

# COLORADO CHESS INFORMANT

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## Brian Wall captures his 3rd Colorado Closed title

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Greetings Chess Friends,

It's time for yet another round of Q&A's from your editor:

**Q:** Why does Archie Shipp always play black in his games?

**A:** Very observant of you, dear reader! In last issue's "Shipp's Log", Archie does play black in all his games. Well, there's a very interesting story behind this. You see, Archie suffers from *initiativitis*, a rare neurological condition in which the patient is completely unable to make the first move. As a result, he has a signed doctor's note that requires him to be paired as black in all chess games.

**Follow-up Q:** So then why does he play as white against Walter Schmidt in this issue?

**A:** Um... as Monty Python put it, "I got better..."

**Q:** I know the deadline for this Informant is June 1<sup>st</sup> (or Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, or whatever the current deadline is). But what's the real "drop dead" deadline?

**A:** Until I was recently asked this question point blank, I never knew what the answer to this was myself. The "drop dead" deadline really is June 1<sup>st</sup> (or Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, or whatever the current deadline is). If you happen to submit something after this deadline, it may or may not be accepted in this issue, depending on how things are going. If I'm still putting together the issue, great, you got lucky! If it's already sent to the printers, though, sorry, tough luck (though I'll probably put it in the **next** Informant if it's still timely). But the more extensions I grant, the less confidence people have in the printed deadline. Plus, extensions cut down the time I have to put it all together and stress me out. And no one wants to see a stressed out chess player – did anyone see that episode of "House" where the chess player goes nuts in the tournament?? Eh, never mind; you know who you are if you understand that obscure reference...

**Follow-up Q:** So should I wait until the 1<sup>st</sup> to turn in submissions, so they're fresh in your mind and more likely to be accepted?

**A:** Oh, please no. First, it gets difficult to organize the Informant layout when there's a deluge of articles right at the deadline. More importantly, waiting loses more articles for me. Right after a chess tournament, there are all kinds of great ideas for articles floating around in players' heads. But if you let even a week go by before writing these ideas and games down, then even the most poignant games get forgotten and the articles/games never get published or written. So write things down as soon as possible! You'll thank yourself later.

That's all the time we have for now. Enjoy this Informant! And until next time, may all your forks be royal and your pins absolute. ♁

*RJR*

## A Word from our CSCA President

By CSCA President Dean Brown

**D**uring March, April, and May the Colorado Chess scene saw 44 rated tournaments with a total of 891 players played in 7 towns (Aurora, Boulder, Colorado Springs, Commerce City, Denver, Durango, and Manitou Springs). Unrated team events and scholastic tournaments occurred in many other locales.

The tournament of choice for Denverites has been the Denver Chess Club Tuesday Night monthly events which as drawn 43 to 57 players in recent months. Drawing 40 or more players were the Boulder Open and the one-day St Patrick's Day tournament in Colorado Springs.

At the Colorado Chess Festival Brian Wall was "crowned" the 2007 Colorado Closed Champion scoring 6.0 out of 7.0, a full point over second place Tyler Hughes. Richard Herbst is the Colorado Scholastic Closed Champion scoring 6.5 out of 7.0, a full 2 points above second place finishers Matthew Kasper and Paul Carroll. The Tour Weekender Open was won by Jim Hamblin and the Under 1400 section was won by Nebraskan Matthew Turner. Jim Hamblin also won the Standard Swiss Open section on the Festival's first weekend while newcomer Mark Peterson had a perfect score in the Under 1400 section. The McMahon Swiss top scorers were Matthew Krump, Jim Hamblin, and Jason Zeterval. The disappointing turnout of less than 70 participants for the Colorado Chess Festival has the CSCA board thinking of eliminating the non-Closed events in the future. The non-Closed events were added several years ago to help offset the site costs of the Closed events but they are now becoming a financial liability.

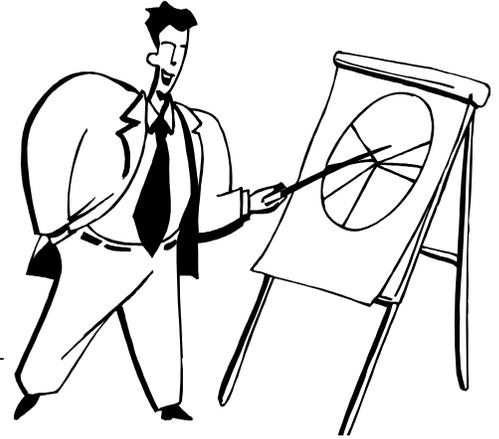
26 Colorado Scholastic players traveled to Kansas City to participate in the National High School Championships. Although no titles were brought home, Stetson Zirkelbach gained 302 rating points, and John

Cordos 234 rating points. David Vargas scored 6.0 out of 7.0 points, Jesse Crall and Stetson Zirkelbach scored 5.0 in their respective section. Though the summer is a Scholastic Chess lull, I hope to see many of the scholastic players maintain their form by participating in the many summer tournaments.

Scholastic Chess and the instruction, coaching, and assistance to our youth are a pillar to the continued good health of Colorado Chess. The CSCA supports Chess instruction through the free use of our Chess Instruction web page. We encourage interested parties that have the will and energy to support our chess youth to seek out opportunities to do so. The CSCA does not endorse one instructor/coach over any other. The CSCA does not recognize or support territorial rights or an instructor's monopoly over an area, school district, niche, or community. The interests of different instructors/coaches occasionally collide when they seek to support the same niche, the CSCA wishes all to be above-board and not to bad-mouth their competition. Denigrating other coaches/instructors presents a bad overall image to Colorado Chess. The CSCA does recognize the free market on chess services, but in stating your case, please speak clearly of your own capabilities...there is no need to cast falsehoods on others capabilities; facts speak clearly and honorably.

As we head into summer the opportunity to play chess abounds with rated tournaments scheduled in the June through September timeframe for Boulder, Colorado Springs, Denver, Durango, Manitou Springs, and one-day tournaments in Pueblo, and Salida! There are tournaments of every ilk, style, and time control...many that you will find most enjoyable; come out and enjoy the competition and friendships.

The Colorado Open over Labor Day weekend returns once again this year to the Ramada Gateway on Zuni next to the Speers @ I-25 interchange in Denver. This is the Keystone Tournament of Colorado Chess, invariably the tournament with the largest turnout each year in Colorado (excepting Scholastic-only tournaments of course); 6



rounds of Chess Bliss (more rounds if you simultaneously play in the one-day Membership Open). This tournament initiates the 2008 Colorado Chess Tour season. Do see the current 2007 standing elsewhere in this Informant. As of this writing there are still at least 5 Colorado Tour events left for the 2007 season; no one has yet to lock-in the Tour prizes for this year.

We will be electing our new CSCA Board during the Colorado Open. If you have good ideas on how to enhance Colorado Chess and have the industry to support the CSCA, please consider running for the CSCA Board.

I know of at least one vacancy: the CSCA President...after 10 years of service to the CSCA, I will not be seeking a position on the new board. Family health issues and a full schedule prohibit my candidacy for a second term as the President. No need to fear my disappearance from the Colorado Chess scene...I will maintain a hefty playing schedule and plan to put my energies into keeping the annual Al Ufer Memorial and Southern Colorado Open chess tournaments as quality, fun, must-attend tournaments. I will also continue to represent Colorado as one of its USCF Delegates this year (Cherry Hills, NJ) and next (Dallas, TX) at the annual USCF delegate meetings.

See you soon.

Dean Wm Brown, CSCA President

# 2007 Colorado Closed Report

by Randy Reynolds

The Colorado Closed for 2007 was held at the Ramada Inn in downtown Denver on April 14th-22nd and attracted some of the best active Colorado chess players, this year with an average rating of 2124, 4 points higher than last year. The Scholastic Closed, with an average rating of 1700 (up 30 points from last year), was delayed by a week from the Closed (4/21-29) to accommodate those attending the Natl. High School Championships. The 2nd weekend of the Scholastic Closed was held at Westwood College.

At the end of two rounds, there was a surprising twist with lowest rated player Daoud Zupa tied at the top of the leaderboard with Brian Wall. Daoud beat Tyler in a challenging rook vs. knight endgame. Unfortunately, his good fortune did not continue into the later rounds as he grabbed only two more draws for the rest of the tournament. But his early performance definitely kept the rest of the Closed field on edge for the rest of the tournament.

However, Brian Wall never looked back from that initial 1.5 points and easily cruised to his 3rd closed championship, grabbing at least a share of 1st place after 6 rounds. He won 5, drew 2, and lost 0. His other Closed wins were in 2002 and 2005. New master Tyler Hughes (2209 unofficial rating at the time of writing) was 2nd with 5 points.

In the Scholastic Closed, Richard Herbst at a 1960 rating easily showed the rest of the field why he was the favorite, cruising to the scholastic title with an amazing 6.5 points. Matthew Kasper and Paul Carroll tied for 2nd with 4.5 points each.

Buck Buchanan graciously compiled the games from the Closed, which are found on pages 5-7. He also prepared a couple from the Scholastic Closed, though this was far from a complete list, of course. These are raw games, with little annotation, but I'll be very happy to publish any annotation any of the players would like to provide for one or more of these. The Colorado Closed provides some of the best chess this state has to offer, and having in-depth analysis (instead of a cursory examination by a patzer like yours truly) will help everyone in improving their own analysis, ratings, and ultimately make Colorado chess even more competitive than it already is.

# Selected Scholastic Closed Games

Prepared by Richard Buchanan

**W: Paul Carroll**

**B: P. J. Grigg**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 Bb7 7.Nf3 d6 8.e3 Nbd7 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 0-0 11.b4 Qe7 12.Bb2 Rfe8 13.Rad1 e5 14.Nd2 Rac8 15.Qb3 Ng4 16.h3 Qg5 17.hxg4 Bxg2 18.Bf5 Nf6 19.Kxg2 Nxc4 20.Kf3 Qxf5+ 21.Ke2 exd4 22.e4 Qf4 23.Qg3 Qxg3 24.fxg3 Ne3 25.Kd3 Re6 26.Rde1 Nxf1 27.Rxf1 Rg6 28.Rf3 Re8 29.Nf1 Rg4 30.Rf4 Rxf4 31.gxf4 h5 32.Bc1 f5 33.Ng3 g6 34.exf5 h4 35.Ne4 h3 36.Nf2 h2 37.Kd2 gxf5 38.Kd1 d3 0-1

**W: Josh Divine**

**B: Paul Carroll**

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.e4 Nxc3 12.bxc3 b5 13.Bb3 Bb7 14.Re1 Rfd8 15.Qe2 e5 16.Rad1 a6 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nd4 c5 19.Nf5 Qf8 20.Bd5 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 Ng6 22.Qe3 c4 23.Red1 Ne5 24.R1d4 Nd3 25.Qg5 Rxd5 26.Rxd5 f6 27.Qg3 g6 28.Rd7 Ne5 29.Ne7+ Kh8 30.Qh3 Qg7 31.Rc7 Rf8 32.Qe6 Qh6 33.g3 Qc1+ 34.Kg2 Qxc3 35.Rc8 Qf3+ 36.Kh3 Rxc8 37.Qxc8+ Kg7 38.Qg8+ Kh6 39.Qf8+ Kg5 40.Ng8 Ng4 41.Qc5+ Ne5 42.Qf8 Qg4+ 43.Kg2 Qxe4+ 44.Kf1 Qh1+ 45.Ke2 Qf3+ 46.Kf1 Nd3 47.h4+ Kg4 48.Nxf6+ Kh3 49.Qc8+ Kh2 50.Ng4+ Kh1 0-1

#	Name	Rating	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Rd6	Rd7	Total
1	Wall, Brian D	2237	D6	W3	W8	W5	W7	W4	D2	6.0
2	Hughes, Tyler B	2187	W5	L7	D4	W8	W6	W3	D1	5.0
3	Towbin, Stephen H	2001	D8	L1	W5	D7	W4	L2	W6	4.0
4	Canney, Randy C	2214	D7	D8	D2	W6	L3	L1	W5	3.5
5	Hammersmith, James	2072	L2	W6	L3	L1	X8	W7	L4	3.0
6	Bloomer, Josh	2212	D1	L5	W7	L4	L2	W8	L3	2.5
7	Zupa, Daoud	1978	D4	W2	L6	D3	L1	L5	D8	2.5
8	Ramirez, Robert W	2094	D3	D4	L1	L2	F5	L6	D7	1.5

#	Name	Rating	Plyr1	Plyr2	Plyr3	Plyr4	Plyr5	Plyr6	Plyr7	Plyr8	Total
1	Herbst, Richard	1960	*	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	1.0	6.5
2	Kasper, Matthew	1759	0.0	*	0.5	0.5	1.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	4.5
3	Carroll, Paul	1620	0.0	0.5	*	1.0	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.5
4	Talmage, Garrick	1620	0.0	0.5	0.0	*	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	4.0
5	Grigg, Peter J	1579	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.5	*	0.0	1.0	0.5	3.0
6	Lehti, Dylan	1716	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	1.0	*	0.0	1.0	2.5
7	Divine, Josh	1680	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	*	1.0	2.5
8	Loopesko, Chris	1665	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	*	0.5

# Games from the Colorado Closed

Prepared by Richard Buchanan

## Round 1

**W: Brian Wall**

**B: Josh Bloomer**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Na5 4.0-0 a6 5.Be2 b5 6.a4 b4 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bb7 9.c3 e6 10.cxb4 Bxb4 11.Bd2 Qb6 12.Be3 Bc5 13.Nd2 Qxb2 14.Rb1 Qa2 15.Ra1 Qb2 16.Rb1 Qa2 17.Ra1 1/2-1/2

**W: Tyler Hughes**

**B: Jim Hammersmith**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Be7 6.e4 dxe4 7.fxe4 e5 8.d5 Bc5 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nbd7 12.Bd3 c6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bh4 a5 15.0-0-0 Qe7 16.Rhf1 0-0 17.Bc2 Bd4 18.Ne2 cxd5 19.Nxd4 exd4 20.exd5 Qe3+ 21.Qxe3 dxe3 22.Rd4 Rfe8 23.Re1 g5 24.Bg3 Nc5 25.Kd1 a4 26.Ke2 Nfe4 27.Bh2 f5 28.Kxe3 f4+ 29.Kf3 Nd6 30.Rxe8+ Rxe8 31.Bg1 b6 32.Bf2 Nf7 33.g3 Ne5+ 34.Kg2 f3+ 35.Kf1 Kf7 36.g4 Kf6 37.Be1 Ned7 38.Bc3 Kf7 39.Rd2 Nb3 40.Bxb3 axb3 41.Kf2 Ne5 42.Bxe5 Rxe5 43.Kxf3 Re1 44.Rd3 Rh1 45.Ke4 Ke7 46.Rxb3 1-0

**W: Randy Canney**

**B: Daoud Zupa**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Nxd4 cxd4 7.Qf3 e6 8.Nb5 d6 9.Qa3 Ke7 10.c3 e5 11.cxd4 exd4 12.d3 a6 13.Bg5+ f6 14.Bf4 axb5 15.Qxa8 bxc4 16.Rc1 Be6 17.Qxb7+ Qd7 18.Qxd7+ Kxd7 19.dxc4 Ne7 20.0-0 Rc8 21.b3 g5 22.Bg3 h5 23.f3 f5 24.Rfd1 Rc5 25.Bf2 Nc6 26.a3 g4 27.exf5 Rxf5 28.fxg4 hxg4 29.b4 Bh6 30.Rc2 Rf4 31.b5 Ne5 32.Rxd4 Nxc4 33.Rxf4 Bxf4 34.a4 d5 35.b6 Bf5 36.Rc3 Kc6 37.Bd4 Bd2 38.Rb3 Kb7 39.Rb5 Be4 40.h4 Ne3 41.a5 Nf5 42.Be5 Be3+ 43.Kh2 d4 44.Bc7 d3 45.a6+ Kxa6 46.b7 Ba7 47.Rb6+ Bxb6 48.b8Q Be3 49.Bf4 g3+ 50.Kh3 d2 51.Bxe3 Bxg2+ 52.Kxg2 Nxe3+ 53.Kxg3 d1Q 54.Qf4 Nf1+ 55.Kf2 Qd2+ 56.Qxd2 Nxd2 57.Ke3 Nc4+ 58.Kf4 Kb6 59.h5 Kc7 60.Kg5 Kd8 1/2-1/2

**W: Steve Towbin**

**B: Robert Ramirez**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e4 dxe4 4.f3 exf3 5.Nxf3

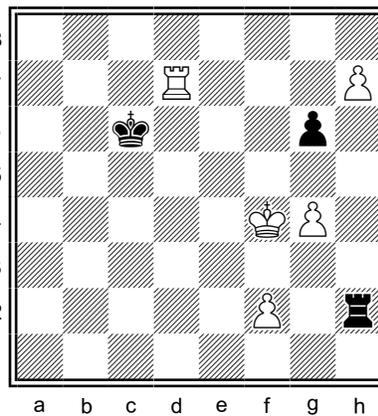
Bf5 6.Bc4 e6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Ng5 Bg4 9.Qe1 Nb6 10.Bb3 Qxd4+ 11.Be3 Qe5 12.Qf2 Bd6 13.g3 0-0 14.Rae1 Qf5 15.Qg2 Qg6 16.h3 h6 17.Nxf7 Rxf7 18.hxg4 Nbd5 19.Nxd5 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Qxd5 Raf8 22.Bf4 Qxg4 23.Bxd6 cxd6 24.Qxd6 Rxf1+ 25.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Qf5+ 27.Kg1 Qxc2 28.Qb8+ Kh7 29.Qxb7 Qb1+ 30.Kh2 Qxa2 31.Qe4+ Kg8 32.Qe8+ Kh7 33.Qe4+ Kh8 34.Qa8+ 1/2-1/2

## Round 2

**W: Brian Wall**

**B: Steve Towbin**

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 c5 6.c3 d5 7.e5 Ne4 8.Qe2 Nxd2 9.Bxd2 Be7 10.h4 Qc8 11.a4 Ba6 12.h5 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Qa6 14.Qxa6 Nxa6 15.Ke2 Kd7 16.h6 g6 17.Bg5 cxd4 18.Bxe7 Kxe7 19.Nxd4 f6 20.exf6+ Kxf6 21.Rh3 Nc5 22.Rf3+ Ke7 23.a5 e5 24.Nc6+ Ke6 25.Re3 Nb3 26.Ra4 e4 27.axb6 axb6 28.Rb4 Kd6 29.Nd4 Nxd4+ 30.Rxd4 Rhe8 31.c4 Re5 32.cxd5 Rxd5 33.Rdxe4 Ra2 34.Re6+ Kc5 35.Rc3+ Kd4 36.Rxb6 Rxb2+ 37.Rxb2 Kxc3 38.Rb7 Ra5 39.g3 Re5+ 40.Kf3 Rf5+ 41.Kg2 Rh5 42.Rxh7 Kd4 43.g4 Rh4 44.Kg3 Rh1 45.Kf4 Rh2 46.Rd7+ Kc5 47.h7 Kc6 (Diagram) 48.Kg5!? Kxd7 49.Kxg6 Ke7 50.Kg7 Rg2 51.f3 Rg3 52.h8Q Rxf3 53.g5 Rf7+ 54.Kg6 Rf8 55.Qf6+ Ke8 56.Qe6+ Kd8 57.Kg7 Re8 58.Qd6+ Kc8 59.g6 Rd8 60.Qc6+ Kb8 61.Kh7 Rd1 62.g7 1-0



**W: Daoud Zupa**

**B: Tyler Hughes**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.g4 Na6 9.Bd3 Nc5 10.Nge2 c6 11.Bc2 cxd5 12.cxd5 Bd7 13.f3 b5 14.Kf1 Rc8 15.Qd2 b4 16.Nd1 Bb5 17.Nf2 Qc7 18.Kg2 a4 19.Rhc1 Qb8 20.Kh2 Nfd7 21.Ng3 Ba6 22.b3 axb3 23.axb3 Rc7 24.Bh6 f6 25.Rg1 Rf7 26.Be3 Kh8 27.h4 Rb7 28.Nh3 Bf8 29.Rh1

Be7 30.Kg2 Qf8 31.Rh2 Bd8 32.Bh6 Qe8 33.g5 Nb8 34.h5 gxh5 35.Nxh5 Qb5 36.Rxa6 Nbx6 37.Nf2 Qe8 38.Ng4 fxg5 39.Bxg5 Bxg5 40.Qxg5 Qg8 41.Qxg8+ Kxg8 42.Nh6+ Kf8 43.Nxf7 Rxf7 44.Ng3 Nc7 45.Nf5 Rxf5 46.exf5 Nxd5 47.Kf2 Kg7 48.Rg2+ Kf7 49.Rg4 Nf4 50.Rh4 h5 51.Rh1 Kf6 52.Ra1 h4 53.Ra8 Nfd3+ 54.Ke3 Nc1 55.Rf8+ Ke7 56.Rb8 N1xb3 57.Rxb4 Nd4 58.Be4 Kf6 59.Rb6 Nxf5+ 60.Bxf5 Kxf5 61.Rxd6 Ne6 62.Rd1 Ng5 63.Rd6 Ne6 64.Rb6 h3 65.Rc6 h2 66.Rc1 Ng5 67.Rf1 Nh3 68.Rh1 Ng5 69.Rxh2 e4 70.f4 Ne6 71.Rh5+ Kg4 72.Re5 Ng7 73.Kxe4 Kh4 74.Rg5 Ne6 75.Rg8 Kh5 76.f5 Nc5+ 77.Kd4 Nd7 78.Rg6 Nf8 79.Rg8 Nd7 80.Rg7 Nf6 81.Ke5 Ne8 82.Re7 1-0

**W: Jim Hammersmith**

**B: Josh Bloomer**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.0-0 Nxb5 7.Nxb5 d5 8.exd5 a6 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.d4 c4 11.Qe2 Nxd5 12.Qxc4 Be6 13.Re1 0-0 14.Qe2 Bg4 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.c3 Bxf3 17.Qxf3 Qxf3 18.gxf3 e6 19.Be3 Rfd8 20.Red1 Rac8 21.Rac1 Rd7 22.Kf2 Kf8 23.Ke2 Ke7 24.Rg1 Bf6 25.Bf2 Rd5 26.Bg3 Bb5 27.Rb1 Ra5 28.a3 Rd5 29.Rbd1 Bb5 30.Rd2 Rc6 31.Kd3 Rb3 32.Re1 Rcb6 33.Ree2 R3b5 34.Bf2 Rh5 35.Bg1 Kd7 36.Kc2 Rc6 37.a4 Rd6 38.Rd3 Rf5 39.Be3 Bg7 40.Bc1 Bh6 41.Re5 Rf6 42.f5 gxf5 43.Bxh6 Rxh6 44.Rd2 Rh3 45.Rf2 Rc6 46.Kd3 Kd6 47.c4 Rc8 48.b4 Rg8 49.Re1 Rg4 50.b5 axb5 51.axb5 f6 52.Kc3 Rf4 53.Re3 Rhh4 54.Rd3 Kc7 55.Rg2 e5 56.Rg7+ Kb6 57.Rd7 Rxd4 58.R7xd4 exd4+ 59.Rxd4 Rxh2 60.Rd6+ Kc7 61.Rxf6 Rf2 62.Rxf5 h5 63.Rf7+ Kc8 64.c5 h4 65.b6 h3 66.Rc7+ Kb8 67.Rh7 Rxf3+ 68.Kc4 1-0

**W: Robert Ramirez**

**B: Randy Canney**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 f5 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.exf5 Bxf5 9.Nf1 b5 10.Bb3 d5 11.Ng3 Bg6 12.Nh4 Qd7 13.a4 b4 14.a5 0-0-0 15.Ba4 Qe6 16.0-0 Nd7 17.Nhf5 Bxf5 18.Nxf5 Qxf5 19.Bxc6 Nb8 20.Ba4 Rhf8 21.d4 e4 22.cxb4 Bxb4 23.Bd2 Bd6 24.b4 c6 25.Qe2 Kd7 26.Rac1 Rf6 27.Bxc6+ Nxc6 28.Qxa6 Nxd4 29.Qa7+ Ke6 30.Qxd4 Qh5 31.h3 g5 32.Rc6 g4 33.Bc3 Rf5 34.Qd1 Rg8 35.Qe2 gxh3 36.Rxd6+ 1/2-1/2

## Round 3

**W: Tyler Hughes**

**B: Randy Canney**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 cxd4 5.Qa4+ Bd7 6.Qxd4 exd5 7.Qxd5 Nc6 8.Bg5 Nf6

9.Qd2 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Qa5 12.Rc1 0-0-0  
13.Ne4 Qxd2+ 14.Nxd2 Bb4 15.a3 Bxd2+  
16.Kxd2 Ne4+ 17.Ke1 f5 18.f3 f4 19.fxe4 fxg3  
20.hxg3 Rhe8 21.Rxh6 Rxe4 22.Nf3 g4 23.Nd2  
Re7 24.e4 Kb8 25.Rc3 Ne5 26.Be2 Bc6 27.b4  
a6 28.Re3 Rd4 29.Nb3 Rxe4 30.Rxe4 Bxe4  
31.Kf2 Bd5 32.Nc5 Kc7 33.Rf6 Bc4 34.Bxc4  
Nxc4 35.Rf4 Nxa3 36.Rxg4 Nc2 37.Nxa6+  
Kb6 38.Nc5 Nxb4 39.Na4+ Ka5 40.Nb2 Rc7  
41.Nc4+ Kb5 42.Ne3 Rd7 43.Re4 Nd5 44.g4  
Rf7+ 45.Kg3 Nxe3 46.Rxe3 Kc4 47.g5 b5  
48.Kg4 b4 49.g6 Rb7 50.Kh5 b3 51.Re1 b2  
52.Rb1 Kd3 53.Kh6 Kc2 54.g7 Rb8 55.Rf1  
b1Q 56.Rxb1 Kxb1 57.g4 Kc2 58.g5 Kd3  
59.Kh7 Ke4 60.g8Q Rxg8 ½-½

**W: Brian Wall**

**B: Robert Ramirez**

1.e4 d5 2.d4 dxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f3 e3 5.Bxe3  
Bf5 6.Nge2 h6 7.Ng3 Bh7 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3  
Nbd7 10.0-0 c6 11.Kb1 e6 12.Nce4 Be7  
13.c4 b5 14.cxb5 cxb5 15.Nxf6+ Bxf6 16.Qxb5  
Rb8 17.Qa6 0-0 18.Ne4 Nb6 19.Bf4 Ra8  
20.Bd6 Be7 21.Bxe7 Qxe7 22.Nc5 Rfb8  
23.Ka1 Nd5 24.Rd2 Rb6 25.Qe2 Rab8 26.g3  
Rb5 27.f4 Qd8 28.Rc1 Qa5 29.b3 Qa6 30.Rb2  
Qa5 31.Qd2 Qd8 32.g4 Nb4 33.g5 h5 34.g6  
fxg6 35.Nxe6 Qf6 36.Ng5 Rd8 37.Rc7 Rbb8  
38.Rc4 Nd5 1-0 (time)

**W: Steve Towbin**

**B: Jim Hammersmith**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.c3 cxd4 4.cxd4 Ne4 5.Bc1  
e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.e3 d5 8.a3 Bd7 9.Bd3 f5 10.0-0  
Bd6 11.b4 0-0 12.b5 Ne7 13.Ne5 Ng6 14.f4  
Be8 15.a4 Qh4 16.Ba3 Bxa3 17.Rxa3 Rf6  
18.Bxe4 fxe4 19.g3 Qh3 20.Qg4 Qh6 21.Rc3  
Nxe5 22.dxe5 Bh5 23.Qh4 Rf7 24.g4 Bg6  
25.Qg3 Re7 26.f5 Be8 27.f6 Rd7 28.g5 Qg6  
29.Qg4 Bf7 30.Rfc1 h6 31.Rc8+ Rxc8  
32.Rxc8+ Kh7 33.h4 hxg5 34.hxg5 Qh5  
35.Qxh5+ Bxh5 36.Nc3 Bf7 37.Ne2 gxf6  
38.gxf6 Kg6 39.Nd4 b6 40.Rc6 Kg5 41.Kf2  
Kg6 42.Kg3 Kg5 43.Rc8 Rb7 44.Rh8 Kg6  
45.Kf4 Rc7 46.Rh1 Rc4 47.Rg1+ Kh6 48.Rg7  
Bg6 49.Nxe6 Rc1 50.Nf8 Rf1+ 51.Kg3 Rf3+  
52.Kg2 Bf5 53.Rg3 Rxg3+ 54.Kxg3 Bg6  
55.Nxg6 Kxg6 56.Kf2 1-0

**W: Josh Bloomer**

**B: Daoud Zupa**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.0-0  
Qd6 6.d4 exd4 7.Qxd4 Bg4 8.Nbd2 Qxd4  
9.Nxd4 0-0-0 10.N4b3 Bb4 11.Re1 Be6 12.c3  
Be7 13.Nd4 Bd7 14.Nc4 Nf6 15.Ne5 Be8  
16.Nf5 Bd6 17.Nf3 Bf8 18.Bg5 h6 19.Bh4 Rd3  
20.Ne5 Rd2 21.Nc4 Rd7 22.Bxf6 gxf6 23.Rad1  
c5 24.Nce3 Rxd1 25.Rxd1 Bc6 26.f3 h5 27.Nd5

Bxd5 28.Rxd5 c4 29.h4 c6 30.Nd6+ Bxd6  
31.Rxd6 Rd8 32.Rxd8+ Kxd8 33.Kf2 Ke7  
34.Ke3 c5 35.Kf4 Kf8 36.Kf5 Kg7 37.g4 1-0

**Round 4**

**W: Jim Hammersmith**

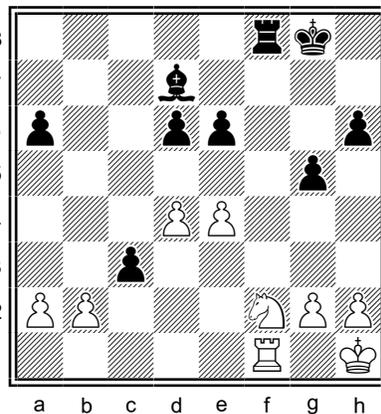
**B: Brian Wall**

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 a6 5.Qd2 Nd7  
6.Nf3 b5 7.a4 b4 8.Nd1 Bb7 9.Bd3 a5 10.0-0  
Ngf6 11.d5 c6 12.dxc6 Bxc6 13.Bh6 0-0  
14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Re1 e5 16.Ng5 Nc5 17.f3  
Nxa4 18.Bc4 Nc5 19.Nf2 h6 20.Nxf7 Rxf7  
21.Bxf7 Kxf7 22.Qxh6 Qf8 23.Qd2 Qe7  
24.Qe3 Ne6 25.c3 b3 26.Red1 Nc5 27.Kh1 a4  
28.Nd3 Kg7 29.Nb4 Bb7 30.Qd2 Rd8 31.Qe2  
Rh8 32.Qf2 Nxe4 33.fxe4 Rxb2+ 34.Kxh2  
Ng4+ 35.Kg1 Nxf2 36.Kxf2 Qh4+ 37.Kg1  
Qxe4 38.Rd2 a3 39.Nd3 a2 40.Ne1 Qb1 41.Rd1  
Qxb2 0-1

**W: Robert Ramirez**

**B: Tyler Hughes**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3  
Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.0-0 d6 8.Nc3 Nd7 9.f4 b6  
10.f5 Nxf6 11.fxe6 fxe6 12.Nd4 Ne5 13.Nce2  
Bd7 14.Bg5 Qc7 15.Kh1 Qc5 16.Nb3 Qe8  
17.Nf4 0-0 18.Qe2 h6 19.Bxf6 Rxf6 20.Rf2 b5  
21.Raf1 Qc7 22.c3 Raf8 23.Nd4 g5 24.Nh3  
Nxd3 25.Rxf6 Bxf6 26.Qxd3 Qc4 27.Qxc4  
bxc4 28.Nf2 Bxd4 29.cxd4 c3 (Diagram)  
30.Kg1 Bb5 31.bxc3 Bxf1 32.Kxf1 Rb8 33.Nd3  
Rb1+ 34.Ke2 Ra1 35.Nb4 a5 36.Nc6 Rxa2+  
37.Kf3 a4 0-1



**W: Daoud Zupa**

**B: Steve Towbin**

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.d4 d6 3.d5 Ne5 4.Nd4 c5 5.dxc6  
Nxc6 6.Nc3 g6 7.e4 Bg7 8.Be3 Nf6 9.Nb3 Ng4  
10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Be6 12.h3 Nge5 13.Nd5 g5  
14.Bg3 0-0 15.Qd2 Rc8 16.Be2 Qd7 17.Bb5 f5

18.f3 fxe4 19.fxe4 Qd8 20.Bf2 Qe8 21.0-0 a6  
22.Bf1 b5 23.Nd4 Rxf2 24.Qxf2 Nxd4 25.Rxd4  
Nc4 26.Rxc4 bxc4 27.c3 Bxd5 28.exd5 Qa4  
29.Qe2 Be5 30.Kb1 Kg7 31.g4 Rc5 32.Qc2  
Qxc2+ 33.Kxc2 Bf4 34.Bg2 Ra5 35.Re1 Be5  
36.Re4 Rxa2 37.Kb1 Ra4 38.Bf1 Kf6 39.Bxc4  
Ra5 40.Re3 Rc5 41.Bb3 Kf7 42.Re4 Ke8  
43.Rb4 Kf7 44.Rb6 a5 45.Kc2 Kf6 46.Kd3 a4  
47.Bc4 Ra5 48.Ra6 Rxa6 49.Bxa6 Bf4 50.Bc4  
Ke5 51.Ba2 Bc1 52.Kc2 Be3 53.Bc4 Ke4  
54.Kd1 Kf3 55.Bb5 Ke4 56.Bc6 Bc5 57.Kc2  
Be3 58.c4 Kd4 59.Bb5 Bf4 60.Kb1 Kc5  
61.Bxa4 Kxc4 62.Bc6 Kb3 63.Bb7 Be5 64.Kc1  
Bxb2+ 65.Kd2 Kc4 66.Ke3 Kc5 67.Ke4 Kb6  
68.Bc6 Kc7 69.Kf5 Be5 70.Kg6 Bf6 71.Kxh6  
Kb6 72.Bd7 Kc5 73.Be6 Kd4 74.Kh7 Ke5  
75.Kg8 Kf4 76.Kf7 Kg3 ½-½

**W: Randy Canney**

**B: Josh Bloomer**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Nc3 a6 5.e4 b5  
6.e5 Nd5 7.a4 e6 8.axb5 Nb6 9.Be3 Bb4  
10.Qc2 axb5 11.Rxa8 Nxa8 12.Ng5 Nc6  
13.Qe4 Qd5 14.Qg4 Nb6 15.Be2 Na4 16.Nge4  
Kf8 17.0-0 Nxc3 18.bxc3 Be7 19.Bf3 Qd7  
20.Ng3 g6 21.Bh6+ Ke8 22.Ne4 b4 23.Bg7  
Rg8 24.Bf6 Bf8 25.Bg5 Bg7 26.Nc5 Nxe5  
27.dxe5 1-0

**Round 5**

**W: Brian Wall**

**B: Daoud Zupa**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.Bxc6 dxc6 5.h3  
Bg7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nd7 8.d3 e5 9.Be3 Qe7  
10.Qd2 Nf8 11.Bh6 f6 12.Bxg7 Qxg7 13.Na4  
Ne6 14.a3 b6 15.b4 g5 16.Nh2 Nf4 17.Rae1 h5  
18.Re3 Be6 19.bxc5 b5 20.Nc3 Rd8 21.Ne2 g4  
22.h4 Ng6 23.g3 Qe7 24.f4 Bg8 25.Qb4 Nf8  
26.c3 a5 27.Qxa5 Qxc5 28.d4 exd4 29.cxd4  
Qe7 30.Rd1 Bc4 31.Nf1 Ne6 32.d5 Bxe2  
33.Rxe2 Qc5+ 34.Ne3 Nd4 35.Rb2 0-0 36.Qb4  
Nf3+ 37.Kf2 Qa7 38.d6 Rfe8 39.Rc2 Qb7  
40.Nf5 Qa7+ 41.Kg2 Qa4 42.Qxa4 bxa4  
43.Rxc6 Rxe4 44.d7 Re2+ 45.Kf1 Rd2 46.Rxd2  
Nxd2+ 47.Ke2 Rxd7 48.Rxf6 Nb1 49.Ra6 Rb7  
50.Kd3 Rb3+ 51.Ke4 Rxa3 52.Ke5 Nd2 53.Kf6  
Ne4+ 54.Kg6 1-0

**W: Josh Bloomer**

**B: Tyler Hughes**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0  
6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Na6 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bg5 Qe8  
10.c5 h6 11.Bh4 exd4 12.Nxd4 dxc5 13.Nb3  
Ne5 14.Bxa6 bxa6 15.Nd5 c4 16.Nxc7 Qc6  
17.Nd5 Qb7 18.Nc5 Qb5 19.b4 cxb3 20.Nxb3  
Bb7 21.a4 Qc4 22.f3 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Qxd5

24.exd5 g5 25.Bg3 Nc4 26.Rac1 Ne3 27.Rfe1 Nxd5 28.Nc5 Nb4 29.Red1 Rfc8 30.Bf2 Rc6 31.Rc4 a5 32.Re4 Rac8 33.Nb3 Rc3 34.Nxa5 Nd3 35.Bd4 Rc1 36.Rf1 f5 37.Bxg7 fxe4 38.Bxh6 e3 39.Bxg5 e2 40.Bxc1 exf1Q+ 0-1

**W: Steve Towbin**

**B: Randy Canney**

1.Nc3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.Qd3 h6 5.Bh4 c6 6.e4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.Qxe4 Qa5+ 9.c3 g5 10.Bg3 f5 11.Qf3 f4 12.Qh5+ Kd8 13.Bxf4 Nf6 14.Qf3 gxf4 15.Qxf4 Qg5 16.Qf3 Qg4 17.Bc4 Qxf3 18.Nxf3 Bf5 19.Ne5 Kc7 20.f3 h5 21.Kf2 e6 22.Rae1 Re8 23.g3 Bd6 24.Nf7 Rhf8 25.Ng5 e5 26.dxe5 Rxe5 27.Rxe5 Bxe5 28.Re1 Bd6 29.Ne6+ Bxe6 30.Rxe6 b5 31.Bd3 a6 32.Bg6 h4 33.gxh4 Bxh2 34.h5 Bf4 35.Re7+ Kd6 36.Ra7 Rh8 37.Rxa6 Nxh5 38.Be4 Rc8 39.a4 bxa4 40.Rxa4 1-0

**Round 6**

**W: Randy Canney**

**B: Brian Wall**

1.Nf3 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Be2 b5 6.0-0 Bb7 7.Re1 Nd7 8.a4 b4 9.Nd5 e6 10.Nxb4 a5 11.Nd3 Bxe4 12.Bg5 Ne7 13.Qd2 h6 14.Bh4 0-0 15.Qe3 Bb7 16.g4 g5 17.Nxg5 hxg5 18.Bxg5 Nd5 19.Qd2 f6 20.Bh4 c5 21.c4 Nb4 22.Nxb4 axb4 23.d5 e5 24.Bd3 Kf7 25.Bf5 Rh8 26.Bg3 Bh6 27.Qd3 Bc8 28.f4 exf4 29.Bg6+ Kf8 30.Re8+ Qxe8 31.Bxe8 Ne5 32.Qe4 fxg3 33.Bh5 gxh2+ 34.Kh1 Ke7 35.b3 Bg5 36.Rf1 Bd7 37.Rf2 Raf8 38.Rxh2 f5 39.gxf5 Bxf5 40.Qe1 Bf4 41.Qh4+ Rf6 42.Qxf4 Bg6 43.Qg3 Bxh5 44.Qg7+ Nf7 45.Rh3 Rg6 46.Qb2 Ne5 47.Qd2 Rhg8 0-1

**W: Tyler Hughes**

**B: Steve Towbin**

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bg5 Qd7 5.exd6 Bxd6 6.Nbd2 Qg4 7.g3 h6 8.Be3 Nge7 9.h3 Qb4 10.Qc1 Nd5 11.c3 Qa4 12.b3 Qa6 13.Nc4 Be7 14.Bd2 0-0 15.e4 Nf6 16.e5 Nd7 17.a4 b5 18.axb5 Qxb5 19.Ne3 Qxb3 20.Bc4 Qb7 21.Nd5 Bc5 22.Rb1 Bb6 23.Bf4 Re8 24.0-0 Ndx5 25.Nxe5 Nxe5 26.Bxe5 Rxe5 27.Rd1 Bxh3 28.Qf4 Rae8 29.Qf3 Re4 30.Nxb6 Qxb6 31.Qxf7+ Kh8 32.Rxb6 axb6 33.Bd3 R4e7 34.Qg6 Kg8 35.Qh7+ Kf8 36.Bg6 Be6 37.Rd4 Bg8 38.Rf4+ Rf7 39.Qh8 Re1+ 40.Kh2 Ree7 41.Rxf7+ Rxf7 42.Bxf7 Kxf7 43.f4 b5 44.g4 c5 45.g5 1-0

**W: Daoud Zupa**

**B: Jim Hammersmith**

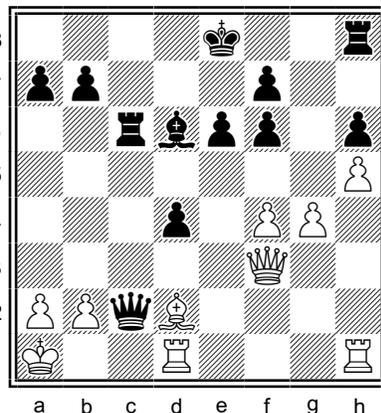
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6.c4 c5 7.d5 exd5 8.Nh4 Qc7 9.cxd5 d6 10.Nf5 g6 11.Nh6 Nbd7 12.0-0 Bg7 13.a5 Ba6 14.Qa4 Rb8 15.Qc6 Qxc6 16.dxc6 Nf8 17.Rd1 Ne6 18.Rxd6 Nd4 19.c7 Rc8 20.Bg5 Bc4 21.Ng4 Nd7 22.Nd2 Be6 23.Ne3 Rxc7 24.Nec4 0-0 25.e3 Nf5 26.Rd3 Ne5 27.Nxe5 Bxe5 28.e4 Nd4 29.Bf4 Nc6 30.Bxe5 Nxe5 31.Rd6 Rb8 32.Bf1 Kf8 33.f4 Ng4 34.b3 Ke7 35.e5 Ne3 36.Nc4 Nf5 37.Rc1 Bxc4 38.Bxc4 Nxd6 39.exd6+ Kxd6 40.Kf2 Ke7 41.a6 Rd8 42.Rc2 Rd4 43.Re2+ Kf6 44.Re8 Rd2+ 45.Kf3 Rxh2 46.g4 Kg7 47.Ke3 Rh3+ 48.Ke4 Rh1 49.Kf3 Rd1 50.Bb5 Rd6 51.Bc4 h5 52.g5 Rdd7 53.Rb8 Rf7 54.Rd8 Rc6 55.Rb8 Rec7 56.Ke4 Rd6 57.Kf3 h4 58.Re8 Rd2 59.Kg4 Rd4 60.Rb8 Re7 61.Rc8 h3 62.Kxh3 Rxf4 63.Kg3 Rd4 64.Rxc5 f6 65.gxf6+ Kxf6 66.Rb5 Rdd7 67.Rxb4 g5 68.Kf3 Rg7 69.Be2 Ke5 70.Rc4 Rd4 71.Rc8 g4+ 72.Kg3 Rb4 73.Rc3 Kd6 74.Bc4 Rb8 75.Be2 Rb6 76.Bf1 Kd5 77.Rd3+ Ke4 78.Be2 Rh6 79.Rd8 Rh3+ 80.Kg2 Rxb3 81.Re8+ Kf4 82.Rf8+ Kg5 83.Re8 Rb2 84.Rc3 Kf4 85.Re8 g3 86.Rf8+ Ke5 87.Re8+ Kd6 88.Re3 Re7 89.Rd3+ Kc5 90.Kxg3 Rbxe2 91.Rd8 R2e6 92.Kf4 Rf7+ 93.Kg5 Rxa6 0-1

**W: Robert Ramirez**

**B: Josh Bloomer**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.h4 h6 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 e6 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.0-0-0 Nfg6 13.Ne5 Bd6 14.f4 Rd8 15.Ne4 Nxe4 16.Qxe4 Nf6 17.Qf3 c5 18.Ng4 exd4 19.Nxf6+ gxf6 20.g4 Rc8 21.Kb1 Qxc2+ 22.Ka1 Rc6 (Diagram) 23.Rc1?? Qxd2 24.Rxc6 bxc6 25.Qxc6+ Ke7 0-1



**Round 7**

**W: Brian Wall**

**B: Tyler Hughes**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.f3 0-0

6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.cxd5 a6 10.a4 h6 11.Be3 h5 12.Nge2 Nbd7 13.Nc1 Nh7 14.Be2 1/2-1/2

**W: Steve Towbin**

**B: Josh Bloomer**

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 Nbd7 4.Qd3 h6 5.Bf4 a6 6.e4 dxe4 7.Nxe4 e6 8.Nf3 Nxe4 9.Qxe4 Nf6 10.Qd3 Be7 11.0-0-0 c5 12.Qb3 Qa5 13.Ne5 cxd4 14.Nc4 Qf5 15.Rxd4 b5 16.Qf3 Nd5 17.Ne3 Nxe3 18.Qc6+ Kf8 19.Bxe3 e5 20.Rd1 Bb7 21.Qxb7 Rc8 22.Bd3 Qe6 23.g4 g6 24.f4 Kg7 25.f5 Qf6 26.fxg6 fxg6 27.Rhf1 Qe6 28.Qe4 Rc6 29.Kb1 Rhc8 30.Rde1 a5 31.Rf3 a4 32.Bd4 1-0

**W: Jim Hammersmith**

**B: Randy Canney**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 c6 6.Bd2 Qc7 7.Qe2 Bf5 8.0-0-0 e6 9.h3 Bb4 10.g4 Bg6 11.f3 Nbd7 12.h4 h6 13.Nh3 Bxc3 14.bxc3 0-0-0 15.Nf4 Bh7 16.Bb3 Nb6 17.Ng2 Qd6 18.Kb2 c5 19.Bf4 Qc6 20.c4 cxd4 21.Qe5 Nfd7 22.Qxd4 f6 23.Qc3 e5 24.Bg3 Nc5 25.Qe3 Bg8 26.Rxd8+ Kxd8 27.Bf2 Nca4+ 28.Kc1 Bxc4 29.Qd2+ Kc8 30.Rd1 Bxb3 31.Bxb6 Qxc2+ 32.Qxc2+ Bxc2 33.Kxc2 Nxb6 34.Ne3 h5 35.Nf5 g5 36.hxg5 fxg5 37.Nd6+ Kc7 38.Nf7 Rh7 39.Nxg5 Rh6 40.Nf7 Rf6 41.Nxe5 hxg4 42.fxg4 Rf2+ 43.Rd2 Rxd2+ 44.Kxd2 Kd6 45.Nd3 Nd5 46.a3 Ke7 47.Nb4 Nf6 48.g5 Ne4+ 49.Kd3 Nxg5 50.Kd4 Kd6 51.Nc2 Kc6 52.Kc4 Nf3 53.Kb4 Ne5 54.Nd4+ Kd5 55.Nb5 Nc6+ 56.Kb3 Nd4+ 57.Kb4 Nxb5 58.Kxb5 Kd4 59.a4 Kc3 60.Ka5 a6 61.Kb6 Kb4 62.Kxb7 a5 0-1

**W: Daoud Zupa**

**B: Robert Ramirez**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d5 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Qb3 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nc3 Nb6 8.Nge2 Be7 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 c6 12.Rad1 Ne4 13.Ncxe4 Bxg5 14.Nxg5 Qxg5 15.f4 Qe7 16.f5 Rae8 17.Rf3 Nc8 18.Rdf1 Nd6 19.Bd3 Qg5 20.fxg6 hxg6 21.Be2 Re6 22.Qa3 a6 23.h3 Rfe8 24.Kh2 Qe7 25.R1f2 f5 26.Bf1 Qc7 27.Kg1 Nf7 28.h4 Nh6 29.Qd3 Ng4 30.Re2 Qd8 31.Nxf5 gxf5 32.Qxf5 Nh6 33.Qh3 Re4 34.Rf4 Qe7 35.g4 Qe6 36.Qf3 Nf7 37.g5 Rxe3 38.Rxe3 Qxe3+ 39.Qxe3 Rxe3 40.Kf2 Re8 41.Bd3 Nd6 42.Bg6 Re6 43.h5 b6 44.b4 c5 45.bxc5 bxc5 46.dxc5 Ne4+ 47.Kf3 Rc6 48.Bxe4 dxe4+ 49.Kxe4 Rxc5 50.Rf5 Rc4+ 51.Ke5 Ra4 52.Rf2 Rh4 53.Kf5 Kh7 54.Rc2 Rb4 55.Rc5 Ra4 56.h6 gxh6 57.Rc7+ Kg8 58.Kg6 Kf8 59.Rc8+ Ke7 60.Kxh6 Rxa2 61.Kg7 a5 62.g6 a4 63.Kg8 a3 64.Ra8 Rg2 65.g7 a2 66.Ra7+ Ke8 67.Kh7 Rh2+ 68.Kg6 Rg2+ 69.Kf6 Rf2+ 70.Ke5 Rg2 71.Ke6 1/2-1/2

by Walter Smith

## Pawn Princesses: Exploring the Female Side of Scholastic Chess

**A**s a proponent of girls' chess, I was excited to see what transpired at the Scholastic State Championships this year. Two young ladies from Colorado Springs made their debut, playing in the Grades 4-6 division and made a little history in the process.

Fifth grader, Jasmin Aprile, became the first girl to finish in first place in the 4-6 division, and the first girl since Katie Roberts-Hoffman to finish first in any division. Jasmin didn't lose a single game in the tournament, finishing with 5 wins and a draw to share first place with Anatoly Makarevich and Evan Taylor. To win her final game and get the share of first place, Jasmin had to beat 6<sup>th</sup> grader Zachary Wilkins, who was rated nearly 200 points higher than her. Not one, but two king-rook forks later, by Jasmin's knights, she had her win and share of first place.

Close behind Jasmin was 6<sup>th</sup> grader Alexa Lasley. Alexa finished with 5 wins against a single loss, that only loss coming at the hands of co-first-place finisher Evan Taylor. This was Alexa's very first rated tournament, after taking first place in the grade 6 division at the 2007 unrated Scholastic championships.

At a recent meeting of the Colorado Springs Scholastic Chess Club, I got to sit down with both Jasmin and Alexa. Hearing their stories, I found they had a lot more in common than their performance at States this year.

"My Dad first taught me to play when I was 8," related Alexa. "We'd play together, and then we found the chess

club here."

"Us too," said Jasmin. "I've always liked board games, and my dad taught me chess when I was 8, and we'd play together. Then one night when we were at the mall for a daddy-daughter night out, and we found the club here." Both Jasmin and Alexa are also homeschooled students so chess not only provides a good challenge but a healthy social outlet as well.

When asked what inspires them, their answers show the importance of the social aspect of their participation. "The trophies are nice," says Alexa, "but having people know who you are and recognizing you for winning is really great."

Jasmin agrees, and adds, "I've been inspired by [fellow club members] P.J. Grigg (19<sup>th</sup> overall at States this year, and an invitee at the Colorado Scholastic Closed for 2007) and Kaila Smith (back-to-back Colorado "Polgar" Representative). I'd like to be the Polgar winner in the future. I'd also really like to play against Evan Taylor and Josh Divine and try to beat them!!"

When talking about their best chess memories to date, both go back to their Dads. "My favorite memory is Dad teaching me how to play, and how to use my knights," said Alexa. "And beating him for the first time!!!"

"Me too!" chipped in Jasmin. "Beating Dad for the first time was great. I can still remember the position and moves for the check-

mate!" That these two young ladies, after their success at States this year, still view their times with Dad as their best memories, speaks volumes. The lesson here for Dads is clear; you want a great way to keep a strong relationship with your daughter? Play chess with them!! You'll both be glad you did.

Tonight, Jasmin and Alexa were paired against each other in their "challenge game" for the night. This is the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in a row they've been paired; last week they drew, and this week they get another crack at it. Across the room, Jasmin's Dad is pitted against 16-year-old Kaila, who has a cheering section including P.J., and twins Kaylor and Phillip Scudder for Mr. Aprile to overcome as well. Jasmin and Alexa's game is a long battle, played with the seriousness of a tournament game. Jasmin's Dad plays well, but contending with both Kaila and chants of "Sac the Knight! Sac the Knight!" are too much for him, too. But next week is another week!



Jasmin Aprile (L) and Alexa Lasley (R) at Borders.

by NM Todd Bardwick

# Never Resign

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One of Winston Churchill's most famous quotes was: "Never, never, never give up." Nobody ever won a chess game by giving up. Young chess players should never resign. I know you have seen games where masters resign, but remember this usually occurs when their opponent is also a master.

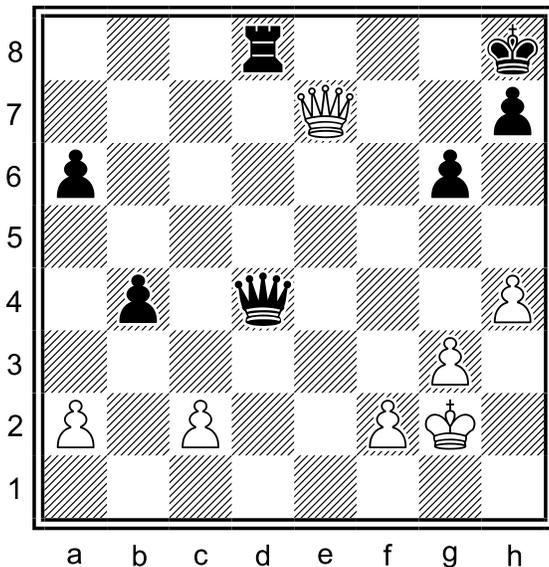
Have you ever had a game where you were hopelessly lost, and your opponent blundered and you won or drew the game? We all have.

For some reason, young children tend to give up easily when they are behind. I tell my students that they are not allowed to resign until they can show me a valid driver's license. I am secretly hoping they won't ask if they can resign again until they are at least sixteen years old!

In my tournament career, I have had two masters blunder into a mate in one when they had plenty of time left on their clock. Anything is possible!

Here is an example from the Denver Chess Club on October 10, 2006, where White was considering resigning, but was sure happy he didn't!

**Suchlicki (1959)**



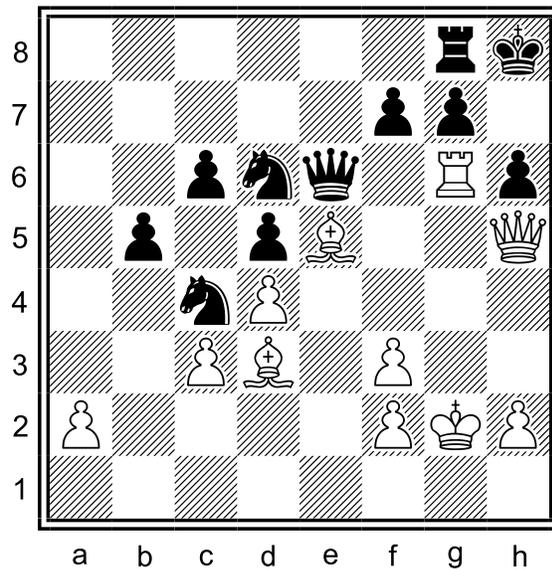
**Monroe (1493)**

**Position after 40.h4**

White is down a rook for a pawn and is hopelessly lost. For the last five moves or so, he was considering resigning. He was really glad he didn't after Black played, **40...Rd7??**  
**41.Qf8 mate!**

Here is a position from the 2003 European Team Championship where a strong master, Van der Stricht (2465), commits the ultimate blunder, resigning in a winning position!

**Van der Stricht (Belgium)**



**GM Viktor Korchnoi (Switzerland)**

**Position after 36.Rg6 (from g4)**

White is threatening 37.Qxh6 mate, as well as capturing the Black queen.

**36...Black Resigns!?**

Black can play 36...Nxe5! 37.Rxe6 Nxd3! (with the threat of 38...Nf4+) 38.Rxh6+ gxh6+! 39.Kf1 Rg6 and Black is actually ahead in material.

If your position is hopelessly lost and you feel like resigning, here is some practical advice...play quickly. Your opponent can't realistically accuse you of stalling and poor sportsmanship, and he just might start moving faster as well, increasing the chance of a blunder!

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**Profile**

A mild-mannered chess player right now. But soon, Ken Johnson will be known in Colorado chess circles as:

# MONROI MAN



**K**en Johnson from Fort Collins recently bought a MonRoi and used it in the Wyoming Open. I sat down with Ken Johnson to ask him about his newest acquisition, especially from a TD point of view.

deleted that part of the programming, the cost would come down so that more people could have one. After all, it is unlikely that anyone buying a MonRoi would not have Fritz or some other engine to do game analysis. As far as the scoring part of the machine it is excellent and simple to use.

RR: So how do you like your new toy?

KJ: It's fabulous. I am a beginner (played almost 3 years now) and for the first time I can get accurate score sheets for my games.

RR: How long did it take you from ordering time to get your Monroi? Is there a backlog?

KJ: It took about six days. I doubt that they have a backlog, but I don't know for sure.

RR: What motivated you to buy a Monroi?

KJ: I would like to improve and everything I have heard or read emphasizes analyzing your own games to see where you are making mistakes. I play once or twice a week with guys from the club (G/60 + 5). The straw that broke the camels back was a game of around 70 moves. I say around because between the two of us we were unable to reconstruct the game accurately immediately after the game. Our score sheets agreed up to about move 45, after that we have only a vague idea of what happened. I should add that the other player is an experienced tournament player, not a beginner.

RR: What happens if your opponent needs to borrow your score sheet? How can they see all the moves you've recorded so far?

KJ: There are only two views you can access once a game is started, one shows the game in progress and the other shows a score sheet. If you turn the machine off, the game you are playing reappears. There is no way to change modes without recording a score.

RR: How does your opponent sign your score sheet after the game is completed?

KJ: Once the game is over, you must record the score and then the next screen has boxes for the two opponents and the arbiter (if there is one) to sign.

RR: What's the most annoying part, or something you think they could have done better, on the Monroi?

KJ: The price mainly. It comes with a game analyzer which I have never used (and likely never will). Perhaps if they

RR: Can the software be installed on the TD's laptop and directly print the games from that?

KJ: Yes, but some TDs might not want additional software on their laptops which I can understand as it uses space on their computer that might be used for something else. Possibly their computer does not have enough available space for the program. I bring a small laptop and battery operated printer so I can do everything myself. The entire package I bring weighs about the same as an average laptop. Of course it would be more if you had larger equipment. This is one thing that I think MonRoi does not make clear in their advertising (that you need a laptop). I don't think that most TDs would have a problem with allowing you to use their printer. The newer laptops have all the drivers built in. If you have an older laptop this then becomes an additional expense and another negative about buying a MonRoi as you have to either buy a new laptop or bring your own printer.

RR: You've used the Monroi in the Wyoming Open already. Do you think it has helped your chess game, and if so, how?

KJ: The only way it helps during the tournament, I would say, is that it probably is faster and more accurate keeping score with the MonRoi rather than using a traditional score sheet. As far as helping my chess game, I think it has and will continue to help because now Fritz has accurate blunders to find. I think I am already making different blunders!

RR: Did any of your opponents seem to dislike or object to you using the MonRoi?

KJ: On the contrary, some of them were happy that I could give them an accurate score sheet if they wanted it. There is also the option to print the score sheet and include the time spent on each move which they seemed to like. In any case it is a accepted scoring device in any USCF sanctioned tournament.

RR: How do you print the score sheet after the game is completed?

KJ: It is easy once they tell you how to do it. It is hard to describe specifically if you don't have a machine in hand. The digital instruction manual that you receive doesn't even mention printing. Even though my wife is a university Computer Scientist and I was a university Mathematician, we couldn't figure how to print so we had to e-mail MonRoi to ask. Their reply was fast (a few hours) and explained perfectly how to print. The content of that e-mail should be in the user's manual in my opinion.

RR: Have you used the wireless capabilities to broadcast your games anywhere else yet?

KJ: No, to do that you need a MonRoi wireless receiver/broadcaster. I think it will be awhile before that becomes common in small tournaments. Large tournaments like the US Open use them. One of the niceties of the device is that the TDs can see each move in a game as it is recorded. Games can be put on the internet in real-time for major tournaments like the US Open.

RR: Okay, I have to ask. What about cheating?

KJ: MonRoi says it is impossible. I certainly don't know how it could be done but "impossible" is a very strong word. Both the Germans and the Japanese thought it was "impossible" for us to break their naval codes in WW II. Even though there was a great deal of evidence to the contrary, they continued to believe that the codes were "impossible" to decipher. So I suppose someday, someone could reverse engineer the machine and either make a cheap knock-off or use it to cheat. I don't see the point of cheating to get a higher rating (ego maybe). The real cheaters are the sand baggers that lose games on purpose to keep their rating in a particular range. I would guess that in big money tournaments (like Minneapolis) that there were an awful lot of very good players in the under 1200, under 1400 sections etc. of the tournament. With a first prize of \$20,000 you would guess that there had to be sand baggers in the neighborhood. The problem is the same in golf and other sports, but I know of no way to detect or prevent it and apparently neither does anyone else.

RR: Are there any other features which the machine has?

KJ: Yes, as I said above, when you print a game there is an option to add the time each player spent before making a move. It is really disappointing to find out that you thought for 5 minutes before making a really dumb move! In the long run, this feature might help you learn to avoid time trouble, I'm not sure.

RR: Well I guess that is about all that I can think of for now. Thank you.

KJ: You are very welcome.

by  
Damian Nash

## Hurricane Leo and the Durango Chess Championship

**D**urango second grader Leo Bruell swept through the Youth section of the Durango Chess Championship tournament like a hurricane, finishing 6-0 and leaving a trail of destruction behind him. This included wins over much older chess players, boosted his rating to 1053, and established him as the official Durango Chess Champion in the 12-and-under category. Anamichelle Apted lost only to Leo, finishing 5-1 and taking home the trophy for grades 6-7. High School Senior Elliot Hutchins lost to the two tournament leaders but won all the rest of his games, then beat fellow DHS student Andy Kosmetchke in a match to take home the 19-and-under Durango Champion trophy. Tied for fourth place were Brandon Bedonie, Michaelan Apted, Torin Hopkins-Arnold, Aimee Lark and Brandi Bedonie.

In the Open section, Damian Nash successfully defended his title as Durango Chess Champion, surviving both an inferior rook ending to 17-year-old Peter Robinson in round 2 and a brutal kingside attack by Jim Mooney in round 3. Mooney won the Durango Senior Champion title at 2-1 and picked up 14 rating points in the process. Tied with him at second were JJ Bader, who teaches cello at Fort Lewis College and had a great first tournament, and Andy Kosmetchke, who also played well.



by Brian Wall

# Anthea's Secret Weapon

The last round of the May Poor Richard's Chess Tournament paired Anthea Carson versus Josh Bloomer. I had missed two rounds out of 5 and was playing Wehmiller on Board 2. I told Anthea in front of Josh she had a good chance to cross over to 1700 and knock Josh off his Master title because Josh had a bad cold. Also Josh had already won the tournament, often gets in time pressure playing perfect chess and in addition his cheerful, bubbly mom Joyce showed up to distract him in time pressure.

Anthea had her own strategy. She had recently lost some games to Josh because: "Josh does mind tricks, tempting me with untakeable material. I wanted to play solidly and avoid his traps this time. He doesn't really leave anything hanging."

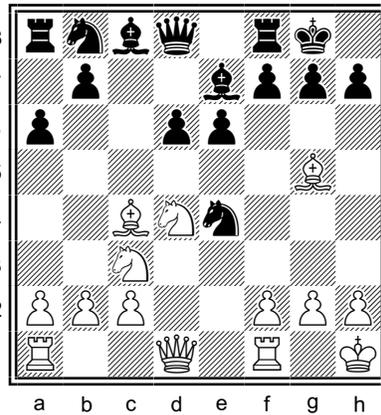
**W: Anthea Carson Martinez (1680)**

**B: Josh Bloomer (2210)**

Poor Richard's May Chess Tournament  
May 30, 2007, Round 5, G/90

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Bc4 e6 7. Bg5 Be7 8. O-O O-O 9. Kh1 not the most incisive but played 7 times before.

9 ... Nxe4! (Diagram) Best, but Josh probably would have won if he had played a worse move here, to get Anthea into a different line.



10. Bxe7! Qxe7 Theoretical Novelty by Josh Bloomer.

Josh faked himself out by looking 7 moves ahead:

10 Bxe7 Nxc3 11 Bxd8 Nxd1 12 Be7 Nxb2 13 Bb3 Re8 14 Bxd6 b5? 15 Rab1 Nc4 16 Bxc4 bxc4? 17 Rxb8 with the loss of a piece.

But black can improve on the line with 16 ... Rd8! instead. Also, back at move 14, 14 ... Bd7! will save the piece as well. Josh decided to avoid all this and defend an inferior middle game.

11. Nxe4 d5 12. Bxd5 exd5 13. Nc3 The fork trick has left Josh down half an hour on the clock plus stuck with a bad bishop and isolated QP. Josh is going to need his 500 rating point difference to hold on here.

13 ... Rd8 The black queen does

not want an e1-rook staring at her, so 13 ... Qd6! is the most efficient regrouping.

14. Qf3 14 Re1 and then reacting to Queen moves is best: 14 Re1 Be6 15 Qe2 is tough.

14 ... Be6 15. Rfe1 Qd7 Developing with 15 ... Nc6 is best.

16. Rad1?? Nc6?? I groaned inwardly when I saw 16 ... Bg4! skewering a rook. Anthea groaned outwardly and left the table in disgust. Josh moved in less than a minute which is when I make most of my blunders. That's why I record the times as GM Bronstein recommended.

17. h3? Avoiding ... Bg4 with a huge sigh of relief but 17 Nxe6 fxe6 18 Qg4! or Qh3! is a more aggressive way.

17 ... Rac8 18. a3? 18 Nxe6! fxe6 19 Qg4! is again strong but I can understand why Anthea did not want to remove that sick looking bishop on e6.

18 ... h6? 19. Re3? 19 Nxe6! fxe6 20 Qg4! is still good...

19 ... Re8 20. Qe2 Na5 21. b3! Preventing ... Nc4. The game is dynamically equal now, the c2-weakness equals the d5-weakness.

Somewhere about here, Bloomer's Momma Joyce showed up with a big smile and sat close and promised Anthea she would distract Josh as much as possible. Everyone in the Bloomer household is a J: Jeff, Joyce, Josh and Jenna.

21 ... Nc6! 22. b4 Trying to keep Bloomer's horse at bay but creating fresh weaknesses down the c-file.



22 ... Nxd4 23. Rxd4! Qc6 24. Qd2 Pretty even but Josh has to worry about a head cold, his mom, his clock, his rating, his bishop and his d-pawn.

24 ... Red8 I don't like static positions; I like positions that can bloom.

25. Rg3 Torturing Josh with mate threats in time pressure.

25 ... Kh8! 26. Qe3 Qd6 27. Ne4 Heading for greener pastures...

27 ... Qe7 Josh has to find miserable defensive moves with no win in sight. My time guess here would be:

Josh 15 minutes  
 Anthea 45 minutes  
 Joyce all the time in the world to chat

28. Nc5 b6 29. Nxe6 Anthea has learned some of Bloomer's Jedi mind tricks. Her knight is stranded after 29 Nxa6 Rxc2!

29 ... Qxe6 Josh says: It is important to trade Queens here or Anthea could build up a King-side attack.  
 29 ... fxe6 30 Rg6!! or Rdg4! are strong.

30. Qxe6 Trading queens with such a powerful player as Josh makes sense but this improves his pawn structure, setting up Alekhine's gun with 30 Qd2 and 31 Rgd3 is better.

30 ... fxe6! 31. c3! e5 Josh: I'd rather be Black here.

Josh had about 4 minutes here to Anthea's half hour.

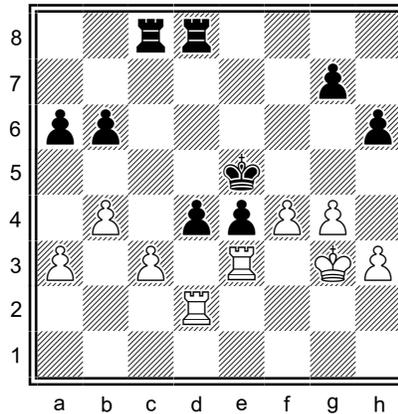
32. Rdd3 Kh7 33. Rge3! e4 34. Rd2 34 Rd4 to break things up with 35 f3 makes sense.

34 ... Kg6! The chess master scurries to centralize his King, even with little time. Will Anthea follow suit?

35. g4 Kf6 Aiming for a central post: 35 ... Kg5!-f4 is cozy as well as 35 ... b5, fixing the queenside weaknesses.

36. Kh2 Ke5! 37. Kg3! d4?? I watched this move and the next; I was done with Weihmiller. There are three people I cannot stand to watch with little time: Josh Bloomer, Tyler Hughes and Anthea Carson. I love them all and cannot bear to watch them suffer. Josh had 2 minutes plus a 5 second delay, Anthea had half an hour. Josh is in Colorado Closed mode, time pressure in almost every game.

38. f4+! (Diagram) Time Pressure shocker.



They just reversed the position from Advantage Josh to Advantage Anthea. Anthea made this move instantly.

I hid among the books in the back and silently prayed for Anthea to offer a draw before she blew it. I didn't emerge until the postmortem and felt sure Josh must have tricked her somehow.

Josh: I think I would be winning after 37 ... g5 preventing f4+

37 ... g5 could be met by 38 f3 I think the best idea is targeting the c3-pawn with 37 ... Rc4, ... Rc7 or ... Rd6. Also possible is 37 ... Rf8 to pressure the f2-pawn.

38 ... Kf6 Now Josh has little time and a lost endgame.

39. cxd4 39 Rxd4! is good too.

39 ... Re8 40. f5 Best among many wins: the idea is Kf4 followed by h4-g5+ and Rxe4.

40 ... Rc1 Trying to stay active - such concepts are second nature to Chess Masters.

41. Rde2 Again best among many wins.

41 ... Ra1 42. Rxe4 Anthea offered a draw here. Josh declined in a lost endgame. Anthea said Josh made a funny face like he couldn't believe what his game had degenerated to. Josh said he declined the draw because he felt he deserved to lose after missing 38 f4+!! Anthea had other good ideas like 42 Rc2-c6+

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SO...  
 AFTER D4, SHE'LL GO RE1,  
 FOLLOWED BY C4, THEN... WAIT...  
 NO, NO, NO, THAT'S NOT RIGHT!  
 WHAT'S... HAPPENING TO ME?  
 OK.. KD5, THEN... UH...  
 THESE AREN'T THE DROIDS  
 I'M LOOKING FOR...  
**ARRGHH!!!**

"AND THEN WHEN HE WAS TWO..." -- JOYCE BLOOMER

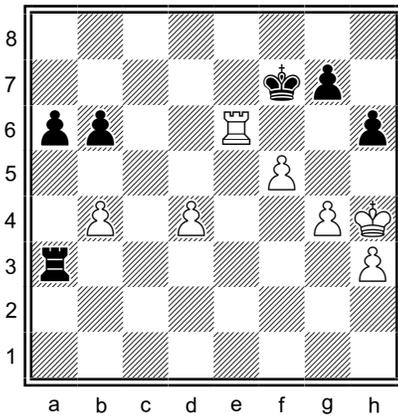


## Secret Weapon

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**42 ... Rxa3+! 43. Kh4** That move is good enough, like we say in Ainsworth, Nebraska. Josh pointed out **43 Kf4!** centralizing in the post-mortem but Bloomer's time pressure made Anthea nervous and she didn't want to let go of her h-pawn. Anthea's decision to decentralize will soon backfire.

**43 ... Rxe4 44. Rxe4 Kf7 45. Re6?? (Diagram)** Anthea's scoresheet is always a challenge and Josh only had two minutes left with a 5 second delay here and was not keeping score. I can't promise this position really happened but if it did, **45 ... g5+!!** wins for Josh after **46 Kh5 Rxh3** checkmate or **46 fxg5 Kxe6** winning a rook! A brutal punishment of **43 Kh4**.



**45 ... b5?? 46. d5 Rd3** Rooks belong behind passed pawns - automatic for the Chess Master.

**47. Rxa6 Rxd5 48. Ra7+ Kf6** I am not sure what Anthea's winning chances would be if she moved her King from the silly h4-square back to the center but she knows from many Chess lessons how sharp Josh is so she is content with a 500 point upset draw.

**49. Rb7! Re5** I think even Philipp Ponomarev might give Anthea a draw here, especially with a huge time edge.

**50. Rb6+** I think Anthea can win with **Kh5, h4** and wait for a good chance to play **g5**.

**50 ... Kf7 51. Rb7+ Kf6 1/2-1/2** This time Josh made a very rare draw offer and Anthea acquiesced to the pity draw.

A solid effort by two of the best male and female chess players in the state of Colorado. The draw took Josh below Master, a win would have propelled Anthea above 1700 again.

## About a year and a half ago, Buck Buchanan sent a letter out to all TD's regarding procedures for Colorado Tour events. It deserves repetition today to make sure all tournaments wishing to be Colorado Tour events understand the rules.

To: Colorado Tournament Directors

It's been a while since there was an official communication from CSCA to its most valuable and important resources: you, the active promoters and directors of chess activities. This letter will inform and remind you about some matters and keep us on the same page on procedures and policies.

First, let's talk about the Colorado Tour. This program promotes chess by recognizing and rewarding players who combine active participation in tournaments with successful results. It helps tournaments by bringing in the regulars.

So here are the rules:

1. A Tour tournament must be open to all players and held at a time when players can reasonably be expected to be present. So this excludes invitational events, scholastics, and club events held on weekdays. An exception to the "open" rule would be for players whose CSCA membership has been revoked, or players who have been banned for cause by chess clubs from participating in their activities.
2. The tournament needs to be announced as a Tour event in a CSCA print publication. This can be in the *Colorado Chess Informant* or a mailing sent out by CSCA. An announcement on the website, while it should definitely be done, is not sufficient for this requirement.
3. All Colorado players must be or become CSCA members. The dues are \$15 a year or \$10 for juniors or seniors (defined the same way as USCF). One-tournament memberships can be bought for \$5. Family memberships are available if there is another member at the same address who buys an annual membership. Family memberships cost \$12 (or \$7 for juniors / seniors). A player buying a family membership will not receive a magazine. Membership rosters are available from the Secretary. TDs should contact Randy at [randy\\_teyana@msn.com](mailto:randy_teyana@msn.com) a week before the tournament to request a roster.
4. There is to be an entry fee discount of 25% for juniors, seniors, and unrated players. This is 25% of the advance entry fee, not the on-site fee.
5. A fee of \$1 per tournament player (even if they are not from Colorado) is to be sent to the CSCA Treasurer along with the membership fees.

Membership forms should be sent to the CSCA Secretary: Randy Reynolds, 1839 Thyme Ct, Ft Collins CO 80528. Please make sure the forms are signed and dated, and that the member has a copy. If you need forms, contact me. Money should be sent to our Treasurer, Lee Lahti, at 2836 Sombrero Lane, Ft. Collins, CO 80525. Please indicate how much is for membership fees and how much for the Tour.

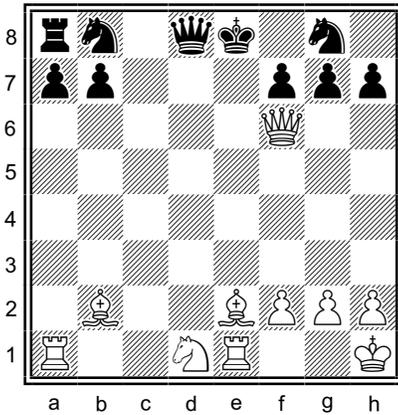
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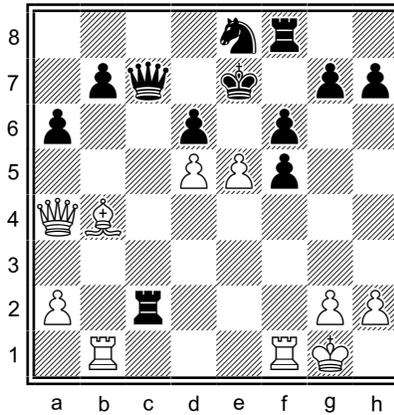
Richard "Buck" Buchanan

# Tactics Time!

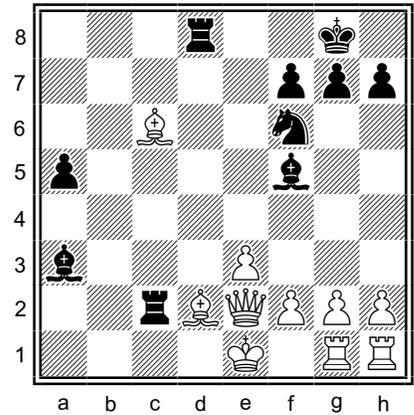
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics. Can you spot the tactics in each of the positions? Answers below...



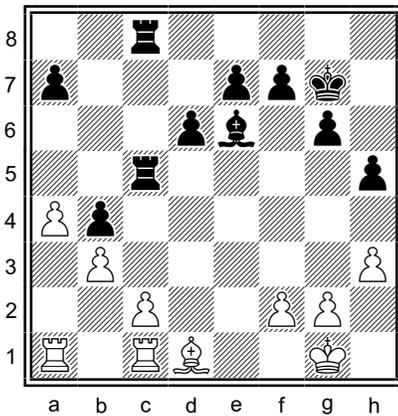
**1. Isabella Li & Stephanie Li**  
Original Composition, 6/15/2007  
White to Move



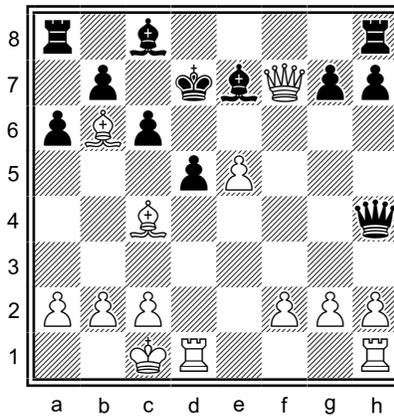
**2. James Hamblin - Leo Sotaridona**  
Loveland Open, 2/11/2007  
White to Move



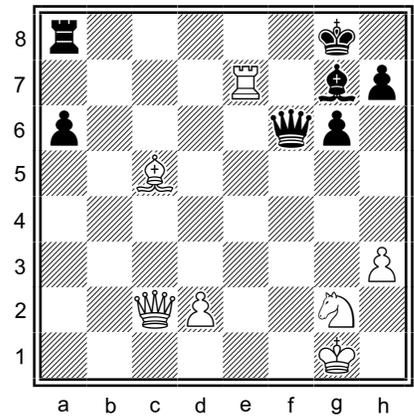
**3. Dan Tanner - Tom Corbett**  
Loveland Open, 2/11/2007  
Black to Move



**4. Ron Fertig - Mitesh Shridhar**  
Front Range Chess League, 4/7/2007  
Black to Move



**5. Archie Shipp - Cory Foster**  
Front Range Chess League, 4/7/2007  
White to Move



**6. Jesse Cohen - Renard Anderson**  
Loveland Open, 2/11/2007  
White to Move

## Answers:

- Two beginning chess players from Todd Bardwick's chess camp created this one, made their teacher (me) proud! The power of the double check is displayed through **1. Bb5+**, and after ... **Kf8**, **2. Qxd8#** ices the deal. (Just don't ask how the white queen managed to get to f6 in the first place!)
- The black king never made it to safety, and Hamblin takes advantage of the situation with **1. exd6+ Nxd6** **2. Rfe1+**, and the knight that saved the day by preventing the queen/king fork ultimately must fall. What's the reward in that?
- With imbalances all over the place, Tom settled on 1. ... **Rxd2** **2. Qxd2 Bb4** and eventually won the even game. But why not add a little extra pressure with **1. ... Bb4!** and now after **2. Bxb4 Rc1+ 3. Qd1 Rxd1+**, black will eventually feast on the cache of rooks on g1 and h1. An exciting fight in the reserve section of the Loveland Open!
- From Front Range Chess League play, Boulder crashes through Cheyenne's defenses. After **Bf5**, **Ra2** appears to hold. So Mitesh takes the shortcut: **1. ... Bxb3!** and white had no chance to stop the onslaught on the c pawn.
- Another Front Range Chess League game, Greeley picks up this beautiful 5 move combo with **1. Rxd5+! cxd5** **2. Qxd5+ Ke8** **3. Qf7+ Kd7** **4. Rd1+ Kc6** **5. Ba5**. **Rd8** isn't good and Archie gets a quick mate, but other responses aren't that great either!
- After **Bg7?**, Jesse took advantage of a dark square pin with **1. Qc4+ Kh8** **2. Rxc7!** and after **K (or Q)xc7**, **3. Bd4** wins the queen and the game.

by Randy Reynolds

# Colorado Springs vs. Fort Collins

## The Team Matches Will Continue Until Morale Improves...

*The crowd quiets as the captains face each other. The CSCC captain takes off her silky glove and SLAPS the FCCC captain across the cheek.*

*"I challenge you to a duel", she utters.*

*Stunned by the slap to the cheek, the FCCC does quickly recover. He responds with a slap of his own, knocking the CSCC captain senseless with his mail gauntlet.*

*"I accept," he replies.*

*The CSCC captain seems dazed, but smiles wearily in acknowledgement.*

To the uninitiated, this might sound like the lost chapters to a forgotten Lord of the Rings saga, but those familiar know it well as the clarion call that would bring two great clubs together into one historic battle.

Fort Collins vs. Colorado Springs. Superman vs. Lex Luthor. Obi-wan Kenobi vs. Darth Vader. Fischer vs. Spassky. The list could go on...

Prompted by the Fort Collins club challenge in a recent Informant, Colorado Springs club player Renae Delaware contacted Fort Collins player Lee Lahti to set up a match. To avoid excessive travel (and home court advantage), the teams agreed to meet at the neutral ground Tabor Center on March 24th and play two rated match games.

Colorado Springs seemed to possess the early lead on paper with Josh Bloomer grabbing the top board honors. However, a freak trip to the hospital the night before the match left the Springs without their top player. Fortunately, Josh is doing fine and it was a false alarm. Allegations of possible foul play were widely circulated, but so far no arrests have been made.

Thus, Paul Anderson now inherited the top board, playing about 130 points lower than Markus Petters, Fort Collins' top board.

What began as a slight 132 point average lead for CO Springs evaporated into a dead even match between the teams. The roster:

Bd	Fort Collins	Colorado Springs
1	Markus Petters (2028)	Paul Anderson (1886)
2	Andy Duren (1744)	Bill Weihmiller (1713)
3	Dean Mitchell (1677)	Josh Divine (1642)
4	Randy Reynolds (1587)	Joe Pahk (1459)
5	Lee Lahti (1422)	Dean Brown (1335)
6	Cory Foster (1119)	Michael Filppu (1312)
7	Ken Johnson (1009)	Tom Mullikin (1169)
8	Jacob Dietrich (827P)	Jerry Maier (1054)

where he denied Randy any counterattack throughout the whole game. Sad times...

Emboldened by their good fortune, Colorado Springs went on to improve with 6.5-1.5 for the final round, winning 5, drawing 3, losing 0. Perhaps their highlight was Paul finally solving Markus' playing style (see next page for a report of that game). The match's final score was: Colorado Springs 11.5, Fort Collins 4.5.

But Colorado Springs wasn't going to let one setback stop them. After the first round, the match was 5-3 in the Springs' favor. The carnage included a vicious attack by Joe Pahk on Randy Reynolds,

Colorado Springs also has a traveling trophy to commemorate the win (shown below), which they plan on putting on the line as they challenge another team shortly. Hmmm, maybe Longmont is next? We shall see!



Lee Lahti reluctantly hands over the Mountain States chess club trophy to Renae Delaware. Photo by Randy Reynolds.

by Paul Anderson

# Lee's Plea Three

As I was reading the last edition of the Informant (April 2007), I ran across the article "Lee's Plea (part 2)." I thought to myself, "Ooh, the exciting conclusion to Lee's Plea (part 1) is finally here!" Of course, I couldn't remember what part 1 was about or if there was a perilous cliffhanger yet to be resolved. So, I went back through my old Informants looking for the original "Lee's Plea." I couldn't find it in the January 2007 edition but did find something in the October 2006 issue. In the mailbag section, Lee asked the question, "Is there no one who can topple the great Fort Collins Chess Club in match play?"

It is hard to believe they decided to make a sequel out of that comment, but I guess that is the trend these days. Actually, the trend seems to be to make a couple of sequels and call it a trilogy. In fact, I think every movie coming out this summer is the third in a series. So, why should "Lee's Plea" be any different? The second version was better than the first one as it even contained a cliffhanger this time. At the end of the story, our heroes have suffered their first setback like Luke Skywalker in the Empire Strikes Back. The Fort Collins Chess Club rushed off to face the dark side unprepared and got their hands cut off. But the story concludes with a hint of the ongoing saga to come: "Gauntlets have been thrown down for a match on March 24th against Colorado Springs at the neutral Tabor Center. Stay tuned next issue for a report on that match!" Of course, without any hands they didn't have much use for the gauntlets anyway.

And now, another thrilling chapter in the adventures of the FC Chess Club in team matches.

Typically, in the final installment of a trilogy, the heroes redeem themselves and wrap things up for a happily-ever-after ending. Of course, in real life not everyone is reading from the same script. Who knew the Fort Collins Chess Club would transform from Luke Skywalker into the Black Knight of Monty Python and the Holy Grail? In the Mountain States Chess Club Championship Match, the Fort Collins Chess Club started hot with 2 wins on the top two boards, but they could only manage a couple of draws on the lower six boards and fell behind 3-5 at the break. The good news was that the Fort Collins Chess Club was only two points behind. The bad news was that Fort Collins was luring Colorado Springs into a genuine sense of security with the second round yet to come. The Colorado Springs Chess Club turned the tide on the top boards that round with 3 wins, and they held off any losses with three draws on the bottom five boards and pulled away 11.5-4.5 to claim the Mountain States Chess Club Match Champions trophy!

I was not one of the Colorado Springs team members with a great deal of security in the second round. I had already lost in the first round facing an opponent who was higher rated than myself. I had used up a lot of time trying to get a slight edge in material in the opening and felt the pressure of trying to defend an attack against his queen and rooks with the clock in single digits.

So, I wanted to avoid repeating that kind of scenario in the second round. I was aiming to trade off the powerful pieces and shoot for a draw putting the pressure to win on him. However, I felt things had gone awry when I had to trade off my bishop for his knight leaving him the bishop pair and me with a knight on the edge of the board. But it dawned on me that there are three ways to guarantee a victory over a higher rated

opponent, and I will reveal one of those secrets to you now. As I thought, "How do you beat a higher rated player?" I realized you just had to get a winning position and wait for him to resign.

When I had read "Lee's Plea" originally, like most people, I completely dismissed it as the insane ramblings of a chess nut. However, I now appreciate the effort it took to get the ball rolling on these team matches. With four matches under their belt, the Fort Collins Chess Club has shown themselves to be a force that cannot be easily dismissed. Of course, the insane ramblings part is still up for debate, as the "great Fort Collins Chess Club" seems to topple more often than a game of Jenga.

**W: Anderson, Paul (1895)**

**B: Petters, Markus (2028)**

CSCC vs FCCC, March 24th, 2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.e5 Ne8 6.f4 d6 7.Be3 c5 8.dxc5 last book move

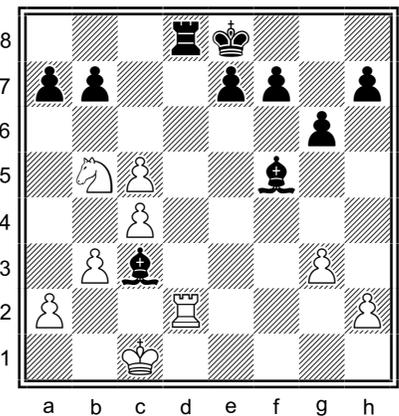
8...Qa5 9.Nf3 [9.cxd6 exd6 10.Qd5 Qb4±]

9...Nc6 [9...dxe5 10.Nxe5 Nf6 11.Be2+/=]

10.Qa4 [≥=10.cxd6!? exd6 11.Qd5± (11.exd6?! Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxd6=)]

10...Qxa4= 11.Nxa4 dxe5 12.fxe5 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.0-0 Bg4 15.Rd2 Ng7 16.Bd3 Nf5 17.Bxf5 Bxf5 18.b3 Rfd8 19.Rhd1 Rxd2 20.Rxd2 Kf8 [Weaker is 20...Bxh2 21.g4 Clearance to allow d2-h2 21...Bxg4 22.Rxh2+/=]

21.g3 Ke8 22.Bd4 Be7 23.Nc3 Rd8 24.Nb5 Ba5 25.Bc3 Bxc3? (Diagram) [≥=25...Rxd2 would save the game 26.Bxd2 Bxd2+ 27.Kxd2 a5=]



26.Nc7++- Kf8 27.Rxd8+ Kg7 28.Nd5 Ba5? [28...Bd4 29.Nxe7 Be3+ 30.Kb2 Be4+-]

29.Rb8 e6 30.b4 exd5 31.bxa5 dxc4 32.Rxb7 1-0

Paul Anderson (L) and Markus Petters battle it out on the top board at the Mountain States Chess Club Match Championships. Photo by Randy Reynolds.

by Archie Shipp

# Shipp's Log

I don't plan on going to too many two day events, but since the Loveland Open was only fifteen minutes from where I live, I couldn't resist. Although there was way too much dead time between rounds for the two days, I'm glad I played. I was able to convince a few more Greeley players, Al Rine and Gary Dorsey, to get back into tournament play and the three of us did pretty well by taking 7 of 12 points in the four rounds and I ended up in a four way tie for second place in the Santa Fe section, losing only to the eventual champion.

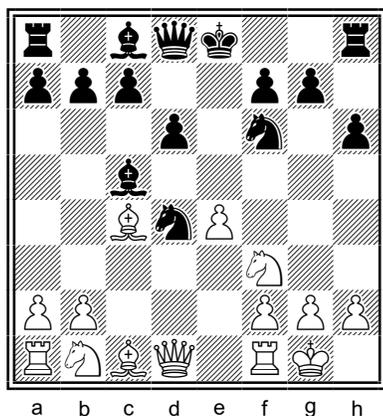
**W: Thomas Corbett (1482)**

**B: Archie Shipp (1153)**

Loveland Open (3), Feb. 11, 2007

**Off Course:** I've been trying Brian Wall's Fishing Pole lines against openings other than the Spanish, most of the time with mixed results. Sorry Brian, I screwed this one up with a blunder and then by not trusting the pole.

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 h6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 Nf6 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4?? (Diagram)** Crafty (score 2.94 at depth 8) thinks this is not a good move and I agree! I just miscalculated the number of defenders...no excuse! [Crafty suggests: 8...Bb6 9.d5 Ne7 10.Nc3 0-0 11.Bf4 Bg4 12.Rc1 (score 0.45 at depth 8)]



**9.Nxd4 Ng4 10.Be3 Nxe3** Here, I think I gave up on the fishing pole idea too

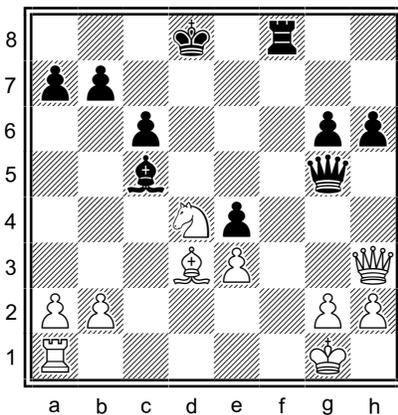
quickly. I'm curious what he would have done had I just kept to the plan.

**11.fxe3 Qg5 12.Bxf7+ Kd8** Crafty didn't tell me this was wrong, but I realized after moving that Ke7 would have been better by helping me to attack the bishop in another move and have me a step closer to connecting my rooks.

**13.Qe2 Rf8 14.Nd2 Ke7** Now I do it.

**15.Bd5 Bg4 16.N2f3 Bxf3 17.Rxf3 Rxf3 18.Qxf3 Rf8 19.Nf5+** I kept hoping he would use that knight in the previous exchanges. Afterwards, I was hoping to play Bxe3. That pawn and knight cause me a lot of trouble in a while.

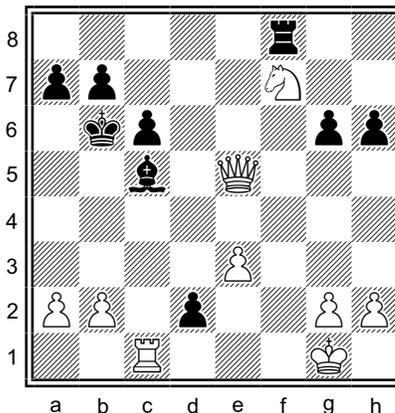
**19...Kd8 20.Qh3 c6 21.Bc4 d5 22.Bd3 g6 23.Nd4 dxe4?? (Diagram)** Crafty (score 10.17 at depth 10) thinks this is a blunder, but what the computer doesn't know is that Thomas bribed my wife to call right here, forcing me to lose my concentration. That's my story and I'm sticking to it! [Crafty suggests: 23...Re8 24.Qf3 Qe5 25.Nb3 Bd6 26.Qh3 Qg5 27.exd5 Rxe3 (score 2.61 at depth 8)]



**24.Ne6+** Could this family-fork have been any worse!?

**24...Ke8 25.Nxg5 exd3** Crafty (score 14.22 at depth 9) thinks this move loses more quickly, but I'm lost anyway. [Crafty suggests: 25...hxg5 26.Bxe4 Kd8 27.Qg3 Kc8 28.Qxg5 b6 29.Bxc6 Kc7 30.Qxg6 Bxe3+ (score 12.09 at depth 9)]

**26.Qe6+ Kd8 27.Nf7+ Kc7 28.Qe5+ Kb6 29.Rc1 d2?? (Diagram)** Crafty (score 13.47 at depth 8) thinks this move loses more quickly. [Crafty suggests: 29...Rxf7 30.Qxc5+ Kc7 31.Qe5+ Kb6 32.Qd4+ Kc7 33.Qxd3 Rf5 34.e4 Rf4 35.e5 (score 10.75 at depth 9)]



**30.Qxc5+ Ka6 31.Qc4+ b5??** This offers a mate in 4 to the opponent [Crafty suggests: 31...Kb6 32.Rd1 a5 33.Rxd2 h5 34.Ne5 Rf5 35.Nxg6 (score 13.57 at depth 8)]

**32.Qxc6+ Ka5 33.Qc3+ b4 34.Qc5+ Ka6 35.Qc6+ Ka5 36.Rc5#** Although I felt like I gave him the game by dropping the knight early and then the queen, I can't complain too much since he did win the section. **1-0**

“... what the computer doesn't know is that Thomas bribed my wife to call right here, forcing me to lose my concentration.”  
-- Archie Shipp, conspiracy theorist

**W: Archie Shipp (1153)**

**B: Walter Schmidt (1394)**

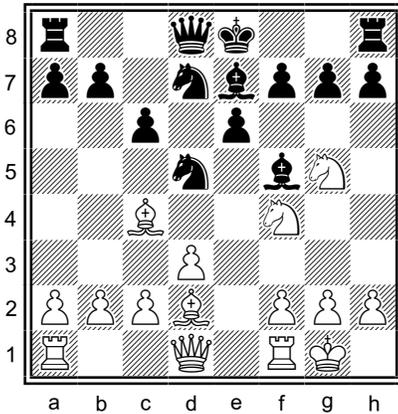
Loveland Open (4), Feb. 11, 2007

**On Course:** I had three wins to choose from for my best of the tournament, but this one felt good knowing that I was in the mix for the money.

**1.e4 d5** A gentleman named KC Jones was the reason I actually become a scholastic

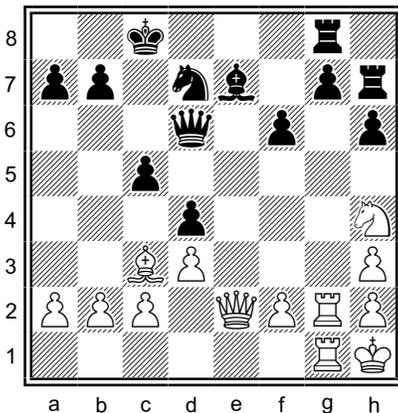
chess sponsor several years ago. He and I play correspondence games via internet, and he loves playing the Scandinavian defense. I felt pretty confident once I saw Walter wanted to play it.

**2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.d3 c6 7.Ng5 e6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bd2 Nbd7 10.Nd5 Qd8 11.Nf4 Nd5 12.Nfh3? (Diagram)**



**12. ... h6 13.Nf3 Bxh3** This few moves leading up to this was a nice way to rip open the guard protecting my king. I saw it coming, but couldn't really avoid it.

**14.gxh3 Qc7 15.Kh1 0-0-0 16.Bxd5 exd5 17.Rg1 Rdg8 18.Bc3 f6 19.Rg2 c5 20.Qe2 Qd6 21.Rag1 Rh7 22.Nh4** My whole purpose was to get the knight to f5, but I was willing to settle for Ng6 if Walter saw what I was planning.

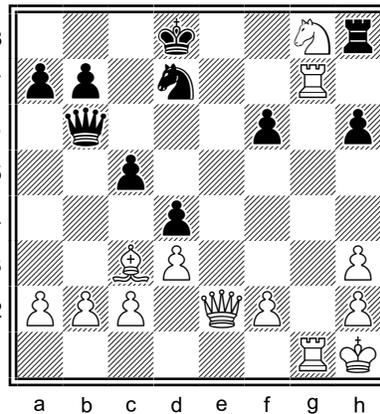


**22...d4?? (Diagram)** Crafty (score 4.72 at depth 10) thinks this is a blunder, and I knew as it happened that the game was mine to take! [Crafty suggests: 22...Bd8

23.Nf5 Qb6 24.b3 Kb8 25.Rg4 Qc6 26.Re1 (score 0.01 at depth 8)]

**23.Nf5 Qb6** Crafty (score 7.00 at depth 9) thinks this is not a good move, but I'm not sure its suggestion letting me have the queen was much better for Walter. [Crafty suggests: 23...dxc3 24.Nxd6+ Bxd6 25.Qe6 Rd8 26.Qxd6 cxb2 27.Rb1 Re8 28.a3 g5 29.Rxb2 (score 4.76 at depth 10)]

**24.Nxe7+ Kd8 25.Nxg8 Rh8 26.Rxg7 (Diagram)** Now here, I thought about Qe7+ and then Rxg7 but saw that he might be able to force a queen exchange, and take either my knight or my bishop for free, depending on the combinations. I'll assume that is why Crafty didn't tell me this was the wrong move here.



**26...Qc6+ 27.f3 Ne5 28.R1g3 h5 29.h4 Ke8** Crafty (score 11.85 at depth 8) thinks this move loses more quickly [Crafty suggests: 29...dxc3 30.bxc3 Rxg8 31.Rxg8+ Kc7 32.Rh8 Qa4 33.Rxh5 Nd7 (score 9.22 at depth 9)]

**30.Bd2 Kf8 31.Bf4 Ng4** This offers a mate in 1 to the opponent, and I couldn't have been happier. I knew I would at least have a shot at a tie for 3rd and maybe even 2nd, depending on how the top two boards turned out. [Crafty suggests: 31...c4 32.Bxe5 cxd3 33.Qxd3 Qc5 34.Nxf6 Qb4 35.Qxd4 (score 16.97 at depth 8)]

**32.Qe7# 1-0**

**W: Renard Anderson (2219)**

**B: Archie Shipp (1153)**

CU Rapid IV (1), March 10, 2007

**Way Off Course:**

**1.e4** Before Renard even moved, I was thinking to myself that I would probably be lucky to last ten moves.

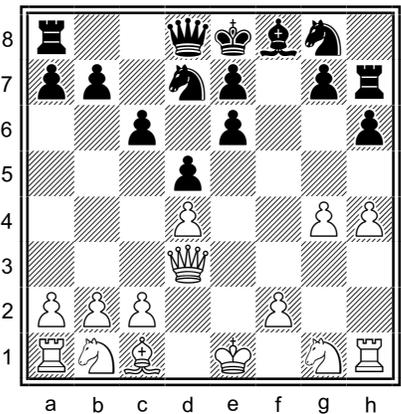
**1...c6** I've been really working on symmetrical openings lately, but I thought, incorrectly perhaps, a Caro-Kann would be safer.

**2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4** I'm used to seeing Nc3 or Bd3 here. I think the combination of being intimidated and this little surprise is what killed me.

**4...h6 5.g4 Bh7 6.e6** Another surprise. I again expected Bd3.

**6...fxe6 7.Bd3** Finally. I should have taken it, but I didn't. **7...Nd7** I was thinking of e5 next to seize the center.

**8.Bxh7 Rxh7 9.Qd3 (Diagram)** As Crafty shows, I really hadn't made a fatal error until here.



**9...Ngf6??** Unfortunately, this offers a mate in one. If I use the other knight, Crafty thinks I can defend decently for a while. [Crafty suggests: 9...Ndf6 10.Qg6+ Kd7 11.Nf3 Qe8 12.Ne5+ Kc7 13.Qd3 h5 14.f3 Rd8 +=(score 0.33 at depth 9)]

**10.Qg6#** The moral victory...I was up a pawn before I lost! **1-0**

## Colorado Chess Festival: McMahon Swiss (April 14, 2007)

#	Name	USCF #	Pre-rating	Post-rating	Game Info	Points
1	MATTHEW R KRUMP	13610672	924	1147	W16 W20 B W8 W15	5.0
2	JAMES E HAMBLIN	10922593	2000	2013	W6 D4 W9 W10 W3	4.5
3	JASON D ZETTERVALL	12635181	1377	1515	W15 W14 W11 W18 L2	4.0
4	SAFET MEHINAGIC	12727668	2012	2010	W17 D2 D6 W9 D10	3.5
5	RANDY REYNOLDS	12842017	1573	1634	W18 W7 L17 W14 H	3.5
6	BEN BAILEY	12880276	1933	1939	L2 W17 D4 W13 H	3.0
7	JACKSON CHEN	13383565	1528	1536	W12 L5 L10 W11 W13	3.0
8	ALEX LI	12904763	1080	1115	L11 W15 W19 L1 W16	3.0
9	PAUL M GRIMM	12461913	1617	1643	H W13 L2 L4 W18	2.5
10	JAMES C MACNEIL	12532599	1619	1625	H L18 W7 L2 D4	2.0
11	WALTER G SCHMIDT	12546940	1332	1331	W8 W12 L3 L7 U	2.0
12	NICHOLAS YUAN	13702857	1142	1142	L7 L11 L14 W16 W19	2.0
13	STEPHEN B CARY	12451121	1616	1593	D14 L9 W18 L6 L7	1.5
14	NORBERT MARTINEZ	12471639	1574	1548	D13 L3 W12 L5 U	1.5
15	FRANK F ATWOOD	12117960	1379	1299	L3 L8 D16 W19 L1	1.5
16	MICHAEL J DEMPSEY	12952683	1020	991	L1 W19 D15 L12 L8	1.5
17	SAMIK DASGUPTA	12915636	1908	1895	L4 L6 W5 U U	1.0
18	ANTHEA J CARSON	12614322	1681	1629	L5 W10 L13 L3 L9	1.0
19	ROBERT MITCHELL	13032675	729	761	W20 L16 L8 L15 L12	1.0
20	KATHY A SCHNEIDER	12545281	806	764	L19 L1 U U U	0.0

## Colorado Chess Festival: Tour Weekender (April 21-22, 2007)

### Open

#	Name	USCF #	Pre	Post	Game Info	Points
1	JAMES E HAMBLIN	10922593	2006	2017	W4 W2 W3 W5	4.0
2	GARY L BAGSTAD	10924031	1700	1725	W10 L1 W5 W4	3.0
3	LEONARDO SOTARIDONA	12938967	1790	1785	W6 D5 L1 W8	2.5
4	ANTHEA J CARSON	12614322	1672	1671	L1 W10 W7 L2	2.0
5	TIMOTHY W TOBIASON	12398577	1600	1608	W7 D3 L2 L1	1.5
6	DEAN W BROWN	10224098	1373	1420	L3 W8 D9 U	1.5
7	NORBERT MARTINEZ	12471639	1548	1541	L5 U L4 W9	1.0
8	MANNY R PRESICCI	10137993	1523	1507	U L6 W10 L3	1.0
9	LA MOYNE SPLICAL	10329515	1607	1600	U U D6 L7	0.5
10	DASHZEVEG SAMDAN	12909929	1455	1422	L2 L4 L8 D11	0.5
11	MATTHEW L TURNER	12822028	1361	1365	U U U D10	0.5

## Colorado Chess Festival: Regular Swiss (April 15, 2007)

### Open

#	Name	USCF #	Pre-rating	Post-rating	Game Info	Points
1	JAMES E HAMBLIN	10922593	2013	2006	W7 W3 W2 D6 D4	4.0
2	ANTHEA J CARSON	12614322	1629	1672	W5 W8 L1 D4 B	3.5
3	KENNETH P W DOYKOS	10358086	1804	1811	W6 L1 D5 W8 U	2.5
4	JAMES C MACNEIL	12532599	1625	1644	H L5 W8 D2 D1	2.5
5	RICHARD W BUCHANAN	10273030	2000	2000	L2 W4 D3 H U	2.0
6	JOSEPH H PAHK	12795426	1514	1528	L3 D7 B D1 U	2.0
7	SHANNON FOX	12578725	1598	1592	L1 D6 H U U	1.0
8	JASON D ZETTERVALL	12635181	1515	1489	B L2 L4 L3 U	1.0

## Colorado Chess Festival: Regular Swiss (April 15, 2007)

### Reserve

#	Name	USCF #	Pre-rating	Post-rating	Game Info	Points
1	MARK PETERSON	13696880	1666	1666	W7 W4 W2 W3 W6	5.0
2	EDWARD F CRONIN	10408504	1257	1267	W9 D3 L1 W5 W4	3.5
3	GARY C CRITES	12495043	1105	1163	W10 D2 W4 L1 W5	3.5
4	DONALD JOHN TRAPP	13650250	1226	1117	W6 L1 L3 W10 L2	2.0
5	SCOTT T ATHEY	13393006	851	905	L8 W9 W7 L2 L3	2.0
6	KATHY A SCHNEIDER	12545281	764	771	L4 L7 B W9 L1	2.0
7	THOMAS MULLIKIN	12905792	997	975	L1 W6 L5 H U	1.5
8	JASON D ZETTERVALL	12635181	1489	1491	W5 U U U U	1.0
9	ROMAN MARY	13118931	810	761	L2 L5 W10 L6 U	1.0
10	BRENDAN VAN JACOBS	13449168	335	327	L3 B L9 L4 U	1.0

## Colorado Chess Festival: Tour Weekender (April 21-22, 2007)

### Reserve

#	Name	USCF #	Pre	Post	Game Info	Points
1	MATTHEW L TURNER	12822028	1365	1393	* W2 W3 W4	3.0
2	EDWARD F CRONIN	10408504	1267	1270	L1 * W3 W4	2.0
3	GARY C CRITES	12495043	1163	1141	L1 L2 * W4	1.0
4	KATHY A SCHNEIDER	12545281	771	760	L1 L2 L3 *	0.0

by Brian Wall

# Brian's 15 Minute Challenge

**B**ill Weihmiller is a crusty curmudgeon with a heart of gold. I am only 10 days older and two inches more but I made good use of them.

Bill explained how his special clock goes down to minutes and seconds when it gets below 20 minutes. Anthea Carson (43 rating points less than Bill) became confused in an earlier game with Weihmiller's clock because she thought she only had 30 seconds left. She panicked, blitzed unnecessarily and lost.

Brian: "Don't worry, Bill, I am going to beat you in 15 minutes!"

I actually tried to but the game was so complex it took me half an hour.

I lent out the greatest Chess book ever written, Tal's autobiography, about 15 years ago and never got it back. I recently purchased it again from Tim Tobiason. I was rereading Tal's notes to his first World Championship game with Botvinnik so the French was on my mind. When I lived in New England I played the French exclusively for 5 years.

I am writing this without reading glasses, suffering almost as much as Nietzsche with severe migraines or Laura Hillenbrand with vertigo.

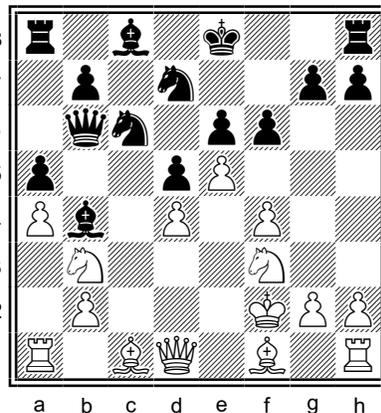
Poor Richard's Restaurant/Bookstore  
Colorado Springs, Colorado

May 30, 2007, Round 5

**W: Brian Wall (2239)**  
2007 Colorado Closed Champion  
**B: Bill Weihmiller (1738)**  
former Chicago expert

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nd2 Nf6 4. e5 Nfd7 5. f4 c5 6. c3 Nc6 7. Ngf3 cxd4 8. cxd4 Qb6 9. Nb3 a5 10. a4 Bb4+ 11. Kf2 The best answer after 11 Bd2? Bxd2+ is 12 Kxd2!

**11 ... f6 (Diagram)** The thought of a 1700 building up a pawn center against me outraged me so I decided to do everything I could to tear it down. Dvoretzky had some analysis of ... g5 in one of his books. I figured this would be the perfect approach to terrorize a Class B player.



after 11 ... f6

**12. Be3 O-O** Still following Steinitz-Schiffers 1896 Rostov on Don match game 6

I couldn't decide if ... g5 was better before or after castling.

It was better here -  
12 Be3 g5 13 exf gxf 14 f7+ Kxf7 15 Bxf4 e5 or  
12 Be3 g5 13 g3 Be7 14 fxg fxe 15 dxe Qb4 or  
12 Be3 g5 13 fxg fxe 14 dxe Qc7  
are all much better than what I got

**13. Bd3** Played 9 times before:  
13 g3 played twice  
13 Bb5 played twice

13 Be2 played once  
Steinitz played 13 Rc1 in 1896 and it was never repeated.

**13 ... g5?! 7 minutes** thought on this move

Insane, but a 1700 is so poor at tactical complications and positional evaluation that it doesn't matter - just confuse their simple brains. How can they keep up when the world is on fire? They only seem like chess players when there's nothing to calculate.

Played twice before, with Black winning from lost positions both times.

- 13 ... Qd8 played 5 times
- 13 ... fxe played 3 times
- 13 ... Be7 played 3 times
- 13 ... Rf7 played twice

The reason I castled before playing ... g5 is the 2007 game Topalov-Morozevich where after ... g5 g3 ... g4 Nh4 was played and I was afraid of Qxg4xe6+ if I kept my king on e8. Weird logic, I know, but we all get in trouble when we try to copy the greats instead of thinking for ourselves.

**14. g3!** Strong Theoretical Novelty by Bill Weihmiller  
14 fxe? fxe! 15 dxe! d4? (15 ... Qc7!) was played twice before followed by 16 Bc1? and 16 Nbx4!!  
see below

9 minutes used

Best!! keeping his center together - Only 9 g3 or Qc2 are good moves.  
Inferior:  
14 Nxg5?? fxg 15 Qh5 Rf7 16 Qxg5+ Rg7  
14 fxg? fxe 15 dxe d4!  
14 Qb1? gxf 15 Bxh7+ Kh8 16 Bxf4 fxe  
14 Qc2! gxf 15 Bxf4 fxe 16 Bxh7+ Kh8

I have no good move after 14 g3 so I decided to at least tear up his center. 14 g3 Be7 is best.

**14 ... g4** Darn. I've used 15 minutes already, so I broke my promise.

Time: Bill 55 minutes left  
Wall 74 minutes left

**15. Nh4! fxe5?!** Trying to keep lines closed with 15 ... h5 or ... f5 seems puny and pathetic so I put my head in the lion's mouth.

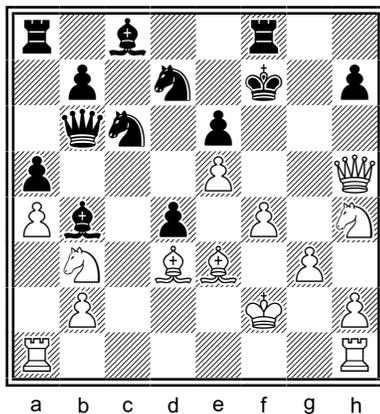
**16. Qxg4+!** Best again - maybe Bill really was an ex-expert. 16 dxe wins too.

**16 ... Kf7** I saw at least an automatic draw with 16 ... Kh8 17 Ng6+ hxg 18 Qxg6 e4 17 Qh6+ and that was enough for me to run the other way. There are even winning moves like 16 ... Kh8 17 dxe!!!, 17 Qh5!! or Qg5!

**17. dxe5!** Best again - I am the one getting confused, not Bill. My position is a fiasco. 17 fxe!! also wins among others.

**17 ... d4** Only move

**18. Qh5+? (Diagram)** 4 minutes thought



after 18 ... Qh5+

A pointless check improving my King position. Bill had 44 minutes to my 68 and may have felt compelled to hurry a bit.

Bill said he was trying to box my King in so B:h7-g6+ would hurt but he missed something.

18 Bd2 leaves me in terrible shape. 18 Bc1 isn't as good -

18 Bc1 Ncxe5 19 fxe Nxe5 20 Qh5+ Kg8+ 21 Kg1 Nxd3 22 Bh6 Rf7 23 Qg5+ Kh8 24 Rf1 Rxf1+ 25 Kf1 Qc7 =

18 Bc1 Ncxe5 19 fxe Nxe5 20 Qh5+ Kg8+ 21 Ke2 Nxd3 22 Kxd3 Qa6+ 23 Qb5 Qxb5 24 axb Bd7 25 Ke4 e5 messy because 26 Kxe5? Rfe8+ wins

18 Bc1 Ncxe5 19 fxe Nxe5 20 Qh5+ Kg8+ 21 Ke2 Nxd3 22 Qg5+ Kh8 23 Kxd3 Qa6+ 24 Qb5 Qxb5 25 axb Bd7 26 Ke4 is probably an improvement for Weihmiller

I get even less chances in this line with a bishop on d2 -

18 Bd2 Ncxe5 19 fxe Nxe5 20 Qh5+ Kg8+ 21 Ke2 Nxd3 22 Kxd3 Qa6+ 23 Qb5 Qxb5 24 axb

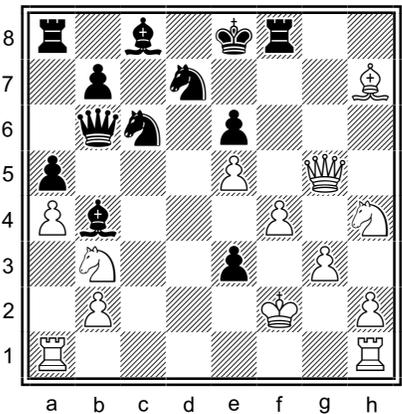
**18 ... Ke7!** Only move or mate in one

**19. Qg5+?** Another pointless check improving my King position. Bill is still better but not as much as before after 19 Bd2, Bc1, Ng6+, Nxd4 or Qxh7+

**19 ... Ke8!** Forced because 19 ... Kf7 20 Nxd4 Nxd4 21 Bxh7 is brutal.

**20. Bxh7??** Bill gets "tactical"; Weihmiller is still a bit better after 20 Bd2 or Bc1 but he wanted to go forwards not backwards.

**20 ... dxe3+! (Diagram)** Now all I have to do is deal with the threat of Bg6+ and I am home free.



**21. Kg2! Be7!!** Hitting the Queen, creating an escape square on d8 and pressuring the b3-knight.

**22. Qg6+ Kd8! 23. Qd3** 23 Qxe6 looks Ok materially with 3 pawns for a piece plus my King stuck in the center but I have wins with 23 Qxe6 Nf6 or ... Bxh4 or ... Kc7 or ... e2 or ... Nc5 or ... Qb4 or ... Ndx5 or ... Ncxe5 and many more.

**23 ... Bxh4!** Best, ruining Bill's structure once and for all. 23 ... Nb4! is also a killer then 23 ... Rh8 and .. Rf7 then 23 ... Kc7 and ... Re8 and many more.

**24. gxh4 Rxf4!** Best - it's over.

I made my last 7 moves in 4 minutes. It was a bloodbath.

**25. Rhe1 Nxe5** I examined the stronger 25 ... Rf2+ but a piece up ending seemed simplest.

**26. Qxe3 Qxe3 27. Rxe3 Rxh4 0-1** Weihmiller resigns.

Bill played perfectly until 18 Qh5+. This game could have turned out very embarrassing for your Closed Champion.

# Boulder Open 2007

May 11-13, 2007

## Open

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Dashzegve Sharavdorj	2522	2518	W5	W13	D4	W2	W3	W8	5.5
2	Renard Anderson	2250	2255	W11	W17	W14	L1	W8	W4	5.0
3	Mitesh Shridhar	1895	1930	D6	W11	W16	W4	L1	W5	4.5
4	Samik Dasgupta	1915	1936	W7	W8	D1	L3	W6	L2	3.5
5	Leonardo Sotaridona	1786	1807	L1	W10	D13	W14	W12	L3	3.5
6	Matthew O'Hara	2090	2072	D3	W18	W17	L8	L4	W9	3.5
7	Ted Doykos	1649	1673	L4	L9	W11	H---	W14	W16	3.5
8	Andrew Duren	1793	1827	W12	L4	W9	W6	L2	L1	3.0
9	Anthea Carson	1657	1688	L17	W7	L8	W16	W13	L6	3.0
10	Matt Clark	1688	1713	D15	L5	L12	D11	W18	W13	3.0
11	Imre Barlay	1900	1874	L2	L3	L7	D10	W16	X14	2.5
12	Alan Kobernat	2006	1987	L8	H---	W10	W15	L5	U---	2.5
13	Ken Doykos	1800	1779	W16	L1	D5	H---	L9	L10	2.0
14	Peter Robinson	1422	1441	B---	W15	L2	L5	L7	F11	2.0
15	Tim Brennan	1788	1769	D10	L14	W18	L12	U---	U---	1.5
16	Jacob Zax	1721	1672	L13	B---	L3	L9	L11	L7	1.0
17	Stephen Tidwell	1970	1964	W9	L2	L6	U---	U---	U---	1.0
18	Gary Bagstad	1728	1702	H---	L6	L15	H---	L10	U---	1.0

## Reserve (U1600)

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Tot
1	Chris Wall	1485	1593	W12	W16	W7	W14	D2	W5	5.5
2	David Chernyak	1591	1605	W3	L5	W16	W17	D1	W6	4.5
3	Randolph Schine	1545	1560	L2	W13	W4	H---	D5	W8	4.0
4	Chaitanya Neuhaus	1508	1501	L17	W19	L3	W10	W9	W12	4.0
5	Norbert Martinez	1565	1572	W6	W2	D14	H---	D3	L1	3.5
6	Jay Kranzdorf	1140	1253	L5	B---	W20	D8	W7	L2	3.5
7	Bill Chandler	1468	1451	W15	D17	L1	W9	L6	W13	3.5
8	Jerry Keker	1412	1408	W19	H---	D17	D6	W12	L3	3.5
9	Webb Harrington	1082	1151	B---	L14	W13	L7	L4	W16	3.0
10	Dashzeveg Samdan	1485	1461	L14	L20	W19	L4	W15	W18	3.0
11	Shannon Fox	1598	1603	H---	H---	H---	H---	W16	U---	3.0
12	Anatoly Makarevich	1336	1322	L1	H---	W22	W15	L8	L4	2.5
13	Rhett Langseth	1293	1281	W20	L3	L9	D18	W22	L7	2.5
14	Pete Short	1586	1583	W10	W9	D5	L1	U---	U---	2.5
15	Erik Ogilvie	1286	1269	L7	H---	W18	L12	L10	W22	2.5
16	Dean Brown	1388	1340	W22	L1	L2	X20	L11	L9	2.0
17	Jason Zettervall	1379	1398	W4	D7	D8	L2	F18	U---	2.0
18	Dan Kloepfer	1342	1282	L21	D22	L15	D13	X17	L10	2.0
19	Trevor Johnson	864	875	L8	L4	L10	W22	H---	H---	2.0
20	Reuben Sbarge	1571	1533	L13	W10	L6	F16	U---	U---	1.0
21	Manny Presicci	1500	1507	W18	U---	U---	U---	U---	U---	1.0
22	Kathy Schneider	745	744	L16	D18	L12	L19	L13	L15	0.5

# Students battle for top spots

## Thompson School District holds inaugural chess tourney

By Lisa Coalwell, *The Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald*

*[Editor's note: This is a reprint of The Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald's May 26th article on the inaugural Thompson School District Scholastic Chess Tournament, which took place on April 28th. This article is reprinted with permission of The Loveland Daily Reporter-Herald.]*

**K**ings and queens and knights on horseback filled Conrad Ball Middle School's cafeteria recently, as their student commanders waged short skirmishes and drawn-out battles.

In the Thompson School District's inaugural chess tournament, 158 students in age groups from kindergarten through high school challenged one another on the checkered battlefield.

The battles were over quickly for the younger students, said Diana Weaks of the district's gifted and talented office.

"The elementary school students had 30-minute rounds. Some of them did play the entire 30 minutes, but for many of them, it was a shorter game," said Weaks with a laugh. "They all seemed to have a lot of fun."

A creativity grant from the Thompson Education Foundation provided funds for chess boards and sets, timing clocks and instruction books for coaches, said Diana Weaks of the district's gifted and talented office.

The grant also included a small stipend for volunteer coordinator Randy Reynolds of Fort Collins, a nationally rated chess player who tutors local students and has directed tournaments throughout the state.

During the past school year, the students formed chess clubs at school to prepare for the competition, which was open to any

interested student in the district.

David Bocek, an eighth-grader at Lucile Erwin Middle School, coached his school's chess club.

"Apparently, I made a deal with my parents to set one up," said Bocek with a laugh.

### Chess Champs

Winners of this year's Thompson School District Chess Tournament include:  
Grades Kindergarten-2

- First: Josh Stackhouse, Cottonwood Plains Elementary School

Grades 3-5 (after four rounds, there were six undefeated players)

- First: Alan Moy, Cottonwood Plains

Grades 6-8:

- First: Adam Kemp, Turner Middle School

Grades 9-12:

- First: Aaron Vanhandel, Thompson Valley High School

Bocek, who has played chess for the past four years, competed in the high school division at the tournament — a level above his actual age division — for more of a challenge.

He ended up in a three-way tie for the division's top placings.

"We each had four out of five points," said Bocek. "I lost to one guy, and then beat the



After five hours of almost nonstop competition, Aaron Vanhandel, a sophomore from Thompson Valley High School, took first place in the high-school division of the Thompson School District's first-ever chess tournament.

guy he had lost to, so it was like a triangle."

Bocek placed third, after officials looked at tournament results to break the tie.

"In the event of a tie ... we have ways of figuring out who played the toughest competition," Reynolds said, "and that's who gets the first-place trophy."

Aaron Vanhandel, a sophomore at Thompson Valley High School, got that first-place trophy in his first-ever tournament.

"It was definitely different from what I usually do," said Vanhandel, who said the pressure during the competition was noticeable. "I usually just play for fun."

The April 28 tournament's rounds were part of a Swiss-style pairing

system, in which the organizers grouped students based on their playing abilities.

Students who won games played other game winners, while students who lost a game then played each other as well. The students continued to play opponents with similar scores to determine the top placings.

"We had a really good turnout, especially from the third-, fourth-, and fifth-graders," said Reynolds. "That section fielded 90 players and was definitely the most competitive section of the tournament. There were so many participants, after four rounds, we still had six undefeated players."

Reynolds, Weaks and other organizers hope the tournament will become an annual event.

"There was a fantastic response at the elementary level, and we hope their enthusiasm will carry through middle school and high school," Weaks said. "It's a great way to learn logical sequencing and strategic planning. Plus, it's fun."

# Southern Colorado Open

## Open

#	Name	USCF #	Pre-rating	Post-rating	Game Info	Points
1	RENARD W ANDERSON	10229391	2272	2277	W11 W7 D2 W3 W4 W5	5.5
2	BRIAN D WALL	10923344	2231	2222	W5 W4 D1 W9 W6 L3	4.5
3	IMRE BARLAY	11024190	1903	1927	W8 W9 H L1 H W2	4.0
4	ANTHONY TELINBACCO	12407832	1825	1834	W10 L2 W6 W5 L1 D8	3.5
5	JACOB M ZAX	12744381	1674	1699	L2 W10 W7 L4 W9 L1	3.0
6	ANTHEA J CARSON	12614322	1665	1674	L7 B L4 W11 L2 W9	3.0
7	PAUL ANDERSON	12728345	1889	1861	W6 L1 L5 H L8 B	2.5
8	JIM A. JOHNSTON	12528796	1705	1700	L3 L11 L9 W10 W7 D4	2.5
9	MICHAEL FILPPU	12915820	1532	1533	B L3 W8 L2 L5 L6	2.0
10	JOSEPH H PAHK	12795426	1535	1511	L4 L5 H L8 B H	2.0
11	GARY L BAGSTAD	10924031	1700	1700	L1 W8 H L6 U U	1.5

## Reserve (U1500)

#	Name	USCF #	Pre-rating	Post-rating	Game Info	Points
1	GANNON WHITE	12514524	1174	1415	D2 W15 W13 W5 W6 W8	5.5
2	LEE LAHTI	12914550	1394	1426	D1 W12 W3 W6 W7 D5	5.0
3	FRED ERIC SPELL	12835115	1230	1302	W15 W4 L2 W12 L5 W6	4.0
4	RYAN M MCCARDELL	12754677	1403	1354	W10 L3 L12 D9 W14 W7	3.5
5	MATTHEW A LASLEY SR	12500896	1296	1305	W11 W8 L6 L1 W3 D2	3.5
6	GERALD J MAIER	12510521	1234	1254	W14 W13 W5 L2 L1 L3	3.0
7	CORY E FOSTER	12928613	1194	1198	L13 W11 W9 W8 L2 L4	3.0
8	JEFFREY S SALLADE	13432958	1162	1156	W9 L5 W10 L7 W12 L1	3.0
9	THOMAS MULLIKIN	12905792	1003	1025	L8 B L7 D4 W11 D10	3.0
10	ALEXA E LASLEY	13658407	1124	1081	L4 W14 L8 L11 B D9	2.5
11	GARY FRENZEL	12528565	1020	1018	L5 L7 D14 W10 L9 W12	2.5
12	KATHY A SCHNEIDER	12545281	727	775	B L2 W4 L3 L8 L11	2.0
13	ROBERT ROUNTREE	12937640	1324	1298	W7 L6 L1 U U U	1.0
14	KEN JOHNSON	12962213	1141	1082	L6 L10 D11 H L4 U	1.0
15	JOSEPH R ARAGON	11345409	1455	1408	L3 L1 H U U U	0.5

## CLUB DIRECTORY: PLACES FOR YOU TO PLAY CHESS

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### DENVER AREA

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

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

**Chess Knights** meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evening from 7-9pm. From 470 & Broadway, on Broadway go 1.3 miles south, at the light, turn right onto Highland Ranch Parkway, go 0.2 miles, to the first light, turn left onto Ridgeline Blvd., go 0.2 miles, the library is on the left. We meet in the conference room on the left beyond the restrooms. Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/HighlandsRanch-ChessClub/>. Contact: Frank Atwood 720-260-1493 or [frank\\_atwood80120@yahoo.com](mailto:frank_atwood80120@yahoo.com)

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

### AROUND THE STATE AND REGION

**Colorado Springs Chess Club** meets Tuesday evenings, 7 - 10 PM, in the cafeteria of the Acacia Apartments Building, 104 E. Platte. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8:00. For information see our website at: [www.foxfrenchtranslations.com/csc](http://www.foxfrenchtranslations.com/csc) or contact Buck Buchanan at [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net) or (719) 685-1984.

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

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

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

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

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

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

The **Durango Chess Club** meets at 6:30 PM Wednesdays. Speed chess and informal instruction take place along with regular games in a casual atmosphere. Newcomers of all ages are welcome. No dues required. The location alternates

weekly between Steaming Bean and Magpies Newsstand. Call John Mical, 259-4718.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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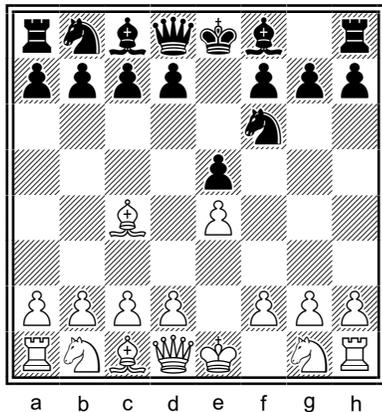
# Mel Cahoon - Chess Jester

For young (and young at heart) chess players

## When to Break the Guidelines of Chess

**C**hess is a game of wonder, of imagination. If it could merely be stripped down into a set of rules, where you do this but don't do that, the game would quickly lose its luster and people would move on to something else (like Go). That's why there are no Tic-Tac-Toe clubs – you just learn a few simple rules, and you'll never lose a game again. The game is too simplistic to be interesting to the general public.

Chess has mountains of books' worth of instruction, but even the most revered rules are made to be broken. Consider this:



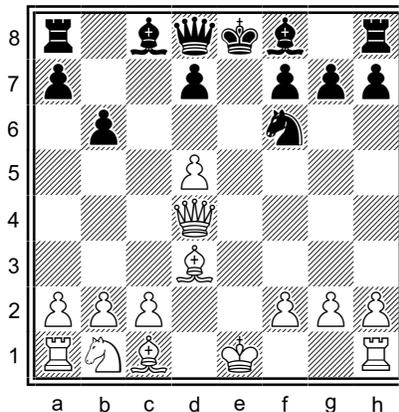
Let's say you're playing black in this opening. You may have already come across this basic opening position. You've probably also come across the opening principle that states: "Move each piece only once in the opening." It's written everywhere, and **generally** it is good advice to follow.

But the beauty of chess is that all rules are meant to be broken. Let's say your opponent moves **3. Qh5**, hoping to catch

you on a scholar's mate on f7. You'd like to capture the queen with your knight, but then you remember: Your dad, the chess coach, the Chessmaster, Mr. Pandolfini and Mr. Silman have **all** said you should move each piece only once in the opening. So you reluctantly follow their advice and find some other way to block the checkmate on f7 – 3 ... Qe7, perhaps? Right?

**Wrong!** You go ahead and play **3. ... Nxf5**. Your dad, the chess coach, the Chessmaster, Mr. Pandolfini, and Mr. Silman may all ask you why you broke their rule that they have painstakingly taught you. That's when you hold up the captured white queen in your hand and respond, "Why don't you ask her?"

Now of course, this is an extreme example. You don't have to have a lot of motivation to break the generalized "rules" when there's a free queen on the line. But let's consider a more difficult example and see how blind adherence to rules can cause one to miss important opportunities:



It's white to move in the above game.

Black just moved his pawn to b6, which shows his own ignorance of the guidelines, as one of the big guidelines is "Castle early and often." Instead, Black seems content in removing diagonals from his queen and getting the bishops developed first.

So White can do several things for his development, such as castle kingside, or develop the knight and bishop like normal. That's what is expected of white in the opening. That's what he's been taught.

However, looking again at the position without the rigid rules looking over your shoulder can actually find some good moves that were completely unexpected. Don't get me wrong; most times, O-O or Nc3 are great moves. But to simply make a developing move because the rules tell you to is simply wrong.

So white ignores all the practical advice, the natural development, and plays **d6!** What does this do?

A check is threatened on the E-file with Qe5+. But unfortunately for Black, he can't block this without losing a piece to the d-pawn. He'd also like to vacate the d8 square so his king could potentially flee there, but b6 (black's last move) has nicely trapped the queen at d8! So Black has nothing better to do than ... **Bxd6**, where black goes down a piece. Not a bad haul for that wayward pawn on d6.

Remember in all your games that the guidelines and chess principles you read in books are very good and will work in most situations. But always be alert for occasions where you can nab just a little more by violating the guidelines.

Enjoy!

*Mel*

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**Colorado Chess Tour 2007 Standings (thru Southern Colorado Open)****Top 10 Overall**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Renard Anderson	2236	372.69	45
2	Tyler Hughes	2186	210.05	31
3	Anthea Carson	1635	207.75	46
4	Samik Dasgupta	1913	192.67	26
5	Brian Wall	2235	185.42	31
6	Dean W. Brown	1400	153.97	47
7	Larry Wutt	1819	134.15	16
8	Sharavdorj Dashzeveg	2522	134.09	12
9	Leonardo Sotaridona	1808	131.69	20
10	Andrew Duren	1751	125.47	19

**Top 10 Active**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	829	47.43	57
2	Dean W. Brown	1400	153.97	47
3	Anthea Carson	1635	207.75	46
4	Renard Anderson	2236	372.69	45
5	Thomas Mullikin	1123	60.47	36
6	Brian Wall	2235	185.42	31
7	Tyler Hughes	2186	210.05	31
8	Gerald Maier	1116	56.86	29
9	Samik Dasgupta	1913	192.67	26
10	Joseph Pahk	1469	96.35	24

**Top 10 Expert**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Tyler Hughes	2186	210.05	31
2	Richard Buchanan	2004	124.42	19
3	Matthew O'Hara	2088	92.88	12
4	James Hamblin	2005	80.21	13
5	Stephen Towbin	2011	79.52	16
6	Markus Petters	2037	41.71	4
7	Jesse Cohen	2148	36.8	4
8	Robert Ramirez	2089	30.94	10
9	Andrew Smith	2017	30.66	4
10	Alan Kobernat	2006	18.55	4

**Top 10 Class A**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Samik Dasgupta	1913	192.67	26
2	Larry Wutt	1819	134.15	16
3	Leonardo Sotaridona	1808	131.69	20
4	Paul Anderson	1884	106.16	21
5	Shaun T. MacMillan	1817	93.95	15
6	Brad Lundstrom	1927	71.89	11
7	Richard Herbst	1962	65.52	13
8	Imre Barlay	1906	65.07	14
9	Daoud Zupa	1980	64.17	17
10	Ken Doykos	1831	55.82	13

**Top 10 Class B**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Anthea Carson	1635	207.75	46
2	Andrew Duren	1751	125.47	19
3	Paul Grimm	1648	100.19	21
4	Ted Doykos	1659	82.34	15
5	Klaus Johnson	1693	73.81	16
6	Bill Weihmiller	1695	72.87	13
7	Jacob Zax	1708	71.22	18
8	Christofer Peterson	1721	69.53	10
9	Gary Bagstad	1732	67.57	19
10	James C. MacNeil	1685	52.82	9

**Top 10 Class C**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean W. Brown	1400	153.97	47
2	Tim Fisher	1566	106.58	22
3	Joseph Pahk	1469	96.35	24
4	Norbert Martinez	1561	74.62	18
5	Evan Wright	1490	72.94	13
6	Peter Grigg	1507	61.44	13
7	Philip Meyer	1442	60.66	11
8	John Flores	1552	60.65	11
9	Jerry Kecker	1413	57.01	16
10	Samdan Dashzeveg	1470	56.91	16

**Top 10 Class D**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Lee F. Lahti	1396	76.79	23
2	Michael Filppu	1359	76.7	22
3	Jackson Chen	1318	74.64	21
4	Aaron Lear	1329	55.52	11
5	Fred Eric Spell	1201	52.97	22
6	Chris Wall	1365	51.26	11
7	Robert Rountree	1227	40.07	13
8	Ryan McCardell	1293	37.83	15
9	Gerry Smith	1393	27.8	6
10	Walter Schmidt	1397	26.25	11

**Top 10 Class E**

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Thomas Mullikin	1123	60.47	36
2	Gerald Maier	1116	56.86	29
3	Kathy Schneider	829	47.43	57
4	Cory Foster	1169	47.04	20
5	Gary Frenzel	1007	38.65	19
6	Archie Shipp	1186	34.7	14
7	Russel Stark	1076	30.05	12
8	Benjamin Twerskoi	1183	22.24	6
9	Mike Nugent	1033	20.69	6
10	Noah Yoshino	1100	18.59	5

# Upcoming Tournaments

## **“The Allison Hannah Greiner Memorial for Cancer Research” Denver Open, July 7 - 8, 2007**

5 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** G/120.

**Site:** Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows, 10345 Park Meadows Drive, Littleton.

**Directions:** I-25 Exit 193, and just a little west.

**Open:** Open to all USCF players

**Reserve (U1800):** Open to USCF players rated <1800 + unrated.

**Lower (U1300):** Open to USCF players rated <1300 + unrated.

**Entry fee:** \$38 by 7/2, \$43 on-site, \$3 discount to DCC members, \$10 discount to Jrs/Srs/Unr

**Prizes:** based on entries (1/2 of prize fund to be donated for cancer research).

**Registration:** 8:00-8:45 AM, **Rounds:** 9, 1, 5; 10, 2.

**Entries:** Joe Haines, 5881 Pierce St., #103, Arvada, CO 80003

**Phone:** (720) 339-7233

**E-mail:** [joehaines@comcast.net](mailto:joehaines@comcast.net)

A CO Tour Event

CSCA Membership Req. OSA.

No advanced registration accepted without payment

A Denver Chess Club sponsored event.

## **Poor Richard's Book Store Open, July 11-25, 2007**

3 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** Game/90, 5-sec delay.

**Site:** Poor Richard's, 320 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs.

**Directions:** A block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte Streets.

**Consecutive Wednesdays:** One section USCF Rated Open.

**Entry fee:** \$10

**Prizes:** 1st: 40% of EFs; 2nd: 20%; Under 1600: 15%; Under 1200: 15%.

**Registration:** 11 July: 6:15-6:45 PM., **Rounds:** 7 PM on 11 July, 18 July, & 25 July.

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

**Phone:** (719) 573-5176

**E-mail:** [browndw1@mindspring.com](mailto:browndw1@mindspring.com)

A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event.

## **2007 Kansas Open, July 13 - 15, 2007**

5 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** G/120.

**Site:** Bethany College Library

**Directions:** Lindsborg, KS Dorm rooms available at Bethany College: \$30 per room per night. Reservations by 7/6/2007. Call Roxie Sjogren: 785-227-3380 Ext 8158 from 8am till 12:30pm Monday through Friday or e-mail [sjogren@bethanylb.edu](mailto:sjogren@bethanylb.edu).

Check into rooms only Friday 7/13-4pm to 7pm and 7/14-8am to 10am. Check in at lower level of Pihlblad Student Union. Motels

rooms available: check [www.lindsborg.org/tourism.html](http://www.lindsborg.org/tourism.html)

**Open Section:** Open to all

**Reserve Section:** 1799 and below

**Entry fee:** \$45 advance, postmarked by July 6th, \$65 thereafter.

**Prizes:** (1st in Open and Reserve guaranteed, others based on 100 total entries in both sections) Open Section: 1st = \$400 guaranteed, 2nd = \$200, and 3rd = \$100 Class A & Below: 1st = \$250, 2nd = \$150, 3rd = \$100 Bonus prize of \$25 and plaque to top player from Kansas Reserve Section: 1st = \$300 guaranteed, 2nd = \$200, 3rd = \$100 1599-1400: 1st = \$200, 2nd = \$100, 3rd = \$50 1399 & below & Unrated: 1st = \$200, 2nd = \$100, 3rd = \$50 Bonus prize of \$25 and plaque to top player from Kansas

**Registration:** 7:30-8:30 PM on 7/13 or 8:30am – 10:00am on 7/14, **Rounds:** 7/14- 10:30, 3:00, 7:30; 7/15 – 9:00, 1:30.

**Special Advance Discount:** \$10 discount if entering both the Kansas Open and the Kansas Quick in advance.

**Scholastic Discount:** Scholastic players (K-12 students only) who do NOT want to be eligible for cash prizes and instead play for one of four plaques, the entry fee is \$10.

USCF & KCA membership required.

Kansas Quick Championship-7/13 (At Karpov Chess School, 106 S. Main)

## **Boulder Chess Festival: Boulder Invitational, July 20-22, 2007**

7 round Round Robin system tournament.

**Time Control:** G/120 with 5-second delay

**Site:** Best Western Boulder Inn, 770 28th St. Boulder, CO 80303

**Entry fee:** \$45

**Prizes:** \$250 to 1st, \$100 to 2nd

**Rounds:** 7/20: 2 PM, 7 PM, 7/21: 9 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM, 7/22: 10 AM, 3 PM.

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

**E-mail:** [boulderchessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boulderchessclub@yahoo.com)

Players invited are Brian Wall (CSCA Closed Champion), 4 club champions, Samik Dasgupta (Boulder), Bill Wehmler (CO Springs), Eddy Ong (Denver), and Markus Petters (Fort Collins), and the three top rated players who apply. Players must express their intent to play by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

## **DCC Red Hot Quick Tourney, July 21, 2007**

7 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** G15

**Site:** Tabor Center Food Court - 16th Street Mall

**Open:** Open to all USCF player

**Reserve:** USCF players rated <1500 and unrated players

**Entry fee:** \$13 by 7/17, \$18 on-site, \$3 disc. to DCC members

**Prizes:** based on entries

**Registration:** 9:00 am - 9:45 am, **Rounds:** 10:00 am, 10:30 am, 11:00 am, 11:30 am, 12:30 pm, 1:00 pm, 1:30 pm.

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**Phone:** (720) 339-7233

**E-mail:** [joe\\_haines@comcast.net](mailto:joe_haines@comcast.net)

A Denver Chess Club Sponsored Event.

No advanced registration accepted without payment.

## **Boulder Chess Festival: Qualifiers, July 21-22, 2007**

5 round Round Robin system tournament.

**Time Control:** G/120 with 5-second delay

**Site:** Best Western Boulder Inn, 770 28th St. Boulder, CO 80303

**Entry fee:** \$35, \$30 if rec'd by 7/18

**Prizes:** \$150 to 1st in each section

**Registration:** 7/21: 8:00 AM-8:45 AM, Rounds: 9 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM, 7/22: 10 AM, 3 PM.

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

**E-mail:** [boulderchessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boulderchessclub@yahoo.com)

Of the twelve players, those invited are Richard Herbst, the CSCA scholastic champion, one representative from seven clubs (Boulder, Cheyenne, CO Springs, Denver, Fort Collins, Greeley, and Pueblo), and the four top rated players who register. The winner of each section will be invited to play in the 2008 Boulder Invitational.

## **Boulder Chess Festival Open, July 21-22, 2007**

5 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** G/120 with 5-second delay

**Site:** Best Western Boulder Inn, 770 28th St. Boulder, CO 80303

**Open:** Open to all USCF players

**Entry fee:** \$35, \$30 if rec'd by 7/18

**Prizes:** 67% of Entries

**Registration:** 7/21 8:00 AM-8:45 AM, **Rounds:** 7/21: 9 AM, 2 PM, 7 PM, 7/22: 10 AM, 3 PM.

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

**E-mail:** [boulderchessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boulderchessclub@yahoo.com)

All players not eligible to play in the Invitational or Qualifiers may play in the Open. The players who place in the top 4 in the Open will be eligible to play in the 2008 Boulder Qualifiers.

## **Poor Richard's Book Store Open, Aug. 1-29, 2007**

5 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** Game/90; 5-sec delay

**Site:** Poor Richard's, 320 North Tejon Street, Colorado Springs.

**Directions:** A block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte Streets.

**Consecutive Wednesdays:** One section USCF Rated Open.

**Entry fee:** \$10

**Prizes:** 1st: 40% of EFs; 2nd: 20%; U1600: 15%; U1400 15%.

**Registration:** 1 August: 6:15-6:45 PM., **Rounds:** 7 PM on 1 Aug, 8 Aug, 15 Aug, 22 Aug, & 29 Aug..

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

**Phone:** (719) 573-5176

**E-mail:** [browndw1@mindspring.com](mailto:browndw1@mindspring.com)

A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event.

## **Pikes Peak Open, August 11 - 12, 2007**

5 round Swiss system tournament.

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

**Site:** Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou, Manitou Springs

**Open:** One open section

**Entry fee:** EF \$30 if rec'd by 8/9, \$35 at site. \$8 discount for juniors, seniors, unrated.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes per entries

**Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30, Rounds: 10, 2:30, 7; 9, 3.

**Entries:** Richard Buchanan, 844B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs

**E-mail:** [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net)

Colorado Tour Event.

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

## **Colorado Open, September 1 - 3, 2007**

6 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** 40/120, SD/60

**Site:** Ramada Denver Gateway; 2601 Zuni Street; Denver.

**Directions:** Speers @I-25 Interchange, SW Quadrant

**Open:** Open to all USCF Members including Unrateds.

**U1800:** Open to all USCF Members with ratings below 1800.

Unrated players may play in this section but can not win prizes.

**U1400:** Open to all USCF Members with ratings below 1400.

Unrated players may play in this section but can not win prizes.

**Entry fee:** Open: \$45 if rec'd by 8/31 5 pm. \$55 on-site. \$11 less for Jrs/Srs. U1800: \$40 if rec'd by 8/31 5 pm. \$50 on-site. \$10 less for Jrs/Srs. U1400: \$35 if rec'd by 8/31 5 pm. \$45 on-site. \$9 less for Jrs/Srs.

**Prizes:** Open:\$320-200-130; U2000: \$90-\$45; Unr: \$50. U1800: \$240-160-100; U1600: \$70-35. U1400: \$200-120-80; U1200/ U1000: \$50-25 ea. class.

**Registration:** 8:30-9:45. Pre-register on-line

[www.coloradochess.com](http://www.coloradochess.com) before 8/31/07 5 pm., **Rounds:** 9/1/07: 10, 5. 9/2/07 & 9/3/07: 9, 3..

**Entries:** Chief TD Mary Nelson, 11 West Victory Way, #204, Craig, CO 81625.

**E-mail:** [mnelson@ramdesigns.com](mailto:mnelson@ramdesigns.com)

CSCA Membership Meeting 9/1/07 at 4 PM.

Colorado Tour Event.

USCF & CSCA Required.

## **Membership Meeting Open, September 1, 2007**

3 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** Game/60

**Site:** Ramada Denver Gateway; 2601 Zuni Street; Denver.

**Directions:** Speers @ I-25 Interchange; SW Quadrant

**One Open Section:** Open to all USCF Members.

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**Entry fee:** \$25 if rec'd by 8/31, 5 PM. \$35 on-site; \$5 off for Jrs, Srs.

**Prizes:** \$80-45; U1800/U1600/U1400/U1200 ea. \$30

**Registration:** 8:30-9:45. Pre-register online

www.coloradochess.com before 8/31, 5 pm., **Rounds:** 10, 1, 5.

**Entries:** Chief TD Mary Nelson 11 West Victory Way, #240, Craig, CO 81625

**E-mail:** [mnelson@ramdesigns.com](mailto:mnelson@ramdesigns.com)

CSCA Membership Meeting 9/1/07 at 4 PM.

Colorado Tour event

USCF & CSCA Required.

### Poor Richard's Book Store Open, Sept. 5-26, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** Game/90, 5-sec delay

**Site:** Poor Richard's, 320 Tejon Street, Colorado Springs.

**Directions:** A block west of Nevada Ave between Boulder and Platte Streets.

**Consecutive Wednesdays:** One section USCF Regular Rated Open.

**Entry fee:** \$10

**Prizes:** 1st: 40% of EFs; 2nd: 20%; Under 1600: 15%; Under 1200: 15%.

**Registration:** 5 September: 6:15-6:45 PM., **Rounds:** 7 PM on 5 Sept, 12 Sept, 19 Sept, & 26 Sept.

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

CO, 80917.

**Phone:** (719) 573-5176

**E-mail:** [browndw1@mindspring.com](mailto:browndw1@mindspring.com)

A Colorado Springs Chess Club Event.

### Salida Cash Open, September 29, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

**Time Control:** G/45 (No 5 sec delay)

**Site:** Scout Hut, located on the Arkansas River, River Side Park, Sackett St., Salida, Colorado.

**Open:** Open to all USCF players and unrated players. \$175 for 1st. place, \$50 for 2nd place. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd place.

**Reserve:** Open to all USCF players rated 1500 and below and unrated players. Trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd for the following sections. New Beginner with pairing rating of 0 -500, Intermediate Beginner 501- 800, Advanced Beginner 801 - 1200, Experienced Player 1201 - 1500.

**Entry fee:** \$20 for Open, \$15 for Reserve. \$5 more after 9/15/07

**Registration:** 8-9:15am, **Rounds:** 9:30am, 11 am, 1:30pm, 4pm.

**Phone:** 719-539-7686

**E-mail:** [pmrthor@earthlink.net](mailto:pmrthor@earthlink.net)

USCF membership required and sold at the door.

No advanced registration accepted without payment.

Request forms by website <http://salidarec.com/chess/>

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