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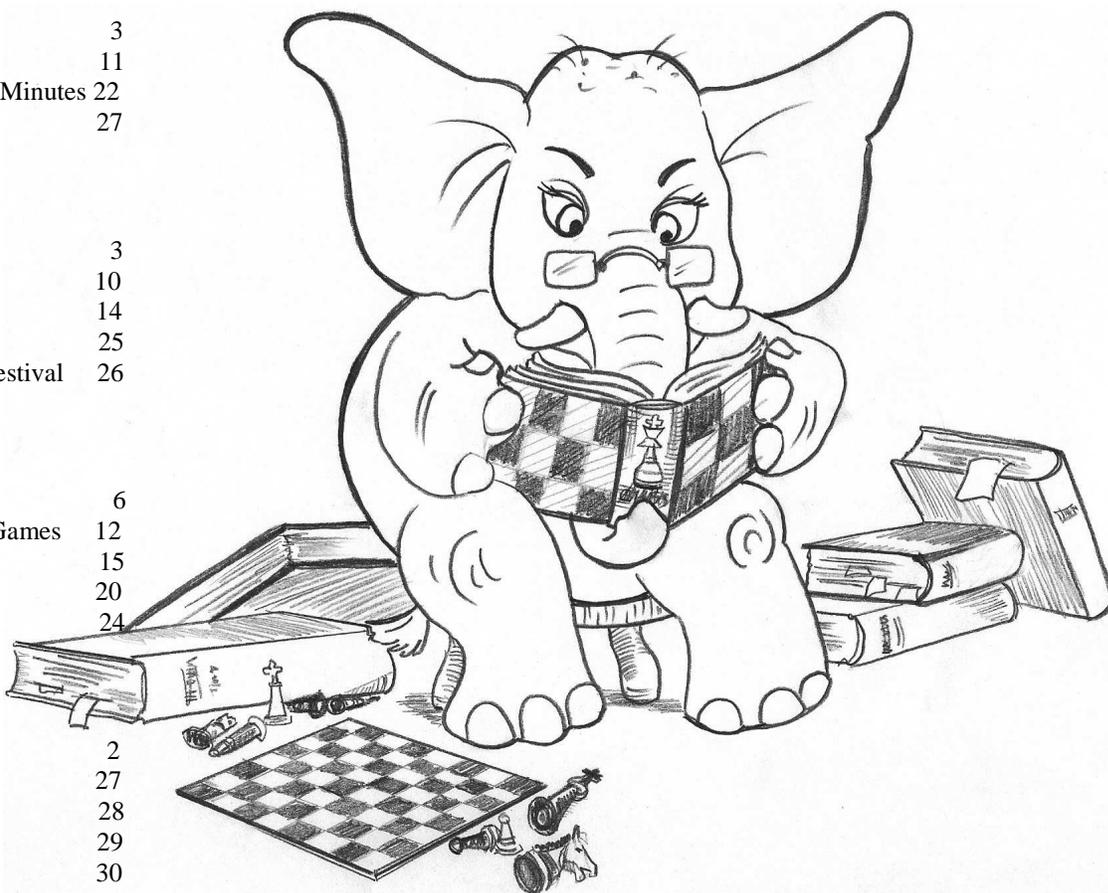
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**“How to Play Chess Like an
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**The Passed Pawn
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Greetings Chess Friends,

Another Colorado Open and CSCA membership meeting are in the history books, and we've got lots of new officers this time around. This time, I've finally got someone courageous enough to take over my old job as Secretary and all the membership updates and CO Tour calculations that go with it. I hope it works out – it'll be nice to free up some time so I can... work on the Informant all the more... sigh... maybe I'll still be busy for a while.

I would like to congratulate Victor Spear in having his very wonderfully worded tribute to David Reynolds published in the September Chess Life. I knew there was something special about it when I published it here last April (April 2007 Informant, page 14), and I'm glad to see it got published in Chess Life as well. And I'd just like to remind everyone: you read it **here** first!

We've also got a sneak preview for a couple books coming up. One's the joint collaborative effort of Anthea Carson and Brian Wall, the children's book How to Play Chess Like an Animal. And for those of you who still dabble in checkers now and then, CSCA member John Cardie has recently published How to Beat your Granddad in Chess and sent me a little something to publish concerning that. Lots of good writing going on lately in the community!

Speaking of good writing, how do these books happen? Its catalyst probably comes from writing a simple article. All of these fore-mentioned authors have written something for the Informant before. We've had many people play some interesting chess games lately, including the ones from the Colorado Open. But I can't publish them without your generous submissions, so let's keep them coming in!

This issue also contains many games from the Pike's Peak Open, several recaps from the Colorado Open and Membership Meeting Open, including bios of all the Colorado Tour winners, a report from the Front Range Chess League, and a depressing endgame from the Wyoming Open.

As for me, I'll probably be the Informant editor for another year before passing on the reins to someone else. As it's not too early to advertise for a replacement, if you've got interest in editing the greatest chess magazine in Colorado, let me know! Candidates need only have access to Microsoft Publisher and a desire to make Colorado Chess a better place through the power of the written word. Maybe later, I'll simply change the requirements to "a pulse"; we'll see.

Enjoy this issue! ☺



RJR

Colorado Open 2007

The 2007 Colorado Open was held September 1st-3rd, at the Ramada Denver Gateway off Speer. It drew 43 participants among the 3 sections. The average rating this year was 1912.

The tournament was again won by Grandmaster **Sharavdorj Dashzeveg**, who has won the tournament for the 4th time now, 3rd straight. He continues his tradition of drawing only to Brian Wall in reaching an impressive 5.5/6 points.

Speaking of traditions, **Leo Sotaridona** continued his of winning the Premier section for the 2nd year in a row (why hasn't he surpassed 1800 by now?). But this time, he had company, as **Chris Peterson** also managed to get 5 points (with 4 wins and 2 draws). Chris won the head-to-head match-up this year between the two players.

In the reserve section, unrated **Erdenebat Tseveendorj** (is that another Mongolian name?) produced the only perfect score in the tournament, notching 6 straight wins.

Congratulations to all these players in their victories!

Membership Meeting Open 2007

There were 26 players at this year's Membership Meeting Open, staying exactly constant from last year. 3 players took on the extra challenge of playing in both the Membership Open and the Colorado Open at the same time, creating a hectic Saturday for them and awkward mini-simuls for those they played.

The games were fiercely decisive, with only 3 draws occurring among the 38 games played. After the 3 round tournament ended, **Richard Buchanan, Tim Brennan, and Chris Peterson** were co-champions with perfect scores.

Congratulations! For the results crosstable, see page 10.



Tyler Hughes (R) plays Daoud Zupa in Round 2 of the Colorado Open, while Renard Anderson ponders his next move. Photo by Randy Reynolds.

Colorado Open -- Open Section

1	Dashzeveg Sharavdorj	2501	2505	W9	D8	W14	W3	W2	W5	5.5
2	Tyler B Hughes	2210	2224	W11	W15	D3	W4	L1	W6	4.5
3	Philip Ponomarev	2338	2336	W7	W6	D2	L1	W4	D8	4.0
4	Renard Anderson	2247	2239	W5	W14	W10	L2	L3	W9	4.0
5	Anthea J Carson	1734	1771	L4	W13	W12	W10	W8	L1	4.0
6	Richard E Herbst	1968	1981	W16	L3	D8	W14	W7	L2	3.5
7	Garrick Talmage	1660	1720	L3	W11	W15	D8	L6	W10	3.5
8	Brian D Wall	2232	2215	W12	D1	D6	D7	L5	D3	3.0
9	Danil Fedunov	1830	1810	L1	L10	W13	D11	W12	L4	2.5
10	Ian Mcmanus	1645	1641	B--	W9	L4	L5	D11	L7	2.5
11	David Twerskoi	1551	1544	L2	L7	X16	D9	D10	B--	2.5
12	Charles R Grubel	1600	1588	L8	W16	L5	W13	L9	U--	2.0
13	Benjami Twerskoi	1184	1193	L14	L5	L9	L12	B--	B--	1.5
14	James E Hamblin	2017	2004	W13	L4	L1	L6	U--	U--	1.0
15	Daoud Zupa	1960	1943	U--	L2	L7	U--	U--	U--	0.0
16	Patrick S Yeager	unr	750	L6	L12	F11	U--	U--	U--	0.0

Colorado Open -- Premier Section

1	Leonardo Sotaridona	1762	1783	W4	W7	L2	W8	W3	W6	5.0
2	Chris Peterson	1720	1759	W6	D3	W1	D5	W9	W4	5.0
3	Dylan M Lehti	1719	1723	W13	D2	D5	D4	L1	W9	3.5
4	Ted K Doykos	1639	1663	L1	W9	W11	D3	W5	L2	3.5
5	Ben D Reilly	1717	1696	D9	W10	D3	D2	L4	D8	3.0
6	Jackson Chen	1617	1610	L2	L13	B--	W7	W12	L1	3.0
7	Randolph Schine	1500	1514	W12	L1	H--	L6	W10	H--	3.0
8	Chaitanya Neuhaus	1445	1456	L11	B--	W10	L1	H--	D5	3.0
9	Norbert Martinez	1566	1577	D5	L4	W12	W11	L2	L3	2.5
10	Dashzeveg Samdan	1400	1392	B--	L5	L8	D12	L7	D14	2.0
11	Emanuel J Weiss	1640	1619	W8	H--	L4	L9	U--	U--	1.5
12	James C MacNeil	1653	1597	L7	H--	L9	D10	L6	U--	1.0
13	Aaron Lear	1600	1605	L3	W6	U--	U--	U--	U--	1.0
14	Kenneth P Doykos	1800	1791	U--	U--	U--	U--	U--	D10	0.5

Colorado Open -- Reserve Section

1	Erdenebat Tseveendorj	unr	1705	W9	W7	W2	W6	W10	W3	6.0
2	Edward F Cronin	1305	1306	W10	W11	L1	W4	L3	W7	4.0
3	Ernesto R Guerra	1242	1231	W13	W12	L6	W9	W2	L1	4.0
4	Ryan Snodgrass	1159	1143	L11	W5	W12	L2	W9	W10	4.0
5	Gary C Crites	1141	1080	D6	L4	W13	L10	W11	W12	3.5
6	Christopher Ridout	113	425	D5	W8	W3	L1	L7	W13	3.5
7	Marco A Guerra	1226	1181	B--	L1	L10	W8	W6	L2	3.0
8	Gregory Alan Bain	1005	937	L12	L6	B--	L7	W13	W11	3.0
9	Theron D Guerra	739	767	L1	W13	W11	L3	L4	B--	3.0
10	Losol Amarbayagan	597	746	L2	B--	W7	W5	L1	L4	3.0
11	Julia Ulziisaikhan	unr	874	W4	L2	L9	W12	L5	L8	2.0
12	Ginny Gaige	unr	812	W8	L3	L4	L11	B--	L5	2.0
13	Baatarsukh Munkhsanaa	unr	100	L3	L9	L5	B--	L8	L6	1.0



Philipp Ponomarev (L) and Garrick Talmage ponder their moves, while Renard Anderson and Anthea Carson do the same in the background. Photo by Randy Reynolds.

Observations from This Year's Membership Meeting

By Randy S. Reynolds

It's time again for a bunch of random observations from this year's Colorado Open and Membership Meeting. Is it pointed social commentary hoping to enact change to the community? Or just a bunch of smart alec remarks because there was nothing else to fill this page with?

Decide for yourself. Enjoy!

• Brian Perot

Brian Wall did his best to prove that a three party system doesn't work in America, running for nearly every office (except Junior Representative, though his lackeys tried to nominate him). He lost each and every time, but each time caused a run-off (since there is no winner if no one gets 50+% of the vote), adding time to the elections and delaying the tournament game start times. Someone should remind Brian that Time Delay only refers to the tournament games, **not** to CSCA elections.

I used to be discouraged when someone ran for an office unopposed. After the CSCA elections of 2007, I don't think I'll ever feel that way again.

• Blumenfeld Avenged!

From Buck Buchanan's delegate's report, it appears that the new rule about making your move on the chessboard before writing it has finally been overturned. Ooh, and you can listen to your iPod again, too, while you play! Chess is finally becoming fun again! Anyway, I think it's nice to see that someone read my opinion article about the Monroi in last year's Informant (Oct. 2006, page 21) and decided it was time to reinstate allowing players to write their move down first before making it. Yes, I'm sure it was all me that made this possible. Unfortunately, now that I've had a year's practice of making the move first before writing it, making a potential change back to Blumenfeld's Rule easier said than done.

• 43? You mean 43 in the Reserve section, right?

I think everyone's come to expect a *gradual* decline in most tournaments. Whether you argue it's the Internet chess, the economic times, high gas prices, or just general ennui, it's obvious that OTB attendance has been down lately. But this year's attendance can hardly be considered a decline. It was a steep **plummet** that now has all tournament directors frantically wondering if they could theoretically hold their next tournament outside at a public park somewhere, just to cut down on overhead costs.

• And the winner is... "Et al."?? Who's that?

For starters, let's look at the attendance stats for the last few years of the Colorado Open and Membership Meeting Open. (also shown in below chart)

Year	Colorado Open	Memb. Meet. Open	# of undefeated players
2002	86	20	2
2003	84	23	2
2004	93	27	2
2005	74	17	2
2006	71	26	3
2007	43	26	3

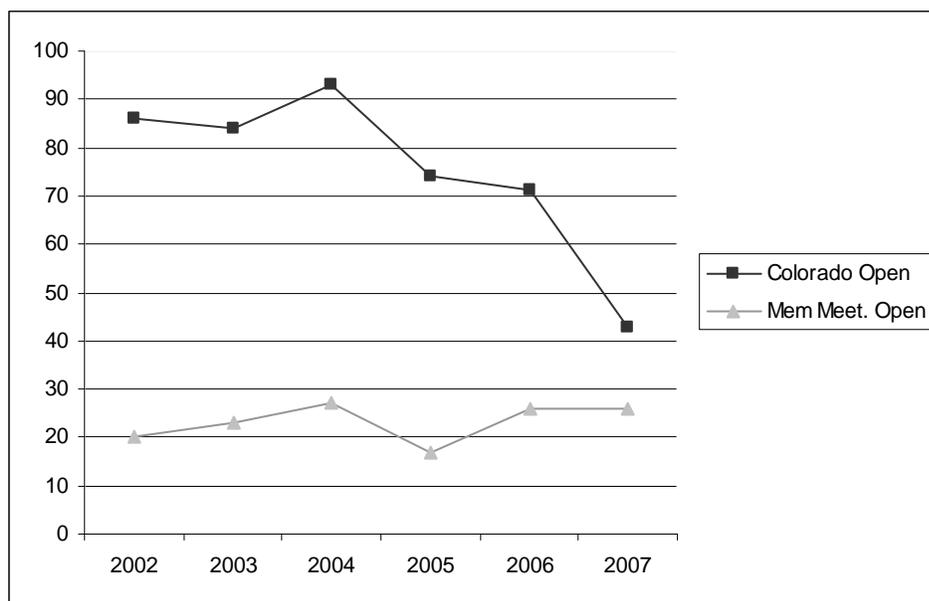
How many more years must we suffer to have this broken Membership Meeting Open tournament? Now don't get me wrong, I

love the tournament itself; it's actually one of the few I've made it to every year. But as a 3 round event, it just doesn't work. For every year except 1, the Membership Meeting Open has had over 20 participants. Should we be surprised then, that we always have 2 or 3 undefeated players every year? What do you say, new CSCA board? Isn't it time to add on another round to this tournament, even at the cost of making rounds G/40? Or even splitting it into a sectional tournament?

We're selfish players. We don't want to share anything with anyone when we know we can beat that "anyone" in less than 20 moves of a Petroff Game. So don't make us. :-)

• Introducing the Back Rank Stroke

And finally, after all the media coverage that's been going on about chess boxing, it's great to hear that chess *swimming* is actually starting to make a comeback. Brian and Anthea reportedly both tried this new fad that's sweeping the chess nation: Swim a lap, make a move in the game, go back and swim another lap. This will be great for when I finally work up the courage to create a Sports Illustrated Swimsuit Issue parody for an upcoming Informant! It's also great because I've got this wonderful blue two-piece that I've been wanting to use that really brings out my eyes and... wait, did I just write that out loud?



by Brian Wall

The King (of chess) and I

Grandmaster Sharavdorj (first name) Dashzeveg (family last name) has not lost a slow game in Colorado to a local player to my knowledge.

Richard Herbst had a few lessons and categorizes his style as:

Richard: "The Grandmaster does not kill you in the opening, he waits to kill you in the ending."

When I drew Richard in the 2007 Colorado Open, I felt like I was playing against the GM's openings.

I once played over every Dashzeveg game in the databases looking for e-mail potential. Most were one pawn endgame grinds, not many flashy attacks. This is due to the heavy competition Sharavdorj has to face as well as his natural style.

It is frightening when the GM focuses intently on the board – he looks like a doctor inspecting a wound or Nietzsche inspecting a concept. The GM's games confuse me but afterwards you will hear in rough English:

GM: "No, endgame lost."

Brian feebly makes a move.

GM, smiling patiently, waves his hands at the problem area trying to convey what he knows but cannot express.

The only times I have seen him in trouble is a rook ending where Tyler Hughes was two pawns up and drew in Fort Collins, Renard Anderson won the exchange at the 2006 Colorado Open and lost and I outplayed him twice, once in the Levy Memorial I was two pawns up in my favorite Bg5 Samish King's Indian Defense, got fancy, sacrificed the exchange and lost. This time in the 2007 Colorado Open I was two pawns up but very nervous and scared because he was beating me up all game and I thought I had 15 minutes for the whole game, not just to reach move 40. One of the reasons for my confusion was I was playing Jacob Zax in the Membership Open at the same time. I was giving a mini-simul.

Robert Ramirez and I blitzed all day, then tag teamed the GM in five minute blitz, back in the good old days when the Denver Chess Club

allowed it.

I used to take the Mongolian Grandmaster upstairs from the DCC and give him English lessons in a romper room. After saying "duck", "goose", and "sheep" for an hour he would show me how he beat GMs Joel Benjamin and Alexander Shabalov. Then we would go for a walk and he would say "car", "street", "house".

The Grandmaster just had a new baby and I would like him to succeed in Colorado with lessons, simul, lectures, etc. Let's keep our one Grandmaster happy!

W: GM Sharavdorj Dashzeveg (2501)
B: Brian Wall (2225)
 Colorado Open (2), September 1st, 2007

5 PM after the CSCA elections (*Ed. note: 5 PM?!? Yeah, right!*)

Playing Jacob Zax in the Membership Open at the same time.

1. d4 g6 2. e4 Bg7 One thing that motivated me was losing a game to Chris Peterson in the Membership Open in a very sick way after missing dozens of wins and draws. I wanted to prove that I could still play chess. It was either beat the GM or throw myself on a flaming Viking ship.

3. Nc3 d6 4. Be3 a6 This was one of my 1 ... a6 subsystems which I have been playing for 35 years. Nowadays this system is called the Tiger Modern after GM Tiger Hillarp-Persson. I beat James Hammersmith and Randy Canney in the 2007 Colorado Closed with it. The advantage is keeping it complicated with a double fianchetto and all the pieces on the chess board. Not a bad idea against an endgame god. The computers don't like it much due to my space disadvantage

but it's a good way to play for a win with Black.

5. a4 b6 6. h3 Bb7 7. Nf3 Nf6! 8. Bd3 13 games, including my old Harvard Square buddy Nate Resika

8 ... O-O Close decision between my move and 8 ... Nbd7 or ... c5.

9. O-O! Nbd7 close decision between my move and 9 ... c5

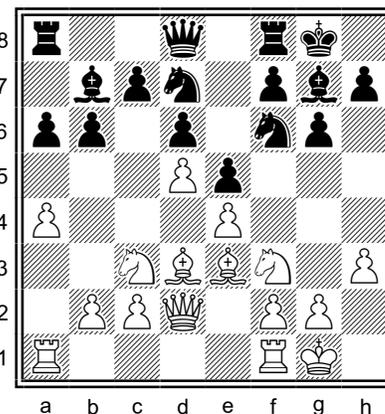
55 games, some by transposition, including World Champion Smyslov and the late GM Wojtkiewicz (pronounced Vote-Kay-vitch as Tim Brennan did in an elevator, impressing the GM).

10. Qd2! close decision between 10 Qd2 and Re1

15 database games, including GM Bent Larsen as White

10 ... e5 10 ... c5! is a good alternative

11. d5 (Diagram) 2 games left, including a Hungarian First Saturday Tourney with Nate Resika.



11 ... c6 12. dxc6 Bxc6 Only Nate and I have reached this position as Black. Gellert Papp played 13 Qe2 Qc7 14 Nd2 d5 against Re-sika.

13. Bh6 Theoretical Novelty by GM Dashzeveg

This happens to me a lot. I was in new territory after 5 a5 b6 but by making logical moves I find out later I was in book 10 moves longer than I thought I was.

I choose moves like a computer, examining everything, missing nothing. At least, that's my model, my hope, my dream.

d5 c6
dxc Bxc6
is what Tiger Modernists dream of, opening squares for my pieces and forcing White to lose time with his d-pawn. I beat 2005 Colorado Closed Champion Jim Hammersmith this way in the 2007 Colorado Closed. It looks like a healthy Sicilian now.

13 ... Nc5 14. Bxg7 Kxg7 I offered a draw 37 minutes down on the clock with Zax hanging tough in my other game. I didn't expect the GM to accept but sometimes it does me good knowing it's a fight to the death.

15. Qe3! Gulp! The GM declined my draw by playing the best move. I am at least equal after any move except 15 Qe3 or Rfe1.

I was reasonably happy with the opening, wondering if I should aim for ... Nc5-e6-f4

I have a very stable position with many moves close in value:

15 ... Nh5!, ... Qc7, ... Bb7, ... Qd7, ... Re8, ... Ne6, ... a5, ... Qe7 or ... Rc8
There are a variety of ways to play this out.

15 ... Qd7 Hitting the a-pawn and maybe intending ... Nc5-e6-f4:h3+ The GM did something similar to Anthea Carson in the last round for all the marbles.

Brian: What was playing the GM in round 6 like for you?

Anthea: Hopeless, like playing God.

16. a5 16 Rfd1, a5 and b3 are good moves. I thought he was setting me up for Nxe5 shots.

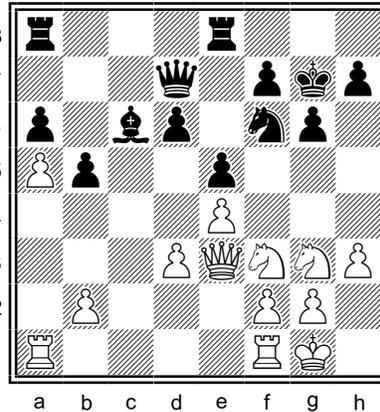
16 ... Nxd3 41 minute time disadvantage now.

17. cxd3 I hated to lose my knight for his giant d3-pawn but otherwise axb and Nxe5 are coming. Now the GM center is rock solid and he can open me up with f4 or d4.

17 ... b5 17 ... bxa and pressuring his b2-pawn down the b-file might be more reliable.

18. Ne2 Opting for a Kingside feed rather than grabbing the center with 18 d4!

18 ... Rfe8 Protecting my e-pawn so I can play ... d5, but now the GM targets my f-file. Close call between 18 ... Nh5, ... Qa7, ... Rfe8, ... h6 and ... Rac8



19. Ng3! (Diagram) The GM's 19th move put me in a 19 minute panic, wondering what to do about 20 Nf5+

My decision was a little radical, since 19 ... Rac8 was more circumspect. When the GM says, "Boo!" I jump. I am fine after 19 Ng3 Rac8 20 Nf5+!? gf 21 Qg5+ Kf8 22 Q:f6 Qe6

19 ... Kh8?! 20. Rac1 Pressuring c6

20 ... b4?! I couldn't stand looking at my dangling bishop attacking nothing so I gave him an active outpost on b5 at the cost of my b-pawn. After 21 Qb6 Rec8 22 Qxb4 Rab8, we're both happy.

21. Ng5 Topalov said he felt like crying when Kramnik started their World Championship match by almost winning the first three games. That's about the way I felt now: I didn't see any way to stem the f-file storm. I wanted to do a "classy" resignation but I didn't think I could explain it to my fans. So I forced myself to just make moves, no matter how hopeless.

I thought I had a good game before.

I was haunted by the suspicion that trading on d3 was all wrong. Maybe I should have aimed my knights at ... f4. I had 23 minutes left. The Mongolian had 92 minutes.

21 ... Rac8 22. f4!! I knew he was winning, because calculating the variations was painful. The only halfway decent moves in this lost position are 21 ... Qe7, ... Kg7 and ... h6

22 ... Kg7 23. Rc2? I knew 23 fxe!! dxe 24 R:f6!! K:f6 25 Rf1+ Kg7 26 R:f7+ Q:f7 27 Nxf7 Kxf7 28 Qa7+ Kf6 29 Qxa6 was miserable for me. The same disaster occurs after 23 fxe Rxe5 24 Rxf6

The GM decides he wants to build more before cashing in.

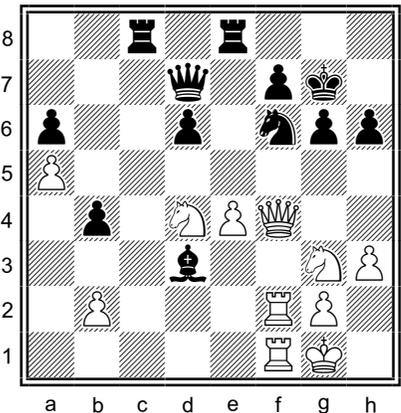
23 ... h6? I was a little punch-drunk from analyzing losses. 23 ... Bb5 24 Rcf2 Rc6 is a better defense.

24. Nf3? The Mongolian is human after all. It's hard to play good moves when your opponent is running out of time. Surely I will blunder badly soon.
24 fxe!! Rxe5 25 Rxf6! or Rcf2!, or 24 fxe!! dxe 25 Rcf2! or Rxf6! are all crushing

24 ... Bb5! Whew, back in the fight. 18 minutes for me, one hour 24 minutes for the Mongolian marauder.

25. Rc2! A scary buildup.

25 ... exf4 I never looked at the 25 ... Rc6! defense at any point in our game.



26. Qxf4 Bxd3 27. Nd4?? (Diagram) I don't expect many endgame blunders but anyone can get confused in a middle game. The idea is Nf5+! The Mongolian maniac had already figured his mistake before the game ended, since he pointed out the correct 27 Ne1! right afterwards. I might survive 27 Ne1 Bxf1 28 Qxf6+ Kg8 29 Rxf1 d5!

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by Brian Wall & Anthea Carson

How to Play Chess Like an Animal Sneak Preview

Q. What is your new book, How to Play Chess Like an Animal, about?

A. The idea for the book stemmed from Brian Wall trying to entertain his 8 year old son Devon, where he gave him a quarter to memorize animal-named openings. Later, he thought all children might enjoy learning about the same thing. The book is dedicated to presenting lots of animal chess openings. Not all are sound, but all the chapters teach principles of chess, even if the opening isn't sound. For example the Zebra opening isn't sound, but from the chapter you can learn about knight outposts in a pretty forgettable way. Even children who are not interested in chess are intrigued with the images and the ideas.

Q. What's the primary age group?

A. The book is aimed for 5 year olds but it has stuff sneaked in to appeal to adults. It is aimed at kids who barely know the rules. The book is intended to have a Winnie-the-Pooh, The Little Prince, or Alice-in-Wonderland quality.

Q. How will this book differ from other chess books for children currently out?

A. Anthea: What makes this book different from other chess books I have seen is the approach is so fun and playful. Not at all serious, not to be taken seriously either. It's for fun, and to get kids into playing chess, specifically kids who don't play or who think chess is boring or only for "nerds."

Brian: I've never seen anything remotely like it. All Chess books for children suck. Boring. I intended the illustrations to take top credit, like Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak. The book would be nothing without the pictures.

After writing for the top of the chess pyramid for 7 years, I wanted to write something that would appeal to anyone. I would buy the book for the title alone.

Q. The illustrations look nice and engaging. Who did the artwork?

A. It is illustrated by a Disney artist. I [Anthea] colorized them and also wrote a few chapters myself in this project. I have never

seen a chess book like this one, illustrated in a bright Disney style like this one. The pictures are the silly chess images that come pouring continuously out of Brian Wall's imagination. Brian and Linn make a very good team. He comes up with the image in his head and she is able to make it appear on the page. And these images actually teach chess. In some ways they teach better than all the dry theory and memorizations do. One good unforgettable image seals the concept in the mind forever.

“Chess is a game, and games should be fun. People forget that about chess and they take it so seriously.”

Linn Trochim Winsted received her art training at the Art Institute of Kentucky and in Europe. Before entering the animation and illustration industry, she worked as a fashion illustrator and designer in Los Angeles. Linn has worked in all areas of animation film making, from painting background and cels to layout and animating. She has animation credits at Hanna-Barbera Studios, Filimation Studios, Orsatti Productions and Incredible Films, and her own studio, Animart Animation Studios and Galleries. Linn has produced many illustrations, through out the years, for children's books and science books.

Q. Have you found a publisher for it yet?

A. Yes, Anthea Carson found a small publisher, Mother House Publishing, who instantly loved it. Jacquelyn Haag, the publisher, teaches chess to children.

<http://home.earthlink.net/~mothershouse/>

Q. When will it be published?

A. October 20, 2007

Q. How long have you two been actively working on the book?

A. 6 months, off and on.

Q. Is the book only about Openings?

A. Yes. Anthea did not want us to lose the original focus. The hardest part for me is what not to put in.

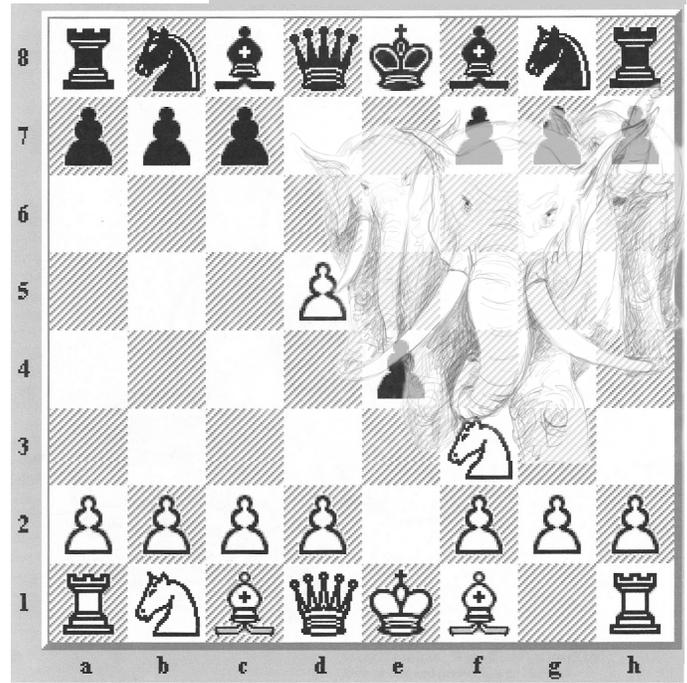
Q. How was the collaboration on this?

A. I (Brian) wrote the first seven chapters for Anthea. Anthea found the publisher. Anthea's mom Phyllis found the illustrator. Anthea acts as co writer and editor, reminding me it's for kids. I am sort of the insane, relentless creator and Anthea somehow takes raw material and crafts it into something workable. Anthea also colorizes the cartoons. More than anything, Anthea believes.

Anthea absconded with my book. She does the Microsoft Word documents, I just do emails to her. I just write like a man possessed and she says - This works or this sucks, what were you on that day?

To promote his new book life master Brian Wall will play in a simultaneous chess exhibition dressed in a lion costume. Any winners will receive a copy of his new book.

*** Friday, October 26th, 6-8 PM, at Poor Richard's Bookstore (320 N. Tejon, Co. Springs)**
*** Sunday, October 28th, 1-4 PM at the Tattered Cover Bookstore (1628 16th St. (at Wynkoop), Denver)**



“Imagine a herd of elephants stampeding down the board after exf3”
 Illustration by Linn Trochim Winsted.

by NM Todd Bardwick

Cutting Off the King

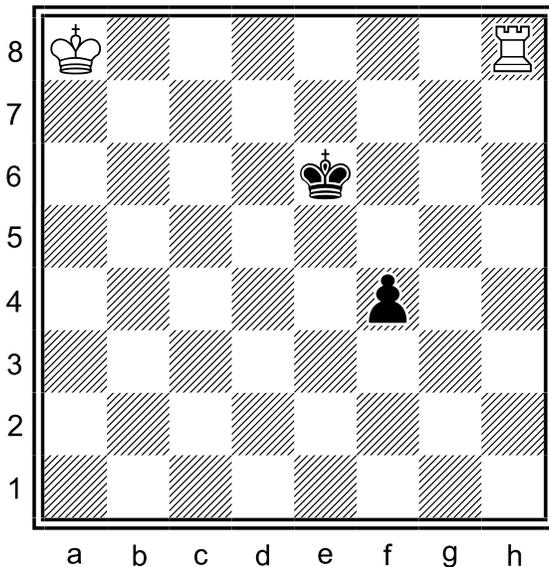
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Rooks are more valuable than minor pieces (bishops and knights) because they can touch both white and black squares and are long-range pieces that can move across the board in only one move.

We are taught early on in our chess career that rooks like open files and love to invade the opponent's territory on the 7th or 8th rank. A rook on the 7th rank is generally considered to be worth a pawn because there are often pawns there that haven't moved that are vulnerable to attack.

Usually rooks get to the 7th rank in the endgame when there are fewer enemy pieces on the board to prevent the invasion. A rook on the 7th rank has another benefit: it cuts off the enemy king from moving to the center of the board, which is where he wants to go in the endgame.

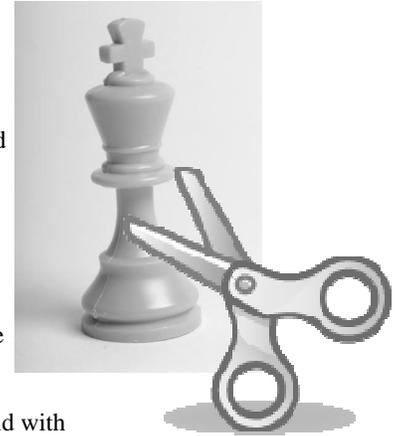
Here is how a rook can cut off the king from helping his pawn promote.



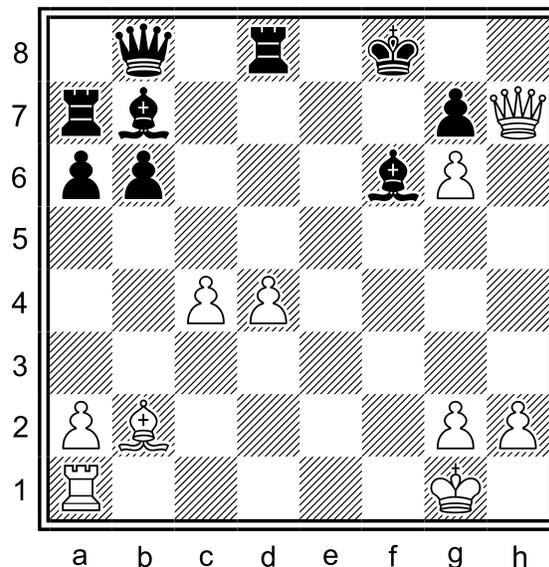
The black pawn would like to promote on the f1-square and force a draw because the white rook would have to sacrifice itself for the new queen. If the pawn makes a run for it and gets too far away from the protection of the black king, the rook may be able to hunt it down. Therefore, Black would like to move his king to either e5 or f5 to help escort the pawn up the board. Notice that White's king is far away from the action and couldn't help stop the pawn if Black's king and pawn marched up the board together.

If it is White's move, he should play **1.Rh5!** cutting off the Black king from the pawn. If the pawn takes off on his own with 1...f3, then 2.Rh3 f2 3.Rf3 and the pawn is lost.

Since the pawn cannot advance and the king cannot help it out, White will have time to bring his king back into the game, and with the rook's help, capture the pawn and win the game.



Consider this position from a game that took place in Moscow in 1935 between Mikhail Botvinnik and Vitaly Chekhover where the rook cuts off the king from escaping to safety.



White played **34.Re1!** cutting off the Black king from escaping to the queenside where his friends are and threatening 35.Qh8 mate. Black must start giving back material and eventually gets checkmated. The game continued, **34...Be5** 35.Qh8+ Ke7 36.Qxg7+ Kd6 37.Qxe5+ Kd7 38.Qf5+ Kc6 39.d5+ Kc5 40.Ba3+ Kxc4 41.Qe4+ Notice that queen now cuts off the king from running back to his other pieces. **41...Kc3** 42.Bb4+ Kb2 43.Qb1 mate

Remember that rooks and queens can be quite useful cutting off the opposing king (along ranks or files) from where he wants to go by containing him in many different types of positions.

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Membership Meeting Open

1	Richard Buchanan	2000	2007	W18	W7	W6	3.0
2	Timothy Brennan	1756	1779	W15	W16	W11	3.0
3	Chris Peterson	1720	1767	W10	W4	W5	3.0
4	Brian D Wall	2232	2219	W17	L3	W13	2.0
5	Laurence R Wutt	1884	1876	W19	W8	L3	2.0
6	Kenneth P Doykos	1800	1802	W9	W14	L1	2.0
7	Joseph T Fromme	1655	1660	W25	L1	W19	2.0
8	Randy S Reynolds	1632	1637	W20	L5	W18	2.0
9	Joseph R Aragon	1408	1436	L6	W21	W16	2.0
10	Kevin P Hempstead	1350	1376	L3	W22	W17	2.0
11	Erdenebat Tseveendorj	unr	1780	W22	W12	L2	2.0
12	Shaun Macmillan	1800	1779	D23	L11	W24	1.5
13	Jacob M Zax	1699	1691	D24	W23	L4	1.5
14	Istvan Hornyak	1585	1572	W21	L6	D15	1.5
15	Lee Lahti	1398	1408	L2	W26	D14	1.5
16	Michael S Filppu	1627	1598	W26	L2	L9	1.0
17	David Glugla	1539	1519	L4	W24	L10	1.0
18	Barry Rabinovich	1502	1493	L1	W25	L8	1.0
19	Dean W Brown	1464	1457	L5	W20	L7	1.0
20	Alex Li	1115	1128	L8	L19	W26	1.0
21	Gary Frenzel	1018	1044	L14	L9	W25	1.0
22	Kathy Schneider	776	774	L11	L10	B--	1.0
23	Terry K Powell	1442	1449	D12	L13	U--	0.5
24	Anatoly Makarevich	1194	1206	D13	L17	L12	0.5
25	Thomas Mullikin	1150	1112	L7	L18	L21	0.0
26	Donald John Trapp	1113	1081	L16	L15	L20	0.0



Barry Rabinovich (L) and Tom Mullikin (R) battle it out in the 2nd round, while Dean Brown has his hands full with Alex Li's play in the background. Photo by Randy Reynolds.

New Checkers Book teaches Foresight to Youth

Not to be outdone by our local chess authors, CSCA member and checkers aficionado John P. Cardie has been busy getting his own book published. Entitled How to Beat Granddad at Checkers, this book fills an important gap in teaching children the beauty of checkers.

John Cardie had this to say about the connection between checkers and chess:

“If you want to have a strong endgame in chess, you will be well advised to first study checkers. They need to be combined for maximum greatness, just as power and accuracy need to be.”

He speaks of how checkers should be taught before chess to children to build up a strong background in foresight. As an example of

how checkers can cultivate the important groundwork of forethought in youth, John cites: “Recently my 7 year old grandson was playing checkers against his 9 year old brother. He had three Kings on squares 10, 15 and 19, while his brother had Kings on the 9 and 27 squares. The 7 year old announced, ‘In 37 moves, I’ll be in Heaven.’ He recognized the position and knew that within 37 moves he would win regardless of anything his brother could do. Such an announcement has never been uttered from any chess Grandmaster, but a well trained 7 year old checker player can make such a prediction. This ability to think ahead is best cultivated and nourished while a person is young.”

I want to encourage everyone to support John Cardie in his first literary endeavor by checking out his website www.checkerscreateskings.com.



by Jackson Chen

Jackson’s Trip to Nationals

My dad and I went to Nashville, Tennessee for the 2007 National Burt Lerner Elementary (K-6) Championship, May 10 - 13, 2007. This is the same tournament that was held in Denver last year. There



were 24 Colorado players in this year’s tournament.

We stayed in the Gaylord Opryland Hotel. On May 10th, after we got off the plane, it was time for the blitz tournament. I got 1st place in the K-3 division with a score of 11.0 out of 12.0. We had to change our hotel room because of the construction noise.

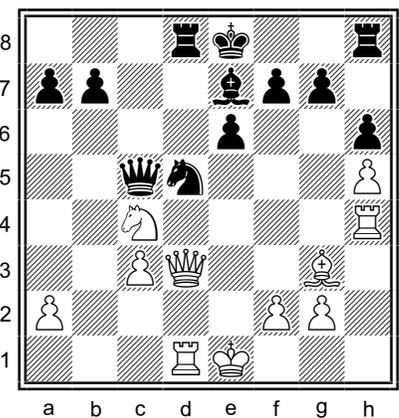
Later, I played in the K-3 Championship division. On May 11th, I won the two games of that day. On May 12th, I won two games and lost one. On May 13th, I won the last two games. I got 6.0 out of 7.0 and was awarded 5th place.

In the game I lost, I blundered an exchange to a 1400 player. I really enjoyed the games and the hotel! Here is the game I lost:

W: Jackson Chen (1536)
B: Steven Kriss (1371)

K-3 Championships (4), May 12, 2007

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 dxe4 4. Nxe4 Bf5 5. Ng3 Bg6 6. h4 h6 7. Nf3 e6 8. Bf4 Nd7 9. h5 Bh7 10. Bd3 Bxd3 11. Qxd3 Ngf6 12. Ne4 Qb6 13. Rb1 c5 14. c3 Rd8 15. Nfd2 cxd4 16. Nc4 Nc5 17. Nxc5 Qxc5 18. Rd1 Nd5 19. Bg3 dxc3 20. bxc3 Be7 21. Rh4??



Bxh4 22. Bxh4 Rc8 23. Ne5 Qxc3+ 24. Qxc3 Rxc3 0-1

by Randy S. Reynolds

Membership Meeting Open Games

This is the part of the Informant where I beg and plead with you to send in your annotated games from recent tournaments, especially the Colorado Open, where some of the best chess is played each year. But James said it best: "Faith without works is dead." (James 2:20) So it's time to demonstrate with a few (well, *all*) of my games from the one-day Membership Meeting Open to give everyone confidence to submit their own games.

The first game comes against the underrated youngster Alex Li. This was a Grand Prix Attack that turned closed really quick, and as a result, Alex's bishop pair was just bouncing off the walls in frustration. Prophylaxis is the key to victory here (well, that and the exchange blunder on move 26...).

W: Reynolds,Randy (1632)

B: Li,Alex (1115)

Membership Meeting Open Denver (1), September 1st, 2007

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.b3 e6 6.Be2 Nge7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.e5 a6 10.Na4 b6 11.Kh1? Nf5 12.Bd3 Nce7 13.g4 Nh6 14.Nh4? Nc6 15.g5 Bh8?

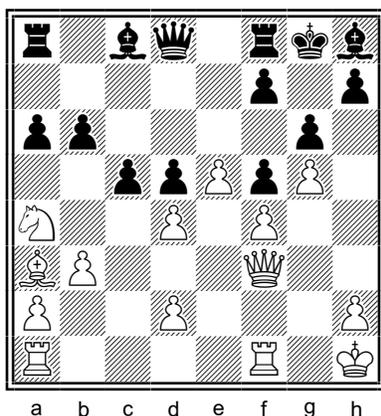
16.Qf3?! Trade the h file knights and then Nxb6 for a pawn up..

16...Nb4 17.Ba3?! Nxd3 18.cxd3

[18.Qxd3 Nf5 19.Nxf5 gxf5 is slightly weaker than the strange doubled pawns in the text]

18...Nf5 19.Nxf5 exf5 20.d4! (Diagram) Perfect! Takes advantage of the pin.

20...Rb8 21.Nxb6?? Fritz calls this a big mistake, squandering a point lead and giving black a slight edge... I guess I was getting the two pawns anyway, so maybe that's why it didn't like it.



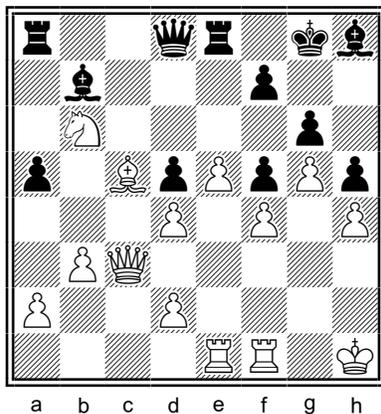
21...Re8? Rxb6 is best, trading rook for two VERY active pieces.

22.Bxc5? Same thing as last move.

22...Bb7 23.Rae1?! 23.a4 Bxe5 24.fxe5 Rxe5 25.dxe5 d4 was my worry, but it's just free pieces, nothing to worry about...

23...a5 24.h4 h6 25.Qg3 h5 Oops... Queenside play, anyone?

26.Qc3 Ra8?? (Diagram) Whoops... Alex saw this just a tad too late. It was already a really bad position for him, so I'm not sure if he had a salvageable game even before the blunder.



27.Nxa8 Qxa8 28.Re3 Rc8 29.Rc1 Bg7

30.Qb2 Rb8 31.Qa3 Notice black's extremely inactive pieces.. I can do whatever I want, pretty much.

31...Bc8 32.Kg2 This was done because I

eventually want to double up my rooks, and I don't want black to play Qa6 and get the queen to e2, with possible perpetual chances. It's all about prophylaxis in this game.

32...Bd7 33.Rec3 Bf8? It was his really inactive bishop, but I'm happy to remove the bishop pair.

34.Bxf8 Rxf8 35.Kf2 Re8 36.Ke3 Shows just how inactive things are when I can move the king towards the action and it doesn't make much difference.

36...Qd8 37.Rc7 Be6 38.Qxa5 Qb8

39.R1c5 Bc8 40.Qb5?? 40.Rb5! is a perfect trap! But I just wanted to trade queens off to a won game.

40...Qxb5 41.Rxb5 Ba6 42.Rb6 Rc8?

Which will eventually pin that final bishop.

43.Rxc8+ Bxc8 44.Rb8 Black resigns. 1-0

Even though I lost this game against Larry Wutt, I thought it was a very interesting game with lots of tactical opportunities for both sides. It gave me quite a headache to look a little further than I usually do. Unfortunately for me, though, players who pin normally have a few more tactical opportunities than those that are being pinned, and after swapping out the pinned piece for a more suitable target at move 18 (very clever), I found myself down a piece. But even after this, Fritz found yet another way to embarrass my playing style by finding a way to salvage the position at move 20. Thanks, Fritz!

W: Wutt,Larry (1884)

B: Reynolds,Randy (1632)

Membership Meeting Open Denver (2), September 1st, 2007

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Bf4 e6 8.Nbd2 Bd6 9.Bg5 e5?! a bit premature

10.dxe5 Bxe5 11.Qa4 Bd7 12.Qh4 Qc7 13.0-0 0-0 Awkward, but lots of nastiness if castling kingside. [13...0-0??

Pikes Peak Open

Final Standings -- August 11-12, 2007

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Renard Anderson	10229391	2237	W19	W15	D3	W6	D2	4.0
2	Brian Wall	10923344	2224	D17	W22	W16	W5	D1	4.0
3	Jim Hamblin	10922593	2017	W8	W14	D1	D4	W10	4.0
4	Shaun MacMillan	10410916	1809	W28	W12	H---	D3	W13	4.0
5	Andy Rea	11052452	2130	W20	W11	W13	L2	H---	3.5
6	Larry Wutt	12745430	1878	W26	W18	H---	L1	W17	3.5
7	DuWayne Langseth	11197175	1812	W21	L16	W20	D11	W14	3.5
8	Josh Divine	13238005	1648	L3	W24	D15	W18	W19	3.5
9	Alex Cacas	10116775	1806	D22	W17	H---	D16	D11	3.0
10	Bill Weihmiller	12515063	1752	W24	L13	W12	W19	L3	3.0
11	Scott Massey	12059850	1748	W27	L5	W21	D7	D9	3.0
12	Mike Filppu	12915820	1639	X---	L4	L10	W28	W20	3.0
13	Paul Anderson	12728345	1884	X---	W10	L5	H---	L4	2.5
14	Kenneth Doykos	10358086	1800	W23	L3	H---	W22	L7	2.5
15	Tim Brennan	12718954	1756	W29	L1	D8	L17	W21	2.5
16	Gordon Randall	12862113	1720	W30	W7	L2	D9	U---	2.5
17	Ted Doykos	12724380	1658	D2	L9	W27	W15	L6	2.5
18	Gary Bagstad	10924031	1700	W25	L6	H---	L8	D22	2.0
19	Anthea Carson	12614322	1660	L1	W23	W28	L10	L8	2.0
20	Joe Fromme	12532662	1655	L5	W29	L7	W23	L12	2.0
21	Darin Lunderman	12864874	1509	L7	W30	L11	W25	L15	2.0
22	Fred Eric Spell	12835115	1318	D9	L2	W26	L14	D18	2.0
23	Rhett Langseth	13392987	1312	L14	L19	W24	L20	W30	2.0
24	Tom Mullikin	12095792	1176	L10	L8	L23	B---	W28	2.0
25	Cynthia Langseth	13216638	675	L18	L28	B---	L21	W29	2.0
26	Matthew Dinsdale	12901807	1575	L6	D27	L22	W30	U---	1.5
27	Bryan Castle	12763034	1080	L11	D26	L17	L29	B---	1.5
28	Ryan McCardell	12754677	1354	L4	W25	L19	L12	L24	1.0
29	Jerry Maier	12510521	1307	L15	L20	L30	W27	L25	1.0
30	Gary Frenzel	12528565	1018	L16	L21	W29	L26	L23	1.0

Selected Games from Pike's Peak Open

Compiled by Richard "Buck" Buchanan

W: Andy Rea (2130)

B: Joe Fromme (1655)

Old Indian

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.c4 Nc6 4.Nc3 e5
5.dxe5 Nxe5 6.Nxe5 dxe5 7.Qxd8+ Kxd8
8.g3 c6 9.Bg2 Kc7 10.0-0 Be6 11.b3 Be7
12.Bb2 Nd7 13.Rac1 Rae8 14.Nd5+ Kc8
15.b4 Bf5 16.Nxe7+ Rxe7 17.c5 Nf6 18.f3
Rd8 19.e4 Bg6 20.Rfd1 Ne8 21.Bh3+ Kc7
22.a4 f6 23.b5 Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Bf7 25.Ba3
Kb8 26.Rd8+ Kc7 27.Rc8# 1-0

W: Shaun MacMillan (1809)

B: Ryan McCardell (1354)

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 Nf6 4.Nf3 Nc6
5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0-0 a6 7.Bc4 e6 8.a3 b5
9.Ba2 Qb6 10.Kh1 c4 11.d3 cxd3 12.cxd3
Ng4 13.Qe1 Nd4 14.Nxd4 Qxd4 15.Rf3
Bc6 16.h3 Nf6 17.Be3 Qxd3 18.Bb6 Qc2
19.Rf2 Qd3 20.Rd2 Qxd2 21.Qxd2 Bxe4
22.Re1 d5 23.Nxd5 Bxd5 24.Bxd5 Rc8
25.Bc6+ Ke7 26.Bc5# 1-0

W: Fred Eric Spell (1318)

B: Alexander Cacas (1806)

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Ng4
9.Bxg4 Bxg4 10.h3 Bd7 11.Bh6 Nc6
12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.0-0-0 Qb6 14.Nd5
Qxd4 15.Qxd4+ Nxd4 16.Rxd4 e5 17.Rd2
f5 18.Ne3 fxe4 19.Rxd6 Bc6 20.Ng4 Rae8
21.Rhd1 h5 22.Ne3 Rxf2 23.Rf1 Re2
24.Rff6 Rxe3 25.Rxg6+ Kf7 26.Rgf6+
Kg7 27.Rg6+ 1/2-1/2

W: Scott Massey (1748)

B: Andy Rea (2130)

Center Counter

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nxd5 4.Bc4 c6
5.d4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bd2 Be7 8.a3 Nd7
9.0-0 Bf6 10.Re1 0-0 11.Ne5 Bxe5
12.dxe5 Qc7 13.f4 N7b6 14.Bb3 Rad8
15.Qe2 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 c5 17.Rad1 Rxd1
18.Rxd1 Rd8 19.Be1 c4 20.Ba2 Rxd1
21.Qxd1 Nd5 22.Qd4 b5 23.b3 cxb3

24.Bxb3 h6 25.c4 bxc4 26.Bxc4 Nb6
27.Bd3 Bxd3 28.Qxd3 Qc1 29.Qc3 Qxf4
30.Bf2 Qe4 31.Bd4 Nd5 32.Qd2 Nf4
33.Bxa7 Qxe5 34.Kf2 Nd5 35.g3 Qa1
36.Qa5 Qb2+ 37.Kg1 Qc1+ 38.Kg2 Qc2+
39.Kh3 Qf5+ 40.Kg2 Nf4+ 0-1

W: Jim Hamblin (2017)

B: Ken Doykos (1800)

Caro-Kann

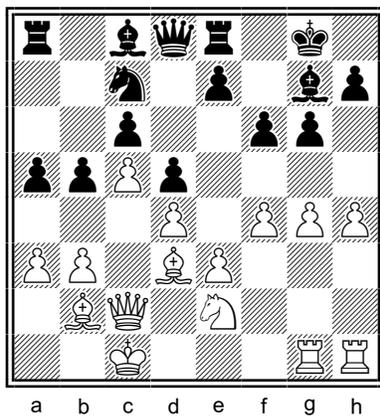
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5
5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7
9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Ngf6 11.Bd2 e6
12.0-0-0 Qc7 13.Rhe1 0-0-0 14.c4 c5
15.d5 exd5 16.cxd5 Nb6 17.Qf5+ Kb8
18.Ba5 Bd6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Rxe4 Qd7
21.Nh4 Bc7 22.Bc3 Qxf5 23.Nxf5 Nxd5
24.Bxg7 Rhg8 25.Be5 Bxe5 26.Rxe5 Nb4
27.Nxh6 Nxa2+ 28.Kc2 Nb4+ 29.Kb3
Rxd1 30.Nxg8 b6 31.Re3 Rd8 32.Nf6 Rh8
33.Re8+ Rxe8 34.Nxe8 Nc6 35.h6 Ne5
36.g4 Ng6 37.Kc4 Nh8 38.Kd5 Kc8
39.Kd6 Kd8 40.Nf6 Ng6 41.b3 Kc8 42.h7
Kd8 43.f4 Nh8 44.f5 Kc8 45.Ke7 b5
46.Kf8 c4 47.bxc4 bxc4 48.Nd5 Kd8
49.Kg7 Ke8 50.Kxh8 Kf8 51.g5 1-0

W: Paul Anderson (1884)

B: Bill Weihmiller (1752)

King's Indian

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.e3 0-0
5.d4 d6 6.Bd3 c6 7.Qc2 Na6 8.a3 Nc7 9.b3
Re8 10.Bb2 d5 11.Ne5 Ng4 12.Nxg4 Bxg4
13.h3 Be6 14.g4 Qd7 15.f4 Qd6 16.c5 Qd8
17.0-0-0 b5 18.Ne2 a5 19.Rdg1 Bc8
20.h4 f6 (Diagram) 21.h5 e5 22.Bxg6 hxg6
23.Qxg6 Qe7 24.h6 Ne6 25.hxg7 Nxg7
26.Rh7 exf4 27.Rxg7+ 1-0



W: Gary Bagstad (1700)

B: Larry Wutt (1878)

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.f4
d6 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nf3 Bd7 8.0-0 Qc8 9.Rb1
Bh3 10.Be3 Bxg2 11.Kxg2 0-0 12.h3 b6
13.d4 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Qb7
16.Qf3 Rac8 17.Rf2 Rfe8 18.f5 e5 19.Be3
d5 20.fxg6 fxg6 21.exd5 e4 22.Qe2 Nxd5
23.Nxd5 Qxd5 24.b3 Rf8 25.Rd1 Rxf2+
26.Kxf2 Rf8+ 27.Kg2 Qb7 28.Qc4+ Kh8
29.Qd5 Qe7 30.Qd7 Qf6 31.Qd2 Qf3+
32.Kh2 h5 33.Bd4 Bxd4 34.Qxd4+ Kh7
35.Rg1 e3 36.Rg2 Rf7 37.Qd3 Re7 38.Qe2
Qe4 0-1

W: Mike Filppu (1639)

B: Shaun MacMillan (1809)

Nimzoindian

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.d4 Bb4 4.Bd2 d6 5.a3
Bxc3 6.Bxc3 Ne4 7.Nf3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qe7
9.e4 e5 10.Bd3 b6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.c5 dxc5
13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Bxc6 Bxc6 15.Nxe5 Bb5
16.Re1 0-0 17.a4 Be8 18.Re3 f6 19.Nf3
Rd8 20.Qb3+ Bf7 21.d5 Bh5 22.Nh4 Qf7
23.Rg3 Rfe8 24.Nf5 Bg6 25.Qc4 Bxf5
26.exf5 Qxd5 27.Qg4 Re7 28.h3 Qe4
29.Kf1 Qxg4 30.Rxg4 a5 31.Re1 Rxe1+
32.Kxe1 Kf7 33.Ke2 Rd5 34.Rf4 c6 35.g4
b5 36.axb5 cxb5 37.c4 Re5+ 38.Kd3 b4
39.f3 a4 40.Re4 Rxe4 41.fxe4 Ke7 42.h4
Kd6 43.g5 a3 44.Kc2 Ke5 45.Kb3 Kxe4
46.g6 h6 0-1

W: Gary Frenzel (1018)

B: Darin Lunderman (1509)

QP

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e3 Bg7
5.Be2 0-0 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Bd2 Bg4 8.Be1 a6
9.Nd2 Bxe2 10.Qxe2 Re8 11.f4 Qd7
12.Rf3 e5 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.g3 exf4
15.Rxf4 Nh5 16.Re4 Rxe4 17.Ndxe4 Re8
18.Qg2 Nf6 19.Rd1 Qe6 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6
21.Qd5 Qxe3+ 22.Bf2 Qh6 23.Qd7 Rd8
24.Qxc7 Rxd1+ 25.Nxd1 Qc1 26.Qd6
Bxb2 27.Be3 Bd4?! 28.Qxd4 Nxd4
29.Bxc1 Nxc2 30.Kf2 Nb4 31.Nc3 Nd3+
32.Ke2 Nxc1+ 33.Kd2 Nxa2 34.Nxa2 Kf8
35.Kd3 Ke7 36.Nb4 Kd6 37.Kd4 a5
38.Nd5 b5 39.Ne3 f6 40.Nc2 Kc6 41.Na3
b4 42.Nc4 a4 0-1

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W: Renard Anderson (2237)
B: Jim Hamblin (2017)

Max Lange Attack

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4 exd4
5.e5 d5 6.Bb5 Ne4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.Bxc6
bxc6 9.0-0 Be7 10.f3 Nc5 11.f4 f6 12.f5
Kf8 13.Bf4 Rb8 14.b3 Ne4 15.Nd2 Bc5
16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Be3 Qe7 18.exf6 gxf6
19.Qh5 Qe5 20.Rad1 Ke7 21.Kh1 Rbg8
22.Bf4 Qxd4 23.Rxd4 Bxd4 24.Re1 c5
25.Rxe4+ Kd8 26.h3 Rg7 27.Qf3 Rhg8
28.g3 h5 29.c3 Be5 30.Rxe5 fxe5 31.Bxe5
Rf7 32.f6 Re8 33.Qd5 Re6 34.Qxc5 Bc6+
35.Kg1 Rd7 36.Bd4 Rd5 37.Qxa7 Rf5
38.Bf2 Re2 39.Qd4+ Ke8 40.f7+ Rxf7
41.Qc4 Rxf2 42.Qxc6+ Kd8 43.a4 Ra2
44.Qd5+ Kc8 45.Qa8+ Kd7 46.Qd5+ Kc8
47.Qa8+ Kd7 48.Qd5+ Kc8 ½-½

W: Andy Rea (2130)
B: Paul Anderson (1884)

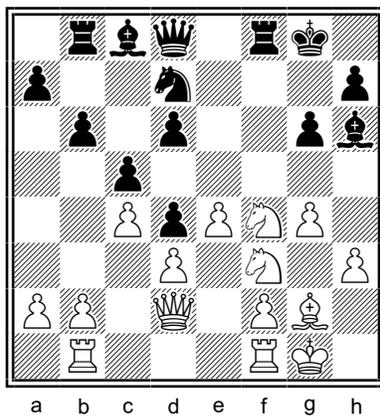
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1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5
5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 Ngf6 8.0-0
e6 9.Re1 Be7 10.c4 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 0-0
12.Bd2 Rc8 13.Bc3 Bd6 14.Rad1 Bb8
15.Ne5 b6 16.Qf3 Qc7 17.Nxd7 Nxd7
18.d5 cxd5 19.cxd5 e5 20.Nf5 Qd8 21.d6
Rc5 22.Ne7+ Kh8 23.Nc6 Qf6 24.Nxb8
Rxb8 25.Qg4 Qd8 26.Re3 f6 27.Rg3 g6
28.Rh3 Qe8 29.Rdd3 Rbc8 30.Rh6 Rc4
31.Qe2 Qf7 32.Rdh3 Nf8 33.g3 b5 34.a3
a5 35.R6h4 a4 36.f4 exf4 37.Qe7 Kg7
38.gxf4 (If this is the right position, (The
scoresheets disagree.), then 38 Rxf7 looks
good.) h5 39.f5 Rxf4 40.Rxf4 Re8
41.Qxf7+ Kxf7 42.Rb4 Rb8 43.Re4 Rb7
44.fxc6+ Kxc6 45.Re7 Rd7 46.Bb4 Kf5
47.Kf2 Kf4 48.Bd2+ Kf5 49.Bh6 Rd8
50.Rb7 Ng6 51.Rxb5+ Ne5 52.Bd2 Rxd6
53.Bc3 Ra6 54.Ke3 Ke6 55.Bxe5 fxe5
56.Ke4 Kf6 57.Rxe5 Rb6 58.Rf5+ Kg6
59.Rf2 Rb3 60.Ke5 Re3+ 61.Kd5 Rb3
62.h4 Kg7 63.Ke5 Rb5+ 64.Ke6 Rb6+
65.Kd5 Rb3 66.Rf4 Rxb2 67.Rxa4 Re2
68.Rf4 Kg6 69.a4 Ra2 70.Ke6 Re2+
71.Kd6 Ra2 72.Kc5 Rc2+ 73.Kb5 Rb2+
74.Rb4 Re2 75.a5 Kf5 76.a6 Re7 77.Ra4
1-0

W: Gordon Randall (1720)
B: Brian Wall (2224)

KIA

1.Nf3 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 c5 4.d3 Nc6 5.0-0
e5 6.e4 d6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.h3 b6 9.c4 Nd4
10.Nc3 0-0 11.Ne1 Rb8 12.Rb1 Nh5
13.Nd5 f5 14.Qd2 f4 15.Bxd4 exd4 16.g4
Nf6 17.Nf3 Nd7 18.Nxf4 Bh6 (Diagram)
19.Ne6 Bxd2 20.Nxd8 Rxd8 21.Nxd2 Ne5
22.f4 Nxd3 23.Rf3 Nb4 24.a3 Nc6 25.b4
Bd7 26.Bf1 Rf8 27.Bd3 h6 28.b5 Nd8
29.f5 Nf7 30.h4 h5 31.gxh5 gxf5 32.exf5
Ne5 33.Rg3+ Kh7 34.Ne4 Bxf5 35.Re1
Nxd3 36.Rxd3 Rbe8 37.Ng5+ Kh6
38.Rxe8 Rxe8 39.Rf3 Bg4 40.Rf7 Kxh5
41.Rh7+ Kg6 0-1



W: Darin Lunderman (1509)
B: Scott Massey (1748)

4 Knights

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.d3 Nc6
5.Bd2 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Nxd5 Qxd5
8.Be2 Bg4 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Rfe8 11.Ng5
Bxe2 12.Rxe2 Bc5 13.Ne4 Bb6 14.Be3
Nd4 15.Rd2 f5 16.Ng5 h6 17.Nh3 g5
18.Qh5 Re6 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.Nxg5 Re7
21.c3 Ne6 22.Qg6+ Ng7 23.Qh7+ Kf8
24.Qh8+ Qg8 25.Nh7+ Kf7 26.Qxg8+
Rxc8 27.Ng5+ Ke8 28.Re1 Nh5 29.h4 c6
30.d4 e4 31.Kf1 Bd8 32.d5 Rd7 33.Red1
Bxg5 34.hxg5 cxd5 35.Rxd5 Rxd5
36.Rxd5 Rxc5 37.g4 Rxc4 38.Rxf5 Ng7
39.Ra5 a6 40.Rc5 Kd7 41.Ke2 Ne6 42.Rc4
Kd6 43.Ke3 Nc5 44.b4 Nd3 45.f3 Rh4
46.Rxe4 Rxe4+ 47.Kxe4 Nf2+ 48.Kd4
Nh3 49.a4 Ng5 50.f4 Ne6+ 51.Ke4 Nc7
52.f5 Nd5 53.Kd4 b6 54.b5 a5 55.c4 Nf6
56.c5+ bxc5+ 57.Kc4 Nd5 58.f6 Nxf6
59.b6 Kc6 60.b7 Nd7 0-1

W: Rhett Langseth (1312)
B: Tom Mullikin (1176)

KIA

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.d3 c5 4.Bg2 Bf5 5.0-0
Nbd7 6.Nfd2 e5 7.e4 Bg4 8.Bf3 Bxf3
9.Qxf3 Nb6 10.exd5 Qxd5 11.Nc3 Qxf3
12.Nxf3 Bd6 13.Nb5 Kd7 14.Re1 a6
15.Nxd6 Kxd6 16.Nxe5 Rhf8 17.Bf4 Kd5
18.c4+ Kd4 19.Re2 Rae8 20.Nf3+ Kxd3
21.Rd2+ Kxc4 22.a4 Kb3 23.Ra3+ Kb4
24.Rc2 Nxa4 25.Ne5 Nxb2 26.Ra2 Na4
27.Rc4+ Kb3 28.Rcxa4 Ra8 29.Nd3 Nd7
30.Nc1+ Kc3 31.Bd2# 1-0

W: Brian Wall (2224)
B: Andy Rea (2130)

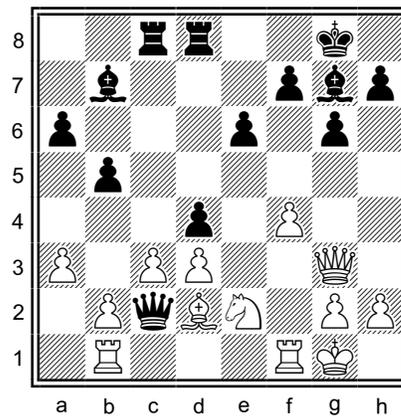
Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 a6 5.a4
Nf6 6.0-0 d5 7.exd5 exd5 8.Re1+ Be7
9.Bf1 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.d3 Qd7 12.Bf4 0-0
13.Be2 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Nd4 15.Bxd5 Nxd5
16.Nxd5 Qxd5 17.Rxe7 Rae8 18.Rxe8
Rxe8 19.Be3 Nf5 20.Qd2 Nxe3 21.fxe3
Qe5 22.d4 Qd5 23.a5 Re6 24.c4 Qd7
25.Ra3 f5 26.b4 cxb4 27.Rb3 f4 28.exf4
Re4 29.Rd3 b3 30.Qc3 Rxf4 31.c5 Kh8
32.Qxb3 Rxd4 33.c6! Rxd3 34.cxd7 Rxd7
35.Qe6 Rd1+ 36.Kh2 h6 37.Qc8+ 1-0

W: Larry Wutt (1878)
B: Renard Anderson (2237)

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7
5.Bb5 Nd4 6.0-0 a6 7.Bc4 e6 8.a3 Ne7
9.Nxd4 cxd4 10.Ne2 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5
12.Bxd5 Qxd5 13.d3 0-0 14.Qe1 b5
15.Qg3 Bb7 16.Bd2 Rfd8 17.Rad1 Rac8
18.c3 Qb3 19.Rb1 Qc2 (Diagram)



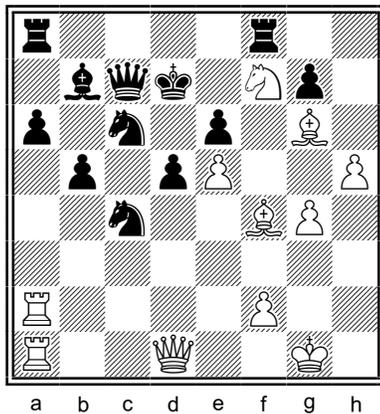
20.Rfd1 dxc3 21.bxc3 Rxd3 22.Qe1 Rcd8
23.Rbc1 Rxd2! 0-1

W: Jim Hamblin (2017)

B: Shaun MacMillan (1809)

French

1.e4 c5 2.c3 e6 3.d4 d5 4.e5 Nc6 5.Nf3
Qb6 6.Be2 Nge7 7.dxc5 Qxc5 8.b4 Qb6
9.b5 Na5 10.h4 Bd7 11.a4 Qc7 12.h5 Nf5
13.Bd3 Bc5 14.Qc2 Nc4 15.Bf4 a6 16.g3
Qb6 17.a5 Qxb5 18.Ra2 Qc6 19.g4 Ne7
20.Bxh7 Qc7 21.Bd3 Bc6 22.Qe2 Nxa5
23.Nbd2 b5 24.0-0 Nc4 25.Nb3 Bb6
26.Nbd4 Bb7 27.Rfa1 Kd7 28.Ng5 Bxd4
29.cxd4 Nc6 30.Nxf7 Rhf8 31.Bg6 Nxd4
32.Qd1 Nc6 (Diagram)



33.Rc1 Rxf7 34.Bxf7 Rf8 35.Bxe6+ Kxe6
36.Bg3 Qf7 37.f4 Qc7 38.f5+ Ke7
39.Qxd5 Nd8 40.Bh4+ Ke8 41.Bxd8 Qc8
42.Rxc4 bxc4 43.Qd6 Qxd8 44.Qg6+ Rf7
45.e6 Qd1+ 46.Kh2 Qh1+ 47.Kg3 Qf3+
½-½

W: Gary Bagstad (1700)

B: Josh Divine (1648)

KIA

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2
Nf6 6.Ngf3 Be7 7.0-0 b5 8.Re1 0-0 9.e5
Nd7 10.Nf1 f6 11.exf6 Bxf6 12.h4 Nde5
13.Nlh2 Qb6 14.g4 Bd7 15.g5 Nxf3+
16.Bxf3 Be5 17.Ng4 Bf4 18.Kg2 Nd4
19.Be2 e5 20.Bxf4 Nxe2 21.Qxe2 exf4
22.Qf3 Qd6 23.Ne5 Bf5 24.Re2 h6
25.Rae1 hgx5 26.hgx5 Qd8 27.Qh5 g6
28.Nxg6 f3+ 29.Kg1 fxe2 30.Qh8+ Kf7
31.Qf6+? Qxf6 0-1

W: Mike Filppu (1639)

B: Ryan McCardell (1354)

Sicilian

1.e4 c5 2.Bc4 d6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d3 Nf6
5.Bf4 g6 6.Ng5 e6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Nb5 Ne5
9.Bxe5 dxe5 10.Nf3 a6 11.Nc3 b5 12.Bb3
Nd7 13.a3 Bb7 14.h4 0-0 15.Qd2 Nb6
16.Ba2 c4 17.h5 Qf6 18.Qe3 Qd8 19.hxg6
fxg6 20.Ng5 Re8 21.Rxh7 Qd4 22.Qh3
Qd7 23.0-0-0 Qe7 24.Qh4 Qf6 25.g3 Re7
26.dxc4 Nxc4 27.f4 Nxb2 28.Rxg7+ Rxg7
29.Bxe6+ 1-0

W: Bryan Castle (1080)

B: Jerry Maier (1307)

Polish Defense

1.e4 a6 2.Nf3 b5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bd3 Bb7
5.Qe2 Nc6 6.a4 Nb4 7.Nbd2 Nh5 8.Nb3
Nxd3+ 9.Qxd3 c6 10.c4 e6 11.e5 Bb4+
12.Kd1 d5 13.cxd5 Qxd5 14.g4 c5 15.Ke2
Qc4 16.Qxc4 bxc4 17.Nxc5 Bxc5 18.dxc5
0-0-0 19.gxh5 Rd3 20.Ra3 Bxf3+ 0-1

W: Renard Anderson (2237)

B: Brian Wall (2224)

Center Counter

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6
5.Nf3 a6 6.g3 b5 7.a3 Bb7 8.Bg2 e6 9.0-0
c5 10.Re1 cxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2
Nc6 13.Qf3 Rc8 14.Nf5 Qb8 15.Bf4 Qa8
16.Rad1 g6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Bxd6 Na5
19.Qxa8 Rxa8 20.Be5 Ke7 21.Ne4 Nxe4
22.Bxh8 Nxf2 23.Kxf2 Rxh8 24.b3 Rc8
25.Rd2 h5 26.Re3 Rc6 27.Red3 e5 28.Ke1
Ke6 29.Kd1 Nb7 30.Re3 Nd6 31.Rde2 e4
32.Rxe4+ ½-½

W: Bill Weihmiller (1752)

B: Jim Hamblin (2017)

Ruy Lopez

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.0-0 Bc5 6.c3 Ba7 7.Re1 Ng4 8.Re2 Qe7
9.d3 0-0 10.Bg5 f6 11.Bb3+ Kh8 12.Bh4
d6 13.d4 g5 14.Bg3 Qg7 15.h3 Nh6 16.d5
Ne7 17.Qc1 Rg8 18.Kf1 g4 19.hxg4 Bxg4
20.Nbd2 Ng6 21.Bd1 Raf8 22.Nc4 Bxf3
23.gxf3 f5 24.Qg5 fxe4 25.fxe4 Nf7
26.Qg4 Qh6 27.Re1 Nf4 28.Qh4 Qg6
29.Bc2 Ng5 30.Nd2 Ngh3 31.Bxf4 Nxf4
32.Qh2 Nh3 33.f3 Qh6 0-1

W: Shaun MacMillan (1809)

B: Paul Anderson (1884)

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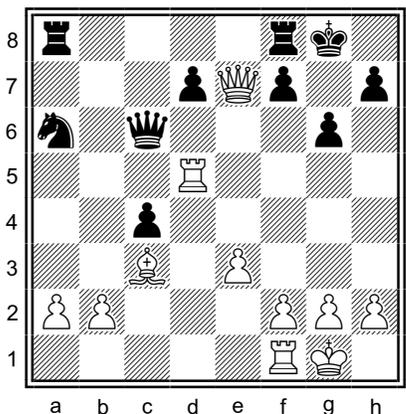
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5.c3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.g4 Bg6
9.Bxg6 hxg6 10.g5 Ne4 11.Nbd2 Nxd2
12.Bxd2 e6 13.Bf4 Be7 14.Qb3 Qb6
15.Qxb6 axb6 16.b4 Ra3 17.b5 Na5
18.Kd2 Nc4+ 19.Kc2 Bb4 20.cxb4 Rxf3
21.Bg3 Ra3 22.Rhb1 Rxb3 23.fxc3 Na3+
24.Kb3 Nxb1 25.Rxb1 Rxh3 26.Rg1 Rh5
27.a4 Rxg5 28.a5 bxa5 29.bxa5 Kd7
30.Rc1 Rxg3+ 31.Kb4 Rh3 32.b6 Kd6
33.Rc7 Rh1 34.Rxb7 Rb1+ 35.Ka4 f6
36.Rxg7 Kc6 37.Rc7+ Kd6 38.Rf7 Kc6
39.Rc7+ Kd6 40.Rf7 Kc6 41.Rxf6 Ra1+
42.Kb4 Rb1+ 43.Kc3 Kb5 44.Rf8 Ka6
45.Ra8+ Kb7 46.Ra7+ Kb8 47.Re7 Rb5
48.Rxe6 Rxa5 49.Kb4 Ra1 50.Kc5 g5
51.Rg6 Kb7 52.Rg7+ Kb8 53.Rxg5 Rc1+
54.Kxd5 Kb7 55.Rg6 Rb1 56.Rd6 Re1
57.Rc6 Rd1 58.Rc4 Kxb6 59.Kd6 Kb5
60.Rc5+ Kb6 61.d5 Rh1 62.Rc6+ Kb7
63.Rc7+ Kb8 64.Re7 Rh6+ 65.Kd7 Kb7
66.d6 Rg6 67.Rf7 Rg8 68.Rh7 Kb8
69.Rh1 Rg7+ 70.Kc6 Rg8 71.Rb1+ Ka8
72.d7 Rh8 73.Kc7 1-0

W: Josh Divine (1648)

B: Anthea Carson (1660)

Benko Gambit

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.e3
axb5 6.Bxb5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Nge2
Nxc3 9.Nxc3 Ba6 10.Qd3 g6 11.Bd2 Bg7
12.0-0 0-0 13.Bc4 Qb4 14.Bxa6 Nxa6
15.Rab1 c4 16.Qc2 Qc5 17.Na4 Qb5
18.Nc3 Bxc3 19.Bxc3 Qxd5 20.Rbd1 Qb5
21.Qe4 Qc5 22.Rd5 Qc6 23.Qxe7!
(Diagram)



23. ... Rae8 24.Qxd7 Qa8 25.Rfd1 Nb8
26.Qb5 Rc8 27.Qa5 Qb7 28.Rd8 Nc6
29.Rxf8+ Rxf8 30.Qd5 Qa6 31.Qd6 Qa4
32.b3! 1-0

by Archie Shipp

Shipp's Log

W: Archie Shipp (1153)

B: GaryDorsey (1071)

CU Rapid IV (4), March 10, 2007

On Course.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d6 Gary and I play often at the Greeley Chess Club, but I've never seen him do this.

3.Nf3 Bd7 4.c4 c5 5.d5 e5 He's created a backward pawn that I don't get to take until move 57.

6.Be2 Be7 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Qd3 h6 9.Nc3 a6 10.b3 b6 11.h4 Bg4 12.Nh2 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nh7 14.g3 Qd7 15.Qf1 I didn't want his queen to get to h3, and g4 or Ng4 both create weaknesses.

15...Nf6 16.f4 Ng4 Nice move by Gary. Nxf4 or any defense of e3 with my queen gives his queen a good post.

17.Ke2 I didn't like defending with my king, but he did come in handy later and my base row is now cleared for my rooks and queen.

17...Nxe3 18.Kxe3 f6 19.f5 Rg8 20.h5 I mentioned to Gary that we were getting close to a Maroczy Bind type of position.

20...a5 21.Nb5 A nice post.

21...a4 22.Nf3 If he takes, then Qb1 is good. I want my knight to get to g6.

22...Na6 23. Nb4 isn't good for me, so...

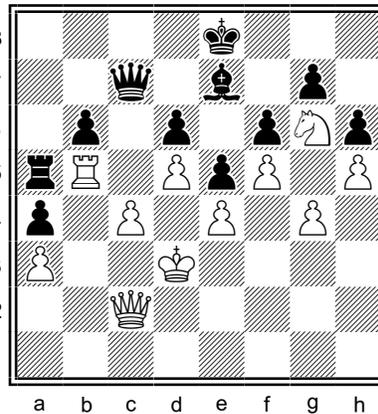
23.a3 Nc7 24.Nxc7+ I go down a pawn and give him the c file if I don't take here.

24...Qxc7 25.Qd3 Ra6 26.Nh4 Kd7 27.Ng6 Rga8 28.Rhb1 Gary had a position similar to this in the first round and

lost the game. I was hoping he was having flashbacks at this point.

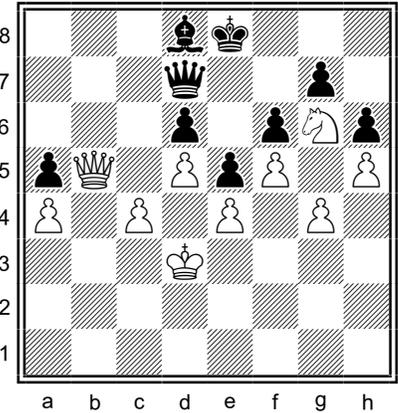
28...Qb7 29.g4 Ra5 30.b4 cxb4 31.Rxb4 Qc7 32.Rab1 Rb8 33.Rb5 Rxb5 34.Rxb5 Ra8 35.Qc2 Ke8 Another nice move by Gary. If he move the Bd8 before Ke8, then Nf8+ followed by Ne6 gives me a nice little three way fork.

36.Kd3 Ra5? (Diagram) Crafty (score 1.55 at depth 12) thinks this is not a good move. Instead: 36...Bd8 37.Ke2 Kf7 38.Kf2 Kg8 39.Kg1 Qd7 40.Rb4 Bc7 41.Qd3 (score -0.62 at depth 10) I think this suggestion is one of those instances in which a computer plays passively in a closed position. Perhaps a strong player could tell me if I am correct.



37.Qb2 Ra6 38.Qc2 Bd8 39.Rb4 Qc5? Crafty (score 1.55 at depth 11) again thinks this is not a good move: 39...Qd7 40.Ke2 Kf7 41.Kf2 Kg8 42.Kg1 Ra7 43.Qd3 Bc7 44.Rb5 (score -0.62 at depth 10) This might be another example of computer fear of a closed position, or it could be that 40.Rxa4 Qd4+ 41.Ke2 Rxa4 42.Qxa4+ Kf7 43.Qd7+ Kg8 44.Qe8+ Kh7 45.Qh8++

40.Rxa4 Qc8 41.Qb3 Ra5 42.Rxa5 bxa5 43.Qb5+ Qd7 44.a4 (Diagram) I think Qxd7+ Kxd7 Nf8+ followed by Ne6 is also good for me, but this gets all of my pawns on white squares for a Good Knight, Bad Bishop endgame.



44...Qxb5 45.cxb5 Bb6 46.Nh4 Heading for c4.

46...Kd7 47.Nf3 Kc7 48.Nd2 Kb7 49.Nc4 Kc7 50.Kc3 Bf2 51.Kb3 Be1 52.Kc2 This was the first of two delay moves I took with the king, hoping Gary would leave d6 unguarded.

52...Bb4 53.b6+ Kb7 54.Kb3 Ka6 55.Kc2 Bc5 Here it comes...

56.Kb3 Bxb6 I think Gary was hoping I would play Nxb6, and he'd be up a pawn for the exchange, but I'd been patiently waiting to take d6.

57.Nxd6 Bc5 58.Nf7 Kb6 59.Kc4 Bb4 60.Nd8 Kc7 61.Nc6 Kb6?? Crafty (score 12.17 at depth 14) thinks this is a blunder. Crafty suggests: 61...Bd2 62.Kb5 Bc3 63.Nxa5 Bb2 64.Nc4 Ba1 65.d6+ Kd7 66.a5 Bd4 67.a6 Bf2 68.Kb4 Ba7+- (score 4.27 at depth 14)

62.Nxb4 Voila! A patiently played win.

62...axb4 63.Kxb4 Kc7 64.Kb5 Kb7??? Crafty thinks this move loses more quickly.

65.a5 Ka7 66.a6 Kb8 67.Kb6 Ka8 68.d6 Here Gary's SuperKing jumped to b3 as a sign of resignation. 1-0

W: Archie Shipp (1267)

B: Cory Foster (1148)

Front Range Chess League #2, April 7, 2007

On Course.

1. e4 e5 I'd won against Cory as black in the CU Fall Rapid, but as soon as I knew I was playing him for this match, I did some research in on the CSCA website to see what he liked to play versus 1.e4 and found he tended to like to go symmetrical.

2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 I prefer a Scotch to a Spanish, since less people play it.

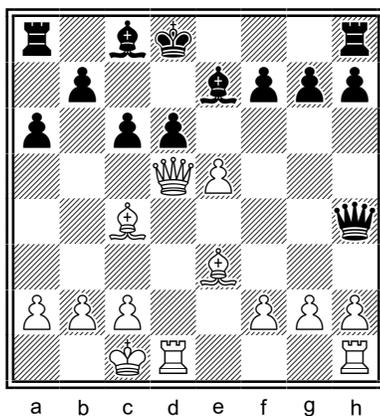
3. ... exd4 4. Nxd4 Nxd4? Cory thought way too long and hard before taking here.

5. Qxd4 d6 6. Bc4 Qh4 I actually love when people bring the queen to h4, since there are so many ways to just ignore it.

7. Nc3 a6 If he intends to keep my knight away from c7, c6 would probably be better here. It would also prevent Bb5, if that is what he was thinking.

8. Nd5 Kd8 9. Be3 Nf6 10. O-O-O My king is safe, and I've got a bonus of having a battering ram on the d-file.

10. ... Nxd5 11. Qxd5 Be7 I considered Qxf7, but Rf8 might become ugly for me.



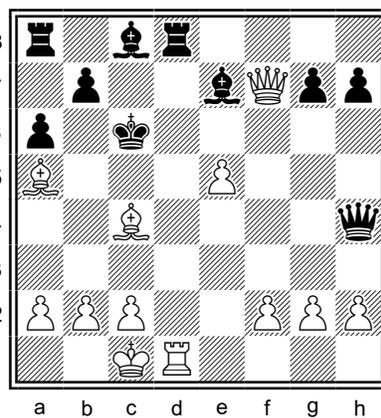
12. e5 c6 (Diagram) I got pretty excited when he did this. After Kd7, 13.Qxf7 Rf8?? 14.d6#. CM7000 likes Qg4, lead-

ing to 13. Qxf7 Rf8 14. Qd5 Qg6 15. Bd3 Qh5 16. f4, which loses a pawn.

13. Bb6+ Kd7 14. Qxf7 d5 Cory saw that Rf8 would be a blunder and made a good move. Here I spent my greatest amount of time for the match calculating the following exchanges up until move 19 when I was thinking I could move Qe6, but didn't figure in his light colored bishop. Crafty doesn't like my rook sac, but all of the moves are forced until 19.Ba5.

15. Rxd5+ Crafty (score 0.50 at depth 8) thinks this is not a good move. Crafty suggests: 15. Bc5 Kd8 16. Qxg7 Qg5+ 17. Qxg5 Bxg5+ 18. Kb1 Bd7 19. Bb6+ Ke8 (score 3.89 at depth 7)

15. ... cxd5 16. Qxd5+ Ke8 17. Qf7+ Kd7 18. Rd1+ Kc6 19. Ba5 Rd8? (Diagram) Crafty thinks this move loses more quickly. However, none of Cory's options are particularly good at this point, as Crafty's suggestion shows: 19. ... b6 20. Rd6+ Kc7 21. Rxb6 Bg4 22. Rh6+ Kb8 23. Rxh4 Bxh4 24. Qxg7 (score 7.83 at depth 7).



20. Rxd8? Crafty thinks this is not the quickest way to win: 20. Qf3+! Kc5 21. Rd5+ Kc6 22. Rd6+ Kc5 23. Qd5#

20. ... Bxd8?? This offers a mate in 1 to the opponent.

21. Qd5# Crafty was wrong about the quickest way to win! :-)
1-0

The King and I (contd.)

(Continued from page 7)

I get the same material balance of rook and pawn versus two knights after:

27 e5 Bxf128 exf+ Kh7! 29 Rxf1!

That didn't look good enough for the likes of me so the GM goes in for the kill.

27 ... Nxe4! In the zone. I spent three minutes on this unexpected lucky find, leaving me with 15 minutes versus his one hour 18 minutes. Everything clicks like a Swiss watch now. The whole White attack disintegrates like morning dew when the sun comes up. This is the first time I have the better game.

The Grandmaster looked disgusted and horrified for 16 minutes.

My main idea is a powerful Queen sac after 28 Ndf5+ gf 29 N:f5+ Q:f5!! 30 Qxf5 Nxf2!! 31 Qxf2 Bxf1

31 Kxf1?? Rc1+ winning the Queen or 31 Qxf1?? Rc2 and 32 ... Ree2 should win The Mighty Mongolian can improve with 31 Qd4+ Kg8 32 Kxf1 but it still looks bad.

It was hard to adjust to playing for a win after spending two hours terrified the end was nigh.

After 28 Qxf7+ Qxf7 29 Rxf7+ Kg8 30 Nxe4 Rxe4 31 R1f4 Rxf4 32 Rxf4, I have the superior minor piece and a clear extra pawn.

28 Rf3 Nxg3 29 Rxc3 Be4 neutralizes Nf5+

Towbin tried 28 Nh5+ but it leads to the same two rooks versus Queen ending after 28 Nh5+ gh 29 Nf5+ Q:f5 30 Q:f5 N:f2

There is not much else to try.

28. Nxe4 Rxe4! 29. Qf6+ Another two rook versus Queen ending arises after 29 Nf5+ Qxf5 30 Qxd6 Bxf1 31 Rxf5 gxf 32 Kxf1 I believe all those endings favor me. I should win after 29 Nf5+ Qxf5 30 Qg3 Qc5 31 Qxd3 Re8 32 Qxa6 Rf4 33 Qb6 Rxf2 34 Rxf2 Qxb6 35 axb Rb8

29 ... Kg8! 30. Rd1! Bc4 The only two good moves are 30 ... Re3!! or ... Bc4! I decided to cash in my good fortune with a draw offer. Let someone else nick him for another half-point. But just like last year, I was the only one to slow him down at all.

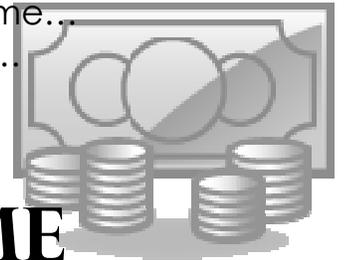
1/2-1/2

The Grandmaster thinks for a minute then accepts.

A share of the Wyoming Open title on the line...
Two connected passed pawns in a won endgame...
55 moves...Only 2 really bone-headed ones...



How bad can it really get? Find out in...



THE \$116.67 ENDGAME

by Randy S. Reynolds

It seems like I'm always sharing all my losses in the Informant. A few years ago, I shared a painful loss to DuWayne Langseth where I had a dangerous pawn on the 7th in the middle game, and all I got out of it was the exchange (which didn't help after his pawns started moving). So this is my next submission, a draw more painful than any loss.

At club, I typically call myself an endgame expert. And it's probably a reasonable claim – I certainly don't have an affinity for openings, and my middle game still needs work. But when most pieces have been traded off the board, suddenly it all becomes clear, and good (or at least decent) moves just seem to rain down. Perhaps this humbling game has at least taught me that even if you have a gift for picking good endgame moves, it still pays to spend just a little more time to look for even better moves.

In this case, it would have paid \$116.67. \$200 1st place and \$150 2nd place all divided up 3 ways. Plus the title of co-champion of the 2007 Wyoming Open, something I've never had before. I've been champion of reserve sections, but never a champion of a whole tournament.

So since I don't have that money to make a down payment on a MonRoi or anything, I figured I'd do the next best thing and publish it so that everyone else in the Colorado chess community

could deride and ridicule my poor choices of moves, just as Fritz already did. If that isn't your 15 bucks a year well spent, I don't know what is!

But hey, I'm getting ahead of myself: Let's take a look at what led up to this endgame, for you completists who like to see the whole game in context:

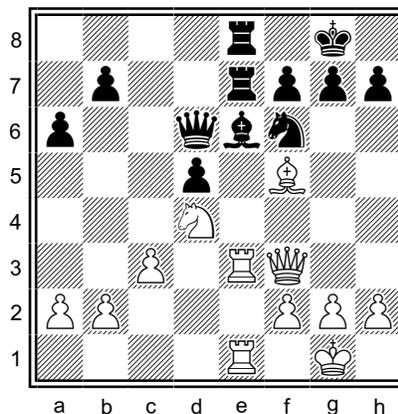
W: Kulbacki, James (1825)

B: Reynolds, Randy (1575)

Wyoming Open (5), May 20, 2007

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 Nf6 6.Bf4 e6 7.Nf3 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Nbd2 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Nxe5 Qxe5 13.Re1 Qd6 14.Nb3?! Qa4 was a bit better.

14...Be6?! 15.Nd4 a6 16.Bf5 Rfe8 17.Qf3 Re7 18.Re3 Rae8 19.Rae1 (Diagram)



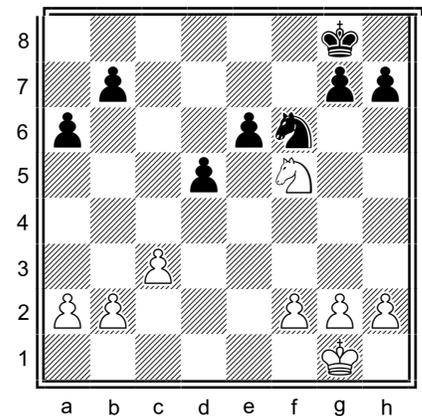
19. ... Bxf5! Took 10 minutes on this

move, knowing this was a very critical position. Turns out Fritz likes it best...

20.Nxf5 Rxe3 21.Rxe3 Rxe3 22.Qxe3 Qe6 23.Qxe6 fxe6

Around this time, Andrew Smith walked by our game and casually whispered aloud that no one plays knight endgames well. I didn't exactly understand what he meant then. I think I do now.

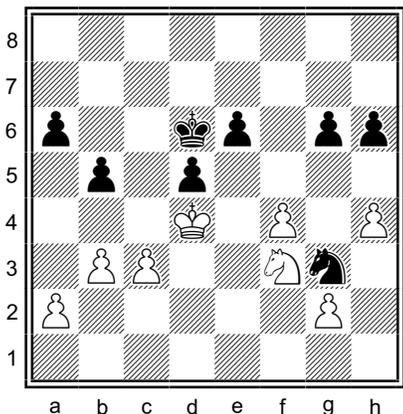
So this brings us to the following diagram:



24.Nd4 Kf7 25.f4 g6 26.Nf3 Ne4 27.Kf1 Ke7 28.Ke2 b5 29.Ke3 Kd6 30.Kd4 Now what?

30...h6 31.h4 I didn't think h4 was that great..Fritz likes it though...

31...Ng3 32.b3?? (Diagram)

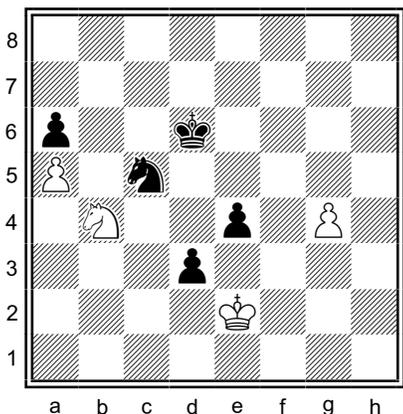


Finally, I had the break I was looking for!

32. ... Ne2+ 33.Ke3 Nxc3 34.a3 Nb1 35.a4 bxa4 36.bxa4 Nc3 37.a5 Ne4 38.Ne5 I was waiting for this, but had no way to stop it...doesn't put me in a good place...

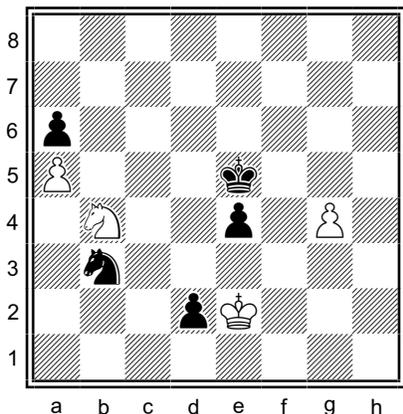
38...g5! This is the perfect response, though.

39.hxg5 hxg5 40.Nd3 gxf4+ 41.Kxf4 Nc5 42.Nb4 e5+ 43.Ke3 d4+ 44.Ke2 e4 45.g4 d3+? (Diagram) [45...Ke5!! 3 point lead for black. 46.Nc6+ Kd5 47.Ne7+ Kd6 48.Nc8+ Ke5]



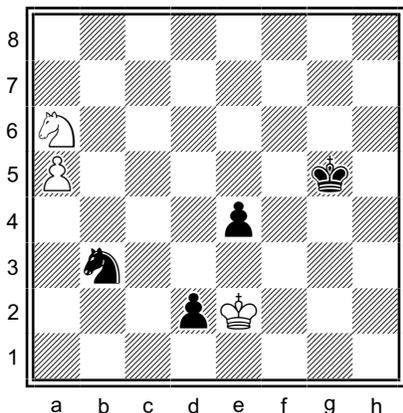
46.Ke3 Ke5 47.Na2 Nb3 48.Nb4?? It was an 8 point lead for black now...Nc3 was warranted.

48...d2 49.Ke2 (Diagram)



49. ... Kf4?? [49...e3!! I hate myself for not seeing this! 50.g5 Ke4 51.Nxa6 Nc1+ 52.Kd1 Nd3 53.Ke2 Nf2 54.Nc5+ Kf4 55.Ne6+ Kg3]

50.g5 Kxg5 51.Nxa6 (Diagram)



51. ... Nxa5?? Way way WAY too early!!! [51...e3!! 52.Nb4 Nd4+ 53.Kd1 Kf4 54.a6 Nb5 55.Na2 Kf3 56.a7 Nxa7 57.Nc3 Nc6 58.Ne2 Ne5 59.Nc3 Nd3 60.Kc2]

52.Kxd2 Kf4 53.Nc5 e3+ 54.Ke2 Nc6 55.Ne6+ And what should have been my greatest chess victory turned into my most humiliating draw ever...sigh... 1/2 - 1/2

I knew when I plugged this game into Fritz, I'd hate myself even more.

This should have been my greatest chess victory of my career. Like I said, I've never been co-champion of a tournament before. It was clearly a won game (as Fritz painfully pointed out several times). Instead, it becomes a draw, more bitter and disappointing than any loss.

Fortunately, there were a few lessons that could be gleaned from this:

- I had 72 minutes (maybe more) left when I made move 51. Time taken on the move: probably about a minute. Maybe good moves rain down on me in an endgame, but the BEST moves still take a little excavation to uncover.
- Passed pawns are always scary, but if chasing after them costs the game, concentrate on winning! Blunders on moves 49 and 51 both were the result of thinking I needed to chase down every Kulbacki passed pawn. It definitely feels weird to let one go, turning at worst a draw into a win for my opponent. But I had the better position, and should have found the win instead of chasing down his pawns.

Have
 a favorite
 endgame from
 a recent game?
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2007 CSCA Membership Meeting Minutes

compiled and abridged by Randy S. Reynolds

The 2007 CSCA Membership Meeting was called to order Sept. 1st, 2007 at 4:00 PM.

First item of business was the President's Report. Dean began by expressing gratitude for his 10 years on the CSCA board, and how he feels it's time for break from CSCA duties now. Things that have frustrated him during his term included the declining attendance at most of the weekend tournaments, though he also attests to good attendance at the club night tournaments and 1 day tournaments. Weekend tournaments with 80 players have now fallen to abysmal 30-35 player attendance. As suggestions of what to do to remedy these issues, Dean suggested that sending out a survey to all Colorado USCF members might help understand the issues affecting attendance better. Mario De La Victoria mentioned that economic issues might be affecting some attendance as well, such as the high cost of gas and perhaps rising hotel costs. As a result of all this, the Colorado Chess Festival, which typically accompanies the Colorado Closed, will likely be discontinued, as we have no good way to recoup our expenses paid for the closed with such low attendance for the chess festival.

For the Membership Report, Randy Reynolds reported 235 CSCA members, which is relatively constant from one year ago, a good sign that, even though attendance is down, at least CSCA members are staying relatively constant. He reported 19 Colorado Tour events this year, up 17 from last year. Notable additions were from Boulder (which added 3) and Pueblo. In the tour year, 1,215 games were played, and the average player played in 10 tour games during the tour year. The average rating of such a player was 1532, a marked increase from years past.

Lee Lahti then proceeded with the Treasurer's Report. Lee reported \$3792.89 in CSCA funds, up from \$2814.33 the year before. The increase in funds is partially offset by an anonymous \$500 donation to be used later in the scholastics program. Also, Dean Brown personally guaranteed his own funds to break even in the Colorado Closed/Chess Festival events, and without his generosity, we would be about even with last year. There is about \$60 less in both the Denker and Polgar accounts, owing to lower attendance at fundraising events this year.

We then continued on to the Colorado Tour 06-07 final results. Tour winners are listed on page 23.

Richard Buchanan then proceeded to give the CSCA Delegates Meeting Report, from the USCF meeting held in Cherry Hills, NJ. He began by reporting that Tyler Hughes did well in the Denker Tournament of Champions, taking 7th place overall. Also, Kaila Smith did well for her lower rating in the Polgar tournament, placing in the middle of the pack. As far as elections go, Susan Polgar was elected to the board by a wide margin. Her slate of candidates also largely made it onto the board as well, including Randy Bauer, Paul Truong, and Jim Berry (from Oklahoma) was also elected as well. Buck also reported that Bill Goichberg remains USCF President and Susan Polgar was elected "Chairman" of USCF, a new position apparently created just for her. In a further burst of bureaucratic creativity, all the other officers were named "Vice-Presidents" in charge of one thing or another.

As far as motions affecting players, the alleged rule that stated that you cannot wear headphones or have anything in your ears while playing rated chess was repealed. You are now free to listen to your iPod, just not chess-instructional MP3's, obviously. Also repealed was the ruling that you must make your move on the chess board before writing it down. Except for Monroi users, you may write your move down first before making it on

the chess board.

Buck also mentioned that there were several other miscellaneous motions that came before the delegate floor, and most of them failed.

Under old business, Daoud Zupa asked Dean Brown why the Colorado Open this year was not mentioned in Chess Life. Dean responded by mentioning that emergency family issues came up, which kept him from getting the TLA into Chess Life in time.

Also concerning old business, Lee Lahti mentioned some of the team events that have been going on in the Front Range with the Front Range chess league, a test league to hopefully go statewide later on. See page 27 for details. The test season included Cheyenne, Fort Collins, Boulder, and Greeley, and Boulder was the overwhelming champion. October starts a new season, which will be finalized soon.

There was no new business to proceed to.

We then proceeded to elections. Officers elected were:

President:	Joe Haines
Vice-President:	Mario de la Victoria
Treasurer:	Richard Buchanan
Secretary:	Tom Mullikin
Members-at-large:	Tom Nelson (apptd.) Todd Bardwick
Jr. Representative:	Garrick Talmage

Daoud brought up something about having carbon copy scoresheets at every tournament to encourage more games to be submitted to the Informant, and also asked about how pictures can be possibly added to the CSCA website. Mary Nelson reported that E-mailing pictures to Rick or her would be the best way to get anything posted on the Colorado-chess.com website.

Having no more business to discuss, the CSCA Membership Meeting was adjourned at 5:37 PM.

Colorado Tour Winners' Highlights

Having been disappointed at how few Tour winners actually showed up to collect their prize and hear cool things said about them at the membership meeting, I have taken the liberty of reprinting their 06-07 year bios here. Congratulations!

Renard Anderson -- Overall

I really like it when the good chess players make an attendance comeback. Case in point: last tour year, Renard participated in but 19 tour games. This year, he participated in 50. We need more people like this, strong players heading back to OTB chess so players like me can have that infinitesimally small hope that somehow, we can get that upset. Anyway, Renard participated in 10 of the 19 tour events, and won or tied for 1st on the Winter Springs Open (perfect), Boulder Winter Grand Prix, the Colorado Springs Open (perfect), Southern Colorado Open, and the Pike's Peak Open. What is it about these Southern Colorado tournaments? He also won the Invitational section at the Boulder Chess Festival with 6.5/7 points. With **412** tour points, almost 50% higher than the next closest competitor, **Renard Anderson** is our 2006-2007 Overall Colorado Tour winner.

Anthea Carson -- Class B

Anthea won first place in the Durango Spring tournament, grabbing a perfect score in a tough field. The perfect scores continued visiting the Kansas Open and winning first place in the reserve section, netting a perfect 5 for 5, making Colorado beam with pride. She also pulled off a tough draw against Josh Bloomer at the Poor Richard's Bookstore May tournament using Josh's own mother as a distraction, and she is reportedly in talks with Stan Lee to star in her own upcoming comic book series. With **276** points, and grabbing 3rd place overall, the Class B champion is Super-Anth—I mean, **Anthea Carson**.

Kathy Schneider -- Most Active

For our most active player, there were a total of 79 tour games a player could have played in. This player took part in 65 of those games. In fact, with a 6 games lead under her belt, she even took the last tournament, the 5 round Pike's Peak Open, off just to tease Anthea into getting within one win of the most active trophy. Very close, but for the second year in a row, our most active player is **Kathy Schneider**.

Samik Dasgupta -- Class A

Samik started off the tour year with a bang by tying for 2nd place at last year's Colorado Open with several other players. He also tied for first place at the Boulder Winter Grand Prix with 4.5/5. He also tied for second place at the Loveland Open. He is a regular player at the World Open, attending the last couple years to truly test his mettle. He is a regular fixture at the Boulder Chess Club and recently led the Boulder Chess League team to victory at the newly formed Front Range Chess League last spring, where he played table 1. With **192** tour points, **Samik Dasgupta** is this year's Class A champion.

Tyler Hughes -- Class Expert

Tyler won first place at the Al Ufer Memorial, DCC May Daze (with a perfect score), and the DCC Denker/Polgar fundraiser. He placed 2nd at the last Colorado Closed. And he also tied for first at the Boulder Fall Grand Prix and the State Scholastic Championships. He went on to get 7th place at the Denker Tournament of Champions this year, too. Let's see... what else, what else? Oh yeah, and there was a little thing about being a newly inducted chess Master as well, as his rating has now peeked over the 2200 level for a few months. Next year, it's not expert class anymore. It's going to be all or nothing for **Tyler Hughes**, who wins the Expert Class prize for the 2nd straight year, this time with **233** tour points.

Dean Brown -- Class C

Our **Class C** winner recently went to the U.S. Open and took it by storm, downing Grandmaster after Grandmaster. OK, that part was a lie, but it sure makes for a cooler story, right? But even so, managing to grab an even score at the U.S. Open is a monumental undertaking for someone who came in with a 1463 rating and left 1632. With **164** points, someone who truly understands what it really means to do a Colorado **Tour**, our Class C winner is **Dean Brown**.

Jackson Chen -- Class D

The **Class D** winner is a young man who neither started nor ended this tour year as a Class D, going from 1195 to 1631 in one year, but drove right through it on his way to better things. His most recent and impressive achievement was heading to the Elementary Nationals and getting 11/12 points in the K-3 Blitz, good enough to be co-champion. With **89** points and proof that good things come in small packages, the Class D winner is **Jackson Chen**.

Jerry Maier -- Class E

Jerry played rather consistently most of the time, but a few specific tournaments really improved his rating this year, which started at 1105 this time last year. For example, at the Colorado Springs Open in March, he notched a win against a class A player to end up with an even score in the single section tournament and 100 points to his rating. But he wasn't done yet. A strong summer provided another wonderful boost to Jerry's career, notching back-to-back wins against a class C player and then yet another class A player at the June Mating Game tournament in Colorado Springs, adding another 100 points to his rating. Now at a solid 1300+ rating, it looks like he'll be competing for class D and up. But this year, at an average rating of 1180 throughout the year, class E belongs to **Jerry Maier** with **95** points.

by Brian Wall

Snow White: The Fairy Tale Retold in Colorado Springs

[Ed. note: Last issue, Walter Smith submitted an article about the up-and-coming scholastic female chess players in the state. Little did we know that the story would spawn a remarkable sequel just one issue later. This is the true story of a nearly 700 point upset, narrated by Dopey -- er, I mean, Brian Wall.]

Poor Richard's Chess Tournament, Colorado Springs, CO, August 22, 2007, 7 PM

Round 4, Game/90

White - The pretty, pure and good Alexa "Snow White" Lasley, age 12

Black - The conniving, evil, jealous Anthea "Wicked Stepmother" Carson, birth records lost in the great Chicago fire of 1812.



VS.

Rfe1 h4 18. h3 Qb6

Anthea: "Mirror, mirror upon the wall, Who is the fairest fair of all?"

The Magic Mirror cannot lie, and must admit that there is someone else other than the Queen who is the strongest in the land:

Mirror: "Famed is thy beauty, majesty. Behold, a lovely maid I see. Rags cannot hide her gentle grace. Alas, she is more fair than thee."

Queen Anthea: "Alas for her, reveal her name."

Mirror: "Lips red as the rose. Hair black as ebony. Skin white as snow. Alexa be her name."

19. b3 O-O-O 20. Nd2 Rdg8 21. Nc4 Qd8 22. Nd5 Bxd5 23. Rxd5

Anthea to c5-knight: "Take the child away into the woods and kill her, for I can no longer bear the sight of her. And when you return bring with you her heart, that I may know you have obeyed my will."

23 ... Ne6 24. Qa7

Anthea could have defended with 23 ... Kb8! but her insane jealousy lead to her demise.

24 ... Rxd2+ 25. Kxd2 Nf4+

The knight dared not disobey, so he led Alexa out into the woods and placed an arrow in his bow to pierce her innocent heart, but the little maid begged him to spare her life, and the child's beauty touched his heart with pity, so that he bade her run away.

26. Kh2 Nxd5 27. exd5 Qe8

Anthea: "Mirror, mirror upon the wall, Who is the strongest Colorado female chess player of all?"

Mirror: "O Lady Queen, though fair ye be, Alexa is fairer far to see."

28. Nb6+ 1-0

Congratulations, Alexa. Just don't eat any red apples for a while.



W: Alexa Lasley (1074)



B: Anthea Carson (1745)

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bb5+

Alexa Lasley: "I am playing the Ruy Lopez, what are you playing?"

3 ... Nd7 4. O-O a6 5. Ba4 b5 6. Bb3 c4

Anthea: "Mirror, mirror on the wall, who is the best Colorado female chess player of them all?"

7. Bxc4 bxc4

Mirror: "Thou, O Queen Anthea, art the strongest of all."

8. d4 cxd3 9. Qxd3 Bb7 10. Nc3 e6 11. Bf4 e5 12. Bg3 Ngf6 13. Bh4 Be7 14. Bxf6 gxf6 15. Rad1 Nc5 16. Qe3 h5 17.

Pueblo Open Final Standings

June 30th, 2007

Chief TD: Dean Brown

#	Name	Pre-rtg	Post-rtg	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Tot
1	Raynaldo Fourzan	1909	1930	W11	W6	W5	W3	4.0
2	Igor Melnykov	1682	1761	W19	W7	W4	W8	4.0
3	Imre Barlay	1919	1918	W9	W10	W8	L1	3.0
4	Scott Nichols	1827	1819	W14	W12	L2	W11	3.0
5	Tim Brennan	1753	1756	W15	W16	L1	W9	3.0
6	Anthea Carson	1652	1660	W18	L1	W13	W12	3.0
7	Chris Clevenger	1875	1842	W13	L2	L14	W17	2.0
8	Josh Divine	1661	1648	W17	W15	L3	L2	2.0
9	Michael Filppu	1653	1639	L3	W20	W17	L5	2.0
10	Richard Barber	1600	1600	W20	L3	L11	W14	2.0
11	Brian Clason	1330	1376	L1	W18	W10	L4	2.0
12	Joseph Pahk	1508	1494	W21	L4	W16	L6	2.0
13	Gerald Maier	1308	1307	L7	W19	L6	W18	2.0
14	Liz Wood	1144	1206	L4	B---	W7	L10	2.0
15	Bryan Castle	1077	1080	L5	L8	B---	W20	2.0
16	Kathy Schneider	751	776	B---	L5	L12	W21	2.0
17	Logan Riggs	unr.	1078	L8	W21	L9	L7	1.0
18	Scott Huskins	unr.	973	L6	L11	W19	L13	1.0
19	Eric Riewski	unr.	558	L2	L13	L18	B---	1.0
20	Kenneth Hartman	unr.	677	L10	L9	D21	L15	0.5
21	Lance Maggart	unr.	554	L12	L17	D20	L16	0.5

2007 Boulder Invitational

July 20-22, 2007

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot
1	Renard Anderson	2272	2284	W7	W6	D2	W4	W5	W8	W3	6.5
2	Mitesh Shridhar	1959	1991	W8	W7	D1	D5	L3	W6	W4	5.0
3	Philipp Ponomarev	2355	2338	W6	L4	W8	W7	W2	W5	L1	5.0
4	Markus Petters	2020	2026	W5	W3	L6	L1	W8	W7	L2	4.0
5	Dan Avery	1992	1978	L4	W8	L7	D2	L1	L3	W6	2.5
6	Andrew Duren	1857	1863	L3	L1	W4	D8	W7	L2	L5	2.5
7	Bill Weihmiller	1751	1755	L1	L2	W5	L3	L6	L4	D8	1.5
8	Samik Dasgupta	1911	1882	L2	L5	L3	D6	L4	L1	D7	1.0

2007 Boulder Chess Festival Open

July 21-22, 2007

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot
1	Jay Shaeffer	1713	1726	L8	W5	W10	W4	W2	4.0
2	Cory Foster	1194	1371	W9	W6	W12	D3	L1	3.5
3	Alan August	1312	1364	X10	W7	D4	D2	L5	3.0
4	Mark Luce	unr.	1612	W11	W8	D3	L1	D7	3.0
5	Gary Bagstad	1700	1688	D12	L1	H---	W11	W3	3.0
6	Chai Neuhaus	1458	1464	W13	L2	L11	W15	W14	3.0
7	Ted Doykos	1676	1659	W15	L3	H---	W8	D4	3.0
8	Elizabeth Scott	1426	1448	W1	L4	H---	L7	W13	2.5
9	Chris Wall	1628	1616	L2	W13	D14	W12	U---	2.5
10	Paul Grimm	1643	1640	F3	W15	L1	H---	W12	2.5
11	Manny Presicci	1500	1481	L4	L12	W6	L5	W15	2.0
12	Lee Lahti	1394	1395	D5	W11	L2	L9	L10	1.5
13	William Tandy	unr.	1246	L6	L9	W15	H---	L8	1.5
14	Klaus Johnson	1699	1676	H---	H---	D9	U---	L6	1.5
15	Anatoly Makarevich	1315	1263	L7	L10	L13	L6	L11	0.0

by Lee Lahti

Front Range Chess League Report

Over the last year, the Fort Collins Chess Club has been involved in Team events that have progressed from a friendly match against the Cheyenne Chess Club to losing to any team who was willing to accept our open-ended challenge for a match.

In March this year, we extended Team events to a new level – the introduction of the Front Range Chess League. The idea behind the League is to help promote our wonderful game but with a new twist – ongoing organized team competition instead of sporadically scheduled events. Teams from the Boulder, Greeley and Cheyenne Chess Clubs joined Fort Collins to participate in a “Test Season” to see if a chess league was a feasible idea and to test out rules for organized play.

For the “Test Season”, each club had a single team with 4-6 players on the roster. For each match, 4 players from the roster participated. To keep everything competitive, the 4 players participating in any match were required to have an average rating under 1700. Each club hosted an event during the course of the season, with all teams coming together once a month at the host location to play. Players played a single game with a time control of G/90. Players on a team alternated colors on subsequent boards, so each team had 2 players each as White and Black for each match.

For the regular season, each team played each other team once in a simple round robin format. After 3 matches, the Boulder Chess Club proved they were the team to beat, going 3-0 and only losing 2 games in all matches. The Greeley Chess Club was the best of the rest, finishing in 2nd place with a 2-1 record. Fort Collins finished the Regular Season in 3rd place at 1-2 and Cheyenne ended the season at 0-3. Boulder and Greeley faced off in a playoff match in June to determine the League champion, with the Boulder Chess Club proving their superiority by defeating Greeley 4-0 with the first sweep of the season.

With the success of the “Test Season” behind us, the Front Range Chess League is ready to take the next step. We are looking for teams for the Inaugural Season of the League. Play is scheduled to begin October 20th at the Tabor Center. The rate of play will again be 1 match per month, but with 2 G/90 games per match. The season will run through May or June 2008, with breaks in December (for the holidays) and February to prevent conflicts with the traditional event in February – the Loveland Open and the Scholastic State Championships. Venues for hosting League events are still being finalized, but the tentative schedule for this season has matches all along the Front Range from Cheyenne to Colorado Springs.

We encourage as many people as possible to put together teams for the upcoming season of the League. This is a new venture that will only be successful with participation beyond the teams that participated in the “Test Season.” Additional information about the upcoming season of the Front Range Chess League can be found on the Colorado Chess website: <http://www.colorado-chess.com/FrontRangeChessLeague.shtml> or by contacting Lee Lahti by email at lee.lahti@comcast.net or by phone at 970-372-8590.

Humor

Why I Lost

By Randy S. Reynolds

So at the last Membership Meeting, I tried running for CSCA President. But that run came up a bit short, and so now we have Joe Haines as the new CSCA President.

From my point of view, it's not entirely a bad thing. I mean, I write enough for this Informant as it is – do you really want to hear from me yet again in the President's Message column, too?

But since the election, people have been asking me, how in the world did you lose? I mean, Joe wasn't even *present* at the Membership Meeting. Isn't that kind of similar to that election where John Ashcroft lost a senate seat to that dead guy in 2000?

To which I usually hastily respond: “**Shut up!!**”

But it definitely deserves a little better explanation than that. So I started thinking about it. Joe is a very well-known and well-liked person, especially through the Denver area. He's put together many a chess tournament in Denver and helped DCC tremendously. And he wrote a really good candidacy letter. I should have let Bruce Bain go first in reading the letter, in which case I could have just said, “ditto” for my campaign statement and have been done with it.

But perhaps another reason for the loss may have been this question that Daoud Zupa asked me during the election:

Daoud: “Recent polls have shown only a fifth of Colorado chess players actually read their Colorado Chess Informant. Why do you think this is?”

Randy: “... I personally believe... that Colorado American chess players are unwilling to do so... because... uh... some people out there in our state don't like chess and have jobs... And... uh... I believe that our chess education, like such as in South Dakota and... uh... the Oklahoma, everywhere, like, such as... And I believe that they should... Our chess education over here in the Colorado should help the Colorado... uh... Or, should help South Dakota and should help the Oklahoma and the Eastern states... So we will be able to build up our future... for our...” (somewhere, a Miss Teen USA-like bell dings)

Maybe that had something to do with it?

Nah, I'm personally sticking with the “hanging chad” conspiracy theory.

CLUB DIRECTORY: PLACES FOR YOU TO PLAY CHESS

Editor's note: PLEASE send new or updated information to randy_tesyana@msn.com for listing here.

DENVER AREA

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

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

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

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

AROUND THE STATE AND REGION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The **Greeley Chess Club** meets Thursdays, 7-10 PM, Best Western Inn, Lopiano's Restaurant, 8th Ave and 8th St. Call Herb Conley at (970) 352-6142.

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

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

Pueblo Chess Club meets at Barnes and Noble (4300 Freeway) on Mondays, Daily Grind (209 S. Union) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. All nights 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Thursdays are G/15 tournaments. Come any night to drop by and pick up a game... For more info contact Liz Wood at 719-566-6929.

Colorado Chess Tour 2007 Final Standings

Top 10 Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Renard Anderson	2237	411.96	50
2	Brian Wall	2234	280.41	45
3	Anthea Carson	1645	276.09	64
4	Tyler Hughes	2188	232.7	35
5	Samik Dasgupta	1913	192.67	26
6	Larry Wutt	1841	187.81	25
7	Dean W. Brown	1403	164.03	51
8	Shaun T. MacMillan	1813	142.84	24
9	Leonardo Sotaridona	1808	137.35	22
10	Sharavdorj Dashzeveg	2522	134.09	12

Top 10 Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	819	64.69	65
2	Anthea Carson	1645	276.09	64
3	Dean W. Brown	1403	164.03	51
4	Renard Anderson	2237	411.96	50
5	Thomas Mullikin	1134	85.58	46
6	Brian Wall	2234	280.41	45
7	Gerald Maier	1180	95.37	43
8	Michael Filppu	1462	131.26	35
9	Tyler Hughes	2188	232.7	35
10	Gary Bagstad	1721	100.26	28

Top 10 Expert

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Tyler Hughes	2188	232.7	35
2	Richard Buchanan	2004	124.42	19
3	James Hamblin	2008	119.48	18
4	Matthew O'Hara	2088	92.88	12
5	Stephen Towbin	2011	79.52	16
6	Markus Petters	2037	41.71	4
7	Jesse Cohen	2148	36.8	4
8	Robert Ramirez	2089	30.94	10
9	Andrew Smith	2017	30.66	4
10	Andy Rea	2129	29.45	4

Top 10 Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Samik Dasgupta	1913	192.67	26
2	Larry Wutt	1841	187.81	25
3	Shaun T. MacMillan	1813	142.84	24
4	Leonardo Sotaridona	1808	137.35	22
5	Paul Anderson	1884	125.8	25
6	Richard Herbst	1964	94.57	18
7	Imre Barlay	1909	86.56	18
8	Mitesh Shridhar	1941	80.47	11
9	Daoud Zupa	1977	78.69	20
10	Ken Doykos	1824	75.45	17

Top 10 Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Anthea Carson	1645	276.09	64
2	Andrew Duren	1751	125.47	19
3	Ted Doykos	1654	106.88	20
4	Bill Weihmiller	1712	102.33	18
5	Gary Bagstad	1721	100.26	28
6	Paul Grimm	1648	100.19	21
7	James C. MacNeil	1670	74.38	14
8	Klaus Johnson	1693	73.81	16
9	Gordon Randall	1716	73.57	13
10	Jacob Zax	1708	71.22	18

Top 10 Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean W. Brown	1403	164.03	51
2	Michael Filppu	1462	131.26	35
3	Joseph Pahk	1475	110.68	28
4	Tim Fisher	1566	106.58	22
5	Norbert Martinez	1564	88.99	23
6	Chris Wall	1449	75.47	16
7	Evan Wright	1490	72.94	13
8	Randolph Schine	1513	67.53	15
9	Peter Grigg	1507	61.44	13
10	Philip Meyer	1442	60.66	11

Top 10 Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Jackson Chen	1378	89.16	26
2	Lee F. Lahti	1396	76.79	23
3	Fred Eric Spell	1216	72.6	27
4	Aaron Lear	1329	55.52	11
5	Ryan McCardell	1308	47.65	20
6	Robert Rountree	1227	40.07	13
7	Edward F. Cronin	1237	33.46	20
8	Rhett Langseth	1323	32.37	11
9	Gerry Smith	1393	27.8	6
10	Walter Schmidt	1397	26.25	11

Top 10 Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Gerald Maier	1180	95.37	43
2	Thomas Mullikin	1134	85.58	46
3	Kathy Schneider	819	64.69	65
4	Gary Frenzel	1012	51.4	28
5	Cory Foster	1169	47.04	20
6	Archie Shipp	1186	34.7	14
7	Russel Stark	1076	30.05	12
8	Bryan Castle	1079	29.05	9
9	Benjamin Twerskoi	1183	22.24	6
10	Mike Nugent	1033	20.69	6

Upcoming Tournaments

Salida Cash Open, September 29, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

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

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

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

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

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

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

Phone: 719-539-7686

E-mail: pmrthor@earthlink.net

USCF membership required and sold at the door.

No advanced registration accepted without payment.

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

Larimer County Open, October 6-7, 2007

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Rd. 1-2 G/90, Rd. 3-5 G/120

Site: The NEW Larimer County Fairgrounds, McKee Community Building, 5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO 80538

Directions: I-25 to exit 259, go east on Crossroads Blvd. to 1st light. Turn left and watch for the arched entrance on the left.

Open: Open to all USCF members.

Reserve: Open to USCF rating less than 1400 and unrated.

Entry fee: \$30 if received by 10/4, \$35 at site.

Prizes: 70% of entry fees.

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

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

Phone: 970-310-4224

E-mail: randy_teyana@msn.com

CSCA membership required (\$15), OSA.

25% off for jr/sr/unrated if advanced entry received.

Colorado Tour Event.

2nd Annual Regis Jesuit GP #2, Oct. 6, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: Regis Jesuit High School Boys Division 6400 S. Lewiston Way, Aurora, CO 80016.

Follow signs from main entrance to cafeteria (south building).

Open: For all current or new USCF members (can sign up at site)

Entry fee: \$15 at site, \$10 if rec'd by Thurs. before tournament

Prizes: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall and 1st U1200

Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m., **Rounds:** 9:00, 10:15, 12:00, 1:15.

Entries: Billy Willson 1647 S. Chester Ct., Denver, CO 80247

E-mail: bwillson@regisjesuit.com

Checks to: Regis Jesuit High School.

Adult and scholastic players welcome.

Fort Collins 2nd Tuesday Oct., Oct. 9, 2007

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/29, no delay

Site: Lory Student Center, 2nd Floor Food Court, CSU Campus, Fort Collins, CO.

Directions: Turn from College Ave onto W. Laurel St. Once on Laurel, Turn left into CSU at the 2nd stop light at Meldrum St. Park in the parking lot near Lory Student Center.

Open: One open section. USCF membership required.

Entry fee: \$2

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee.

Registration: 6:45-7:00pm. Onsite registration only, but please email if you intend to come., **Rounds:** 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm..

Entries: Lee Lahti

Phone: (970) 372-8590

E-mail: lee.lahti@comcast.net

A Fort Collins Chess Club Event.

Boulder Blitz Championship, Oct. 13, 2007

Time Control: G/5 no delay

Site: University Memorial Center Room 415

Open: Open to all current USCF members

Entry fee: \$25, \$20 if rec'd by 10/10

Prizes: \$445 b/24. 1st-2nd: \$115-\$90. U1800: \$75, U1600: \$65, U1400: \$55, U1200: \$45

Registration: 9-9:45 AM, **Rounds:** Semi-Final: 10, 10:30, 11:00, 11:30, 12:00: Final: Rounds start every 30 minutes starting at 2:00..

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

E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

Semi-final: 5 round double swiss tournament

Final: 8-player double round robin

Website: www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub

Regular qualifier for the 2008 Boulder Chess Club Championship

Cheyenne 4th Thursday Oct., Oct. 25, 2007

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/29, no delay

Site: Cafeteria, Laramie County Community College, 1400 East College Drive, Cheyenne, WY.

Directions: From I-25, take the College Drive exit, heading east. Continue passed Highway 85. About 3/4 mile, the entrance to the college will be on the left. Take the entrance and proceed to the left. Head around to Student Union where the cafeteria is located.

Open: One open section. USCF membership required.

Entry fee: \$2

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee.

Registration: 6:30-7:00pm. Onsite registration only, but please email if you intend to come., **Rounds:** 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm..

Entries: Allan Cunningham 4019 Golden Ct., Cheyenne, WY 82001

Phone: (307) 635-3102

E-mail: ADCDAC@aol.com

A Cheyenne Chess Club Event.

More Upcoming Tournaments

2nd Annual Regis Jesuit GP #3, Nov. 3, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: Regis Jesuit High School Boys Division 6400 S. Lewiston Way, Aurora, CO 80016.

Follow signs from main entrance to cafeteria (south building).

Open: For all current or new USCF members (can sign up at site)

Entry fee: \$15 at site, \$10 if rec'd by Thurs. before tournament

Prizes: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall and 1st U1200

Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m., Rounds: 9:00, 10:15, 12:00, 1:15.

Entries: Billy Willson 1647 S. Chester Ct., Denver, CO 80247

E-mail: bwillson@regisjesuit.com

Checks to: Regis Jesuit High School.

Adult and scholastic players welcome.

Boulder Fall Grand Prix, Nov. 17-18, 2007

5 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/90, TD/5

Site: University Memorial Center #415.

Open: Open to all current USCF members

Entry fee: \$35, \$30 if rec'd by 11/14. \$8 less for Jrs/Srs/Unrated

Prizes: \$675 Gtd. 1st-2nd: \$180-\$120, U2000/U1800/U1600/U1400/ U1200: \$75 each.

Registration: 9-9:45 AM, Rounds: 11/17: 10:00, 2:00, 6:00. 11/18: 11:30, 3:30.

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

E-mail: boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

USCF Grand Prix Event (6 points)

CO Tour event: CSCA membership required, OSA.

A large qualifier for the 2008 Boulder Chess Club Championship.

www.geocities.com/boulderchessclub

Cheyenne 5th Thursday Nov., Nov. 29, 2007

3 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: Game/29, no delay

Site: Cafeteria, Laramie County Community College, 1400 East College Drive, Cheyenne, WY.

Directions: From I-25, take the College Drive exit, heading east.

Continue passed Highway 85. About 3/4 mile, the entrance to the college will be on the left. Take the entrance and proceed to the left.

Head around to Student Union where the cafeteria is located.

Open: One open section. USCF membership required.

Entry fee: \$2

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee.

Registration: 6:30-7:00pm. Onsite registration only, but please email if you intend to come.,

Rounds: 7:00pm, 8:00pm, 9:00pm..

Entries: Allan Cunningham 4019 Golden Ct., Cheyenne, WY 82001

Phone: (307) 635-3102

E-mail: ADCDAC@aol.com

A Cheyenne Chess Club Event.

Winter Springs Open, December 1-2, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: 40/2 and G/1

Site: Masonic Lodge, 455 El Paso Blvd, Manitou Springs.

JUNE: open to all

JULY: U 1800

AUGUST: U 1400

Entry fee: \$25 if rec'd by 11/28, \$30 at site. \$6 off EF for juniors,

seniors, unrateds.

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries.

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

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Make checks payable to CSCA. Send payment and this completed form to:

Richard Buchanan
844 B Prospect Place
Manitou Springs, CO 80829

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone # _____

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Entries: Richard Buchanan 844 B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829

Phone: (719) 685-1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

CSCA membership req'd (\$15, 10 for jrs, seniors), OSA.

Colorado Tour Event.

2nd Ann. Regis Jesuit GP #4, Dec. 15, 2007

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: Regis Jesuit High School Boys Division 6400 S. Lewiston Way, Aurora, CO 80016.

Follow signs from main entrance to cafeteria (south building).

Open: For all current or new USCF members (can sign up at site)

Entry fee: \$15 at site, \$10 if rec'd by Thurs. before tournament

Prizes: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall and 1st U1200

Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m., **Rounds:** 9:00, 10:15, 12:00, 1:15.

Entries: Billy Willson 1647 S. Chester Ct., Denver, CO 80247

E-mail: bwillson@regisjesuit.com

Checks to: Regis Jesuit High School.

Adult and scholastic players welcome.

2nd Annual Regis Jesuit GP #5, Jan. 5, 2008

4 round Swiss system tournament.

Time Control: G/30

Site: Regis Jesuit High School Boys Division 6400 S. Lewiston

Way, Aurora, CO 80016.

Follow signs from main entrance to cafeteria (south building).

Open: For all current or new USCF members (can sign up at site)

Entry fee: \$15 at site, \$10 if rec'd by Thurs. before tournament

Prizes: Trophies for 1st, 2nd, 3rd overall and 1st U1200

Registration: 8:00-8:45 a.m., **Rounds:** 9:00, 10:15, 12:00, 1:15.

Entries: Billy Willson 1647 S. Chester Ct., Denver, CO 80247

E-mail: bwillson@regisjesuit.com

Checks to: Regis Jesuit High School.

Adult and scholastic players welcome.

Colorado Springs Open, March 8-9, 2008

5 round Swiss system tournament.

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

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

Sections: One open section.

Entry fee: \$30 if rec'd by 3/6, \$35 at site. \$8 discount for juniors, seniors, unrated.

Prizes: Prizes per entries.

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

Entries: Richard Buchanan 844 B Prospect Place, Manitou Springs CO 80829

Phone: (719) 685-1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisys.net

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

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