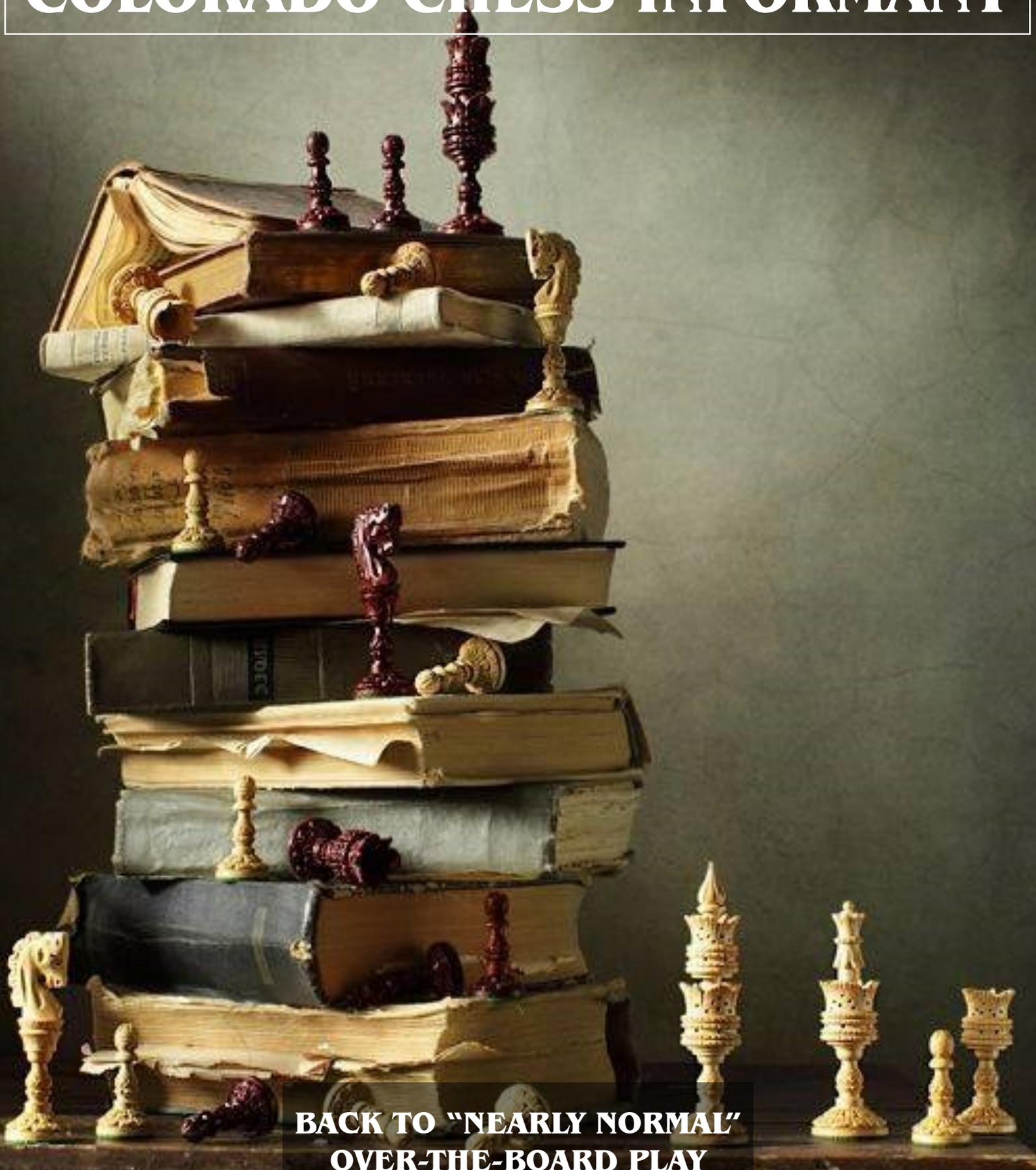


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**BACK TO "NEARLY NORMAL"
OVER-THE-BOARD PLAY**



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From the Editor

Slowly, we are getting there...

Only fitting that the return to over-the-board tournament play in Colorado resumed with the Senior Open this year. If you recall, that was the last over-the-board tournament held before we went into lockdown last year. You can read all about this year's offering on page 12.

The *Denver Chess Club* has resumed activity (read the resumptive result on page 8) with their first OTB tourney - and it went like gang-busters. So good to see. They are also resuming their club play in August. Check out the latest with them at www.DenverChess.com.

And if you look at the back cover you will see that the venerable Colorado Open has returned in all its splendor! Somehow I think that this maybe the largest turnout so far - just a hunch on my part as players in this state are so hungry to resume the tournament experience in person!

May Caissa be with you.



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CSCA President's Message

As the warm summer season and all the good times with summertime in Colorado have returned, so too chess is now coming back and getting close to normal.

As I write these lines, several Colorado players and our friend GM Timur Gareyev are playing in the U.S. National Open in Las Vegas. Our Colorado Class Championships are to be held in Loveland July 24-25, then the Colorado Open, September 4-5th are scheduled and we expect to be back to a regular tournament schedule in near the future.

Even during the pandemic with all it's restrictions, we will have completed our CSCA state tournaments and congratulate this year's state champions.

Colorado Closed: Gunnar Andersen & Sullivan McConnell

Colorado Scholastic Championships - Invitational this year due to CDC restrictions.

Each Colorado Scholastic Champion will receive a \$700 stipend from the CSCA and represent Colorado in their classification in the U.S. Open Tournament of Champions starting July 31st.

Elementary: Derek Yin

Middle School: Davin Yin

High School: Vedanth Sampath

Girls: Iris Li

Colorado Senior Champion: Brian Wall

(Brian Wall & Brad Lundstrom deferred the US Open Senior invitation to Joshua Samuel)

We look forward to congratulating our upcoming Class and State Open Champions soon.

If you are available Friday evening, September 3rd, we hope you can make it to our second *Colorado Chess Hall of Fame* induction from 5:45-6:45pm to be followed by the Colorado State 5 minute Blitz Championship tournament.

Plan to attend our annual CSCA membership meeting at the Colorado Open between rounds four and five on Sunday, September 5, 2021 at 2pm. You will have the opportunity to re-elect CSCA officers if they are willing to serve again or elect new officers. Here's a great chance to hear, ask questions and give your input about Colorado Chess.

I would be remiss if I did not recognize and share my appreciation for our *Colorado Informant* editor Fred Spell. Fred does an incredible job and has been recognized by U.S. Chess for the best state magazine. Fred, we are proud of your work and fortunate to have you!

Enjoy your summer and we hope to see you soon!

Brad Lundstrom

CSCA President



Colorado State Chess Association

Board Meeting Minutes

April 14, 2021

CSCA Board Members included:
President / Brad Lundstom - Present
Vice President / Jessie Cohen - Present
Secretary / Alexander Freeman - Present
Treasurer / Joshua Samuel - Present
Junior Representative / Andrew Roerty - Present
Member at Large / Gracie Salazar Mukayess - Absent
Member at Large / Alayne Wilinsky - Absent
Scholastic Director / Tom Nelson - Present
President Emeritus / Paul Covington
Other visitor included / Shirley Herman

Meeting was held on Zoom and began with President Brad Lundsrom calling the meeting to order.

The purpose for this meeting was to get everyone together again and be on the same page as our last meeting was two months ago on February 15th.

Tom Nelson talked about the Colorado Scholastic Championships and our qualifiers for the Tournament of Champions to be held alongside the US Open from July 31 - August 3, 2021.

The events feature state champions for all fifty states representing Colorado. Ours include:

Rockefeller - Elementary School: **Derek Yin**
Barber - Middle School: **Davin Yin**
Denker - High School: **Vednath Sampath**
Haring - Girls: **Iris Li**

A motion for a stipend to these four scholastic players, who represent Colorado, with \$700 each was also approved.

A motion to buy five chess clocks to not exceed \$300 was approved by the CSCA Board of Directors.

Jessie Cohen discussed the results of The 2021 Colorado Scholastic Online Championship. This event donated \$600 to the Colorado Scholastics.

Joshua Samuel discussed a new ledger accounting system, reviewed the budget and fundraising donations.

Brad Lundsrom updated us on a probable upcoming Senior Open in June (*held*), possible Class Championships in July, the end of summer Colorado Open and our getting the 2022 Colorado State Scholastic site secured. We discussed beginning our upcoming plans for girls chess and Ann Davies' grant. Our next CSCA Board meeting will probably be scheduled for June.

A motion to end the meeting was seconded and agreed upon.

Alexander Freeman / CSCA Secretary



Lior Lapid Wins Award From the U.S. Chess Federation

Lior Lapid recently received some exciting news from the United States Chess Federation. He has been selected to receive this year's U.S. Chess *Outstanding Team Achievement Award* for his work with Team USA in the 2020 FIDE Olympiad for People with Disabilities.

Lior won the US Chess Outstanding Team Achievement award for coaching Team USA to a top ten finish in the first Online FIDE Olympiad for People with Disabilities. Kevin McConnell shared that Lior did this on a strictly volunteer basis and was a critical component of the team performing as well as they did. He also gave multiple free private lessons to any of the Team USA competitors that wanted to take advantage of this extra tutoring! Sharing this wonderful letter on his national recognition below.

Congratulations Lior and thank you for being an amazing example as a chess coach and person!

Colorado Chess is very proud of you!

Brad Lundstrom
CSCA President



From the U.S. Chess Federation...

Dear Mr. Lapid,

Congratulations from the US Chess Federation (US Chess). You have been selected to receive the 2021 Outstanding Team Achievement Award as coach of the US Team participating in the FIDE Online Olympiad for People with Disabilities. The award is in recognition of your team's exceptional performance in that event. We would love for you to attend our annual Awards Ceremony on Friday, August 6, 2021 at 4:00 PM in Cherry Hill, New Jersey. We will contact you with the specific room when that information becomes available. We are happy to announce that changing the format of the ceremony from a luncheon to a reception allows anyone to come and watch you receive your award. There is no need to purchase tickets. Please confirm your ability to attend, or the name of your designated representative, and the number of people you expect to accompany you by July 19, 2021. If you are unable to attend or arrange for someone to receive your award at the reception, we are happy to mail it to you. Because the Awards Ceremony is held in conjunction with the 122nd U.S. Open and annual meetings of US Chess, we recommend that you make your travel arrangements as soon as possible. Your many contributions to chess are greatly appreciated. I look forward to seeing you in Cherry Hill and celebrating this well-deserved award.

Sincerely,
Carol Meyer / Executive Director

(You can view all award recipients online at: <https://new.uschess.org/news/2021-us-chess-annual-awards>)



Three time CSCA President Paul Covington received an Appreciation Award from our new CSCA President, Brad Lundstrom.

Paul has moved to Oklahoma, and his many years of contributions to Colorado Chess are much appreciated.



Paul Covington & Brad Lundstrom

An Interview With the 2021 Colorado State Scholastic Championship Brothers: Davin & Derek Yin

by CSCA Junior Representative Andrew Roerty

This year's Colorado Scholastic Championships featured many new champions, two of which were brothers. Davin and Derek Yin. Both won their sections in the Barber and the Rockefeller respectively.

Davin Yin, our Middle School Champion, is a very talented young chess player who will be attending Fairview High school next year as a 9th Grader. In addition to being a talented chess player, Davin enjoys playing a variety of sports, in particular, soccer. He has been playing competitive soccer since he was 8, and he will play Premiere 1 in the championship league with BC United in the upcoming fall. Davin is an excellent competitor in match counts, where he is ranked number 6 in the state. He also is one of only 5 middle schoolers to qualify for the American Invitational Mathematics Examination. He has expressed interest to become an expert specializing in IT security in the future. Davin's two favorite chess players are Bobby Fischer and Mikail Tal.

Derek, our Elementary School Champion, is a rising 6th grader planning on going to Altona Middle School. Derek also plays soccer, in addition to a variety of sports, and has been playing since he was only 3 years old. Currently he plays for St. Vrain. Derek has aspirations to become a doctor or veterinarian when he grows up. His favorite chess player is Hikaru Nakamura.

Both players received a \$700 stipend from our CSCA to assist them in their travel expenses when they attend the U.S. Open Tournament of State Champions in New Jersey beginning July 31st.

Expect the two players to do great things in Colorado Chess and beyond!



Davin Yin receives his Colorado Middle School State Championship trophy from CSCA President Brad Lundstrom



Davin Yin holds down Board 1.



Derek Yin is our 2021 Colorado Elementary State Champion

DCC's "Nearly Normal" Tournament

by J.C. MacNeil (With permission from the Denver Chess Club / www.DenverChess.com)

Yahoo, Yipee, Yabba dabba doo, Hot diggity, Hooray and Hallelujah! After 15 months of only internet chess, the Denver Chess Club finally had a live over the board Nearly Normal Tournament. I was jumping for joy, up until I lost all three of my games by playing really bad moves in winning positions. I plan to avenge myself in the DCC Almost Normal Tournament coming up on Saturday, July 31st. Good news is the Embassy Suites has removed their social distancing requirement. Thus the registration for this tournament will be unrestricted. Although we are still allowing online registration only. More good news is that the DCC is starting up our regular monthly Tuesday night tournaments beginning August 3rd. There will be no limit on the number of players on Tuesday nights. Unless we run out of tables and chairs.

The DCC will continue to require a full Covid vaccination for all players until the CDC, the Colorado Governor, the President of the United States, and God declare that the Covid danger has passed. We are making progress towards that end here in the U.S. but the vaccination rate is slowing and we are falling short of the 70-80% of the population vaccinated goal. I understand and respect refusing to be vaccinated due to a religious belief or because of a medical condition, but not for any other reason or excuse. To me an attitude of, "It's all about me and my personal freedom." indicates you are not concerned about the health and well being of others. Players that have already shown us a vaccination card, and signed the DCC waiver, will not have to do so again. Thank you.

David Costantino, is the organizer of the Denver chess meetup group. Quoting Mr. Costantino from his Covid policy statement: "...WE EXPECT ANYONE WHO ATTENDS OUR MEETUPS TO BE FULLY VACCINATED... this is not only to keep each other safe, but also out of respect for the staff and other guests at the venues where we play. We don't want to be the reason that there is an outbreak somewhere...". Saying exactly why the DCC is also requiring all players to be vaccinated. Also quoting Elizabeth Shaughnessy - Founder and President of the Berkeley Chess School . "We will continue to require that every player is vaccinated and if you have not already emailed or shown me your vaccination card you must do so..."

Eventually I hope to be able to write one of these DCC reports without having to mention this damn pandemic, or type the Covid acronym. So without further adieu let's get onto the actual summary of the DCC Nearly Normal Tournament. First, here is what Jeffrey Baffo, a long time Colorado chess tournament player, had to say about the tournament on his Facebook page - "This 3 round, one day event, was aptly named the "Nearly Normal" tournament and was put on by the venerable *Denver Chess Club*. Time control was game in 55 with a 5 second delay. For quite some time now the DCC has put on quality events. Even long before the disease that shall not be named hyperbole-ed into our lives, you could count on DCC tournaments being very nice events. And yes it's still with us, still causing us pain, this overblown, self-absorbed, a-hole of a microorganism that it is, the players had a couple hoops to jump thru; there was a vaccine passport check ("Papers, please!") and



also we all had to sign some ^@%@\$@ waiver that I didn't even read. Truth be told all the tournament Covid stuff is only done to try and keep us safe. I will stop my whining here and fully admit that said precautions were only a passing breeze in the grand scheme of things. In any case, DCC events always seem to have it right! A decent physical location, good lighting, seating, tables, amenities. The *Embassy Suites* on Hampden might not be the *Brown Palace*, but it's clean and comfortable with some of the best lighting I've played under. Meint, J.C., Earle & company did a quality job. Bravo, good sirs! This writer made it in off a stand by list when someone else dropped out. Because of the aforementioned and still ongoing Covid boorishness, the event was limited to 50 players. Here's looking forward to return to full capacity tournaments soon!"

On to the chess. My section was the U1900 and I finished with two wins and one loss. My loss was to a feloniously underrated Christian Almazan. I passed up a 3 fold rep draw and got mated. Shouldn't be so stubborn! My last round game saw my opponent fall into a book trap and resign after only 5 moves. Holy Frijole that was some perverse fun!

We had an excellent registration for the U1900 and U1500 sections. With many new and/or unrated players playing. But only 4 players were in the Open section: Brian Wall (2200), Marza Peljto (1906), Mark Brown (1720), and Kamron Correia (Unrated). Maybe we should have combined these players with the U1900 section. Although putting a big shark (we all know who I'm talking about) in that section would have, I think, been unfair to the other players in the section, with regards to winning prize money. As it was, Dr. Peljito held the shark to a draw and thus also scored 2.5 points and they share the combined 1st and 2nd place prize of \$244. NM Wall gave credit to Mr. Brown. Saying he played well above his rating. "More like a 1920 player."

Three players tied for 1st place in the U1900 section: Andrew Starr - a former DCC Tuesday night Tournament Director and TD for the upcoming July tournament - along with Ted Doykos and Charlie Flaxbeard. They all finished with perfect 3 point scores and share the combined 1st, 2nd, 3rd place prize of \$236.

I think that Ken Doykos' son, Ted, is improving by the game. Charlie Flaxbeard has been playing regularly in Alayne Wilinsky's DCC Tuesday nights on Lichess. I thought I was going to have my revenge against "SunBear69" for the thrashings he has been giving me online, in our 1st round game in this over the board tournament. And I was up until I had to give up my queen to prevent the self-mate I played into, and it went downhill for me from there. What can I say.

I only recognized a couple of players in the U1500 section. One was another long time Colorado chess player and former CSCA Treasurer, Dean Brown. I think Mr. Brown has played in a chess tournament in every U.S. state, or he intends to. I of course also know long time DCC player, Brian Ledsworth who was the assistant TD. He played a couple of fill-in rated games so that a player wouldn't have to take a bye. Without Mr. Ledsworth's

technical expertise in setting up the online registration, this tournament would not have happened.

Good news for Ann Davies is there may finally be another regular female player at DCC tournaments. Christy Bullock is a registered nurse who has been on the front line at a Denver area hospital in the battle against Covid. Ms. Bullock is enthusiastic about improving her game, and knows that playing rated tournament chess is the way to go about that. She intends to play whenever she can. The DCC salutes all the health care workers who have risked their own health to care for Covid victims, and others in need of medical care.

Tyler Poole and Ryan Chmielewski had perfect 3 point scores and they share the combined 1st and 2nd place prize of \$189. There was a massive seven way tie for the 3rd place prize of \$47. William Hensley, Dean Brown, Lev Shulman, Joel Henry, Gavin Buu-Doer, Scott Jackson, and Baillie Weil all win a whopping \$6.71.

Congratulations to all the prize winners. How refreshing it was to see so many new players at a DCC tournament. I hope this tournament whetted their appetite for "real" chess.

Thanks to the tournament directors - Earle Wikle and Brian Ledsworth. Thanks to the DCC Treasurer, Meint Olthof, who made all the hotel arrangements, and especially thanks to the players who made this tournament a big success.

Thanks again to all!



Mark Brown (1720 / Unr) - **Brian Wall** (2211 / 2134)

Round 1

1.d4 f5 2.c4 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 c6 5.Nf3 d5 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.b3 b5 8.c5 Ne4 9.b4 a5 10.bxa5 Rxa5 11.a4 Ba6 12.Re1 Rxa4 13.Rxa4 bxa4 14.Qxa4 Bb5 15.Qa7 Ndx5 16.Na3 Nd7 17.Bf4 Bxa3 18.Qxa3 Kf7 19.Qa7 Qe7 20.h4 h6 21.Bf1 Re8 22.Ra1 Ndf6 23.Ne5+ Kg8 24.Qb6 Qd8 25.Qxd8 Rxd8 26.Ra7 Nc3 27.Rc7 Bxe2 28.Nxc6 Rd7 29.Ne7+ Kf7 30.Rxc3 Bxf1 31.Nxf5 exf5 32.Kxf1 Ne4 33.Rc7 Rxc7 34.Bxc7 g5 35.hxg5 hxg5 36.f3 Nd2+ 37.Ke2 Nb3 38.Bb6 Ke6 39.f4 gxf4 40.gxf4 Kd7 41.Kd3 Kc6 42.Kc3 Kxb6 43.Kxb3 Kb5 44.Kc3 Ka4 45.Kd3 Kb3 46.Ke3 Kc3 47.Kf3 Kxd4 48.Kg3 Ke3 49.Kh4 Kxf4 0-1

Jeff Cohen (1497 / 1255) - **Andrew Starr** (1814 / 1297)

Round 1

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 d5 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 Bf5 6.Ng3 e6 7.Nh4 Bg4 8.Nhf3 Be7 9.Be2 0-0 10.h3 Bh5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Ne5 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 f6 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Bg3 Qb6 16.Rab1 cxd4 17.exd4 c5 18.Rfe1 cxd4 19.Qxe6+ Qxe6 20.Rxe6 Bc5 21.cxd4 Bxd4 22.Rd6 Nb6 23.Nf3 Be5 24.Rc6 Rac8 25.Rxc8 Rxc8 26.Rc1 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Rxc1 28.Bb8 a6 29.Ba7 Rc2+ 30.Kg3 Rxb2 0-1

Ann Davies (1524 / 1167) - **Alberto Medina** (Unr / Unr)

Round 1

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bg4 4.e3 e6 5.c3 Bd6 6.Be2 Bxf4
7.exf4 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Qd6 9.g3 Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nd2 c5
12.Bg2 Qb6 13.Qb3 cxd4 14.Qxb6 Nxb6 15.cxd4 Rac8 16.Rac1
Rc6 17.Rxc6 bxc6 18.b3 Rc8 19.Rc1 a5 20.Bf1 Nfd7 21.Nf3 f6
22.Ba6 Rc7 23.Nd2 Kf7 24.a3 Ke7 25.a4 Kd6 26.Be2 c5
27.dxc5+ Rxc5 28.Rd1 Rc3 29.Ne4+ Kc6 30.Nxc3 Nc5
31.Bb5+ Kd6 32.Rb1 e5 33.fxe5+ fxe5 34.f3 g5 35.g4 Nc8
36.Kf2 Ne7 37.b4 axb4 38.Rxb4 Nc6 39.Rb1 Nd4 40.Bf1 Ncb3
41.Nb5+ Kc5 42.Nxd4 Nxd4 43.a5 Nc6 1-0

J.C. MacNeil (1705 / 1724) - **Charlie Flaxbeard** (918 / 1104)

Round 1

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.f4 d6 4.Nf3 Nd7 5.Be3 c6 6.c3 Qc7 7.Qc2 e5
8.Nbd2 Bh6 9.g3 Ngf6 10.0-0-0 Ng4 11.Qd3 Qa5 12.Kb1 exf4
13.gxf4 Bxf4 14.Bxf4 Nf2 15.Qe2 Nxd1 16.Qxd1 f5 17.Nb3
Qc7 18.exf5 0-0 19.Bd3 Nb6 20.Bh6 Rf6 21.fxc6 hxc6 22.Nh4
Qh7 23.Bg5 Re6 24.Qc2 Bd7 25.Nxc6 Rae8 26.Ne7+ Qxe7
27.Bxe7 R8xe7 28.Qg2+ Kf8 29.Rf1+ Rf7 30.Rxf7+ Kxf7 31.c4
d5 32.cxd5 Nxd5 33.Bc4 Re1+ 34.Nc1 Bf5+ 35.Qc2 Bxc2+
36.Kxc2 Rh1 0-1

Jason McEwen (1761 / 1488) - **Chris Burkhardt** (1615 / 1510)

Round 2

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Qc2 Be7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 c5 7.cxd5
cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nxd5 9.e3 Nb4 10.Qb3 e5 11.a3 exd4 12.axb4 Re8
13.0-0 dxe3 14.Bxe3 Nc6 15.Bd5 Rf8 16.Rd1 Qc7 17.b5 Nb4
18.b6 Qc2 19.Qxc2 Nxc2 20.Rxa7 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Rb8 22.Rc1
Bd8 23.Rc7 Re8 24.Bxf7+ Kf8 25.Bxe8 Kxe8 26.Rxg7 Bxb6
27.Ra3 Bc5 28.Rc3 b6 29.Nd2 Bf5 30.Rxc5 1-0

Tyler Poole (1193 / Unr) - **Joel Henry** (Unr / Unr)

Round 2

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Be5 4.Qg4 Qf6 5.Nd5 Qxf2+ 6.Kd1
Kf8 7.Nh3 Qd4 8.d3 Bb6 9.c3 Qc5 10.Rf1 Qd6 11.Nxb6 axb6

12.Rxf7+ Ke8 13.Qxg7 Nce7 14.Qxh8 b5 15.Rxe7+ Kxe7
16.Qg7+ Kd8 17.Bg5+ Ne7 18.Qf8# 1-0

Brian Wall (2211 / 2134) - **Merza Pelijto** (1906 / 1773)

Round 2

1.f4 c5 2.e4 e6 3.d3 d5 4.Nd2 Nc6 5.Ng3 Nge7 6.h4 Qc7 7.g3
Bd7 8.Bh3 g6 9.c3 Bg7 10.Qe2 0-0-0 11.e5 h6 12.d4 cxd4
13.Nxd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Qb6 15.Nf3 Kb8 16.Be3 Rc8 17.Kf2
Bb5 18.Qd2 Nf5 19.Rhc1 Nxe3 20.Kxe3 Rc4 21.b3 Rcc8
22.Rxc8+ Rxc8 23.Rc1 Bf8 24.Rxc8+ Kxc8 25.h5 g5 26.fxc5
hxc5 27.Qc2+ Kd8 28.Kf2 Bg7 29.Kg2 Ba6 30.Kh2 g4 31.Bxc4
Qb5 32.Ng1 Qd3 33.Qxd3 Bxd3 34.Be2 Bb1 35.Bd1 Bh6 36.g4
Be3 37.Nf3 Be4 38.Kg3 Bxf3 39.Kxf3 Bxd4 40.Kf4 Ke7 41.g5
Kf8 42.h6 Bb2 43.Bc2 Bc1+ 44.Kg4 Bb2 ½-½

Kamron Correia (Unr / Unr) - **Brian Wall** (2211 / 2134)

Round 3

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.dxc5 e6 4.Nc3 Bxc5 5.Nf3 0-0 6.g3 b6
7.Bg2 Bb7 8.0-0 Be7 9.Qc2 d6 10.e4 Nbd7 11.Re1 Rc8 12.b3
a6 13.Nd2 Rc7 14.Ba3 Qa8 15.Qd3 Nc5 16.Qf3 Rfc8 17.Rad1
Rd8 18.Nf1 Ncxe4 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Rxe4 f5 21.Bh3 Bxe4
22.Qe3 Kf7 23.Qxb6 Qa7 24.Qe3 Qxe3 25.Nxe3 g6 26.Bb2 Bf6
27.Ba3 d5 28.Bg2 d4 29.Nf1 Bxc2 30.Kxc2 e5 31.Bb4 Rc6
32.Nd2 e4 33.f4 d3 34.Nb1 h6 35.Bc3 g5 36.Bxf6 Kxf6
37.fxc5+ hxc5 38.Kf2 Ke5 39.Re1 Rh6 40.Kg2 Rdh8 41.Rh1 f4
42.gxf4+ gxf4 43.Nd2 Rxh2+ 44.Rxh2 Rxh2+ 45.Kxh2 e3
46.Nf3+ Kd6 0-1

Ted Doykos (1769 / 1635) - **Christian Almazan** (1327 / 1329)

Round 3

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.cxd6
Nxe4 8.dxe7 Nxc3 9.bxc3 Qxc3+ 10.Kf2 Nc6 11.Rb1 Bg4
12.Bb5 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 Qxc2+ 14.Kg3 h5 15.h4 Rc8 16.Ba3 Qc3
17.Ba4 Qxf3+ 18.Kxf3 Rc7 19.Rhd1 Rd7 20.Rxd7 Kxd7
21.Rxb7+ Kc8 22.Bxc6 1-0



Dillon Local to Represent State at National Senior Chess Championship

by Antonio Olivero / Summit Daily News

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Fans of the popular Netflix miniseries “The Queen’s Gambit” in recent months have been provided with a portal into the abstract world of the game of chess.

It’s a world Joshua Samuel of Dillon knows as well as anyone in the county.

Elements of the show foreign to many are familiar to Samuel, a 66-year-old New York native who will compete this week at the Las Vegas National Open. It was nearly a half century ago when Samuel, at the age of 19, played a Grandmaster who’s name may be familiar to Queen’s Gambit fans: Rossolimo.

At the Grandmaster’s club in Greenwich Village in 1974, young Samuel was up by two pawns against the Russian-born Nicolas Rossolimo, one of the most revered players of all time, before the Grandmaster came back for a draw.

In “The Queen’s Gambit,” the series’ main character Beth Harmon plays against a world champion using the Rossolimo opening variation of chess.

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Colorado Senior Open 2021

by Chief Tournament Director Richard "Buck" Buchanan & CSCA President Brad Lundstrom

The CSCA held our Senior Championship on June 5-6 in Manitou Springs. This was (for most of us, at least) our first over-the-board event since the start of the Covid crisis. At first there was the complication that the Manitou Springs City Council had ordered that people still wear masks in indoor public places due to the large number of tourists from all over. But, lo, a few days before the tournament that order was cancelled! We held the event in the Manitou Arts Center, where we have had a few events in the past. We had the full support of Natalie Johnson, the Arts Center director (who is also on the City Council!) and there was no cost for use of the space! We should also mention that last year the CSCA was the official nonprofit of the city! Eighteen players attended this tournament and all were very happy to be playing over the board chess again! To no one's surprise, the tournament was won by Brian Wall, with a score of 4-0.

Congratulations to Life Master Brian Wall for his perfect 4.0 score and earning the title of 2021 Colorado Senior Open Champion. Brad Lundstrom finished with 3.5 for second place and Josh Samuel came in at third on tiebreaks over Sam Bridle with 3 points. It is an interesting coincidence that the top three finishers; Brian, Brad and Josh share three things, all are age 65, all graduated high school in 1973, and all have been playing rated tournament chess in Colorado well over fifty years. Our champion earns the right to represent Colorado at the US Open July 31 - August 3, 2021 in Cherry Hill, NJ at the tournament of champions featuring the top senior players from every state in the USA. Both Brian and Brad declined the invitation so Josh Samuel accepted and will be our Colorado Senior Representative this year - congratulations and good luck Josh!

Our tournament was well directed by Richard "Buck" Buchanan and Shirley Herman. Thank you to both!

Brian Wall (2200)
Jeffrey Baffo (1756)

Round 1

1.f4 e5 2.e4 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe5 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bc5 6.Bxf7+ Kf8 7.Bc4 Nc6 8.Nxc6 bxc6 9.c3 Qe7 10.Na3 Bf5 11.Nc2 Rd8 12.h3 h5 13.Qe2 Qd6 14.b4 Bb6 15.Ba3 Qxf4 16.b5+ c5 17.0-0-0 g6 18.Rhf1 Qg5 19.Nd4 Rd6 20.Nb3 Kg7 21.Nxc5 e3 22.Qxe3 Qxe3 23.dxe3 Rxd1+ 24.Kxd1 Re8 25.e4 Nxe4 26.Nxe4 Bxe4 27.Rf7+ Kh8 28.Be7 1-0

Lawrence Reifurth (1700)
Earl Wikle (1993)

Round 1

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.d4 c6 6.Bg2 Qa5 7.0-0 Qh5 8.e4 Bh3 9.Ng5 Qxd1 10.Rxd1 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 Nbd7 12.f4 e5 13.Nf3 0-0-0 14.fxe5 dxe5 15.dxe5 Ng4 16.e6 fxe6 17.Ng5 Nc5 18.Bf4 Nd3 19.Nf7 Nxf4+ 20.gxf4 Ne3+ 21.Kf3 Nxd1

22.Nxd1 Rd2 23.Nxh8 Bxh8 24.e5 g5 25.h3 gxf4 26.Kxf4 Rd4+ 0-1

Brad Lundstrom (1987)
Frank Deming (1700)

Round 1

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Nc6 7.Nf3 Qa5 8.Qd2 Nge7 9.a4 Bd7 10.Bd3 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qxd2+ 12.Bxd2 0-0 13.0-0 Rfc8 14.Rfb1 Rc7 15.Rb2 Nf5 16.Bxf5 exf5 17.Rab1 Nd8 18.a5 Rac8 19.Bg5 Ne6 20.Rxb7 Nxb7 21.Nxb7 Rxc2 22.h3 h6 23.Nxf7 Be6 24.Nd6 R8c7 25.Rxc7 Rxc7 26.Rb8+ Kh7 27.Re8 Bg8 28.Nxf5 Bf7 29.Re7 1-0

Fred Spell (1505)
Charles Alexander (1800)

Round 1

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.Nc3 Qa5 5.e5 cxd4 6.Qxd4 Nc6 7.Qa4 Qxa4 8.Nxa4 Nxe5 9.Nc3 Nxf3+ 10.gxf3 Bxc3+ 11.bxc3 b6 12.Bb2 Nf6 13.c4 0-0 14.Bxf6 exf6 15.0-0-0 Bb7 16.Bg2 Bc6 17.h4 Rfe8 18.Rhe1 Re6 19.Bh3 f5 20.f4 Rae8 21.Rxe6 Rxe6 22.h5 Re2 23.hxg6 hxg6 24.f3 Kf8 25.Rd3 Rh2 26.Bf1 Rh1 27.Rd1 Bxf3 28.Be2 Rxd1+ 29.Kxd1 Bxe2+ 30.Kxe2 f6 31.Ke3 Ke7 32.a4 d6 33.Kd4 g5 0-1

Keith Oxman (1904)
Dean Brown (1415)

Round 1

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 d6 9.h3 Bd7 10.Qd2 a6 11.f4 Rc8 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Bf3 e6 14.Rad1 d5 15.Qf2 Qc7 16.e5 Ne4 17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Bb6 Qb8 19.Bc5 Rfd8 20.Bd6 Qa8 21.Rd4 b5 22.Re1 f5 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Be5 Bxe5 25.Rxd8+ Rxd8 26.fxe5 Rf8 27.Qe3 Rf5 28.Nxe4 Bxe4 29.Qxe4 Qa7+ 30.Qe3 Qc7 31.c3 Kg7 32.g4 Rf8 33.Rf1 Rxf1+ 34.Kxf1 Qc4+ 35.Kf2 Qxa2



36.Qd2 Qd5 37.Qg5 Qc5+ 38.Kg2 Qf8 39.h4 h6 40.Qd2 Qa8+ 41.Kh2 Qd5 42.Qe3 Qb7 43.Qc5 Kf7 44.Qf2+ Ke8 45.b4 Qc7 46.Qf6 Qf7 47.g5 hxg5 48.hxg5 Qh7+ 49.Kg3 Kd7 50.Qf3 Qe7 51.Qd3+ A hard fought game! 1-0

Jeffrey Baffo (1756)

Scott Williams (1191)

Round 2

1.Nc3 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e4 Ne7 4.Bd3 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.0-0 Nbc6 7.e5 0-0 8.Re1 Bd7 9.Bg5 f6 10.exf6 Bxf6 11.Bh6 Re8 12.Ne2 Nb4 13.Ng3 Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Nf5 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.c3 Rxe1+ 17.Rxe1 a6 18.Qd2 Bb5 19.Ne5 Qd6 20.f4 c5 21.Qe3 Rc8 22.Nf3 cxd4 23.Nxd4 Re8 24.Qd2 Rxe1+ 25.Qxe1 Qb6 26.Qe3 Bd7 27.b3 a5 28.Bg5 Bxg5 29.fxg5 Qd6 30.g3 b5 31.Qf4 Qe7 32.Kf2 b4 33.Qb8+ Kg7 34.cxb4 axb4 35.Qf4 Qe4 36.Qxe4 dxe4 37.Nc2 h6 38.gxh6+ Kxh6 39.Nxb4 Kh5 40.a4 g5 41.a5 Be6 42.a6 Bc8 43.a7 Bb7 44.Na6 g4 45.Nc7 Kg5 46.Ke3 f4+ 47.gxf4+ Kh4 48.f5 Kh3 49.f6 Kxh2 50.f7 g3 51.f8Q g2 52.Qh6+ Kg1 53.a8Q Bxa8 54.Nxa8 Kf1 55.Qh3 1-0

Charles Alexander (1800)

Lawrence Reifurth (1700)

Round 2

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.c4 Nf6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Nc3 Be6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.d3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bd2 Re8 10.a3 a5 11.Rc1 f6 12.Na4 Qd6 13.Nc5 Bc8 14.Qb3 b6 15.Nxe5 Kf8 16.Nxc6 bxc5 17.Nxe7 Nxe7 18.Bxa8 1-0

Brian Rountree (1903)

Brian Wall (2200)

Round 2

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 e5 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.d3 f5 7.0-0 Nf6 8.h3 Be7 9.exf5 Bxf5 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Re1 Qd7 12.Bd2 Bxh3 13.gxh3 Qxh3 14.Nh2 Rab8 15.b3 Rbe8 16.Qf3 Qd7 17.Ne4 d5 18.Nxf6+ Rxf6 19.Qh5 Rf5 20.Qg4 h5 21.Qg2 g5 22.Re2 Bf6 23.Rae1 Re7 24.f3 Rg7 25.Kh1 Kf7 26.a4 Qe6 27.c3 Qc8 28.b4 Qa6 29.d4 exd4 30.cxd4 cxd4 31.Re8 Qxa4 32.Qe2 Qc2 33.Qe6+ Kg6 34.Re2 d3 35.Rf2 Re5 36.Qd7?? Rxd7 0-1



Jayne Perry (1835)

Brad Lundstrom (1987)

Round 2

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 0-0 5.b3 d6 6.Bb2 e5 7.Nf3 c5 8.0-0 Nc6 9.d3 b6 10.Nd2 Be6 11.Nd5 Qd7 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Ne4 Bg7 14.Nc3 Bh3 15.Nd5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Ne7 17.f4 Nxd5 18.cxd5 Rae8 19.e4 f5 20.fxe5 Bxe5 21.Bxe5 Rxe5 22.Qc2 f4 23.Qe2 fxg3 24.Rxf8+ Kxf8 25.Rf1+ Kg7 26.Qf3 Qe7 27.hxg3 Rg5 28.Qf2 h5 29.Qf4 Rg4 30.Qf3 Rg5 31.Qf4 Re5 32.Qf3 b5 33.Rf2 c4 34.dxc4 bxc4 35.bxc4 Rg5 36.Qc3+ Kh7 37.Rf4 Re5 38.Qf3 Kg7 39.Kf1 g5 40.Rf5 Rxe4 41.Rxg5+ Qxg5 42.Qxe4 Qxg3 43.Qe7+ Kg6 44.Qe6+ Kg7 45.Qe7+ Kg6 46.Qe8+ Kg7 47.Qxh5 Qf4+ 48.Ke1 Qxc4 49.Qg5+ Kf7 50.Qf5+ Kg8 51.Qg6+ Kh8 52.Qg2 Qc1+ 53.Ke2 Qc2+ 54.Kf3 Qxg2+ 55.Kxg2 Kg7 56.Kg3 a5 57.Kf4 Kf6 58.a4 Kg6 59.Kg4 Kf6 60.Kf4 ½-½

Earle Wikle (1993)

Keith Oxman (1904)

Round 2

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bc4 e6 6.0-0 dxe5 7.dxe5 Be7 8.h3 Bh5 9.Qe2 c6 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.Re1 Nc5 12.Bd2 Nxd3 13.Qxd3 Qb6 14.Na3 Bg6 15.Nc4 Bxd3 16.Nxb6 Nxb6 17.cxd3 0-0-0 18.d4 Nd5 19.a3 h6 20.b4 a6 21.Reb1 Nc7 22.a4 Rd5 23.Be3 Rhd8 24.Nd2 Rxd4 25.Bxd4 Rxd4 26.Ra2 Rxb4 27.Rc1 Bg5 28.Rcc2 Bf4 29.g3 Bxe5 30.Nc4 Rb1+ 31.Kg2 Re1 32.f4 Bd4 33.Nd6+ Kb8 34.Nxf7 Nd5 35.Rd2 c5 36.Nd6 Kc7 37.Nc4 Nc3 38.Rac2 b5 39.axb5 axb5 40.Ne5 Bxe5 41.fxe5 b4 42.Rf2 Rxe5 43.Rf7+ Kc6 44.Rxg7 Re2+ 45.Rxe2 Nxe2 46.Rg8 Nd4 47.Rb8 b3 0-1

Joshua Samuel (1917)

Sam Bridle (1838)

Round 2

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.d5 Nb8 6.h3 Bg7 7.Be3 c6 8.Qd2 Qa5 9.0-0-0 cxd5 10.exd5 Bd7 11.Kb1 b5 12.Ne4 b4 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6 14.Bh6 Qb6 15.g4 Rg8 16.Be3 Qb7 17.Be2 a5 18.Rhe1 a4 19.Bd4 Bxd4 20.Qxd4 Na6 21.Bxa6 Rxa6 22.Re3 e5 23.dxe6 Bxe6 24.Ng5 d5 25.Nxh7 Kd8 26.Nf6 Rf8 27.Ne4 Ra5 28.Nc5 Qc6 29.Nxe6+ fxe6 30.Qxb4 Rc5 31.Rxe6! 1-0

Dean Brown (1415)

Robert Carlson (1562)

Round 2

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 e6 8.Be3 Ngf6 9.Qd2 Be7 10.0-0-0 Nd5 11.a3 Qc7 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.Rhe1 Nxe3 14.Qxe3 0-0-0 15.h3 Nb6 16.Ne5 Rhf8 17.Nxg6! Nd5 18.Nxe7+ Qxe7 19.Qe5 Qf6 20.Ne4 Qxe5 21.dxe5 Rd7 22.c4 Nf4 23.Rxd7 Kxd7 24.Rd1+ Kc7 25.Kc2 b6 26.h4 Ng6 27.h5 Nxe5 28.c5 Rh8 29.cxb6+ axb6 30.Rh1 f6 31.h6 Rxh6 ½-½

Sam Bridle (1838)

Jayne Perry (1835)

Round 3

1.b3 Nf6 2.Bb2 e6 3.e3 c5 4.f4 Qc7 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Na3 a6 7.Nc4



Keith Oxman - Brian Wall / Round 4

b5 8.Nce5 d6 9.Nxc6 Qxc6 10.Be2 Be7 11.0-0 Bb7 12.Qe1 Nd7 13.Bxg7 Rg8 14.Bb2 0-0-0 15.c4 b4 16.a3 a5 17.axb4 axb4 18.d4 Rg4 19.d5! exd5 20.Nd4 Rxc2+ 21.Kxc2 cxd4 22.Bf3 Rg8+ 23.Kh1 Nc5 24.Rg1 Rxc2+ 25.Kxc2 Nd3 26.Qe2 Nxb2 27.Qxb2 dxe3 28.Bxd5 Qc5 29.Bxb7+ Kxb7 30.Kg2 Qh5 31.h3 Qf5 32.Qd4 Qc2+ 33.Kf3 Qf2+ 34.Ke4 Qc2+ 35.Kxe3 Qxb3+ 36.Qd3 Qxd3+ 37.Kxd3 Bf6 38.Ra5 Kc6 39.Rh5 b3 40.Rxh7 b2 41.Kc2 Kc5 42.Rxf7 Bd4 43.Rc7+ Kb6 44.Rc8 1-0

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Round 3

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.g3 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Bg2 Nfd7 7.0-0 c5 8.c4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Qb6 10.Qd2 a5 11.Na3 Nc6 12.Rfd1 a4 13.Nab5 axb3 14.axb3 Rxa1 15.Bxa1 Nc5 16.Qe3 Ne6 17.Nxc6 Qxe3 18.Nxe7+ Kh8 19.Bxg7+ Nxc7 20.fxe3 Bg4 21.Bf3 Bf5 22.Nxf5 Nxf5 23.Kf2 1-0

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1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qe2 b6 9.Bg5 Bb7 10.0-0-0 Bxf3 11.Qxf3 Nd5 12.Bxe7 Nxe7 13.Rhe1 Nf6 14.Kb1 Ned5 15.Ne4 Rb8 16.c4 Nxe4 17.Qxe4 Nf6 18.Qh4 h6 19.g4 Nd7 20.Qg3 c5 21.d5 exd5 22.cxd5 Re8 23.Bb5 Rxe1 24.Rxe1 Nf6 25.d6 Qe8 26.d7 Nxd7 27.Bxd7 Qb7 28.Qxb8+ 1-0

Keith Oxman (1904)

Charles Alexander (1800)

Round 3

1.e4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.d4 c5 4.Nc3 Qa5 5.Be3 Nf6 6.Qd2 Ng4 7.Nb5 Qxd2+ 8.Bxd2 Na6 9.c3 0-0 10.Be2 Nf6 11.e5 Nd5 12.0-0 cxd4 13.Nbxd4 b6 14.Rfe1 Bb7 15.Bd3 Rac8 16.Rac1 e6 17.Bb5 Rc7 18.Ba4 f6 19.Nb5 Rc4 20.Bc2 fxe5 21.Nxe5 Bxe5 22.Rxe5 Nf6 23.Nd6 Rc7 24.Nxb7 Rxb7 25.f3 Nc5 26.Be3 d6 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.Rxe6 Rxb2 29.Rxd6 c4 30.Rc6 Nd5 31.Re6 Nxc3 32.Bd1 Rd8 33.Re1 Rdd2 34.Rxc3 Rxc3+ ½-½

Brian Rountree (1903)

Robert Carlson (1562)

Round 4

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Be3 Nd7 6.Nge2 dxe4 7.fxe4 Ngf6 8.Qd3 Be7 9.Ng3 Ng4 10.Bg1 Bh4 11.0-0-0 Ngf6 12.e5 Bg5+ 13.Kb1 Nd5 14.Nge4 Be7 15.Qg3 Nxc3+ 16.Nxc3 0-0 17.Be3 g6 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Bd3 Bf8 20.Bg5 Be7 21.Ne4 Bxg5 22.Nxc3 h6 23.Nxf7! Kxf7 24.Qxc3+ 1-0

Charles Alexander (1800)

Brad Lundstrom (1987)

Round 4

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.c4 Nf6 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Rb1 a5 6.Nf3 d6 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.d4 c6 9.b3 Qc7 10.Bb2 e5 11.d5 cxd5 12.cxd5 Nc5 13.Rc1 Qe7 14.Ng5 Bf5 15.e4 Bd7 16.Rc2 b5 17.f3 b4 18.Nb1 Bb5 19.Rff2 Nfd7 20.Nh3 Bh6 21.Bf1 Bxf1 22.Rxf1 f5 23.Nf2 fxe4 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.fxe4 Rxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Nc5 27.Re2 Rf8+ 28.Kg2 Qf7 29.Nd2 Bxd2 30.Qxd2?? Qf1# 0-1

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Round 4

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Bd7 8.Be2 Qa5 9.Nb3 Qc7 10.Qd3 b5 11.a3 Nc6 12.Qe3 Na5 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.0-0 Rc8 15.Kh1 Bc6 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Nd5 Qd8 18.Rad1 h5 19.Nb4 Qc7 20.Nxa6 Qb7 21.Nb4 Bxe4 22.Bf3 Bxf3 23.Rxf3 f5 24.c3 Be7 25.Nc2 Qe4 26.Qd3 Qxd3 27.Rdx3 Kd7 28.Nd4 Rb8 29.Rde3 Bf6 30.Nb3 Rbc8 31.Rd3 Rc4 32.Nd4 Bxd4 33.Rxd4 Rxd4 34.cxd4 b4 35.Rb3 Kc6 36.Kg1 Kd5 37.axb4 Rb5 38.Kf2 Kxd4 39.Rh3 Rxb4 40.b3 Ke4 41.Rf3 d5 42.g3 d4 43.Ke2 Rb8 44.Rd3 f6 45.Kd2 Ra8 46.Ke2 e5 47.Rd2 Rb8 48.Rb2 Rb4 49.Kd2 d3 50.Kc3 Rb8 51.b4 Ke3 52.b5 d2 53.Rb1 Ke2 54.Rb2 Rc8+ 55.Kb4 e4 56.b6 Kd3 57.Rb3+ Kd4 58.b7 Rb8 0-1



COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

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

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

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

Chess Knights: (Highlands Ranch) Meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00pm. Highlands Ranch Library, 9292 Ridgeline Boulevard, 80129.

Information is also available on the Chess Knights' Web site at HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.

Contact: Frank Atwood (720) 260-1493 or by email: FrankAtwood@HighlandsRanchLibraryChess.org.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Fort Collins Chess Club: 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_teyana@msn.com.

On the web - groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess.

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

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

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

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. 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 or contact Victor Creazzi at (303) 332-7039.

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

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

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

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

Parker Chess Club: Meets every Thursday from 7:00-9:00pm at the new Parker library in Parker, CO. All levels and ages welcome. Contact John Brezina at skibrezina@gmail.com.

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

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

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



The 1975 U.S. Open (& more)

by Curtis Carlson

“People often give up chess too late ... not every chess addict has the talent to become a grandmaster.” - GM Genna Sosonko

“In chess, as in any other sphere, it is the experience of others, supplemented by the knowledge of past generations, which makes progress and creative efforts possible.” - Georges Renaud & Victor Kahn

“I like nonsense, it wakes up the brain cells. Fantasy is a necessary ingredient in living.” - Ginnie Brandsma

“Material imbalance brings, by definition, its own risk & reward.” - GM Ivan Sokolov

“In your twenties you’re just rolling, you feel that anything is possible; there’s no obstacles. If they are in your way, you’re determined just to knock them down.” - Ringo Starr

“May each of us as individuals and as firms collect more in revenue for what we produce than we incur in cost for the resources consumed in producing that revenue. Those who do not profit are a burden on others. Those who do account for the wealth of society. May every person, every economic entity, be a center of profit.” - Nobel-laureate Vernon L. Smith

“I voted today - with my money, by choosing the restaurant where I wanted to eat.” - David McElroy

“Strategy requires thought; tactics requires observation.” - GM Max Euwe

“If I were a clothing manufacturer who outsourced my labor to workers in poorer countries, I’d be very tempted to have a label inside my products that said ‘Proudly made in <country>’, enabling a family to afford a third meal every day.” - Steve Horwitz

“Every game is five ELO points.” - WGM Elisabeth Pahtz

For five years (1974-78) I played in two major August tournaments. The first was the North American Open in Stillwater, Oklahoma, and the second was the U.S. Open wherever it happened to be. Both had twelve rounds; the NAO had two games a day, while the USO had one. It was three weeks of non stop chess! My last article was about the 75th (1974) USO in NY City, so this article will be about the 76th (1975) USO in Lincoln, Nebraska. It’s hard to believe it’s been 46 years since these games were played, but it’s also hard to believe I’m 67 years old. I miss James Hamblin, Dave Jellison, Steve Dykstra, Christine Hendrickson, Bob Shean, Bob Wendling, Cory Boyd, Jack Hursch, Alfred Hulmes, Martin Deschner, Rudy Petters, Jim Bickford, Bill Riley, Haynes Hendee, and many other deceased chess friends. I shared many games and memories with them all.

“When you play against Botvinnik, it seems as though you have a tank facing you.” - GM Paul Keres

“Yesterday, 137,000 people escaped from extreme poverty. That could have been the headline in the New York Times every day for the last 25 years.” - Steven Pinker

“It is not enough to work hard and study late into the night. You must also become intimately aware of the methods you use to reach your decisions.” - GM Garry Kasparov

“At some point I stagnated; I was working, but I wasn’t thinking about exactly how I should work.” - GM Boris Gelfand

After a poor showing in Stillwater I hoped to do better in Lincoln, but only managed an even score after three rounds. I drew 1600 rated Daniel Patterson in round one and lost to 1800 rated Anton Sildmets in round three. My only win was in the second round against eleven year old future GM Joel Benjamin!

“I regard chess as being an equivalent (adequate) exchange.” - GM Mikhail Botvinnik

“One of the best things chess can do for you is teach you to not be impulsive. See a good move? Don’t jump on it, instead you should carefully consider the alternatives; there might be an even better move, or maybe there is a clear refutation to your “brilliant” idea that you hadn’t even considered. Being impulsive is a very bad trait to have as a chess player and probably in life too.” - Chuck Ensey

“Try again. Fail again. Fail better.” - Samuel Beckett

76th US Open

August 11, 1975 / Round 2

Curtis Carlson (2083, age 21)

Joel Benjamin (1600, age 11)

C77 Time Control: 50/150 (<https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=2023069>): 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 (*“When you play the Ruy, it’s like milking a cow.” - GM David Bronstein*) 3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.d3 d6 6.c3 Bd7 7.Nbd2 Be7 8.Nf1 0-0 9.Ne3 g6 10.h3 Re8 11.Bb3 Nh5 12.Ng4 Be6 13.d4 exd4 14.cxd4 d5 15.e5 Bb4+ 16.Bd2 Bxg4 17.hxg4 Nf6 18.Bxb4 Nxb4 19.Qd2 c5 20.Qh6 cxd4 21.0-0 Qc8+ 22.Kb1 Nxc4 23.Qxh7+ Kf8 24.Qh8+ Ke7 25.Qh4+ Kf8 26.Rxd4 Qf5+ 27.Ka1 Nxe5 28.Rxb4 Nxf3 29.gxf3 Qe6 30.Qh6+ Ke7 31.Rxb7+ Kd8 32.Qh4+ Kc8 33.Qb4 Qc6 34.Bxd5 Qxd5 35.Rc1+ Kd8 36.Qb6# My first win over a Grandmaster.

“Beauty in chess is always about quality. A bad move is never beautiful.” - Dr. Christian Hesse

“Perhaps Rubinstein was also a genius of positional chess, and his playing style was also very pure; but he was a bad tactician.” - GM Boris Spassky

“The world is likely to experience a massive increase in economic growth and well-being. And nobody will be particularly impressed.” - John Mueller (1997, referring to the 21st century).

This was my only game with former US champion Joel Benjamin, who became an IM in 1980 and a GM in 1986. He is the author of *Better Thinking Better Chess, American Grandmaster, Liquidation on the Chess Board*, and other fine books. Between chess tournaments he found time to get married, have two children, and get a Yale University history degree. Joel and his family live in New Jersey. I believe he is retired from tournament play.

“The world is a narrow bridge, and the important thing is not to be afraid.” - R. Nahman of Bratzlev

“The mistakes are all there, waiting to be made.” - GM Savielly Tartakower

“To preach morality is easy, to give it a foundation is hard.” - Arthur Schopenhauer

76th US Open

August 12, 1975 / Round 3

Anton Sildmets (1800, age 50)

Curtis Carlson (2083, age 21)

B92 Time Control: 50/150 (<https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=2050177>): 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.a4 Nbd7 9.Be3 Be7 10.0-0 11.Kh1 Qc7 12.f4 Rfc8 13.f5 Bc4 14.Rf2 d5 15.exd5 Bb4 16.Bxc4 Bxc3 17.Bf1 Bxb2 18.Rb1 Ba3 19.c4 Ne4 20.Rc2 Ndc5 21.Nxc5 Bxc5 22.Qf3 Nf6 23.Rcb2 e4 24.Qf4 Bxe3 25.Qxe3 Qxh2+ 26.Kxh2 Ng4+ 27.Kg3 Nxe3 28.Kf4 Nxf1 29.Rxf1 Rxc4 30.Rxb7 Rxa4 31.Rfb1 Re8 32.Ke3 Ra3+ 33.R1b3 Rxb3+ 34.Rxb3 Kf8 35.d6 Ra8?? (A blunder. I thought I was winning, but now lose! Right was 35...a5=+, 35...f6=, or 35...Re5=) 36.Kxe4+- a5 37.Kd5 a4 38.Re3 a3 39.d7 a2 40.Ra3! Rb8 41.Kc6 Ke7 42.Rxa2 Rd8 43.Re2+ Kf6 44.g4 Kg5 45.Re7 Kxg4 46.Rxf7 h5 47.Kd6 Ra8 48.Ke6 Ra6+ 49.Ke7 Ra7 50.Ke8 Ra8+ 51.d8Q Rxd8+ 52.Kxd8 h4 53.Ke7 h3 54.Ke6 1-0. This was my only loss, and could have resigned anytime after White's 40th. I paid dearly for my carelessness, but rebounded and won five of my next six.

“Behold the envy created by socialism! The desire for someone to NOT have something!” - Keith Weiner

“Life is like a game of chess. I don't know how to play chess.” - Anonymous

“That ship that blocked the Suez did what tariffs do every day.” - Patrick Carroll

This was my only tournament game with Anton Sildmets (1925-2007), who won the 1964 Golden Knights (correspondence) Championship. In 1979 I was losing our only postal game when he unexpectedly withdrew and gave me the full point. He was a dangerous opponent.

“Associate with people who are likely to improve you.” - Seneca

“The emotion that drives conformists to ‘belong,’ is not loneliness, but fear - the fear of intellectual independence and responsibility.” - Ayn Rand

“I shall make forty good moves, and if you can match them, fine. I'll offer a draw.” - GM Vasily Smyslov

76th US Open

August 17, 1975 / Round 7

Alan Anderson (1884, age 19)

Curtis Carlson (2083, age 21)

B25 Time Control: 50/150 (<https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=2023070>): 1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 Nc6 6.f4 e6 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0 Rb8 9.Be3 Nd4 10.Qd2 b5 11.Nd1 b4 12.c3 Nxf3+ 13.Bxf3 bxc3 14.bxc3 Qa5 15.d4 0-0 16.dxc5 d5 17.Rf2 Rd8 18.e5 Nf5 19.Bd4 Bf8 20.g4 Ng7 21.Qe3 Rd7 22.Nb2 Rc7 23.Nd3 Ba6 24.Nb4 Bc4 25.Nd3 Bxd3 26.Qxd3 Bxc5 27.Rb1 Rxb1+ 28.Qxb1 Qb6 29.Qxb6 Bxb6 30.Rb2 Rxc3 31.Bxb6 axb6 32.Rxb6?+- (32.Kf2=) 32...Rxf3 33.Rb8+ Ne8 34.Rxe8+ Kg7 35.Ra8 Rxf4 36.h3 Re4 0-1 Not all my luck is bad!

“It blows my mind how many people don't understand the difference between opposing something being mandatory, and opposing the thing itself.” - Zuby

“He stands a little better, but I think I shall win.” GM Efim Bogojubov, referring to his game with World Champion Max Euwe (Nottingham 1936).

“Any state, any entity, any ideology that fails to recognize the worth, the dignity, the rights of man, that state is obsolete.” - Rod Serling

This is my only game with Arizona's Alan Anderson. He is one of my oldest Facebook friends.

“My confidence in socialism (that is political utopia) vanished when I realized that the world was not merely a place of economics. My faith in ideology departed, when I began to see that ideological identification itself posed a profound and mysterious problem.” - Jordan B. Peterson

“I do not limit myself to the game at hand, but am looking for the stable point in the flight of the appearances, most often I abstract from the specific case to the general, and I set up a number of principles and doctrines, whose knowledge will improve the level of play enormously.” - GM Siegbert Tarrasch

“We are our choices.” - Jean-Paul Sartre

76th US Open

August 19, 1975 / Round 9

Paul Shannon (1825, age about 25)

Curtis Carlson (2083, age 21)

B20 Time Control: 50/150 (<https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=2023071>): 1.e4 c5 2.b4 cxb4 3.c4 bxc3 4.Nxc3 e6 5.Bc4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Qe2 d6 8.0-0 Be7 9.d4 0-0 10.Rd1

d5 11.Bb5 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 Qd5 14.Qe2 Bf6 15.Ba3 Rd8 16.Bxc6?-/+ Qxc6 17.Rac1?+/+ Qa4 18.Qe3 Bd7 19.Ne5 Bc6 (**Better was 19...Be8**) 20.Qb3? (**20.Nc6 bc 21.Qb3 is harder for Black to win**) 21...Qxb3 21.axb3 Bd5 22.Rd3 Rac8 23.Rxc8? Rxc8 24.Ng4 Be7 0-1 This was my only game with Paul Shannon, who (**like me**) finished with 8.5 points. He is a formidable correspondence player.

"In chess it is important not what, but how." - GM Alexander Alekhine

"Every good marriage is a partnership of self-improvement. On our own - or with lousy partners - we will become victims of the worst traits that we've always had." - David McElroy

"Capitalism is what happens when you leave peaceful people alone. Socialism is what happens when you don't. Capitalism is spontaneous, natural order. Socialism is just some bully's orders." - Lawrence W. Reed

76th US Open
August 20, 1975 / Round 10
Curtis Carlson (**2083, age 21**)
Timothy Taylor (**2358, age 22**)

C12 Time Control: 50/150 (<https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=2023072>): 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.e5 h6 6.Bd2 Bxc3 7.bxc3 Ne4 8.Qg4 g6 9.Bd3 Nxd2 10.Kxd2 c5 11.Nf3 Bd7 12.h4 Nc6 13.Qf4 Qa5 14.Rab1 0-0-0 15.Rb5 Qxa2 16.Rhb1 c4 17.Be2 Qa6 18.Rxb7 Qxb7 19.Rxb7 Kxb7 20.Kc1 Kc7 21.Qxf7 Rb8 22.Nd2 Rb6 23.f4 Rhb8 24.h5+- a5 (**IIRC Black took half an hour on this move. The a pawn's advance is easily stopped.**) 25.hxg6 a4 26.Nxc4! dxc4 27.Bxc4 Re8 28.g7 Ne7 29.g4 Kd8 30.f5 exf5 31.e6 Bb5 32.Ba2 fyg4 33.c4 g3 34.cxb5 Rg8 35.Qf8+ Kc7 36.Qxe7+ Kb8 37.Qf7 g2 38.Qxg8+ Ka7 39.Qf7+ Rb7 40.Qxb7+ Kxb7 41.Bd5+ 1-0 Not the greatest game ever played, but winning this game was one of the greatest moments of my life. It was especially satisfying after losing our previous game ([see my last article](#)).

"Sometimes chess is just a game, and sometimes a story is just a story." - GM David Smerdon

"Because opportunity cost is "unseen," however, meaning that forgone uses of our resources are not actually realized and hence must be imagined, it is easy to neglect or forget them. But opportunity cost cannot be evaded by being ignored, and it is no less real for being unseen." - James Otteson

"Perception trumps facts." - Jack McCoy (fictional TV character).

This was the second time I played Tim Taylor in the 10th round of a USO, and our last rated game. He tied for first (**with Vance Aandahl**) in the 1970 Denver Open and was 1976 Pennsylvania champion. He became an IM in 1982 and has defeated several grandmasters in tournament play. For several years he has resided in southern California and still plays actively at age 68.

"Someone can make twenty errors in tennis, but eventually win a match, whereas one seemingly insignificant error in chess can have irreparable consequences." - Bjorn Borg

"Resorting to violence is like riding a wild elephant thinking you can steer it." - Randolph Bourne

"The problem isn't that some people pay 'starvation level wages'. The problem is that some people haven't acquired the skills to justify paying them more than 'starvation level wages' without becoming a charity rather than a business." - Cole James Gentles

76th US Open
August 21, 1975 / Round 11
Curtis Carlson (**2083, age 21**)
Curt Brasket (**2300, age 43**)

B94 Time Control: 50/150 (<https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=2051741>): 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Bc4 h6 8.Bh4 g6 9.Qe2 Bg7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.Bb3 Qa5 12.Kb1 Nb6 13.h3 Bd7 14.f4 e5? 15.Nf3 exf4 16.Rxd6+- g5 17.Bf2 Bc6 18.Qd2 Ne8 19.Rd3 Kh8 20.Nd5 Qxd2 21.Rxd2 Nc8 ½ - ½ White is winning, but out of fear of his 2300 rating I agreed to a draw. It's too bad (**for me**) he wasn't a B player!

"Nobody but a fool or an impostor pretends that he, as an individual, has a right to punish other men for their vices." - Lysander Spooner

"Forever dwells in that moment. Hope is what remains to be seen." - Anonymous

"Free people can meet any challenges. Government makes problems worse and creates new ones." - David E. Shellenberger

This was my only game with sixteen time Minnesota champion FIDE Master Curt Brasket (**1932-2014**), who also played in the 1950 US Open in Detroit and the 1999 US Open in Reno. He was well known across the country and could have been an IM.

"Ad hominem is a fallacy, not an argument." - Donald J. Boudreaux

"Education isn't only taught, it's lived through experience." - Anonymous

"Leave me alone and I'll make you rich." - Deirdre Nansen McCloskey

76th US Open
August 22, 1975 / Round 12
Larry Nezhni (**2280, age 24**)
Curtis Carlson (**2083, age 21**)

B38 Time Control: 50/150 (<https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessgame?gid=2051742>): 1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 g6 6.e4 d6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Be3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.f3 a6 11.Qd2 Rb8 12.Rfd1 b5 13.Rac1 b4 14.Nd5 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Nxd5 16.exd5 Bxd4+ 17.Qxd4 Qb6 18.Qxb6 Rxb6 19.c5 dxc5 20.Rxc5 Rd8 21.Rc7 Kf8 22.Ra7 Bb5 23.Bxb5 Rxb5 24.d6

Rxd6 25.Ra8+ Kg7 26.Rxd6 exd6 27.Rxa6 Rd5 28.b3 Rd2 29.Ra4 Kf6 30.Kf1 d5 31.h4 h5 32.g4 Ke5 33.Rxb4 Rxa2 34.g5 d4 35.Ke1 Rb2 36.Rb7 Kf4 37.Rxf7+ Ke3 38.Kd1 Rxb3 39.Re7+ Kxf3 40.Kc2 Re3 41.Rg7 Re6 42.Rf7+ Kg4? (Immediately after the game IM Karl Burger said 42...Ke2 won easily.) 43.Rf6 Re2+ 44.Kd3 Rg2 45.Rxg6 Kxh4 46.Kxd4 Kg3 47.Rh6 h4 48.g6 h3 49.g7 Kh2 50.Rh7 Kg1 ½ - ½

Half a point thrown away. 46 years later I still kick myself for blowing this win. (*"I think it's important to be at peace with your choices in life, even if you now regret them or some missed opportunities. Relax and move on..."* - GM Nigel Davies) I wish Stewie Griffin would loan me his time machine so I could go back and get it right.

"We're not perfect, but in some cases perfect is the enemy of good." - Frank Reagan (fictional TV character).

"The transformation of charity into legal entitlement has produced donors without love and recipients without gratitude." - Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia

"When you create complications it is unnecessary to try to see all possible variations ... it is enough to see more than your opponent." - GM Boris Gulko

This was my only game with California master Larry Nezhni, who is a retired Los Angeles school teacher. I don't recall seeing him after this tournament. My 8.5-3.5 finish wasn't as bad as it might have been, but 9-3 was so much better and would have let me win the expert's prize. Chess really is one long regret.

"Do carry with you the lessons derived from defeat, but not the accumulated misery!" - GM Peter Wells

"There are many who find a good alibi far more attractive than an achievement. For an achievement does not settle anything permanently. We still have to prove our worth anew each day: we have to prove that we are as good today as we were yesterday. But when we have a valid alibi for not achieving anything we are fixed, so to speak, for life." - Eric Hoffer

"Forgiveness may be good for the soul, but revenge is good for the self respect." - Anonymous

"...in almost all openings it is possible to find moves that are no worse than the theoretical ones. Generally speaking, chess is far richer than you might suppose it to be on the basis of existing theory, which strives to squeeze it into narrow forms!" - Mikhail Chigorin

Baseball star Mickey Mantle said batting .300 was infinitely better than batting .299, and I can relate; 9-3 would have been infinitely better than 8.5-3.5. Seeing my old games again after so many years makes me wonder how my rating even had four digits. Beating Brian Wall repeatedly created some delusions of grandeur, but as Richard Reti (1889-1929) said, the edges of reality are sharp.

"The opening stage cannot be quantified by a predetermined number of moves; it lasts until a balance is broken or a

specific objective emerges." - GM Alexander Alekhine

"Good people do not need laws to tell them to act responsibly, while bad people will find a way around the laws." - Plato

"Never make fun of someone who speaks broken English. It means they know another language." - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

The 1975 USO crosstable is at <https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chesscollection?cid=1019621>. Even after missing the last round win I finished 23rd out of 370 (the 6th percentile), which was far better than I did in high school (the 95th percentile). How did Coloradans do? John Watson and I had 8.5, Bob Shean 8, Mike McDonald and Dave Jellison 7, Scott Lett 6.5, Jim Olson, Tim Stevens, and Martin Deschner 6, Alan Cassell and Haynes Hendee 5.5, Jim Hammersmith, Chris Hendrickson and Gil Humphrey 5, and Josh Samuel 4. The 8.5-3.5 point group included two future GMs (Yasser Seirawan and Larry Kaufman), and three future IMs (Elliott Winslow, Joe Bradford, and Bill Martz). It felt good to blend in with the greats, but it would have felt far better to have exceeded them. There's nothing like 20/20 hindsight.

"The lonely part about being a chess player is that it's really all up to you." - GM Magnus Carlsen

"I'm tired of being a loser. I'm tired of losing jobs to the grocery store, Lands End, and local construction companies. I'm tired of seeing my hard-earned money end up in the hands of strangers while I sit around consuming things I didn't make. I've become soft and all of these people are taking advantage of my laziness. I think I will start growing my own food, producing my own clothes, and building my own house. It's time that I started winning for a change." - Steve Horwitz

"Free markets turn strangers into honorary friends." - Paul Seabright

Brief Book Reviews

"For most chess players, making too many assumptions and therefore curtailing their consideration of sufficient alternatives count as major weaknesses." - GM Jacob Aagaard

"The Catholic Church alone could wipe out the national debt if all you did was tax their real estate." - George Carlin

"With some notable exceptions, businessmen favor free enterprise in general but are opposed to it when it comes to themselves." - Milton Friedman

1) *The Principles of Chess* (1946)

by James Mason, edited and revised by Fred Reinfeld

This was bought in 1967 with paper route money but unread until 2021 (only 54 years). It's aimed at beginners, but was better than expected. Chessmetrics considers James Mason (1849-1905) the world's strongest player in 1877-78, and his analysis isn't bad when compared with an engine. Recommended for beginners and *Chess Fight Night* star *Pinkamena* (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDszPCLwCAVCGQkIqoyskqw>).

“A little good is worth a vast deal of the indifferent.” - James Mason

“The opening is evidently the most indeterminate and speculative part of Chess. It is in the opening that strategy, as distinguished from mere tactics, is displayed: or that general plan of campaign is outlined, and its basis laid in operations nearly independent of those of the enemy.” - James Mason

“Routine play, be it never so principled and regular, will not do against play with thought in it, breathing the mind and spirit of the player. This is the essence of Chess. It is thought in action, and opposed immediately to thought with present and future intentions; not a reminiscence or revival of the past, in which memory reigns supreme, and the thought of others will serve if you have none of your own.” - James Mason

2) *Questions of Modern Chess Theory* (2008) by Isaac Lipnitsky

I should have read this classic book (quoted by Botvinnik, Fischer, and others) long ago. Chapter 8 alone (critical and settled positions) is worth the price of the book. Even GM Anatoly Karpov claims it stimulates thought. It's unfortunate Isaac Lipnitsky (1923-1959) died young, but his masterpiece lives on. Recommended for serious students and stronger players.

“In chess the side that is better mobilized always has an interest in making direct contact with the opponent as quickly as possible.” - Isaac Lipnitsky

“The stronger a chessplayer is, the less trust he places in theoretical variations and the more he relies on his own creative efforts.” - Isaac Lipnitsky

“Not taking sufficient interest in the concrete peculiarities of the individual position, Steinitz clearly overrated the significance of the principles and rules he had laid down; he supposed them to be suited to all of life's situations.” - Isaac Lipnitsky

“...in chess the most obvious thing sometimes turns into its opposite.” - Isaac Lipnitsky

“Familiarity with a variety of chess ideas enhances our chess culture and widens our imaginative horizons. Its result is a growing ability to play creatively, even in completely different situations - not only by executing the ideas we have intimately explored, but also by devising new ones.” - Isaac Lipnitsky

“Studying the evolution of chess art will never be boring or tedious.” - Isaac Lipnitsky

“In chess, general considerations and specific variations form an elusive whole. The essence of the game is balancing the general and the specific, and doing this shows the class of the player.” - Isaac Lipnitsky

3) *The Longest Game* (2019) by GM Jan Timman

Dutch super GM Jan Timman has a well known and well

deserved reputation as an excellent writer and *The Longest Game* doesn't disappoint. There are many interesting games and memories of five Karpov-Kasparov matches from 1984-1990. Recommended for everyone.

“Chess is rather like mathematics. You need to learn it young to get used to it and get it into your bloodstream.” - Margaret Thatcher, at the London phase of the 1986 match.

“In October 2016, I played a short match with Karpov ... he told me that he hadn't read Kasparov's books. I think he was wise not to.” - GM Jan Timman

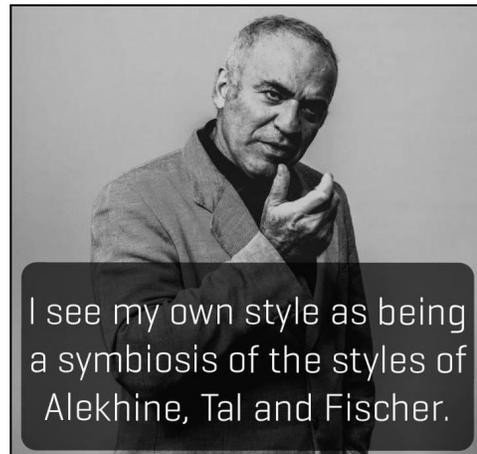
“Kasparov had a special talent for destroying organizations he was heading.” - GM Jan Timman

“Kasparov lost more games to Karpov with the Grunfeld Indian than any other opening. But this time, he had achieved equality without any considerable effort. “What was his mistake?” Seirawan asked. Karpov replied: ‘Little ones. He just let me keep improving my position.’” - Anatoly Karpov, referring to the 17th game of the 1990 match.

“It is one of the hallmarks of Kasparov's attacks, distinguishing them from those of all of his great predecessors ... that when he sacrifices material to launch an offensive there is often a tremendous element of danger to himself in a completely different part of the board.” - GM Raymond Keene, referring to the 20th game of the 1990 match.

“In total, four great blunders were made in the five matches - two by each of the K's. With so many games, that is not much, especially if we consider how great the tension in each was in each and every new game. The first match didn't feature any clear blunders. That was remarkable, seeing that it was the longest of the five matches. Karpov blundered in 11th game of the second match, and also in the 11th game of the fourth match! Kasparov, in turn, blundered in the 18th game of the third match, and in the 7th game of the fifth.” - GM Jan Timman

“In the current century, they played two matches with enhanced playing tempo. In 2002, a 4-game rapid match ended in a tie. Seven years later Kasparov beat his rival in a rapid and blitz match. It was life after death. Their longest game had already been played.” - GM Jan Timman



4) *Five Crowns* (1991)

by GM Yasser Seirawan & IM Jonathan Tisdall

Timman repeatedly cited this book, which focuses the 1990 Karpov-Kasparov match in New York and Lyon. Insightful analysis by Yaz and on site reports by Tisdall (who became a GM in 1993) make it educational and enjoyable. Recommended.

“Like no other player - ever - Anatoly Karpov knows how to use the first rank!” - GM Yasser Seirawan

“...two large libraries, stuffed with researchers, clerks, and assistants, all coming together in battle. After the theoretical discussions, the two players move closer and closer to the critical phase of the game. Then after a small series of exchanges they settle down into an ending, where the two great libraries can catch up with the players.” - GM Boris Spassky, referring to the 4th game.

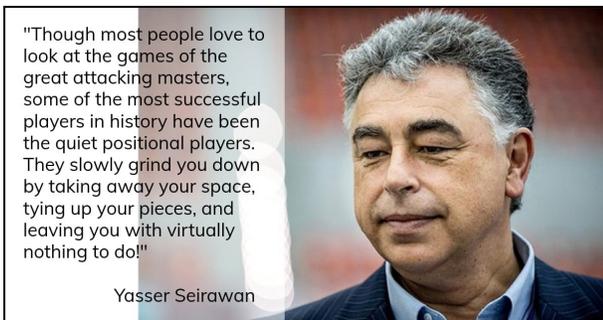
“Forcing the opponent to walk the straight and narrow path is a critical element in controlling and winning a chess game.” - GM Yasser Seirawan

“This is a clear demonstration of Karpov’s skills as a player: quiet moves, one after another, build to a position that suddenly gives you the shivers.” - GM Yasser Seirawan, referring to the 15th game.

“Kasparov is Kasparov, and one of his strengths is that he believes in himself.” - GM Yasser Seirawan

“Karpov’s cautionary move exemplifies one of his strengths, he is a first-rate classical player: pay attention to the center, safeguard your king, develop, then attack. Sound advice for everybody.” - GM Yasser Seirawan, referring to the 15th move of the 23rd game.

“Karpov prefers to maneuver, avoiding positions where a concrete move is decisive.” - GM Yuri Razuvaev



5) *The Method in Chess* (2001)

by GM Iossif Dorfman

A good manual for stronger players and serious students. The author (one of Garry Kasparov’s seconds) puts heavy emphasis on critical positions by comparing static and dynamic features. His move search algorithm is: 1) Find a critical position; 2) Draw up the static balance; 3) Consider the candidate moves and choose a specific move. Between critical positions there are technical phrases. This book takes a long time to digest but will reward careful study.

“In my view, the separation of a game into opening, middlegame, and endgame has no great practical use. To some extent it is even harmful, since already at a very early stage a game often passes through several critical positions.” - GM Iossif Dorfman

“To sense that a position is critical is already a great success.” - GM Iossif Dorfman

“I suggest a regressive scale of static factors, arranged in order of their importance, and certain factors exist in static and dynamic form. Thus, for example, an uncastled king is a dynamic factor, whereas a destroyed king position is undoubtedly a static one.” - GM Iossif Dorfman

“I suggest arranging the static elements in the following order in accordance with their importance: A1) King position. A2) Material correlation. A3) Who stands better after the exchange of queens? A4) Pawn formation.” - GM Iossif Dorfman

“In many games the heirarchy of strategic factors (determining the evaluation of a position) varies, and plans and ideas are transformed. It is this that constitutes dynamism in chess.” - GM Iossif Dorfman

“Preparing for a game with Boris Gulko is a thankless and pointless task. Thus in our short match in 1978, in three Black games he ‘succeeded’ in playing the Ruy Lopez, the French and the Sicilian.” - GM Iossif Dorfman

“Chess players can be divided into two groups: players of the critical moment, and players of the technical phase. To the first group one can assign Alekhine, Botvinnik, Spassky, and Kasparov, and to the second group Capablanca, Smyslov, Fischer, and Karpov.” - GM Iossif Dorfman

5) *Chess Improvement: It’s All in the Mindset* (2020)

by Barry Hymer & GM Peter Wells

A fascinating and well written book by psychology professor Barry Hymer and English GM Peter Wells. It’s based on Carol Dweck’s *Mindset: the New Psychology of Success* (2007), which I read eight years ago. GM Reuben Fine would find CI very interesting, even without Freud! It talks about mindset, motivation, effort, dealing with failure, metacognition and much more. It’s endorsed by Henrik Carlsen (Magnus’ father), GM Daniel King, GM Jonathan Speelman, and many others. It took me two months to read at about an hour a day, but was well worth the time. Not everyone agrees with my opinions (I also highly recommend Ayn Rand’s controversial *Atlas Shrugged*), but like *Atlas Shrugged*, anyone who reads it will benefit whether they like it or not. Very highly recommended.

“It’s easy for me to get along with chess players. Even though we are all very different, we have chess in common.” - GM Magnus Carlsen

“...if your love of playing the game runs deep enough to be able to enjoy defending disgusting positions, this is an advantage and definitely one to be cultivated!” - GM Peter Wells

“No matter what your current ability is, effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment.” - Carol Dweck

“It seems to me that the magic ingredient of chess improvement is the kind of self-awareness and self-conscious appraisal which together form metacognition.” - GM Peter Wells

“There is an enormous difference between the ‘tactics training’ so beloved of juniors, especially in the internet age, and spotting tactics in a game, when a huge part of the skill is knowing when to look in the first place.” - GM Peter Wells

“Jon Speelman once advocated to me that when playing very strong players, priority should be given to ‘learning not to lose.’ If this goal is successfully accomplished, then a player will usually find that wins begin to follow thereafter.” - GM Peter Wells

“We should embrace the emotional challenges of a game of chess as another domain in which a good deal of self-reflection, together with hard work, can give an edge to the player who believes in the possibility that his emotions, like his skills, are not hopelessly immutable.” - GM Peter Wells

“Having no memory of the (often emotionally charged) manner in which a position has arisen is yet one more advantage that computers enjoy in playing chess against fallible humans.” - GM Peter Wells

“Results never matter to me as much as playing a game I can be proud of.” - GM Gawain Jones

“In general, the easiest way to improve is to pick the part of your game that is weakest.” - GM Luke McShane

“I have played some of my best games the day after my worst ones.” - GM Luke McShane

“...it is worth noting Luke’s observation that ‘the vast majority of the best players are somewhat optimistic.’ This calls into question what I suspect is a widely held belief - that objectivity is clearly an asset for playing top-level chess. It is possible that is a world peopled by fallible defenders, fortune frequently favours the brave.” - GM Peter Wells

“I remember GM Danny King once making me laugh by describing the English School of chess as characterized by a willingness to ‘sacrifice a piece for two pawns and a check!’ This is clearly a case in which part of the humor lies intentionally in the caricature, but I did at that time think it was also capturing something approaching a truth.” - GM Peter Wells

“For elite chess players the all-mighty chess engine has changed the ballpark in very fundamental ways.” - GM Peter Wells

“...the practicality of the English School is about making things difficult for the opponent rather than easy for oneself - it is ‘active, dynamic and combative’ but not necessarily focused on attack.” - GM Peter Wells

“Style changes according to how confident you are.” - GM Luke McShane

6) *Karpov’s Strategic Wins 1961-1985* (2011) by IM Tibor Karolyi

76 fine games well annotated by a strong IM. What more to say? Recommended.

“It took Kasparov 72 world championship games to fulfill his dream. He struggled in the early stages of the first match, but succeeded in raising his game and adjusting to Karpov’s play. He became more adept at holding slightly worse endgames and simplified middlegame positions.” - IM Tibor Karolyi

“Opposite-colored bishop middlegames can be hard to judge - or perhaps it would be more accurate to say easy to misjudge. At his peak Karpov created masterpieces from positions of this type.” - IM Tibor Karolyi

“Karpov was able to make the technical phase of the game appear almost effortless.” - IM Tibor Karolyi

“In positions with a space advantage, one of the most effective strategies is to attack on both flanks. The defending side may be able to protect one weakness, but the difficulties associated with transferring defensive pieces from one side to the other will often prove insurmountable.” - IM Tibor Karolyi

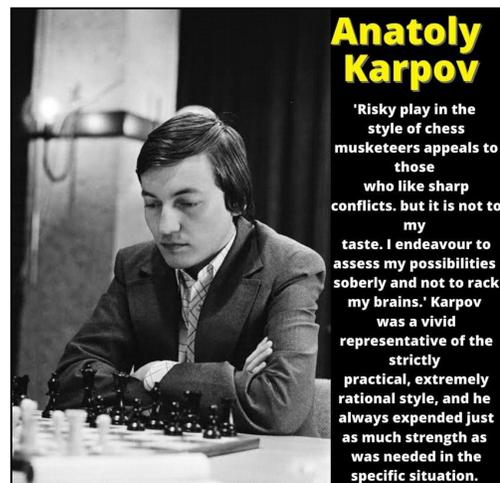
“Karpov reveals the major problem associated with a fortress - zugzwang. It is one thing to build a fortress, but one must also have a spare move to play.” - IM Tibor Karolyi

“...when one’s position contains a weakness, it is often the case that exchanges will only serve to magnify the problem.” - IM Tibor Karolyi

“One of Karpov’s remarkable qualities is that once he decides on a plan he almost always follows it through.” - IM Tibor Karolyi

“Botvinnik once remarked that a world championship match takes a year off one’s life. Perhaps Karpov had to fully recovered his energy, or maybe something else happened in his private life.” - IM Tibor Karolyi, referring to Karpov’s 7/12 result in London 1982.

“By the way, if I had to guess which player in all of chess history introduced the greatest number of new moves in the opening, I would say Korchnoi.” - IM Tibor Karolyi



Useful Links

Capablanca plays Euwe:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuyMzb5_tIU.

More quotes:

<https://chesshope.com/15-best-chess-quotes-of-all-time/>.

German robot vs. Russian robot: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=65YDAXfSAWw&ab_channel=ChessVideoPlus.

GM Vassily Ivanchuk annotates his famous 1991 win over GM Kasparov:

<https://dgriffinchess.files.wordpress.com/2019/09/ivanchuk-kasparov-linares-1991.pdf>.

Grandmaster Howlers:

<https://taylorkingstononchess.files.wordpress.com/2018/02/grandmaster-howlers-v2.pdf>.

IM Levy Rozman (AKA GothamChess) has a million YouTube followers. His entertaining videos are at

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCQHx6ViZmPsWiYSFAyS0a3Q>.

Highly recommended.

“Happiness is not a thing one seeks. It comes to you as a reward for efforts.” - Carl Jung

“...mastery of chess and indeed many other fields depends very largely on a love of the game, and that this love of chess will drive someone towards serious dedication.” - GM Nigel Davies

“Envy is the root of many modern evils. Search your conscience. If you find envy within it, expunge it before it does its awful work.” - Lawrence W. Reed

Epilogue

124 of my games from past, present, and future articles are at: <https://www.chessgames.com/perl/chessplayer?pid=100480>.

Please send corrections, lavish praise, or embarrassing pictures of **Brian Douglas Wall** to curt2309@comcast.net. Like Garry Kasparov, I learn from my own articles as I write them! As always, I appreciate the opportunity to share memories.

“If you’re primarily concerned with your heart being in the right place, it probably isn’t.” - David Schmitz



DCC July Almost Normal Tournament

Please Read Carefully

****At the registration table, all players must submit proof of having received a complete COVID vaccination at least 2 weeks prior to the date of the tournament (7/172021)****

Players are also required to sign a liability waiver at the registration table. The waiver can be reviewed by clicking on this link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1h7qXaNMB6_vcWHY-KTh6OMhx3c6DF8Xp/view.

Date: Saturday, July 31, 2021

Time Control: G/55; d/05

Site: Embassy Suites Hotel on 7525 East Hampden Ave, Denver CO / 303-696-6644
With regards to mask-wearing in the tournament room,
the DCC will abide by the Embassy Suites policy at the time of the tournament.

Registration: Online Only - **No at the door registrations will be allowed. Note: The hotel has removed the 50 player limit. Online Registration closes at 9:00am on 7/31.**

Sections: Open / U1900 / U1500 (Depending on entries, sections may be combined).

Entry Fees: DCC members \$20 - all others \$25.

Prizes: Based on entries.

USCF membership required.

Check in (still required even for online registration): 9:15am - 9:45am.

Round Times: 10:00am / 1:00pm / 3:00pm.

Bye Policy: Half-point bye - Rounds 1 & 2. Zero point bye - Round 3.

Limited DCC sets and clocks available. Better to bring your own equipment.
Tournament Director: Andrew Starr

Questions: Meint Olthof : 720-390-6984 or email meintolthof@gmail.com



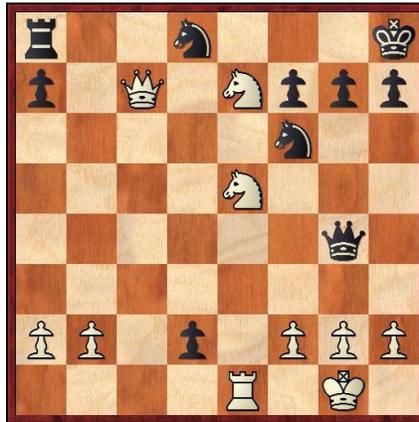
Tactics Time!

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.



1. Mirza Peljto - Randy Canney
Winter Springs Open / 2019
 Black to move



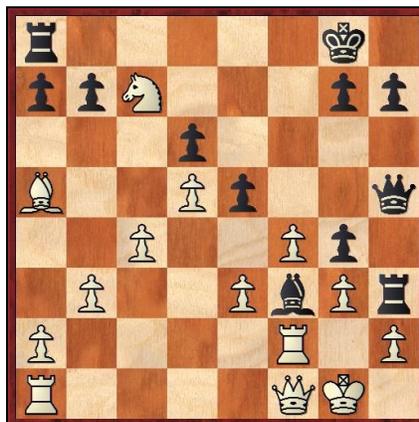
2. Eric Billaux - Charles Alexander
Winter Springs Open / 2019
 White to move



3. Max Higa - Jeffrey Baffo
Winter Springs Open / 2019
 Black to move



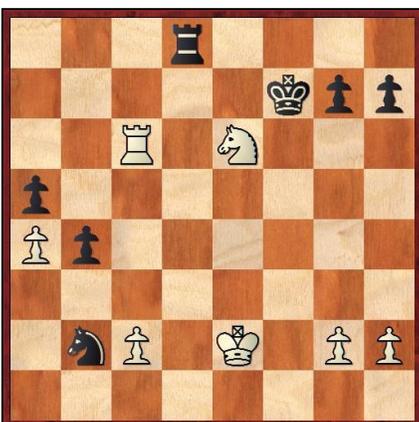
4. Phillip Brown - Randy Schine
DCC Championship / 2020
 White to move



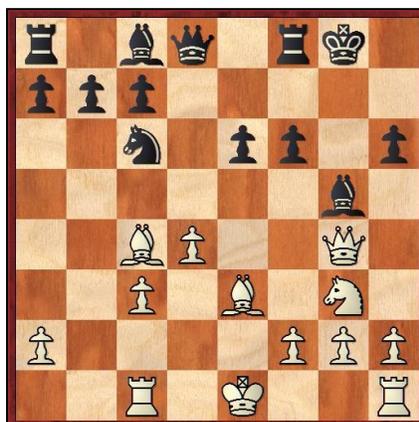
5. John Krue - Jason McEwan
DCC Championship / 2020
 Black to move



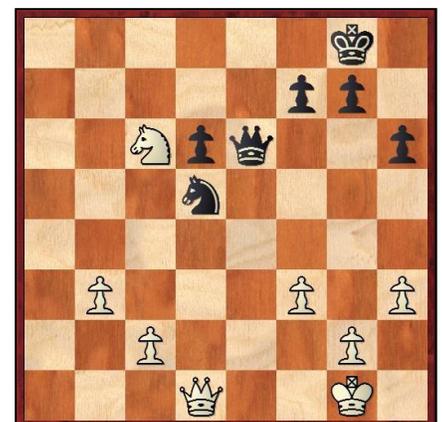
6. J.C. MacNeil - Dean Brown
Tribute to Martin Luther King, Jr. / 2020
 White to move



7. DuWayne Langseth - Gunner Andersen
Winter Springs Open / 2019
 Black to move



8. Austin Cook - Isaac Langer
Winter Springs Open / 2019
 White to move



9. Joseph Morrison - Ilan Sebba
Colorado Open / 2019
 White to move



Tactics Time Answers:

1. **28...Qb1+!! 29.Rxb1 Nc2#** with a beautiful smothered mate!
2. **27.Qxd8+!! Rxd8 28.Nxf7#** Another wonderful queen sacrifice followed by knight check-mate.
3. Jeffrey inflicted Max pain with **18...Nxb3+** overloading the g3 pawn. **19.gxh3 Qxf3**.
4. **25.Rxc6!** If White recaptures with **25...Rxc6**, then **26.Nxe7+**.
5. **26...Rxb3+!!** is a very nice clearance tactic. White cannot recapture because of **27.hxg3 Qh1#**.
6. Dean had a crushing attack going, but got swindled out of a Dubya with **27.Bc4** pinning the queen to the king.
7. White grabbed a pawn on the previous move with **35.Nxe6** but missed the pin **35...Re8** winning the knight.
8. **15.h4** adds another Cook to the kitchen attacking the pinned bishop.
9. **29.Qxd5!! Qxd5 30.Ne7+** forking the king and queen and coming out a piece ahead.



The Chess Detective®

Rook Lift

by NM Todd Bardwick

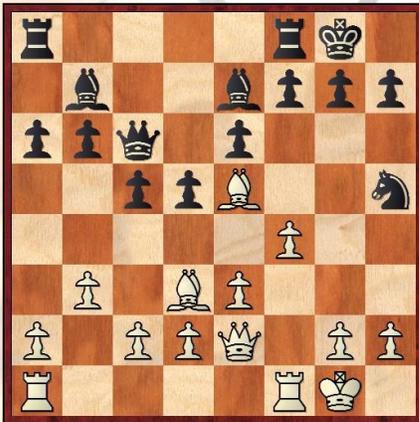
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A rook lift is when a rook moves forward, usually to the third rank, and then in front of pawns (which are still on the second rank), where it can attack on a file into the opponent's territory - usually aiming at the king.

Since the rooks are the second most powerful piece and normally the last to develop, bringing them into the attack in the middle game often provides enough force to win the game.

Here is an example from one of the most famous games of all time involving a double bishop sacrifice from a game played in 1889 in Amsterdam, Netherlands, between Emanuel Lasker and Johann Hermann Bauer. The bishop sacrifices are justified because of the rook lift that follows.

Johann Herman Bauer



Emanuel Lasker

Position after 14...Nh5

15.Bxh7+! Kxh7 16.Qxh5+ Kg8 17.Bxg7! Kxg7 18.Qg4+ Kh7

Johann Herman Bauer



Emanuel Lasker

19.Rf3! (The rook lift threatens mating threats on h3.) 19...e5 (Forced. Black must give up his queen to avoid mate.) 20.Rh3+ Qh6 21.Rxh6+ Kxh6 22.Qd7 Bf6 23.Qxb7 Kg7 24.Rf1 (Bringing in the other rook and renewing the mate threat with a second rook lift after 25.Qd7.) 24...Rab8 25.Qd7 Rfd8 26.Qg4+ Kf8 27.fxex5 Bg7 28.e6 Rb7 29.Qg6 f6 30.Rxf6+ Bxf6 31.Qxf6+ Ke8 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qg7+ Kxe6 34.Qxb7 and White went on to win.

Here is a position from a game between Valery Salov and Anatoly Karpov in Wijk aan Zee, Netherlands, in 1998, where White employs a rook lift to put pressure on the weak a-pawn.

Anatoly Karpov



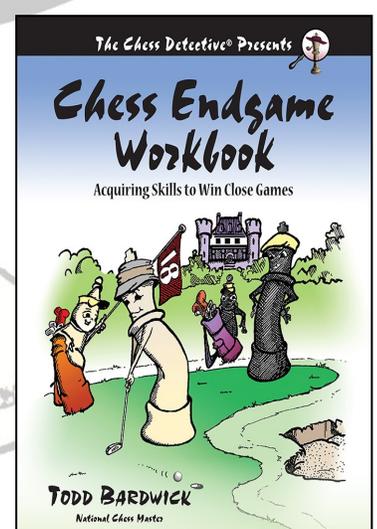
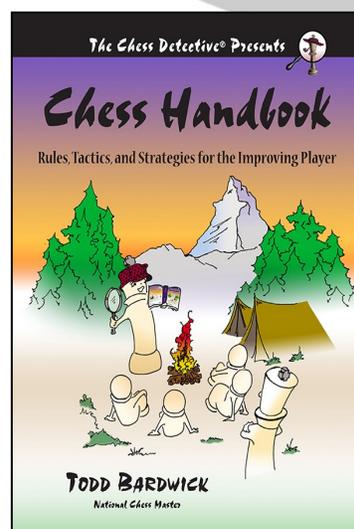
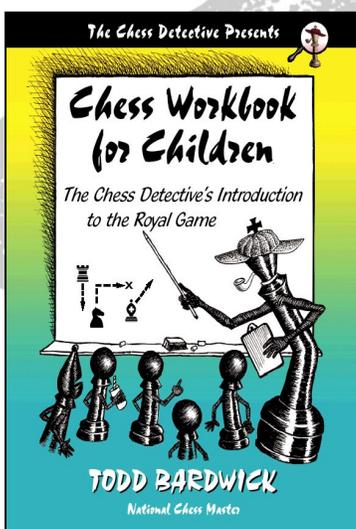
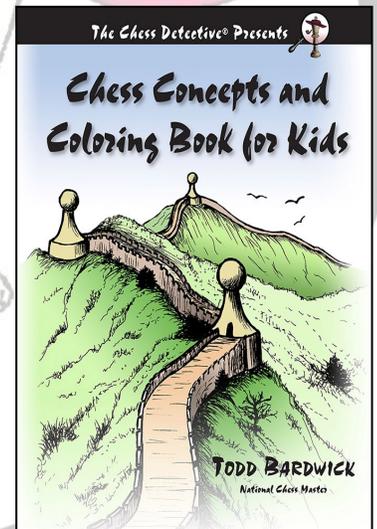
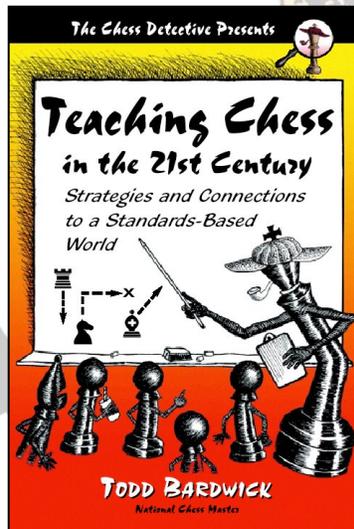
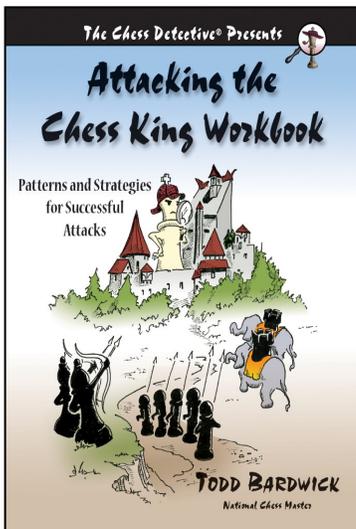
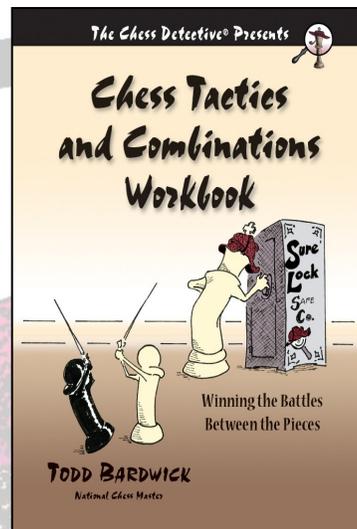
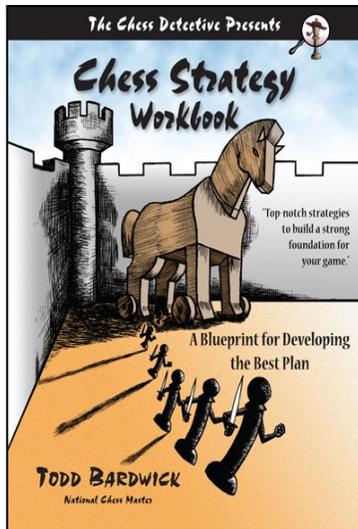
Valery Salov

Position after 14...Qb6

15.Re3! Nd7 16.Rb3 Qa7 17.Rba3 Bb7 18.b4 Qb6 19.Qa4 Be7 (Because of all the pressure on the queenside, Black hasn't had time to castle.) 20.Bb2 Bf6 21.e5! Bxe5 22.c5 Qc7 23.Bxe5 dxe5 24.Bxb7 Rxb7 25.c6 Nb6 26.Qxa6 Qxc6 27.Nc4 Rb8 28.Nxb6 and White went on to win.



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*NM Todd Bardwick's books can be purchased at Amazon.com here:
<https://tinyurl.com/y4dk56ky>*

2021 COLORADO OPEN

September 4-5, 2021
5 Round Swiss Tournament

Rounds 1 & 2: G/90; d/05 - **Rounds 3 -5:** G/90; inc/30
(Second day byes must be requested before Round 1)

Round Times: Saturday (9/4) - 9:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm
Sunday (9/5) - 9:00am, (CSCA Membership Meeting 2:00pm), 3:30pm

Location: Embassy Suites Denver Tech Center North
7525 East Hampden Avenue, Denver, CO 80231

Sections: Championship (Open) / U1900 / U1600 / U1300

Entry Fee: \$45 (If received by 9/1 by mail); \$50 on-site

On-Site Registration: 7:30 - 8:30am (9/4)

(Online registration preferred, register at this link - <https://tinyurl.com/4s8hups5>)

Mail Entries: Richard "Buck" Buchanan / 1 Sutherland Road, Manitou Springs, CO 80829
(Phone: 719-685-1984 / Email: buckpeace@pcisys.net)

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries / Championship 1st Prize at least \$300

*(Denver County CDC Guidelines will be followed -
Those unvaccinated are strongly encouraged to wear a face covering.
Players completing Covid vaccinations prior to this tournament is strongly encouraged.)*

FIDE Master Sunil Weeramantry - Chess Olympian, former NY state champion and stepfather of GM Hikaru Nakamura is visiting Denver to meet our Colorado chess community!

I am happy to announce the Parker Chess club will reopen Monday July 5. Our new weekly schedule will be each Monday from 6-8pm. These changes are due to availability of rooms and new library hours. A special guest, Sunil Weeramantry, will be visiting the Parker Chess club on Monday July 19 from 6-8pm for meeting and casual play. For those who closely follow chess, Sunil needs no introduction. His accolades in chess are too many to name here. As the Executive Director of the National Scholastic Chess Foundation for over 40 years, he has seen many teams and individuals go on to National titles in chess.

A great honor to have him at our club. We will have a very large room reserved for his visit at the Parker library. All are welcome.

Regards, John Brezina / Parker Chess Club

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