nf3 Be6 37.c5 Qe7 38.Nd4 Nf8 39.Qd3 Rd8? 40.Nxc6! bxc6 41.Rxd8 Bd7 42.Ra8 a5 43.Ra7 [43.Rxa5] 43...axb4 44.axb4 Qe1+ 45.Kh2 Qxb4 46.Qd6 Kg7 47.Ra8 Ne6 48.Qxd7 Qxc5 49.Ra7 Qf2 50.Rb7? Nd4 51.Rb1 Nf3+ 52.Kh1 Qxg3 53.Bxf3 Qxh3+ 54.Kg1 Qg3+ 55.Kf1 Qxf3+ 56. Kg1 ½-½

Ponomarev,P- Scheidies,M (BO'03)

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.e4 dxe4 5. Bxf6 gxf6 6.Nxe4 f5 7.Ng3 c5 8.dxc5 Qxd1+ 9.Rxd1 Bxc5 10.Nf3 Nc6 11.Nh5 Ke7 12.c3 Rd8 13.Rxd8 Nxd8 14.Be2 b6 15.0-0 Bb7 16.Re1 Nc6 17.Bc4 Bd6 18. Bb5 Rd8 19.Bxc6 Bxc6 20.Nd4 Kd7 21. Rd1 [21.Nf6+ Kc7 22.Nxh7 Bxh2+ 23. Kxh2 Rh8 is pretty drawish.] 21...Kc7 22. Nxc6 Bxh2+ [22...Kxc6 is also pretty drawish, but I thought the text would give black an advantage. I'm still not sure whether my judgment was wrong, or I just misplayed the ending!] 23.Kxh2 Rxd1 24. Nxa7 Rd2 25.Nb5+ Kd7 [25...Kc6 is a better line, but I was thinking (hoping?) White would grab the h7 pawn. Instead, he plays to get his knights coordinated, after which White may have the better game. 26.Nd4+ Kd5 27.b3 Rxf2 28.Nf6+ Ke5 29.Nd7+ Kd6 30.Nxb6 Rxa2 and White's position seems preferable, although it looks to me like a draw is still the most likely outcome. It's a hard position to analyze, however.] 26.b4 Rxa2? [26...Rxf2 is better, after which I think Black should be able to hold a draw. 27.a3 e5 28.Nf6+ Kc6] 27.Kg3 Kc6 28.Nd4+ Kd5 29.Kf3 Kc4 30.Ne2 Ra8 and here I just go off on the wrong idea, while Philipp plays very well. 31.Nf6 Rh8 32. Nd7 Kb5 33.Ne5 Rf8 34.Nd4+ Ka6 35. b5+ Kb7 36.Ndc6 Ra8 37.Nxf7 Ra3 38. Nfd8+ Kc8 39.Nxe6 Rxc3+ 40.Kf4 Rc2 41.Kg3 Rb2 42.Ncd4 h5 43.Nxf5 h4+ 44. Kxh4 Rxf2 45.g4 Kd7 46.Ned4 Ke8 47. Kg5 Kf7 48.Nd6+ Kg8 49.Nc4 Rf1 50. Nxb6 Rb1 51.Nc8 Rb4 52.Ne7+ Kg7 53. Nef5+ It appears to me that the young Ponomarev's endgame play has improved impressively. He also won from what I

thought was an inferior endgame from Buck Buchanan in the 1st round! 1-0

Gitis,A- Weissbarth,A (BO'03)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Be2 Nc6 5.d4 0-0-0 6.c4 Qf5 7.Be3 Bxf3 8. Bxf3 Nxd 49.Bxd4 Qe6+ 10.Be2 c5 11. Qa4 cxd4 12.Qxa7 d3 13.Qa8+ Kc7 14. Qa5+ b6 15.Qa7+ Kc6 16.Nc3 dxe2 17. Nd5 Qd6 18.Qxb6+ Kd7 19.Qa7+ Ke6 20. Qe3+ Qe5 21.Nc7+ Kf6 22.Nd5+ Rxd5 23.cxd5 Qxe3 24.fxe3 Ke5 25.Kxe2 Nf6 26.Rhc1 Nxd5 27.Rc8 g6 28.a4 Kd6 29. Rd8+ Ke6 30.Rd1 Nc7 31.Rc1 Nd5 32. Rcc8 1-0

Petters,M- Ponomarev,M (BO'03)

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Nxd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 0-0-0 8. c3 e5 9.0-0 exd4 10.Nxd4 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd4 [12...Bd6] 13.Bg5 Bd6 14.Bxd8 Rxd8 15.Rad1 Qh4 16.g3 Qf6 17.Rfe1 a6 18.b4 Qf5 19.a4 h5 20. Qc4 g5 21.b5 axb5 22.axb5 h4 23.Qa4 Kb8 24.Ra1 Kc8 25.Qa8+ Kd7 26.Qxb7 Qc5 27.Rac1 Qb6 28.Qd5 [28.Qc6+ Qxc6 29.bxc6+ Kc8 30.Ra1] 28...Kc8 29.Ra1 Qc5 30.Ra8+ Kd7 31.Qxf7+ Be7 32.Rd1+ 1-0

Doykos,K- Barlay,I (BO'03)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nc3 d5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.d4 Ne4 9. Qb3 Nc6 10.Be3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Na5 12. Qb4 Nc4 13.Bf4 Re8 14.Rfd1 e6 15.Nd2 Bf8 16.Qb3 Nxd2 17.Rxd2 Bd6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.e3 Re7 20.Rc1 Rc7 21.c4 dxc4 22.Rxc4 Rxc4 23.Qxc4 Rb8 24.Rc2 b5 25. Qc7 Qxc7 26.Rxc7 a5 27.d5 exd5 28.Bxd5 Be6 29.Bxe6 fxe6 30.Kf1 a4 31.Ke2 b4 32.Kd2 b3 33.axb3 axb3 34.Kc1 Ra8 35. Kb2 Ra2+ 36.Kxb3 Rxf2 37.Re7 Rxh2 38. Rxe6 Rg2 39.Kc3 Rxc3 40.Kd4 Kf7 41. Ra6 h5 42.e4 h4 43.Ke5 h3 44.Ra7+ Kg8 45.Ra8+ Kg7 46.Ra7+ Kh6 47.Ra8 Rf3 48.Kd6 Kg5 49.Rh8 Kg4 50.e5 Rd3+ 51. Ke7 Rf3 52.e6 g5 53.Kd7 Rd3+ 54.Ke8 Kg3 55.Kf7 g4 56.Kf6 Kg2 [56...h2 is probably simpler path to the win. 57.e7 (57.Kf5 Rd5+ 58.Kf6 Rd1 59.e7 Re1) 57... Re3 58.Rh5 Rxe7 59.Kxe7 Kg2] 57.e7 Re3 58.e8Q Rxe8 59.Rxe8 h2 [59...g3 also wins, in perhaps a simpler manner.] 60.

Re2+ Kh3? [60...Kg1 wins, as does Kg3. The text, which looks good at first glance, instead allows White to find a pretty resource, which is found in several endgame studies. 61.Kf5 g3 62.Kg4 Kf1! (62...g2 63.Kg3=) 63.Ra2 (63.Kxg3 h1Q) 63...g2 64.Ra1+ Ke2 65.Ra2+ Ke3 and the Black queen will win against the White rook (although it's not easy!)] 61.Re1 Kh4 [61...g3 62.Kg5 Kg2 (62...g2? 63.Re3#) 63.Kg4 Kf2 64.Rh1! Kg2 65.Ra1=] 62.Kf5 g3 63. Kf4 g2 64.Re8 This is the position White has been aiming for! With 2 pawns on the 7th ready to queen, Black cannot escape the mating threats, and is forced into a draw by repetition. 64...Kh5 65.Kf5 Kh6 66.Kf6 Kh7 67.Re7+ Kg8 68.Re8+ ½-½

Kholodar,D- Ponomarev,P (BO'03)

The battle between the eventual tournament co-champions! 1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3. Nc3 Nxc3 4.bxc3 d6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Qd5 7.d4 c5 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Be2 g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.Bf4 0-0 12.Qd2 f6 13.c4 Qd8 14.d5 fxe5 15.Bh6 Nd4 16.Bxg7 Nxf3+ 17.Bxf3 Kxg7 18.Rae1 Qd6 19.Qc3 Rf5 20.Re3 Bd7 21.Rfe1 Raf8 22.Bg4 R5f7 23.Bxd7 Qxd7 24.Rxe5 Kg8 25.Re6 Rf6 26.Rxf6 Rxf6 27.Qe3 Qf5 28.h3 Rf7 29.Qxc5 b6 30.Qd4 Qxc2 31.d6 exd6 32.Re8+ Rf8 33. Qd5+ Kg7 34.Qd4+ Kf7 ½-½

Weissbarth,A- Mink,C (BO'03)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5. Ng5 d5 6.exd5 Na5 7.Qxd4 Nxc4 8.Qxc4 Qxd5 9.Qe2+ Be6 10.0-0 0-0-0 11.Nc3 Qa5 12.Nxe6 Re8 13.Qb5 Qxb5 14.Nxb5 Rxe6 15.Nxa7+ Kb8 16.Nb5 Bc5 17.Bf4 Bb6 18.Rfe1 Rhe8 19.Kf1 Nd5 20.Bg3 Nb4 21.Rxe6 Rxe6 22.Rd1 Kc8 23.c3 Nc6 24.Re1 Rxe1+ 25.Kxe1 f5 26.Ke2 g5 27.f4 g4 28.Bf2 Bxf2 29.Kxf2 Ne7 30.Kg3 Kd7 31.Kh4 c6 32.Nd4 c5 33.Ne2 Nd5 34.Kg5 Ke6 35.h4 gxh3 36.gxh3 b5 37.c4! a nice way to clarify an ending which looked like it might go on a while! 37...bxc4 38.a4 1-0

Gitis,A- Ponomarev,P (BO'03)

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Bc4 Be6 5.Bb3 g6 6.Nf3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 Bd5 8.c4 Be6 9.Bb2 f6 10.d4 Bg7 11.d5 Bd7 12.0-0 c5 13.Re1 0-0 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Qe3 Qc7 16.

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Buckspeak on USCF elections

by **Richard Buchanan** USCF Delegate for Colorado, May 2003

On p. 63 of the May Chess Life are pictures and statements by six chessplayers. These people are running for places on the Executive Board of the U S Chess Federation. This Board, formerly called the Policy Board, has the important responsibility of making decisions about the running of the USCF between the annual Delegates meetings. In previous years, people were elected by a small group of members chosen by each state, the Delegates and Voting Members. Now, since the passage of OMOV (One Member One Vote) after years of debate, the job of electing these people goes to the membership itself.

We saw the first stage of this in the mail-in elections of Delegates for each state. For my report on this process, see my report in last October's Colorado Chess Informant. It was not a pretty sight, as very few members voted and the Delegates were chosen by tiny numbers of people in almost every state.

It is important that this not be repeated in the EB election. Unfortunately, USCF is missing opportunities (as usual). The announcements in Chess Life do not even say how many of the six will be elected. More important, there is no effort to help members get information about the candidates to make a wise decision. There are only a few brief statements by the candidates. What should be happening is an online election network, on which the candidates debate issues and answer questions from voters and each other. Other organizations have such forums: why can't USCF?

Anyway, I would like to help Colorado voters to get involved in this election. Of the six candidates, three are going to be elected. Any current USCF member aged 16 or older can vote. The ballot will be in the July Chess Life (not the next issue as I mistakenly announced at the Boulder Open).

Here are the candidates, and sources of information about them:

Tim Hanke of Massachusetts: website www.timothyhanke.net Beatriz Marinello of New York: no website, e-mail address given is beatchess@aol.com Mikel Petersen of Florida: for information see Bob Smith's endorsement on www.chessdon.com Don Schultz of Florida: website www.chessdon.com Sam Sloan of New York: website www.ishipress.com Dr. Joe Wagner of California: see Bob Smith's endorsement on www.chessdon.com

Websites given have some information. I have not found any place on the Net that gives a thorough coverage of all the candidates and issues. If anyone knows of such a site, please contact me at buckpeace@pcisys.net and I will add the information to this message.

Here are my choices. Actually, we are fortunate: as far as I know, five of these six candidates would very likely do a good job on the Board. These are my current picks, but events may lead me to change my mind. If you want to convince me about your choices, please feel free.

Don Schultz: I have known Don a long time and I consider him a friend. He was instrumental in our getting the 1998 US Championship and Senior Open in Colorado. He has a long history of involvement in chess at the national and international level. When he was USCF President, he received a lot of criticism. But much of it was from the people who did such a disappointing job of leadership when they got the chance themselves. Don is a man with vast experience that USCF would be wise to take advantage of.

Beatriz Marinello: I have worked with Beatriz and have confidence in her abilities. She has been on the USCF staff as a director of Scholastic activities. Of the candidates, she is the only woman, the only titled Master, and the only player with solid professional experience in Scholastic chess.

Tim Hanke: I don't know Tim personally. He has an excellent website, where he clearly states his positions. He is not afraid to express himself on controversial topics, and is willing to take on the powerful of the chess establishment if he sees it as the right thing to do. He is articulate and committed to principle. I am not comfortable with all the positions he takes, but for sure you know where he stands.

I have nothing against Mikel Petersen or Joe Wagner. If they are your choices, then vote for them. I do not recommend a vote for Sam Sloan. I have known Sam for some time and am used to his antics at Delegates meetings. He has some good ideas and has made some definite contributions to American chess. But he is one who best serves by prodding the Board from the outside to keep them going the right way rather than serving on it himself. If you want more information about the man, check out his website - if you dare. I do not want CSCA members to blindly follow my recommendations without checking things out for yourself. But please VOTE and VOTE SMART. If the USCF membership wants to continue to make decisions about the leadership of our organization, we have to get started now and do it right. **Buck**

2003 Boulder Open -- Open Section

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No.	Name	Pre-Rank	State	Rtg.	1	2	3	4	Score
1.	Ponomarev, Philipp	(3)...	CO	2200	W13	W11	D2	W3	3.5
2.	Kholodar, Denis	(13).....	CO	1922	W4	W14	D1	W6	3.5
3.	Gitis, Alexander	(12).....	CO	1995	W7	W5	W6	L1	3.0
4.	Hamblin, James	(5).....	CO	2119	L2	W16	W13	D5	2.5
5.	Weissbarth, Adam	(6).....	CO	2106	W10	L3	W12	D4	2.5
6.	Anderson, Renard	(1).....	CO	2271	W9	W12	L3	L2	2.0
7.	Ponomarev, Mikhail	(2).....	CO	2200	L3	L9	W17	W11	2.0
8.	Barlay, Imre	(4).....	CO	2198	L12	D10	W16	D9	2.0
9.	Petters, Markus	(10).....	WY	2025	L6	W7	D11	D8	2.0
10.	Doykos, Kenneth	(14).....	CO	1800	L5	D8	D14	W16	2.0
11.	Scheidies, Mark	(8).....	CO	2047	W17	L1	D9	L7	1.5
12.	Mink, Christopher	(9).....	CO	2032	W8	L6	L5	D13	1.5
13.	Buchanan, Richard	(11).....	CO	2013	L1	W17	L4	D12	1.5
14.	Rea, Andrew	(7).....	CO	2057	D16	L2	D10	-U-	1.0
15.	Basri, Saul	(17).....	CO	1207	-U-	-U-	-U-	W17	1.0
16.	Baffo, Jeffrey	(15).....	CO	1774	D14	L4	L8	L10	0.5
17.	Robins, Mark	(16).....	CO	1406	L11	L13	L7	L15	0.0
18.	Jeffrey, Paul	(18).....	CO	nnnn	-U-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0

2003 Boulder Open -- U1900

1.	Smith, Andrew	(4).....	WY	1826	W10	W6	D2	W9	3.5
2.	Yelton, Paul	(5).....	CO	1816	W21	W13	D1	W4	3.5
3.	Cohen, Jesse	(3).....	CO	1829	W11	L7	W18	W5	3.0
4.	Sakhatov, Mamed	(1).....	CO	1850	D17	W20	W7	L2	2.5
5.	Aandahl, Vance	(6).....	CO	1800	W18	W14	-H-	L3	2.5
6.	Quint, David	(7).....	CO	1785	W12	L1	W19	D7	2.5
7.	Emery, Nicholas	(8).....	CO	1773	W19	W3	L4	D6	2.5
8.	Bagstad, Gary	(9).....	CO	1723	L13	W21	-H-	W14	2.5
9.	Albano, Paul	(12).....	CO	1664	D20	W16	W17	L1	2.5
10.	Splichal, LaMoyné	(14).....	CO	1600	L1	W12	D13	W17	2.5
11.	Grimm, Paul M	(13).....	CO	1659	L3	L18	W21	W19	2.0
12.	Carson, Anthea	(17).....	CO	1561	L6	L10	W24	-X-	2.0
13.	MacNeil, J. C.	(19).....	CO	1539	W8	L2	D10	D15	2.0
14.	Reynolds, Randy S	(20).....	CO	1511	-X-	L5	W23	L8	2.0
15.	Doykos, Ted	(21).....	CO	1458	-H-	L17	W16	D13	2.0
16.	Willson, Billy	(10).....	CO	1697	-H-	L9	L15	W26	1.5
17.	Schine, Randolph	(11).....	CO	1683	D4	W15	L9	L10	1.5
18.	Greven, Daniel	(16).....	CO	1575	L5	W11	L3	-F-	1.0
19.	Fortune, Jon	(18,Wy).....	WY	1543	L7	W22	L6	L11	1.0
20.	Akin, Ron	(2).....	CO	1847	D9	L4	-U-	-U-	0.5
21.	Schultz, John F	(15).....	CO	1596	L2	L8	L11	-U-	0.0
22.	Neuhaus, Chaitanya	(22).....	CO	1436	-U-	L19	-U-	-U-	0.0
23.	Basri, Saul	(23).....	CO	1207	-U-	-U-	L14	-U-	0.0
24.	Schneider, Kathy	(24).....	CO	751	-U-	-U-	L12	-U-	0.0
25.	Ridout, Christopher W	(24)....	CO	113	-F-	-U-	-U-	-U-	0.0
26.	Jeffrey, Paul	(25).....	CO	nnnn	-U-	-U-	-U-	L16	0.0

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2003 Boulder Open – U1500

No.	Name	Pre-Rank	State	Rtg.	1	2	3	4	Score
1.	Sunderland, Gerard	(4).....	CO	1449	W13	W10	W11	D2	3.5
2.	Cordova, Clay	(15).....	NM	1131	W4	W5	W15	D1	3.5
3.	Abresch, Martin	(1).....	WY	1491	W12	L11	W10	W6	3.0
4.	Davies, Ann	(3).....	CO	1454	L2	W19	W12	W11	3.0
5.	Aragon, Joseph	(7).....	CO	1431	W19	L2	W18	W8	3.0
6.	Chandler, William P	(2).....	CO	1476	W18	D8	W16	L3	2.5
7.	Smith, S. Paul	(5).....	WY	1448	D15	L9	W22	W16	2.5
8.	Brown, Dean	(9).....	CO	1404	W14	D6	W9	L5	2.5
9.	Lunsford, Andy	(10).....	CO	1277	D16	W7	L8	W13	2.5
10.	Berman, Louis	(11).....	CO	1266	W22	L1	L3	W19	2.0
11.	Brunner, David	(12).....	CO	1264	W21	W3	L1	L4	2.0
12.	Skarie, Allan	(13).....	CO	1240	L3	W21	L4	W18	2.0
13.	Schiaffino, Riccardo	(16).....	CO	975	L1	W22	W23	L9	2.0
14.	Strelzoff, Fred	(23).....	CO	nnnn	L8	L18	W21	W23	2.0
15.	Krietzman, Michael	(8).....	CO	1412	D7	-X-	L2	-U-	1.5
16.	Madole, Thomas	(21).....	CO	nnnn	D9	W23	L6	L7	1.5
17.	Neuhaus, Chaitanya	(6).....	CO	1436	-U-	-U-	W24	-U-	1.0
18.	Ufer, Allan	(14).....	CO	1174	L6	W14	L5	L12	1.0
19.	Schneider, Kathy	(17).....	CO	751	L5	L4	-B-	L10	1.0
20.	Ridout, Christopher W	(17).....	CO	113	-B-	-F-	-U-	-U-	1.0
21.	Robins, Reed	(22).....	CO	nnnn	L11	L12	L14	W24	1.0
22.	Jeffrey, Paul	(20).....	CO	nnnn	L10	L13	L7	-B-	1.0
23.	Cai, VeeVee	(19).....	CO	nnnn	-H-	L16	L13	L14	0.5
24.	Fortune, Barbara	(18).....	WY	679	-U-	-U-	L17	L21	0.0

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Open. selected and annotated by Mark Schieides

Ng4 Rxc2+ 37.Kf1 f3 38.Bxh4 . Bd3+ 39.Ke1 Re2+ 40.Kd1 Bf5 41.Ne5+ Kd6 42.Nxf3 Re3 43.Bg3+ Ke6 44.Ng5+ Kf6 45.Bf4 Rxc3 46.h4 Rd3+ 47.Ke2 Rxd4 48.Ke3 Rxb4 49.h5 Re4+ 50.Kf3 Kg7 51.h6+ Kxh6 52.Nxe4+ Kg6 53.Ne5 Kf6 54.Bxc7 d4 55.Ke2 d3+ 56.Nxd3 Bxd3+ 57.Kxd3 and here White has achieved the classic draw against a bishop and rook pawn of the wrong color. 57...Ke6 58.Kd4 Kd7 59.Bb8 a6 60.Kc5 Kc8 61.Bg3 Kb7 62.Bf4 Ka8 63.Kxc6 Ka7 64.Be3+ Ka8 65.Kb6 Kb8 66.Kxa6 Ka8 67.Kb6 Kb8 68.Kc6 Ka8 69.Kd7 Kb8 70.Kd8 Ka8 71.Bf4 Ka7 72.Kc8 Ka8 and White has no way to force the a-pawn to a8. The dark-squared bishop cannot edge the Black king out of the corner. 1/2-1/2

Brunner,D- Robins,R (BO'03)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.e4

Bg6 6.Bxc4 e6 7.a3 Nf6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.e5 Ne4 10.Bxe7 Nxe7 11.Qa4+ c6 12.Qd1 Nd5 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.0-0 b5 15.Bb3 Nf4 16.Qd2 Bxf3 17.Qxf4 Bd5 18.Bc2 h6 19.Qg4 Qg5 20.Qg3 0-0 21.f4 Qh5 22.f5 Qe2 23.f6 g6 24.Rf2 Qh5 25.Raf1 [25.h4! threatening Bd1, trapping the queen 25...g5 26.Qd3 Qg6 27.Qe2! Bc4 28.Qd1 Bb3 and Black has to give up his bishop to save his queen. White finds this idea next move.] 25...Rfd8 26.h4 Bc4 27.Bd1 Bxf1 28.Bxh5 Bc4 29.Bxg6 Kf8 30.Bxf7 1-0

Aragon,J- Cordova,C (BO'03)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.0-0 e6 6.b3 Bd6 7.c3 e5 8.Ba3 e4 9.Nfd2 Bxa3 10.Nxa3 Qd7 11.Re1 0-0-0 12.e3 Bh3 13.Bh1 h5 14.c4 Nb4 15.e5 h4 16.Nc2 Nd3 17.Re2 hxg3 18.hxg3 Bg4 19.f3 Rxh1+! 20.Kxh1 exf3 [20...Rh8+ 21.Rh2 (21.Kg2 Bxf3+ 22.Nxf3 Qh3+ 23.Kg1 Qh1#) 21...Nf2+ 22.Kg1 Rxh2 is quicker] 21.Rh2 Ne4 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.Ne1 f2 24.Qxd3 exd3 25.Rxf2 Rh8+ 26.Kg1 Qd5 27.Ng2 Qh5 28.Nh4 g5 29.Rh2 d2 30.Rxd2 gxh4

31.Rh2 Qd5 32.Rf1 Qe4 33.Rxf7 Qxe3+ 34.Rf2 Rf8 35.gxh4 Qe1+ 0-1

Berman,L- Abresch,M (BO'03)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 c5 3.c3 e6 4.Bd3 d5 5.f4 Nc6 6.Nd2 Bd6 7.Ngf3 0-0 8.0-0 Ne7 9.Ne5 Nf5 10.Rf3 Qb6 11.Kh1 Bd7 12.Qg1 cxd4 13.exd4 Kh8 14.g4 Bxe5? 15.fxe5 Ne4 16.gxf5 exf5 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Nxe4? [18.Rg3] 18...fxe4 19.Rg3 Rg8 20.h3 f6 21.exf6 Qxf6 22.Be3 Bb5 23.Qf2 Qd6 24.Qh2 Be2 25.Qg1 Bf3+ 26.Kh2 Rae8 27.Qc1 Re6 28.Bf4 Qe7 29.Qe3 Rc8 30.Kg1 Qf7 31.Kf2 Rf8 32.Be5 Rg6 [32...Bd1+] 33.Rag1 Bh5+ 34.Ke1 Qxa2 35.Qc1 Rxc3 36.Rxc3 Bg6?? 37.h4 [White misses his chance... 37.Rxc3! hxg6 38.Qh6+] 37...Qa6 38.Rg1 Rf7 39.Qd1 Qb6 40.b4 Qc6 41.Qb3 Kg8 42.d5 Qa6 43.c4 Rf3 44.Bc3 Qa1+ 45.Bxa1 Rxb3 46.b5 e3 47.Kf1 Bd3+ 48.Kg2 Bxc4 49.Kh2 g6 50.h5 Kf7 51.hxg6+ hxg6 52.Rc1 Bxd5 53.Rc7+ Ke6 54.Rg7 e2 55.Rxc6+ Kf5 56.Rg1 Rf3 57.Bd4 Rf1 58.Bc3 Kf4 59.Bd2+ Kf3 60.Rg3+ Kf2 0-1

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Open Section

1	Mulyar, Michael.....	2505	W 43	W 42	D 8	W 13	W 2	D 4	5.0
2	Hamblin, James.....	2106	W 24	W 38	W 9	W 3	L 1	W 12	5.0
3	Cohen, Jesse.....	1840	W 25	W 20	W 5	L 2	W 22	W 8	5.0
4	Wall, Brian.....	2219	W 28	W 10	D 13	W 16	D 8	D 1	4.5
5	Weissbarth, Adam.....	2106	W 23	D 12	L 3	W 39	W 14	W 13	4.5
6	Rea, Andrew.....	2063	W 18	W 15	H---	L 8	W 21	D 11	4.0
7	Billaux, Eric.....	2025	W 29	L 16	W 23	D 21	D 15	W 22	4.0
8	Hill, Leroy.....	2021	W 30	W 22	D 1	W 6	D 4	L 3	4.0
9	Ramsey, Patrick.....	1958	W 34	W 33	L 2	L 22	W 18	W 25	4.0
10	Sherbring, Mark.....	1950	W 35	L 4	W 31	L 26	W 34	W 20	4.0
11	Roberts, Kenneth.....	1860	D 32	W 44	L 12	W 24	W 29	D 6	4.0
12	Smith, Andrew.....	1826	W 47	D 5	W 11	D 20	W 26	L 2	4.0
13	Gitis, Alexander.....	1973	W 31	W 26	D 4	L 1	W 16	L 5	3.5
14	Smith, Victor.....	1807	L 26	W 41	W 25	D 18	L 5	W 30	3.5
15	Aandahl, Vance.....	1800	W 45	L 6	H---	W 28	D 7	H---	3.5
16	Baffo, Jeffrey.....	1774	W 40	W 7	H---	L 4	L 13	W 26	3.5
17	Schine, Randolph.....	1668	L 20	L 25	W 40	W 33	W 31	H---	3.5
18	Brewster, John.....	1607	L 6	W 45	W 42	D 14	L 9	W 32	3.5
19	Doykos, Ted.....	1458	L 38	L 24	W 35	D 30	W 28	W 29	3.5
20	Barlay, Imre.....	2172	W 17	L 3	W 39	D 12	H---	L 10	3.0
21	Bagstad, Gary.....	1723	D 41	W 32	H---	D 7	L 6	H---	3.0
22	Haines, Randolph.....	1689	W 37	L 8	W 36	W 9	L 3	L 7	3.0
23	Grimm, Paul.....	1660	L 5	W 47	L 7	L 25	W 40	W 34	3.0
24	Coker, Laurence.....	1617	L 2	W 19	H---	L 11	D 27	W 35	3.0
25	Carson, Anthea.....	1488	L 3	W 17	L 14	W 23	W 38	L 9	3.0
26	Sunderland, Gerard.....	1468	W 14	L 13	W 27	W 10	L 12	L 16	3.0
27	Doykos, Kenneth.....	1800	L 33	W 34	L 26	D 32	D 24	D 31	2.5
28	MacNeil, James.....	1676	L 4	W 35	D 33	L 15	L 19	W 40	2.5
29	Schultz, John.....	1596	L 7	D 40	W 41	W 38	L 11	L 19	2.5
30	Burklow, Freddy.....	1588	L 8	L 36	W 47	D 19	W 33	L 14	2.5
31	Santiago, Roderick.....	1586	L 13	W 37	L 10	W 44	L 17	D 27	2.5
32	Cordovano, Richard.....	1522	D 11	L 21	D 44	D 27	W 39	L 18	2.5
33	Tufts, Fletcher.....	1442	W 27	L 9	D 28	L 17	L 30	W 41	2.5
34	Hester, Jesse.....	1563	L 9	L 27	W 45	W 36	L 10	L 23	2.0
35	Fortune, Jonathan.....	1543	L 10	L 28	L 19	W 41	W 44	L 24	2.0
36	Corbett, Thomas.....	1400	L 39	W 30	L 22	L 34	W 37	U---	2.0
37	Cordova, Clay.....	1131	L 22	L 31	B---	L 40	L 36	W 44	2.0
38	Wutt, Laurence.....	1802	W 19	L 2	H---	L 29	L 25	U---	1.5
39	McKenna, James.....	1724	W 36	H---	L 20	L 5	L 32	U---	1.5
40	Kant, Nicholas.....	1403	L 16	D 29	L 17	W 37	L 23	L 28	1.5
41	Lunsford, Andrew.....	1271	D 21	L 14	L 29	L 35	W 48	L 33	1.5
42	Eversole, Joseph.....	1924	X---	L 1	L 18	U---	U---	U---	1.0
43	Schwartz, Kenneth.....	1614	L 1	H---	H---	U---	U---	U---	1.0
44	Barfuss, William.....	1446	H---	L 11	D 32	L 31	L 35	L 37	1.0
45	Aragon, Joseph.....	1439	L 15	L 18	L 34	X---	U---	U---	1.0
46	Sadler, Frederick.....	1535	F---	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	0.0
47	Berg, Carl.....	1483	L 12	L 23	L 30	F---	U---	U---	0.0
48	Washburn, Christopher.....	unr.	U---	U---	U---	U---	L 41	U---	0.0

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2003 Colorado Closed

Congratulations to Randy Canney and Paul Nikitovich tying for first place! As their game was a draw, S-B points were next- coming down to the last game of the last round, Paul edged ahead of Randy- PAUL NIKITOVICH is 2003 Colorado Closed Champion! Finishing at a respectable .500 mark, 3.5-3.5 is Arthur Kaufman and Steve Towbin. Our late substitute, Adam Weissbarth (filling in for weathered-in Jerry Kearns) scored 3-4, Jim Hamblin the only player to defeat Randy Canney finished at 2.5-4.5. Eric Beckman landed at 1-6, including a draw against Paul Nikitovich - the players under .500 were also playing respectable chess! My thanks to the players for their sportsmanship, both groups, in having a strong and entertaining tournament! (Scholastic champs were recognized last issue, ed.)

2003 Colorado Closed

Pre-tournament rank		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	TOTAL
1. Brian Wall	2235	B6	W4	B3	W2	B7	W5	B8	
		0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	4.5
2. PAUL NIKITOVICH	2234	B7	W8	B4	B1	W5	B6	W3	
		1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.5	4.5	5.0	5.0- 1st!
3. RANDY CANNEY	2223	W5	B6	W1	W7	B8	W4	B2	
		1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.5	5.0	5.0- 2nd
4. Arthur Kaufman	2144	B8	B1	W2	B5	W6	B3	W7	
		1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.5
5. Eric Beckman	2133	B3	W7	B8	W4	B2	B1	W6	
		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
6. Jim Hamblin	2120	W1	W3	B7	W8	B4	W2	B5	
		0.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5
7. Steve Towbin	2088	W2	B5	W6	B3	W1	W8	B4	
		0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5	3.5	3.5
8. Adam Weissbarth	2085	W4	B2	W5	B6	W3	B7	W1	
		0.0	0.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.0	3.0

2003 Colorado Scholastic Closed

		Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	TOTAL
1. Adam Hall	1894	W5	B8	W2	W3	B6	W7	B4	
		1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	6.5	6.5 1st!
2. Tyler Hughes	1876	B8	W7	B1	W4	B3	W5	B6	
		1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
3. Jesse Cohen	1829	W4	B5	W8	B1	W2	W6	B7	
		0.5	1.0	2.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.5	4.5 2nd
4. Kevin Seidler	1828	B3	W6	B7	B2	W5	B8	W1	
		0.5	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5
5. Dustin Eager	1666	B1	W3	B6	W7	B4	B2	W8	
		0.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	4.0
6. Brandon Cooksey	1637	W7	B4	W5	B8	W1	B3	W2	
		1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.5	3.5
7. Joshua Suresh	1549	B6	B2	W4	B5	W8	B1	W3	
		0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5
8. Zamlin Bolorbold	1537	W2	W1	B3	W6	B7	W4	B5	
		0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5

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Southern Colorado Open, Reserve Section

1	Garcia, William.....	1318	W	7	W	15	W	8	D	4	D	6	D	3	4.5
2	Ufer, Allan.....	1311	L	10	D	14	W	11	W	12	W	5	W	6	4.5
3	Keker, Jerry.....	1391	W	14	L	6	W	12	H---	W	4	D	1	4.0	
4	Brown, Dean.....	1378	D	13	W	9	W	6	D	1	L	3	W	8	4.0
5	Wood, Liz.....	1308	L	15	W	7	H---	W	10	L	2	W	9	3.5	
6	Spell, Fred.....	1158	W	16	W	3	L	4	W	8	D	1	L	2	3.5
7	Nixon, James.....	899	L	1	L	5	B---	H---	W	15	W	12		3.5	
8	Berman, Louis.....	1243	W	11	W	10	L	1	L	6	W	13	L	4	3.0
9	Goettling, Kesley.....	1148	D	12	L	4	D	14	W	16	W	10	L	5	3.0
10	Mullikin, Thomas.....	869	W	2	L	8	W	15	L	5	L	9	W	13	3.0
11	Schneider, Kathy.....	743	L	8	B---	L	2	L	13	W	16	D	15	2.5	
12	Washburn, Christopher.....	unr.	D	9	W	13	L	3	L	2	B---	L	7	2.5	
13	Frenzel, Gary.....	1138	D	4	L	12	D	16	W	11	L	8	L	10	2.0
14	Roberts, Christopher.....	1101	L	3	D	2	D	9	B---	U---	U---			2.0	
15	Olson, Albert.....	829	W	5	L	1	L	10	H---	L	7	D	11	2.0	
16	Fortune, Barbara.....	679	L	6	H---	D	13	L	9	L	11	B---		2.0	

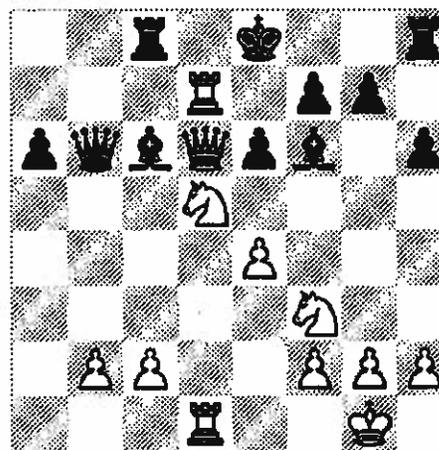
Southern Colorado Open A brief report by YHOE (Your humble *Outgoing Editor*)

Another excellent job of directing by Ken and Roy, massively supported by Dean Brown and all the usual suspects involved in Southern Colorado chess activity. Michael Mulyar on tie breaks over James Hamblin and Jesse Cohen. All three of these warriors played excellent, instructive games and I hope to bring you some of their games next issue. 64 people, a medium good turn out. There was interesting goings on during the tournament. These included a very enthusiastic Gospel preacher in the room next door, clearly audible to everyone during their Sunday games. Despite her efforts, the preacher's sermon did not stop some truly sinful play by many of the players. YHOE one of the worst offender in the bunch. There was also a small weather related problem, if "small" is a good word to use in describing a flood. I know that flooding is not a hazard one normally associates with a chess tournament but...Yes, the tournament room briefly got a inch or so of water on the floor thanks to some backed up drains, overwhelmed pumps and a typical frog-strangler of a Colorado thunderstorm. The room was drained and dried quickly with minimum disruption to the games in progress. All in all there was a lot of good chess played, too. Jesse Cohen continues to terrorize the circuit and will soon be joining the Master/Expert ranks. His performance rating was a healthy 2197 and is a testament to his burgeoning strength. Go, Jesse, Go! Kudos also to Andrew Smith, Ted Doykos, and Gerald Sunderland. They impressed me with there deep play and gritty competitiveness. The three of them pulled more than a couple of significant upsets between them. I present one of my own games. I apologize in advance for tooting my own horn. Please rest assured that had I other games to choose from and more

time before going to press, I would not do so. That said, I think you will agree it has some amusement value. My opponent, the very fine player, Eric "Dr Evil" Billaux will one day get one of his wins published, I'm sure. Sorry, Eric! Please send some of your wins, I know a strong player like you has many to choose from.

J. Baffo - E. Billaux Southern Colorado Open Round 2
14 June 2003 A00 Slepner's Opening (AKA Dunst opening)

1.Nc3 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qh4 Nf6 5.Nf3 e6 6.a3
Be7 7.Bg5 a6 8.e3 b5 9.Rd1 Bb7 10.Bd3 b4 11.axb4
Nxb4 12.0-0 Nxd3 13.Rxd3 Rb8 14.e4 h6 15.Rfd1 Qa5
16.Qg3 Rc8 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Rxd7 Bc6 19.Qd6! Qb6 20.
Nd5! exd5 21.exd5
Qa5 22.dxc6 Black
resigns. 1-0



This is the position after 20.Nd5. A fun move to play even if it is easy to see. Playing over the game you can easily tell that Eric made at least several bad moves he normally would not have. I was lucky to catch him off form.

"Grimm Defeat"

Ed. Note: This game was presented in last issue ("In Their Own Words, pg 14) by Paul, himself. It is here again because Brian did a stellar job with his own in-depth annotations. Brian interweaves some of Paul's comments, which have been edited for space reasons, in the piece below, . (Please see Brian's web site "Walverine.com" for the original text in full.) I'm sure you'll find this fascinating and instructive.

Who the Hell is Paul Grimm?

Dear International audience -

My name is Wall - Brian Wall. I was named after Brian Boru (941-1014 King of Ireland) I live in Denver, Colorado.

Paul Grimm is a friend who is a very active Chess player and Organizer around here. He used to be in the Air Force, he still wears a military type crewcut, he runs triathlons (biking, swimming, running) and in general enforces the rules around here. We affectionately call him Chess Nazi (like the "Soup Nazi" in the Seinfeld TV show). He wrote to me about a game he played in the Colorado Springs Open 2003. Paul's opponent is Belgian Eric Billaux who was crushing me in a game I described in the email " A Woman Reading a Book " - Eric is a sharp theoretician who will be 2600 FIDE as soon as he converts all his winning positions into tournament points.

Eric "Belgian" Billaux (2040) vs Paul Little-Big-Man Grimm (1638)

CO Springs Open, 9 Mar 03

Rd 3 Sicilian Grand Prix or maybe a French (?!?)

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 e6 3. f4 d5 4. e5?! Paul wrote:

"I suspect this is a "TL" -- Theoretical Lemon and admit I don't know what the hell I'm doing after 2. ... e6.

Brian - Hold on, Paul - don't rush that TL symbol. 4 Bb5 is usually favored and if 4 Bb5 d4 then the c3-knight can go to e2 or b1 and also White can throw in 5 B:c6+ if he wants. 4 e5 has been played many times too.

4. ... Nc6 5. Nf3 Nh6 6. d4 Nf5 7. Bb5?

TL

Brian - You're right this time Paul, The

move is a mistake because, as they said in the Wild Wild West - "Don't pull out a gun unless you intend to use it ." Since B:c6 would only serve to strengthen Black's center and hands over the two bishops, it is a bad post. I noticed Al Gardner was confused on this point too - if you want one rule of thumb in the Sicilian it is this: "B-b5:c6 goes with d3 and not with d4. " The idea is if you give your opponent the two bishops, then lock up the pawn structure and freeze the bishops - don't hand over the Killer Bees and then open lines for them. 7 dc, intending Bd3 would be equal.

7... cxd!

7 Bb5 has ruined Paul's opening and it is hard to find a move that doesn't give Eric the advantage.

8. Nxd4

Paul Grimm - ?? - I wanted to play a good game and then I blunder like this. I was upset enough that I "blitzed" out my next 15 moves not caring and just wanting to go home.

Brian Wall - It turns out that 7 Bb5 was both positionally and tactically hideous. 7 Bb5 deserves all the question marks - 8 N:d4! is just damage control.

Often we see things in Chess and then forget them. 8 Ne2 Qa5+! is awful and 8 B:c6+ bc 9 Ne2 c5 is horrible as well. 8 N:d4 is not bad, there just isn't anything good - now the fact that Paul is moving without calculating all the tactics in advance - that is a bad move!

8...Oh4+! 9. Kf1?

Brian Wall - - Paul is in shock - he can limit the damage to one pawn with 9 g3! N:g3 10 Nf3! and Rg1 saving the rook.

9... Bc5!

One thing I have noticed studying millions of attacking positions is that trading an active minor piece for a dormant rook is a good way to kill a promising attack. The best way is usually to flood the area with new attackers, taking pieces on the run as your helpless opponent throws them at you in desperate bailout attempts. Eric's move is the best by far - 9 ... Nf:d4 10 Q:d4 Bd7 is second best, just letting White suffer from a misplaced King and a lack of development - The materialistic 9 ... Ng3+ is

third best.

10. Nce2 BxN

Among a sea of good moves, the best plan again is not to take anything but bring new undeveloped pieces smoothly into the attack against that silly f1-king. The best move by far is 10 ... f6, trying to rip open lines for the c8-bishop and rooks to "join the party" - (GM Seirawan's line).

11. NxB Ng3+ 12. Kg1 NxR 13. KxN Bd7 14. Nf3 Qe7 15. c3? 0-0?

Brian Wall - Excuse me, guys, I hate to interrupt - Did anyone consider 15 ... N:e5! Hmmm??

16. Bd3 f5!

Paul Grimm - ?! - Maybe 16. ... f6 was better; keep the Knight away from g5
Brian Wall - Fritz rates both 16 ... f5 and f6 as equal best since he considers 17 ef as the best response.

17. Be3 Rfb8 18. Qg1 b5

Paul Grimm - It's now obvious that Black is following standard French by playing on the Q-side, planning for a huge, end-game advantage. Meanwhile, I'm still mad and blitzing out my moves determined to throw the kitchen sink at Black on the K-side.

Eric Billaux - Hey Brian,

Thank you for sending me those games. Your comments are very interesting. ... I read all your comments on the Paul Grimm game. As you mentioned yourself, this game was rather painful for me. As soon as I played 15... 0-0??, I realized that I could have ended the game quickly with 15...Nxe5, forcing a simplification and ending up and pawn and an exchange up. That really annoyed me... Psychologically, from then on, the game was very difficult to play. The mistake on move 15 brought more mistakes and suddenly, 5 moves later, after 20...fxg??, I was completely lost. I think Paul deserves credit for playing almost instantaneously 18 Qg1!. I underestimated that move and played the careless 18...b5?. Two moves later, the game was over. Oh well, maybe one day you will get to analyze a game that I actually win. That would be a change. Take care, Eric.

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Brian Wall - Eric does not see in time that Paul's pawn storm is real - urgent measures are necessary to counter Paul's attack. Wyoming Teenager Andrew Smith's favorite line from my game with Eric is - "Masters want squares, experts want pawns, now we are both happy." The same rule applies here - instead of asking - "How much material can I grab with 10 ... B:d4 and 11 ... Ng3+ ?" ask the opposite! - "Can I get a stronger attack by NOT grabbing the first material I see?" and/or "What can I sacrifice?" - This opposite question might have lead to salvation - 18 ... Qf7 19 g4 d4! 20 B:d4 N:d4 21 N:d4 Bc6+ 22 N:c6 bc and Eric has succeeded in trading some attackers for defenders, holding the fort - no problem.

19. Bc5 Qe8 20. g4!

Paul is not giving up!

20 ... fxg?

Paul Grimm - I guess 20. ... g6 might have been better. Now I get past my frustration and realize I have something going here--this position can almost play itself now.

Brian Wall - Often when the center is locked, the correct strategy is to move in a circular motion around the center, like White in a Mar Del Plata King's Indian. Eric is moving his men in a counter-clockwise motion to invade on the queenside and then trade pieces and win the endgame. If he could have traded the f7-pawn for the e-pawn, he could have played defensive moves like ... Kh8. ... Be8. ... g6, etc.

Eric's plan is a little slow - perhaps the real problem is that Eric has a position French players dream of... but Eric is a Sicilian player! No French player would miss 15 ... N:e5 or 16 ... f6 - these ideas occur in almost every French game. And said he really got good when he studied different opening systems and they started blending together.

To understand why 20 ... fg is bad, look at the e6 square - if Eric allows 21 gf, gf to occur, then his d7-bishop can move to e6 and his b8-rook can move to the second rank, helping out in the defense and producing about an equal game. 20 ... fg as

Eric played opens a line for the d3-bishop and the g-file for White's heavy pieces, while opening ZERO lines for the defense. OK, class, let's review why Eric lost today. Let's all learn together;

- ⇒ Great Opening due to Paul mixing up Grand Prix Bb5:c6 - Pawn to d3! strategy with Bb5:c6 pawn to d4? strategy.
 - ⇒ Troubles start when Eric goes for material instead of increasing the force of his attack with 10 ... f6!
 - ⇒ Misses easy win of a pawn (15 ... N:e5!) due to Paul playing so fast and affecting Eric's rhythm - Do not let your opponent dictate the pace of the game.
 - ⇒ French players and Sicilian players tend to be different breeds - French are tenacious in Defense, Sicilian ferocious in Counter attack. I believe in playing many openings to learn all the different flavors. It is easy to choose a favorite opening but if you play all the Defenses you have a better idea what to do when someone plays it against you. This is my own opinion, shared by few. I may be wrong - I will ask Eric for his input but I think someone who plays the French all the time could have won this game easily. They would have seen what Paul was trying to do a mile away and taken early measures against it. I believe a French Player would be comfortable after 16 ... f6 opening defensive lines or after the equally viable move Eric played. 16 ... f5 then a defensive plan of moving the king over and shifting pieces to the kingside defense would have won. Eric followed the plan that occurs in every Sicilian game - pawnstorming the queenside.
- For some reason, pawn structure errors like 20 ... fg? shock me much more than tactical oversights - in order to avoid giving Paul a protected passed e-pawn he fell into something much worse. He may have been too relaxed after Paul's opening, expecting more blunders to show up in his lap like ripe plums. I have a strange theory of Chess that our hand knows the right move

most of the time! "Thinking" too hard actually blocks the hand from making the right move - not all the time, but I have done this to myself many, many times - by moving fast, Paul may have unleashed his "*Inner Guide to Good Moves*" and also induced Eric to rush his play, creating the possibility of Eric blundering back. Eric may also have a problem that people with winning positions have - they don't want their opponent to have any fun or compensation - so to avoid a losing a tempo to Ng5 Eric plays something worse. 19 ... Qe8 blocking the rooks and to avoid a protected passed kingpawn, Eric does something worse, allows the d3-bishop a direct diagonal to the king. Eric's desire to deny Paul anything is ruining Eric's position.

Note the efficiency of the typical superior computer move 10 ... f6!! - instead of following the hysterical human need in the opening to "Take something Now!" or "Develop something Now!" Fritz follows a superior strategy that I try to learn from - he starts a little pawn fight in the critical area and AFTER the smoke clears, THEN he develops smoothly. It is similar to the Hold-em Poker game where it is best to bet after all other players have played their hands. Fritz and other very strong players would leave the h8-rook where it is, wait to see what happens in the center and then deploy the rook. Eric's plan of ... 0-0. ... Rfb8. ... b5-b4:c3. Rb2 gives Paul all the time he needs to coordinate all his pieces and pawns into a devastating King's side attack. Paul Grimm showed 2400 level style here after he lost material - the recipe he follows is to re-coordinate their inferior forces into a deadly attack unit. What I want to know is - Did Paul learn this in a Chess Book or at Boot Camp?

Failing to maintain the tension is a concept that almost every GM knows and very few players' under expert utilize - the g4-f5 pawn tension should have been maintained by Eric but he released the

tension to his own detriment - that is why you will often see two pawns that can take each other sit for many, many moves in GM games but not as long as in amateur games - the GMs easily see that taking only favors the other guy, the amateur gets tired of recalculating the capture each time and cracks under the strain.

What happens if Eric follows through with his plan? - 20 ... b4 21 Qg2 bc 22 bc Nd8 23 gf ef 24 Rg1 g6 25 Nd4 Qf7 seems to be about even, maybe a teensy bit better for Eric - remember he had a clear win for most of the game.

21. Qxg4 Ne7

Brian Wall - It's hard to believe (unless you are a Fishing Pole connoisseur) but Eric is lost already - there is simply no defense to 22 Rg1 and 23 Ng5 - remember, Class, every opening can and should transpose into a Fishing Pole. Once any knight gets to King's Knight Five vs a King on King's Knight One, the game is O-V-E-R!

22. Rg1 Ng6 23. h4!?

Brian Wall - This is a funny part. GM Gligoric used to say that most players attack with their pawns but he likes to attack with his pieces. Paul is not analyzing this position like a Master, carefully looking at every legal move and all their responses. If he was, he might have noticed that 23 Qh3!!! is devastating because of the threat of B:g6 and Ng5. He also might have noticed that the Fishing Pole moves 23 Qh5!! or 23 Ng5!! are quite brutal as well. Next

on the list is the hilarious 23 h3! - this move underscores the fact that it is actually better to waste a move than to "attack" with the h-pawn and block the Queen's access to h7! I wish I could have been there when Paul tried to play 23 h4, I would have slapped his hand and knocked the pawn to the correct square. There are several winners now. It must have been Hell for Billaux, an expert, to wait for Mr. Grimm to stumble on to one of the wins like a blind pig rooting around for an acorn with a lost look on his face. Luckily for Paul, the game has transposed into a Fishing Pole scenario where ZERO accuracy is required to score the goal. Paul's move still wins but loses 2/3 of his advantage. Tal and Korchnoi have both mentioned that if you see a win for the opponent, the only thing to do is leave the board so he cannot read your face. Paul's +9 advantage is not enough to wake him up out of his defeatist coma yet but Eric's tortured expression is.

Paul, you don't need that stupid rook pawn to win - You have enough incendiary weapons in your hand to burn the village down! Why are you throwing pebbles at a man who is running down the street covered in napalm?

23 ... Qf7

Brian Wall - I empathize with Eric here - everywhere he looks he is losing a piece and he *still* faces a raging attack! There is no good move. I imagine him asking himself - " Why is this happening? - I was

slaughtering this 1600 and now I'm the one getting killed!?

24. h5!!

Brian Wall - The Fishing Pole move 24 Ng5 also wins with a different theme - 24 Ng5! Q:f4 25 B:g6! Q:g4 26 B:h7+! and 27 R:g4. Paul's move is stronger because he wins the piece and keeps the attack as well. Even if you have a winning endgame, it is usually stronger to avoid a queen trade if you have a much safer King.

24 ... Nf8.

Paul Grimm - I think all other lines lose the knight or end in checkmate. For example, 24. ... Qxf4, then 25. Qg2 and the knight hangs with imminent opening of the h-file and mate on h7. 24. ... Nxf4, then 25. Bxh7+ Kh8 26. Bg6 Qg8 27. QxN or possibly 27. Ng4 with a possible massacre awaiting on both f8 and f7 to avoid checkmate; Black loses at least 1 rook (putting him down the exchange overall).

Brian Wall -

If 24 ... Q:f4 then 25 hg Q:g4 26 gh+ and 27 R:g4. Sadly, this is Eric's best option now. If 24 ... Q:f4 and then Paul's suggestion 25 Qg2?? then 25 ... Qh6 wins.

25. Ng5! Qe8 26. Nxh7!

Brian Wall - Best by a mile . 10 ... f6! is just a distant dream now.

26 ... Qf7!

Brian Wall - ! For being the only move that avoids a quick checkmate. Small consolation for poor Eric.

27. Nf6+!! And black resigns

...AFTER ALL THESE YEARS...

No folks, it's not Simon and Garfunkel, it's Paul Nikitovich! Well, 30 years after playing in my first Colorado Open, I manage to win it! Actually, this was only my seventh attempt- but it was quite satisfying to finally come away as champ- The main reason I played, to be honest, was due to Jerry Kearns who sent me a picture from the CSCA archives- chiding me that I had never won either the Open or the Closed. Well, I guess there's a time for everything and this year was mine. Hope you enjoy the games.

Paul S. Nikitovich - James Hamblin - COLORADO OPEN 2002 -rd 4

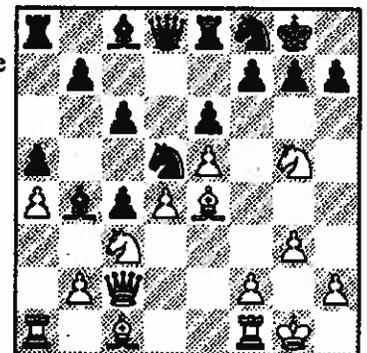
Slav defense - 1 d4 (James and I have played many times in the past, but I've always had the black pieces! The first time we

played was in the 4th round of the Colorado Open..of 1974! It was my third tournament. My rating was 1488 and he was an expert! It was a King's Indian where I got lucky. I went on to play USCF Master Donald Sutherland for the title!! Of course, I got crushed by Don quite efficiently...)

..d5; 2 Nf3..Nf6; 3 c4..c6; 4 Nc3..e6; 5 g3..d:c4; 6a4..Bb4; 7 Bg2..Nbd7; 8 0-0..0-0; 9 Qc2!?

(Nd2 regains the pawn- the move played is an interesting pawn sacrifice that gives white a long lasting initiative) ...a5; 10 e4.. Re8; 11 e5..Nfd5; 12 Ng5..Nf8; 13 Be4!?

DIAGRAM (aimed at provoking weaknesses in the



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black king position)..g6?!; (more active was..f5!?: 14 e.f..Nd:fg 15 Bg2..Q:d4 16 Rd1 > followed by Ne4 with unclear play. And of course not 13..h6? which would be met by 14Bh7+..N:h7 [..Kh8??;15Nf7 mate!] 15Q:h7+..Kf8; 16Qh8+..Ke7; 17Q:g7 +); 14Bg2..Be7; (after the weakening move ..g6, the struggle begins for control of the black squares e5, f6, d6) 15Nce4..b5; (black starts his queenside counter play, but ..f5 was still to be considered) 16 a:b5..c:b5; 17 Qe2..Ra7; (to counter the threat of 18Qf3 where black will be forced to trade his black bishop after ..f5; 19 e.f..B:f6; [..N:fg?? 20Q:a8]; 20N:f6 where white rules on the black squares); 18 h4!

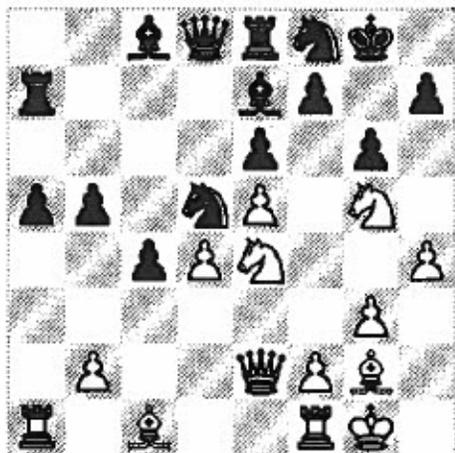
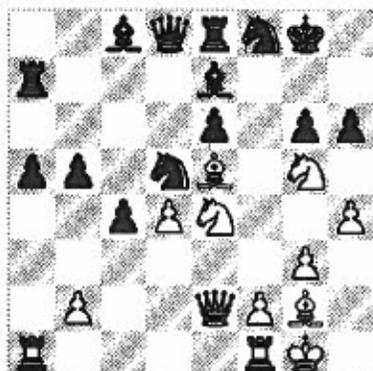
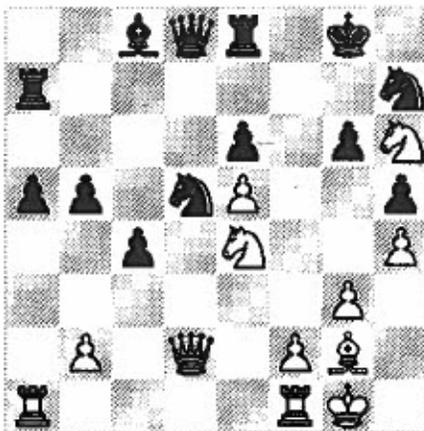


DIAGRAM (continuing with the strategy of conquering the black squares with the ideas of Nf3>h2>g4 and Bg5)..f5; (finally! Black realizes what white's intentions are and tries to counter them but now white can go after the e5 square where his bishop will be ideally placed) 19 e.f..N:f6; 20 Bf4!..Nd5; (..Q:d4; 21Be3..Qd7; 22Qf3 with advantage) 21 Be5..h6; **DIAGRAM**

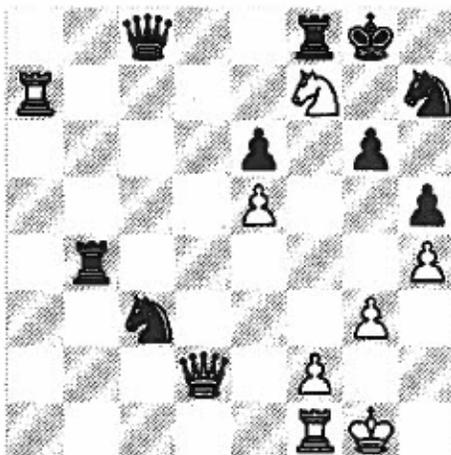


(further weakening of the kingside but what is black to do against the knight maneuver Nf3>h2>g4?) 22 Nf3..Nh7; 23 Qd2..Bf8; 24Nh2..Bg7; 25 Ng4..B:e5; (..g5! still complicates matters) 26 d:e5 (N:h6+was more precise. Time trouble has set in for both sides but, even so, the text is also quite strong)..h5; 27Nh6+



DIAGRAM

(the white cavalry begins the invasion on the black squares, the culmination of the strategic play. Now the fireworks begin..) Kg7; 28 Nd6..Rf8; 29 N:b5..Rb7; 30 Nd6..Rb4; 31 N:c8..Q:c8; 32 R:a5 (going up a pawn. It looks as though the white knight on h6 is trapped, but not for long) ..c3; (trying for counterplay and to stop the threat B or R:d5 followed by Q:b4) 33 b:c3..N:c3; (not ..Q:c3??; 34R:d5!)



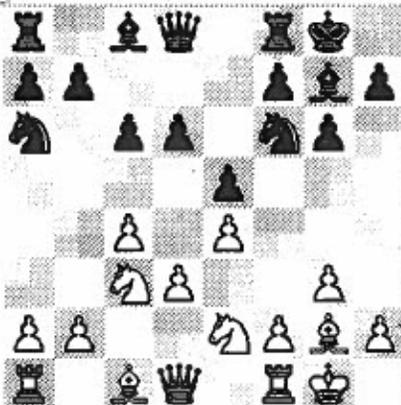
34Ra7+..Kh8; 35 Nf7+..Kg8; **DIAGRAM** (Find the win) 36 Nd6?

(missing the crushing Qh6!+ and allowing black some last minute cheapo shots) ..Qc5; 37 Rd7..Q:e5; 38 Qh6..Ne2+ 39



Kh1 DIAGRAM – Final position 1-0 (and not 39 Kh2??..R:h4+; 40Bh3..R:f2+!; 41R:f2..Q:g3+ with mate on the next move - now, even with the best defense 39..N:g3+; 40 f:g3..R:f1+; 41 B:f1..Nf8; 42 Rd8 white wins easily)

Brad Lundstrom - Paul S. Nikitovich - COLORADO OPEN 2002 - rd 6 English Opening- 1 c4..Nf6; 2 Nc3..g6; 3 g3..Bg7; 4 Bg2..d6; 5 e4..0-0; 6 Nge2..c6; 7 0-0?! (Brad plays the same type of closed systems with both white and black. The advantage to this approach is familiarity with certain types of positions. The disadvantage. in some cases, is wanting to stick to the same set-up even though the position may require a different and, sometimes better plan. Here the correct move is 7 d4 with a King's Indian set-up that Botvinnik fa-



vored as white) ..e5; 8 d3..Na6!?

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CLUB DIRECTORY: PLACES FOR YOU TO PLAY CHESS

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

The Denver Chess Club meets Tues evenings, VFW, 955 Bannock Street, 7:00 pm. Rated games (G/90) and blitz chess tournaments (\$6 for long & \$5 for blitz) every Tues night. Contact Paul Grimm at grimm_p@msn.com.

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

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

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

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

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

Colorado Springs Area

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

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

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

Other Areas

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

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

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

Casper Chess Club (Casper Wyoming), meets Tuesdays at

6:30 - 10:30 PM, St. Patrick's Church, 400 Country Club Rd, Casper, Wyoming.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Greeley Chess Club meets Thurs, 7-11 PM, Ramkota Inn at 8th Ave & 8th St. Call Brad Lundstrom at (970) 352-6642.

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

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

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

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

Cheyenne Open 2003

Cheyenne April 26-27, 2003 Brian Walker, Director

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1	James E Hamblin	2119	2116	W21	D11	W8	W4	3.5
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4	James E Kulbacki	1888	1891	W30	W12	W10	L1	3.0
5	Andrew M Smith	1813	1800	W18	L8	W25	W13	3.0
6	Randall Moore	1585	1637	W22	D9	W11	D3	3.0
7	Dan W Tanner	1569	1578	W27	L3	W19	W14	3.0
8	James C Mac Neil	1539	1583	W24	W5	L1	W15	3.0
9	Markus Petters	2076	2057	W25	D6	W20	L2	2.5
10	Paul M Grimm	1680	1674	W31	W14	L4	D12	2.5
11	Roderic Santiago	1595	1598	W26	D1	L6	W24	2.5
12	Richar Cordovano	1534	1542	W32	L4	W16	D10	2.5
13	Allan Cunningham	1486	1481	B--	B--	U--	L5	2.0
14	Dean W Brown	1448	1433	W28	L10	W26	L7	2.0
15	Mark Robins	1406	1398	W29	L2	W28	L8	2.0
16	Ronald G Fertig	1271	1268	L3	W27	L12	W29	2.0
17	Theod Grauberger	1213	1225	U--	U--	W32	W28	2.0
18	Allan Ufer	1139	1178	L5	D24	W23	D21	2.0
19	Roger M Anderson	1025	1073	L2	W32	L7	W25	2.0
20	Jonathan Fortune	1547	1540	D23	W21	L9	U--	1.5
21	Scott M Guthrie	1389	1369	L1	L20	W27	D18	1.5
22	Gary Dorsey	unr	1075	L6	D30	L24	W26	1.5
23	Reed, N Robins	unr	1092	D20	L25	L18	W31	1.5
24	Richard A. Darnell	unr	1251	L8	D18	W22	L11	1.5
25	Timothy M Fisher	1319	1294	L9	W23	L5	L19	1.0
26	Kathy Schneider	794	812	L11	W29	L14	L22	1.0
27	Stephen, P. Smith	unr	938	L7	L16	L21	W32	1.0
28	Robert Wolfe	unr	1011	L14	W31	L15	L17	1.0
29	David Auter	unr	809	L15	L26	W31	L16	1.0
30	Michael Robbins	1238	1227	L4	D22	U--	U--	0.5
31	Kendel Boy Crose	868	814	L10	L28	L29	L23	0.0
32	Steve Seigel	unr	350	L12	L19	L17	L27	0.0

US CHAMP GIVES SIMUL!

Thursday evening Sep 18th, 6:30pm we have US Champion Alexander Shabalov in town for a Simultaneous Exhibition at the Red Lion Inn- 4040 Quebec St, site of the Edward Levy Memorial Sep12-14! 40 boards, cost is \$25.00 each, payable at site or send a check to Andrew Rea, 7680 E. Harvard Ave, #101, Denver, CO 80231 We'll be in the Keystone Room, near the Main Lobby Spectators \$2.00 GM Shabalov is also here to defend his share of 1st place from the 2002 Edward Levy Memorial! Lets have an turn out worthy of our United States of America Champion!!

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The Colorado Chess Tour is our states year long chess competition Think of it as chess's answer to the racing world's Grand Prix. The tour "season" begins and ends with the Colorado Open. Chess Players who compete in Tour sanctioned events earn points for each game they play. Quality *and* Quantity both count. Honor, fame and even some decent prizes await the winners. *Your participation is encouraged!!* Chess tour statistician, Paul Grimm diligently tracks games and tabulates results. Thanks, Paul, and thanks, **COLLECTOR'S EDGE!**

The Colorado Chess Tour: The Race is On! By Paul Grimm (Proudly sponsored by Collector's Edge!)

Chess fans, this will be the last issue of the Informant before the end the annual Colorado Chess Tour. It's an appropriate time to give an update.

For all newcomers, what is the Colorado Tour? It's basically a year-long race to see who racks up the most points from participation in CSCA-designated "Colorado Tour" events.

How are points racked up? By winning games AND by participation. You don't have to win every game; you just have to play enough games and win enough to get more points than your competitors.

What's at stake? **PRIZE MONEY** at the end of the CO Tour year. Without getting too specific, this might be in the hundred-plus dollar range for the overall winner and each of the class winners.

When does the year run from and what events are included? The CO Tour always starts with Colorado's largest tournament, the CO Open held every Labor Day weekend. In recent years, it has averaged 10-15 events and ended with the Northwest Colorado Open held in mid-August in Craig. ANY event may be a CO Tour event provided the tournament organizer is a CSCA member and donates \$1.00 for every participant in his/her tournament to the CSCA to support state chess programs (like this magazine you're reading!). How are CO Tour Points Calculated? Please read the article on the CSCA web page (See www.colorado-chess.com and look under CO Tour Standings) or in the January 2003 edition of the CO Chess Informant.

With the possibility of gaining 30-50 points at any given tournament, there are plenty of people in striking distance for the class prizes! As of this issue, there's still 2 more events: The Pikes Peak Open, and NW CO Open, so nothing is set in stone yet.

And that's the purpose of the Colorado Tour: To promote friendly competition down to the last game of the last tournament.

Top Ten Overall				Top Ten Active				Top Ten Class A			
Name	Rtg	Pts	Gms	Name	Rtg	Pts	Gms	Name	Rtg	Pts	Gms
1 Andrew Rea	2112	428.5	31	1 Paul Grimm	1682	359.2	35	1 Ken Doykos	1809	379.6	32
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3 Paul Grimm	1682	359.2	35	3 Dean Brown	1436	244.8	32	3 Chris Mink	1983	261.6	14
4 Jeffrey Baffo	1791	313.5	21	4 Ted Doykos	1408	214.2	32	4 Jason Caldwell	1802	232.4	14
5 Billy Willson	1767	287.1	23	5 Allan Ufer	1076	174.6	32	5 Mark Sh'ring	1962	170.1	11
6 Brad Lund'm	1975	266.4	15	6 Andrew Rea	2112	428.5	31	6 James Dreb'dt	1836	142.2	8
7 Chris Mink	1983	261.6	14	7 Kathy Schn'r	730	44.3	31	7 Robert Ramirez	1848	113.8	9
8 JC MacNeil	1634	254.1	27	8 Rod Santiago	1580	206.1	28	8 Mitch And'son	1907	86.2	4
9 Brian Wall	2225	247.0	18	9 JC MacNeil	1634	254.1	27	9 Josh Smith	1885	83.8	5
10 Dean Brown	1436	244.8	32	10 Billy Willson	1767	287.1	23	10 Zeb Fortman	1909	73.3	5
				10 Al Gardner	1579	169.4	23				

Top Ten Class B				Top Ten Class C				Top Ten Class D/E			
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3 Billy Willson	1767	287.1	23	3 Rod Santiago	1580	206.1	28	3 Mickey Wentz	962	98.2	15
4 JC MacNeil	1634	254.1	27	4 Randy Schine	1588	186.3	17	4 Emir Santana	1255	93.7	14
5 Kevin Seidler	1792	229.1	19	5 Anthea Carson	1558	184.0	18	5 Garrick Talmage	1227	82.8	11
6 Paul Albano	1646	227.9	19	6 Albert Gardner	1579	169.4	23	6 Robbie Caldwell	1394	79.9	11
7 Andrew Smith	1738	203.3	16	7 Phil Brown	1530	153.5	13	7 Oscar Herrman	1308	69.7	11
8 Jesse Cohen	1763	196.7	16	8 Jon Fortune	1431	146.0	18	8 Tim Fisher	1323	67.7	9
9 Mike Presutti	1678	184.7	11	9 Rich Cordo'o	1467	142.6	17	9 Al Skarie	1280	66.8	11
10 Dustin Eager	1634	166.4	19	10 Gerard Sun'rid	1447	131.9	21	10 David Auter	1371	66.7	4
				10 Joe Aragon	1442	131.9	14				

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1	Jesse R Cohen	1829	1909	W14	W2	W6	W4	D5	4.5
2	James M Mc Carty	2290	2279	W3	L1	W7	W8	D4	3.5
3	Kenneth P Doykos	1801	1833	L2	W14	H--	W6	W8	3.5
4	Imre Barlay	2216	2207	W11	W10	H--	L1	D2	3.0
5	Chris L Mink	1992	1980	D7	L12	W9	W10	D1	3.0
6	Ryan S Propper	1665	1721	W13	W8	L1	L3	W12	3.0
7	Richard E Herbst	1740	1775	D5	W13	L2	D12	W9	3.0
8	Alexander Gitis	1995	1974	W9	L6	W12	L2	L3	2.0
9	Jeffrey A Baffo	1766	1767	L8	W11	L5	W14	L7	2.0
10	Gary L Bagstad	1723	1735	W12	L4	H--	L5	D11	2.0
11	Vance S Aandahl	1800	1794	L4	L9	H--	W13	D10	2.0
12	Mamed Sakhatov	1850	1827	L10	W5	L8	D7	L6	1.5
13	Kevin M Seidler	1828	1780	L6	L7	L14	L11	W15	1.0
14	Michael Presutti	1717	1706	L1	L3	W13	L9	U--	1.0
15	La Moyne Splichal	1600	1593	U--	U--	U--	U--	L13	0.0

Open Section

U1800 Section

1	Brandon Cooksey	1637	1685	W23	D3	W10	W8	D2	4.0
2	VINH NGUYEN	1676	1699	W18	W5	W9	D7	D1	4.0
3	Billy P Willson	1707	1736	W26	D1	D4	W16	W7	4.0
4	Dustin H Eager	1666	1686	W19	D7	D3	W9	D8	3.5
5	Jesse R Hester	1318	1470	W25	L2	W15	D11	W12	3.5
6	Anthea J Carson	1561	1594	D8	W13	L7	X20	W11	3.5
7	Sulia Mason	1774	1767	W11	D4	W6	D2	L3	3.0
8	David C Miller	1702	1703	D6	W22	W20	L1	D4	3.0
9	Richard Petrino	1433	1516	W14	W10	L2	L4	W15	3.0
10	Brian L Walker	1697	1686	W15	L9	L1	W24	W14	3.0
11	John F Schultz	1583	1573	L7	W19	W24	D5	L6	2.5
12	Roderic Santiago	1595	1593	H--	L20	W22	W13	L5	2.5
13	Randolph Schine	1693	1661	D22	L6	W18	L12	W19	2.5
14	Paul M Grimm	1680	1642	L9	L21	W23	W18	L10	2.0
15	Ted K Doykos	1522	1497	L10	W27	L5	W22	L9	2.0
16	La Moyne Splichal	1600	1594	W27	H--	H--	L3	U--	2.0
17	James C Mac Neil	1539	1554	U--	U--	U--	W27	W24	2.0
18	Joseph R Aragon	1431	1433	L2	W25	L13	L14	D22	1.5
19	Chaitany Neuhaus	1416	1408	L4	L11	H--	W23	L13	1.5
20	Jim A Johnston	1776	1763	D21	W12	L8	F6	U--	1.5
21	Brad Johnson	1596	1618	D20	W14	U--	U--	U--	1.5
22	Dean W Brown	1448	1426	D13	L8	L12	L15	D18	1.0
23	Oscar C Herrman	1394	1366	L1	D26	L14	L19	D27	1.0
24	Thomas H Corbett	1439	1411	H--	H--	L11	L10	L17	1.0
25	Salvad Menaamaro	1605	1569	L5	L18	W27	U--	U--	1.0
26	Don Wisdom	1564	1548	L3	D23	H--	U--	U--	1.0
27	Louis Berman	1266	1246	L16	L15	L25	L17	D23	0.5

U1400 Section

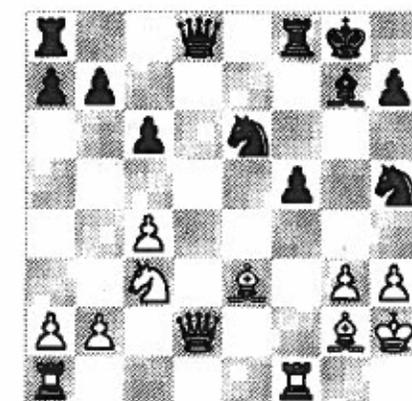
1	Jacob M Zax	1261	1340	W16	W8	W4	W6	L3	4.0
2	Peer V Seyferman	1264	1316	W18	L4	W5	W7	W6	4.0
3	Tien Nguyen	1302	1339	W7	L6	W9	W12	W1	4.0
4	Chris Washburn	unr	1502	W15	W2	L1	W10	W9	4.0
5	Jack C Cooksey	1052	1187	D9	W17	L2	W15	W10	3.5
6	Tom Madole	unr	1363	W11	W3	W10	L1	L2	3.0
7	Charl Schneiders	1043	1079	L3	W16	W14	L2	W13	3.0
8	Fred Strelloff	unr	1249	W13	L1	W11	L9	W12	3.0
9	Gregory Bonifate	1342	1330	D5	W11	L3	W8	L4	2.5
10	Richard H Wyatt	1289	1256	W12	W14	L6	L4	L5	2.0
11	Ryan Cooksey	1218	1198	L6	L9	L8	W14	W17	2.0
12	Todd Hanford	848	935	L10	W13	W15	L3	L8	2.0
13	J M Szymanski	1090	1035	L8	L12	W16	W18	L7	2.0
14	Corey Kesler	unr	1055	W17	L10	L7	L11	W15	2.0
15	Allan Ufer	1139	1068	L4	W18	L12	L5	L14	1.0
16	Barbara Fortune	625	651	L1	L7	L13	L17	W18	1.0
17	Thomas Howe	1200	1101	L14	L5	L18	W16	L11	1.0
18	Kathy Schneider	794	780	L2	L15	W17	L13	L16	1.0

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(I decided on this innovative move over the board. It may not be the best, but it is based on how my opponent plays these positions and how to disrupt him from the standard plans he is familiar with.); 9 h3.. Nc7; 10 f4..e:f4!?!; 11 B:f4?! (and here's the mistake! Black's intention is ..d5, therefore 11e:f4 was correct, and after ..d5; 12c:d.c:d; 13 e5!.. Nh5 where white stands better. Perhaps better for black is 11..Nh5 with the idea of f5 and an unclear position.) ..Nh5; 12 Be3..f5; 13 Qd2.. Be6; 14e:f5..g:f5; 15 Kh2..d5!
DIAGRAM (this move takes over

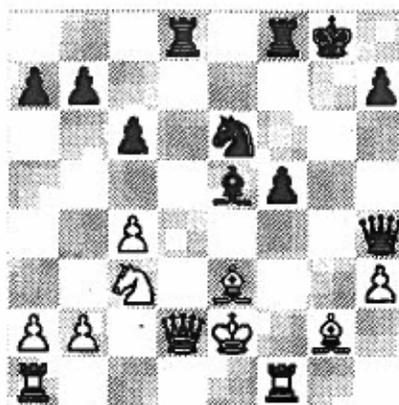


the initiative for black.); 16 Nd4 (going after the bishop pair here is very risky. I don't think Brad sensed the impending danger to his monarch. I feel like the lion downwind from his prey...) ..d:c4; 17 N:e6..N:e6; 18 d:c4 **DIAGRAM**.

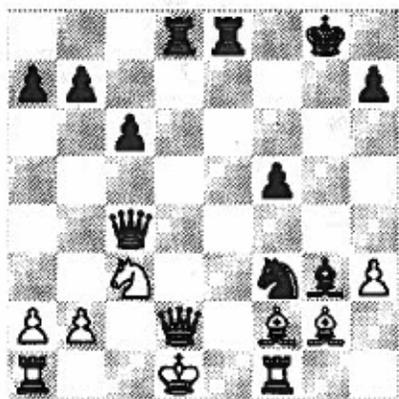


.N:g3!; (..pouncing for the first

bite!) 19 K:g3? (this is heading straight into the pack where there will be total carnage..Rf3 gives better survival chances but still loses).. Be5+; 20 Kf3..Qh4; 21 Ke2..Rad8
DIAGRAM



(cuts the escape routes and the defensive possibilities of the white queen); 22 Qc2..Q:c4+; 23 Ke1.. Bg3+; 24Bf2..Nd4!; 25 Qd2.. Rfe8+; 26 Kd1..Nf3;**DIAGRAM**



27B:g3 (sheer inertia!) ..R:d2+; 28 Kc1..Qd3 ..enough blood-letting.. White resigns 0-1

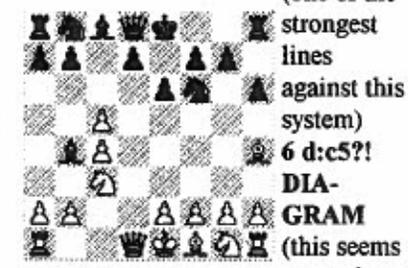
The only other Colorado Closed (using the current format of 8 players) I played in was in 1996. I had just returned to Colorado after living overseas for 14 years. I came in second behind IM Steve Qdendahl, where only a miscalculated tactical shot I played in our game, right before the time control- instead of sticking to a strategical winning

game plan- kept me from taking clear first. Now, seven years later, I decided to make another attempt at this title. Also, another important factor for playing was that my high school chess pupil, NM Jerry Kearns, was going to play! I had thoroughly prepared to crush his favorite King's Indian defense once again (CO Closed 1996), but luckily for him, the great Saint Patrick's Blizzard of 2003 kept him snow-bound! My 4th round game against NM Brian Wall was a critical turning point for both of us. I was still in the lead, but after letting winning chances slip away in my games against Adam Weisbarth and Arthur Kaufman, Randy Canney had joined me. Brian needed to win or, at least draw, to maintain his chances at the title.

NM Brian Wall - NM Paul Nikitovich COLORADO CLOSED 2003 - rd 4

Nimzo-Indian defense: 1 d4!?! (Surprise value! Brian has never played 1d4 against me in a tournament game, always preferring 1e4) .. Nf6; 2 c4..e6; (I figured Brian had something up his sleeve for my normal King's Indian so I decided to see how he swims in the Nimzo Ocean- a solid and difficult defense to beat which I've used successfully against strong players in the past) 3 Nc3 (of course 3Nf3 would have shown his reluctance to avoid this preferring to enter a Queen's Indian or even possibly a Benoni after .. c5) ..Bb4; 4 Bg5..h6; 5 Bh4..c5;

(one of the strongest lines against this system) 6 d:c5!
DIAGRAM (this seems somewhat



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dubious. but typical Brian- apparently he had tried 6d5 against GM Christiansen on the internet, and had been crushed quickly. The game move seems totally anti-positional. I think Chess Base has ONE recorded game, if that!)

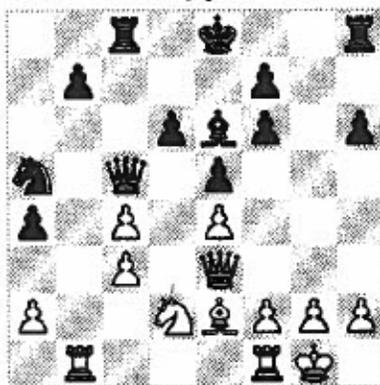
6... Qa5; 7 B:f6 (is this a tit for a tat?! A double for a triple!..loses in baseball...)..g:f6;

8 Qd4!?.e5! (leaving a hole at d5, but this seems like the most straightforward plan against white's unusual strategy. 8..Nc6; 9Q:fg..Rg8 is an unclear pawn sacrifice.)

9 Qd2..B:c3; (black decides to treat this in Nimzo fashion. ..Na6; 10Rc1..N:c5; looks interesting, but after 11 a3! it's black that has doubled pawns and a hole at d5!)

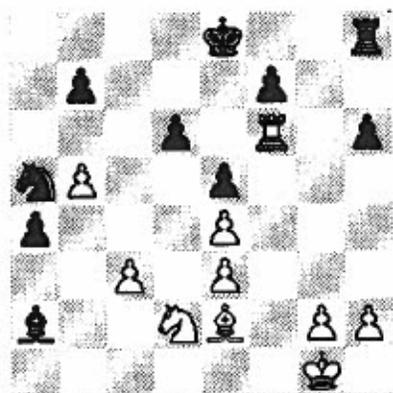
10 b:c3..Q:c5; 11 e4!? (e3 looks better)..Nc6; 12 Ne2! (Brian finds an ingenious way to get this knight activated and come to the queen-side's rescue just in time) ..d6; (not ..Q:c4; 13Ng3! > f5 and white is much better) 13 Nc1..Be6; 14 Nb3..Qa3; 15 Be2..a5! (this maybe over ambitious- probably best is ..0-0-0) 16 Qe3..a4; 17 Nd2..Na5; 18 0-0..Rc8; 19 Rab1..Qc5.

DIAGRAM (a key position has



arisen- what path should white choose? Should he look towards a possible drawish rook endgame!? Or a complicated middlegame?! Brian chooses the former but misses some subtleties that land him in a bad po-

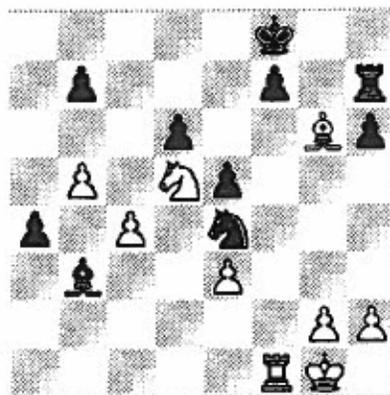
sition); 20 Rb5? (much better, as pointed out by Brian the next day, was Qg3! with a double edged position) ..Q:e3; 21 f:e3..Rc5! (much stronger than ..N:c4; 22N:c4..B:c4; 23B:c4..R:c4; 24R:b7 which looks drawish, or maybe even better for white. It's simple here- white's doubled pawns are not going to run away, so why force simplifying exchanges that only help white get drawing chances. Black's last move has some positional/tactical tricks to it that Brian overlooks.) 22 R:f6? (this loses. But so does R:c5..d:c5; 23 R:f6..Ke7; 24Rf1..Rd8; 25Rd1..N:c4 [..b5!also wins]; 26N:c4..R:d1+; 27B:d1..B:c4; 28B:a4 {a3..b5; 29Bc2..Bb3 -+ black's a pawn will cost white his bishop}28..B:a2; 29Bc2..[Bb5..Bb1 wins the e-pawn with a won bishop endgame]..b5! followed by ..b4..b3 once again winning the white bishop) ..R:b5; 23c:b5..B:a2; DIAGRAM



24 Rf1 (only now does Brian realize that his intended R:d6 fails to 24..a3! if 25Rd3..Bb1! and a2 or 25Bd3..Ke7 and Rd8+) ..Nb3! (now trading doesn't help white as black will push his pawn to a2, tying down the white rook and then waltz his king in for the mop-up); 25 Nc4 (after long thought. The time advantage he had has now evaporated. This is an attempt at complicating, but black's game is strategically won and far easier to play out in time

trouble) ..Ke7; 26 Nb6..Nc5; 27 c4..Bb3! (preparing the pawn push and defending the a-pawn so the knight can capture on e4)

28 Bd1 (setting a time trouble trap. something Brian is famous for- unfortunately for him, I've seen further and white's demise is even quicker) ..N:e4!; 29 Nd5+ (N:a4..B:c4 takes :b5) ..Kf8; 30 Bh5..Rh7; 31 Bg6 DIAGRAM "find the win-



ning move" (31.Bg6 was played in a flash by the speed chess demon. only to fall to..) 31..Nd2!; 32 Rf2 (and now he sees that 32B:h7 fails to..N:f1. 33K:f1..B:c4+ and B:d5. Now it's just a matter of, as they say. end-game technique) ..Rg7; 33 R:d2..R:g6; 34 Nc3..a3; 35 Kf2..B:c4; 36 Na2..B:b5; 37 Rc2..Bc6; 38 g3..Rg4; 39 Rc3..Ra4; 40 Ke2..Be4 ... and my little Brian cried "NO MAS! .. 0:1

There's a little moral to the story. After playing rated games against each other since 1975 (!) Brian has finally made it to the endgame! ... who know's what will happen next time!? Just joking Brian...don't take it too seriously..

Letters to the Editor (part 2)

----- Original Message ----- From: Michael Mulyar
Sent: Sunday, June 08, 2003 4:29 PM To: 'Jeffrey Baffo'
Subject: RE: Instructor List Change

Hi Jeffrey,

As I will be going back to school in the fall and won't have time for chess instruction, I'm asking that you take my name off the instructors' list on the CSCA webpage. I just won't have time for new students.

Thank you,

Michael Mulyar

Jeff,

I forgot to send you these yesterday. (This one) is of the kids who were honored with an invitation to meet Gov. Owens. From the bottom row on the left, David Twerskoi- K_3 champ; Robbie Herbst, K-3 3rd Place;



and Richard Herbst, 4-6 Champ, on the right. Back row left--Sam Galler, 7-9 State Champ; Gov. Owens; Adam Hall, 10-12 Champ; and Kevin Seidler, 10-12 Champ. In front are Will Herbst and Benji Twerskoi, little brothers along for the ride.

Karen Herbst (email)

Karen,

Thanks. Great picture. Go kids!!

Jeff

All,

Subj: CSCA Financial Report: We currently have a balance of \$4762.13.

Breakdown:

Denker Fund: \$1801.63

Colorado Tour: 404.00

Prison: 40.00

Unassigned: 2516.50

We have an outstanding debt of \$808.50 to the Ramada Inn Downtown Denver; and the Denver Chess Club owes us \$59.00 for the May Daze Tour Fee.

With these two items taken into account our balance will look like:

Balance: \$4012.63 Denker Fund: \$1801.63

Colorado Tour: 460.00 Prison: 40.00

Unassigned: \$1710.99 (last year at this time our unassigned was about \$1500 higher).

Per year member cost of the Colorado Chess Informant (based on the last 4 issues):

Printing:

Apr 03 Issue: \$595.43 (we've downsized the Informant page count to save money)

Jan 03 Issue: 723.22

Oct 02 Issue: 854.40

Jul 02 Issue: 723.22

TOTAL: \$2896.27

Posting: Non-profit Annual Bulk Fee: \$150.00

Postage (\$85x4): 340.00

TOTAL: \$490.00

GRAND TOTAL: \$3386.27

CSCA Membership = about 327 so this past year's per year member cost of the Informant is: \$10.36.

With the page count downsizing, we'll bring this value below \$10 per member this year.

Best Dean Wm Brown

Hello Jeff,

Today you are probably writing your editor's corner for the July 2003 Colo Chess Informant. IF YOU WISH, you can make comment about LaMoyné Splichal being inducted into the NORTH DAKOTA CHESS HALL OF FAME, on Sunday May 4, 2003. I was the 9th person so honored, 1st person inducted was in 1983. --- Maybe in a later issue a possible interview, however, at this date, I shall be humble, take low profile & enjoy honor.

Thanks Jeff for your beautiful hard editor work. Look forward to next issue. LA MOYNE SPLICHAL

Hey La Moyné,

Long overdue in my opinion. You are the MAN!

Jeff

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Rad1 Na6 17.Qc3 e5 18.dxe6 Rxe6
19.Rxe6 Bxe6 20.Re1 Re8 21.Ba4
Re7 22.Bb5 Nb4 23.a3 Nc6 24.
Bxc6 Qxc6 25.Qe3 Re8 26.Qc3
Qc7 27.Nd2 f5 28.Qxg7+ Qxg7 29.
Bxg7 Kxg7 30.Nf3 Kf6 31.Ne5
Rd8 32.f4 Rd2 33.Rb1 b6 34.Nc6
Rxc2 35.Nxa7 Rxc4 36.Rxb6 Rxf4
37.Nb5 Ke5 38.Rb7 Bc4 39.g3
Rf1+ 40.Kg2 Rb1 0-1

Anderson,R- Kholdar,D (BO'03)
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4
Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6
8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rc8
11.Bb3 Ne5 12.h4 h5 13.Bh6 Nc4
14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.
Rhe1 Qa5 17.Nb3 Qc7 18.g4 hxg4
19.f4 Rc8 20.e5 Nh5 21.Nd4 Bf5
22.Kb1 Qb6 23.Nd5 Rxd4 24.Qxd4
Bxc2+ 25.Ka1 Bxd1 26.Qxd1 Qf2
27.Rf1 Qc2 28.Qe1 Ng3 29.Nxe7
[29.Rg1 Ne2 30.Rh1 Qe4 31.Nc3
Nxc3 32.bxc3 Qxe1+ 33.Rxe1
Rxc3] 29...Nxf1 30.Nxc8 Ne3 31.
exd6 Nc4 32.Qb1 Qxb1+ 33.Kxb1
Nxd6 34.Nxd6 g3 0-1

Ponomarev,M- Scheidies, (BO'03)
1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 Bb4 4.e5
Ne7 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.Qg4
Kf8 8.Nh3 Ba6 9.Bd3 c5 10.Ng5
Bxd3 11.cxd3 cxd4 12.Qf4! I
missed the strength of this move.
12...Qe8 [12...Nf5 which I consid-
ered, but rejected, turns out to be a
better defense.] 13.g4 h6 14.Nxe6+
fxe6 15.gxf5 Qg5 16.Qxg5 hxg5
17.cxd4 Nc6 and Black very well-
may have a tenable position!] 13.
Nxe6+ Kg8 14.Nc7 [14.Nxg7 also
turns out to be very good for White,
which I did not even consider dur-
ing the game. 14...Kxg7? 15.Qf6+
Kg8 16.Bh6] 14...Qc6 15.e6! f6?
[15...fxe6 is better, though still a
miserable position for Black.] 16.
Nxa8 Qxa8 17.cxd4 Nbc6 18.0-0
Qc8 19.Re1 Nd8 20.Qd6 Ndc6 21.
Bf4 g5 22.Bd2 Kg7 23.Ra1 Rd8
24.Qg3 a5 25.h4 h6 26.hxg5 hxg5

27.f4 Qb8 28.Qg4 Rh8 29.g3 Kg6
30.fxg5 f5 31.Qf4 Nxd4 my one
hope for a cheapshot in this game!
32.Qxb8 Rxb8 33.Kg2 Ndc6 34.
Rh1 Kg7 35.Rh6 Rh8 36.Rch1
Rxb6 37.gxh6+ Kh7 38.Rb1 Nc8
39.Be3 N6e7 40.Kf3 Ng6 41.Bxb6
Kxh6 42.Bxa5 Kg5 43.Bd8+ Nge7
44.Rc1 Kg6 45.Rc7 1-0

Under 1900 Section

Cohen,J- Grimm,P (BO'03)
1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 d4 3.Nce2 e5 4.d3 c5
5.Ng3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.c4 Nge7.8.
h4 Bg4 9.Be2 Qd710.Bd2 a5 11.
Nxd4 Bxe2 12.Ndxe2 0-0 13.Be3
f5 14.exf5 Nxf5 15.Nxf5 Qxf5 16.
Ng3 Qe6 17.Ne4 b6 18.0-0 Be7 19.
h5 Rad8 20.Qe2 Rd7 21.Rad1 Rfd8
22.a3 Bf6 23.Nc3 Ne7 24.Rfe1 Qc6
25.g4 Bh4 26.Ne4 h6 27.Kg2 Nc8
28.Rh1 Be7 29.f3 Nd6 30.b3 Nxe4
31.dxe4 Rxd1 32.Rxd1 Rxd1 33.
Qxd1 Kh7 34.a4 Bh4 35.Qd5 Qf6
36.Bd2 Bg5 37.Bxg5 Qxg5 38.Qd7
Kh8 39.Qc8+ Kh7 40.Qf5+ Qxf5
41.gxf5 Kg8 42.f4 exf4 43.Kf3 Kf7
44.Kxf4 Kf6 45.e5+ Ke7 46.Ke4
Kd8 47.Kd5 Kd7 48.f6 1-0

Emery,N- Cohen,J (BO'03)
1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.cxd5
exd5 5.e5 Ne4 6.Nxe4 dxe4 7.Qa4+
Nc6 8.Qxe4 Qd4 9.Qxd4 Nxd4 10.
Bd3 Bc5 11.Ne2 Be6 12.Nxd4
Bxd4 13.Be4 0-0-0 14.f4 Rhe8 15.
d3 f6 16.f5 Bd5 17.e6 g6 18.g4
gxf5 19.gxf5 Bxe4 20.dxe4 Be5 21.
Be3 Bxb2 22.Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Kxd1
Be5 24.Rg1 Bxb2 25.Rg7 Be5 26.
Rxb7 b6 27.Rf7 Kd8 28.Bh6 Re7
29.Bf8 Re8 30.Bg7 a5 31.Bxf6+
Bxf6 32.Rxf6 Ke7 33.e5 Rf8 34.
Rxf8 Kxf8 35.f6 b5 36.Kc2 b4 37.
Kb3 c5 38.e7+ Kf7 39.e6+ Ke8 40.
a3 c4+ 41.Kxc4 bxa3 42.f7+ Kxe7
43.Kb3 Kxe6 44.f8Q Kd5 45.Qxa3
Ke4 46.Qxa5 Kd4 47.Qc7 Kd5 48.
Qc4+ Ke5 49.Qd3 Ke6 50.Kc4 Ke5
51.Qd5+ Kf4 52.Kd4 Kg4 53.Qf7

Kg5 54.Ke4 Kg4 55.Qg7+ Kh3 56.
Kf3 0-1

Smith,A- Quint,D (BO'03)
1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nf6 4.Nf3 g6
5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Bxd7+ Qxd7 7.0-0
Bg7 8.d3 0-0 9.Qe1 Nc6 10.h3 Ne8
11.f5 e6 12.Qh4 exf5 13.exf5 Qxf5
14.Ng5 Bd4+ 15.Kh2 Qe5+ 16.Bf4
Qg7 17.Nd5 h6 18.Ne4 g5 19.Nxg5
hxg5 20.Bxg5 Qh7 21.Qg4 Kh8
22.Rf5 Ne5 23.Qf4 Ng6 24.Qf3
Ng7 25.Bf6 Bxf6 26.Nxf6 Nh4 27.
Qf4 Nxg2 28.Kxg2 Ne6 29.Qf3
Qg6+ 30.Kh1 Nd4 31.Rh5+ Kg7
32.Qf2 Qxf6 33.Rh7+ Kxh7 34.
Qxf6 Rae8 35.Rg1 1-0

Willson,B- Albano,P (BO'03)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3
Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 Ne7 6.e5 c5 7.Bd3
Nbc6 8.Nf3 Qc7 9.h4 Bd7 10.Bd2
cxd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bb4 Nc4 13.
Rb1 b6 14.Qe2 Nxa3 15.Ra1 Nc4
16.0-0 a5 17.Rfb1 Ra7 18.Bxe7
Kxe7 19.Bxc4 dxc4 20.Nd2 b5 21.
Ne4 Rb8 22.Qh5 h6 23.Nd6 Be8
24.Qg4 Kf8 25.Re1 Bc6 Now
white plays on the kingside. and
black on the queenside. in a battle
of who gets there first! 26.Re3 Qc7
27.Rg3 f5 28.Qg6 Kg8 29.Qxh6
Bd5 30.Qg6 b4 31.h5 b3 32.cxb3
cxb3 33.h6 Qf8 34.h7+ Kh8 35.
Rxa5 b2 36.Rxa7 b1Q+ 37.Kh2 f4
38.Nf7+ Qxf7 39.Rxf7 fyg3+ 40.
Qxg3 Qxh7+ 41.Qh3 Qxh3+ 42.
Kxh3 Kg8 43.Rf4 Rf8 44.Rxf8+
Kxf8 45.g3 Kf7 46.Kh4 Be4 47.
Kg5 Ke7 48.g4 Kf7 49.f4 g6 50.
Kh6 Bd3 51.Kg5 Kg7 52.f5 cxf5
53.gxf5 Bxf5 54.d5 Be4 55.d6 0-1

Carson,A- Splichal,L (BO'03)
1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Bg4 4.c4
Bxf3 5.Qxf3 Nc6 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.
Bc4 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.
bxc3 0-0 11.a4 Na5 12.Ba2 c5 13.
Ba3 Rc8 14.Rfd1 c4 15.Bxe7 Qxe7
16.Rdb1 Qa3 17.Bxc4 Qxc3 18.Rc1
Qb4 19.Bb5 Rxc1+ 20.Rxc1 Qd2
21.Rc7 a6 22.Be2 Qe1+ 23.Bf1

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Qa1 24.d5 exd5 25.Qxd5 Qxa4 26. g3 b5 27.Ra7 Nc4 28.Ra8 g6 29. Rxf8+ Kxf8 30.Qd8+ Kg7 31.Qd4+ f6 32.Qd7+ Kg8 33.Qe8+ Kg7 34. Qe7+ 34...Kh6? Black should go back to g8 and be happy to draw. 35.Qf8+ Kg5 36.f4+ [36.h4+ wins for White, though there's some difficult moves to find. 36...Kf5 (36... Kg4 37.Qxf6 with a mating net) 37.Qe8!! and the threat of Bh3# is impossible to parry without giving up major material. 37...Kg4 (37... Ne5 38.Qc8+! Ke4 39.Qb7+! Kf5 40.Bh3+ Ng4 41.Qd5#; 37...Qd1 38.f3!! Qxf3 39.Bh3+) 38.Be2+ Kh3 39.Qd7+ f5 40.Bf1+ Kg4 41. Qd4+ Kh5 42.Qf4] 36...Kf5 37. Bd3+ Ke6 38.Qe8+ Kd5 39.Be4+ Kc5 40.Qe7+ Kb6 41.Qxf6+ [41. Qd8+ gives a draw by repetition] 41...Ka5 42.Qd8+ Nb6 43.Qd2+ b4 44.Bc2 Qa1+ 45.Kf2 Qh1 46.Qd1 Qxh2+ 47.Kf3 Qh5+ 48.Kg2 Qxd1 49.Bxd1 Nc4 50.Kf2 Kb5 51.e4 Kc5 52.e5 Nb6 53.Ke3 a5 54.g4 a4 55.e6 Kd6 56.f5 b3 57.Kd4 gxf5 58.gxf5 h5 59.Kc3 h4 60.Bg4 Nd5+ 61.Kb2 Ne3 62.Bh3 Nc4+ 63.Ka1 a3 64.f6 Ne3 65.Bf5 Nxf5 66.e7 0-1

Sakhatov, M- Emery, N (BO'03)
1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Bf4 Bd6 6.Bg3 Nc6 7.c3 Be6 8.Nd2 Qd7 9.Ne2 h5 10.Nb3 Bxg3 11.hxg3 Qd6 12.Qc2 Nd7 13.0-0-0 0-0-0 14.Rde1 g5 15.f4 f6 16.Bg6 Bg4 17.Bf5 Bxf5 18.Qxf5 Ne7 19. Qd3 Kb8 20.Nc5 Nxc5 21.dxc5 Qxc5 22.Nd4 Rde8 23.Ne6 Qd6 24. Re2 Nc6 25.Rhe1 gxf4 26.gxf4 Re7 27.g3 h4 28.gxh4 Rxh4 29.Qg6 Rh8 30.Qxf6 Rhe8 31.f5 Nd8 32. Qg5 b6 33.Qg4 Nxe6 34.Rxe6 Rxe6 35.fxe6 c5 36.Qf5 Kc7 37.a3 d4 38.cxd4 cxd4 39.Kd2 Kb7 40. Re5 Re7 41.Kd3 Qc6 42.Kxd4 Qa4+ 43.Ke3 Qb3+ 44.Kf4 Qxb2 45.Qd3 Qh2+ 46.Ke4 Qh7+ 47. Kd4 Qxd3+ 48.Kxd3 Kc6 49.Ke4 Kd6 50.Kf5 a6? [50...Re8 should

result in a draw] 51.Kf6 Re8 52.e7 b5 53.Re6+ Kd7 54.Kf7 Rxe7+ 55. Rxe7+ Kc6 56.Ke6 a5 57.Ke5 Kc5 58.Rc7+ Kb6 59.Rc8 b4 60.a4 Kb7 1-0

Doykos, T- Willson, B (BO'03)
1.d4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.e3 b6 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.Qe2 Nbd7 10.e4 e5 11. d5 Nxd5 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Nc4 Qc7 14.Rad1 Rfd8 15.Bc2 Nf6 16. Rd2 b5 17.Na3 a6 18.b3 Qa5 19. Nb1 Qxa2 20.Rfd1 Qa5 21.Rxd6 Rxd6 22.Rxd6 Ng6 23.c4 Ne8 24. Rd1 Nf4 25.Qe3 Qc7 26.Nc3 Ne6 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.exd5 Nd4 29.Be4 Nd6 30.Nxe5 Nxe4 31.Qxe4 Re8 32.Re1 f6 33.f4 fxe5 34.fxe5 Nxb3 35.cxb5 axb5 36.d6 Qf7 37.e6 Rxe6 38.Qxe6 Qxe6 39.Rxe6 Nd4 40.Re5 c4 41.Rxb5 Kf7 42.Rc5 c3 43.d7 Ke7 44.d8Q+ Kxd8 45.Rd5+ Ke7 46.Rxd4 1-0

Schultz, J- Grimm, P (BO'03)
1.d4 d5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.g3 e6 6.Bg2 dxc4 7.a4 Nbd7 8.0-0 a6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Re1 0-0 11. Nh4 Bg4 12.h3 Bh5 13.g4 h6 14. Bxh6 Nxg4 15.hxg4 Bxg4 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Nf3 Rh8 18.Nh2 Rxh2 19. Kxh2 Bd6+ 20.Kg1 Qh4 21.f3 [21. Kf1 keeps the game going, and White's material advantage may come into play. 21...Rg8 22.Qc2 Bh3 23.e3 Bxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Kf8+ 25.Kf1] 21...Bh2+ [21...Qh2+ 22. Kf1 (22.Kf2 Bg3+ 23.Ke3 Qh6+ 24.Ke4 f5#) 22...Bh3 23.Bxh3 Qxh3+ 24.Kf2 Bg3+ 25.Kg1] 22. Kf1 Bh3 23.Ne4 [23.e4] 23...f5 24. Bxh3 Qxh3+ 25.Kf2 fxe4 26.Rg1+ Kh8 27.Rh1 Qh4+ 28.Kf1 [28.Ke3 Bf4+ 29.Kxe4 Nf6#] 28...e3 0-1

Aandahl, V- Cohen, J (BO'03)
1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.0-0 0-0 5.d3 d5 6.Nbd2 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8. Re1 e5 9.e4 dxe4 10.dxe4 Qc7 11. Qc2 h6 12.Nf1 Be6 13.h3 Rad8 14. Bd2 b5 15.Rad1 Qa5 16.b3 b4 17.

Ne3 Rc8 18.c4 Nd4 19.Nxd4 cxd4 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.exd5 Bxd5 22. Bxb4 Qxb4 23.Bxd5 Rfd8 24.Qd2 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 Rc5 26.Rf1 An exchange sac which gets rid of the opposite-colored bishops, creating potential for either side to win.

26...Rcxd5 27.cxd5 Rxd5 28.Rc1 f5 29.Rc8+ Kh7 30.Rc7 a5 31.f3 e4 32.fxe4 fxe4 33.Re7 Re5 34.Rxg7+ [34.Rxe5 probably offers White hope for nothing more than a draw. 34...Bxe5 35.Rd1;

Another interesting possibility is 34.Rd7 e3 (34...d3 35.Rd1²) 35. Rd1 Re6 36.Rc1 g5 37.Kf1 (37. Rcc7? e2 38.Rxg7+ Kh8 39.Rh7+ Kg8 40.Rcg7+ Kf8 41.Rf7+ Ke8 42.Rf1 exf1Q+ 43.Kxf1 d3) 37... Kg6 38.Ke2 where White might entertain winning chances.] 34... Kxg7 35.Rxd4 Kf6 36.Rd2 [Putting the rook into this passive position is sowing the seeds for defeat. The more active 36.Kf2 Rf5+ 37.Ke3^T Rf3+ 38.Kxe4 Rxg3 39.Rd3 Rxd3 (what else?) 40.Kxd3 leads to a drawn king and pawn ending.] 36... e3 37.Re2 Kf5 38.Kf1 Ke4 39.Ke1 Kf3 40.Rc2 Kxg3 41.Rc6 Rg5 42. Re6 Kxh3 43.Rxe3+ Kg2 44.Re4 h5 45.Ke2 Rg4 46.Re5 h4 0-1

Under 1500 Section

Kreitzman, M- Smith, P (BO'03)
1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.e3 d5 4.Bb5 Bd6 5.Ne2 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.f4 Re8 8.h3 h5 9.Bxc6 bxc6 10.a4 Ba6 11. Rf2 Ne4 12.Rf3 exf4 13.Nxf4 Ng5 14.Rf2 h4 15.Qh5 Ne4 16.Qg4 [16. Bxg7! Fritz found this very nice move 16...Kxg7 17.Ne6+!] 16... Be5 17.d4 Nxf2 18.Kxf2 Bc8 19. Qf3 Bd6 20.Nd2 Bf5 21.c3 Qg5 22. Rg1 Bxf4 23.Qxf4 Qxf4+ 24.exf4 Re6 25.Re1 Rxe1 26.Kxe1 Be4 27. Kf2 f5 28.a5 Kf7 29.b4 Rg8 30.Nf1 g5 31.fxg5 Rxg5 32.Ne3 Ke7 33. Bc1 Kd7 34.Bd2 Rg3 35.Be1 f4 36. More games from the Boulder

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Tournament Announcements:

2003 Denver Open, July 5 - 6, 2003 4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/2, SD/1 **Site:** Ramada Inn, 1150 E. Colfax. **Sections:** Open, U1800, U1400

Entry fee: \$44, \$39 for DCC members, \$33 for Scholastic & Senior (\$29 if DCC member). On-site EF: \$6 more.

Prizes: \$3,000+ b/100!! Open Section: \$500, \$300, \$200, U2000-\$200, \$135. U1800 Section (no unrated): \$300, \$180, \$120, U1600-\$180, \$120. U1400 Section: \$250, \$150, \$100, U1200-\$150, \$100, Unrated-\$50. Unrated only eligible for prize in U1400 or Open section.

Reg: 8:30-9:30, Rounds: Sat: 10:00, 4:00; Sun: 9:00, 3:00..

Entries: Brad Johnson 4901 W 93rd Ave #1634, Westminster, CO 80031

E-mail: info@denverchessclub.com

USCF & CSCA membership required, OSA.

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Ann Davies Revival Tournament

A Denver Chess Club Event

July 12, 2003 4 round Swiss System tournament

Time Control: G/60

Site: Tabor Center Food Court

16th Street Mall between Larimer Street and Arapahoe Streets **Sections:** One Open Section

Entry Fee: \$25 for non-members. \$20 for DCC members (less \$3 for Scholastic or Senior players)

Free if your rating exactly matches that of Ann Davies
Half price if dressed in all white – counts as half entry for prize fund

Prizes: \$100-60-40, U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200 \$60 Top Upset \$25, Top Unrated \$25, b/40

Registration: 8:30-9:30 on-site only

If registering at 9:31 am or later, you will receive a Round 1 Bye.

Rounds: 9:45, 12:00, 2:15, 4:30

Entries: Only on-site registration available

Email: info@denverchessclub.com

USCF membership required.

This is a DCC Grand Prix Event.

Durango Summer Tournament, July 19, 03

3 round system tournament.

Time Control: Game in 75 with a 5 second time increment per move.

Site: The new Durango Recreation Center, 2600 Main Street, Twilight room.*

Quad Tournament: Section: USCF rated quads are 4 player sections divided according to rating, where each person plays all others. Entry fee is \$12. First place each section \$25.

Community Section: This is a four-round, non-elimination tournament designed especially for people who are new to chess tournaments. Everyone plays four games. People are paired with opponents in the same score group. The entry fee is \$10, and trophies will be awarded to the top 5 finishers. Other prizes such as books and chess software may also be awarded. No US Chess Fed. membership required. However, current USCF members may elect to have their games rated when they play other USCF members in this section.

Registration: 8:45 to 9:15, Rounds: Players meeting 9:30am, first round immediately after.

Entries: John Mical 2307 Hermosa Avenue, Durango CO 81301

Pikes Peak Open, August 2 - 3, 2003

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/90 and G/1 for rds 1-3, 40/2 and G/1 for rds 4-5

Site: Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Ave., Manitou Springs.

Sections: One open section **Entry fee:** \$25 if rec'd by 7/31, \$30 at site.

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries. **Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30, Rounds: 10, 2:30, 7; 9, 3.

Entries: Richard Buchanan 844 B Prospect

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

Colorado Tour Event No e-mail entries, please.

Northwest Colorado Open, August 16 - 17, 2003

4 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** 40/2, G/1.

Site: Moffat County Recreation Center in Shadow Mountain Village, 1055 County Road 7 Craig, Colorado.

Directions: When coming in on US 40 from the east, drive all the way through town to the last stop-light on the west side of town. There will be a Mini Mart on the Northwest Corner. Turn right and go north about 1/4 mile. The second right will be into the Shadow Mountain Clubhouse parking lot.

Open: open to all Section: Entry fee: \$25 by 8/17 or with online registration, \$30 at site.

Prizes: \$\$ 300: \$140-90, U1800 \$50 Unrated \$20

Reserve: open to U1600 Section: Entry fee: \$20 by 8/17 or with online registration, \$25 at site. **Prizes:** \$\$200: \$90-50, U1400 \$35, U1200 \$25

Registration: 8:30-9:30 am, Rounds: 10am - 4pm, 9am 3pm.

Entries: Mary Nelson 962 County Road 20, Craig, CO 81625 Phone: 970 824-4780

E-mail: mary@ramdesigns.com CSCA memb. required. NS, NC, W. **Colorado Tour Event**

Membership Meeting Open, August 30, 2003

3 round Swiss system tournament. **Time Control:** G/55

Site: Ramada Inn, 1150 E Colfax Ave (east of State Capitol) Denver, CO

Sections: One Section **Entry fee:** \$18 if paid by 8/28, \$21 at site

Prizes: \$ \$100-60, U1600 \$35, U1300 \$30

Registration: Until 12:15 pm, Rounds: 12:30-2:30-5:45 (to accomodate Membership Meeting at 4:30 pm).

Entries: Andrew Rea 7680 E Harvard Av,#101 Denver,CO 80231

E-mail: abrea2@aol.com **Colorado Tour Event**

Colorado Open, August 30 - September 1, 2003 (The official State Championship Tournament!)

6 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Rd2 only 35/90,G/60 Rds1,3-6 are 40/2,G/60

Site: Ramada Inn, 1150 E Colfax Ave (east of State Capitol) Denver, CO

OPEN (USCF GrandPrix) Section: EF \$34 pd by 8/27 \$38 at site **PRIZES** \$ 305-135-70, U2200/U2000/U1800 60-30ea, UNR 35,Upset 30

PREMIER (U1600) Section: EF \$29 pd by 8/27, \$33 at site **PRIZES** \$ 200-110-65 U1400/U1200 50-25, U1000 40

Registration: 8:30-9:45, Rounds: Rd1 10:00 Rd2 5:45 Sun/Mon 9:15-3:30.

Entries: Andrew Rea 7680 E Harvard Av,#101 Denver,CO 80231

E-mail: abrea2@aol.com **All prizes guaranteed!** 1/2pt Bye available in advance except Rd 6 NC, NS **COLORADO TOUR EVENT** CSCA Annual Meeting Sdr 8/30 4:30-5:30

2nd Annual Edward Levy Memorial, September 18 - 21, 2003

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/2, G/60 (2 day option rds 1-2 G/75)

Site: Red Lion Hotel, 4040 Quebec St. Denver, CO 80207

Prizes: \$\$80,000 b/450, else proportional; \$50,000 minimum (5/8 each prize) guaranteed.

Re-entries count 1/2 entry toward prize fund, Unr. Section not counted. **Ph:** 845-496-9651

E-mail: Online registration at www.chesstour.com **Colorado Tour Event!**

Free parking, free airport shuttle, free shuttle to Downtown Denver & Cherry Creek Mall.

Free analysis by IM John Donaldson.

Unrated must enter Open or Unr section. See full details at www.chesstour.com.

Larimer County Open, October 11 - 12, 2003

5 round Swiss system tournament. **Sections:** Open, U1400

Time Control: G/90 for rds 1-2, G/120 for rds 3-5

Site: Pulliam Community Building, 545 N. Cleveland Ave., Loveland

Entry fee: \$25 if received by 10/8; \$30 at site; \$6 off for juniors, seniors, and/or unrated.

Prizes: Based on entries: 70%. Some door prizes as well before Rnd 5.

Registration: 8:30-9:30am, Rounds: 10-1:30-5; 9:30-2.

Entries: Randy Reynolds 1839 Thyme Court, Fort Collins, CO 80528

Phone: (970) 206-9107 **E-mail:** teyanak5@attbi.com

USCF & CSCA membership reqd., OSA. **COLORADO TOUR Event.** NS, NC.

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