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Round three action from the 2017 Denver Open  
by Shirley Herman

## From the Editor

I want to give a shout out to a very special young man from Colorado who just finished competing this past June in the first *FIDE World Junior Chess Championship for the Disabled* in Orlando, Florida - **Griffin McConnell**. His is an inspiring story of challenges and perseverance, and everyone who knows him and his family are proud of his accomplishments in life and over the chess board. His final score was 4.5/7 for third place. Well done Griffin, and continued success in everything you do!

The election of new officers for the *Colorado State Chess Association* will happen on Labor Day Weekend. Start considering and plan to vote in September!

May Caissa be with you.

*Fred Eric Spell*



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## Buckspeak – News From the CSCA President

by Richard “Buck” Buchanan

There are several matters I want CSCA members to know about:

First, congratulations to DuWayne Langseth for winning the 2017 Colorado Senior Championship tournament. Thanks very much to those who organized and directed the tournament: Phil Nelson and Paul Anderson with assistance from Jeff Cohen.

The annual match between Colorado and New Mexico players is still not scheduled. It is New Mexico's turn to hold it, and you will recall that last year they did not send a full team. We have made numerous attempts to find out when and where (and if) it will happen, but as of the time of this writing, we just don't know.

The Colorado Open will not have a FIDE rated section this year. We will go back to the schedule we have been using for the last several years with good success. Please note that the location has been changed from the one previously announced. It will now be in the Radisson Denver Central at 4849 Bannock Street on September 2-3. There will be no Friday night event, as the rapid chess event was scheduled to be held with another tournament.

Tour prize winners from 2016-17 will receive drawings by Deanna Alter. See the attached example of her creative work. If you think you will win first prize in your rating section, bring photographs that she can use to make her drawings. Deanna will be going away to college before then, but she has said she will work on the drawings and get them to you.

At last year's *Membership Meeting* we decided that we would reconsider resuming the Tour with the old rules that were used when we first started it. The Board has not yet had a meeting to discuss this, and they have the authority to alter or reject this idea.

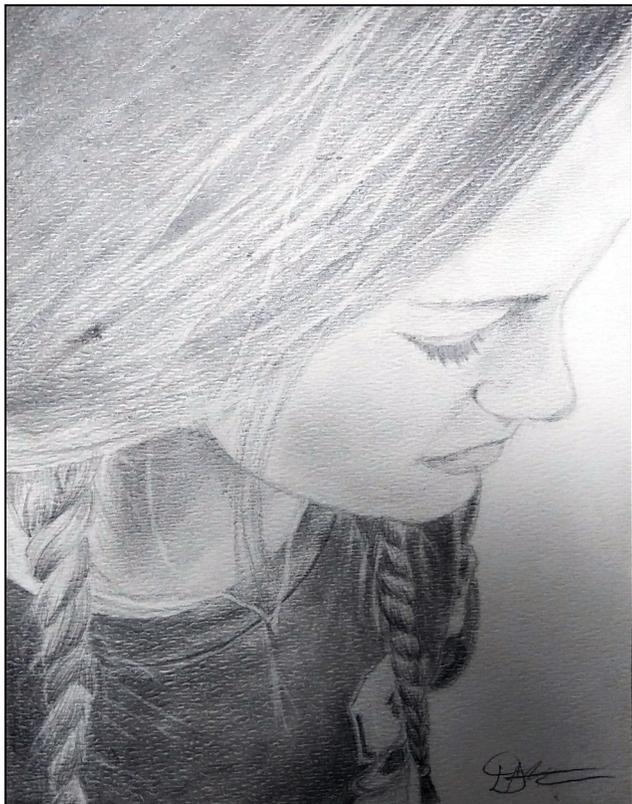
My statement at the meeting (made in some frustration) was that we should do the Tour right or cancel it.

Among the Tour rules at the beginning were:

- ◆ The tournament will require CSCA membership of all Colorado residents.
- ◆ One dollar from each entry fee will go into the Tour fund.
- ◆ Tour events must be advertised as such in advance.
- ◆ Entry fees for juniors, seniors, and unrated players will have a 25% discount.

Anything in these can be discussed and amended. There was also an algorithm for calculating Tour points that took into account which section of a tournament a player was in, how many players were in the tournament, and a few other things I still need to look up.

Next year's Board will be elected at the *Membership Meeting*. Brian Wall and Deanna Alter will not be returning to the Board and will have to be replaced. And, of course, you may run for any other Board positions as well (including President – hint, hint!).



## 2017 Denver Open

by J.C. MacNeil

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Exciting was to have, once again, a Grandmaster playing in the Denver Open.

I have ambivalent feelings about this year's Denver Open. Mainly because while we based our prize fund on 100 players, we all anticipated a larger turnout. Disappointing was the absence of most of Colorado's higher rated players. The good news is we did not get less than 100 players, so we were able to pay out the advertised prize fund.

Last year we had 122 players despite a spring blizzard the weekend of the tournament. When picking a date for this year's tournament we choose June to not risk another spring storm. Not realizing the CSCA Class Championship, the Loveland Open, plus the rescheduled Casa Mayan one day tourney would be crowding the Denver Open. Maybe too many tournaments too close together. Maybe the new somewhat out of the way location. Maybe this, maybe that... Colorado is a great state for outdoor activities and June is the beginning of summer... we will consider a different date/location for next year.

Exciting was to have, once again, a Grandmaster playing in the Denver Open. GM Pavel Blatny was passing through Denver, and he called up Dean Clow saying he wanted to play in the tournament. Dean, of course, gave the GM a free entry and I believe that was his only compensation. GM Blatny was approachable, not the least bit standoffish, easy going and quite likable. He told me he would be willing to give a lecture and/or a simul at a Tuesday night meeting of the DCC next time he was in Denver. I was afraid to ask him what his fee would be, but if not outrageous, hopefully, we can make it happen.

GM Blatny took clear 1st place but not with a perfect score. His last round pairing with the second highest rated player in the tournament, FM Nikhilesh

Kunche, was a game that everyone was looking forward to. Unfortunately, a draw was offered and accepted on move 12. I'm pretty sure it was not Nikhilesh that made the draw offer, and of course, it would have been hard for Mr. Kunche to say, "No, Grandmaster, let's play on." Like I would have... yeah, right. :-)

Perhaps GM Blatny did not realize he could still be tied for 1st place if Zhiji Li could win his last round game with Brian Wall; and what a battle that game was. At move 37 it's Mr. Wall's 2 rooks, bishop, knight and 3 pawns against Mr. Li's queen, rook and 5 pawns. Talk about complications!! At move 64. Mr. Pawn Wave Guy is about to queen a pawn and Zhiji had to resign. Mr. Li was held to a draw by Sara Herman in round 1, so with the loss to Brian he finished with 3.5 points and was left out of the money.



Thus, GM Blatny won the \$300 1st place prize. But not first without a precarious round 3 game with Chris Peterson. The general consensus was at one point the GM was lost. Quoting GM Blatny's text message he sent to Brian Wall: *"He played it great, it was a very nice combination. But the end shows the well know truth that it is hardest to win the winning position and you must watch out for last tricks from "retired" GM. It was a fighting game with a of of interesting tactics, so I hope you all enjoy it despite mistakes from both sides. Looking forward to seeing you in the future, Pavel."*

Nikhilesh Kunche's draw with the GM gave him 4 points. Aleksandr Bozhenov also finished with 4 points and Brian's last round win gave him 4 points. I am sure Mr. Bozhenov is pleased to be sharing the combined 2nd, 3rd, and U2000 prizes. In addition to winning \$146.67, Aleksandr gained 35 rating points. Nikhilesh and Brian of course also won \$146.67.

Interestingly both Mr. Bozhenov and Mr. Wall lost to Eamon Montgomery. Of all the players mentioned so far, without question Eamon had the toughest pairings and played very well to score 3.5 points. Mr. Montgomery lost to GM Blatny in round 4, but it is safe to say he answered the bell and traded punches with the GM. It is a shame to be left out of the prize money after such good play. Maybe the gain of nearly 30 rating points is some consolation. Myself, I'd rather win the money. :-)

I can't tell you how much I'd like to see more young teenagers like Sara Herman, Sheena Zeng, Teah and Selah Williams get into playing chess. If they start playing in high school, I think they are likely to play in college and continue playing as adults. Of course, there are adult Colorado women who play often, Ann Davies for one, but in general, the percentage of women at any chess tournament is abysmal. Why is that? I think women have the grit, determination, and stamina it takes to play chess. I know they are just as smart, devious, and crafty as men. Think Judith Polgar, Hou Yifan and Sabrina Foisor. Ladies, chess is a sport where you can compete with any man on an equal basis. Anyway, all that said, Sara won the U1900 prize of \$90 with a 3.5 point score. Tied with and ahead of many men.

I don't have any idea who Edward Yasutake is, but I certainly hope he can play at the DCC on Tuesday nights. He mowed down the U1800 section. He was the only player in the whole tournament to have a perfect score. That's impressive. He secured a clear 1st place with a last round win over Rattawut Lapcharoensap and won \$300. Rattawut, who played at the Casa Mayan tournament, is from Wyoming and came back down to play here at the Denver Open. I don't see why



Mr. Lapcharoensap can't drive back and forth to play on Tuesday nights. :-)

The combined 2nd, 3rd, and U1800 prizes were won by Brian Rountree and Daniel Ruvins. They each finished with 4 points and they both win \$175. Mr. Rountree works hard on his game and only lost to Daniel in round 3. Daniel in turn only lost to Mr. Yasutake in round 4. Mr. Ruvins then proceeded to trounce this reporter in round 5. I played my usual bad opening, made a bunch of middle game mistakes, and lost the ending. After the game Daniel said he couldn't believe he was playing a 1700 player. Right. :-)

Michael Crill's last round draw with Robert Carlson gave him 3.5 points and that won the \$90 U1600 prize. Mr. Crill only lost to Mr. Lapcharoensap in round 4. Rattawut also finished with 3.5 points and won \$90 worth of gas money by winning the U1500 prize. He had chances for a better prize but had to face Mr. Yasutake in the last round, and as mentioned above, Mr. Yasutake was taking no prisoners.

I also have no idea who Tianyi Gu is, but

again I hope he can play at the DCC on Tuesday nights. He took clear 1st place in the U1400 section and won \$300 with a fine 4.5 score. He won his last round game against DCC regular, Robert Cernich, so I know Tianyi had to play well to do that.

Sulleiman Omar's provisional rating will go up like 400 points after this tournament. Matthew Wroblewski-Brunelle's provisional rating will take a 200 point jump. Both of these players played very well to score 4 points to share the combined 2nd, 3rd and U1400 prize. They both win \$175. Welcome to the world of rated tournament chess.

I am pleased to say that DCC regular, Mark Fischer, shared the \$90 U1300 prize with Kirk Tuesburg. They both had to win their last round games and they answered the call. Finishing with 3 points they each won \$45.

Lauren Epard won the \$90 U1200 prize with a 3 point score. I don't know Ms. Epard but the USCF has her state as Arizona. Dax Epard played in the U1800 section and I am guessing they are

brother and sister. Maybe they recently moved to the Denver area or drove up from Arizona to be at this tournament. In the first case, let me mention Tuesday nights at the DCC. In the second, thank you for making the trip.

Finally, I would like to mention that the Williams family, Bill and his lovely wife, Jodie, along with their kids, Jesse, Joshua, Teah and Selah, have long been supporters and promoters of Colorado chess. They are now in the process of opening a 7 day a week Chess Center in Colorado Springs. We can all hope it is a successful venture and we can have a franchise in Denver someday. Visit their web page [www.Clubchess.org](http://www.Clubchess.org) for details.

Also I could not have identified the players in the photos without Shirley Herman's vast knowledge of all things chess in Colorado. Ms. Herman also took most of the photos used in this report. Don Rose and I took the others. The tournament was smoothly directed by Todd Bardwick. Mr. Bardwick was assisted by Dean Clow and *CaissaChess* software.

## A Selection of Games From the Tournament

**Brian Wall** (2264)

**Ankit Raparathi** (1905)

Round 1

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Bd7 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.O-O cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4 9.Nbd2 Nxf3+ 10.Nxf3 Bb5 11.Be3 Qa6 12.Bxb5+ Qxb5 13.Nd4 Qd7 14.Rc1 Ne7 15.f4 Nc6 16.Nxc6 bxc6 17.Qa4 Rc8 18.Qxa7 Qxa7 19.Bxa7 Ra8 20.Bd4 Ra4 21.Rfd1 Kd7 22.a3 Be7 23.Rd3 Rc8 24.b4 Rca8 25.Rcc3 R8a6 26.g4 Bd8 27.Kf2 Bb6 28.Ke3 Kc7 29.f5 Ra8 30.Bxb6+ Kxb6 31.Kf3 Re8 32.Rc5 Rca8 33.Rcc3 Rc8 34.Rb3 Re8 35.Re3 Kb5 36.Rbd3 Kc4 37.Rc3+ Kd4 38.Kf4 1-0

**Daniel Herman** (2077)

**Roger Redmond** (1691)

Round 1

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Qa4 d6 7.e5 Ng4 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.Be2 Bg7 10.O-O O-O 11.Bf4 Qb4 12.Qxb4 Nxb4 13.h3 Nf6 14.a3 Nbd5 15.Be5 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Bf5 17.Nd4 Bd7 18.Bf3 Rab8 19.Rfe1 Rfe8 20.Rad1 e5 21.Nb3 e4 22.Bxe4 Nxe4 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Rxd7 Kf8 25.Re3 Nf6 26.Rxe8+ Kxe8 27.Rd3 Rc8 28.c3 b6 29.Nd4 a6 30.Kh2 Nd7 31.Kg3 Nc5 32.Re3+ Kd7 33.Nf3 f6 34.Nd4 Re8 35.Rxe8 Kxe8 36.Ne2 Kd7 37.Kf3 Kd6 38.Ke3 Ne6

39.c4 Kc5 40.Kd3 a5 41.b3 f5 42.Kc3 g5 43.b4+ axb4+ 44.axb4+ Kd6 45.Nd4 Ng7 46.Nb5+ Kc6 47.g3 Ne6 48.Nd4+ Kd6 49.Nxe6 Kxe6 50.Kd4 Kd6 51.b5 h6 52.h4 1-0

**Nikhilesh Kunchu** (2317)

**Daniel Herman** (2077)

Round 2

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.b3 b6 4.c4 Bb7 5.Nc3 d6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nf6 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Qe2 Be7 10.O-O O-O 11.Bb2 a6 12.Kh1 Rc8 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.f4 Rfe8 15.Bb1 Qb8 16.Rd3 d5 17.e5 Ne4 18.Rh3 Qa8 19.Nxe4 dxe4 20.f5 exf5 21.Nxf5 Rc6 22.e6 Nf6 23.Nxe7+ Rxe7 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Qg4+ Kh8 26.Rxh7+ Kxh7 27.Bxe4+ 1-0

**Sara Herman** (1903)

**Damian Nash** (2007)

Round 2

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 Qe7 7.a3 Ngxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.e3 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 d6 11.Be2 a5 12.b3 Bd7 13.O-O Bc6 14.b4 O-O 15.b5 Be4 16.f3 Bf5 17.e4 Bd7 18.c5 b6 19.cxd6 cxd6 20.Rfd1 Be6 21.Qxd6 Qxd6 22.Rxd6 Nd7 23.Be3 Rab8 24.Rad1 Rb7 25.f4 Nc5 26.Rxb6 Rxb6 27.Bxc5 Rbb8 28.Bxf8 Kxf8 29.Rd6 a4 30.b6 Ke7 31.e5 Rd8 32.b7 Rb8 33.Bf3 Bd7 34.Ra6 Kd8 35.Kf2 Kc7 36.Ke3 Bb5 37.Ra8 g6 38.Kd4 h5 39.Kc5 Bd7 40.Bd5 Be8 41.Bc6 Bxc6 42.Rxb8

Bxg2 43.Rf8 Kxb7 44.Rxf7+ Kc8 45.Kd6 Be4 46.e6 Bf5 47.e7 1-0

**GM Pavel Blatny** (2475)

**Christopher Peterson** (2221)

Round 3

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 Nf6 3.e3 g6 4.Ne2 Bg7 5.g3 h5 6.h3 Nc6 7.Bg2 Bf5 8.d3 Qd7 9.Nd2 e5 10.a3 O-O-O 11.b4 d4 12.b5 Na5 13.exd4 exd4 14.Bxd4 Rhe8 15.Bc3 Rxe2+ 16.Qxe2 Re8 17.Be5 Rxe5 18.Qxe5 Ne8 19.Qc5 b6 20.Qb4 Bxa1 21.O-O Bd4 22.Re1 Be6 23.Qa4 Nf6 24.Qb4 Qd8 25.Nf3 Bc5 26.Qb2 Bd5 27.Ne5 Qd6 28.Bxd5 Qxd5 29.Nxg6 Qf3 30.d4 Bxa3 31.Ne7+ Kd7 32.Qa2 Bxe7 33.Qxf7 Qa3 34.g4 Nb7 35.g5 Ne8 36.Qe6+ Kd8 37.Qe4 Na5 38.Qa8+ Kd7 39.Qd5+ Qd6 40.Qf5+ Kd8 41.Re5 Qd7 42.Qf3 c6 43.g6 Qxd4 44.Qe2 Qd6 45.Re6 Qd5 46.Re5 Qd6 47.Re6 Qf4 48.bxc6 Qg5+ 49.Kf1 Qd5 50.Re4 Nf6 51.c7+ Kxc7 52.Rxe7+ Kd6 53.f3 Nc4 54.Rf7 Nd2+ 55.Kg2 Qg5+ 56.Kh1 Nd5 57.Qg2 Qe3 58.g7 1-0

**Damian Nash** (2007)

**Selah Williams** (1149)

Round 3

1.e4 d5 2.Nc3 d4 3.Nce2 e5 4.d3 Nf6 5.g3 Nc6 6.a3 Be7 7.Bg2 h6 8.h3 O-O 9.f4 exf4 10.Bxf4 Bd6 11.Nf3 Bxf4 12.gxf4 Nh5 13.Qd2 b6 14.O-O-O Bb7 15.Rhg1 Qd7 16.f5 Na5 17.Bh1 Qc6 18.Nexd4 Qf6 19.e5 Qd8 20.Qxh6 Bxf3 21.Nxf3 f6 22.Qxh5 Rf7 23.e6 Re7 24.Nh4 g5 25.Bxa8 Rh7 26.e7 Rxe7 27.Ng6 Rh7 28.Qf3 Qd7 29.Bd5+ Kg7 30.Rde1 Kh6 31.h4 gxh4 32.Qh5+ 1-0

**Sheena Zeng** (1948)

**Sara Herman** (1903)

Round 3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5 5.a3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 d6 7.Nc3 O-O 8.e3 Nc6 9.Bd3 e5 10.d5 Ne7 11.Qc2 c6 12.e4 Ng6 13.O-O Qe7 14.Rfe1 Nf4 15.Ne2 N6h5 16.Nxf4 Nxf4 17.Qd2 Bg4 18.Re3 Bxf3 19.Rxf3 Qg5 20.Rxf4 Qxf4 21.Qxf4 exf4 22.a4 Rab8 23.b3 Rfe8 24.f3 cxd5 25.cxd5 Rbc8 26.Bc4 Re5 27.Kf2 f5 28.Re1 fxe4 29.fxe4 g5 30.Kf3 Rce8 31.h3 Kg7 32.Re2 h5 33.Re1 Kf6 34.Re2 R5e7 35.Bd3 Rc8 36.Bc4 Ke5 37.Re1 Rg8 38.Re2 g4+ 39.hxg4 hxg4+ 40.Kf2 Rf7 41.Re1 f3 42.gxf3 Rxf3+ 43.Kg2 Rgf8 44.Rh1 Kxe4 45.Rh6 Rf2+ 46.Kg1



g3 47.Rxd6 Kf3 48.Rg6 Rg2+ 49.Kf1  
Rc2 50.Kg1 Rc1+ 51.Bf1 Ke4 52.Rxg3  
Rcxf1+ 53.Kg2 R8f2+ 54.Kh3 Rf3 55.d6  
Rxg3+ 56.Kxg3 Rd1 0-1

**Akshat Jain** (2092)

**Nikhilesh Kunchu** (2317)

Round 3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5  
5.Bd2 Nb6 6.e3 Bg7 7.f4 O-O 8.Nf3 a5  
9.Qc2 Na6 10.a3 c5 11.Bxa6 cxd4  
12.Bd3 dxc3 13.Bxc3 Nd5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7  
15.Qe2 Qb6 16.Nd4 Nxf4 17.exf4 Qxd4  
18.Qe5+ Qxe5+ 19.fxe5 Be6 20.O-O  
Rac8 21.Be4 b6 22.Rac1 Rfd8 23.Rxc8  
Rxc8 24.Re1 Rd8 25.Kf2 Rd2+ 26.Re2  
Rxe2+ 27.Kxe2 f6 28.exf6+ Kxf6 29.Ke3  
Ke5 30.g3 Bf5 31.Bf3 g5 32.b4 axb4  
33.axb4 h6 34.h4 gxh4 35.gxh4 Bb1  
36.Bg2 Bc2 37.Bf3 Kf5 38.Be2 Be4  
39.Bd1 Bg2 40.Kf2 Bh3 41.Kg3 Bf1  
42.Kf2 Bc4 43.Ke3 Bd5 44.Be2 Be4  
45.Bd1 Ke5 46.Bb3 Bb1 47.Bc4 Bc2  
48.Bf1 Kd5 49.Be2 Bb3 50.Bd3 Ba2  
51.Be2 e5 52.Bd3 Bb3 53.Be2 e4 54.Ba6  
Ba2 55.Be2 Bb1 56.Bf1 Ba2 57.Be2 Bc4  
58.Bd1 Ke5 59.Bc2 Bd3 60.Ba4 Bb1  
61.Bd1 Ba2 62.Bh5 Bb3 63.Bg6 Bc2  
64.Kd2 Bb1 65.Ke3 Kd5 66.Bf7+ Kc6  
67.Be8+ Kd6 68.Bg6 Ke5 69.Bh5 Ba2  
70.Bg6 Bd5 71.Bh7 Bc6 72.Bg6 1/2-1/2

**Haroun Mueller-Omar** (1473)

**Shiva Kakarla** (1680)

Round 4

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3  
Qb6 6.Bd3 Bd7 7.O-O cxd4 8.cxd4 Nxd4  
9.Nxd4 Qxd4 10.Nc3 Qxe5 11.Re1 Qd6

12.Qf3 Nf6 13.Bf4 Qc5 14.Rac1 Rc8  
15.Nb5 Qb6 16.Nc7+ Kd8 17.Be5 Be7  
18.Rc3 Bc6 19.Qf4 g5 20.Nxe6+ fxe6  
21.Qxf6 Bxf6 22.Bxf6+ Kd7 23.Bf5 exf5  
24.Re7+ Kd6 25.Rce3 Rhe8 26.R3e6+  
Kc5 27.Bxg5 Rxe7 28.Bxe7+ Kb5  
29.Re3 Re8 30.Rb3+ Kc4 31.Rc3+ Kb5  
32.Rb3+ Ka6 33.Ra3+ Qa5 34.Bb4 Qxa3  
35.bxa3 Kb5 36.Kf1 a5 37.Bd6 Kc4 38.f3  
Kc3 39.Kf2 d4 40.Bc7 a4 41.g4 fxg4  
42.fxg4 Kb2 43.h4 Kxa3 44.g5 Kxa2  
45.h5 d3 46.Ba5 Kb2 47.g6 hxg6 48.hxg6  
Bd5 49.g7 a3 50.Bb6 d2 51.g8Q Bxg8  
52.Bd4+ Kc2 53.Bb2 d1Q 54.Bxa3 Qd2+  
55.Kg1 Bd5 56.Bc1 Qg2# 0-1

**Tianyi Gu** (1350)

**Brian Ledsworth** (1302)

Round 4

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d3 e6 4.g3 Nf6  
5.Nbd2 Be7 6.Bg2 d6 7.O-O Bd7 8.c3 b5  
9.h3 O-O 10.Qc2 e5 11.Kh2 h6 12.Ng1  
Nh7 13.f4 f6 14.Qb3+ c4 15.Qxb5 cxd3  
16.Qxd3 Rb8 17.Qd5+ Kh8 18.Nc4 Be8  
19.Be3 Bf7 20.Qxc6 Rc8 21.Qa4 Bxc4  
22.Rfd1 a5 23.Qc2 Qd7 24.Nf3 Bd8  
25.fxe5 fxe5 26.Nxe5 Qe6 27.Nxc4 Rxc4  
28.b3 Rc7 29.Bf4 Bf6 30.Rxd6 Rxc3  
31.Qxc3 Bxc3 32.Rxe6 Bxa1 33.Bd6 Rc8  
34.e5 Ng5 35.Bb7?? Rc2+ 36.Kh1 Nxe6  
37.Bd5 Ng5 38.e6 Nxe6 39.Bxe6 Bc3??  
40.a3 Be1 41.Bc4 1/2-1/2

**Eamon Montgomery** (2064)

**GM Pavel Blatny** (2475)

Round 4

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.Nf3 g6 5.e4  
Bg7 6.Be2 d6 7.Be3 Nd7 8.O-O Ne7

9.Qc2 a6 10.b4 h6 11.Rac1 c5 12.bxc5  
bxc5 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.e5 dxe5 15.d5 Nf5  
16.dxe6 fxe6 17.g4 Ne7 18.Nh4 O-O  
19.Nxg6 Nxg6 20.Qxg6 Rf6 21.Qd3 Qc6  
22.f3 Rxf3 23.Nd5 Rf7 24.Bf3 Qc8  
25.Rb1 e4 26.Qxe4 exd5 27.Qe6 Ne5  
28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.cxd5 Nxg4 30.Kh1  
Nxe3 31.Qxe3 Qf5 32.d6 Bd4 0-1

**Zhiji Li** (2157)

**Brian Wall** (2264)

Round 5

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 Nc6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 a6 8.Qd2 Bd7  
9.O-O-O b5 10.Nb3 Ne5 11.Qf2 b4  
12.Nb1 d5 13.Bb6 Qc8 14.exd5 Be7  
15.d6 Bd8 16.Bd4 Nc6 17.Bc5 O-O  
18.N1d2 a5 19.Kb1 Qb7 20.Nd4 Ne5  
21.Qe3 Ng6 22.Bc4 Rc8 23.Nxe6 fxe6  
24.Bxe6+ Kh8 25.Bxd7 Nxd7 26.Bd4  
Qc6 27.c4 Qxd6 28.Ne4 Qc6 29.c5 Nh4  
30.Bxg7+ Kxg7 31.Rd6 Qc7 32.Qd4+  
Nf6 33.Nxf6 Bxf6 34.Rd7+ Kh8 35.Qd3  
Qxd7 36.Qxd7 Rxc5 37.Qd6 Rcc8  
38.Re1 Nxg2 39.Re6 Bg7 40.Qd7 Rfd8  
41.Qa4 Nf4 42.Rc6 Ra8 43.Rc7 Rd2  
44.Qc6 Rxb2+ 45.Kc1 Ne2+ 46.Kd1  
Nc3+ 47.Kc1 Nxa2+ 48.Kd1 Nc3+  
49.Ke1 Re2+ 50.Kf1 Ree8 51.Rxg7 Kxg7  
52.Qd7+ Kf6 53.Qc6+ Ke5 54.Qc7+ Kd5  
55.Qd7+ Kc4 56.Qf7+ Nd5 57.Qxh7 a4  
58.Qd7 a3 59.Qc6+ Kd4 60.Qc1 a2  
61.Qb2+ Kc4 62.Qc1+ Nc3 63.Qf4+ Kb3  
0-1

**Akshat Jain** (2092)

**Eamon Montgomery** (2064)

Round 5

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6  
5.Nf3 O-O 6.Be2 e5 7.O-O Nc6 8.d5 Ne7  
9.b4 a5 10.Ba3 Ne8 11.c5 h6 12.b5 f5  
13.Nd2 Rf7 14.Nc4 dxc5 15.Bxc5 b6  
16.Bxb6 cxb6 17.d6 Nxd6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6  
19.Nxd6 Rf8 20.Bc4+ Kh7 21.Rfd1 Rd8  
22.a4 Ra7 23.Bb3 Rc7 24.Nc4 Rxd1+  
25.Rxd1 Be6 26.Nd5 Bxd5 27.exd5 Nc8  
28.f3 Rd7 29.Kf2 Bf6 30.Ne3 Be7 31.g4  
Bc5 32.Ke2 Nd6 33.gxf5 Nxf5 1/2-1/2



*The Final Standings for the  
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<https://tinyurl.com/y9h8cbfn>*



## Memories of 1971

by Curtis Carlson

*"Chess - a special phenomenon, it is not just a sport, it's - kind of intellectual activity, served as a sport."*

- GM Alexander Morozevich

*"I would not be here doing what I am doing were it not for the inspiration that book (Atlas Shrugged) provided for me. She (Ayn Rand) made me feel proud to accomplish things. She made me realize the power of human achievement and the joy that is life. And she made me care deeply about ideas and to be respectful of their power."*

- Steve Horwitz

*"Playing chess is like looking out over a limitless ocean; playing checkers is like looking into a bottomless well."*

- Marion Tinsley, Former World Checkers Champion

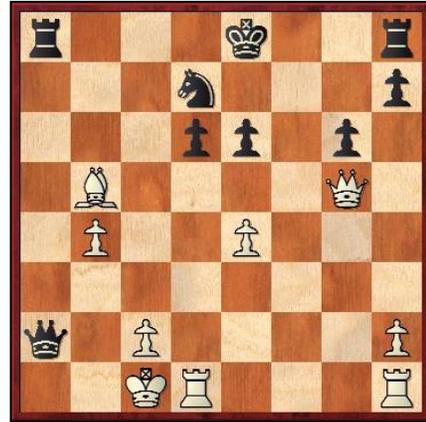
*"You cannot play chess if you are kind-hearted."*

- French proverb

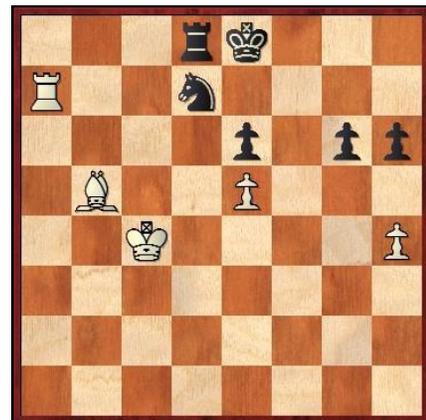
In 1971 I was a 17 year old B player filled with optimism. I won a class prize in the Denver Open, where I played Bob Shean for the first of about a dozen times (*last was 1977; see [www.coloradochess.com/informant/July%202016.pdf](http://www.coloradochess.com/informant/July%202016.pdf)-page 24*). I tied for first in a King's Gambit blitz tournament. I played Robert O'Donnell (*one of Colorado's top players for many years*) for the second of seven times (*first 1969, last 1976*). In Salt Lake City's Days of '47 Open I played Robert Wendling for the first of eight times (*last 1976*). I drew GM Lubomir Kavalek in a simultaneous exhibition. I was elected the junior representative to the CSCA board. And Bobby Fischer was in town for his match vs. Larsen! I'll never forget the summer of 1971.

On July 31 Kavalek played 42 opponents in Metro State College's student center. He won 36 and drew 6. My game with him was interesting: 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.O-O-O Nbd7 10.g4 (this was a year before Spassky played 10.Bd3 vs. Fischer so 10.g4 was still routine) 10...b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5 Bxg5+ (computers make 13...O-O !? seem reasonable although it feels wrong to castle into an attack. After 14.Rg1 b4 {14...e5? 15.Nd5} 15.Nce2 e5 16.f6 exd4 17.fxe7 Re8 18.Nxd4 Ne5 = Houdini, Komodo, Stockfish. Black must play carefully after 13...Bg5+ since the Bishop badly placed, the d6 Pawn poorly protected, and a b5 sacrifice could be fatal.) 14.Kb1 Nc5? (+Houdini, Komodo; 14...Ne5 15.Qh5 Qd8 {15...Bf6 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.fxe6 O-O 18.Nd5 Qd8 = 19.Bh3 Stockfish, += Komodo; , 15...Qe7 is heavily analyzed and thought to give White a small advantage after 16.Nxe6. 15...Qd8 tries to avoid losing a tempo to an upcoming Nd5} 16.h4 Bf6 17.fxe6 O-O 18.Bh3 fxe6 19.Bxe6+ Kh8 20.Nd5 seems good for White although it's only += according to Komodo and Stockfish. Possible is 14...O-O!? 15.fxe6 Nb6 16.Nd5 Nxd5 17.exd5 fxe6 18.Qg4 e5 19.Qxg5 exd4 {+= Houdini, Komodo, Stockfish} which I would never have had the courage to play.) 15.fxe6 (Kavalek was sacrificing pieces on many boards so it's surprising he passed on 15.Bxb5+ axb5 16.Ndxb5 Qe7

17.Nxd6+ Kf8 18.Rhg1 +- {18...Bh6 19.Nxf7!}. Also good is 15.Rg1 Bf6 16.Bxb5+ {+- Houdini, Komodo}. White also stands well after 15.fxe6.) 15...Bxe6 (15...fxe6? 16.Ndxb5! is crushing. I didn't miss everything!) 16.b4? = (It wasn't necessary to weaken his castled position when 16.Nxe6 Nxe6 17.e5 and 16.Rg1 Bh6 17.Nf5 were both very strong. 16.Bxb5+ axb5 17.Ndxb5 Qb8 18.Nxd6+ is less good when the f7 pawn is unmoved Black can hide his king on f8.) 16...Nd7 17. Nxe6 fxe6 18. Nxb5? +- (18.Rg1 Ne5 19.Qh3=; 18.Bh3 Ne5 19.Qh5+ g6 20.Qxg5 Qxc3=; 18.Bxb5 Rb8=. Lubosh only took a few seconds on each move.) 18...axb5 19.Qh5+ g6 20.Qxg5 Qa7 -+ 21.Bxb5 Qxa2+ 22.Kc1



22...Qa3+ (Better is 22...O-O!, which I didn't consider since it lost a piece! 23.Bxd7? Qa1+ 24.Kd2 Qd4+ wins. Also hopeless is 23.Kd2 Rf2+ 24.Ke1 Rxc2 intending Qb2. In my youth I disliked losing material for any reason, even if it led to mate.) 23.Kd2 Qxb4+ 24.Ke3 Ra3+ (24...O-O! 25.Rhf1 Ne5 -+) 25.Rd3? (25.Bd3 was best but still bad after 25...Ne5 or 25...Nc5.) 25...Rxd3+?! (After 25...O-O! 26.Bxd7 Qb6+ the game is over.) 26.cxd3? (26.Bxd3 Rf8 {26...O-O is now answered by 27.Qb5 going into an ending} 27.Ke2 {the threat was 27...Qb6+} Nc5 28.Ra1 Qb7 -+.) 26...Qc5+? (I just wanted not lose, but 26...O-O! was still right. If 27.Bxd7 Qb6+ 28.Ke2 Qb2+ -+) 27.Qxc5 dxc5 28.Ra1 += Ke7 (Black regrets not castling!) 29.Ra7 Rd8 30.e5 h6 31.h4 Ke8 32.d4 cxd4+ 33.Kxd4 Ke7 34.Ke4 Ke8 35.Kd4 Ke7 36.Kc4 Ke8 - Drawn on White's offer. This could have been my first Grandmaster scalp, but during the game it never occurred to me Black was winning.



When the simul was nearly over the great Bobby Fischer unexpectedly showed up and quickly examined the few games still in progress. When he glanced at my position after move 34 (see diagram) I hoped he would give a nod or a smile or something to indicate I was doing OK, but instead his face grimaced like he was looking at something wretched. When he darted off to examine the next game I wondered if I should resign! So much for my fifteen seconds of fame with the greatest player in history. I didn't talk to him but he was cordial. He signed autographs and shook hands with Lubosh, who drew him the one time they played; see [www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1044633](http://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=1044633). He also shook hands with our local hero Robert Wendling! More about him in a future article.

My first tournament game with Wendling was also memorable. Two weeks earlier he lost on time in our game in the King's Gambit blitz tournament so (lucky me) he was fired up for a real game.

**Salt Lake City Days of '47 Open**

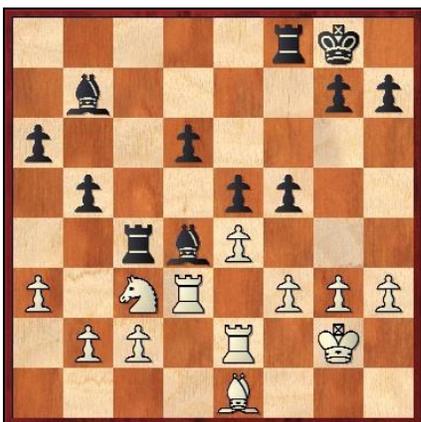
**July 21, 1971**

**Round 1 / Board 1**

**Curtis Carlson** (1661, age 17)

**Robert Wendling** (2206, age 23)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nc6 7.O-O Nf6 8.a3 (8.Be3 Bb4 9.Na4 is heavily analyzed.) 8...Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Bd6 10.g3 O-O 11.Qc4 (I hoped to simplify against my esteemed opponent. 11.Qd3, 11.Bg5, and 11.Be3 were all better.) 11...Qxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Bd3 Bb7 14.Bd2 Rac8 15.Rad1 Be5 16.Rfe1 Bd4 17.h3 d6 18.Re2 Nd7 (18...Bc6 =+ Houdini, Komodo) 19.Kg2?! (19.a4 {= Komodo, Houdini} before 19...Nb6.) 19...Nb6 20.f3 Nc4 21.Bxc4 Rxc4 =+ (Black has a small edge with his Bishop pair and active Rook.) 22.Be1 e5!? = (22...Be5 =+ Komodo, Houdini. The text allows 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.c3! =) 23.Rd3? f5!? = (This is slightly impatient. 23...Rfc8 =+ stops 24.Nd5)



24.g4? (This loses a pawn for nothing. 24.exf5 Bxc3 {23...Rxf5 25.Ne4 Bxe4 26.fxe4 Rf6 27.c3 = Komodo, Houdini} 25.Rxc3 Rxc3 26.Bxc3 Rxf5 27.Re3 = Komodo, Houdini.) 24...Bxc3 25.Rxc3 fxe4 26.fxe4 Bxe4+ 27.Kg3 d5 28.Rxc4 bxc4 29.Bc3 Re8 30.b3? +- (This is suicide. 30.Bb4 is better, hoping to hold with opposite colored Bishops.) 30...cxb3 31.cxb3 Kf7 (White could resign since connected passed pawns win easily.) 32.a4

Ke6 33.b4 Rc8 34.Bd2 Rc2 35.a5 Bd3 36.Rf2 d4 37.Bg5 Rc4 38.Rb2 Rc3 39.Bd2 Ra3 40.Kf2 e4 41.Kg2 e3 42.Be1 Ra1 43.Bh4 h6 44.g5 hxg5 45.Bxg5 e2 White resigns. Actually this game is less embarrassing than I remembered, even with 24.g4 and 30.b3. My play was passive but 24.exf5 should have drawn. All eight games with Bob were Sicilians but this was my only one with White. I usually lost by move 30 so this wasn't the worst.

Some guy named Jerry has *Cool Chess Puzzle* videos at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEQsg7kXmYU](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BEQsg7kXmYU) that are pretty cool. Take a look at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXaoH59I6Xw](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mXaoH59I6Xw). Houdini's grinding Stockfish down would make Magnus Carlsen proud! Lucas Anderson (whoever he is) has a good biographical video about Morphy at [www.youtube.com/watch?v=zy6NLY7IIz8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zy6NLY7IIz8). My longtime friend Tom Braunlich edits the excellent *Oklahoma Chess Monthly*. The latest issue is at [ocfchess.org/pdf/OCM-2017-06-01.pdf](http://ocfchess.org/pdf/OCM-2017-06-01.pdf), check it out! I wonder how I ever broke into class A without these resources everyone now takes for granted.

I appreciate the opportunity to share memories.

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EVENT	Kavalok Simul 40 <sup>bls</sup>		DATE
ROUND	BOARD	OPENING	
WHITE	Kavalok	BLACK	Carlson
1	P-K4 P-B4	31	P-R4 K-K1
2	N-KB3 <del>###</del> P-Q3	32	P-K4 PXP
3	P-Q4 PXP	33	KXP K-K2
4	NXP N-KB3	34	K-K4 K-K1
5	N-QB3 P-QR3	35	K-Q4 K-K2
6	B-N5 P-Q3	36	K-B4 K-K1
7	P-B4 B-K2	37	Drawn
8	Q-B3 Q-B2	38	
9	O-O-O QN-Q2	39	
10	P-Q4 P-QN4	40	
11	BXN NXB	41	
12	P-N3 N-K	42	
13	P-B5 BXP+	43	
14	K-N1 N-B4?	44	
15	PXP BXP	45	
16	P-Q4 N-Q2	46	
17	NXB FXN	47	18.Rg1 =
18	NXNP FXN	48	20...0-0 -+
19	Q-R5+ P-N3	49	24...0-0 -+
20	QXQ Q-R2	50	25...0-0 -+
21	PXP QXP+	51	
22	K-B1 Q-R6+	52	26...0-0 -+
23	K-R2 QXP+	53	
24	K-R3 R-R6+	54	
25	R-Q3 RXP+	55	
26	PXR Q-B4+	56	
27	QXQ P-Q	57	
28	R-R1 K-K2	58	
29	R-R1 R-Q1	59	
30	P-K5 P-R3	60	
CIRCLE CORRECT RESULT		WHITE WON	<u>DRAW</u> BLACK WON
SIGNATURES _____			

## 2017 Colorado Closed

by Richard "Buck" Buchanan  
Chief Tournament Director

The 2017 Colorado Closed happened on March 31 - April 2 at the Hampton Inn and Suites in Lone Tree. It went very well. Everyone showed up and played all games. The room was a bit cramped (as last year) but we made it without major problems, and I asked if we could get it again next year for the same price, which sounded likely.

At the opening I "allowed" the players to have their way and move the starting time of the morning rounds from 9:00am to 10:00am, especially since we were threatened with a major winter storm to hit by Saturday morning. But Nature played an April Fool's joke on us, and the storm never arrived.

But the players seemed happier, and I had more time to enjoy the hotel's great breakfast bar. And don't tell them, but I was going to change the starting time anyway due to the fuss made when I first announced the times.

The tournament was different from last year's, especially in the Championship section. Game after game was a draw! Lior Lapid, last year's winner, drew his first four games, and Josh Bloomer, who went 3-0 last year in the starting rounds, had three draws this time. In the end Gunnar Andersen took first with 3.5 points, including an early mating queen sacrifice against Ryan Swerdlin in round one. Lior was second with his 5<sup>th</sup> round win, and Josh and Brian Wall tied for third with even scores after each produced one win, one loss, and three draws. Before the last round started, Chris Peterson pointed out that it was possible for all six players to tie for first place with even 2.5 scores! Fortunately this didn't happen. If it did, they would all have had the same tiebreak points, and a six-player playoff did not sound appealing. Before the round started, I suggested we could solve the problem by declaring each player the state Closed Champion for a two-month period.

Dean Clow looked to run away with the Challenger section after he scored 3-0 in the opening rounds and a draw in round 4 to find himself a point ahead of his nearest opponent. But that opponent was Kevin Seidler, who won his last round game with Dean to split the top prizes. Kevin had the higher tie-break score, so he qualifies for next year's Championship Section. Rudy Tia and Daniel Herman tied for third place with 2.5 points.

The Scholastics Championship was a runaway for Eamon Montgomery, who scored 5-0! Akshat Jain was second with 3.5, and Justin Alter took 3<sup>rd</sup> with 3. Sullivan McConnell won the Scholastic Challengers with 4-1. Sullivan told me he plans to hit 2100 by his 11<sup>th</sup> birthday, and at the rate he is going he just might make it! Deanna Alter took second with 3.5. She had started out with 3-0, and I was worried that if she won she couldn't play next year because she will have graduated. But Sullivan solved that problem for us. Aidan Marco was in third place with 2.5.

Things went smoothly. There were no problems (except Brian's phone in round 1), all rounds started on time, and the hotel staff were most helpful. Altogether, a great tournament!

What follows are games from the tournament. I have included all the games from the Championship section (except a few "Grandmaster draws") and selections from the others. Look at these games. They are high quality and hard fought. Even those with mistakes often turn into ferocious fights.

### Championship Closed

**Gunnar Andersen** (2228)  
**Ryan Swerdlin** (2251)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Nd7 6.Nbd2 Ne7 7.0-0 h6 8.Nb3 g5 9.Ne1 Bg7 10.Nd3 Qc7 11.f4 0-0-0 12.Bd2 Rdg8 13.Bb4 Bf8 14.Bd6 Qd8 15.Qd2 gxf4 16.Qc3 Be4 17.Nxf4 Nf5? 18.Qxc6+! 1-0

**Lior Lapid** (2298)  
**Josh Bloomer** (2300)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.a3 Be7 6.b4 a5 7.Rb1 axb4 8.axb4 b6

9.b5 d5 10.e3 Bb7 11.Be2 Nbd7 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Bb2 f5 14.Ne1 Bd6 15.f4 Ndf6 16.Nxe4 Nxe4 17.Nf3 Qe7 18.Bd3 Rfc8 19.Qb3 Ra5 20.Bxe4 fxe4 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.fxe5 dxc4 23.Qxc4 Bd5 24.Qe2 Rca8 25.Bc3 Ra2 26.Qg4 R2a4 27.Be1 Bc4 28.Bh4 Qd7 29.Rfc1 Bd3 30.Rb3 Ra1 31.Rbc3 Qf7 32.h3 Rxc1+ 33.Rxc1 Bxb5 34.Kh2 c6 35.Qxe4 Ra2 36.Rc2 Rxc2 37.Qxc2 Qd7 38.Qa2 h6 39.Qa8+ Kh7 40.Qd8 Qxd8 41.Bxd8 c5 42.Bxb6 cxd4 43.exd4 Bc6 44.g4 Kg6 45.Kg3 Bd5 46.Kf4 Bc4 47.Bc5 Bd5 48.h4 Kf7 49.Kg3 Bc4 50.h5 Bd5 51.g5 hxg5 52.Kg4 Bb3 53.Kxg5 Bd5 ½-½

**Brian Wall** (2274)  
**Christofer Peterson** (2221)

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nbd2 0-0 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c5 8.h4 b6 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Nd7 11.Bf4 f6 12.Qh5 f5 13.Qe2 Bb7 14.0-0-0 Qc7 15.Nf3 c4 16.Bc2 b5 17.Nd4 Qb6 18.g4 b4 19.gxf5 bxc3 20.bxc3 exf5 21.Nxf5 Rxf5 22.Bxf5 Ba3+ 23.Kd2 Nc5 24.Rb1 Bb2 25.Qh5 Bxc3+ 26.Ke2 Qa6 27.Bxh7+ Kf8 28.Qf5+ Ke8 29.Bg6+ Kd8 30.Qf8+ Kd7 31.Bf5+ Ne6 32.Qf7+ Kd8 33.Bg5+ Nxc5 34.Qd7# 1-0

**Josh Bloomer** (2300)  
**Gunnar Andersen** (2228)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Be3 c5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.Bd2 Qxc5 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.0-0 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 Nc6 13.Be2 Nd4 14.Bd3 Qh5 15.Qxh5 Nxh5 16.Be3 Rfc8 17.Rac1 g5 18.f3 Kf8 19.g3 Nc6 20.Be2 Bd4 21.Kf2 Ng7 22.Rfd1 Ne6 23.Bxd4 Ncx4 24.Ke3 Nxe2 25.Nxe2 Rc7 26.b3 Rac8 27.Nc3 ½-½

**Brian Wall** (2274)  
**Lior Lapid** (2298)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 h6 4.Bh4 b6 5.c3 Bb7 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.e3 d6 8.Bd3 g5 9.Bg3 g4 10.Nh4 Rg8 11.h3 Nh5 12.hxg4 Nxc3 13.fxc3 Bf8 14.Be4 d5 15.Bf3 Bd6 16.Nf1 c5 17.Qd2 Nc6 18.0-0-0 Na5 19.b3 Qc7 20.Kb2 Rc8 21.Be2 c4 22.Nf3 b5 23.Rc1 Bf8 24.g5 hxg5 25.g4 Nc6 26.bxc4 bxc4 27.Ka1 Nb8 28.Rb1 Nd7 29.Rh5 Nf6 30.Rh1 Ba3 31.Qc2 Be6 32.Ne5 Ke7 33.Nxc6+ Qxc6 34.Nd2 Nd7 35.e4 Nb6 36.exd5 Qxd5 37.Bf3 Qa5 38.Rhe1 Bd6 39.Ne4 Rb8 40.Nxd6 Kxd6 41.Re5 Nd5 42.Bxd5 Rxb1+ 43.Kxb1

Rb8+ 44.Ka1 exd5 45.Rxg5 Rb3  
46.Rxd5+ Qxd5 47.axb3 cxb3 48.Qf5  
Qxf5 49.gxf5 Kd5 50.Kb2 Kc4 51.g4 a5  
52.g5 a4 53.g6 fxg6 54.fxg6 a3+ 55.Kxa3  
Kxc3 56.g7 b2 57.g8Q b1Q 58.Qg3+  
Kxd4 59.Qg7+ Ke3 60.Qg3+ Kd4  
61.Qd6+ Ke3 62.Qh6+ Kd4 63.Qf6+ Ke3  
64.Qc3+ Qd3 65.Qxd3+ Kxd3 ½-½

**Ryan Swerdlin** (2251)

**Christofer Peterson** (2221)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5  
5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.Qc2  
Nbd7 9.Nge2 Nf8 10.f3 Bh5 11.Ng3 Bg6  
12.Nf5 Ne6 13.Bh4 Bxf5 14.Bxf5 Nd7  
15.Bf2 g6 16.Bd3 Bf6 17.Rd1 0-0 18.h4



Qe7 19.Kf1 Bh8 20.h5 Nf6 21.g4 Rae8  
22.Kg2 Qd7 23.Rh3 Ng5 24.Rh4 Re7  
25.Ne2 Bg7 26.Rdh1 Qe8 27.hxg6 Rxe3  
28.gxh7+ Kh8 29.Qd2 Rxf3 30.Qxg5  
Rxd3 31.Ng3 Rxg3+ 32.Bxg3 Qe4+  
33.Kh2 Qxd4 34.Rf1 Ne4 35.Qe7 Qd2+  
36.Rf2 Qd4 37.g5 Qxf2+ 38.Bxf2 Nxf2  
39.Rf4 Ne4 40.Rxf7 Rxf7 41.Qxf7 Nxg5  
42.Qg8# 1-0

**Josh Bloomer** (2300)

**Ryan Swerdlin** (2251)

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3  
Nbd7 6.Qc2 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 dxc4  
9.Bxc4 e5 10.h3 Qe7 11.Bb3 b6 12.e4  
exd4 13.Nxd4 Qe5 14.Nf3 Qh5 15.Qd2  
Bc7 16.Qg5 Qxg5 17.Bxg5 h6 18.Be3  
Re8 19.Bc2 Bb7 20.Rf1 Rad8 21.Rad1  
c5 22.Bc1 a6 23.Nh4 b5 24.Nf5 Ne5  
25.f4 Ng6 26.e5 Nd5 27.g3 Nxc3 28.bxc3  
Bc8 29.Be3 c4 30.Bd4 b4 31.Ne3 bxc3  
32.Nxc4 Be6 33.Bb6 Bxb6+ 34.Nxb6  
Bxh3 35.Nd5 Rc8 36.Re3 Bg4 37.Rb1  
Red8 38.Nxc3 Rd2 39.Bb3 Ne7 40.Ne4  
Nf5 41.Nxd2 Nxe3 42.Kf2 Nc2 43.Rc1  
Nd4 44.Rxc8+ Bxc8 45.Bc4 Bb7 46.Nb3  
Nxb3 47.axb3 Kf8 48.Ke3 Ke7 49.Kd4 f6

50.b4 fxe5+ 51.Kxe5 Bc8 52.Bd3 Bb7  
53.Kf5 Bc8+ 54.Kg6 Kf8 55.Bc4 Bb7  
56.f5 Bc8 57.f6 gxf6 58.Kxf6 h5 59.Kg5  
h4 60.Kxh4 Ke7 61.Kg5 Kd6 62.Kf4 Kc6  
63.g4 Bxg4 64.Kxg4 Kb6 65.Kf4 a5 ½-½

**Lior Lapid** (2298)

**Gunnar Andersen** (2228)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 g6 6.Bc4 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Nc6  
9.Re1 Bd7 10.Bb3 Rc8 11.Nxc6 Bxc6  
12.Bg5 h6 13.Bf4 b5 14.Qd2 g5 15.Bh2  
Ba8 16.Rad1 b4 17.Na4 Nxe4 18.Qxb4  
a5 19.Qb6 Re8 20.Rd3 Bc6 21.Rf3 e6  
22.Qxd8 Rxd8 23.Rfe3 d5 24.c3 Nd2  
25.Bc7 Rd7 26.Be5 f6 27.Bd4 Nxb3  
28.axb3 e5 29.Bb6 Rb7 30.Bxa5 Rxb3  
31.Nc5 Rxb2 32.Bb4 Ra8 33.R3e2 Rxe2  
34.Rxe2 f5 35.Ne6 Bf6 36.Rd2 e4 37.Rd1  
Be5 38.Nd4 Bd7 39.Nb3 Bg7 40.Rxd5  
Be6 41.Ra5 Rd8 42.Nd4 Bxd4 43.cxd4  
Rxd4 44.Bc3 Rd3 45.Be5 Kf7 46.Ra7+  
Bd7 47.Ra6 Be6 48.Ra7+ Bd7 49.Ra6  
Rd1+ 50.Kh2 Be6 51.Ra7+ Rd7  
52.Rxd7+ Bxd7 53.h4 f4 54.hxg5 hxg5  
55.g3 f3 56.Bd4 Ke6 57.Be3 Kf5 58.Ba7  
Bb5 59.Be3 Bf1 60.Kg1 Bg2 61.Kh2 Kg4  
½-½

**Ryan Swerdlin** (2251)

**Brian Wall** (2274)

1.d4 d6 2.c4 e5 3.Nc3 exd4 4.Qxd4 Nc6  
5.Qd2 g6 6.b3 Bg7 7.Bb2 Nf6 8.g3 0-0  
9.Bg2 Re8 10.Nh3 Bxh3 11.Bxh3 Ne4  
12.Nxe4 Rxe4 13.Bg2 Bxb2 14.Qxb2  
Re6 15.0-0 Qf6 16.Qxf6 Rxf6 17.Rad1  
Re6 18.e4 Rae8 19.f4 R6e7 20.Rd5 b6  
21.Rd2 Nd8 22.Rfd1 f6 23.b4 Ne6  
24.Rd5 Kg7 25.h4 h6 26.Rf1 Rd8  
27.Rfd1 Rde8 28.Re1 Nd8 29.Red1 Ne6  
30.Kf2 Kf7 31.e5 dxe5 32.fxe5 f5 33.Bf3  
Nf8 34.Re1 Kg7 35.c5 Nd7 36.e6 Nf8  
37.c6 Kf6 38.h5 Rxe6 39.Rxe6+ Nxe6  
40.hxg6 Kxg6 41.Rd7 Rd8 42.Bd5 Rxd7  
43.cxd7 Nd8 44.Ke3 Kg5 45.Kd4 f4  
46.gxf4+ Kxf4 47.b5 h5 48.Bh1 h4  
49.Bd5 h3 50.Bh1 h2 51.Be4 Nf7 52.Kd5  
Nd8 53.Kd4 ½-½

**Christofer Peterson** (2221)

**Josh Bloomer** (2300)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6  
5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 d5 7.Bb5 exd4 8.cxd4  
Bd6 9.Nc3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 0-0 11.Bg5 f6  
12.Bd2 Ne7 13.Rb1 Bf5 14.Rb3 g5  
15.Bc1 c6 16.Bd3 Qd7 17.c4 dxc4  
18.Bxc4+ Nd5 19.Be3 Kg7 20.Qa1 Rae8

21.Qb2 b6 22.a4 Bc7 23.Rc1 Bg4 24.Nd2  
Re7 25.Nf1 Rfe8 26.Qd2 Bf5 27.Ng3  
Bxg3 28.hxg3 Nxe3 29.fxe3 Be4 30.Be2  
Rd8 31.Qd1 Qe6 32.Bf3 c5 33.Rbc3  
Red7 34.Rc4 Re7 35.R1c3 Bxf3 36.Qxf3  
cxd4 37.exd4 Rxd4 38.Rxd4 1-0

**Gunnar Andersen** (2228)

**Christofer Peterson** (2221)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+  
Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c3 e6 7.d4 cxd4 8.cxd4  
Nf6 9.d5 Nb4 10.Qb3 Na6 11.dxe6 fxe6  
12.e5 Nc5 13.Qc2 Nd5 14.Qe2 Be7  
15.Na3 0-0 16.Nc4 dxe5 17.Nfxe5 Qc7  
18.Bd2 a5 19.a4 b6 20.Ra3 Bf6 21.Re1  
Rae8 22.Qh5 Bxe5 23.Nxe5 Nf6 24.Qh4  
Nce4 25.Rxe4 Qc2 26.Rd3 Nxe4 27.Qxe4  
Rd8 28.Be1 Rxd3 29.Nxd3 Qb3 30.g3  
Rd8 31.Bc3 Qd1+ 32.Ne1 Qb3 33.Nf3 h6  
34.Nd4 Qxa4 35.Qxe6+ Kh7 36.Qf5+  
Kg8 37.Qe6+ Kh7 38.Qe5 Qd7 39.Ne6



Qd1+ 40.Be1 Rg8 41.Qe4+ Kh8 42.Nf4  
Rd8 43.Kg2 Qd4 44.Qxd4 Rxd4 45.Bc3  
Rc4 46.Nd5 a4 47.Kf3 b5 48.Ke3 Kg8  
49.Kd3 Kf7 50.Ne3 Rc8 51.Nf5 Ra8  
52.Nd6+ Ke7 53.Nxb5 g5 54.f4 gxf4  
55.gxf4 Rg8 56.Nd4 Rg2 57.Nf3 Rf2  
58.Ke3 Rc2 59.Bb4+ Kf6 60.Ba3 Rg2  
61.Bd6 Rc2 62.Be5+ Kf7 63.f5 Rg2  
64.Nd2 Rg1 65.Ne4 Re1+ 66.Kd3 Rd1+  
67.Ke2 Rd5 68.Bc3 Ke7 69.Bg7 h5  
70.f6+ Kf7 71.h4 Rd7 72.Ng5+ Kg6  
73.Ne6 Rb7 74.Nf4+ Kf7 75.Nd3 Rxb2+  
76.Nxb2 a3 77.Nc4 a2 78.Ne5+ Kg8  
79.Bh6 a1Q 80.f7+ Kh7 81.f8Q Qxe5+  
82.Be3 Qb5+ 83.Kf2 Qb2+ 84.Kg3 Qe5+  
85.Qf4 Qg7+ 86.Kh2 Qg6 87.Qc7+ Kg8  
88.Qg3 Kf7 89.Qxg6+ Kxg6 90.Kg3 Kf5  
91.Bg5 Ke4 92.Kf2 Ke5 93.Kf3 Kf5  
94.Bf4 Kf6 95.Ke4 Ke6 96.Be5 1-0

**Ryan Swerdlin** (2251)  
**Lior Lapid** (2298)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nf3 Bb7 4.g3 Bb4+  
5.Bd2 Bxf3 6.exf3 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 Nc6  
8.d5 Nce7 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.f4 c6 11.d6 Nf5  
12.Bg2 0-0 13.0-0 Ne8 14.Ne4 Nf6 15.b4  
Nxe4 16.Bxe4 Qf6 17.Rad1 Rab8  
18.Rfe1 Rfc8 19.Qd3 g6 20.g4 Ng7  
21.Qg3 Qb2 22.Rb1 Qxa2 23.Rec1 f5  
24.Bd3 ffg4 25.Qe3 a5 26.Ra1 Qb2  
27.bxa5 bxa5 28.Rxa5 Qb4 29.Qe5 Qd2  
30.Qc3 Qxf4 31.c5 Rb3 32.Qxb3 Qxc1+  
33.Bf1 Rf8 34.Qa2 Nf5 35.Ra7 g3!  
36.Rxd7 gxf2+ 37.Qxf2 Ne3 0-1

**Brian Wall** (2274)  
**Josh Bloomer** (2300)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0  
5.c4 d6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.0-0 a6 8.a4 a5 9.b3  
Nb4 10.Bb2 c6 11.e4 Bg4 12.h3 Bxf3  
13.Bxf3 e5 14.d5 Qb6 15.Na2 cxd5  
16.exd5 Nd7 17.Nxb4 axb4 18.Qd2 Nc5  
19.Bd1 f5 20.Bc2 f4 21.g4 Bf6 22.Kh1



Kf7 23.f3 Rh8 24.Kg2 g5 25.Qd1 h5  
26.Bf5 hxg4 27.Bxg4 Qd8 28.Rb1 Qf8  
29.Qc2 Qh6 30.Rbe1 Qh4 31.Rg1 Rae8  
32.Re4 Qh7 33.Rge1 Qg6 34.Bc1 Rh4  
35.Bd2 Reh8 36.Bxb4 Rfg4+ 37.fgg4  
Qh7 38.Kg1 f3 39.Kf2 Qxh3 40.Qb1  
Qg2+ 41.Ke3 f2 0-1

### Challenger Closed

**Rudy Tia** (2131)  
**Kevin Seidler** (2096)

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Nc3 f5 4.Nf3 Nf6  
5.d4 e4 6.Nh4 d5 7.Bg5 dxc4 8.e3 Na5  
9.Bxf6 Qxf6 10.Qa4+ Nc6 11.d5 Bb4  
12.Rc1 a6 13.dxc6 Bxc3+ 14.Rxc3 b5  
15.Qb4 Qxc6 16.a4 Qb6 17.a5 Qd6  
18.Qxd6 cxd6 19.b4 Ke7 20.Ng2 Be6  
21.h4 g6 22.Nf4 Kf6 23.Kd2 h6 24.Rc1

g5 25.Nxe6 Kxe6 26.hxg5 hxg5 27.Bg2  
g4 28.Kc3 Ke5 29.Rxh8 Rxh8 30.Rh1  
Rxh1 31.Bxh1 Kd5 32.Bg2 Ke5 33.Bf1  
d5 34.Be2 Kd6 35.Kd4 Ke6 36.Kc5 Ke5  
37.Bd1 Ke6 38.Kb6 d4 39.exd4 Kd5  
40.Kxa6 f4 41.gxf4 g3 42.fgg3 e3  
43.Kxb5 c3 44.a6 e2 45.Bxe2 c2 46.a7  
c1Q 47.a8Q+ Kxd4 48.Qd8+ Ke3  
49.Qd3+ Kf2 50.Qf3+ 1-0

**Dean Clow** (2058)  
**Daniel Herman** (2033)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 0-0  
5.Nbd2 d6 6.Bc4 c5 7.h3 b6 8.0-0 Bb7  
9.Re1 Nbd7 10.c3 Rc8 11.Qb3 d5 12.Bb5  
a6 13.Bf1 Nh5 14.Bh2 b5 15.a4 b4  
16.cxb4 cxd4 17.exd4 Bh6 18.g4 Bxd2  
19.Nxd2 Ng7 20.Bg2 Ne6 21.Nf3 Rc4  
22.Rxe6! fxe6 23.Qe3 Qb6 24.Bf1 Rxf3  
25.Qxf3 Rxd4 26.b5 axb5 27.Bxb5 Nf6  
28.Be5 Re4 29.Bxf6 exf6 30.Qxf6 Qc7  
31.Bd3 Re5 32.a5 d4 33.a6 Ba8 34.Kf1  
Qb8 35.Rc1 Ra5 36.Qxe6+ Kg7 37.Qe7+  
Kh6 38.Rc7 Ra1+ 39.Ke2 Qxb2+ 40.Rc2  
Qb8 41.g5+ 1-0

**Rhett Langseth** (2049)  
**Suhaas Narayanan** (2094)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.c3 cxd4  
5.exd4 Nf6 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.Qb3 Qd7 8.Nd2  
e6 9.Ngf3 Be7 10.Ne5 Qc8 11.Nxg4  
Nxg4 12.0-0 0-0 13.h3 Nf6 14.Nf3 a6  
15.Rfe1 b5 16.a3 Na5 17.Qc2 h6 18.Ne5  
Nd7 19.Qe2 Nf6 20.Qe3 Nc4 21.Qc1 h5  
22.Bb1 Nxe5 23.dxe5 Nd7 24.Re3 h4  
25.Qd1 g6 26.Qg4 Kg7 27.Bd3 Nc5  
28.Bc2 a5 29.Rf3 Qd8 30.Be3 Nd7  
31.Rxf7+! Rxf7 32.Qxg6+ Kf8 33.Bh6+  
Ke8 34.Qg8+ Bf8 35.Bg6 Qe7 36.Bg5!  
Nf6 37.exf6 1-0

**Kevin Seidler** (2096)  
**Suhaas Narayanan** (2094)

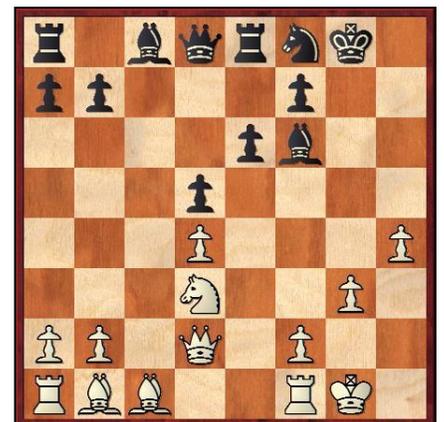
1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.cxd5 exd5  
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.g3 Nf6 7.Bg2 Be7 8.0-0 0-0  
9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.Bg5 d4 11.Bxf6 Qxf6  
12.Ne4 Qe7 13.Nxc5 Qxc5 14.Ne1 Qb6  
15.Nd3 Bg4 16.Qd2 Rfe8 17.Rfe1 Rad8  
18.a4 Na5 19.Qd1 Nc4 20.b4 Ne5  
21.Nxe5 Rxe5 22.Qd2 Rde8 23.Bf3 Bxf3  
24.exf3 Qe6 25.Rxe5 Qxe5 26.Rd1 Rd8  
27.Qd3 g6 28.Kg2 Kg7 29.Rd2 Rd7  
30.Qc4 Qd6 31.Rd3 b6 32.a5 bxa5  
33.bxa5 Qd5 34.Qxd5 Rxd5 35.f4 Rxa5  
36.Rxd4 h5 37.Rd7 Ra2 38.h3 a5 39.g4  
hxg4 40.hxg4 a4 41.Ra7 a3 42.Kg3 Ra1  
43.Kf3 Ra2 44.f5 g5 ½-½

**Rhett Langseth** (2049)  
**Dean Clow** (2058)

1.Nf3 d5 2.c3 Nf6 3.d3 Bf5 4.Qb3 b6  
5.d4 e6 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Ne5 0-0 8.Nd2 c5  
9.e3 Nh5 10.Bg3 Nxx3 11.hxg3 Bxe5  
12.dxe5 Nc6 13.f4 Qc7 14.Be2 c4 15.Qd1  
b5 16.Nf3 b4 17.Qd2 bxc3 18.Qxc3 Qb6  
19.Nh4 Be4 20.Bf3 Bd3 21.Kf2 Rab8  
22.b3 d4 23.Qd2 dxe3+ 24.Qxe3 Qxe3+  
25.Kxe3 Nb4 26.bxc4 Rfd8 27.Rad1  
Bxc4 28.Rxd8+ Rxd8 29.Be4 Bxa2  
30.Nf3 h6 31.Ra1 a5 32.Nd4 Nd5+  
33.Kd3 Nb4+ 34.Ke3 Bc4 35.Rxa5 Nd5+  
36.Kf3 Ne7 37.Nc6 Nxc6 38.Bxc6 Rd3+  
39.Kf2 Rd2+ 40.Kg1 g6 41.Ra7 Kf8  
42.Ra8+ Kg7 43.Ra7 Bd5 44.Bxd5 Rxd5  
45.Kf2 g5 46.Ra3 Rb5 47.Kf3 Kg6  
48.Rd3 h5 49.g4 hxg4+ 50.Kxg4 gxf4  
51.Kxf4 Rb4+ 52.Kf3 Kf5 53.Re3 Rf4+  
54.Kg3 Re4 55.Rf3+ Kg6 56.Ra3 Rxe5  
57.Kf4 Rf5+ 58.Ke4 Rg5 59.Kf3 f5  
60.Ra8 Kf6 61.Rb8 Rg4 62.Rf8+ Ke5  
63.Ra8 Rb4 64.Re8 Rb3+ 65.Kf2 f4  
66.Ra8 Ke4 67.Ra4+ Kf5 68.Ra8 e5  
69.Ra4 Rb2+ 70.Kf1 Rd2 71.Rb4 Rd4  
72.Rb8 Ke4 73.Ke2 Ra4 74.Rb2 Ra3  
75.Rb4+ Kf5 76.Rb8 e4 77.Rf8+ Kg4  
78.Rg8+ Kh4 79.Kf2 Ra2+ 80.Kf1 Ra5  
81.Kf2 Ra2+ 82.Kf1 e3 83.Rh8+ Kg5  
84.Rg8+ Kf5 85.Rf8+ Ke4 86.Re8+ Kd3  
87.Rd8+ Kc2 88.Rc8+ Kd1 89.Kg1 e2  
90.Rf8 e1Q+ 91.Kh2 Qg3+ 0-1

**Daniel Herman** (2033)  
**Rudy Tia** (2131)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7  
5.Bd3 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ne2 Qb6 8.Nf3 cxd4  
9.cxd4 Be7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nf4 g6 12.Bb1  
Qd8 13.g3 Kg7 14.h4 h5 15.Bxg6 Ndx5  
16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.Bb1 Ng6 18.Nxh5+  
Kg8 19.Qd2 Re8 20.Nf4 Nf8 21.Nd3 Bf6



22.Ne5 Bg7 23.Qe2 f6 24.Ng6 Nxg6  
25.Bxg6 Re7 26.Qh5 Bd7 27.Qh7+ Kf8

28.Bh6 Rf7 29.Bxf7 Bxh6 30.Bxe6 Bxe6  
31.Qxh6+ Kf7 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Rfe1 Bf7  
34.Qh8+ Bg8 35.Rac1 Qb6 36.Rc5 Re8  
37.Rec1 Qe6 38.Rc7 Rb8 39.Qg7+ Ke8  
40.h5 Rd8 41.h6 Qe4 42.Qxg8# 1-0

**Daniel Herman** (2033)

**Kevin Seidler** (2096)

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5  
5.Ngf3 Nc6 6.Bc4 Qh5 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3  
cxd4 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 Qxd1  
11.Rxd1 a6 12.a4 Bd7 13.Bf4 Rc8  
14.Bb3 Bc5 15.c3 Ke7 16.h3 Rhd8  
17.Be5 Ne8 18.Bc2 Bd6 19.Bxd6+ Nxd6  
20.Bd3 e5 21.Re1 Kf6 22.Nf3 Re8



23.Nd2 Bf5 24.Ne4+ Nxe4 25.Bxe4 Bxe4  
26.Rxe4 Re6 27.a5 b5 28.axb6 Rxb6  
29.Ra2 Rc5 30.f4 Kf5 31.Rxe5+ Rxe5  
32.fxe5 Kxe5 33.Kf2 Kd5 34.b4 Kc4  
35.Ra3 f5 36.h4 g6 37.Kf3 Rd6 38.g4  
fxg4+ 39.Kxg4 h6 40.Kf4 Kd3 41.Ra5  
Kxc3 42.b5 Rf6+ 43.Kg4 axb5 44.Rxb5  
Kd4 45.Rb8 Rf1 46.Rg8 Rg1+ 47.Kf4  
Kd5 48.Rh8 h5 49.Kf3 Rg4 50.Rg8 Ke6  
51.Re8+ Kf5 52.Rf8+ Ke5 53.Re8+ Kd5  
54.Rg8 Kd6 55.Rg7 Ke6 56.Ra7 Rxb4 ...  
0-1 (White resigned on move 83.)

**Rudy Tia** (2131)

**Rhett Langseth** (2049)

1.c4 d6 2.g3 Nd7 3.Bg2 c6 4.Nc3 Ngf6  
5.e4 e5 6.Nge2 Be7 7.d3 a6 8.a4 b6 9.0-0  
10.b4 Bb7 11.Qb3 Ne8 12.Be3 Rb8  
13.d4 exd4 14.Nxd4 c5 15.Nf5 Bf6  
16.Rad1 cxb4 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 a5  
19.f4 Qc7 20.Rfd1 g6 21.Nxd6 Nxd6  
22.Rxd6 Nc5 23.Qc2 Be7 24.R6d5 b3  
25.Qf2 Qc6 26.e5 Qxa4 27.f5 Rfe8 28.e6  
f6 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Qf4 Red8 31.Rxd8+  
Rxd8 32.Rxd8+ Bxd8 33.Bd5 Be7  
34.Qb8+ Kh7 35.Qc7 Qe8 36.Qxb6 Qc8  
37.Qxa5 Nxe6 38.Be4 Bc5 39.Bxc5  
Qxc5+ 40.Qxc5 Nxc5 41.Bb1 Kg7

42.Kf2 Na4 43.Ke3 Nc3 44.Bd3 b2 45.c5  
b1Q 46.Bxb1 Nxb1 47.c6 Nc3 48.Kd4  
Nb5+ 49.Kc5 Na7 50.Kb6 Nc8+ 51.Kc7  
Ne7 52.Kd7 Kf7 53.c7 f5 54.h4 Kf6  
55.Ke8 Ke6 56.Kf8 Kf6 57.Ke8 Nc8  
58.Kd7 Na7 59.Ke8 g5 60.hxg5+ Kxg5  
61.Kf7 Nc8 62.Kg7 Nd6 63.Kh7 Kf6  
64.Kh6 Nc8 65.Kh5 Nb6 66.g4 f4 67.g5+  
Kg7 68.Kg4 Kg6 69.Kxf4 Nc8 70.Kg4  
Nb6 71.Kf4 Nc8 ½-½ (A good hard-  
fought game.)

**Kevin Seidler** (2096)

**Rhett Langseth** (2049)

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 Nbd7 4.Nc3 c6  
5.d4 e5 6.e3 Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Re8  
9.b4 d5 10.dxe5 Bxb4 11.Nxd5 Nxd5  
12.cxd5 Bc3 13.Rb1 c5 14.e6 fxe6  
15.dxe6 Nb6 16.Qc2 Qf6 17.Ng5 Qxg5  
18.Qxc3 Rxe6 19.f4 Qh5 20.Bf3 Qf5  
21.e4 Qf8 22.Ba3 Rc6 23.f5 Rc7 24.Rb2  
Qf6 25.e5 Qf7 26.Be4 Bd7 27.e6 Qe7  
28.Rbf2 Bb5 29.Re1 Qf6 30.Qf3 Bc6  
31.Bb2 Bxe4 32.Qxe4 Qg5 33.e7 Rxe7  
34.Qxe7 Qxe7 35.Rxe7 Nd5 36.Rxg7+  
Kf8 37.Rxh7 Ne7 38.f6 Ng6 39.h4 Rd8  
40.h5 Rd3 41.Kg2 1-0

**Suhaas Narayanan** (2094)

**Daniel Herman** (2033)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 a5  
5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 Bxd2 8.Qxd2  
Nc6 9.Nc3 Qe7 10.e4 e5 11.d5 Nb8  
12.Ne1 c6 13.Nd3 Na6 14.a3 Nc5  
15.Nxc5 dxc5 16.Rfc1 Rd8 17.Na4 Bg4  
18.Qe3 Nd7 19.f3 Bh5 20.Bh3 Rab8  
21.Bxd7 Rxd7 22.Nxc5 Rd6 23.Nd3 Rf6  
24.Rf1 Rd8 25.Rac1 b5 26.cxb5 cxd5  
27.exd5 Rxd5 28.b6 Rd8 29.f4 Qb7  
30.Nxe5 Qxb6 31.Qxb6 Rxb6 32.g4  
Bxg4 ½-½

**Kevin Seidler** (2096)

**Dean Clow** (2058)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.c4 e6  
6.Nc3 Nd7 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd3 Bxd3  
9.Qxd3 Qb6 10.Nf3 Ne7 11.0-0 Nf5?  
12.Nxd5 Qa5 13.Ne3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Be7  
15.Bd2 Qd8 16.d5 exd5 17.e6! Nf6  
18.exf7+ Kxf7 19.Bc3 Rh6 20.Rad1 Kg8  
21.Ng5 Qd6 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Ne4 Qe5  
24.Nxf6+ Rxf6 25.Rxf6 gxf6 26.Qxd5+  
Qxd5 27.Rxd5 Rc8 28.Rxh5 Rc2 29.Rb5  
b6 30.Kh2 Kg7 31.Kg3 Kg6 32.Kf3 f5  
33.g3 Rh2 34.a4 Rc2 35.a5 bxa5 36.Rxa5  
Rxb2 37.Rxa7 Kf6 38.Ra6+ Ke5 39.Ra1  
Rh2 40.Rf1 Kf6 41.Rd1 Ke5 42.Re1 Kf6

43.e4 Rb2 44.exf5 Kxf5 45.Re3 Rb1  
46.g4+ Kf6 47.Kf4 1-0

**Rudy Tia** (2131)

**Suhaas Narayanan** (2094)

1.c4 e6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 c5 5.0-0  
Be7 6.b3 0-0 7.Bb2 b6 8.e3 Bb7 9.Nc3  
Nc6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.d4 Rc8 12.Ne5 Na5  
13.Bh3 Rb8 14.Re1 Bc8 15.Bxc8 Rxc8  
16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Qf3 Nc6 18.Nxc6 Rxc6  
19.Rad1 Rd6 20.e4 dxe4 21.Rxd6 exf3  
22.Rxd8 Bxd8 23.Re3 Nd7 24.Ne4 Bb6  
25.Rxf3 Rc8 26.Rd3 Nf8 27.Rd6 Rb8  
28.Rc6 Nd7 29.Rd6 Nf8 30.Bc1 Ne6  
31.Be3 h6 32.f4 Kf8 33.f5 Nc7 34.Bxc5  
Bxc5+ 35.Nxc5 Ke8 36.Kf2 Nb5 37.Rd3  
Rc8 38.Ne4 Rc6 39.a4 Nc7 40.Rc3 Kd7  
41.b4 a6 42.Kf3 Rb6 43.Rd3+ Ke7  
44.Rd4 g6 45.g4 Rc6 46.h4 Rb6 47.Kf4  
f6 48.Nc5 g5+ 49.Ke4 Ne8 50.h5 Nd6+  
51.Kd3 Rc6 52.Ne4 Nf7 53.Nc3 Ne5+  
54.Kc2 Nf3 55.Re4+ Ne5 56.Kb3 Rc8  
57.b5 a5 58.Nd5+ Kf7 59.Nb6 Rb8  
60.Nc4 Nd7 61.Nd6+ Kf8 62.Kc4 Ne5+  
63.Kd5 Ke7 64.Rxe5+ fxe5 65.Kxe5 Kf8  
66.f6 Rd8 67.b6 1-0

**Scholastic Closed**

**Justin Alter** (2077)

**Sara Herman** (1969)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6  
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6  
9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Rb8 11.h4 Na5  
12.Be2 b5 13.g4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 bxc4  
15.Bh6 Bxh6 16.Qxh6 Qa5 17.Nd5 Nxd5  
18.exd5 Qb4 19.b3 cxb3 20.cxb3 Qc3+  
21.Kb1 Rb4 22.Nc2 Rb6 23.h5 Qg7

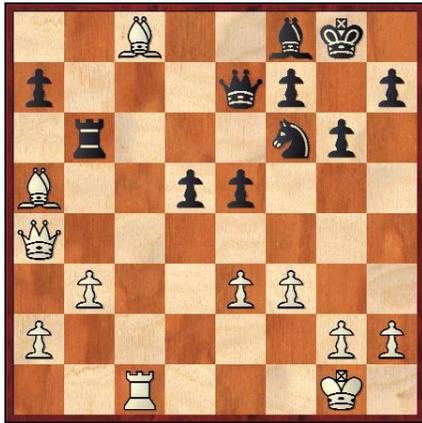


24.Qe3 Re8 25.hxg6 hxg6 26.Rh4 e5  
27.Rdh1 Reb8 28.Qg5 f6 29.Qd2 g5  
30.Rh6 Be8 31.Qd3 a5 32.Rh7 Bg6  
33.Rxg7+ Kxg7 34.Qc3 a4 35.Qc7+ Kg8  
36.Rh6 Bf7 37.b4 Kg7 38.Rh1 R8b7

39.Qc8 Rb8 40.Qf5 Rxb4+ 41.Ka1 R4b6 42.Na3 R6b7 43.Qh7+ Kf8 44.Rh6 Ke7 45.Qg7 Rf8 46.Qxf6+ Ke8 47.Qxd6 Rd7 48.Qxe5+ Kd8 49.Rd6 1-0

**Cory Kohler** (1760)  
**Akshat Jain** (2035)

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.Be2 Bg7 4.c4 d5 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.Bf3 Bb7 12.Rb1 Qc7 13.Bd2 e5 14.Rc1 Qe7 15.Nb5 Ba6 16.Be2 Rac8 17.Qa4 Qe6 18.Nc7 Rxc7 19.Bxa6 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rb8 21.b3 Bf8 22.f3 Rb6 23.Bc8 Qe7 24.Ba5



Rb8 25.Rc7 Qe8 26.Qxe8 Nxe8 27.Rc2 Bb4 28.Bxb4 Rxb4 29.Kf2 Kf8 30.Ke2 Ke7 31.Rc5 Kd6 32.Ra5 Rb8 33.Ba6 Nc7 34.Bd3 a6 35.Kd2 f5 36.Ra4 Rb6 37.Rh4 h5 38.g4 e4 39.gxf5?! exd3 40.fgx6 Ke7 41.Rxh5 Rxg6 42.Kxd3 Rg2 43.a3 Rb2 44.Kc3 Rf2 45.f4 Kd6 46.a4 Rf3 47.Rh6+ Ne6 48.Kd3 d4 49.f5 Rxf5 50.exd4 Kd5 51.Rh7 Rf3+ 52.Kc2 Nxd4+ 53.Kb2 Rxb3+ 54.Ka2 Rb4 55.Ka3 Rb3+ 56.Ka2 Rb6 57.h4 Kc4 58.h5 Kc3 59.Rc7+ Kb4 60.Rd7 Nf5 61.a5 Kxa5 62.Rf7 Nh6 63.Rf4 Rb5 64.Rh4 Kb6 65.Ka3 a5 66.Ka4 Rg5 67.Ka3 Kb5 68.Kb3 Rg4 69.Rh2 a4+ 70.Ka3 Rg3+ 71.Ka2 Rg4 72.Rb2+ Ka5 73.Rd2 Rg5 74.Rh2 Rg4 75.Rd2 Rh4 76.Rd5+ Kb4 77.Rg5 Nf7 78.Rf5 Nd6 79.Rd5 Ne4 80.Rf5 Rh2+ 81.Ka1 Nd2 82.h6 Ka3 0-1

**Eamon Montgomery** (1959)  
**Justin Alter** (2077)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 b6 5.e4 d6 6.Bd3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Bb7 8.Qc2 h6 9.Ne2 Nbd7 10.0-0 Qe7 11.Bd2 c5 12.d5 Ne5 13.Bc3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 e5 15.f4 Nd7 16.Ng3 g6 17.Rf2 f6 18.Raf1 Rf8 19.Qe2 exf4 20.Rxf4 Ne5 21.Bxe5 dxe5 22.R4f2 Bc8 23.Qd2 Qg7 24.b4

Rb8 25.bxc5 bxc5 26.Qe3 Ba6 27.Qxc5 Rc8 28.Qa5 Bxc4 29.Rc2 Qd7 30.Rfc1 Ba6 31.Qxa6 Rxc2 32.Rxc2 Kf7 33.Qc6 Rd8 34.Qxd7+ Rxd7 35.Kf2 f5 36.exf5 Rxd5 37.Rc7+ Kf6 38.Rc6+ Ke7 39.fgg6 e4 40.Nxe4 Kf8 41.Rc7 Rf5+ 42.Ke3 a5 43.Rf7+ Rxf7 44.gxf7 Kxf7 45.a4 1-0

**Akshat Jain** (2035)  
**Andy Wu** (1925)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Re1 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nc3 Na6 10.Bf4 c5 11.Rc1 Ne4 12.dxc5 Naxc5 13.Be5 f6 14.Bd4 Re8 15.b4 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Ne4 17.Qb3 Rc8 18.Bb2 Qd6 19.a3 Bf8 20.Rxc8 Rxc8 21.Rd1 Qc7 22.Rc1 Qd7 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Nd4 Qc4 25.Bxe4 Qxb3 26.Bxh7+ Kxh7 27.Nxb3 Ba6 28.Nd4 Bc4 29.Kg2 a5 30.Bc3 axb4 31.Bxb4 Be5 32.Bxc5 bxc5 33.Ne6 Bxe2 34.Nxc5 Kg6 35.a4 Kf5 36.f3 d4 37.Kf2 Bc4 38.a5 Ke5 39.a6 Kd6 40.a7 Bd5 41.Nb3 Kc7 42.Nxd4 Kb6 43.Ne6 g5 44.Nf8 f5 45.Nh7 g4 46.fgx4 fgx4 47.Nf6 Bc6 48.Nxg4 Kxa7 49.Ke3 Kb6 50.Kf4 Kc7 51.Ke5 Kd7 52.Kf6 Ke8 53.Ne5 Be4 54.Kg7 Ke7 55.h4 Ke6 56.Ng6 Kf5 57.h5 Kg5 58.g4 Bb1 59.Ne5 Kf4 60.Kf6 Be4 61.g5 1-0

**Sara Herman** (1969)  
**Cory Kohler** (1760)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 a6 7.e4 b5 8.a3 g6 9.Bg5 Bg7 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Qc7 12.Rc1 Re8 13.Nd2 Nbd7 14.f4 c4 15.b3 Qc5+ 16.Kh1 Qxa3 17.bxc4 b4 18.Ncb1 Qa5



19.Bf3 Rb8 20.c5! Nxc5 21.Nc4 Qa4 22.Qxa4 Nxa4 23.Nxd6 Rf8 24.e5 Ng4 25.Nxc8 Ne3 26.Ne7+ Kh8 27.Rfe1 Nf5 28.Nxf5 gxf5 29.d6 f6 30.exf6 Bxf6 31.Bxf6+ Rxf6 32.d7 Rff8 33.Bc6 Nb2 34.Re3 a5 35.Rce1 Nc4 36.Re8 Nd6

37.Rxb8 1-0

**Cory Kohler** (1760)  
**Eamon Montgomery** (1959)

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 d6 6.d4 c6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.e4 e5 9.d5 Nc5 10.Re1 a5 11.b3 Ne8 12.Rb1 f5 13.Nd2 Nd3 14.Re3 Nxc1 15.Rxc1 f4 16.Re1 Nf6 17.Na4 Ng4 18.Nf3 fxx3 19.hxx3 b5 20.dxc6 bxa4 21.Qd5+ Kh8 22.c7 Qxc7 23.Qxa8 Bb7 24.Qa7 Ra8 25.Qxa8+ Bxa8 26.Bh3 Nf6 27.Ng5 Bh6



28.Ne6 Qe7 29.Rcd1 Bxe4 30.bxa4 g5 31.c5 Bd5 32.c6 Bxe6 33.Bxe6 Qxe6 34.c7 Qc8 35.Rxd6 Qxc7 36.Rxf6 Bg7 37.Rf3 h5 38.Rd1 e4 39.Rf5 e3 40.Rxxg5 exf2+ 41.Kg2 Qc6+ 42.Kh2 Qf3 43.Rf1 h4 44.a3 hxx3+ 45.Kh3 g2+ 46.Kh2 gxxf1N# 0-1

**Andy Wu** (1925)  
**Sara Herman** (1969)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 Nd4 6.0-0 a6 7.Bd3 e6 8.e5 d5 9.Nxd4 cxd4 10.Ne2 Qb6 11.Qe1 Ne7 12.Qf2 Nc6 13.b3 0-0 14.Ba3 Bd7 15.Bxf8 Rxf8 16.c3 f6 17.cxd4 Nb4 18.Bb1 Bb5 19.d3 g5 20.g3 Qa5 21.Qe3 fxe5 22.dxe5 Qa3 23.Qd2 gxf4 24.gxf4 Nc6 25.Rf3 Nxe5 26.Rg3 Ng6 27.d4 Bxe2 28.Qxe2 Bxd4+ 29.Kh1 Qc1+ 30.Kg2 Bxa1 31.Bxxg6 hxxg6 32.Rxxg6+ Bg7 33.Qxe6+ Rf7 34.Qe8+ Kh7 35.Qxf7 Qc2+ 36.Kf3 Qxxg6 37.Qxd5 Qh6 38.Qe4+ Kg8 39.Qd5+ Kf8 40.Qd8+ Kf7 41.Qd7+ Kf8 42.Qd8+ Kf7 43.Qd7+ Kf6 44.Qd6+ Kf5 45.Qd5+ Kg6 46.Qe6+ Kh7 47.Qe4+ Qg6 48.Qxb7 Qd3+ 49.Kg4 Qe2+ 50.Qf3 Qe6+ 51.f5 Qe5 52.Qd3 Bf6 53.Qxa6 Qe4+ 54.Kg3 Be5+ 55.Kf2 Qxf5+ 56.Ke1 Qe4+ 57.Kd2 Bf4+ 58.Kc3 Be5+ 59.Kd2 Qg2+ 60.Kd1 Bf4 61.Qd3+ Kh6 62.Qa6+ Kg5 63.Qb5+

Kh4 64.Qe2 Qd5+ 65.Ke1 Qh1+ 66.Qf1 Qxh2 67.Qf3 Qd2+ 68.Kf1 Qc1+ 69.Kg2 Qd2+ 70.Qf2+ Qxf2+ 71.Kxf2 Kg5 72.a4 Kf5 73.a5 Ke4 74.b4 Bd2 75.a6 Bxb4 76.a7 Bc5+ 77.Ke2 Bxa7 ½-½

**Akshat Jain** (2035)

**Eamon Montgomery** (1959)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8 10.Be3 f5 11.f3 f4 12.Bf2 g5 13.c5 Ng6 14.a4 h5 15.cxd6 cxd6 16.a5 Rf7 17.Nb5 a6 18.Bb6 Qe7 19.Na3 Nf6



20.Nd3 g4 21.Bf2 g3 22.Be1 gxf2+ 23.Kh1 h4 24.Nf2 Nh5 25.Ng4 Ng3+ 26.Bxg3 fxg3 27.Re1 Bxg4 28.fxg4 h3 29.Bf3 Nh4 30.Re2 Rxf3 31.gxf3 g2+ 32.Kxh2 Nxf3+ 33.Kxh3 g1Q 34.Qxg1 Qh4+ 35.Kg2 Nxf3 36.Rxg1 Qxg4+ 37.Kf1 Rf8+ 0-1

**Justin Alter** (2077)

**Cory Kohler** (1760)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 h6 6.0-0 Nd7 7.Nbd2 Qb6 8.Nb3 0-0-0 9.Bd2 Bb4 10.c3 Ba5 11.Nxa5 Qxa5 12.c4 Qc7 13.c5 f6 14.Bf4 h5 15.Bg3 Qa5 16.a3 fxe5 17.Nxe5 h4 18.Bf4 Qc7 19.Ng6 e5 20.Nxh8 exf4 21.Nf7 Rf8 22.Nd6+ Kb8 23.b4 h3 24.g3 Nh6 25.b5 Be4 26.bxc6 Qxc6 27.Qb3 fxg3 28.fxg3 Nf5 29.Bb5 Nxd4 30.Rxf8+ Nxf8 31.Bxc6 Nxb3 32.Rf1 bxc6 33.Rxf8+ Kc7 34.Rf7+ Kd8 35.Nxe4 dxe4 36.Rxa7 Nxc5 37.Rxg7 Nd3 38.Kf1 Ne5 39.Rh7 c5 40.Rh5 Nd3 41.Rh4 e3 42.Ke2 Ne5 43.Kxe3 Kd7 44.Re4 Nc6 45.g4 Nd8 46.g5 1-0

**Eamon Montgomery** (1959)

**Sara Herman** (1969)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 Nc6

5.Nf3 d6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 0-0 8.e3 a5 9.b3 Re8 10.Bb2 e5 11.d5 Nb8 12.Nd2 Nbd7 13.Bd3 Nc5 14.Bc2 Bd7 15.0-0 b5 16.b4 axb4 17.axb4 Na4 18.Bxa4 bxa4 19.f3 Qb8 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.fxe4 Qa7 22.Rf3 Reb8 23.Ba3 Bg4 24.Rg3 Bh5 25.Rf1 Bg6 26.Qc2 Rb6 27.b5 Qa5 28.h4 Rf8 29.Rg5 f6 30.Rg3 Be8 31.Qe2 Qc3 32.Bb2 Qb3 33.Qg4 g6 34.Qe6+ Kg7 35.Qe7+ Rf7 36.Qxe8 Rf8 37.Qe7+ Rf7 38.Qe6 Qxc4 39.h5 Rb8 40.h6+ Kf8 41.Rxf6 Rxf6 42.Qxf6+ Ke8 43.Qe6+ Kd8 44.Rf3 c6 45.Qxd6+ Kc8 46.Rf7 Rb7 47.Qf8# 1-0

**Akshat Jain** (2035)

**Justin Alter** (2077)

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 c5 5.Bxb4 cxb4 6.Nbd2 d5 7.Qa4+ Nc6 8.Ne5 Qa5 9.Qxa5 Nxa5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.e3 0-0 12.Bd3 Be6 13.0-0 Rac8 14.Rfc1 a6 15.Nb3 Nxb3 16.axb3 Rxc1+ 17.Rxc1 Rc8 18.Rxc8+ Bxc8 19.f3 Nd7 20.Bf5 Nb6 21.Bxc8 Nxc8 22.Kf2 f6 23.Nd3 a5 24.Ke2 Kf7 25.Nf4 Nb6 26.Kd3 g5 27.Ne2 Ke6 28.g4 Nc8 29.Ng3 Ne7 30.Nh5 Ng6 31.f4 gxf4 32.exf4 Kf7 33.f5 Ne7 34.Nf4 Ke8 35.Nh5 Ng8 36.Nf4 Ne7 37.Ne6 b6 38.Ke3 h6 39.Kf4 Kf7 40.Nc7 Nc6 41.Ke3 Ne7 42.Na8 b5 43.Nc7 a4 44.Nxb5 axb3 45.Nc7 Kg8 46.Kf4 Kf7 47.h3 Nc6 48.Nxd5 Nxd4 49.Nxb4 Ne2+ 50.Kf3 Ng1+ 51.Kg2 Ne2 52.Nd3 h5 53.Kf2 Nd4 54.Ke3 Nc2+ 55.Kd2 hxg4 56.hxg4 Ke7 57.Nc5 Na1 58.Kc3 Nc2 59.Ne4 Na1 60.Ng3 Kd6 61.Nf1 Ke5 62.Ne3 Kf4 63.Kd2 Nc2 64.Nxc2 bxc2 65.b4 Ke5 66.Kxc2 1-0

### Scholastic Challenger

**Sullivan McConnell** (1956)

**Spencer Shook** (1893)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 Bg7 7.d3 Nf6 8.e5 dxe5 9.fxe5 Ng4 10.Bf4 Ncxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Bxe5 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Bxd7 Qxd7 15.Rab1 Rad8 16.Kh1 Qc7 17.Rfe1 a6 18.Nd5 Qd6 19.Ne3 b5 20.Ng4 Bg7 21.a3 f5 22.Ne3 e5 23.Rbd1 Rd7 24.Re2 e4 25.Qf1 Rfd8 26.dxe4 Qe5 27.Rxd7 Rxd7 28.exf5 Re7 29.g4 Qe4+ 30.Qg2 Bd4 31.f6 Qxg2+ 0-1

**Aidan Marco** (1692)

**Sullivan McConnell** (1956)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.Re1 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.d5 Bd7 13.Nbd2 Rfc8 14.Nf1 Nb7 15.Ng3 a5 16.Nh2 c4 17.Ng4 Nc5 18.Nxf6+ Bxf6 19.Nh5 Kf8 20.Qf3 Ke7 21.g4 Bh4



22.Nxg7 Rg8 23.Nf5+ Bxf5 24.exf5 h5 25.Kf1 hxg4 26.hxg4 f6 27.Ke2 Raf8 28.Rh1 Rh8 29.Be3 Kd8 30.Qh3 Nd3! 31.g5 Nf4+ 32.Bxf4 exf4 33.g6 Qc5 34.g7 Re8+ 35.Kd1 Qxd5+ 36.Kc1 Rh6 37.Rd1 Qc6 38.Qg4 Bg5 39.f3 Rh7 40.Be4 Qc5 41.Rd5 Qe3+ 42.Rd2 Rh2 0-1 (A wild game, showing the skills of these talented youngsters.)

**Spencer Shook** (1893)

**Deanna Alter** (1689)

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Bf5 3.e3 e6 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bg3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 Nf6 7.Be2 c5 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.h3 Bh5 10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Qa5 12.c3 Qa6 13.Nd3 Be7 14.0-0 0-0 15.e4 Rd8 16.Rfd1 Nc6 17.e5 Nd7 18.Nb3 Qc4 19.f4 Nc5 20.Nbxc5 Bxc5+ 21.Bf2 Bxf2+ 22.Qxf2 d4 23.cxd4 Qxd4 24.b3 f6 25.Nc5 Qxf2+ 26.Kxf2 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Nxd8 29.exf6 gxf6 30.Ke3 b6 31.Ne4 f5 32.Ng5 h6 33.Nf3 Nc6 34.Nd4 Nxd4 35.Kxd4 Kf7 36.Ke5 h5 37.h4 Ke7 38.b4 b5 39.a3 a6 40.g3 Kf7 41.Kd6 Kf6 42.Kc6 e5 43.fxe5+ Kxe5 44.Kb6 Ke4 45.Kxa6 Kf3 46.Kxb5 Kxg3 47.a4 f4 48.a5 f3 49.a6 f2 50.a7 f1Q+ 51.Kb6 Qf3 52.b5 Qa8 53.Ka6 Qc8+ 54.Ka5 Qb7 55.b6 Kxh4 56.Kb5 Kg4 57.Kc5 h4 58.Kc4 h3 59.Kd4 h2 60.Kc5 h1Q 61.a8Q Qxa8 62.b7 Qaxb7 63.Kd6 Qbc6+ 64.Ke5 Qe1+ 65.Kd4 Qd1+ 66.Ke3 Qcf3# 0-1

**Samuel Dorchuck** (1688)  
**Atharva Vispute** (1862)

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nbd2 Bg4  
 5.c3 e5 6.Qb3 Rb8 7.Bc4 Qd7 8.dxe5  
 dxe5 9.Bb5 Bd6 10.Ng5 0-0 11.f3 Bh5  
 12.Nc4 h6 13.Nh3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qxh3  
 15.Rf1 Qxh2 16.Be3 Qh3 17.0-0-0 a6  
 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Qa4 Qe6 20.Qxc6 a5  
 21.Kb1 Rfd8 22.Nxa5 Ra8 23.Nc4 Rdb8  
 24.b3 Ne8 25.f4 exf4 26.Bxf4 Qc8  
 27.Bxd6 Nxd6 28.Nxd6 cxd6 29.Qxc8+  
 Rxc8 30.Rxd6 Rxc3 31.Rd7 Rg3  
 32.Rxf7 Rg1+ 33.Kb2 Rg2+ 34.Kc3  
 Raxa2 35.e5 ½-½

**Deanna Alter** (1689)

**Atharva Vispute** (1862)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0  
 5.c3 d5 6.Nbd2 c5 7.Ne5 Nh5 8.Bg3 cxd4  
 9.exd4 Nxg3 10.hxg3 f6 11.Ng4 e5  
 12.Bd3 e4 13.Bf1 Be6 14.Ne3 f5 15.Qb3  
 Qd7 16.f3 Na6 17.g4 f4 18.Bb5 Qf7  
 19.Nxe4!?! (OK, YOU figure it out.)



19...fxe3 20.Ng5 Qe7 21.Nxh7 Rf7  
 22.Bd3 Bh8 23.Bxg6 Rg7 24.Qc2 Rc8  
 25.g5! Rxh7 26.Bxh7+ Kf8 27.Bf5 Kg8  
 28.Bxe6+ Qxe6 29.Qh7+ Kf8 30.Qxh8+  
 Ke7 31.Qf6+ Qxf6 32.gxf6+ Kxf6  
 33.Ke2 Re8 34.Rh7 Re7 35.Rxe7 Kxe7  
 36.Kxe3 Nc7 37.Rh1 Kd6 38.Rh6+ Ne6  
 39.Rxe6+ 1-0

**Aidan Marco** (1692)

**Spencer Shook** (1893)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6  
 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 a6 7.Bxc6 Bxc6 8.d3  
 Bg7 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5 Bxe5 11.Be3 Qc7  
 12.Qe2 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 e6 14.Ne4 Bd4  
 15.Bxd4 cxd4 16.Qxf7+ Qxf7 17.Nd6+  
 Ke7 18.Nxf7 Nf6 19.Nxh8 Rxh8 20.h3  
 Nd5 21.Rae1 Rc8 22.Rf2 Ne3 23.c3 dxc3  
 24.bxc3 Nd5 25.c4 Nb4 26.Rd2 Rc7

27.a3 Nc6 28.d4 Na5 29.d5 Nxc4  
 30.Rxe6+ Kd8 31.Rf2 Rd7 32.Rfe2 Nxa3  
 33.d6 Rf7 34.Re7 Rxe7 35.Rxe7 b6  
 36.Rxh7 Nc4 37.Rg7 a5 38.Rxg6 a4  
 39.Rf6 a3 40.Rf1 b5 41.h4 Nxd6 42.h5  
 ½-½

**Atharva Vispute** (1862)

**Sullivan McConnell** (1956)

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 f5 5.d3  
 Nf6 6.Nge2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nd5 Be6  
 9.c4 Qd7 10.f4 Rac8 11.Bd2 fxe4  
 12.dxe4 Bh3 13.Nec3 Bxg2 14.Kxg2 exf4  
 15.Bxf4 Rcd8 16.Rc1 b6 17.Nb5 Ne8  
 18.Qd2 a6 19.Nd4 Nxd4 20.Qxd4 Bf6  
 21.Nxf6+ Nxf6 22.Rfd1 Qc6 23.Kg1  
 Qxe4 24.Qxe4 Nxe4 25.Re1 Nc5 26.Rc3  
 Rde8 27.Rxe8 Rxe8 28.Re3 Ne6 29.Re1  
 Kf7 30.Rf1 Ke7 31.Kg2 Kd7 32.Bc1 Re7  
 33.Rd1 Kc6 34.Rd5 Nc5 35.Kf2 Re4  
 36.b3 Re7 37.Be3 Ne4+ 38.Kf3 Nf6  
 39.Rd4 h5 40.Bg5 Rf7 41.Bxf6 Rxf6+  
 42.Rf4 Re6 43.Rf5 g6 44.Rg5 b5 45.h4  
 Kb6 46.g4 hxg4+ 47.Rxg4 bxc4 48.Rxc4  
 c5 49.Kg4 d5 50.Rc2 Kb5 51.Kg5 d4  
 52.Kh6 d3 53.Rd2 c4 54.bxc4+ Kxc4  
 55.Rg2 Kc3 56.Rg3 Kc2 57.Rxg6 Rxg6+  
 58.Kxg6 d2 0-1

**Spencer Shook** (1893)

**Samuel Dorchuck** (1688)

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 d6 3.Nc3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 g6  
 5.e4 Bg7 6.Bc4 a6 7.a4 c5 8.e5 cxd4  
 9.exf6 exf6 10.Qxd4 0-0 11.Be3 Qc7  
 12.Nd5 Qa5+ 13.b4 Qd8 14.Qh4 g5  
 15.Nxg5? fxg5 16.Bxg5 Qe8+ 17.Ne7+  
 Kh8 18.Bd3 f5 19.0-0-0 Ne5 20.Rhe1  
 Bd7 21.f4 Ng6 22.Nxg6+ Qxg6 23.Re7  
 Bc6 24.g4 Bf6 25.Bxf5 Bxg5 26.Rxh7+  
 Kg8 27.Be6+ Qxe6 28.Rh8+ Kf7  
 29.Qh5+ Ke7 30.Qxg5+ Kd7 31.Rh7+  
 Rf7 32.f5 Qe7 33.f6 Qe6 34.Rxf7+ Qxf7  
 35.Qf4 Qe6 36.f7 Rf8 37.c4 Be4 38.Rd4  
 Bc6 39.b5 axb5 40.axb5 Qe1+ 41.Kc2  
 Qe2+ 42.Rd2 Qe4+ 43.Qxe4 Bxe4+  
 44.Kc3 Rxf7 45.Kd4 Bf3 46.Rf2 Ke6  
 47.h3 b6 48.Ra2 Bb7 49.Re2+ Kd7 ½-½

**Sullivan McConnell** (1956)

**Deanna Alter** (1689)

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Bc4 c6  
 5.h3 Bf5 6.Qf3 e6 7.Bb3 Qf6 8.Nge2 Nd7  
 9.d3 Bd6 10.Bd2 Ne5 11.Qh5 Bg6  
 12.Qg5 Qxg5 13.Bxg5 a5 14.Ne4 Bb4+  
 15.Bd2 Bxd2+ 16.Nxd2 a4 17.Bxd5 exd5  
 18.g4 f5 19.f4 Nd7 20.0-0-0 0-0-0  
 21.Nd4 Rd8 22.Rhf1 Nc5 23.b4 axb3

24.axb3 Kd7 25.Rf3 Ne6 26.Nxe6 Kxe6  
 27.Re1+ Kd7 28.Rfe3 Re8 29.Nf3 Rxe3  
 30.Rxe3 Re8 31.Ne5+ Kd6 32.Kd2 d4  
 33.Re1 Re7 34.c3 dxc3+ 35.Kxc3 c5



36.d4 Rc7 37.Nc4+ Kd7 38.d5 b5  
 39.gxf5 Bxf5 40.d6 Rc6? 41.Ne5+ Kxd6  
 42.Nxc6 Kxc6 43.h4 g6 44.Re5 h5 45.b4  
 cxb4+ 46.Kxb4 Bd3 47.Kc3 Bc4 48.f5  
 Kd6 49.Kd4 gxf5 50.Rxf5 Be2 51.Re5  
 Bg4 52.Rxb5 Ke6 53.Ke4 Kf6 54.Rb6+  
 Be6 55.Kf4 Ke7 56.Ke5 Bg4 57.Rb7+  
 Ke8 58.Rh7 Kf8 59.Kf6 Ke8 60.Rh8+  
 Kd7 61.Rf8 Kc7 62.Ke7 Kc6 63.Rd8 Kc5  
 64.Kf6 Kc6 65.Ke5 Kc7 66.Rd4 Kc8  
 67.Kf6 Kc7 68.Kg5 Kc6 69.Kf4 Kc7  
 70.Kg3 Kc6 71.Rxg4 hxg4 72.h5 1-0

**Samuel Dorchuck** (1688)

**Aidan Marco** (1692)

1.e4 c6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.dxe4 Nf6  
 5.g3 Bg4 6.f3 Bh5 7.Bg2 e6 8.Nh3 Bc5  
 9.Qe2 0-0 10.Nb3 Bb6 11.Bd2 Nbd7  
 12.0-0-0 h6 13.Nf4 a5 14.e5 a4 15.Na1  
 a3 16.exf6 axb2+ 17.Kxb2 Bd4+ 18.Bc3  
 Bxc3+ 19.Kxc3 Qa5+ 20.Kd3 Ne5+  
 21.Ke3 Qc5+ 22.Kd2 Qb4+ 23.Ke3 Qc5+  
 24.Kd2 Qb4+ 25.Ke3 ½-½



## 2017 Colorado Closed Final Standings

Chief Tournament Director - Richard "Buck" Buchanan

### Championship Closed

1) Gunnar Andersen	(2228)	W5	D3	D4	D2	W6	3.5
2) Lior Lapid	(2298)	D3	D4	D6	D1	W5	3.0
3) Josh Bloomer	(2300)	D2	D1	D5	L6	W4	2.5
4) Brian Wall	(2274)	W6	D2	D1	D5	L3	2.5
5) Ryan Swerdlin	(2251)	L1	W6	D3	D4	L2	2.0
6) Christofer Peterson	(2221)	L4	L5	D2	W3	L1	1.5

### Championship Challenger Closed

1) Kevin Seidler	(2096)	L3	D5	W4	W6	W2	3.5
2) Dean Clow	(2058)	W4	W6	D5	W3	L1	3.5
3) Rudy Tia	(2131)	W1	L4	D6	L2	W5	2.5
4) Daniel Herman	(2033)	L2	W3	L1	D5	W6	2.5
5) Suhaas Narayanan	(2094)	L6	D1	D2	D4	L3	1.5
6) Rhett Langseth	(2049)	W5	L2	D3	L1	L4	1.5

### Scholastic Closed

1) Eamon Montgomery	(1959)	W6	W3	W5	W2	W4	5.0
2) Akshat Jain	(2035)	W5	W6	D4	L1	W3	3.5
3) Justin Alter	(2077)	W4	L1	W6	W5	L2	3.0
4) Sara Herman	(1969)	L3	W5	D2	D6	L1	2.0
5) Cory Kohler	(1760)	L2	L4	L1	L3	W6	1.0
6) Andy Wu	(1925)	L1	L2	L3	D4	L5	0.5

### Scholastic Challenger Closed

1) Sullivan McConnell	(1956)	L4	W3	W6	W5	W2	4.0
2) Deanna Alter	(1689)	W6	W4	W5	D3	L1	3.5
3) Aidan Marco	(1692)	W5	L1	D4	D2	D6	2.5
4) Spencer Shook	(1893)	W1	L2	D3	D6	L5	2.0
5) Atharva Vispute	(1862)	L3	D6	L2	L1	W4	1.5
6) Samuel Dorchuck	(1688)	L2	D5	L1	D4	D3	1.5

## DCC Casa Mayan Tournament

by J.C. MacNeil

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Casa Mayan, has served as a gathering place since the late 1800's. The house is chock full of interesting historical artifacts and photographs. The area around the house is a beautiful park.

I would say the tournament at the historical Casa Mayan house located on the Auraria campus was a success. Due to space limitations, registration was restricted to 24 players and 22 signed up. For one reason or another two of those players did not show up and they missed out on a good time and a big chicken dinner. The original date for the event was canceled due to a freak spring snow storm but the weather on June 4th was perfect for the outdoor picnic between rounds 2 and 3.

The big chicken dinner was paid for with DCC funds and provided at no charge of any kind to the players. In addition, DCC player Vedanth Sampath's dad, Kannan, brought "sambar rice". This is a spicy lentil soup with rice added to make a thick stew. I like spicy food and I can tell you this sambar rice was just great. DCC players Griffin and Sullivan McConnell's mom, Kori, made cornbread. I have kinfolk in Alabama where making good cornbread is an art and this cornbread would have been well received in Alabama. :-)

The sweet pastry dessert that Gary Rabinovich's mom, Yelena, made was real tasty. I also want to thank Kevin McConnell for driving back and forth to King Soopers and KFC to round up everything needed for the picnic, including going back to his house to get an ice chest for the beverages. In addition to all this good food, Matt Hernandez, who is a welcome addition to Colorado chess, made the prize fund much better with a generous 100 dollar donation. The DCC thanks you all very much.

Let me also mention that this tournament would not have been possible if Gregory Alcaro had not arranged for us to have use of the historic house on the Auraria campus. Mr. Alcaro's family was born and raised in Casa Mayan, which has served as a gathering place since the late 1800's. Back in the day, it was also a restaurant that would serve food to anyone who needed a meal. Mr. Alcaro's grandfather was a strong chess player and that is why he contacted Brian Wall about having a chess tournament at Casa Mayan. We were glad to do so, and hope we can make it a



regular DCC tournament site. The house is chock full of interesting historical artifacts and photographs. The area around the house is a beautiful park. Mr. Alcaro and the historical foundation are working hard to preserve this slice of Denver history. More power to them, I say. Visit their website at [acmh.cfsites.org](http://acmh.cfsites.org). Thank you kindly Mr. Alcaro.

Readers may also be interested in who the prize winners were... :-) Daniel Herman took clear first with a 4.5 point score. Daniel secured victory and won 100 dollars when he drew his last round game with Mr. Hernandez. I am pleased to report that Eamon Montgomery and I each finished with 4 points to share 2nd and 3rd place and we each won 60 dollars. Eamon lost to Daniel in round 4 and I had lost to Mr. Hernandez in round 2. We both won against one of the young rising stars in Colorado chess, Sullivan McConnell.

Sullivan's brother Griffin is also seeing his rating going up. Here at Casa Mayan, he won the U1900 prize of 54 dollars with 3.5

points. Griffin only lost to the strong, experienced NM Carlos Santillan, and held a strong Expert, Mark Krowczyk, to a draw. The 54 dollar U1700 prize was won by another youngster, Davin Yin. He only lost to Mr. Herman and myself. In my game with Davin, I'm thinking I have a crushing attack, then I'm thinking when is this kid going to quit finding moves. I won eventually but it sure wasn't easy.

The lowest rated player in the tournament did very well to win the U1500 54 dollar prize

with 3 points. Rated only 937 Sulliemman Omar only lost to Griffin and Rattawut Lapcharoensap. Anybody that knows me knows there is no way that I can ever pronounce that name. :-) Rattawut and his friend Christopher Merrill had driven down from Wyoming to play in this tournament, or maybe it was for the big chicken dinner. :-) In addition to his U1500 prize Sulliemman was awarded the 18 dollar Upset prize for his 422 rating point difference last round win against George Peschke. Congratulations Mr. Omar.

Again let me thank Mr. Alcaro for the tournament site. If you are at all interested in Denver history, then Mr. Alcaro is your man. Find contact information on the Casa Mayan webpage. And thanks again to the chess parents who provided side dishes to compliment the Kentucky Fried Chicken.

All of the excellent photos in this report were taken by Shirley Herman who also capably directed the tournament. Thank you kindly Mrs. Herman!



*Kevin McConnell signing the Casa Mayan guest book.*



*Daniel Herman about to start the clock in his game with Matt Hernandez.*



*Chess players in a house chock full of historical photos & artifacts.*



*Eamon Montgomery with a typical chess player pose.*





*Davin Yin playing the White pieces on his way to defeating Sara Herman.*



*From the background in this photo you can see Casa Mayan would be worth a visit.*



*Sulleiman Omar with the Black pieces playing Rattawut Lapcharoensap.*



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*Griffin McConnell with the White pieces, playing Mukund Gurumurthi.*



## DCC Casa Mayan Final Standings

Chief Tournament Director - Shirley Herman

1) Daniel Herman	(2061)	X	W9	W10	W2	D4	4.5
2) Eamon Montgomery	(2051)	W15	W12	W4	L1	W9	4.0
3) J.C. MacNeil	(1734)	W19	L4	W17	W12	W10	4.0
4) Matthew Hernandez	(2013)	W13	W3	L2	W6	D1	3.5
5) Griffin McConnell	(1800)	W11	D7	L6	W14	W15	3.5
6) Carlos Santillan	(2000)	W14	D8	W5	L4	D12	3.0
7) Mark Krowczyk	(1941)	W17	D5	D8	L9	W14	3.0
8) Sara Herman	(1922)	X	D6	D7	L10	W16	3.0
9) Cory Kohler	(1812)	W22	L1	W18	W7	L2	3.0
10) Davin Yin	(1543)	W23	W15	L1	W8	L3	3.0
11) Sulleiman Omar	(1223)	L5	L17	W22	W13	W18	3.0
12) Sullivan McConnell	(1950)	W18	L2	W13	L3	D6	2.5
13) Vedanth Sampath	(1529)	L4	W19	L12	L11	W22	2.0
14) Christopher Merrill	(1472)	L6	W22	W16	L5	L7	2.0
15) Mukund Gurumurthi	(1462)	L2	L10	W19	W18	L5	2.0
16) Aditya Krishna	(1451)	H	H	L14	W17	L8	2.0
17) Rattawut Lapcharoensap	(1401)	L7	W11	L3	L16	W19	2.0
18) George Peschke	(1366)	L12	W23	L9	L15	L11	1.0
19) Douglas Field	(1094)	L3	L13	L15	W22	L17	1.0
20) Shane Rightley	(1492)	F	U	U	U	U	0.0
21) Brian Ledsworth	(1302)	F	U	U	U	U	0.0
22) Gary Rabinovich	(1243)	L9	L14	L11	L19	L13	0.0
23) Braden Roome	(681)	L10	L18	U	U	U	0.0

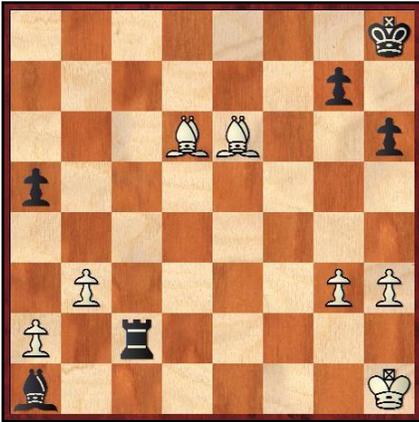


# Tactics Time!

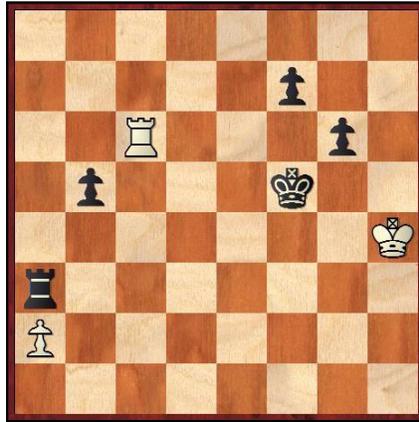
by Tim Brennan

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

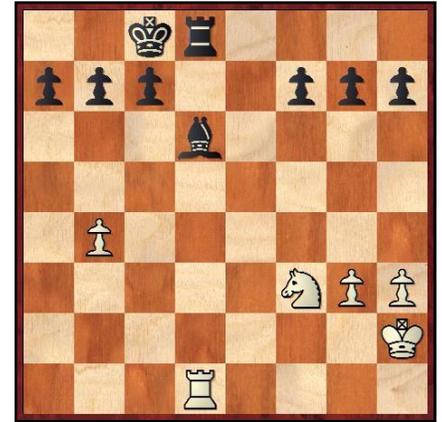
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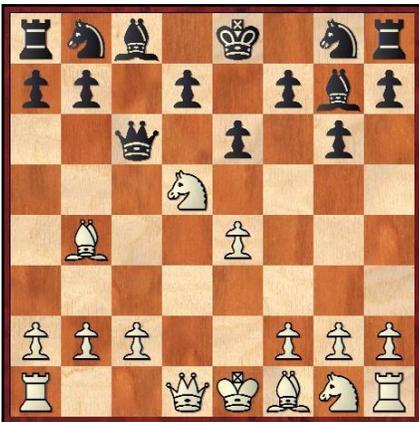
**1. Tianyi Gu - Brian Ledsworth**  
*Denver Open / 2017*  
 Black to move



**2. Brian Rountree - Meint Olthof**  
*Denver Open / 2017*  
 Black to move



**3. Sara Herman - Gunnar Andersen**  
*Colorado Quick Championship / 2017*  
 Black to move



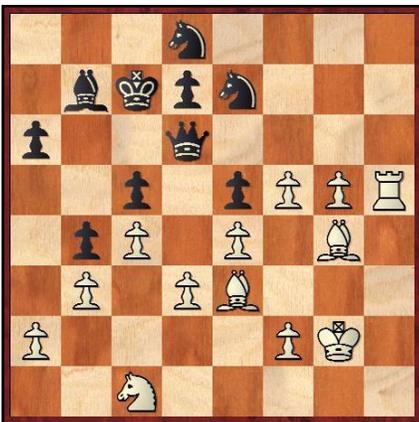
**4. Gunner Andersen - Mark Krowczyk**  
*Colorado Quick Championship / 2017*  
 White to move



**5. Kevin Landman - Tim Brennan**  
*Chicago Open / 2017*  
 Black to move



**6. Kevin Seidler - Brian Wall**  
*May Denver Chess Club / 2017*  
 Black to move



**7. Dean Brown - Aleksandr Bozhenov**  
*Cabin Fever Reliever / 2017*  
 White to move



**8. Paul Covington - Reynold Mackey**  
*IHOP Fridays February / 2017*  
 White to move



**9. Dean Brown - Michael Sandau**  
*IHOP Fridays February / 2017*  
 White to move



## Tactics Time Answers:

1. **39...Rc6** was missed in the game, winning a piece. White cannot defend both bishops.
2. **43...g5+ 44.Kh5 Rh3#.**
3. **32...Bxg3+ 33.Kxg3 Rxd1.**
4. Gunnar was shooting fish in a barrel with **8.Bb5!!** and the queen is trapped. If **8...Qxb5 9.Nc7+**, *Family Fork*.
5. **51...c5** threatening **52...c4#**. The only way to stop the mate is **52.c4** but this allows **52...Bxa1** which is what happened in the game.
6. **6...Qe6+** and White loses a piece, **7.Qe2 Bxf3 8.Qxe6 fxe6**. Brian cracked 2300 after this game but then went on a bloodbath midwest road trip before the rating was official.
7. **33.Rh6** is *Stone Cold* and the Boz's queen has no safe squares.
8. **13.g4** forks the two knights. Mr. Mackey exclaimed, "*Pawn forks are bad, mmmkay!*"
9. Dean's queen did a "*Sandau Ballet*" move with **16.Qh3** forking the rook and bishop.

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## Tuesday Night Chess

by Club Tournament Director  
Paul Anderson

In April, the *Colorado Springs Chess Club* held its annual tradition: The Cabin Fever Reliever. It is a 2 week event (4SS, G/45;d/10). National Master Richard "Buck" Buchanan went 4-0 to take home the top prize, and Brian Rountree finished in second place.

The rest of April was filled with a Quick-rated event (6SS, G/24+5). Aleksandr Bozhenov went unbeaten to claim 1st place (+5-0=1).

In May and June, the club returned to the slower time control with our Swiss 90s, a 5 round event and a 4 round event (G/90, inc/30). May's top prize was split by Larry Wutt and myself. June's 1st place winnings were won Aleksandr Bozhenov.

This year, the attendance has remained steady at 12.20 players per event with 358 games being played. We collected \$536.00 in entry fees and returned \$491.03 in prizes (91.61%).

The club has placed ads for the July Mating Game (4SS, G/45;d/10) and July Quick (6SS, G/24+5) in Chess Life to promote our July events. So, be looking for those!

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

### Dual Rated Chess

Aleksandr Bozhenov	2	2	0	50.00%
Alex Mekonnen	1	1	0	50.00%
Brian Rountree	3	1	0	75.00%
Clinton Eads	1	2	1	37.50%
Daniel Rupp	0	2	0	0.00%
Dean Brown	1	3	0	25.00%
Mark McGough	2	0	0	100.00%

Michael Smith II	1	3	0	25.00%
Richard "Buck" Buchanan	4	0	0	100.00%
Scott Williams	0	1	1	25.00%

### Quick Rated Chess

Aleksandr Bozhenov	5	0	1	91.67%
Alex Mekonnen	3	3	0	50.00%
Brian Rountree	3	2	1	58.33%
Clinton Eads	1	5	0	16.67%
Dean Brown	2	4	0	33.33%
Douglas Clark	0	6	0	0.00%
Mark McGough	4	2	0	66.67%
Michael Smith II	3	3	0	50.00%
Michael Sandau	2	1	0	66.67%
Paul Anderson	4	2	0	66.67%
Peter Barlay	2	1	0	66.67%

### Standard Rated Chess

Aleksandr Bozhenov	3	0	0	100.00%
Alex Mekonnen	2	5	0	28.57%
Alexander Freeman	2	2	1	50.00%
Brian Rountree	6	2	1	72.22%
Calvin Dejong	1	1	0	50.00%
Cass Melin	0	3	0	0.00%
Clinton Eads	3	5	0	37.50%
Daniel Rupp	1	4	0	20.00%
Dean Brown	3	5	1	38.89%
Larry Wutt	4	0	0	100.00%
Mark McGough	6	2	1	72.22%
Michael Smith II	4	5	0	44.44%

Michael Sandau	0	4	0	0.00%
Paul Anderson	7	2	0	77.78%
Peter Barlay	4	3	0	57.14%
Scott Williams	2	4	2	37.50%
William Wolf	1	2	2	40.00%

### Cabin Fever Reliever Colorado Springs April 4, 2017

**Michael Smith II** (1591)  
**Dean Brown** (1461)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Bc4 Nc6 5.b3 Nf6 6.Bb2 Nxe4 7.d4 Qa5 8.Qd3 cxd4 9.Qxe4 dxc3 10.Bc1 Ne5 11.b4 Nxf3+ 12.gxf3 Qe5 13.Be3 Qxe4 14.fxe4 0-0 15.f4 d6 16.f5 Be5 17.fxg6 hxg6 18.0-0-0 Be6 19.Be2 Bxa2 20.h4 f5 21.Rdg1 f4 22.Bf2 f3 23.Bd1 Bf4+ 0-1

### Cabin Fever Reliever Colorado Springs April 11, 2017

**Dean Brown** (1461)  
**Aleksandr Bozhenov** (1936)

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Na5 4.Nf3 a6 5.Be2 b5 6.b3 Bb7 7.d3 e6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.g3 f6 10.Bb2 h5 11.Nh4 0-0-0 12.Bxh5 g5 13.Ng6 Rh6 14.Nxf8 Rxf8 15.Bf3 Ne7 16.Ne2 e5 17.Kg2 f5 18.h3 Rfh8 19.Rh1 g4 20.hxg4 Rxh1 21.Qxh1 Rxh1 22.Rxh1 Qd6 23.gxf5 Qf6 24.g4 Nac6 25.c3 b4 26.c4 Nd8 27.Bc1 Nf7 28.Rh5 Qd6 29.Be3 Kc7 30.Nc1 Nc6 31.g5 Ne7 32.Bg4 Nd8 33.Rh6 Ne6 34.fxe6 dxe6 35.Rxe6 Qd8 36.Bxc5 Nc6 37.Rf6 Qg8 38.g6 Nd8 39.Bd6+ Kb6 40.Bxe5+ Bc6 41.Bd4+ Kb7 42.c5 a5 43.Rd6 a4 44.g7 Nf7 45.Re6 Ng5 46.Re7+ Ka8 0-1

### May Swiss 90 Colorado Springs May 2, 2017

**Brian Rountree** (1767)  
**Clinton Eads** (1180)

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 f5 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 d6 7.0-0 Ne4 8.Qc2 Nxc3 9.Qxc3 Bf6 10.e3 Nc6 11.b4 e5 12.b5 e4 13.bxc6 bxc6 14.Nd2 Qe8 15.f4 exf3 16.Bxf3 Rb8 17.Nb3 c5 18.Bd2 Kh8 19.Rac1 Qg6 20.Qd3 Qh6 21.e4 Bg5 22.Bxg5 Qxg5 23.Bg2 Bd7 24.dxc5 Rf6

25.cxd6 cxd6 26.exf5 Bxf5 27.Be4 Rbf8  
28.Bxf5 Rxf5 29.Rxf5 Rxf5 30.Re1 Re5  
31.Rf1 g6 32.Qd4 Qe3+ 33.Qxe3 Rxe3  
34.Rd1 Re6 35.Kf2 Rf6+ 36.Ke3 Kg7  
37.Nd4 Kh6 38.Nb5 Re6+ 39.Kf2 Rf6+  
40.Kg2 Re6 41.Rd2 a6 42.Nc7 Re1  
43.Nxa6 Rcl 44.Rxd6 Rxc4 45.Rd2 Rcl  
46.Rb2 Ra1 47.Nc5 Kg5 48.Kh3 Kf5  
49.a4 h5 50.Rb5 g5 51.Nb3+ 1-0

**May Swiss 90**  
**Colorado Springs**  
May 9, 2017

**Peter Barley** (1957)

**Michael Smith II** (1545)

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 e6 4.Nf3 Nd7 5.Bd3  
c5 6.c3 cxd4 7.cxd4 Bb4+ 8.Bd2 Bxd2+  
9.Qxd2 f6 10.Nc3 a6 11.Rc1 Ne7 12.0-0  
0-0 13.Qc2 Nf5 14.g4 Nh6 15.Bxh7+  
Kh8 16.Nh4 f5 17.Ng6+ Kxh7 18.Nxf8+  
Nxf8 19.f3 Ng6 20.Qd3 Qh4 21.g5 Nf7



22.f4 b5 23.Kh1 Bd7 24.b4 a5 25.a3 axb4  
26.axb4 Ra3 27.Rf3 Nd8 28.Qe3 Kg8  
29.Rg1 Nc6 30.Rb1 Qg4 31.Rf2 Nh4  
32.Rg1 Qh5 33.Rb1 Qg4 34.Rg1 Qh5  
35.Rb1 Qg4 36.Qc1 Ra8 37.Qe3 Ra3  
38.Qc1 Ra6 39.Qd2 Nf3 40.Qd1 Nxd4  
41.Rg2 Qxf4 42.g6 Qxe5 43.Ne2 Qe4  
44.Ra1 Ra4 45.Nxd4 Nxd4 46.Rb1 Ra2  
47.Qf1 Rxc2 48.Qxg2 Qxb1+ 49.Qg1  
Qxg1+ 50.Kxg1 Nc2 51.h4 Nxb4 52.Kf2  
Nc2 53.Kf3 f4 54.Kxf4 b4 55.h5 b3  
56.Kg5 b2 57.h6 gxh6+ 58.Kxh6 b1Q  
59.g7 Ne3 60.Kg5 Qf5+ 0-1

**May Swiss 90**  
**Colorado Springs**  
May 16, 2017

**Peter Barley** (1957)

**William Wolf** (1312)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.f4  
dxe5 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Be3 Bf5 8.Nc3 e6



9.Nf3 Bb4 10.Be2 0-0 11.0-0 Bxc3  
12.bxc3 Na5 13.Nd2 c5 14.Qe1 cxd4  
15.cxd4 Rc8 16.Rc1 Nc6 17.Qf2 Qe7  
18.Qg3 Bg6 19.h4 Qa3 20.Kh2 Ne7  
21.Qf4 Nf5 22.Bg1 Rfd8 23.h5 1-0

**May Swiss 90**  
**Colorado Springs**  
May 23, 2017

**Scott Williams** (1282)

**Michael Sandau** (1372)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nd4 4.Nxd4  
exd4 5.d3 a5 6.0-0 c6 7.a3 Nh6 8.Nd2  
Bd6 9.Nf3 b5 10.Ba2 Ng4 11.h3 Ne5  
12.Bf4 Qe7 13.Nxd4 Qf6 14.Nf5 Bc7  
15.d4 g6 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Qxe5  
18.Nd6+ 1-0

**May Swiss 90**  
**Colorado Springs**  
May 30, 2017

**William Wolf** (1312)

**Scott Williams** (1282)

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6  
5.Bc4 Bg7 6.cxd4 d6 7.Qb3 e6 8.0-0  
Nge7 9.Bb5 0-0 10.Bxc6 Nxc6 11.Be3  
Re8 12.Rd1 b6 13.Na3 Bb7 14.Bg5 Na5  
15.Qd3 ½-½

**June Swiss 90**  
**Colorado Springs**  
June 6, 2017

**Calvin DeJong** (1886)

**Scott Williams** (1224)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d5 3.cxd5 Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qd8  
5.Nf3 e6 6.Bf4 Bd6 7.Bxd6 cxd6 8.e3  
0-0 9.Bd3 h6 10.0-0 Nbd7 11.Rc1 a6  
12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Bxe4 Nf6 14.Bb1 b5  
15.e4 Bb7 16.Re1 Re8 17.a4 b4 18.Qb3  
a5 19.e5 Nd5 20.Qc2 g6 21.exd6 Nf4  
22.Ne5 Nh3+ 23.gxh3 Qg5+ 24.Kf1  
Ba6+ 25.Nd3 Qd5 26.Ke2 Rac8 27.Qd2  
e5 28.Kd1 Qxd6 29.Rxc8 Bxc8 30.Nxe5  
Be6 31.Ng4 Bxg4+ 32.hxg4 Rxe1+  
33.Kxe1 Qxh2 34.Be4 Qg1+ 35.Ke2  
Qxg4+ 36.Bf3 Qe6+ 37.Qe3 Qa6+  
38.Kd2 Qc8 39.d5 Qc4 40.d6 Qe6  
41.Qxe6 fxe6 42.d7 1-0

**June Swiss 90**  
**Colorado Springs**  
June 13, 2017

**Paul Anderson** (2014)

**Brian Rountree** (1834)

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 c6 4.Bg2 Be7  
5.Qc2 0-0 6.Nf3 d6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.e3 Re8  
9.d4 Bf8 10.b3 g6 11.Bb2 Bg7 12.Rfd1  
Qe7 13.Ba3 Rd8 14.Rac1 Ne8 15.d5 c5  
16.b4 b6 17.Rb1 e4 18.Qxe4 Ne5  
19.Nxe5 Bxe5 20.Qd3 f5 21.bxc5 bxc5  
22.Rb3 Ba6 23.Rdb1 Bg7 24.Ne2 Nc7  
25.Nf4 Qf7 26.Ne6 Nxe6 27.dxe6 1-0

**June Swiss 90**  
**Colorado Springs**  
June 20, 2017

**Cass Melin** (Unrated)

**Clinton Eads** (1200)

1.d4 e6 2.Bf4 f5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 Be7 5.h3  
0-0 6.Nc3 a6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.a3 d6 9.e4 e5  
10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Bxe5  
Qe8 13.Qe2 Bd6 14.Bxd6 cxd6 15.Nd5  
Qd8 16.0-0-0 Re8 17.Nxf6+ Qxf6 18.f3  
d5 19.Rhf1 d4 20.f4 b5 21.e5 Qh6 22.g4  
b4 23.a4 Kh8 24.Bxf5 b3 25.Qd3 bxc2  
26.Qxc2 Bxf5 27.gxf5 Rac8 28.f6 Rxc2+  
29.Kxc2 Rc8+ 30.Kb1 gxf6 31.Rc1  
Rxc1+ 32.Rxc1 fxe5 33.fxe5 Qg6+  
34.Ka2 Qe6+ 35.Kb1 Qxh3 36.Rc5 d3  
37.Kc1 Qe3+ 0-1

**June Swiss 90**  
**Colorado Springs**  
June 27, 2017

**Paul Anderson** (2014)

**Aleksandr Bozhenov** (1968)

1.d4 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6  
5.Nbd2 Nf6 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.b3 Be7 8.Bb2  
h6 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Nxd7 Qxd7 11.c4 Rab8  
12.Re1 Bb4 13.a3 Bxd2 14.Qxd2 b5  
15.cxd5 exd5 16.Re1 Rfe8 17.e3 Bh3  
18.Qe1 Ne4 19.Bxh3 Qxh3 20.Rxc6 Re6  
21.Rac1 Rb6 22.Rxb6 Rxb6 23.Qf1 Qh5  
24.Rc2 Rf6 25.f4 g5 26.Qe2 Qh3  
27.Qxb5 Nxg3 28.Qe8+ Kg7 29.Rg2 Ne4  
30.Bc1 Qf3 31.Qb5 Qd1+ 32.Qf1 Qxb3  
33.Qe2 Rc6 34.Qf1 Qc3 35.Bb2 Qxe3+  
36.Kh1 f5 37.fxg5 hxg5 38.Qe2 Qf4  
39.Kg1 g4 40.Qf1 Qe3+ 41.Kh1 g3  
42.Re2 Qg5 43.h3 Qh5 44.Kg2 Ng5  
45.Re7+ Kg8 46.Qxf5 Rc2+ 47.Kxg3  
Ne4+ 0-1



## The Knight

by Paul Anderson



**Name:** Knight

**Alias:** Horse, Jumper, Rider, Horseman

**Number:** 2

**Starting Square:** 1<sup>st</sup> rank, B and G files

**Motto:** "We are Better Guards!"

**Move:** One straight, one diagonally

**Capture:** One straight, one diagonally

**Speed:** Medium

**Special Ability:** None

**Material Value:** 3

**Mobility Preference:** Outposts

**Spiritual Value:** Joy

**Song:** *Joy To The World*, Three Dog Night

**Verse:** Joel 2:4-5 (KJV)

*The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as horsemen, so shall they run. Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains shall they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people set in battle array.*

My horses leap for joy and I will give thanks to them in song. The knights are the happiest of pieces because they are free. They jump over any obstacle in their way and are not tied to the same color. They start fenced in by the rook and bishop but are free to jump into battle immediately. While the other pieces only move across open ground, the knights will always leap for joy.

Since he cannot move onto the same color, he will switch colors with every move. He combines a rook move with a bishop move. He can capture any enemy piece that comes too close while remaining safe from him. He circles the wagons in defense. However, he makes sure not to go too far too fast.

The knight will take on any mission. He will defend the king, he will lay down his life, and he will capture his king's

enemies. But most importantly, he will serve the king by guarding the castle or an outpost. How will you use the knight? You will have to play to find out!

Here is a position from my game with NM Richard "Buck" Buchanan, where I chose to use the two knights versus the bishop pair and get the win against a master:

**Al Ufer Memorial**

**Colorado Springs**

January 3, 2009

**Richard "Buck" Buchanan** (2004)

**Paul Anderson** (1952)

**1.d4 c6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nc3 Bg4**

Buck has decided to follow the conventional wisdom and bring out his knights first. Being the rebel that I am, I have gone the other way and employ the bishops first.

*I have added these principles to the law: get the knights into action before both bishops are developed.*  
(Emanuel Lasker)

**6.Be2 Bxf3 7.Bxf3 Qb6 8.d5 Qb4 9.Qb3 Qxb3 10.axb3 Nd7 11.Be3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 c5 13.0-0 Ngf6 14.g3 0-0 15.Bg2 Rfb8 16.f4 b5 17.Rfb1 bxc4 18.bxc4 Rxb1+ 19.Rxb1 Nb6 20.e5 Ng4**

When the queens are traded, I choose to create a weakness in the pawn structure and battle it out with knights vs bishops. Of course, the bishop pair is going to be the faster army. However, I am hopeful that I can keep most of the pawns on the board and minimize the bishops' activity. A chess position where a lot of pawns remain on the board and the mobility of the rooks and bishops is inhibited is called a "closed position". The knights are often more beneficial in closed positions as they can jump over the pawn obstacles.

**21.Bc1 Nxc4 22.h3 Nge3 23.Bf3 Nf5 24.g4 Ng7 25.Rb7 Kf8 26.Rb1 f5 27.Be2 Nb6 28.Bb5**

I am pretty sure that Buck didn't mind giving up one of his doubled pawns since it gave more space to his light-squared bishop. However, in his rush to activate his minor pieces, he missed the counterplay the knight has after trying to set up an overload tactic.

**28...Nxd5 29.Bc6 Nxc3 30.Rb2 Rc8 31.Bd7 Rd8 32.e6 Nd5 33.Bd2 Nb6 34.Ba5 Rb8 35.Kf1 fxg4 36.hxg4 h5 37.Kg1 hxg4 38.Rh2 Nh5 39.f5 Kg7 40.Bc3+ Nf6 41.Bc6 gxf5 42.Rf2 Kg6 43.Ra2 Nbd5 44.Ba1**



Black to move

Despite having the faster army, Buck can't find anywhere to do some damage, with the knights and pawns holding down the fort. Now, time is becoming a factor. The unusual move pattern of the knights can be a tricky problem to solve for even the most experienced players with the clock ticking down.

*In blitz, the knight is stronger than the bishop.*  
(Vlastimil Hort)

**44...Rb6 45.Bd7 a6 0-1**

We both missed the knight's patented move, The Fork (44...Nb4!). The knight creates an overload by attacking both the rook and bishop. White cannot defend both pieces as the knight also covers Ra6.

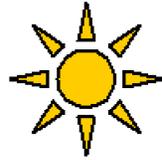
The "Knight Fork" is possibly the first tactic most players learn. Typically, the fork occurs when the knight can move forward towards two pieces and take one path to capture one piece and take a different path to capture the other one. However, it is possible for the knight to fork 8 different pieces!

When the knight forks the king and queen, it is called a "Royal Fork". When the knight forks the king, queen, and a rook it is called a "Family Fork".





# PIKES PEAK OPEN CHESS TOURNAMENT



## August 12th & 13th, 2017



**Manitou Springs City Hall**  
**606 Manitou Avenue**  
**Manitou Springs, CO 80829**

**Five Round Swiss System Tournament.**

**Time Control:** Rounds 1-2 - G/90, d/05; Rounds 3-5 - G/90, inc/30

**Sections:** One Open Section.

**Entry Fee:** \$45; **Pre-Registration:** \$40 - if received by August 10, 2017.

(\$5 discount for paid CSCA members, OSA.)

(Additional \$5 discount for Supporting Members of the CS Chess Club.)

**Mail entry to:** Richard Buchanan /

**1 Sutherland Road, Manitou Springs, CO 80829**

**On Site Registration:** Saturday (8/12) 8:30 - 9:30am.

**Rounds:** Saturday (8/12) 10:00am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm;

Sunday (8/13) 9:00am, 3:00pm.

**USCF membership required, OSA. / A Colorado Tour Event**

## Send in the Clones

by J.C. MacNeil

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Without any question, the Clone Tournaments are something different. Kevin Seidler's idea is probably unique in the history of chess. Quoting Brian Wall, *"The tournament started on a whim from Kevin Seidler, just an idle thought, but Christofer Peterson and I instantly saw the value. Of course, now Clone Wars is a trending international wave."*

I was there at the DCC when Kevin first mentioned, as Brian says, his idle thought and it's true that Brian and Christofer were immediately enchanted with the idea. They worked out the details and we have had 3 Clone Wars tournaments so far. The beauty of it is you can play just as you would in any tournament with one game each round. Or clone yourself once or twice and play 2 or 3 games each round. More bang for your buck. More strain on your brain too.

I was a little disappointed that there were only 14 registrations this time, but 8 entries played with 2 clones and the other 6 played just as their self. So in effect, we had a 30 player tournament. Unfortunately some players could not play every round, making things difficult for Tournament Director Tim Brennan. To his credit, not only did Mr. Brennan not take a TD fee, he handled all the pairing problems and the calculation of the "humble pie" prizes, seemingly with ease.

I am thinking the low registration may have been due to players feeling that 4, G/60; inc/30 games in one day is too much. It does make for a long hard day with each round usually lasting more than 3 hours. Keep in mind if you are playing with 2 clones that's 3 games each round. 12 serious games in one day is grueling. Also, the location at the *American Mountaineering Center* in Golden was fine, but maybe a little out of the way for most players.

I would like to see the Clone tournaments be 6 rounds over two days. Three rounds a day would still be a long day but at least we could work in a lunch break. Maybe also a flat entry fee regardless of whether a player is playing with or without clones. I thought the entry price for two clones was way too high for a one-day tournament. Along these lines, we would like to hear suggestions, comments or criticism regarding the Clone Tournament idea.

I was glad to see several new players at this tournament. Naturally, I did some arm twisting for DCC attendance. Nikhilesh Kunche, has recently moved to the Denver area from West Virginia. With his USCF rating of 2338, he is a welcome addition to Colorado chess. Scott and Ayden Roberts are father and son provisionally rated players from Longmont. I told them it's not that far to the DCC. Hristo Arabadjiev's grandson was having a birthday party at the park adjacent to the tournament

site, so Mr. Arabadjiev took the opportunity to play in the Send in the Clones tournament. Matt Hernandez, and significant other, Chantelle Field, are also new to the Colorado chess scene. They have a cute baby that is not quite yet old enough to play.

Another cool part of the Clone tournaments is the "humble pie" prize payout system. All players win money based on their score. Only a zero score means no prize money. Your clones win just as much as your self. The combined score determines how much you win. The nice part is you don't have to share the money with your clones.

For these tournaments, a draw has a value of "x" and a win is "3x". There is math involved in calculating "x" so I am not going into that and will just leave it all to Tim. But it means that players could have the same score, but one could win more money. For instance, a W/D/L score is better than D/D/D. For this tournament, after all expenses were deducted from the entry fees, the prize fund was only 315 dollars making "x" = \$2.03 and "3x" = \$6.10. It doesn't take much figuring to realize players might not even win their entry fee back, or at best break even. Last year we had a free site and more entries, so that prize fund was not so bad. Again, we welcome comments, suggestions or criticism regarding this tournament.

If I am remembering right, Gunnar Andersen was last year's top scorer, but Brian Wall won more money, go figure. This year Mr. Andersen and his clones take the top score and they win the most money. A whopping 52 dollars and 85 cents. Gunnar was undefeated with a final combined score of 7 wins and 5 draws. Brian and his clones had 6 wins and 5 draws. Mr. Wall only lost one game to Nikhilesh Kunche in round 3. Mr. Kunche and his clones finished in 3rd place with 6 wins and 3 draws. He (or his clones) lost one game to Gunner and twice to Brian.

Tied for 4th place was Matt Hernandez and Tim Brennan. They each finished with 5 wins and 1 draw. Mr. Hernandez and his clones may have had a better score if he had not got a brutal last round pairing. He had to play Gunnar, Brian, and Nikhilesh. With all of these opponents rated at least 250 points higher, with the black pieces in two of the games, and after already having played nine games in the first 3 rounds. A hard row to hoe.

Mr. Brennan and his clones may also have had a better score if they had been able to play all 12 of their games. Due to his TD duties and players taking byes he was only able to play 10 games. I want to thank Tim for running this tournament the last two years. As you can imagine, directing a Clone tournament is much more difficult than a regular run of the mill tournament. Getting the pairings right and calculating the prizes for each player is no easy job. Thank you very much, Mr. Brennan!

Scott Roberts and his clones played well to score 4 wins and 2 draws. His son, Ayden, also playing with 2 clones finished with one win. To his credit, he is new to tournament chess, playing 3 games at once against much higher rated players and he was putting up a fight all day. Hristo Arabadjiev, also provisionally rated, with 2 clones scored 2 wins. You have to admire these inexperienced players being willing to jump in and play 3 games

at once against strong experienced players.

Makes me dizzy just thinking about playing 3 games at once with the clock always running on all three boards. So I along with Rhett Langseth, Barry Rabinovich, Chantelle Field, Vibi Varghese and Neil Bhavikatti all played solo. Rhett was the best of us. He finished with 2.5 points, highlighted by a last round draw against Gunnar. Neil only played in the 2nd and 3rd round and did not score. The rest of us scored 2 points. Chantelle won the 2 games she played. Vibi was pleased to hold both Brian and Nikhilesh to draws. Barry lost a possibly drawn endgame to Rhett. I should have won my 2nd round game with Mr. Hernandez but these damn Experts just won't roll over. They just keep finding moves that give you a way to go wrong, and sure enough.... :-)

A final quote from DCC President Brian Wall, "I had an absolutely fabulous time."

I personally really like the idea of Clone tournaments, and for the next one, I'm going to grow a pair and play more games.

**Vibi Varghese** (1619)

**Brain Wall** (2277)

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.f3 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Na3 Bg7 8.Ne2 axb5 9.Nxb5 0-0 10.Nec3 Na6 11.Bc4 Nd7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Qe2 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 Nb4 15.Bf4 Ba6 16.a4 Qb6 17.Rac1 Rfb8 18.b3 Bxc3 19.Rxc3 Bxb5 20.axb5 Qxb5 21.Qxb5 Rxb5 22.Rb1 Ra2 23.Bg5 f6 24.Be3 Kf7 25.Kf1 f5 26.Kg1 Rba5 27.h3 Re2 28.Kh2 Raa2 29.Rg1 Nc2 30.Bg5 fxe4 31.fxe4 Rxe4 32.Rf3+ Ke8 33.Rgf1 Nd4 34.Rf8+ Kd7 35.Rb8 Ree2 36.Rff8 Rxe2+ 37.Kh1 Rh2+ 38.Kg1 Nf3+ 39.Rxf3 Rhg2+ 40.Kf1 Rxe5 41.Rb7+ Kc8 42.Rxe7 Rf5 43.Rxf5 gxf5 44.Rxh7 Rd2 45.h4 Rxd5 46.Rf7 Kd8 47.h5 Ke8 48.Rg7 Kf8 49.h6 Rd4 50.Rd7 Kg8 51.Kf2 Rd3 52.Ke2 Rd4 53.Ke3 Kh8 54.Kf3 d5 55.Ke3 Re4+ 56.Kf3 d4 57.Rd5 Kh7 58.Rxf5 Re3+ 59.Kf2 Rc3 60.Rd5 Kxh6 61.b4 cxb4 62.Rxd4 b3 63.Rb4 Kg5 64.Ke2 Kf5 65.Kd2 Rh3 66.Kc1 Ke5 67.Kb2 Kd5 68.Rxb3 Rh2+ 69.Ka3 Kc4 70.Rb4+ Kc5 71.Rb3 Rh1 72.Rc3+ Kd4 73.Rc2 Rh8 74.Kb2 Rh3 ½-½



In this position Vibi Varghese has the White pieces and Mr. Wall is realizing that winning may not be so easy.

**Nikhilesh Kunche** (2338)

**Brian Wall** (2277)

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.h3 Bg7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Be3 Nc6 10.Be2 d5 11.c5 Nc4 12.Bxc4 dxc4 13.0-0 Bf5 14.d5 Nb4 15.a3 Nc2 16.Rc1 (Brian Wall - "Kunche offered a draw but the disappointments of Round 3 had turned me into a raging bull.") 16...Nxe3 17.fxe3 Bd3 18.e4 Qa5 19.Re1 Qxc5+ 20.Kh1 Rad8 21.Qa4 e6 22.Qb4 Qc7 23.Nb5 Qg3 24.Qe7 exd5 25.exd5 Rxd5 26.Qxb7 Rh5 27.Nc3 Rb8 28.Qc6 Rxb2 29.Re8+ Bf8 30.Ng1 Kg7 31.Nge2 Qf2 32.Qa8 Bd6 33.Rg8+ Kh6 34.Qf3 Qxf3 35.gxf3 Bxe2 0-1 (Gunnar Andersen thought this was Brian's best game from the tournament.)

**Gunnar Andersen** (2250)

**Nikhilesh Kunche** (2338)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4 b5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Kb1 Qb6 12.Nb3 0-0-0 13.f5 Kb8 14.Qf4 Be7 15.Be2 h5 16.Rd3 Ne5 17.Rh3 Rdg8 18.Rg3 Rg5 19.h4 Rxe3 20.Qxe3 Ng4 21.a3 Rg8 (21...Qe3 22.Bf3 Qf2 23.Qxf2 Nxf2 24.Rf1 Ng4) 22.Rd1 Qe3 23.Bf3 Qf2 24.Qxf2 Nxf2 25.Rd2 Ng4 26.Nc5 Bc8 27.Nd3 Bf8 28.Nb4 Bb7 29.Ne2 a5 30.Nd3 Bh6 31.Rd1 Ne3 32.Re1 exf5 33.exf5 Bxf3 34.gxf3 Nxf5 35.Nef4 Bxf4 36.Nxf4 Nxe4 37.Nxe5 Nxf3 38.Re7 Rg1+ 39.Ka2 Rg2 40.Nxf6 Rxc2 41.Rxf7 Nd4 42.Ne4 a4 43.Nxd6 Rc1 44.Rb7+ Ka8 45.Rxb5 Nxb5 46.Nxb5 Rc4 47.Kb1 Rh4 48.b3 Rh1+ 49.Kb2 Rh2+ 50.Kb1 axb3 51.Nd4 Kb7 52.Nxb3 Kc6 53.Kc1 Ra2 54.a4 Kd5 55.Kd1 Kc4 56.Nd2+ Kd3 57.Nb3 Kc4 58.Nd2+ Kc3 59.Ne4+ ½-½

**Brain Wall** (2277)

**Matthew Hernandez** (2016)

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Qf3 0-0 9.0-0-0 Qc7 10.Bb3 Nc6 11.Kb1 Bd7 12.Qg3 Rfe8 13.f4 b5 14.Rhe1 Nxd4 15.Rxd4 Qc5 16.Red1 b4 17.Na4 Qa5 18.e5 Nh5 19.Qh4 Bxe5 20.fxe5 Bxa4 21.Bxa4 Qxa4 22.Qxh5 g6 23.Qh6 Rec8 24.Rc1 Qb5 25.exd6 Rc4 26.Qh4 Rxd4 27.Qxd4 Qxe5 28.Qxb4 Qb5 29.a3 Rd8 30.Rd1 Qxb4 31.axb4 e5 32.c4 e4 33.c5 f5 34.c6 e3 35.c7 1-0



Most of the players standing up, ready to move to their other clone game. Brian looking to see what Gunnar is going to play.



*Neil Bhavikatti checking out the games and making sure his hair is in place. In the back on the left, Scott Roberts is recording his move. On the right his son, Ayden, is leaning on the table.*



*Tim Brennan playing Black against Matthew Hernandez. Barry Robinovich in the background.*



*Brian Wall playing Black against Nikhilesh Kunche. One or both may be a clone.*



*DuWayne (r) and Rhett Langseth. Father and son analyzing a game.*



*Gunnar Andersen and Nikhilesh Kunche deep in thought.*



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**Chess Knights:** (Highlands Ranch) Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Boulevard, Conference Room Shea A, Highlands Ranch. Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at [HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org](http://HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org). Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or by email: [FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org](mailto:FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org).

**Chessmates Chess Club:** (Fort Collins) 111 North College Avenue. Meeting upstairs, Monday 3:45-4:45pm & Thursday 4:45-6:15pm. For kids ages 6-14 of all levels. Instructed by Zachary Bekkedahl. For more information contact by email at [info@chessmatesfc.com](mailto:info@chessmatesfc.com) or go to [www.chessmatesfc.com](http://www.chessmatesfc.com).

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

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

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

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

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

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

Colorado State University. You can email Randy Reynolds at [randy\\_tesyana@msn.com](mailto:randy_tesyana@msn.com).  
On the web - [groups.yahoo.com/group/fort\\_collins\\_chess](http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess).

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

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

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

**Greeley Chess Club:** Meets Wednesdays, 6:00-9:00pm at Your Place Coffee, 2308 West 17th Street, Greeley. Contact Brad Lundstrom at [ChessCoach2014@gmail.com](mailto:ChessCoach2014@gmail.com). Or call him at (970) 415-3855.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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



## UPCOMING COLORADO TOURNAMENTS

### July Mating Game July 4 - 11, 2017

#### 4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

**Time Control:** G/45, d/10.

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903.

**Section:** Open / USCF membership required.

**Entry Fee:** \$10 includes 4 rounds over 2 weeks (2 games / week); \$5 discount for *CSCC Supporting Members*.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes announced at event.

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Rounds:** 7:00pm.

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

**E-mail:** [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com)

### Colorado FIDE Team Championship July 15 - 16, 2017

#### 4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

**Time Control:** G/90, inc/30.

**Site:** American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401.

**Section:** Open / The first team is the first 20 established FIDE rated players to sign up (suggested name "Eurotrash". The second team is the first 20 non-FIDE or provisional rated FIDE players to sign up (suggested team name "Gallipoli"). FIDE team captain may recruit non-FIDE players if he cannot get 20 FIDE players. Captain is the highest rated player on each team that wants the job.

**Entry Fee:** \$50, \$10 discount if you have a FIDE rating. \$5 discount for pre-registration and \$5 discount for CSCA membership. Third family member free.

**Prizes:** Class prizes.

**Rounds:** 10:00am & 3:00pm each day.

**Entries:** Brian Wall

**Phone:** (720) 646-9359

**E-mail:** [BrianWallChess4@Yahoo.com](mailto:BrianWallChess4@Yahoo.com)

TD - Tom Nelson / FIDE Team Captain, Organizer & Concept - Brian Wall.

USCF Affiliate TBD.

### 2017 CSCA Bughouse Championship July 15, 2017

#### 8 Round Swiss System Tournament.

**Time Control:** G/5.

**Site:** American Mountaineering Center, 710 10th Street, Golden, CO 80401.

**Entry Fee:** \$20 per person.

**Rounds:** First round at 6:30pm and thereafter. (First 4 rounds Swiss USCF rules, then last 4 rounds Swiss Jeffco rules. Colorado Springs bye rules in effect. Byes can be requested within 1 minute after pairings are posted in any round).

**Entries:** Brian Wall

**Phone:** (720) 646-9359

**E-mail:** [BrianWallChess4@yahoo.com](mailto:BrianWallChess4@yahoo.com)

Concept by Brian Wall / Organized by Brian Wall / TD - TBD.

### CSCC July Quick July 18 - 25, 2017

#### 6 Round Swiss System Tournament.

**Time Control:** G/24, inc/05.

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903.

**Section:** Open / USCF Membership required.

**Entry Fee:** \$10 includes 6 rounds over 2 weeks (3 games / week); \$5 discount for *CSCC Supporting Members*.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes announced at event.

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Rounds:** 7:00pm.

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

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### CSCC August Swiss 90 August 1 - 29, 2017

#### 5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

**Time Control:** G/90, inc/30.

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903.

**Section:** Open / USCF Membership required.

**Entry Fee:** \$10 includes 5 rounds over 5 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for *CSCC Supporting Members*. \$4 for one night (\$2 for *CSCC Supporting Members*).

**Prizes:** Cash prizes announced at event.

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Rounds:** 7:00pm.

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

**E-mail:** [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com)

Players must check-in prior to 6:45pm on the day of the round to be paired (in person, by phone, by text, or by email).

### 8888 Birthday Celebration Tournament for Imre Barlay August 5 - 6, 2017

#### 4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

**Time Control:** G/90, inc/30.

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

**Section:** One section, open to all USCF members and Club Chess!! members. USCF membership required; Club Chess!! membership required (request a complimentary *Weekend Pass* for this event: [www.clubchess.org/contact](http://www.clubchess.org/contact)).

**Entry Fee:** \$35 if rec by 8/2, \$40 at site. \$5 discount if under 18 or over 65; additional \$5 discount for paid Club Chess!! members (request a free tour of the new Club Chess!! facility to learn about membership: [www.clubchess.org/contact](http://www.clubchess.org/contact)). Online entries: [www.clubchess.org/shop](http://www.clubchess.org/shop). Mail entries: Make check payable to - Club Chess!!, 5625 Constitution Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO

80915.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes based on 75% of entries.**Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30am.**Rounds:** *Saturday* - 10:00am, 3:00pm; *Sunday* - 10:00am, 3:30pm. \**Second day byes must be requested before Round 2.***Phone:** (719) 600-9462 or (719) 208-0909.**E-mail:** [missioncontrol@clubchess.org](mailto:missioncontrol@clubchess.org)

This tournament is dedicated to National Master Imre Barlay who will be 88 years old on 8/8. That is the reason to call the tournament *8888 Birthday Celebration for Imre Barlay*. Imre rose above 2400 USCF rating some 35 years ago and is well known in Colorado and California. Imre, immigrated to the US from Hungary and has known Grandmasters such as Pal Benko and Laszlo Szabo. Imre is very passionate about chess and still plays and studies every day. Come celebrate Imre's coming 88th Birthday at the brand new chess center, Club Chess!!, right here in Colorado Springs. We will have cake before starting Round 4 and honor one of the best chess players in Colorado Springs.

### **Pikes Peak Open August 12 - 13, 2017**

**5 Round Swiss System Tournament.****Time Control:** Rounds 1-2 G/90, d/05; Rounds 3-5 G/90, inc/30.**Site:** Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Avenue, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.**Section:** Open.**Entry Fee:** \$40 if received by 8/10, \$45 at site. \$5 discount for paid CSCA members (OSA). Additional \$5 discount for *CSCC Supporting Members*.**Prizes:** Cash prizes per entries.**Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30am.**Rounds:** *Saturday* - 10:00am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm; *Sunday* - 9:00am, 3:00pm. \**Second day byes must be requested before Round 1.***Entries:** Richard Buchanan, 1 Sutherland Road, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.**Phone:** (719) 685-1984**E-mail:** [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net)**Colorado Tour Event**

### **Colorado Open September 2 - 3, 2017**

**5 Round Swiss System Tournament.****Time Control:** Rounds 1-2 G/90, d/05; Rounds 3-5 G/90, inc/30.**Site:** Radisson Hotel Denver Central, 4849 Bannock Street, Denver, CO 80216. Hotel phone (303) 292-9500.**Sections:** Championship Section / U1900 / U1600 / U1300.**Entry Fee:** \$50 at site, \$45 in advance.**Prizes:** Championship Section: \$400G, \$200G, \$125G, other prizes per entries. U1900: \$250, other prizes per entries. U1600 & U1300: prizes per entries.**Registration:** 7:30 - 9:00am.**Rounds:** *Saturday* - 10:00am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm; *Sunday* - 9:00am, 4:00pm. (*CSCA Membership Meeting is on Sunday at 2:00pm*).*\*Byes for Rounds 4-5 must be requested before Round 1.\****Entries:** Richard Buchanan, 1 Sutherland Road, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.**Phone:** (719) 685-1984**E-mail:** [buckpeace@pcisys.net](mailto:buckpeace@pcisys.net)

USCF &amp; CSCA membership required.

CSCA membership rate: \$15; for Juniors &amp; Seniors - \$10. OSA.

**Colorado Tour event / USCF Grand Prix event.**

### **CSCC September Swiss 90 September 5 - 26, 2017**

**4 Round Swiss System Tournament.****Time Control:** G/90, inc/30.**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903.**Section:** Open / USCF membership required.**Entry Fee:** \$10 includes 4 rounds over 4 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for *CSCC Supporting Members*. \$4 for one night (\$2 for *CSCC Supporting Members*).**Prizes:** Cash prizes announced at event.**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.**Rounds:** 7:00pm.**Entries:** Paul Anderson**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS**E-mail:** [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com)

Players must check-in prior to 6:45pm on the day of the round to be paired (in person, by phone, by text, or by email).

### **53rd Annual Colorado Springs City Chess Championship October 3 - 31, 2017**

**5 Round Swiss System Tournament.****Time Control:** G/90, inc/30.**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903.**Section:** Open / USCF membership required.**Entry Fee:** \$15 includes 5 rounds over 5 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for *CSCC Supporting Members*. \$6 for one night (\$3 for *CSCC Supporting Members*).**Prizes:** Cash prizes will be announced at event. The tournament winner will be added to the club plaques.**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.**Rounds:** 7:00pm.**Entries:** Paul Anderson**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS**E-mail:** [cschess@juno.com](mailto:cschess@juno.com)

Players must check-in prior to 6:45pm on the day of the round to be paired (in person, by phone, by text, or by email).

### **Colorado USA National Chess Day Celebration October 14, 2017**

**3 Round Swiss System Tournament.****Time Control:** G/90, inc/30.**Site:** Hampton Inn & Suites Denver/South-RidgeGate, 10030 Trainstation Circle, Lone Tree, CO 80124.**Directions:** Located west off I25 exit 193.**Sections:** Open, U1700 - USCF Membership Required.

**Entry Fee:** \$30 checks received by 10/10; online by 10/13. \$40 day of. \$15 extra for U1700 in Open.

**Prizes:** 100% of entries paid out in prizes. Open: Guaranteed 1st \$180, \$\$b/12 2nd \$120, U2000 \$90. Under 1700: \$\$b/12 1st \$150, 2nd \$99, U1400 \$66.

**Registration:** 9:00 - 9:30am.

**Rounds:** 10:00am, 2:30pm, 7:00pm.

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

**Phone:** (719) 510-0169

**E-mail:** [shirley@northgatechess.com](mailto:shirley@northgatechess.com)

One bye any round declared on entry.

Limited to 24 entries. Online pay coming soon.

### **CSCC November Swiss 90 November 7 - 28, 2017**

**4 Round Swiss System Tournament.**

**Time Control:** G/90, inc/30.

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903.

**Section:** Open / USCF membership required.

**Entry Fee:** \$10 includes 4 rounds over 4 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for *CSCC Supporting Members*. \$4 for one night (\$2 for *CSCC Supporting Members*).

**Prizes:** Cash prizes will be announced at event.

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Rounds:** 7:00pm.

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

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Players must check-in prior to 6:45pm on the day of the round to be paired (in person, by phone, by text, or by email).

### **Winter Springs Open December 2 - 3, 2017**

**4 Round Swiss System Tournament.**

**Time Control:** G/90, inc/30.

**Site:** Manitou Springs City Hall, 606 Manitou Avenue, Manitou Springs, CO 80829.

**Sections:** June - Open / July - U1800 & Unrated / August - U1400 & Unrated.

**Entry Fee:** \$40 if received by 12/2, \$45 at site. \$5 discount for Juniors, Seniors, Unrateds. Additional \$5 discount for *CSCC Supporting Members*.

**Prizes:** Cash prizes per entries.

**Registration:** 8:30 - 9:30am.

**Rounds:** *Saturday* - 10:00am, 4:00pm; *Sunday* - 9:00am, 3:00pm.

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

**Phone:** (719) 685-1984

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

Second day Byes must be requested before Round 1.

USCF & CSCA membership required.

CSCA membership rate: \$15; for Juniors & Seniors - \$10. OSA.

**Colorado Tour Event**

### **CSCC December Swiss 90 December 5 - 26, 2017**

**4 Round Swiss System Tournament.**

**Time Control:** G/90, inc/30.

**Site:** Ballroom in the Acacia Apartment Building, 104 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, CO, 80903.

**Section:** Open / USCF membership required.

**Entry Fee:** \$10, includes 4 rounds over 4 weeks (1 game / week); \$5 discount for *CSCC Supporting Members*. \$4 for one night (\$2 for *CSCC Supporting Members*).

**Prizes:** Cash prizes will be announced at event.

**Registration:** About 6:00pm until 6:45pm each week.

**Rounds:** 7:00pm.

**Entries:** Paul Anderson

**Phone:** (719) 459-9612 / SMS

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Players must check-in prior to 6:45pm on the day of the round to be paired (in person, by phone, by text, or by email).

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# The Chess Detective<sup>®</sup>



## Chess Blindness Leading to Resignation

by NM Todd Bardwick

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“Chess blindness” is a term coined by Dr. Siegbert Tarrasch which refers to the situation where a player fails to make a normally obvious good move or see an obvious threat.

Without a doubt, the ultimate mistake a chess player can make is to resign in a winning position.

When this happens, chess blindness is often involved.

Usually, a player resigns in a position where he thinks he is losing and doesn't see a way to save himself. If you are considering resigning, never do it when the position is complicated - there is sometimes a surprise move that can be made to save your position or you may discover something obvious you assumed was in the position that was actually a ghost.

Even simple combinations can be tricky - if you play on, you may discover some unexpected resource.

Here is a position from the 1985 Reggio Emilia II tournament in Italy between Antonio Martorelli and Antonio Antunes.

*Antunes*



*Martorelli*

*Position after 39.Rd7 (from d5)*

Even though Black is ahead a knight, he looks to be in big trouble as White threatens to win his queen and, if she moves to either e6 or e8, 40.Qg7 and 40.Qxh7 are both mate. 39...Rxd7 40.Rxd7 Qxd7 41.Qxf8 is also mate. Also the idea of 39...Rf7 40.Rxe7 Rxd1+ 41.Kg2 Rxe7 42.Qf8 is a similar mate.

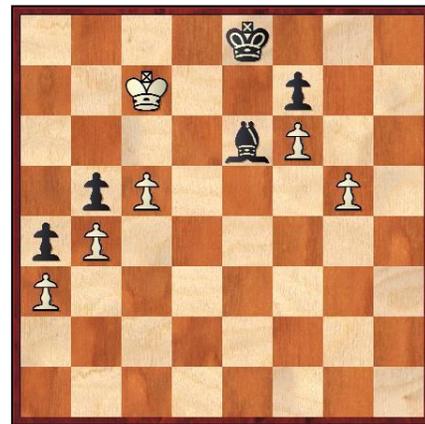
Finding no defense to these threats, **Black resigned.**

Black missed the saving resource, **39...Qf7!** **40.R1d5** (40.Rxf7 Rxd1+ 41.Kg2 Rxf7 leaves Black ahead in material) **40...Qg8** **41.Rxc7 Rf7** leaves Black ahead in material.

In a position like this that appears totally hopeless, it is definitely worth spending extra time looking for any idea that might somehow allow you to escape.

Here is a position from a 1943 Women's Championship in Vienna, Austria.

*Schlemmer*



*Keller*

*White to move*

White, who would tie for the championship with a win, **Resigned!?**

She probably saw no other option than moving the king to the b-file, allowing Black's king and bishop to work together to stop the c-pawn.

White wins after, **1.c6** (threatening 2.Kb8) **1...Bd5** **2.Kb6** **Kd8** (2...Bc4 3.c7) **3.Kxb5** **Kc7** **4.Kc5** (threatening 5.b5) **4...Bxc6** **5.g6** and Black can't stop the kingside pawns.

Never give up...even relatively simple looking positions often contain some resource that could save what looks like a losing position.



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***Best Father's Day Chess Photo***

*Dad Matt Hernandez dangles baby Harlow over the board as he defends against mom Chantelle Field at Steve Dieckoff Memorial Blitz at Casa Mayan in Denver.*

*Picture by Shirley Herman*

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