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From The Editor

Change. It can be un-nerving, embraced or seen as a challenge. I have always enjoyed a good challenge and so here I am, the new editor of the Informant.

The first change in Colorado chess is this magazine. There are some subtle changes but mostly it is in style. Every editor has ideas as to how a publication should present itself and I am no different. So please let me know and give me your opinions, good or bad. This is after all, *your* magazine! I want the Informant to continue to reflect the readership. So send in your articles. You don't have to be a Grandmaster, just someone who loves chess.

The second change is the new members of the CSCA board. We have a new President, Vice-President, Member at Large and Junior Representative. These dedicated individuals join the re-elected members to carry out the day to day affairs of the CSCA. I think they all will do a wonderful job for the coming term.

Finally I want to thank Randy Reynolds. He took on the task of editing the Informant at a time when no one else would and has done a great job! Thanks Randy, I hope that I can live up to your quality standards as the new editor of the Informant.

In this issue you will find reports, game scores, player thoughts and much more. Enjoy this issue and please let me know your opinions and ideas. Change after all, can be a good thing!

May Caissa be with you.

Fred Eric Spell



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Message From The Outgoing CSCA President

The chess playing schedule in summer 2009 has been more active than in recent years. In June there was the Pueblo Open (18 entries), the Southern Colorado Open (33 entries), and the June Swoon (30 entries). In July, there was only one CO tour event, the resurrected Colorado Quick Championship (23 entries), but in August we had FOUR! The only tournament with significant history was the Pikes Peak Open (36 entries), but there were three more tournaments, with It's a Hot Time In Town Tonight (10 entries), the second Super Saturday Tournament (30 entries), and the very successful Monument Open (50 entries). By my count, the total number of entries in CO Tour events this year was 795. A number to be proud of and to try and improve for next year!

I want to thank the 2008-09 board for their work in keeping Colorado chess going this past year. First and foremost I'd like to thank Vice-President Lee Lahti, who was always the first person I called when I wanted to bounce an idea off of. Randy Reynolds did a phenomenal job as Secretary and as editor of three of the four Informants during his one year-term. His CO Tour updates were very punctual, always coming with 48 hours of when requested and he was always prepared at the board meetings. I'd like to thank the Treasurer, Richard (Buck) Buchanan. Buck probably has more experience being a director and organizer than the rest of the board combined, so I greatly valued his opinion and input. Perhaps the hardest-working member of the board was the Scholastic Chair Tom Nelson. I was greatly impressed

by his organization of Colorado State Scholastics, and am very happy that he is staying on the CSCA board and as Scholastic Chair for next year. Dean Brown as Member-At-Large was the most active player on the board, and I was able to see him at tournaments two or three times a month. Throughout the year I was very appreciative of Dean's past experience as CSCA president and a member of the board. Finally, this year's junior representative, Mitesh Shridhar, is probably the most active junior representative that CSCA has ever had. Not only did Mitesh make and vote in every single board meeting throughout the year, he also took the time to be a commentator and assistant TD at state scholastics.

A few other people that made my job as CSCA President easier were Julian Evans, who has eased into taking over the Boulder Chess Club during the last month of my term, Jerry Maier, who was a director of ten (!) CO Tour tournaments in the last year, Professor Kamran Sahami, who was crucial in arranging for a location for the Colorado Closed/Class, and Brian Wall, whose chess emails about local tournaments undoubtedly improved attendance and forwarded the monthly CSCA newsletter on to hundreds of people who would have otherwise not received them.

I wish the new CSCA President and board good luck! Although I have moved to New Hampshire this fall, I will be playing in the 2010 Colorado Correspondence Championship next year and may show for the occasional Colorado tournament on vacation. So rather than goodbye, I'll say, see you later!

Klaus Johnson
(Former) CSCA President



Fred Eric Spell: Colorado Chess Volunteer Fourth Quarter 2009

by Klaus Johnson

The final volunteer of the quarter for 2009 is Fred Eric Spell for his work in organizing the Monument Open, helping continue the weekly games in Colorado Springs, and for becoming the new editor of the Colorado Informant.

Fred learned how to play chess at age 11 learning from other kids, however he didn't learn all of the rules until his dad bought *First Book of Chess* by Al Horowitz and Fred Reinfeld. He then became a tournament player and later a director and organizer in an effort to improve playing conditions for players.



East Coast Deli

The Poor Richards' Wednesday night games were started by the Colorado Springs Chess Club. After 18 months of games, the Poor Richards bookstore announced that the chess games would be sharing space with dinner parties. Obviously the new environment would be far too noisy to play serious tournament chess and several players were considering quitting so Fred took it upon himself to find another location to play. Based on a suggestion from his wife Serena, he took a look at the East Coast Deli in downtown Colorado Springs and found it to be a good location. Since then, attendance at the weekly games has continued and even improved with the new location.

Along the Front Range, most tournaments are held either in the Denver area or in Manitou Springs. Since there have been few weekend tournaments in Denver and attendance in Manitou Springs has been in a slow decline for the past ten years, Fred decided to organize a tournament between the two cities to try to get the best of both worlds. The result was the Monument Open held on August 22nd & 23rd. With 50 players, it exceeded the attendance of any open Colorado Tournament in the previous year except the 2008 Colorado Open and the 2009 Colorado Closed/Scholastic Closed/Class. With this great turnout, it looks like Colorado has another successful annual tournament.

Starting with this, the October 2009 issue, Fred will be taking over the duties of editor of the Colorado Informant, giving Randy Reynolds a much needed break. His help on this and his work organizing the East Coast Deli and the Monument Open has greatly helped Colorado Chess this year.



2009 Monument Open



Parting Thoughts From The Previous Editor

by Randy Reynolds

One thing you've probably noticed this issue is that we have a new editor in charge. Fred Eric Spell has agreed to keep the Informant going, and I'm pleased by his willingness to do so. A big thanks goes to him in helping continue the Informant tradition in Colorado.

So, in this issue, I wanted to include a little something about my years as Informant editor, and what I learned. Allow me to start at the beginning.

The Survival

The early years as Informant editor did not blossom from a desire to actually do the job. I knew about the many challenges and roles the editor needed to achieve, and I really wasn't sure I wanted all that extra responsibility.

But after some time on the CSCA board, trying to keep the Informant published on a consistent basis, I knew that someone had to get it done and get the magazine out, no matter what the quality was, or there soon wouldn't be an Informant any longer. I stepped in as a reluctant volunteer, wanting just to keep it going and let the membership know that CSCA was still committed to publishing the magazine.

The survival stage was marked by an urgent request for submissions from the membership. As has always been the case, the quality of the magazine always comes back to the quality of the submissions from the general membership. No editor can or should be required to work in a vacuum. Thus, it's been wonderful to always have had a decent supply of articles and games coming in. Not always, and I've had to put a few extra cross tables in than I wanted to at times. But we've always had some great articles coming in from a variety of sources over the years.

The first issue of mine actually promised players who submitted articles an IOU for a won game against me, to be used within the next couple years. Yes, that's how desperate I was for getting people inter-

ested in submitting games. And I think I sent out "vouchers" to at least half a dozen players, promising them I'd resign in any rated game we play in the future in exchange for said voucher. The novelty of it speaks for itself. I think I only had one person actually *use* that voucher; it's been a while, but I think Paul Anderson used his. I think I played f5 and g5 and let him get me with his queen, though it's still a little hazy. Calm down, you purists...we played another practice game afterwards, where he handily beat me, so I think I would have had my hands full regardless.

If any of you out there still have your vouchers, they're probably quite rare now – you'll probably be able to get a lot of money for them off of eBay! Or just keep them for sentimental reasons.

But it was great to get those articles coming in, and I think it set a good foundation for what I expected from people, and what I continue to expect from people for the Informant. Our magazine will live and die by its submissions, so I hope we'll always remember, as we're basking in the warm glow from a hard fought win, that our friendly neighborhood Informant editor would probably like to share in that glow, too. Don't wait until later – write up your greatest victories or most humbling defeats now!

The Provocations

One of the perks of editing a magazine no one else wanted to edit was that you had a lot more liberty on what you could write about.

The biggest firestorm was probably Brian Wall's "The Day 1300s Ruled the Earth" in the July 2006 Informant. It was based on a game Brian played against then 1329 player Lee Lahti at the Wyoming Open. By racking up 2.5 points in the first 3 rounds, including a draw against A-player James Kulbacki, Lee found himself playing Brian Wall in the 4th round, who also had 2.5 points.

This was a simpler time in Wyoming, well before the days when games got adjourned because of tornado warnings causing everyone to have to leave the tournament hall. Yes, back then, all we had to worry about was power outages in the 5th round and having to move to a pizza place across town to play that last

round. And who could forget David Wallace paying people \$20 a pop to eat one of the Habañero peppers he picked up somewhere? Yes, those were the days...but I digress.

The article was an analysis of the game played between the players, interspersed with some brilliant jokes about 1300 rated players. Sure, it's nothing that would have made the cover of *Chess Life*, but it was just the kind of thing we needed for our Informant at the time. I don't even remember the circumstances, but Tim Brennan loved all the 1300 jokes in the article and added a dozen more of his own, which really cemented the article as one of my favorites.

But of course, such joking can only go so far before someone vents their frustrations with such humor. I received some feedback that some of the lower rated players were offended by the 1300 jokes in the magazine. So, of course, I offered a quick apology and promised to fill the Informant's pages with nothing but cross tables and ennui, and the rest is history...

No, of course that's not what happened. In fact, in the next issue, I put a few more jokes in there, courtesy of Paul Anderson this time. This was exactly what I wanted to do with the Informant. When you publish a cross table, there's no controversy, no feedback, and ultimately no interest. The worthiness of any media comes down to its ability to cause people to express their own feelings on the subjects reported on. I know there were several that, rather than take the criticism personally, saw it as an opportunity to send in articles about what a 1300 player really does know, and that's what I was looking for. Anything to get us all talking.

The controversy in the opinions section continued with my own feelings about the Monroi (along with a double-blind pro-con argument from Todd Bardwick and Tim Brennan), why we should move to 1 day tournaments (a trend that's getting picked up), and whether it's right to throw games for the common good. Not all of these opinion sections were well responded to, but getting the seed out there, allowing people to see the different sides of chess, especially away from the typical 1. e4 e5 – that's the essence of what true chess journalism is really about.

The Future

So where do we go from here? I believe there are still ways we can improve the Informant, and sometimes the best way of accomplishing such improvement is to bring someone new on board, like Fred. The new ideas will help take the Informant in directions it's been lacking lately, and they will likely be for the best.

We still need a greater variety in our article authorship. As a naturally quiet individual, it's always been tough for me to solicit articles from others. Perhaps Fred will be able to rectify this somewhat. But I still put out a call to all of CSCA to write whenever they can, about whatever they can. As I've said before, not all articles need to be Master-annotated classic games. In fact, very few of the Informant articles are. Head on over to *Chess Life* if you're looking for that caliber. Paraphrasing the words of King Leonidas from the movie *300*: "This is Colorado!" Write for Colorado, and Colorado will thank you for it. Or if not, at least you get to see your name in print! That's pretty cool, too!

Thanks for all the kind words and encouragement people have offered throughout my time as Informant editor. Thanks for the great articles I've been sent throughout the years. Thanks to those contributors who took the time to write about their most poignant chess experiences. And thanks to the readers of this publication, who give those of us who write a captive audience. CSCA envisions a bright future, thanks to your support.



**Colorado State Chess Association
2009 Financial Report**

Richard Buchanan, Treasurer

INCOME

GENERAL	Memberships	\$3235.50
	Profit from Closed / Class	<u>\$47.50</u>
		\$3283.00
DESIGNATED	To Colorado Closed	
	Randy Canney donation	\$115.00
	From 2008 Colorado Open	<u>\$140.00</u>
		\$255.00
	To Denker / Polgar	
	Denver Fundraiser	\$190.00
	Springs Fundraiser	<u>\$127.00</u>
		\$317.00
	To Tour	
	Tournament fees	\$747.00
	Barry Biggs Contribution	<u>\$650.00</u>
		\$1397.00
TOTAL		\$5252.00

EXPENSES

Colorado Chess Informant, including postal costs	\$1928.93
RAM Website fees	\$90.00
Denker / Polgar players	\$600.00
Insurance (split with Scholastic)	\$204.00
To Closed / Class from 2008 Colorado Open	\$255.00
Postage (Treasurer)	\$5.56
Tour prizes & trophies / plaques	<u>\$1397.00</u>
TOTAL	\$4480.49

GAIN OF \$771.51

Checkbook balance after Tour payments: \$6338.25
 Money designated for Denker / Polgar fund: \$1068.50

2009 USCF Delegates Meeting: August 8th & 9th, Indianapolis, IN

by Richard Buchanan

Dean Brown and I represented Colorado in the annual meeting of the Delegates of the US Chess Federation, held as usual at the playing site of the US Open. It was an eventful meeting, with a good deal of underlying tension and worry. Prior to the meeting, the 11% of the USCF members who voted for new Executive Board members overwhelmingly elected the "Goichberg slate" of Jim Barry, Bill Goichberg, Ruth Haring, and Mike Atkins. This definitely shows a mandate from this small but committed electorate for one side in the conflicts raging in and around our organization.

Also before the meeting an unusual request came from the USCF office asking that Delegates and Alternate Delegates who were not going to be attending the meeting should resign their positions so that replacements could be determined before the meeting. The reason for this was to assure a quorum of officially chosen Delegates. Too often in the past, anyone showing up at the meeting could get permission to become a Delegate on the spot, often for some state other than his own - a practice I have always objected to and have never allowed for Colorado. Since both Colorado Delegates attended, this request did not apply to our state.

The USCF is suffering financially because of lawsuits. Executive Director Bill Hall's Report describes seven different suits in which the USCF is involved, and the bill for legal fees for the 2008-09 fiscal year has exceeded \$400,000. Some of this expense has been covered by large bequests received from the estates of two USCF members. But our financial condition is still very serious.

The biggest, hottest, and most time-consuming issue at the meeting concerned the presence of GM Susan Polgar and FM Paul Truong on the USCF Executive Board. This was an issue last year as well, as the Delegates were asked either to request the resignation of Truong

or to send a recall motion to the USCF electorate. He was accused of sending the offensive "fake Sam Sloan" e-mails. As I reported last year, the Delegates chose not to take this action. My vote was based on testimony (later confirmed by many computer experts) that the IDs coded into these e-mails could be faked. In the year since then things have got more serious. On the evening of Friday, August 7th, the Executive Board held a hearing in which they revoked the USCF memberships of Susan Polgar and Paul Truong. Since Board members must be USCF members, this had the effect of removing them from the Board.



Saturday afternoon the Delegates heard an appeal from Truong and their lawyer. Since this was a closed meeting under a pledge of confidentiality, I can not give details. Suffice it to say that the Delegates supported the Executive Board's revocation of their memberships by a large majority.

Some other decisions of the Delegates that concern tournament players:

Several motions were made concerning cell phone use in tournament rooms. The one that passed was the most lenient, recognizing the problem of disruptions from phones but avoiding extreme penalties.

The "regular" adult dues, for players not receiving *Chess Life*, will go up from \$29 to \$34 as of December 1, 2009. I voted 'No' on this, as I always do on dues increases, but it seemed inevitable because of the financial troubles. So go online and

buy several years of membership before December 1, 2009.

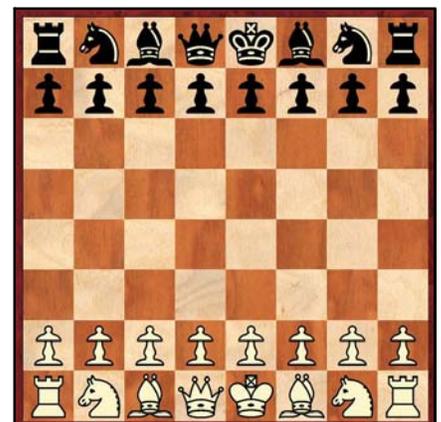
The selection of USCF Delegates and Alternates will revert to the state affiliates rather than members voting on ballots in *Chess Life*. This annuls the much-heralded 'One Member, One Vote' that provoked so much sound and fury in past years, at least as far as Delegate choice goes. I have a feeling that the rest of 'OMOV' may be on the way out too, and we may go back to having the Executive Board elected by Delegates and Voting Members rather than the full membership. There was also a change made in Executive Board members' terms of office.

Attempts were made to get rid of the "No Losing Chances" rules, but the Delegates held firm and approved only slight modifications involving placing a time-delay clock on the game.

Attempts to create Blitz ratings or limit Quick Chess to a minimum of 10 minutes failed. What did pass was a rule that in Blitz with time-delay, the base time can't be less than 5 minutes.

The 2010 meeting will be in Irvine, California. Dean and I have two-year terms, so as things now stand we will still be the Colorado Delegates for that one. After that we will start electing Delegates at the annual Membership Meeting the way we did back in the old days.

Reference: Chess Life Online at www.uschess.org for July 17 (Executive Director's Report) and August 10.



Games From The 2009 Colorado Open

Selected by Richard Buchanan

An amazing 91 players attended the Colorado Open on September 5th and 6th, the largest turnout for many years at an open tournament in this state. Jerry Maier and I were overwhelmed by the numbers, but by starting Round One late and using a shorter time control for Round Two, we got back on schedule.

Our two top-rated players, GM Dasheveg Sharavdorj and IM Michael Mulyar tied for first with 4.5 out of 5. The Grandmaster had the higher tiebreak points and is again our State Champion. In a tie for third with 4 points were Denver Experts Adekunl Ogunmefun and Daoud Zupa, who won from FM Renard Anderson in the last round.

Danielle Rice was merciless in the Reserve Section, likewise scoring 4.5 points to take first place by herself. Following with 4 points were Dean Brown, Nabil Spann, Alan August, Eric Barkemeyer, and Ron Rossi.

John Krue
Michael Mulyar

1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.d4 exd4
5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Qf3 0-0
8.Bd3 d5 9.0-0 Bg4 10.Qf4 Bxc3 11.bxc3
dxe4 12.Bxe4 Be2 13.Re1 Nxe4 14.Qxe4
Re8 15.Qxc6 Re6 16.Qa4 Bb5 0-1

Renard Anderson
Ted Doykos

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.a3 c5
6.c4 dxc4 7.Bxc4 Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4
9.Nxd4 Qa5+ 10.Nd2 Qxe5 11.Qa4 Rc8
12.N2f3 Qa5+ 13.Qxa5 Nxa5 14.Bb5+
Nc6 15.Nxf5 exf5 16.Bxa7 g6 17.0-0 Bg7
18.Rfe1+ Nge7 19.Bc5 Rc7 20.Re2 Bf6
21.Rae1 Kd8 22.Bb6 h6 23.Bc4 Rf8
24.Rd1+ Kc8 25.Bxc7 Kxc7 26.b4 g5
27.Red2 g4 28.Ne1 Ne5 29.Rc2 Nxc4
30.Rxc4+ Kb8 31.Rd7 Nc6 32.Rd6 Re8
33.Kf1 Ne5 34.Rc2 Re6 35.Rxe6 fxe6
36.Ke2 Nc6 37.Rc4 e5 38.Nc2 Nd4+
39.Nxd4 exd4 40.Kd3 Ka7 41.Rc5 f4
42.Rf5 1-0

Richard Herbst
Randy Schine

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Bc4 Nf6
5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nbd7 7.Qd2 a6 8.h4 b5
9.Bf1 c5 10.g4 cxd4 11.Bxd4 Qc7 12.h5
Ne5 13.hxg6 fxd6 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.g5
Nh5 16.Rxh5 gxh5 17.Qd5+ e6 18.Qxa8
Qb6 19.0-0-0 Bb7 20.Qxf8+ Bxf8 21.Bh3
Be7 22.Nge2 Bxg5+ 23.Kb1 Kf7
24.Rd7+ Be7 25.a3 Bc6 26.Rd1 b4
27.axb4 Qxb4 28.f4 Bxe4 29.fxe5 Bf5
30.Rf1 Qh4 31.Bxf5 exf5 32.Rxf5+ Ke8
33.Rf1 Qh2 34.e6 Qe5 35.Nf4 Bg5



36.Nd3 Qc7 37.Ne4 h6 38.Nec5 Qc6
39.Nb3 h4 40.Nd4 Qd5 41.Nf5 h3
42.Ng3 Qg2 43.Ne5 Qxg3 44.Ng6 Be7
45.Nf4 h2 46.Nd5 Qg1 0-1

Kurt Kondracki
Kevin Seidler

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 f5 4.d3 Nf6
5.Bg2 Bb4 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 0-0 8.Qc2
d6 9.e3 Qe8 10.Ne2 Be6 11.Qb3 Rb8
12.f3 b5 13.Qc2 bxc4 14.dxc4 Bxc4
15.Qxf5 Na5 16.Qc2 Qb5 17.f4 Bd3
18.a4 Qc4 19.Qa2 Nb3 20.Rb1 Bxb1
21.Qxb1 Nd4 0-1

David Meliti
Losol Amarbayasglan

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d6 4.d4 exd4
5.Nxd4 Be7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 Nbd7 8.0-0
Re8 9.Qc2 Ne5 10.b3 Ng6 11.Bb2 c6
12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.Bxc6 Bh3 14.Bxa8
Qxa8 15.f3 Bxf1 16.Rxf1 d5 17.Nb5 Qc6
18.Nxa7 Bc5+ 19.Kg2 Bxa7 20.Bxf6
Qxf6 21.cxd5 Rd8 22.e4 Qg5 23.f4 Qg4
24.Qb2 Nh4+ 25.Kh1 Qh3 26.Qe2 Ng6
27.Rd1 Qd7 28.Kg2 Qe7 29.e5 Qb7

30.Qe4 Ne7 31.e6 f6 32.Kh3 Rxd5
33.Qa4 Rh5+ 34.Kg4 f5+ 35.Kxh5 Qf3+
36.Kg5 0-1

Zachary Bekkedahl
Brad Lundstrom

1.e4 c5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.Bb5 g6 5.0-0
Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Qe1 0-0 8.d3 Qb6
9.Bxc6 Qxc6 10.Ng5 h6 11.Nf3 Qd7
12.f5 gxf5 13.e5 Ng4 14.Nh4 e6 15.exd6
Qxd6 16.Bf4 Qd4+ 17.Kh1 Bd7 18.h3
Ne5 19.Qg3 Ng6 20.Nxg6 fxd6 21.Qxg6
Qf6 22.Qh5 Kh7 23.Bd6 Rfc8 24.Ne4
Qd4 25.Ng5+ Kh8 26.Nf7+
Kg8 27.Qg6 Qf6 28.Nxh6+
Kh8 29.Nf7+ Kg8 30.Ne5
Qxg6 31.Nxg6 Kf7
32.Ne5+ Bxe5 33.Bxe5
Bc6 34.Rf2 Rg8 35.c3 Rg6
36.Kh2 Ke7 37.d4 cxd4
38.cxd4 Rc8 39.Rc1 Kd7
40.b4 a6 41.Rd2 Rcg8
42.g3 Rf8 43.a4 Rc8
44.Rdc2 Rgg8 45.b5 axb5
46.axb5 Bxb5 47.Rc7+
Rxc7 48.Rxc7+ Ke8
49.Rxb7 Bc4 50.Rb8+ Kf7
51.Rxg8 Kxg8 52.g4 fxd4
53.hxg4 Kf7 54.Kg3 Kg6
55.g5 Bd5 56.Kg4 Bb3 1/2
-1/2

Lee Lahti
Danielle Rice

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 c5 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 Be7
5.g3 b6 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 cxd4
9.Nb5 d6 10.Nbxd4 Be4 11.Qd2 a6 12.e3
Ra7 13.Ne2 Rd7 14.Nc3 Ba8 15.b3 d5
16.Ne5 Rd6 17.Qe2 Nbd7 18.Nxd7 Qxd7
19.Ba3 Rc6 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Rac1 Qc7
22.Na4 b5 23.Nb2 Rc5 24.b4 Rxc4
25.Nxc4 bxc4 26.e4 Re8 27.Rfe1 h6
28.exd5 Bxd5 29.Bxd5 exd5 30.Qc2 Rc8
31.Re2 d4 32.Qa4 d3 33.Re3 d2 34.Rd1
c3 35.Qc2 Nd5 36.Rxc3 Qxc3 37.Qxc3
Rxc3 38.Rxd2 Nxb4 0-1

Ron Rossi
Dean Brown

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6
5.Be3 Bg7 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Qd2 0-0 8.Bc4
Nxe4 9.Bxf7+ Rxf7 10.Nxc6 Bxc3
11.Nxd8 Bxd2+ 12.Bxd2 Rxf2 13.Bh6 b6
14.Rd1 Ba6 15.Rxd7 Re2+ 16.Kd1 Nf2+
17.Kc1 Nxh1 18.Nc6 Re1+ 19.Kd2 Re2+
20.Kc1 Kf7 21.Bg5 Bb5 22.Bxe7 Bxc6
0-1



**Morgan Robb
Michael Mulyar**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6
5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Bd3
0-0 9.Nge2 Nc6 10.a3 d5 11.c5 Nc4
12.b4 Nxe3 13.fxe3 e5 14.Bb5 exd4
15.exd4 Nxd4 16.Nxd4 Qh4+ 17.g3
Qxd4 18.Qxd4 Bxd4 19.Kd2 Be6
20.Rad1 Rfd8 21.Kd3 Bg7 22.Rhe1 a5
23.Na4 axb4 24.axb4 Bf5+ 25.Kd2 Bh6+
26.Kc3 d4+ 27.Kb2 d3 28.Nb6 d2 29.Re7
Bg7+ 30.Kb3 Ra1 31.Be2 Be6+ 32.Nc4
Rxd1 0-1

**Renard Anderson
Kevin Seidler**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3
Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Qc7 8.Qxg7
Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 Nbc6 11.f4
dxc3 12.Qd3 Bd7 13.Qxc3 Rc8 14.Rb1
Nf5 15.Rg1 Ncd4 16.Qxc7 Rxc7 17.Kf2
Rxc2 18.Rb2 Nxe2 19.Bxe2 Rxb2
20.Bxb2 Ba4 21.g4 Nh4 22.Bd3 Kd7
23.h3 Rc8 24.Re1 Rxe1 25.Bxe1 Kc6
26.Be3 b6 27.Kg3 Ng6 28.Bd4 Bb5
29.Bc2 Be2 30.a4 a6 31.h4 b5 32.h5 Nh8
33.Kh4 b4 34.f5 Bf3 35.fxe6 fxe6 36.g5
Be4 37.Bd1 a5 38.g6 Bxg6 39.hxg6
Nxc6+ 40.Kg5 Ne7 41.Bc2 Kc7 42.Kf6
Nc6 43.Bb2 Nd8 44.Bd3 Nb7 45.Bd4
Nd8 46.Bb5 b3 47.Ke7 Kc8 48.Kd6 1-0

**Anthea Carson
Gordon Randall**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 d6
5.h3 0-0 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 Re8 8.c3 c6
9.Nbd2 e5 10.Bh2 e4 11.Ne1 d5 12.c4 a6
13.cxd5 Nxd5 14.Nc4 Re6 15.Nd6 Qg5
16.Nxc8 Rxc8 17.Qb3 b5 18.a4 Bh6
19.axb5 axb5 20.Bg4 f5 21.Be2 N7b6

22.Nc2 Bf8 23.Ra6 Qd8
24.Rc1 Bd6 25.Bxd6
Qxd6 26.Na3 Qd7 27.Nc2
Kf7 28.Rca1 Na4 29.Nb4
Rd6 30.Bxb5 cxb5
31.Rxd6 Qxd6 32.Nxd5
Rc4 33.Qxb5 Nxb2
34.Ra7+ Kf8 35.Qxb2 1-0

**Renard Anderson
Dasheveg Sharavdorj**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4
4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3
Qc7 7.Qg4 f6 8.exf6 Nxf6
9.Qg3 Qe7 10.Bb5+ Bd7
11.Bxd7+ Nbx7 12.Ne2

e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.0-0
0-0 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bc1 Ne4 17.Qh3 Rad8
18.Nf4 Qd7 19.Qe6+ Nf7 20.c4 Nc3
21.Qxd7 Rxd7 22.Nxd5 Nxd5 23.cxd5
Rxd5 24.Be3 Rfd8 25.c4 Re5 26.Rfd1
Kf8 27.Rxd8+ Nxd8 28.Bf4 Re6 29.Rd1
Ke8 30.f3 Nc6 31.Kf2 Na5 32.a4 Nxc4
33.Rd5 b6 34.Bb8 Re7 35.Bf4 Rd7
36.Rf5 Rf7 37.Rxf7 Kxf7 38.Bb8 a6
39.Ba7 Ke6 40.a5 b5 41.Bxc5 Nxa5
42.Bd4 g6 43.g4 Nc4 44.f4 Kd5 45.Bg7
b4 46.Ke2 Ke4 47.Bxh6 b3 48.Kd1 Kd3
49.Kc1 a5 50.h4 a4 51.Bf8 b2+ 52.Kb1
Kc3 53.Bg7+ Kb3 54.Bxb2 Nxb2 55.h5
gxh5 56.g5 Nc4 57.g6 Nd2+ 0-1

**Michael Mulyar
Adekunl Ogunmfun**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 Ba6
5.Qc2 Bb7 6.Bg2 c5 7.d5 exd5 8.cxd5
Bxd5 9.Nc3 Bb7 10.0-0 Be7 11.e4 0-0
12.e5 Nd5 13.Nxd5 Bxd5 14.Rd1 Bc6
15.Qf5 g6 16.Qh3 f5 17.Bh6 Re8 18.g4
fxg4 19.Qxg4 Bf8 20.Qc4+ Kh8 21.Ng5
Qe7 22.Nf7+ Kg8 23.Nd6+ Kh8 24.Bg5
b5 25.Qh4 1-0

**Jeff Baffo
Brad Lundstrom**

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 c6 3.d4 dxe4 4.Bc4 Nf6
5.f3 Bf5 6.fxe4 Bxe4 7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.Qf3
Nd6 9.Bb3 e6 10.Ne2 Qf6 11.0-0 Qxf3
12.Rxf3 Nd7 13.Be3 Be7 14.c3 0-0-0
15.Bf2 Nf6 16.Re1 Nf5 17.Nf4 Nd6
18.Nd3 Nd7 19.Ne5 Bf6 20.Bg3 Bxe5
21.dxe5 Nf5 22.Bf2 h5 23.g3 Nb6 24.Re2
Rd7 25.a4 Kb8 26.a5 Nd5 27.Rd2 Rhd8
28.Rfd3 Nf6 29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.Re2 Nh7
31.h3 Nf8 32.g4 hxg4 33.hxg4 Nh6
34.Bc5 Ng6 35.Bd6+ Kc8 36.Re4 Rd8
37.Kh2 Kd7 38.Kg3 f5 39.Rb4 1-0

**Mitesh Shridhar
David Meliti**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bg5 c5 4.Nbd2 cxd4
5.Nxd4 Be7 6.e3 Nc6 7.Be2 Nxd4 8.exd4
Qa5 9.Be3 d5 10.0-0 Bd7 11.c4 Ba4
12.b3 Be6 13.c5 e5 14.dxe5 Nd7 15.a3
Nxe5 16.b4 Qc7 17.Nf3 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3
0-0 19.Qb3 Bb5 20.Rfe1 Bf6 21.Rad1
Bc4 22.Qc2 Rad8 23.Bd4 Qf4 24.Qc3
Bxd4 25.Qxd4 Qf6 26.h3 Qc6 27.Re5
Qa4 28.Bxd5 Bxd5 29.Rxd5 Rxd5
30.Qxd5 Qxa3 31.Qxb7 a5 32.bxa5 Qxa5
33.c6 Re8 34.c7 Qc3 35.Qb8 Kf8
36.Qxe8+ Kxe8 37.Rd8+ Ke7 38.c8Q
Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Qe5+ 40.g3 Kf6 41.Qc6+
1-0

**Joseph Knapp
Daoud Zupa**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5
9.Nd5 Qa5+ 10.Bd2 Qd8 11.Bg5 Be7
12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.c3 Bb7 14.Nc2 Nb8
15.Nce3 Bg5 16.Nf5 g6 17.h4 Bf4
18.Nfe7 Nc6 19.g3 Nxe7 20.Nf6+ Kf8
21.gxf4 Kg7 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Qf3 Nf5
24.Ng4 Nd6 25.Qe3 h5 26.Nxe5 Re8
27.Qd4 f6 28.0-0-0 Rxe5 29.Qxd6 Qxd6
30.Rxd6 Bxe4 31.Rg1 a5 32.Rd7+ Kh6
33.Rd6 Rf5 34.f3 Rxf3 35.Bxb5 a4
36.Rd4 Bf5 37.Bxa4 Rf2 38.Bb3 Re8
39.Rd2 Rf4 40.Rh1 Re3 41.Bd5 g5
42.hxg5+ fxg5 43.c4 h4 44.c5 h3 45.c6
g4 46.c7 Kg5 47.Rc2 Re8 48.Bb7 Bxc2
49.c8Q Rxc8 50.Bxc8 Rc4 51.Be6 Rc6
52.Bd5 Rc5 53.b4 Rxd5 54.Kxc2 Kh4
55.Rb1 h2 56.a4 g3 57.Rh1 Kh3 0-1

**Jeff Serna
Morgan Robb**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 0-0
8.Nge2 Nc6 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Be3 Na5
11.Ng3 Bg4 12.Be2 Qd7 13.Nh5 Bxe2
14.Qxe2 Rfe8 15.Nf4 Bd6 16.Nd3 Qf5
17.Rad1 Nc4 18.h3 Nxe3 19.fxe3 Qg5
20.Rf3 Nh5 21.g4 Ng3 22.Qf2 h5 23.Ne5
Bxe5 24.dxe5 h4 25.Rxf7 Rad8 26.Rd4
Qxe5 27.Rdf4 b5 28.a3 a5 29.g5 Qe6
30.Kh2 b4 31.axb4 axb4 32.Rxc7 bxc3
33.Rff7 Rd2 34.Rxg7+ 1-0

**Julian Evans
John Linscott**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 d5 4.e3 c5 5.c4
cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Ndb5
Bxc3+ 9.Nxc3 Nc6 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bg5

d4 12.exd4 Re8+ 13.Be3 Qxd4 14.Qxd4
Nxd4 15.0-0-0 Ne6 16.Bb5 Rf8 17.Rhe1
Ng4 18.Bd7 Nxe3 19.Rxe3 Rd8 20.Bxc8
Raxc8 21.Rxd8+ Rxd8 22.Kc2 Kf8
23.Rd3 Rxd3 24.Kxd3 Nf4+ 25.Kc4
Nxb2 26.Nb5 a6 27.Nd6 b5+ 28.Nxb5
axb5+ 29.Kxb5 Ke8 30.Kb6 Kd7 31.Kb7
Nf4 32.a4 Nd5 33.a5 Nb4 34.a6 Nxa6
35.Kxa6 Kc7 36.b4 g5 37.b5 Kb8 38.Kb6
f5 39.Kc6 1-0

Tim Martinson
Brian Wall

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5
5.exd5 b5 6.Bxb5 Qxd5 7.Bxc6+ Qxc6
8.Qf3 e4 9.Qc3 Qd5 10.Qxc7 Bd6 11.Qc3
Qxg5 12.Qc6+ Ke7 13.Qxa8 Qxg2
14.Qxa7+ Bd7 15.Rf1 Ng4 16.Qa6 Nxb2
17.Nc3 Bh3 18.Nd5+ Kd7 19.Ne3 Qf3
20.Qb7+ Ke6 21.Qd5+ Ke7 22.Qg5+ Kd7
23.Rg1 g6 24.Qb5+ Ke7 25.Nd5+ Kf8
26.Qc6 Bb8 27.d4 h6 28.Nf6 Qf5 29.Rh1
Bg2 30.Rxh2 Bxh2 31.Be3 Kg7 32.Ne8+
Kh7 33.d5 Be5 34.0-0-0 Bf3
1/2-1/2

Danielle Rice
Matt Flowers

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nbd2 Bd6
5.Bg3 0-0 6.e3 b6 7.Ne5 c5 8.c3 Bb7
9.Bd3 c4 10.Be2 Qc7 11.0-0 Nc6 12.f4 b5
13.Bh4 Be7 14.f5 Ne8 15.Bg3 Nxe5
16.dxe5 Bg5 17.Qe2 Qc5 18.Rf3 d4
19.exd4 Bxf3 20.Nxf3 Qc8 21.Nxg5 h6
22.Nh3 exf5 23.Qh5 Qc6 24.Qxf5 g6
25.Qf4 Kg7 26.Be4 g5 27.Nxg5 1-0

Ron Rossi
Alexa Lasley

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6
5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Nc3 0-0 8.d5
Nxe4 9.0-0 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Bxc3 11.Bg5
Ne7 12.d6 cxd6 13.Qxd6 Re8 14.Rac1
Ba5 15.Ne5 Bc7 16.Bxf7+ Kf8 17.Rxc7
h6 18.Bh4 g5 19.Qxh6# 1-0

Dale Lamb
Liwen Gu

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd2 0-0 8.e5
Re8 9.f4 d6 10.Qe2 Bg4 11.Qe3 Bc5
12.Qg3 Bd4 13.Be2 Bxe2 14.Nxe2 Ne4
15.Qf3 Nxd2 16.Kxd2 Bxb2 17.Rad1
dxe5+ 18.Qd3 e4 19.Qxd8 Raxd8+
20.Ke3 f5 21.Rd2 Rxd2 22.Kxd2 Rd8+
23.Ke3 c5 24.Rb1 Bd4+ 25.Nxd4 cxd4+
26.Kd2 c6 27.Rb7 a5 28.Rc7 Rd6 29.Ra7

Rd5 30.Rc7 Rc5 31.Rd7 Rd5 32.Rc7 c5
33.Rc8+ Kf7 34.Rc7+ Kg6 35.g3 h5
36.h4 Kf6 37.Rc6+ Ke7 38.Rg6 Kf7
39.Rg5 c4 40.Rxh5 e3+ 41.Kd1 d3
42.cxd3 cxd3 43.g4 e2+ 44.Kd2 Rc5
45.a3 Rc2+ 46.Ke1 Rc1+ 0-1

Daoud Zupa
Renard Anderson

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5
5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.h3 a6 8.a4 Bg7 9.Bd3
0-0 10.Nge2 Re8 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.f4 c4
13.Bc2 Qa5 14.Be3 Nc5 15.Ng3 Nfd7
16.Qf3 Rf8 17.Nce2 Bxb2 18.Bd4 Bxd4+
19.Nxd4 Nd3 20.Bxd3 Qc3 21.Ndf5 cxd3
22.Rfc1 Qf6 23.Nh6+ Kg7 24.Ng4 Qd4+
25.Kh2 Ne5 26.f5 f6 27.Qf4 Kg8
28.Qxd6 Nd7 29.fxg6 hxg6 30.Qe7 d2
31.Rf1 b6 32.Nh6+ Kh8 33.h4 Qc5
34.Nf7+ Kg8 35.Nh6+ Kh8 36.d6 Qe5
37.Nf7+ Rxf7 38.Qxf7 Qxd6 39.Qxg6
Bb7 40.Rf5 d1Q 41.Rxd1 Qxd1 42.Rh5+
Qxh5 43.Qxh5+ 1-0

David Meliti
Dylan Lehti

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Bc5 4.Bg2 f5 5.a3
a5 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bxf6
Rxf6 10.Nd5 Rf7 11.0-0 d6 12.Qd2 Be6
13.b4 axb4 14.axb4 Rxa1 15.Rxa1 Bd4
16.Nxd4 Nxd4 17.Ra3 c6 18.Nc3 f4
19.Qa2 Qb6 20.Ra8+ Kh7 21.Be4+ Bf5
22.Bxf5+ Rxf5 23.c5 Qxb4 24.Qg8+ Kg6
25.g4 Rf7 26.h4 Nxe2+ 27.Kh2 Qxc3
28.h5+ Kg5 29.Qxf7 Qe1 30.Qxg7+ Kh4
31.Qf6+ Kxg4 32.Rg8+ Kf3 33.Qh4 dxc5
34.Qh3+ Ng3 35.Qg2+ Ke2 36.fxg3+
Kxd3 37.Rd8+ Ke3 38.Rf8 Qxg3+
39.Qxg3+ fxg3+ 40.Kxg3 c4 41.Rf3+
Kd2 42.Rf2+ Kc3 43.Rf6 b5 44.Rxh6 b4
45.Rxc6 b3 46.h6 Kd3 47.Rd6+ 1-0

Charles Grubel
Gordon Randall

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Bf5 4.b3 e6 5.Bb2
Nbd7 6.Be2 Bd6 7.0-0 h6 8.Nbd2 Qe7
9.c4 c6 10.Ne5 0-0-0 11.c5 Bc7 12.b4 g5
13.Qa4 Kb8 14.b5 Nxe5 15.dxe5 cxb5
16.Bxb5 Ng4 17.Nf3 Be4 18.c6 Bxf3
19.Ba3 Qe8 20.cxb7 Qg8 21.Bc5 a5
22.Bd6 Bxd6 23.Qxa5 Bc5 24.Qa8+ Kc7
25.b8Q+ Rxb8 26.Qc6+ Kd8 27.Qd7# 1-0



CSCA Membership Meeting

by Richard Buchanan

The Membership Meeting was held on Sunday, September 6th and went calmly. Officers gave reports, and I spoke about the USCF Delegates Meeting; see my reports on this and CSCA finances elsewhere in this issue. In Randy Reynolds' absence, Lee Lahti showed his stuff by reading (no teleprompters!) Randy's ever-witty presentation speech for the Tour Awards.

Kathy Schneider and Dean Brown received duplicate trophies for the Most Active prize. They each played 107 Tour games during the season! Kathy also won the Class E prize, more than 120 points ahead of her nearest rival. Jerry Maier took Class D, Cory Foster pocketed Class C, and Ted Doykos edged out Klaus Johnson for the Class B money by a fraction of a point. Jeff Baffo was in second place in Class A but took the check anyway because Julian Evans was destined for greater things. Mitesh Shridhar was the leading Expert, and the overall first prize went to a Class A player for what I believe is the first time. Julian Evans had a whopping 503.97 Tour points (probably a record) to take the first prize check for \$323.25! The full Tour prize fund was an incredible \$1397. Tour events paid in a record \$747, which was supplemented by the generosity of Barry Biggs of *P.C. Brokers*, who contributed \$650 to the Tour! And Barry has promised another \$500 for next year. These numbers, and the tournament's attendance figures, speak volumes about the renewing support for competitive over-the-board chess in Colorado.

Lee Lahti was elected CSCA President, stepping into the sizeable shoes of the departing Klaus Johnson. New officers Jerry Maier (Vice-President), Ginny Gaige (Member-At-Large), and Richard Herbst (Junior Representative) joined the Board, as the usual suspects, Tom Nelson, Randy Reynolds, and Yours Truly were re-elected.



2009 Inaugural Monument Open

by Fred Eric Spell

Organizing a new tournament can be exciting. I thought about creating this tournament after seeing that attendance in Manitou Springs tournaments have been declining the past few years. If there was a tournament more in the center of the Front Range I reasoned, players from the Denver area might be more willing to attend as well as those in the Colorado Springs area.

So the work began and a great location was found. The comments from a lot of players is that this was a positive thing to do. So a new tradition has been born and I look forward to organizing this tournament next year.

I want to thank all the players who came and to those who offered ideas to make this an even better event for next year. I also want to thank the Tournament Director Jerry Maier as well as his Assistant Joe Fromme in seeing that everything went smoothly. They both did a great job!

But a special thanks goes to Cynthia Lanteth. After much pleading, she agreed to play on the second day to bring our total player attendance to the magical 50 mark, making the Monument Open one of the top attended tournaments this past Tour year!

Jeff Csima
Ted Doykos

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6
5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 exd4 8.Nxd4
Re8 9.Bf3 Nbd7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Be3 Ne5
12.Be2 Neg4 13.Bxg4 Nxb4 14.Bf4 Qf6
15.Nde2 Be6 16.b3 Rad8 17.f3 Ne5
18.Qd2 g5 19.Be3 a6 20.Nd5 Bxd5
21.cxd5 c5 22.dxc6 bxc6 23.Qa5 c5
24.Rad1 c4 25.Ng3 cxb3 26.axb3 Qe6
27.Rd5 Nc6 28.Qb6 Rc8 29.Nf5 Bf8
30.Rfd1 Rd8 31.Bc1 Qd7 32.Ba3 Rb8
33.Qxa6 Ra8 34.Nxh6+ 0-1

Gerry Morris
Robert Roundtree

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e3
Bg7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.cxd5 cxd5
9.Bd2 Nb6 10.h3 a6 11.Rc1 e6 12.a4 Nc4
13.b3 Nxd2 14.Qxd2 Bd7 15.Bd3 Bc6

16.Ne5 Be8 17.Ne2 Nd7 18.Nf3 e5
19.dxe5 Nxe5 20.Nxe5 Bxe5 21.Qb4 Bc6
22.Nd4 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 Re8 24.Rc2
Qe7 25.Rd1 Qe5 26.Be2 Qxd4
27.Rxd4 Re4 28.Rcd2 Rxd4
29.Rxd4 Re8 30.Bf3 Re5 31.Kf1 f5
32.h4 h6 33.Ke2 Kf7 34.Kd3 Ke6
35.Kc3 a5 36.b4 axb4+ 37.Rxb4
Kd6 38.Kd4 Re8 39.Bd1 Re4+
40.Kc3 Kc5 41.Rd4 Rxd4 42.exd4+
Kd6 43.a5 Kc7 44.Kb4 Kd6 45.Bc2
Bd7 46.g3 g5 47.Bd3 f4 48.hxg5
hxg5 49.Bb5 Bc6 50.Be2 fxg3
51.fxg3 Bd7 52.Bf3 Bc6 53.Bg4
Be8 54.Bc8 Bc6 55.a6 bxa6
56.Bxa6 Bd7 57.Bb5 Bc6 58.Ka5
Kc7 59.Ka6 0-1

Jiri Kovats
Cory Kohler

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 e6 4.Bg5 Be7
5.Bxe7 Qxe7 6.e3 Nf6 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Bd3
e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Qxe5 11.Nf3
Qe6 12.0-0 Re8 13.Re1 b6 14.Qc2 Bb7
15.Ng5 Qg4 16.Nf3 d4 17.h3 Qd7
18.exd4 Bxf3 19.gxf3 Qxh3 20.Bf1 Qxf3
21.Bg2 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1 Qg4 23.Kf1 Rd8
24.Re7 Rd7 25.Rxd7 Nxd7 26.Qd3 g6
27.Bh3 1-0

David Meliti
Daoud Zupa

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 c6 4.a4 g6 5.Bc4
Bg7 6.f3 Nbd7 7.Nge2 0-0 8.Be3 d5
9.exd5 Nb6 10.b3 cxd5 11.Bd3 Bd7 12.a5
Nc8 13.Qd2 Re8 14.Bg5 Bc6 15.a6 e5
16.axb7 Bxb7 17.Bb5 exd4 18.Bxe8 dxc3
19.Qf4 Nd6 20.Ba4 Ba6 21.Bc6 Bxe2
22.Bxa8 Bb5 23.Rxa7 Nf5 24.Kd1 h6
25.Bxf6 Qxf6 26.Qb8+ Kh7 27.Qxb5
Qg5 28.Qe2 Ne3+ 29.Kc1 Nc4+ 30.Kb1
Nd2+ 31.Ka2 Qf5 32.Qd3 d4 33.Qxf5
gxf5 34.Rxf7 1-0

Kevin Seidler
Gordon Randall

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.f4 Nc6 4.Nf3 g6
5.Bb5 d5 6.Bxc6+ bxc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d3
Be7 9.Qe1 Ba6 10.b3 0-0 11.h3 Qc7
12.Kh1 Rfd8 13.Ng5 Nh5 14.g4 Bxg5
15.gxh5 Bf6 16.Rb1 Rab8 17.Bd2 Qe7
18.Rg1 Kh8 19.hxg6 hxg6 20.Qe2 Bc8
21.Rbe1 Bh4 22.Re1 Rg8 23.Rg2 Rg7
24.Qg4 dxe4 25.dxe4 Ba6 26.Rfg1 Rd8
27.Be3 Rh7 28.Na4 c4 29.Bc5 Qd7
30.Bb4 Be7 31.Bc3+ Kg8 32.f5 exf5
33.exf5 Rh4 34.Qe2 g5 35.Be1 Rh6

36.Rh2 Bb7 37.Qe3 c5+ 38.Rhg2 Qxf5
39.Bc3 Rxh3+ 40.Qxh3 Qxh3# 0-1



Chaitanya Neuhaus
Michael Martinson

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bg5 e6 4.Nf3 Be7
5.e3 Nc6 6.h4 h6 7.Bf4 Bb4 8.Be2 Ne4
9.Qd3 Qe7 10.0-0 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Bd6
12.Rae1 Bd7 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Nd2 e5
15.e4 0-0-0 16.exd5 Qxd5 17.Bf3 Qxa2
18.Ra1 Qe6 19.d5 Qd6 20.dxc6 Bxc6
21.Bg4+ Kb8 22.Qe3 b6 23.Ne4 Qe7
24.Bf3 Qxh4 25.Nc5 Bxf3 26.Na6+ Kc8
27.Qxf3 e4 28.Qf5+ Rd7 29.Rfd1 Rhd8
30.Rxd7 Rxd7 31.Rd1 Qe7 32.Nb8 Kxb8
33.Rxd7 Qa3 34.Qxe4 Kc8 35.Re7 Qc1+
36.Kh2 Qg5 37.Qa8# 1-0

Randy Canney
David Meliti

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Bc5
5.0-0 d6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.Bxc6
bxc6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 0-0
12.Qd3 Nh5 13.Rad1 Bg4 14.Rd2 Qe8
15.a3 a5 16.h3 Bc8 17.Qf3 Nxb3
18.Qxg3 f5 19.exf5 Bxd4 20.Rxd4 Bxf5
21.Rd2 Qg6 22.Rc1 a4 23.Ne2 Ra5
24.Nd4 Be4 25.f3 Bd5 26.Re1 c5 27.Ne2
Bc6 28.c4 Raa8 29.Nc3 Rf4 30.Nd5
Bxd5 31.cxd5 Re8 32.Rde2 Rxe2
33.Rxe2 Qg7 34.Kh2 Qd4 35.Re8+ Kg7
36.Rc8 Rf7 37.h4 Qxd5 38.hxg5 hxg5
39.Qe1 Qd4 40.Qe8 Qh4+ 41.Kg1 Qd4+
42.Kh2 Qh4+ 1/2-1/2

Anthea Carson
Paul Covington

1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7
5.0-0 Nf6 6.Nc3 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.Rb1 Bg4
9.h3 Bd7 10.Nd2 Qc8 11.Kh2 Rb8
12.Nde4 a6 13.b3 b5 14.Bb2 bxc4
15.dxc4 h6 16.Nxf6+ Bxf6 17.Nd5 Bxb2

18.Rxb2 Qd8 19.Qc1 Kh7 20.Rd1 f5
21.f4 e6 22.Nc3 Qe7 23.Rbd2 Rbd8
24.Rxd6 Nd4 25.Rxa6 Bc8 26.Ra4 Qc7
27.e3 Bd7 28.exd4 Bxa4 29.Nxa4 cxd4
30.Qa3 Qd7 31.Nc5 Qe7 32.b4 e5
33.fxe5 Qxe5 34.Nd3 Qc7 35.c5 Rfe8
36.Nf4 Re3 37.Rd3 Rde8 38.Qa6 R8e6
39.Qb7 Qxb7 40.Bxb7 Rxd3 41.Nxe6
Rd2+ 42.Kg1 d3 43.Ba6 Rd1+ 44.Kf2 d2
45.Nf8+ Kg7 46.Ke2 Ra1 47.Kxd2
Rxa2+ 48.Kc3 Rxa6 49.Nd7 Ra3+
50.Kc4 Kf7 51.c6 Ke7 52.b5 Kd6 53.Nc5
Rgx3 54.Na6 Rxh3 55.c7 Rh1 56.c8N+
Ke5 57.Ne7 Ke4 58.Kb4 Rb1+ 59.Ka5
Rxb5+ 60.Kxb5 g5 61.Nb4 f4 62.Ng6
Kf5 63.Nxf4 Kxf4 64.Nd3+ Kg3 65.Kc4
h5 66.Kd4 h4 67.Ke3 h3 68.Nc1 h2
69.Ne2+ 0-1

Timothy Martinson
Jeffrey Csima

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Nbd7 8.Bc4
Qc7 9.Bb3 Be7 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Bxe6
fxe6 12.Nxe6 Qc6 13.Nxg7+ Kf7 14.Nf5
Bf8 15.Qf4 Nh5 16.Nxd6+ 1-0

Robert Roundtree
Shaun MacMillan

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.Be3 b5
9.Qd2 Bb7 10.0-0-0 Nbd7 11.g4 Nb6
12.Bg5 Rc8 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.Kb1 h5
15.gxh5 Rxh5 16.h4 b4 17.Ne2 d5
18.Ng3 Rh8 19.Bh3 d4 20.Bxc8 Nc4
21.Qe2 Qxc8 22.Nf5 a5 23.Nd2 Ba6
24.Nxc4 Bxc4 25.Qd2 Bf8 26.h5 Be6
27.Ng3 Bh6 28.Qf2 a4 29.Ne2 Be3
30.Qh2 b3 31.cxb3 axb3 32.a3 Bc4
33.Nc1 Bxc1 34.Rxc1 Bd3+ 35.Ka1 Bc2
36.Qe2 Ke7 37.Rxc2 bxc2 38.Rc1 Rxh5
39.Rxc2 Rh1+ 40.Ka2 Qe6+ 41.b3 Qd6
42.Qc4 Rh8 43.Qc7+ Qxc7 44.Rxc7+
Ke6 45.Rc6+ Ke7 46.Rc2 Kd6 47.a4 Rh3
48.Rf2 Kc5 49.Ka3 d3 50.a5 Rh1 1/2-1/2

Joe Fromme
Anthea Carson

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d6 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3
g6 6.f4 Bg7 7.Nf3 Nge7 8.0-0-0 9.Bd2
a6 10.a4 Rb8 11.Rb1 b5 12.axb5 axb5
13.h3 b4 14.Ne2 Ba6 15.Be3 b3 16.c3
Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Ra8 18.Ra1 Ra2 19.Rxa2
bxa2 20.Ra1 Qa5 21.Nc1 Rb8 22.Rxa2
Qc7 23.Ne2 Na5 24.Nd2 c4 25.Qc2 Nb3
26.Ra3 Nxd2 27.Qxd2 Nc6 28.Nc1 e5
29.f5 Bf8 30.f6 d5 31.Ra2 d4 32.cxd4

Bb4 33.Qf2 exd4 34.Bf4 Bd6 35.Bxd6
Qxd6 36.Qf4 Qxf4 37.gxf4 d3 38.b3 Nb4
39.Rf2 0-1

Ted Doykos
Danielle Rice

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 a6
5.Bc4 b5 6.Bb3 e6 7.Qf3 Ra7 8.Qe3 Be7
9.d5 c5 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.Ne4 Qe5 12.Nf3
Qc7 13.c3 Nf6 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Bxe6
Bxe6 16.Qxe6+ Qe7 17.Qxe7+ Rxe7+
18.Be3 Nc6 19.0-0 c4 20.Bc5 Re2
21.Rfe1 Rxe1+ 22.Rxe1+ Kf7 23.g4 Re8
24.Rxe8 Kxe8 25.Kf1 Ne5 26.Nxe5 Bxe5
27.h4 Bf4 28.Ke2 h6 29.Be3 Bd6 30.Bd4
Kf7 31.Kf3 g6 32.g5 h5 33.Ke4 Ke6
34.f4 Be7 35.b3 cxb3 36.axb3 Bd6 37.c4
bxc4 38.bxc4 a5 39.c5 Bc7 40.c6 a4
41.Bc5 Ba5 42.Kd4 Be1 43.c7 Kd7
44.Bd6 Bxh4 45.Ke5 Bg3 46.Ke4 h4
47.Kf3 Be1 48.f5 gxf5 49.g6 Bc3 50.Bf8
Kxc7 51.g7 Bxg7 52.Bxg7 h3 53.Kg3 h2
54.Kxh2 Kc6 55.Kg3 Kb5 56.Kf4 Kb4
57.Kxf5 Kc4 58.Ke4 a3 1/2-1/2

Edward Cronin
Alexa Lasley

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Qa4+ Bd7
5.Qxc4 e6 6.g3 Nc6 7.Bg2 Bb4+ 8.Nc3
Ne4 9.0-0 Nd6 10.Qb3 0-0 11.a3 Ba5
12.Bf4 Qf6 13.Rad1 Rfe8 14.d5 exd5
15.Nxd5 Qe6 16.e3 h6 17.h4 Ne7 18.Nd4
Qg6 19.Nxe7+ Rxe7 20.Bxd6 cxd6
21.Qxb7 Rae8 22.Qxa7 Qh5 23.Qa6 Qe5
24.b4 Bc7 25.Rc1 Bc8 26.Qc4 Rd7
27.Bc6 d5 28.Qd3 Rd6 29.Bxe8 Bh3
30.Rfe1 Bb6 31.Bb5 Rg6 32.Kh2 Bg4
33.Qf1 Bd8 34.Be2 Bxh4 35.Bxg4 Rxg4
36.Qh3 Qg5 37.Nf3 Bxg3+ 38.fxg3 Qf5
39.Rf1 Qe4 40.Rc8+ Kh7 41.Rc7 Qxe3
42.Qxg4 Qe2+ 43.Kg1 Qe3+ 44.Rf2 d4
45.Qxd4 Qxd4 46.Nxd4 1-0

Hans Morrow
Randy Canney

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6
5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.Re1 Bc5 8.c3 d6
9.d3 Qe7 10.Nbd2 Ng4 11.Re2 0-0-0
12.h3 h5 13.Nf1 Nh6 14.a4 f6 15.axb5
axb5 16.Bd5 g5 17.Be3 g4 18.Nh4 gxh3
19.Bxh6 Rxh6 20.Nf5 Qf8 21.Nxh6 hxg2
22.Nf5 gxf1 Q+ 23.Kxf1 h4 24.d4 Bb6
25.Qd3 Na7 26.Bxb7+ Kxb7 27.c4 exd4
28.cxb5 Qe8 29.Nxd4 h3 30.Nc6 Nxc6
31.bxc6+ Qxc6 32.Rc2 Bc5 33.Rxc5 h2
34.Ke2 dxc5 35.Qxd8 Qxe4+ 36.Kd2
Qf4+ 37.Kd3 Qf3+ 38.Kc2 Qxf2+

39.Qd2 Qf3 40.Qxh2 Qe4+ 41.Kd2 Qd4+
42.Ke1 Qe3+ 43.Kf1 Kb6 44.Qe2 Qh3+
45.Qg2 Qd3+ 46.Kg1 Qd4+ 47.Kf1 Qd3+
48.Ke1 Qe3+ 49.Kd1 Qd3+ 50.Qd2 Qf1+
51.Qe1 Qd3+ 52.Kc1 Qc4+ 53.Kb1 Qd3+
54.Ka2 Qa6+ 55.Kb3 Qb5+ 56.Kc2 Qc4+
57.Qc3 Qe2+ 58.Kb3 Qb5+ 59.Ka2 Qa4+
60.Qa3 Qd4 61.Rc1 Qe5 62.Qb3+ Kc6
63.Qa4+ Kd6 64.Rd1+ Ke7 65.Rd7+ 1-0

Paul Anderson
Kevin Seidler

1.d4 f5 2.g4 fxg4 3.e4 d5 4.e5 Bf5 5.Nc3
e6 6.a3 c5 7.Bb5+ Nc6 8.Nge2 cxd4
9.Nxd4 Nge7 10.Bg5 Qc7 11.Qe2 0-0-0
12.Bxc6 bxc6 13.Bxe7 Bxe7 14.Qa6+
Kd7 15.0-0-0 Rhf8 16.Rhf1 Rb8 17.f4
gxf3 18.Rxf3 Rb6 19.Qa4 g6 20.Nxf5
Rxf5 21.Rxf5 gxf5 22.Qf4 Rb8 23.Rg1
Qb6 24.Rg7 Qxb2+ 25.Kd2 Qxa3 26.Qh4
Qb4 27.Qxh7 d4 28.Rxe7+ Qxe7
29.Qxe7+ Kxe7 30.Ne2 c5 31.h3 a5
32.Nc1 a4 33.Kd3 a3 0-1

Jeffrey Baffo
DuWayne Langseth

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 d4 3.Nce2 e5 4.Nf3 Bd6
5.Ng3 c5 6.Bc4 Nc6 7.d3 Na5 8.Bb5+
Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Nh4
f6 12.Qh5+ Qf7 13.Nhf5 Bc7 14.Nxg7+
Kf8 15.N7f5 Qxh5 16.Nxh5 Nb4 17.Bd2
a5 18.a3 Nc6 19.f4 Nce7 20.Nfg7 Kf7
21.f5 Nc6 22.g4 h6 23.Ne6 Bd6 24.c3 b5
25.Rfc1 Nge7 26.Kf2 Nc8 27.h3 Nb6
28.cxd4 Nxd4 29.Nxd4 exd4 0-1

Rhett Langseth
Paul Covington

1.d3 b6 2.c3 Bb7 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 e6
5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Nbd2 Qd8 8.h4
Be7 9.Qc2 d6 10.Bg2 Nd7 11.d4 Rc8
12.e3 c5 13.0-0 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Bxg2
15.Kxg2 0-0 16.N2f3 Nf6 17.Rad1 Qd7
18.Rh1 Qb7 19.Kg1 Rc5 20.b4 Rc7
21.Ng5 hxg5 22.hxg5 Ne4 23.f4 Bxg5
24.fxg5 Nxg5 25.Qh2 f6 26.g4 Qe4
27.Qf4 Rxc3 28.Qxe4 Nxe4 29.Nxe6 Re8
30.Nd4 Rxe3 31.Nf5 Re2 32.Rh2 Rxh2
33.Kxh2 Re5 34.Rc1 Ng5 35.a3 Re2+
36.Kg3 d5 37.Rc7 Ne4+ 38.Kf3 Rf2+
39.Ke3 g5 40.Ne7+ Kf8 41.Nxd5 Rh2
42.Kxe4 a5 43.bxa5 bxa5 44.Ra7 f5+
45.Kxf5 1-0

Chaitanya Neuhaus
Jiri Kovats

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d6 4.Bg5 Be7

5.Nf3 0-0 6.h4 h6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nxe5 Nd5
9.Bxh6 gxh6 10.Ne4 Nf6 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6
12.Qg4+ Kh8 13.Bd3 Nd7 14.Qe4 1-0

**Brian Riley
Ginny Gaige**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 e6 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.d3 a6 6.Be3 b5 7.Bb3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nc6
9.a4 Na5 10.axb5 Nxb3 11.cxb3 d5
12.Bg5 d4 13.bxa6 Bxa6 14.Ne2 h6
15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qc2 e5 17.g3 Bd6
18.Kg2 0-0 19.Nh4 g6 20.Qc1 Kg7
21.Qd2 Qe6 22.f4 Qxb3 23.Nc1
Qb4 24.Qxb4 cxb4 25.f5 Be7
26.Kh3 g5 27.f6+ Bxf6 28.Nf5+
Kg6 29.g4 Bb7 30.Nb3 Rxa1
31.Rxa1 Ra8 32.Re1 h5 33.Rc7
hxg4+ 34.Kxg4 Bc8 35.Kg3 Be6
36.Nc5 Ra2 37.Nxe6 fxe6 38.Ne7+
Bxe7 39.Rxe7 Rxb2 40.Rxe6+ Kh5
41.Rxe5 Rd2 42.Rb5 Rxd3+ 43.Kg2
b3 44.e5 Rd2+ 45.Kg3 b2 46.e6 Re2
47.Rb6 d3 48.e7 d2 49.Rxb2 d1Q
50.Rxe2 Qxe2 51.e8Q+ Qxe8 52.h3
Qe3+ 53.Kg2 g4 54.hxg4+ Kxg4 55.Kh1
Qf3+ 56.Kh2 Qf4+ 57.Kg2 Qd2+ 58.Kf1
Kf3 59.Kg1 Qg2# 0-1

**Asher MacEnulty III
Cynthia Langseth**

1.e4 d6 2.f4 e6 3.Nf3 g6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Nc3
Nf6 6.e5 Nfd7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0
9.Re1 b6 10.Be4 Bb7 11.a3 Rb8 12.Qd3
Ne7 13.Bxb7 Rxb7 14.h3 dxe5 15.fxe5
Nf5 16.Be3 f6 17.Rad1 Rb8 18.Nb5 a5
19.Bf4 Ra8 20.Qc4 Re8 21.Nxc7 Rc8
22.exf6 Nxf6 23.Rxe6 Kh8 24.Rde1 Qd7
25.Rxe8+ Nxe8 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Nxe8
Qxe8 28.Be5 Ne3 29.Bxg7+ Kxg7
30.Qc7+ Kh6 31.Qf4+ Kg7 32.Ne5 Nxc2
33.d5 Qe7 34.g4 g5 35.Nc6 Qe1+ 36.Kg2
gxf4 37.d6 Qe4+ 38.Kf2 Qxc6 39.a4
Qxd6 40.h4 Qd4+ 41.Kf3 Kg6 42.b4
Nxb4 43.g5 Kh5 44.g6 hxg6 45.Kg2
Qe4+ 46.Kh3 f3 47.Kh2 Qe2+ 48.Kh3 f2
49.Kg3 f1R 50.Kh3 Rf3# 0-1

**Armin Rapaport
David Meliti**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Bc5
5.0-0 0-0 6.Nxe5 Nxe5 7.d4 Bd6 8.f4
Nc6 9.e5 Bb4 10.exf6 Qxf6 11.Nd5
Qxd4+ 12.Qxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxc7 Rb8
14.c3 Ba5 15.cxd4 Bxc7 16.Bd2 a6
17.Bd3 b5 18.b4 Bb6 19.Bc3 Re8
20.Rfe1 Bb7 21.g3 g6 22.Kf1 Re6 23.f5
Rc6 24.Bb2 gxf5 25.Bxf5 Rf6 26.g4 d5

27.Re7 h5 28.h3 Kg7 29.Kg2 Bc6 30.Kg3
Bd8 31.Ra7 Bb7 32.Re1 h4+ 33.Kf4 Bb6
34.Rxb7 Rxb7 35.g5 Rc6 36.Re2 Rc4
37.Rd2 Bc7+ 38.Kg4 Bg3 39.Re2 Rcc7
40.Re8 a5 41.bxa5 Ra7 42.Rd8 Rxa5
43.Rxd5 Rxa2 44.Rxb5 Rc2 45.Bxc2 Bf2
46.d5+ Kf8 47.d6 Ke8 48.Bf5 Ra4+
49.Kh5 Ra8 1-0



**Gerardo Neri
Paul Anderson**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Bc4 Bg7
5.Bf4 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Bg4 7.c3 d5 8.Bd3 e6
9.e5 Nfd7 10.h3 Bxf3 11.Nxf3 a6 12.a4
c5 13.Qd2 h6 14.g4 Nc6 15.h4 Qa5
16.Ke2 Qb6 17.Be3 c4 18.Bc2 Na5
19.Rab1 Qc6 20.Qd1 b5 21.axb5 axb5
22.Ra1 Nb6 23.Nd2 Kd7 24.Nb1 Rhc8
25.Nd2 Nb7 26.f4 Rxa1 27.Qxa1 Ra8
28.Qb1 Kc7 29.f5 f6 30.exf6 Bxf6
31.fxg6 Bg7 32.Rf1 Rf8 33.Rxf8 Bxf8
34.Qf1 Qe8 35.Qf7+ Qxf7 36.gxf7 Kd7
37.g5 hxg5 38.hxg5 Nd6 39.g6 Nf5
40.Bxf5 exf5 41.Nf3 Ke7 42.Bg5+ Ke6
43.Bh4 Nd7 44.Bg5 Bg7 45.Ke3 Nf8
46.Nh4 Nd7 47.Kf4 Nf8 48.Kg3 b4
49.Kf3 bxc3 50.bxc3 Nd7 51.Ng2 Nf8
52.Nf4+ Kd6 53.Nh5 Bxd4 54.cxd4
Nxc6 55.Nf4 Nf8 56.Ke3 Nd7 57.Bh6
Ke7 58.Nxd5+ Kxf7 59.Kd2 Ke6 60.Ne3
Nb6 61.Kc3 Kf6 62.Nxc4 Nd5+ 63.Kd2
f4 64.Ke2 Kg6 65.Bf8 Kg5 66.Kf3 Kg6
67.Bd6 Kf5 1/2-1/2

**Dean Brown
Joe Fromme**

1.Nf3 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 Be7
5.0-0 0-0 6.cxd5 exd5 7.d4 e6 8.Nc3 Re8
9.Bg5 h6 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.e3 Bf5 12.Qb3
Qb6 13.Qa4 Na6 14.b3 Re7 15.Qa3 Rae8
16.Qc1 Qc7 17.a3 Nb8 18.Nd2 Nd7
19.Nxd5 Qd6 20.Nxe7+ Rxe7 21.b4 Bd3

22.Re1 b6 23.Qxc6 Re6 24.Qxd6 Rxd6
25.Ne4 Re6 26.Nxf6+ Nxf6 27.Rac1 b5
28.Rc8+ Kh7 29.Rec1 Ra6 30.R1c3 Bc4
31.h3 Ra4 32.e4 a5 33.bxa5 Rxa5 34.Rb8
g5 35.f3 Ra7 36.Bf1 Nd7 37.Rd8 Nb6
38.Bxc4 Nxc4 39.Rxc4 bxc4 40.Rc8
Rxa3 41.Rxc4 Rxf3 42.Kg2 Rd3 43.e5 h5
44.Rc7 Rxd4 45.Rxf7+ Kg6 46.Rf6+ Kg7
47.Rf5 Kg6 48.Rf6+ 1/2-1/2

**Frank Riley
Edward Cronin**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be2 Bg7
5.Be3 0-0 6.Qd2 Re8 7.Nf3 Ng4
8.0-0-0 Nxe3 9.Qxe3 a6 10.h4 Bg4
11.Nh2 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 b5 13.h5 b4
14.Nd5 a5 15.Ng4 c6 16.Nf4 Nd7
17.hxg6 fxg6 18.Qc4+ d5 19.exd5 Nf6
20.d6+ Kf8 21.Ne6+ 1-0

**Kathy Schneider
Frank Atwood**

1.Nf3 Nc6 2.d4 d5 3.e3 Bg4 4.Be2
Nf6 5.Ne5 Bxe2 6.Qxe2 Nxe5 7.dxe5
Ne4 8.f3 Ng5 9.0-0 Ne6 10.c3 f6 11.f4 f5
12.Nd2 c6 13.c4 dxc4 14.Nxc4 Qd5
15.b3 0-0-0 16.Ba3 Nc5 17.Rad1 Qe6
18.Bxc5 h5 19.Bxa7 Qh6 20.Rxd8+
Kxd8 21.Qd3+ Kc7 22.Bb6+ 1-0

**Cynthia Langseth
Mark Wells**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nd2 g6 3.Ng3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0
5.Bg2 d5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c3 Qd6 8.b3 Bf5
9.Bb2 Rfe8 10.a4 Qd7 11.b4 a6 12.Ne5
Nxe5 13.dxe5 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4
15.Bxe4 e6 16.Bg2 Bxe5 17.e4 Rad8
18.Qb3 dxe4 19.Bxe4 b6 20.Rad1 Bd6
21.b5 f5 22.Bf3 Qc8 23.c4 c5 24.Qc3
Re7 25.Rd3 Qc7 26.Rfd1 Red7 27.Qh8+
Kf7 28.Qg7+ Ke8 29.Qf6 Be7 30.Qxe6
Rxd3 31.Qc6+ Qxc6 32.Bxc6+ Kf8
33.Rxd3 Rxd3 34.bxa6 Kf7 35.a7 Rd8
36.a8Q Rxa8 37.Bxa8 Bf6 38.Bc1 Bd4
39.Bd5+ Kf6 40.Bf4 Be5 41.Bh6 Bd4
42.Bf8 h5 43.Bd6 Bc3 44.Bc7 Ba5
45.Kg2 g5 46.Kf3 h4 47.gxh4 gxh4
48.Kf4 Bd2+ 49.Kf3 Ba5 50.Kg2 Kg5
51.f3 f4 52.Bd8+ Kh5 53.Bf7+ Kh6
54.Kh3 Kg7 55.Bh5 b5 56.Bxa5 bxa4
57.Bc3+ Kh6 58.Kxh4 a3 59.Kg4 a2
60.Be8 Kh7 61.Kxf4 Kh6 62.Kg4 Kh7
63.f4 Kg8 64.f5 Kf8 65.Kg5 Kxe8 66.f6
Kf7 67.h4 1-0



Forcing A Back Rank Mate

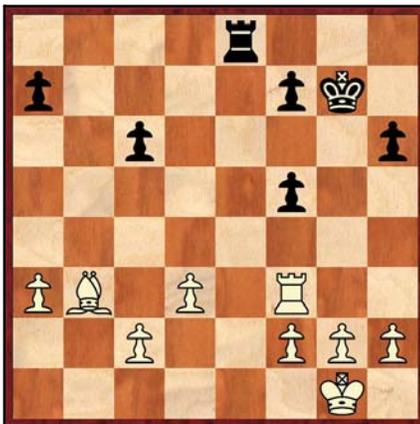
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At one time or another (and probably more often than we care to admit!), we have all allowed a rook or queen to come into our territory and deliver back rank mate.

Here is a sad end to one of my games from my second chess tournament, soon after my tenth birthday.

Sara Ann Johnson



Todd Bardwick

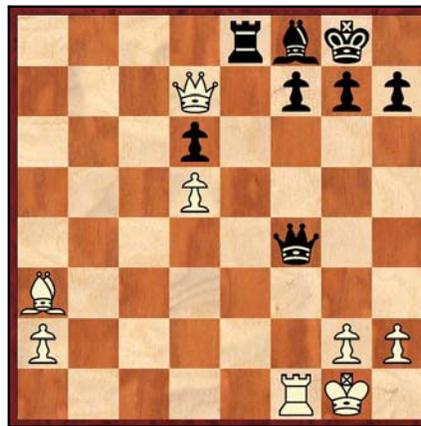
Seeing the opportunity to grab a pawn, I quickly played **32.Rxf5??** Of course, I was shocked when she calmly responded, **32...Re1 mate!**

As your chess skills improve, you won't overlook this simple mate as often as you do in the beginning of your chess career.

When you do notice that there is a possible back rank mate, you can't plan on your opponent walking into it, but you can look for ways to make it happen by chasing away your opponent's pieces that defend the key squares.

Here is a position from one of Bobby Fischer's games played in Palma de Malorca, Spain, in 1970.

Robert Fischer



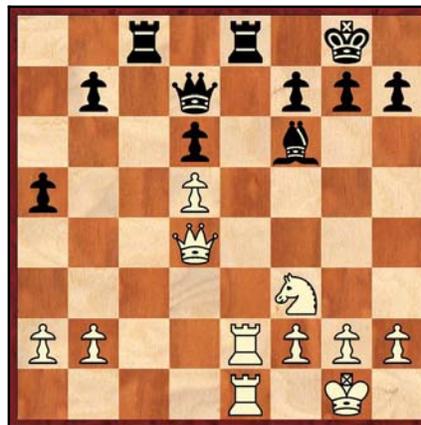
Samuel Reshevsky

Position after 29.Kg1

Fischer observed the possibility of a back rank mate and looked for a way to make his dream come true. He played **29...Qd4+ 30.Kh1 30.Rf2 Re1 mate 30...Qf2! 31.Resigns** 31.Rxf2 loses to 31...Re1+ 32.Rf1 Rxf1 mate. If White tries either 31.Rg1 or 31.Qb5, Black wins by playing 31...Re1.

Now that you have seen how to force a back rank mate, here is one of most famous back rank mate positions of all time. This game was said to have taken place in New Orleans in 1920. Some chess historians are suspicious and that this game was actually a forgery. Perhaps it was never played, but it brilliantly shows how to force a back rank mate by chasing away the defenders.

Carlos Torre-Repetto



Edwin Ziegler Adams

Position after 17...Bx(B)f6

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Notice that Black's rook on e8 is attacked twice and defended twice. White dreams that if he can chase away the queen or rook on c8, he could capture the e8 rook, followed by checkmate.

White works on luring away the queen with **18.Qg4!** Black can't capture the queen because she has to defend the rook and back rank mate. **18...Qb5 19.Qc4!** Again safely attacking the unprotected black lady. Neither the rook or queen can take her, because of the attack on e8. **19...Qd7 20.Qc7!** Again offering a queen on a square where she can't be captured! **20...Qb5 21.a4! Qxa4** Black's queen must stay in contact with rook on e8. **22.Re4! Qb5 23...Rxe4** loses to **24.Qxc8+ Re8 25.Rxe8+ Qxe8 26.Qxe8 mate. 23...b6** loses to **24.Qxc8 Rxc8 25.Rxa4. 23.Qxb7! Resigns** Black's queen has run out of moves: **23...Qa4 24.Rxa4** or **23...Qxb7 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.Rxe8 mate** or **23...Rxe4 24.Qxc8+ mating, like above.**



Whenever you observe a potential back rank checkmate by either you or your opponent, be extra careful to make sure the defending pieces can't be chased away to make the mating dream come true.

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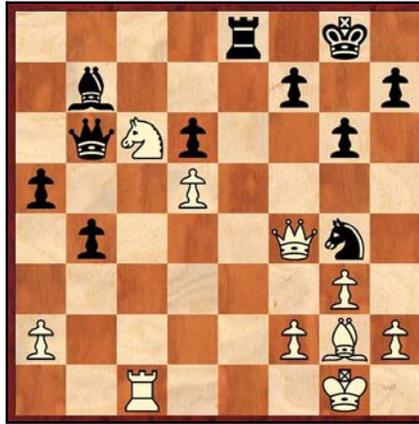
Player Game Notes

Derek Fish - Jeffrey Baffo
2009 Colorado Correspondence
Chess Championship
January - July 2009

Notes by Derek Fish

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 Strong psychologically, since I don't think I've ever beaten the Benko as White, even though I never lose the Benoni with my pet line **3...e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+**. **4.cxb5 a6 5.b6** I staunchly refuse to play **5.bxa6**, because I hate having to defend extra material vs. strong initiative (I prefer an initiative to material any day of the week). **5...e6 6.Nc3 Bb7!? 7.e4 exd5 8.Nxd5** MCO recommends **6...exd5** to avoid **8.e5**. Best is **8.exd5**, followed perhaps by **9.Nf3** or **9.Bc4**. **8...Nxd5 9.exd5 Qxb6 10.Ne2 Bd6!** I can say nothing but, "Bravo, Mr. Baffo!" to this excellent move, since the bishop is stronger on **e5** than **g7** and since the king is safer without **...g7-g6**. **11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Be5 13.Bd2 d6 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Bc3** I was trying to make my dark squares less vulnerable by trading off the dark bishops, although even that is quite useless after my much hoped for **15...Bxc3 16.bxc3 c4** since the knight can hop over to **d3** via **c5** or **e5** (both strong squares in their own right). I at least figured I would have chances with my own knight on **d4**, jumping over to **e6** or **c6** if the chance arose. My other plan was **15.Rb1**, going for **b2-b4** without having to sac a pawn in the process, but then **15...a5** puts a stop to that, and the rook move turns out to be a waste of time since **16...Ba6** is a threat, and all your pieces start tearing me apart. **15...Rfe8 16.Re1 Re7! 17.Qd2 Rae8 18.Bxe5!?** My knight has to go somewhere if I am to trade off some heavy pieces (my only chance for survival in a rook endgame, since "All rook endgames are drawn"). I really see no other alternative, though. **18...Nxe5 19.b4** The point. I was hoping for **19...Qxb4 20.Qxb4 cxb4**, which gives me greater drawing chances. In any case, I feel this sacrifice is both justified and necessary if I am to have any active chances. **19...cxb4 20.Nd4 g6 21.Rac1 a5 22.Re3!?** **Ng4 23.Rxe7 Rxe7 24.Nc6 Re8**

25.Qf4?!



25...Re2 I should have been less hasty and played **h2-h3** on move 22 or 25 - I completely overlooked **25...Re2**. **26.Rf1 Ne5 27.Qf6 Nxc6 28.dxc6 Bxc6 29.Qxd6 Re6 30.Qd2** These moves were all designed to prevent **...Rxa2**. **30...Bxg2 31.Kxg2 Rd6 32.Qb2 Qd4 33.Qb3!** My way of saying, "Sure, I'll trade down to a rook endgame - but on my own terms." **33...Qd5+ 34.Kg1 Qxb3 35.axb3 Rd5** Now I have decent drawing chances, since it will be difficult to win my b-pawn and/or trade down to an outright won king and pawn endgame. **36.Re1 Kg7 37.f4** Grabbing some space to try to prevent a lost king and pawn endgame. The rook also helps by keeping your king stuck on the kingside. **37...Kf6 38.Re3** I had calculated (incorrectly) that this should lead to a draw - a kind of improvised Philidor. **38...Rd2 39.h3 Rc2 40.Kh1 Rc3! 41.Re5 Rxb3 42.Rxa5 Rxb3 0-1**



Notes by Jeffrey Baffo

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 (In this article I will use the abbreviation BG for "Benko Gambit" and OTB for "Over the Board" to save time and space). At this point I am always anticipating that White will avoid the gambit altogether with **4.Nf3**. Speaking as a long time (playing it since the late 70's) BG warrior I can tell you that **4.Nf3** is one of the toughest lines to face. **4.cxb5 a6 5.b6!** This does not have a widely accepted designation. I've faced it

often 5 times in postal and several more in OTB. It's called the Shirov line by some which is as good a name as any. Not only is it fully sound, but it sets problems that take the gambiteer far out of the typical motifs seen in this opening. If White has done his homework he can count on Black player messing their side up, especially if it's an OTB game. GM Dash used this line and did a "Dash Smash" on me in the Boulder Grand Prix, January, 2009. The main idea of **5.b6** is to contest the open lines on the queenside, especially the b-file. In the "normal" BG White pretty much cedes that territory and seeks his fortune via a well time **e5** break. **5...e6!** I am fully convinced that Black must react in the center this way. Anything else risks getting choked to death by a deadly queenside bind. **6.Nc3 Bb7?!** Experimenting and boy did I learn my lesson! I will NEVER play this way again, my normal BG line here is **6...exd5 7.Nxd5 8.Qxd5 Nc6 9.Nf3 Rb8 7.e4 exd5 8.Nxd5 Nxd5 9.exd5 Qxb6 10.Ne2 Bd6** Another indication of just how different the Shirov line is. Normally, the dark square bishop is the crown jewel in Black's strategic arsenal. Here, its best destiny (and one it rushes to fulfill) is to meekly exchange itself for White's clergyman. **11.g3 0-0 12.Bg2 Be5 13.Bd2 d6** (With my queen on the file, the b-pawn is poison, obviously). **14.0-0 Nd7 15.Bc3 Rfe8 16.Re1 Re7**



I was set on a "strong point" type of defense. Pile up on **e5** until White starts exchanging pieces. Sadly, that's the best Black can hope for. White has positional trumps all over the place; better pawn structure, superior piece placement, etc. Black is struggling just to stay above water. **17.Qd2 Rae8 18.Bxe5 Nxe5 19.b4!**

White finds an elegant way to keep the initiative. Without this inspired pawn offer, Black's craven attempts to draw can scarcely be derailed. Now, White is going to gain a killer "deep outpost" for his knight. He still has a draw basically whenever he wants it, but now he has the luxury of torturing Black for many moves, all the time knowing the "Octopus" on c3 keeps Black on the edge of defeat. It doesn't take much analysis to convince that Black has no good way to decline this sacrifice.

19...cxb4 20.Nd4 g6 Have to guard f5!
21.Rac1 a5 Black does his best to protect his extra pawn, after all it is his only recompense for all the danger he's in thanks to Mr. Super-knight, now on it's way to c3.
22.Re3 Ng4 23.Rxe7 Rxe7 24.Nc6 ("The eagle has landed") **Re8** Black's forces scatter like cockroaches in sunlight. The exchange of rooks has helped a little, but Black problems remain, he is reduced to wait and see groveling. White need only consolidate the outpost, avoid an exchange and at worst he draws this at his pleasure.
25.Qf4? Too risky! This allows Black a tactical resource, the goal of which is to weaken the c3 outpost. As Derek suggests in his note, 25.h3 is much better and White should have nothing to fear. **25...Re2!** Is it wrong to give cheap shot moves an exclamation? The weakened f2 square is an "express elevator to hell" should White nibble the knight. Now the forward operating base White fought so valiantly to establish is overrun. **26.Rf1 Ne5 27.Qf6 Nxc6 28.dxc6 Bxc6 29.Qxd6 Re6 30.Qd2 Bxg2 31.Kxg2 Rd6 32.Qb2 Qd4 33.Qb3 Qd5+** I felt confident of my chances here due to there being pawns on both sides of the board, but imagine my discomfort when all my endgame books (both of them) pointed out there are many exceptions! **34.Kg1 Qxb3 35.axb3 Rd5 36.Re1 Kg7 37.f4** I was glad to see Derek start moving his king side pawns, a big no-no in this type of endgame. My sources and my experience both said that if there is a draw here it is accomplished by keeping the pawn-up side tied to the defense of the passed pawn, force the king to go support that pawn and then try to raid the pawns in his absence.
37...Kf6 38.Re3 Rd2 39.h3 Now I was thinking this had to be a win due to all the targets now available on the third rank.
39...Rc2 40.Kh1 Rc3 41.Re5 Rxb3 42.Rxa5 Rxb3 0-1



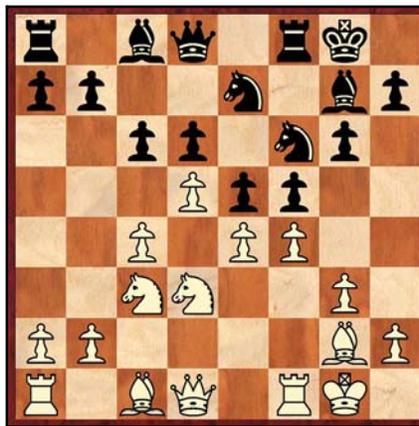
Hypnosis Can Improve Your Results!

by Jeffrey Baffo

**Brian Wall
 Jeffrey Baffo**

Colorado Open
 September 5, 2009
 Round Two

1.Nf3 d6 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.c4 0-0 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.d4 e5 8.d5 Ne7 9.e4 Nd7 10.Ne1 f5 11.Nd3 Nf6 12.f4 c6?!



Up to now, Brian and I are both "Rybka Perfect", or at least we have played what's in Rybka's, Fritz's, Shredder's (insert your favorite engine's name here) book. Of course it is I, your Prince of Patzers, who is the first to vary. I don't think it's a blunder but I don't think they'll issue a special reprint of MCO to include it either.

13.fxe5 dxe5 14.exf5 Bxf5 When I saw Brian play 10.Ne1 I knew that meant a redeployment to d3 and pressure on my e-pawn. After thinking about it, I could see there was no good way for me to defend the aforementioned button, so I would need to be prepared to sacrifice it.

15.Bg5 cxd5 [Fritz likes 15...e4]

16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Bxd5+ Kh8

18.Nxe5? Brian, being the polished positional player that he is, also saw that snapping off this little guy was ill advised and told me so in our post mortem. For some reason (Brian said, "Like I was

hypnotized...") he did it anyway. It's a bad move because it unleashes pure heck on the dark squares.

18...Qb6+ 19.Rf2 Brian of course saw the alternative 19.Kh1 but thought it was just as bad [19.Kh1 Be4+ 20.Bxe4 Nxe4 with a threat on f2]

19...Ng4!?



Fritz disagrees and thinks if Brian had played 19.Kh1 White would have "only" been down about a pawn and a half. After Brian's move the Silicon Monster thinks either my move or even better 19...Nxd5! puts Black up more than a piece!

20.Nxg4 Bxg4 21.Qxg4 Rxf2 22.c5 Qxc5 [22...Qxb2 is also very strong. Black has the luxury of several good continuations hereabouts]

23.Qc4 Qb6 24.Qb3 Rxb2+ Time for Black to cash in.

25.Qxb6 Rxb6 The rest is just mop-up.

26.Rd1 Rb2 27.Bb3 h6 28.Bc1 Re2 29.Bc4 Re7 30.Ba3 Re3 31.Bc1 Rc3 32.Bf7 Rac8 33.Bb2 R3c7 34.Bxg7+ Kxg7 35.Bb3 Rc1 36.Kf2 Rxd1 37.Bxd1 Kf6 38.Ke3 Ke5 39.Bb3 g5 40.Kd3 b5 41.Bf7 a5 42.Bh5 b4 43.Kd2 Kd4 44.Bd1 Rf8 45.Ke2 Kc3 46.Bb3 Rd8

Brian, who said he would have resigned earlier except that he wanted to see how well he could play on the increment, tipped his king here.

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2009 Colorado Tour Final Standings

Top Ten Overall

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Julian Evans	1866	503.97	78
2	Ted Doykos	1704	421.35	97
3	Klaus Johnson	1771	420.67	83
4	Jeffrey Baffo	1807	416.97	66
5	Anthea Carson	1708	371.52	91
6	Cory Foster	1586	335.05	72
7	Mitesh Shridhar	2034	320.86	41
8	Mitchell Anderson	1987	316.37	53
9	Renard Anderson	2209	308.42	36
10	Tyler Hughes	2269	303.88	35

Top Ten Expert

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Mitesh Shridhar	2034	320.86	41
2	Daoud Zupa	2028	269.23	36
3	Richard Herbst	2015	221.42	23
4	Richard Buchanan	2005	175.91	35
5	Brian Wall	2183	159.75	25
6	Markus Petters	2003	153.20	26
7	Robert Ramirez	2042	108.26	23
8	Jim Geary	2121	50.37	6
9	Robert O'Donnell	2113	41.45	5
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Top Ten Class B

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Ted Doykos	1704	421.35	97
2	Klaus Johnson	1771	420.67	83
3	Anthea Carson	1708	371.52	91
4	Daniel Zhou	1623	267.08	46
5	Jackson Chen	1689	213.52	45
6	Randy Reynolds	1639	127.39	23
7	Dylan Lehti	1756	115.25	14
8	Jeffrey Serna	1693	111.37	16
9	La Moyne Splichal	1603	100.26	26
10	Frank Deming	1762	97.61	16

Top Ten Class D

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Gerald Maier	1276	244.14	88
2	Thomas Mullikin	1271	121.76	60
3	Michael Dempsey	1250	105.92	33
4	Tim Kohler	1337	85.43	34
5	Anatoly Makarevich	1362	77.47	26
6	Edward Cronin	1378	76.62	23
7	Aaron Evensiosky	1335	62.29	16
8	Daniel Picard	1283	50.63	15
9	Ann Davies	1384	49.94	16
10	Deb Banerjee	1256	49.86	19

Top Ten Active

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Dean Brown	1438	303.13	107
2	Kathy Schneider	933	188.10	107
3	Ted Doykos	1704	421.35	97
4	Anthea Carson	1708	371.52	91
5	Jerry Maier	1276	244.14	88
6	Klaus Johnson	1771	420.67	83
7	Julian Evans	1866	503.97	78
8	Cory Foster	1586	335.05	72
9	Jeffrey Baffo	1807	416.97	66
10	Thomas Mullikin	1271	121.76	60

Top Ten Class A

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Julian Evans	1866	503.97	78
2	Jeffrey Baffo	1807	416.97	66
3	Mitchell Anderson	1987	316.37	53
4	Kevin Seidler	1949	247.54	34
5	Jeffrey Csima	1925	231.52	48
6	David Meliti	1869	202.44	30
7	Paul Anderson	1980	169.49	25
8	Morgan Robb	1938	136.38	13
9	DuWayne Langseth	1841	132.55	18
10	Shaun MacMillan	1836	118.79	16

Top Ten Class C

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Cory Foster	1586	335.05	72
2	Dean Brown	1438	303.13	107
3	Lee Lahti	1564	222.96	50
4	Derek Fish	1470	184.70	32
5	Brendon Barela	1467	170.09	27
6	Alexander Yu	1420	134.56	30
7	Eric Barkemeyer	1547	128.32	34
8	Rhett Langseth	1570	120.63	23
9	Tim Martinson	1573	118.77	23
10	Chris Hanagan	1568	117.77	22

Top Ten Class E

	Name	Rating	Points	Games
1	Kathy Schneider	933	188.10	107
2	Issac Martinez	1178	64.30	29
3	Ginny Gage	784	59.38	30
4	Ken Johnson	1131	54.74	21
5	Cory Kohler	1002	53.79	29
6	Kevin Green	1147	53.42	16
7	Artem Bolshakov	1010	46.65	16
8	Liz Wood	1158	44.28	29
9	Alexander Freeman	1009	40.27	27
10	Gregory Bain	1034	28.71	10

Tactics Time!

by Tim Brennan

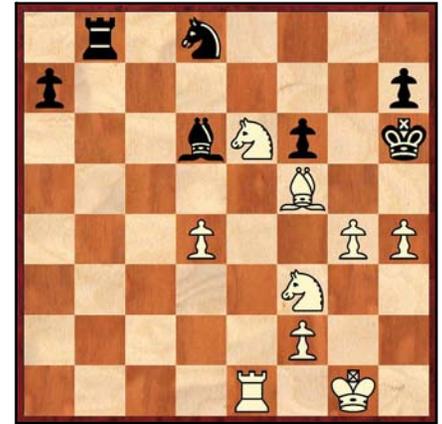
One of the best ways to improve your game is to study tactics, such as the following from recent games played in Colorado. Answers on page 26.



1. B. Wall - S. MacMillan
Pikes Peak Open 2009
 White to Move



2. A. Yu - D. Picard
Pikes Peak Open 2009
 White to Move



3. R. Anderson - I. Wijetunge
Pikes Peak Open 2009
 White to Move



4. F. Spell - J. Kovats
Pikes Peak Open 2009
 Black to Move



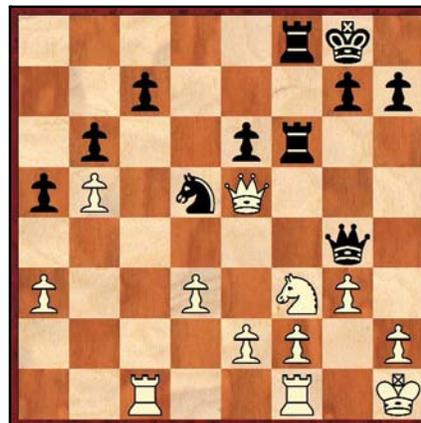
5. P. Short - S. Mayer
Denver Chess Club, June 2009
 White to Move



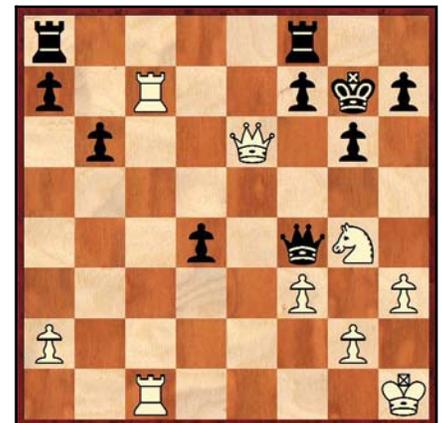
6. J. Haines - S. Fox
Denver Chess Club, Sept. 2008
 Black to Move



7. I. Meinykov - T. Brennan
Colorado Springs Open 2008
 White to Move



8. A. Ogunmefuni - J. Baffo
Colorado Open 2009
 Black to Move



9. V. McGuire - P. Anderson
Cabin Fever Reliever 2002
 Black to Move

Hypnosis Can Improve Your Results! (Part 2)

by Jeffrey Baffo

**Jeffrey Baffo
Brad Lundstrom**

Colorado Open
September 6, 2009
Round Four

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 c6 I like to play the main lines of the Queen's Knight Attack (QNA) but almost none of my opponents will allow it (2...d4 3.Nce2 e5, etc.) these days. This game is a good example, Brad steers things into calmer waters.

3.d4 dxe4 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.f3!? Bf5 6.fxe4 Bxe4?!
Theory frowns on giving up the bishop, but Black's resulting positions remain very solid nonetheless.

7.Nxe4 Nxe4 8.Qf3 Nd6 9.Bb3 e6 By transposition we now have on the board the notorious Blackmar-Diemer Gambit. Brad's motif for fighting the gambit involves sticking with Caro-Kann like development and is one of the best ways for Black to build his game. In the BDG world, I believe it is known as the "Ziegler Defense".

10.Ne2?! A little knee-jerk development on my part, the sad consequences of which are that Black gets to offer a queen trade.

10...Qf6 11.O-O I came to a two-part conclusion; that there is no good way to avoid the trade and that the text was my best way to allow it. With hindsight, I believe I was correct on the former, wrong on the latter. Likely either 11.Qg3 Qg6 12.0-0 Qxg3 13.Nxg3 or 11.Qxf6 gxf6 12.Bf4 are slightly better ways to effect the swap.

11...Qxf3 12.Rxf3 Nd7 13.Be3 Be7 14.c3 At this point we both have "our type" of games; I have an active position with some pressure for the pawn, whereas Brad has a material advantage and defensible arrangement of his pieces.

14...O-O-O?! I think this is a mistake. White's got two faint hopes to make anything of his development advantage and two bishops before they vanish like a morning fog; #1, pressure on the king, and #2 pressure on the backwards f7 pawn. I think 14...O-O! would help in both those areas, whereas Brad's more active choice actually highlights both sensitive areas and gives White two potential weaknesses to work on. Brad noted all this but came to a different conclusion, thinking that after castles-short, the f7 square and king would be at ground zero of a coming explosion



"A Game of Chess", by Jules Jacquet

fueled by a c4/d4/d5 pawn rush and a fearsome White squared bishop running wild of the Italian (a2-g8) diagonal.

15.Bf2 Nf6 16. Re1 Nf5 17.Nf4 Nd6 White's threat to e6 forced this retraction.

18.Nd3 Nd7 19.Ne5 White has slight but annoying pressure. His pieces all sit on better squares than their counter parts in the Ebony Army, and so far at least, Black has no way to break out of the bind. Watching your opponent tighten his grip, being reduced to a pure defensive stance is not an easy thing. White's posi-

tion is a "lazy man's dream", i.e. far easier to play with a clear three part strategy: Prevent counter play, avoid trades and S-Q-U-E-E-Z-E!

19...Bf6 20.Bg3 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nf5 22.Bf2 h5 Now it's White's turn to feel uncomfortable, Black has traded some material, posted a strong defensive knight and kept his pawn plus.

23.g3 Nb6 24.Re2 Rd7 Not content to rest on his laurels, Black has even more ambitious maneuvers planned, like dominating the d-file! Quick action is required lest White's vaunted bind be totally shattered.

25.a4 Kb8 26.a5 Nd5 27.Rd2 Rhd8 28.Rfd3 Nf6 29.Rxd7 Rxd7 30.Re2 Nh7?! Black allows himself to be shoved back into rope-a-dope mode. It's not clear that he had to do that. Wouldn't 30...Ng4 have been more feisty?

31.h3 Nf8 32.g4 White fights against the knights with the time honored recipe; take away their outposts!

32...hgx4 33.hgx4 Nh6 34.Bc5 Ng6 35.Bd6+ Kc8 36.Re4 Rd8 37.Kh2 Kd7 38.Kg3 f5? Brad was getting very short on time (The weird thing was he seemed not to notice the clock at all! Starring at the board he looked as if he were deeply entranced with the position, and allowed his clock to dwindle down to 8 seconds here. Hypnosis

again?) and finally commits a real blunder. Now either the text or the fancy 39.exf6! Kxd6 40.Rxe6+ followed by 41.fxg7! should give White a winning endgame.

39.Rb4 1-0 (Time)

First, Brian, now Brad. What is going on, have I become chess' version of Lamont Cranston?



Read It Again, Matt

by Matt Lasley

**Armando Lopez
Matt Lasley**

SPNI For Girls, Friends & Family
July 30, 2009

It's the last round of the Friends & Family tournament and I'm feeling pretty good. Now I'm facing the top rated guy - the expert. Try to make his head hurt, get a lesson of it - nothing greatly dramatic.

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 Portuguese variation of the Scandinavian, which I learned mostly from Selby's book, though I still know little of it.

4.Nf3 Selby's book says this is weaker than the 'safe' Be2 or the 'sharp' f3. Of course I cannot remember the continuation, so I'm feeling good, but don't know why.

4...Qxd5 5.Be2 Nc6 6.c4 Qh5 Common Portuguese theme, but I have no idea if we're in that territory now. Truly, opening study is doing me very little good it seems.

7.O-O Wow!, and he castles into this stuff? I must have an attack in here...if only I can spot it.

7...O-O-O 8.Qa4 Nxd4 I actually looked at simple things like a6 or block-and-trading with Qa5. I really thought I had an attack and started to fixate.

9.Nxd4 Rxd4 10.Bxg4+



10...Nxd4?! This seemed pretty direct. I didn't see the follow up with rook capturing, but Rybka does...[10...Rxd4!?
11.Qxa7 Rxd4 12.Kxg2 Qg4+ 13.Kh1

Qf3+ 14.Kg1 Qg4+ 15.Kh1 Qf3=] very cute - a forced draw against an expert. No way I see this OTB. I did think about taking the bishop with the rook, but didn't see this perpetual.

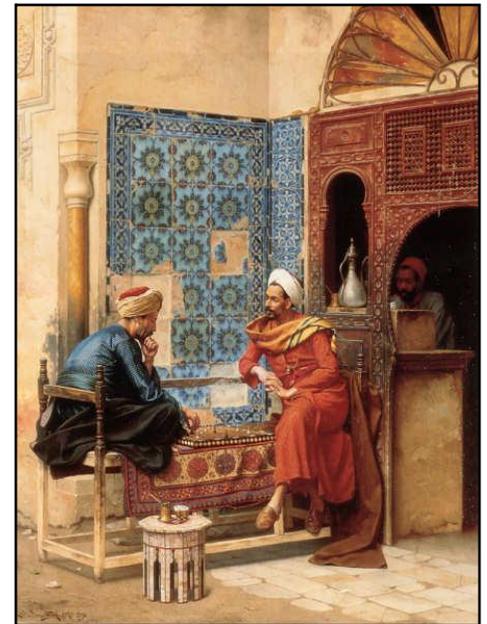
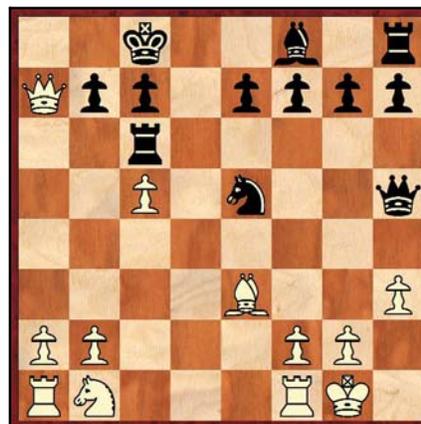
11.h3 Ne5? Rybka's a bit harsh with that mark. I did look at the knight capture, but again, I didn't see the crazy stuff she does: [11...Nxf2! 12.Rxf2 e6 13.Nc3 Be5 14.Be3 Rxc4



15.Qa5 a6 16.Re1 Qe5]

Let me lecture on a bit. I've been stuck on this tactical idea and looking purely at his attack beginning with the Qxa7. I thought I read it well, and thought it would be clever to bang these moves out as soon as it was sprung. I didn't even think about taking my time to check a possible change in perspective after each move, especially since I had 20 minutes on my clock. I needed to read again every move, just to see what I was missing. Oh had I done that...maybe I'd have bagged an expert. By the way, Qe8# is a constant concern for black defense.

12.Be3? Rd6 13.c5 Rc6 14.Qxa7?? Look carefully and you'll see why Rybka criticizes so harshly.



*"The Chess Game"
by Ludwig Deutsch*

14...Nf3+?! I stubbornly begin my own attack, thinking I've got the spare tempo I need, totally missing 2 things...that I can trap his queen, and that my attack fails to a counterattack skewer [14...Ra6!]

15.gxf3 Qxh3?? Oh yeah, 2 chances, and I blow it twice. [15...Ra6!]

16.Qa8+ Kd7 17.Rd1+ Ke6 18.Qc8+ and the queen drops.



1-0

Read it out, read it well, and read it again!



The Art Of Deflection

by Matt Lasley

Joanne Koong, SO CAL
Alexa Lasley, CO

SPNI For Girls
Round Two
July 27, 2009

Alexa had the privilege of representing Colorado in the 2009 Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls held in Lubbock Texas on the Texas Tech campus. It had professional feel with a game each day using FIDE controls of G90+30 seconds increment. Alexa did awesome with 3/6, besting last year's performance by a point. Many thanks to the Colorado chess community and the CSCA for nominating and sponsoring her participation. We appreciate it so much!

This game was her first upset win this year beating a girl who finished 4th. There are some cool themes about opening lines of attack - even if late, and even if at the cost of a bishop.

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.O-O Nf6 5.c3 Nxe4 Cool how the knight prevents 6.Re1 else 6...Bxf2 taking said rook. Rybka looks to the queen to substitute with 6.Qe2 to fire along the e-file while the Black king is un-castled.

6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.Re1 d5 9.Ne5 This actually unpins Alexa's knight for her. Attacking the pinned piece with Nc3 before or after taking the knight on c6 is better.

9...O-O 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Bxc6

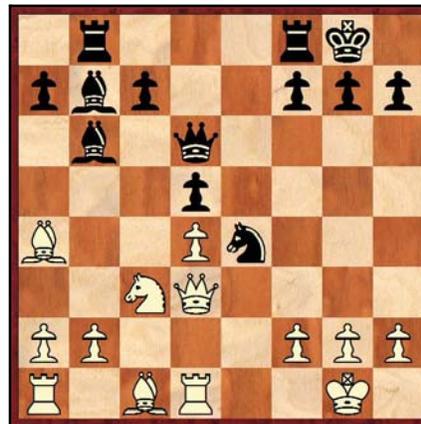


11...Rb8 The rook is obviously threatened, but there are niftier tactics here that the girls missed, but Rybka shows us pawn-winning cleverness. [11...Nxf2

12.Kxf2 Qf6+ 13.Kg1 Qxc6]

12.Nc3 Ba5 same missed tactic with a twist, now the ending includes another pawn, and a minor piece exchange as well! Such a combo would put her well on the way to an winning advantage [12...Nxf2 13.Kxf2 Qf6+ 14.Kg1 Bxd4+ 15.Kh1 Bxc3 16.bxc3 Qxc6]

13.Qf3 Bb7 14.Ba4 Bb6 15.Rd1 Qd6 16.Qd3



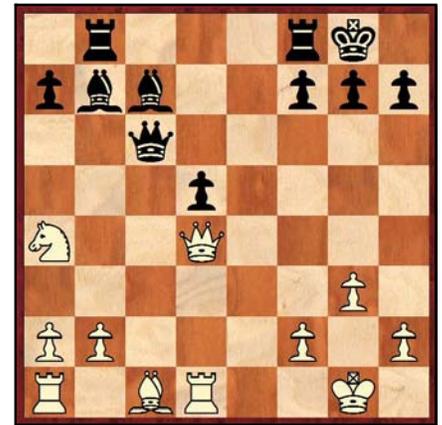
Looks at those bishops! Pointed at the king! But that d4-pawn is in the way. How to remove that to open lines for attack? Alexa finds the way to open it up.



16...c5! 17.dxc5 Nxc5 18.Qd2 Nxa4 Second best. Clearing lines is still the priority for those bishops, but it's the Black pawn in the way now. Pushing to d4 will be the move here, and later.

19.Nxa4 Bc7 20.g3 the proper defense at this point was 20.f4.

20...Qc6 21.Qd4



The d-pawn needed to be pushed first, so she missed that chance. Now, Joanne blocked its forward progress with the queen. How to get that queen out of the way to be able to push the pawn again? Especially now that the diagonal battery is lined up against White's drafty castle?

21...Be5! 22.Qxe5 Taking the bait is deadly. Now it's really just mop-up time. [22.Qd3 was the stiffer resistance, says Rybka].

22...d4 23.f3 Qxf3 24.Rd2 Qh1+ Rybka prefers any rook on e8 to mate in a handful of moves. A rook mates on e1, so the queen is 'pinned' to mate and White can't defend faster than Black can pile on. Which is true anyway.

25.Kf2 Qxh2+ 26.Kf1 Qh1+ 27.Ke2 Rfe8 0-1 Good job Alexa!

All the girls out there should keep an eye out for announcements regarding the 2010 Polgar qualifier. It will be a Colorado first, and a great tournament!



Games From The 2009 Pikes Peak Open

Selected by Richard Buchanan

**Mitch Anderson
Joseph Stafford**

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bc4 Nf6
5.e5 Nh5 6.0-0 Be7 7.d4 d6 8.d5 Na5
9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.Bd3 dxe5 11.Nxe5 Bc5+
12.Kh1 Qh4 13.Bxf4! g5 14.Nxd7 Bf2
15.Qxh5! gxf4 16.Qe5+ Kxd7 17.Bf5+
Kd8 18.Qxh8+ Ke7 19.Qxa8 f3 20.gxf3
Bg3 21.h3 Qf6 22.Qc8 Qxb2 23.Qd7+
Kf8 24.Nd2 Qe5 25.Qd8+ Kg7 26.Qg5+
Kf8 27.Ne4 Bf4 28.Qd8+ Kg7 29.Rg1+
Kh6 30.Qh4# 1-0

**Ivan Wijetunge
Jiri Kovats**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Bf4 Be7 5.e3
0-0 6.Bd3 h6 7.0-0 b6 8.Nc3 c5 9.cxd5
exd5 10.Rc1 Bb7 11.Bb1 Nbd7 12.Ne5
cxd4 13.exd4 Nxe5 14.Bxe5 Bd6 15.Qd3
g6 16.Qf3 Bxe5 17.dxe5 d4 18.Qxb7
dxc3 19.Rxc3 Nh7 20.e6! fxe6 21.Rc7
Ng5 22.Bxg6 Qf6 23.Bh7+ Nxb7
24.Rxb7 Qxb2 25.Rxb6 Qg7 26.Qxg7+
Kxg7 27.Rxe6 Rac8 28.Rfe1 Rc2
29.R6e2 Rfc8 30.f4 Kf6 31.Kf2 Rxe2+
32.Rxe2 Rc6 33.Kf3 a6 34.g4 b5 35.h4
b4 36.g5+ Kg6 37.Kg4 a5 38.h5+ Kg7
39.Re5 a4 40.Rb5 Rc4 41.h6+ Kh7
42.Rb7+ 1-0

**Brian Wall
Shaun MacMillan**

*For notes on this game,
see Brian's e-mail of August 2nd.*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.b4 cxb4
5.a3 e6 6.axb4 Bxb4 7.c3 Be7 8.d4 Nc7
9.Bd3 b5 10.h4 h5 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Ne4
Bxe4 13.Bxe4 Nc6 14.Rh3 Nd5 15.Ng5
Bxg5 16.hxg5 Qb6 17.g6 fxg6 18.Bxg6+
Kd8 19.Be4 Kc7 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Qb3
b4 22.Qxd5 Raf8 23.Qd6+ Kc8 24.e6
dxe6 25.Bf4 Re8 26.Kf1 Qb5+ 27.Kg1 e5
28.dxe5 Rd8 29.Qe6+ Rd7 30.Rd3 Rhd8
31.c4 1-0

**Gordon Randall
Mitch Anderson**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 e6 4.Nbd2 c5
5.c3 Nc6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.h3 b6

9.0-0 Bb7 10.Qe2 Re8 11.Rfd1 cxd4
12.cxd4 a6 13.a3 Nd7 14.Rac1 Bf6 15.b4
e5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Bb1 Rc8 18.Nxe5
Nxe5 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qh6 Rxc1 21.Rxc1
Nc4 22.Nf3 Bg7 23.Qg5 Qxg5 24.Bxg5
Bb2 25.Rc2 Bxa3 26.b5 axb5 27.Nd4 b4
28.Ba2 Rc8 29.e4 Bb2 30.Ne2 Be5
31.Be7 b5 32.exd5 Bxd5 33.Bxb4 Be4
34.Rc1 Bb2 35.Rd1 Ra8 36.Bb3 Ra1
37.Rxa1 Bxa1 38.Nc3 Bc6 39.Bc2 f5
40.f3 Kf7 41.Kf2 Bb2 42.Bd3 Kf6
43.Bxc4 bxc4 44.Ke3 Be8 45.Kd2 Kg5
46.Be7+ Kh5 47.g4+ Kh6 48.gxf5 gxf5
49.f4 Bc6 50.Kc2 Ba1 51.Bf6 Bg2 52.h4
Kh5 53.Be7 Kg4 54.Bf6 Kxf4 55.Kb1
Bxc3 56.Bxc3 Ke3 0-1



**Ivan Wijetunge
Brian Wall**

1.d4 Nc6 2.Nf3 f6 (One of Brian's latest
beastly openings) 3.c4 e5 4.d5 Nce7 5.e4
Ng6 6.Nc3 Bc5 7.Na4 Bb4+ 8.Nd2 Nh6
9.a3 Be7 10.g3 f5 11.Bg2 0-0 12.0-0 f4
13.Nf3 d6 14.Qd3 Bd7 15.Nc3 Qc8
16.Ne2 Bh3 17.Bd2 Rf7 18.Kh1 Qd7
19.Bxh3 Qxh3 20.Nfg1 Qd7 21.b4 Raf8
22.gxf4 exf4 23.Qh3 Qa4 24.Rac1 Bf6
25.Bc3 Qxa3 26.Ra1 Qb3 27.Bxf6 Qxc4
28.Bd4 f3 29.Rfc1 Qxb4 30.Rab1 Qa4
31.Ra1 Qb4 32.Rab1 Qa4 33.Ra1 Qb4
1/2-1/2

**Jeff Baffo
Julian Evans**

1.Nc3 e6 2.e4 d5 3.d4 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.Qg4
g6 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bb5 Bd7
9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Bg5 Be7
12.Be3 h5 13.Qd4 Nh6 14.Bxh6 Rxb6
15.Qe3 Rh8 16.a4 a6 17.Nd4 Bd7
18.Nce2 Rc8 19.c3 Bf8 20.Nf3 Bh6
21.Qd4 g5 22.h4 g4 23.Ng5 Qd8 24.Qf4
Bxg5 25.hxg5 Rc4 26.Nd4 Rg8 27.Qe3
Qxg5 28.Qd3 h4 29.b3 Rc7 30.Rae1 h3
31.g3 Qg6 32.Qxg6 Rxg6 33.Re3 Ke7

34.f4 Rg8 35.f5 b5 36.f6+ Kd8 37.axb5
Bxb5 38.Ra1 Kd7 39.Rd1 Kc8 40.Rd2
Kb7 41.Rf2 Bd7 42.Ra2 Kb6 43.b4 Rge8
44.Ra3 Bb5 45.Kh2 Bf1 46.Re1 Bg2
47.Re3 Rc4 48.Ne2 Be4 49.Nf4 Rg8
50.Nd3 Rg5 51.Nc5 Rxc5 52.bxc5+ Kxc5
53.Rxa6 Rxe5 54.Ra2 Rf5 55.Re1 Rxf6
56.c4 Kxc4 57.Rae2 Kd4 58.Rd2+ Ke5
59.Rde2 0-1

**Paul Anderson
Jeff Serna**

1.c4 f5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 d6 4.e3 e5 5.Qc2
Nc6 6.a3 Be7 7.b3 Be6 8.Ng5 Bd7 9.Bb2
Ng4 10.Nf3 e4 11.Nd4 Nxd4 12.exd4 Bf6
13.Nd5 c6 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6 15.Be2 Rc8
16.Qc3 Qe7 17.0-0 b5 18.c5 Nd5
19.Qc2 0-0 20.Kb1 f4 21.Rhe1 Bf5
22.Ka1 dxc5 23.dxc5 e3 24.Bd3 Bxd3
25.Qxd3 Rcd8 26.Qc2 e2 27.Rc1 Rde8
28.Qd3 f3 29.gxf3 Nf4 30.Qc3 Rd8
31.Rg1 Rf7 32.Rce1 Rd3 33.Qe5 Rxb3
34.Qb8+ Qf8 35.Qxf8+ Kxf8 36.Ka2
Rxf3 37.Bd4 Rd7 38.Be3 Rxe3! 39.dxe3
Rd2+ 40.Kb3 Nd3 41.Kc3 Nxe1 42.Rxe1
Rd5 43.Kb4 Rh5 44.Rxe2 Rxb2 45.Rd2
Rh5 46.Rd6 a5+! 47.Kxa5 Rxc5 48.a4
bxa4+ 49.Kxa4 Ke7 50.Rd4 g5 51.Kb3
h5 52.Ra4 Kf6 53.Ra8 h4 54.Rh8 Rf5
55.Kc3 Kg7 56.Rh5 Kg6 57.Rh8 Rxf2
58.Kd3 Rf7 59.Ke2 Rc7 60.Kf3 c5
61.Kg4 c4 62.Rg8+ Kf6 63.Rf8+ Kg7
64.Rf5 c3 65.Rf1 c2 66.Rc1 Kg6 67.e4
Rc3 0-1

**Danielle Rice
Ted Doykos**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 c5 4.e3 Nc6 5.c3
Qb6 6.Qb3 e6 7.Nbd2 Qxb3 8.Nxb3 c4
9.Nbd2 b5 10.Be2 b4 11.0-0 Be7 12.cxb4
Bxb4 13.Nb1 0-0 14.Nc3 Rd8 15.a3 Ba5
16.h3 Rd7 17.Na4 Bc7 18.Nc5 Re7
19.Bg5 Rb8 20.Rfb1 Na5 21.Nd2 Bd6
22.b4 Bxc5 23.dxc5 Nb7 24.Nf3 Bd7
25.Nd4 e5 26.Nf3 Ba4 27.Bd1 Bxd1
28.Rxd1 a5 29.Bxf6 gxf6 30.Rxd5 axb4
31.axb4 Nd8 32.Rb1 Nc6 33.b5 Reb7
34.b6 Rd8 35.e4 Kf8 36.Rc1 Rxd5
37.exd5 Nb4 38.d6 Ke8 39.Rxc4 Nc6
40.Rh4 Kd7 41.Rxb7 Ke6 42.Nd2 Kd5
43.Nb3 Kc4 44.Nd2+ Kd3 45.Nf1 Kc4
46.h4 Kxc5 47.h5 Kxd6 48.Rh8 Rb8
49.Rxb8 Nxb8 50.h6 Nd7 51.h7 1-0

**Jeff Serna
Bran Wall**

1.e4 e5 2.f4 h5 (Brian's Raccoon Varia-

tion) 3.Nf3 exf4 4.d4 g5 5.Bc4 h4
("Raccoon Claw" reads a note on Brian's
scoresheet) 6.Qe2 d6 7.h3 Nc6 8.Qf2 f5
9.Nc3 Bh6 10.Bd2 Nf6 11.Qe2 fxe4
12.Nxe4 Nxe4 13.d5 Qe7 14.dxc6 Nxd2
15.Qxe7+ Kxe7 16.Kxd2 bxc6 17.Rae1+
Kf6 18.Nd4 d5 19.Bb3 c5 20.Bxd5 cxd4
21.Bxa8 Bxh3 22.Rxh3 Rxa8 23.Re4 Bf8
24.Rxd4 Kf5 25.Rdd3 Kg4 26.b3 Bc5
27.c3 Bf2 28.c4 Re8 29.a4 Be1+ 30.Kd1
Bb4 31.Rh1 Re3 32.Rxe3 fxe3 33.Rh3
1/2-1/2

**David Meliti
Daniel Zhou**

1.c4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.a3 g6
5.Rb1 a5 6.e3 d6 7.h3 Bg7 8.d4 Bf5 9.d5
Bxb1 10.dxc6 Bf5 11.g4 Bc8 12.g5 Nh5
13.cxb7 Bxb7 14.Qa4+ Qd7 15.Qxd7+
Kxd7 16.Bg2 Bxc3+ 17.bxc3 Rab8
18.0-0 Ng7 19.Rd1 Ke8 20.Kf1 Ne6
21.h4 Nc7 22.Ke2 Be4 23.Ne1 Bxg2
24.Nxg2 Kd7 25.e4 Kc6 26.Rd3 Rhf8
27.f4 a4 28.Ne3 Na8 29.Rd1 Nb6 30.Kd3
Rh8 31.Ng4 Nd7 32.Kc2 Nb6 33.Kd3
Nd7 34.Rh1 Rbf8 35.Rh2 f6 36.Rb2 Rb8
37.Rf2 Rhf8 38.Ne3 e6 39.Ng4 f5 40.Ne3
Nb6 41.h5 fxe4+ 42.Kxe4 Nxc4 43.Ng4
d5+ 44.Kd3 e5 45.Nf6 Rf7 46.f5 e4+
47.Ke2 gxh5 48.Nxh7 Rxh7 49.g6 Rhb7
50.f6 Ne5 51.f7 Nxg6 52.Rf6+ Kb5
53.Rxg6 Rxf7 54.Rg5 Kc4 55.Rxh5 Rbf8
56.Be3 Rb8 57.Bc1 Rb3 58.Rh3 Rxc3
59.Rh1 Rff3 60.Bd2 Rc2 0-1

**Alexander Yu
Dan Picard**

1.e4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d3 Bg4 4.h3 Bd7
5.g3 c5 6.Bg2 Bc6 7.0-0 g6 8.c3 Bg7
9.Bg5 e4 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.Re1 Qb6
12.Qd2 cxd3 13.Na3 Nd7 14.Rab1 Ne5
15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Qxd3 0-0 17.Nc4 Bb5
18.Nxb6 Bxd3 19.Nxa8 Bxb1 20.Rxb1
Rxa8 21.f4 Bg7 22.Kf2 Rc8 23.Rc1 b5
24.Ke3 b4 25.Kd2 a5 26.cxb4 Rxc1
27.Kxc1 axb4 28.Kc2 Bd4 29.b3 Bf2
30.g4 e6 31.Kd3 e5 32.Ke2 Bd4 33.fxe5
Bxe5 34.Kd3 h5 35.gxh5 gxh5 36.Kc4
d5+ 37.exd5 Bd6 38.Kb5 Kf8 39.Kc6
Ke7 40.Kb5 Kf6 41.Kc6 Ke5 42.Bf3 h4
43.Bg4 f5 44.Bf3 Bf8 45.Kc7 Kf4 46.Be2
Ke3 47.Bc4 Kf2 48.d6 Kg2 49.Be6 f4
50.d7 Be7 51.d8Q Bxd8+ 52.Kxd8 f3
53.Bd5 Kg3 54.Kc7 f2 55.Bc4 Kg2
56.Kc6 f1Q 57.Bxf1+ Kxf1 58.Kc5 Kg2
59.Kxb4 Kxh3 60.a4 Kg3 61.a5 h3 62.a6
h2 63.Ka5 h1Q 64.b4 Qg1 65.b5 Qc5
66.Ka4 Qb6 67.Kb4 Kf4 68.Kc4 Ke4

69.Kb4 Kd4 0-1

**Renard Anderson
Ivan Wijetunge**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6 5.Be3
Nh6 6.c3 Nf5 7.Bd4 Nc6 8.Nf3 Nfxd4
9.cxd4 Bd7 10.Nc3 b6 11.cxb6 Qxb6
12.Rb1 Rb8 13.Be2 Be7 14.h4 f6 15.0-0
0-0 16.Qd2 Be8 17.a3 Bg6 18.Rbc1
Qxb2 19.Qxb2 Rxb2 20.Bb5 Na5 21.Bd7
Kf7 22.exf6 gxf6 23.Rfe1 Bf5 24.Nxd5
Bxa3 25.Rc7 Rb7 26.Bxe6+ Kg6
27.Nf4+ Kh6 28.Rxb7 Nxb7 29.Bxf5
Bd6 30.Ne6 Rb8 31.g4 Nd8 32.g5+ fxg5
33.hxg5+ Kh5 34.Ng7# 1-0

**Julian Evans
Alex Cacas**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 0-0
5.c4 d6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 c5 8.Be2 h6
9.h3 b6 10.0-0 Bb7 11.d5 Ne8 12.Qc2
Nc7 13.Rfe1 b5 14.b3 bxc4 15.bxc4 Na6
16.e4 Nb4 17.Qb3 Rb8 18.a3 Na6 19.Qa2
Nc7 20.Nd1 Ba6 21.Rb1 Rxb1 22.Qxb1
Qb8 23.Qc1 Kh7 24.Bf1 Ne8 25.Qe3 f6
26.Nd2 Ne5 27.Bh2 f5 28.f4 Nxc4
29.Qe2 Bd4+ 30.Kh1 Nxd2 31.Qxa6
Nxf1 32.Qxf1 Nf6 33.exf5 Nxd5
34.fxg6+ Kxg6 35.Qf3 Qb7 36.Re6+ Kg7
37.Qg4+ 1-0

**Brian Wall
Daniel Zhou**

*For Brian's notes on this game,
see his August 4th e-mail.*

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6
5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7
9.Bb3 Nc6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.Rhe1 Bb7
12.Qg3 Rd8 13.Kb1 h6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6
15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Kf8 17.Nxf6 gxf6
18.Qh4 Ke7 19.f4 Qc5 20.a3 e5 21.Qh5
Rh7 22.Qh4 Rhh8 23.Rd3 Rdg8 24.Red1
Rd8 25.Bd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Qc7 27.fxe5
dxe5 28.Rf1 Rd6 29.Rxe5+ Kd7 30.Ref5
Rc8 31.c3 Qc4 32.Rxf6 Rxf6 33.Rxf6
Qd3+ 34.Ka2 Qc4+ 35.Ka1 Qb3 36.Qf4
Ke7 37.Qd6+ Ke8 38.Rxh6 1-0

**Anthea Carson
Mitch Anderson**

1.c4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 g6 4.d3 Bg7
5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 d6 7.0-0 e5 8.Bg5 c6
9.Qd2 a5 10.Bh6 Na6 11.Bxg7 Kxg7
12.a3 Nc5 13.Qc2 Ne6 14.b4 g5 15.e3
Qc7 16.Qd2 h5 17.Ne1 f4 18.d4 h4 19.d5
axb4 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Nc5 22.Qc2

b3 23.Qb1 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 Bf5 25.Qg2 b2
26.Rb1 Bxb1 27.Nf3 Be4 28.gxh4 Qe7
0-1

**Gordon Randall
Jeff Csimá**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Bf5 4.e3 e6
5.Be2 Bd6 6.Ne5 0-0 7.Nd2 Bxe5 8.Bxe5
Nbd7 9.Bf4 Re8 10.g4 Bg6 11.h4 h6
12.c3 e5 13.Bg3 exd4 14.cxd4 c5 15.0-0
cxd4 16.exd4 Qb6 17.Nb3 Rac8 18.Re1
Bc2 19.Qd2 Bxb3 20.axb3 Ne4 21.Qd3
Nxg3 22.fxg3 Re4 23.Ra4 Ne5 24.Qd1
Re8 25.Rf1 Nc6 26.Bf3 Rxd4 27.Rxd4
Nxd4 28.Bxd5 Nf5+ 29.Kh2 Ne3
30.Bxf7+ Kh8 31.Bxe8 Nxd1 32.Rxd1
Qf2+ 33.Kh3 Qf6 34.h5! Kg8 35.Bg6
Kf8 36.Re1 Qc6 37.Re8+ Qxe8 38.Bxe8
Kxe8 39.g5 Kf7 40.Kg4 Ke6 41.Kf4 a5
42.g4 b5 43.gxh6 gxh6 44.g5 hxg5+
45.Kxg5 Kf7 46.Kf5 1-0

**Kurt Kondracki
David Meliti**

1.c4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Nc3 Nf6
5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bg5 Ne4 7.Bd2 Nxd2
8.Qxd2 Bg4 9.e3 Bxf3 10.gxf3 e6 11.f4
g5 12.fxg5 Qxg5 13.f4 Qh4+ 14.Qf2 Be7
15.Rg1 Qh6 16.Kd2 Bb4 17.Rc1 Rc8
18.a3 Ba5 19.Kd1 a6 20.Qg3 Bc7 21.Qg7
Qxg7 22.Rxg7 Ne7 23.Rg1 Nf5 24.Ke2
Ke7 25.Bh3 Nd6 26.Nxd5+ exd5
27.Bxc8 Rxc8 28.b3 Kf6 29.Rc5 Ne4
30.Rc2 Ke6 31.Rgc1 Kd7 32.b4 Nd6
33.Rc5 Bb6 34.Rxc8 Nxc8 35.a4 Ne7
36.a5 Bd8 37.Kd3 Nc6 38.Kc3 Ke6
39.Rg1 Be7 40.Rb1 h5 41.b5 Nxa5
42.bxa6 bxa6 43.Rb6+ Kf5 44.Rxa6 Nc4
45.Kd3 Bh4 46.e4+ dxe4+ 47.Kxc4 Kxf4
48.Ra2 f5 49.d5 Ke5 50.Ra6 Kf4 51.Kd4
Bf2+ 52.Kc3 Ke5 53.d6 Ke6 54.Kd2 f4
55.Ke2 Bg1 56.h3 f3+ 57.Kf1 Bh2
58.Ra4 e3 59.Re4+ Kf5 60.Rxe3 Bxd6
61.Rxf3+ Kg5 62.Kg2 h4 1/2-1/2

**Fred Eric Spell
Jiri Kovats**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Be7 5.c5
b6 6.b4 a5 7.Qa4+ Bd7 8.Bb5 c6 9.Bd3
b5 10.Qb3 axb4 11.Qxb4 Qa5 12.Qb3
0-0 13.Bd2 Qc7 14.Nf3 Na6 15.Ne2
Rfe8 16.Ne5 Bc8 17.0-0 Nd7 18.f4 Nab8
19.Qc2 g6 20.Rf3 Nxe5 21.fxe5 Rf8
22.Raf1 Nd7 23.Ng3 f6 24.Bxg6 hxg6
25.Qxg6+ Kh8 26.Nf5 1-0



USAFA Quads 11 Selected Games

by Jerry Maier
June 27, 2009

This was the last USAFA Quad to be played in the Community Center. It was a decent turnout of 12 players, with many new faces. We had 3 Quads and plenty of good games. Thank you to all those players who joined in the fun, from near and far!

Gary Frenzel
Jerry Maier

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 f6 3.exf6 Nxf6 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bf4 Bc5 6.e3 Qe7 7.Bd3 d5 8.0-0 h6 9.Nbd2 Nh5 10.Nb3 Nxf4 11.exf4 Qf6 12.Nxc5 0-0 13.Qd2 Qxb2 14.Nb3 Qf6 15.c4 d4 16.Rac1 Bg4 17.Be2 Rad8 18.h3 Bf5 19.Ne1 Rf7 20.Nc5 Qg6 21.Bd3 b6 22.Bxf5 Rxf5 23.Ncd3 Rh5 24.Ne5 Nxe5 25.fxe5 Rxh3 26.Qf4 d3 27.Nf3 Rf8 28.Nh4 Rxh4 29.Qxh4 Rf5 30.Qe4 d2 31.Qd5+ Kh7 32.Qxd2 Rxe5 33.Qc2 Rf5 34.f3 h5 35.Qf2 c5 36.Rfd1 Qh6 37.Qc2 g6 38.Rd5 Qe3+ 39.Kh2 Qf4+ 40.Kh1 Rf7 41.Rxh5+ Kg7 42.Rh2 g5 43.Qc3+ Kg6 44.Qd3+ Rf5 45.Rf1 Qg3 46.Qd1 Qf4 47.Qc1 Qd4 48.g4 Rf7 49.Rh5 Kf6 50.Qxg5+ Ke6 51.Rh6+ Kd7 52.Qd5+ Qxd5 53.cxd5 a6 54.Rxb6 c4 ... 1-0

Gary Frenzel
Mark Wells

1.f4 Nf6 2.b3 g6 3.Bb2 Bg7 4.Nf3 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.Qe2 Be6 7.d3 Nc6 8.Nbd2 Nb4 9.Nb1 c5 10.c3 Nc6 11.Ng5 Bg4 12.Qf2 h6 13.Nf3 Qd6 14.Be2 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 e5 16.fxe5 Nxe5 17.Be2 Rae8 18.0-0 Neg4 19.Qg3 Re6 20.Bxg4 Qxg3 21.hxg3 Nxg4 22.Ba3 Nxe3 23.Rf2 Ng4 24.Rf1 Rfe8 25.Bxc5 Re1 26.Bd4 Bxd4+ 27.cxd4 R8e2 28.Nc3 Rxa1 29.Nxe2 Rxa2 30.Nf4 Rb2 31.Nxd5 Rxb3 32.Nf4 g5 33.Ne2 Rxd3 34.Ra1 h5 35.Rxa7 Rd1# 0-1

Anthony Telinbacco
Gerardo Neri

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.c3 e6 5.Bd3 c4 6.Be2 Bd7 7.Nbd2 Nf6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Bd6 12.d5 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.g3 0-0-0 15.f4 Qc5+ 16.Rf2 Bc7 17.Qd4 Qxd4 18.cxd4 Bb6 19.Be3 exd5 20.Bxd5 Rhe8 21.Rc2

Rxe3 22.Kf2 Rd3 23.Rxc4+ Kb8 24.Bf3 Bb5 25.Rb4 Bxd4+ 26.Kg2 Ba6 27.Rd1 Rd7 28.Bg4 Rd6 29.Re1 Bf6 ... 0-1

Markus Petters
Anthony Telinbacco

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Be2 Bxe2 5.Nxe2 Qxd5 6.Nbc3 Qxg2 7.Rg1 Qc6 8.Bf4 Na6 9.Qd2 0-0-0 10.a3 Nc5 11.0-0-0 Nfe4 12.Qe3 Nxc3 13.Nxc3 Nd7 14.Rg5 e5 15.dxe5 Bc5 16.Qg3 g6 17.Be3 Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 Qc5 19.Qf4 h6 20.Rgg1 Nxe5 21.Qf6 Rxd1+ 22.Rxd1 Rf8 23.Ne4 Ng4 ... 1-0

Mark Wells
James Powers

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bc4 0-0 8.0-0 Nxe4 9.Nxc6 Nxc3 10.bxc3 dxc6 11.Bd4 Bf5 12.Rc1 b6 13.Re1 Re8 14.g4 Bc8 15.Re4 c5 16.Bxf7+ Kxf7 17.Qf3+ Kg8 18.Bxg7 Bb7 19.Bh6 Bxe4 20.Qxe4 Qd6 21.Qc4+ e6 22.Re1 Qd5 23.Qf4 e5 24.Qf6 Qf7 25.Qc6 Rac8 26.Qe4 Qxa2 27.Qf3 Qf7 28.Qe4 Qf6 29.Re3 g5 30.Qd5+ Kh8 31.Qb7 Qxh6 32.Qxa7 Rcd8 33.Qa1 Qc6 34.Qe1 e4 35.c4 Rd4 36.Qc3 Red8 37.f3 exf3 38.Re7 f2+ 39.Kf1 Kg8 40.Qe3 Qh1+ 41.Kxf2 Rd2+ 42.Kg3 Qg2# 0-1

James Powers
Gary Frenzel

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.Bxc6 bxc6 8.d3 d5 9.Qe1 d4 10.Ne2 Bg4 11.Qh4 Bd7 12.f5 gxf5 13.Bh6 fxe4 14.Ng5 Ng4 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Qxh7# 1-0

Jerry Maier
Mark Wells

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.f4 Na6 7.Nf3 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Be6 10.f5 gxf5 11.exf5 Bd7 12.Rf3 Qb6 13.Rg3 Kh8 14.Ncb5 e6 15.Be3 Qd8 16.Nxd6 Rb8 17.Qd2 Bc6 18.Rxg7 Kxg7 19.Bh6+ Kh8 20.Qg5 1-0

**And now a few words from the
Tournament Director.**

For those of us who are playing tournament directors, we need to rise to the challenge and play our best chess even amongst distractions, which is often easier said than done. I have been wanting to

give James Powers a challenging game for some time. James had studied under Lee Simmons and is currently taking an intense course of study. He has made keen observations of yours truly and his comments prior to our game, "Wait, that's Jerry talking about rook sacs, [referring to my game against Col. Mark Wells?]" Jerry goes for long, drawn out, positional games, not short, tactical victories." Indicating that he already knew my preferred style. True, I'm not typically known for tactical brilliance, but I can surprise at times. James continued his pre-game harangue by imploring me to consider my standard 1.d4 opening as my best chance for survival, or perhaps a new line of 1.a3. Knowing that James was studying with Josh Bloomer, I figured the 1.d4 would not be in my best interest this time around. How best to mix-it up against James? I told myself long ago that I would strive to give all my opponents interesting, enjoyable games. So when we started our match, I opened with one of my old standards, 1.b4. This will come as a shock to nobody as most in Colorado have seen me play this before, even with success sometimes! As expected, James chuckled heartily at my opening choice. However, very soon the laughter died and a tough game ensued, one worthy of both combatants.

Jerry Maier
James Powers

1.b4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.b5 d5 4.a4 c6 5.e3 cxb5 6.Bxb5+ Bd7 7.Ne5 Bxb5 8.axb5 Nbd7 9.d4 Qb6 10.Qe2 Bd6 11.Bb2 0-0 12.0-0 a6 13.c4 Bxe5 14.dxe5 Ne4 15.Bd4 Nec5 16.cxd5 exd5 17.Nc3 axb5 18.Nxd5 Qd8 19.Qxb5 Rxa1 20.Rxa1 b6 21.Ra7 Qb8 22.Ne7+ Kh8 23.Nc6 Qe8 24.Bxc5 bxc5 25.f4 Nb8 26.Ra8 Qd7 27.Rxb8 Qd1+ 28.Qf1 Qxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Rxb8 30.Nxb8 h5 31.h4 Kg8 32.Nd7 c4 33.Ke1 Kh7 34.f5 Kg8 35.Kd2 f6 36.e6 g6 37.fxg6 1-0

According to Deep Rybka 3, it is mate in 8 after move 37.fxg6. James has been playing at a playing strength over 1400 for a couple of months; whereas I have dropped from a high in the 1400s to the 1200s. I look forward to many more games against James. Now if I could only figure out how to beat Gary Frenzel!



USAFA Quads 12 Selected Games

by Jerry Maier
July 25, 2009

This was the first USAFA Quad to be played in the Milazzo Center. Dean Brown resumed his tournament direction of this event as he was available. In the interest of full disclosure, it is his tournament; we just alternate who is in charge based on whether Dean is in town that weekend or if he is engaged in chess battles in other states. Dean was happy to just direct for a change, and I was happy to just play, although we both tended to the issue of an unscheduled wedding reception which tried to crash the tournament. The wedding invitation had incorrectly listed the Milazzo Center for the reception in their program. All was handled with no disruption of the games in progress, excepting my own! It was a decent turnout of 12 players, with some new faces and some old faces with brushed up tactics-note Ryan Snodgrass' performance. We had 3 Quads and plenty of good games. Thank you to all those players who joined in the fun, from near and far! Starting with the August Quads, prizes are increasing: 1st in each Quad gets \$50, if a 6-person Swiss section is played, then 1st gets \$50 with 2nd getting \$25.

James Powers Jerry Maier

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6
5.Bb5 Be7 6.0-0 Qb6 7.Bxc6 c4+ 8.Kh1
Ng4 9.Bxd7+ Bxd7 10.Qe2 Rc8 11.h3
Nf6 12.Ne5 Qc7 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.d3
cxd3 15.cxd3 h5 16.f5 h4 17.fxe6 fxe6
18.Qg4 Qg3 19.Qxg3 hxg3 20.Bf4 Bh4
21.Rf3 Rf8 22.Raf1 Bf6 23.Bd2 Be7
24.Rxf8+ Nxf8 25.Rf3 Bd6 26.Be1 Ng6
27.Bxg3 Bxg3 28.Rxg3 Ne5 29.Rxg7
Nxd3 30.Rg8+ Kd7 31.Rxc8 Kxc8 32.b3
a6 33.Kh2 b5 34.h4 Kd8 35.a3 b4
36.axb4 Nxb4 37.Kg3 Ke7 38.Kg4 Kf6
39.h5 Nd3 40.Kf3 Kg5 41.Na4 Kxh5
42.Ke3 Nc1 43.Nc5 e5 ... 1-0

Anthony Telinbacco Kurt Kondracki

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bd3
Nf6 6.Nbd2 Qc7 7.0-0 Bd6 8.dxc5 Bxc5

9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Be7 11.Qc2 h6
12.Be3 Ng4 13.Rfe1 Nxe3 14.Rxe3 b6
15.Qa4 Bb7 16.Nd4 0-0-0 17.Ba6 Nb8
18.Bxb7+ Qxb7 19.Rd1 Nd7 20.Qc6+
Qc7 21.Qxc7+ Kxc7 22.Nb5+ Kb8
23.Red3 Nc5 24.Nxc5 bxc5 25.Kf1 Rxd3
26.Rxd3 Rd8 27.Ke2 Rxd3 28.Kxd3 Kb7
29.Kc4 a6 30.Na3 Bd6 31.h3 f5 32.Nc2
Kc6 33.Ne1 g5 34.b4 g4 35.Nd3 cxb4
36.cxb4 h5 37.Nc5 Bxc5 38.bxc5 e5
39.h4 a5 40.a4 f4 41.f3 g3 42.Kd3 Kxc5
43.Kc3 e4 44.fxe4 f3 0-1

Anthony Telinbacco Rhett Langseth

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bg4
5.0-0 Bxf3 6.Bxf3 h5 7.Bg5 Qa5 8.Qd2
Qf5 9.Nc3 Qg6 10.h4 d5 11.Qd3 Qxd3
12.cxd3 Nbd7 13.e4 e6 14.Rac1 Bb4
15.Rfe1 Rc8 16.a3 Bxc3 17.Rxc3 0-0
18.b4 g6 19.Rec1 Nh7 20.Be3 Nb6
21.Bd1 dxe4 22.dxe4 Nf6 23.f3 Nfd7
24.Bf4 f5 25.Bb3 Rfe8 26.a4 fxe4
27.fxe4 Nf6 28.Re1 Rcd8 29.Bg5 Rxd4
30.Bxf6 Rxb4 31.a5 Na4 32.Bxa4 Rxa4
33.Rc5 Rc8 34.e5 ... 1-0

Dave Kennedy Gary Frenzel

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qc4 e6
5.a3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Bd3 h6
9.Bxf6 Bxf6 10.0-0 Bxb2 11.Ra2 Bf6
12.Re1 Ne5 13.Nxe5 Bxe5 14.Nd2 a6
15.Nf3 b5 16.Qc5 Bf6 17.Qh5 d6 18.a4
b4 19.a5 Bc3 20.Re2 e5 21.Re3 Be6
22.Ra4 Qd7 23.Ra1 Bxa1 24.Nh4 Bg4
25.Qxg4 Qxg4 26.Nf3 Bd4 27.Re2 Rfb8
28.h3 Qc8 29.Nh4 b3 30.cxb3 Rxb3
31.Nf5 Qc1+ 32.Kh2 Qf4+ 33.g3 Qc1
34.Ne7+ Kf8 0-1

Ryan Snodgrass Jerry Maier

1.d4 e5 2.dxe5 f6 3.exf6 Nxf6 4.Nf3 Nc6
5.Bf4 Bc5 6.e3 Qe7 7.Bc4 d6 8.0-0 Bg4
9.Nbd2 0-0-0 10.c3 d5 11.Be2 Ne4
12.Nd4 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nxd4 14.exd4
Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Bd6 16.Bg5 Bxh2+
17.Kxh2 Qd6+ 18.Qf4 Rhf8 19.Qxd6
Rxd6 20.Kg1 Rf5 21.Bd2 h5 22.Rae1
Kd7 23.Re5 Rxe5 24.dxe5 Rg6 25.Re1
Ke6 26.Re3 h4 27.Rh3 Rg4 28.b3 Kxe5
29.f3 Rg6 30.Rxh4 Ke6 31.c4 dxc4
32.Rxc4 Kd7 33.Bc3 a6 34.Kf2 c6
35.Rg4 Rxg4 36.fxg4 g6 37.Ke3 Ke6
38.Kd4 b6 39.a4 Kd6 40.Ke4 Ke6 41.g5
Kd6 42.Bb4+ c5 43.Bc3 b5 44.axb5 axb5

45.b4 c4 46.Kd4 Kc6 47.Ke5 Kd7
48.Kd5 Kc7 49.Kc5 Kb8 ... 1-0

And now a few words from the Assistant
Tournament Director....

As I'm entering these games, I keep noticing the qualifier "Unusual" after the majority of my games. This may stem from a desire to give my opponents interesting games, plus I haven't studied nearly as much as many of the chess players out there. When I picked up the game, the way to learn was to use books! There was neither Fritz nor Chessmaster. I was not enrolled in any course of study. The early books I started with was a problem solver "Bobby Fischer Teaches Chess", one on positional theory, one on a certain unorthodox opening, and one on combinations. The only one I read all the way through was the Bobby Fischer book. When I was a participant in the Rochester Community Chess Club, one of the 1800 rated players confessed that he hadn't picked up the game and seriously studied until he was forty. Perhaps I'm waiting until then to improve, perhaps I just like to do things differently and see what happens. Sometimes I get lucky and it works; other times it doesn't. This month Ryan Snodgrass handily trounced me, as did James Powers. However, Kevin Lucas was not so fortunate

Jerry Maier Kevin Lucas

1.d4 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bf4 Nc6 4.Bg2 e6
5.Nf3 b6 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Ne5 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3
Nxe5 9.dxe5 Nd7 10.c4 c6 11.cxd5 cxd5
12.e4 Bb7 13.0-0 Nc5 14.exd5 Bxd5
15.Bxd5 Qxd5 16.Qg4 0-0 17.Rad1 Qxa2
18.Bh6 g6 19.Bxf8 Kxf8 20.Qg5 Qxc2
21.Rd8+ Rxd8 22.Qxd8+ Kg7 23.Qf6+
Kg8 24.Ra1 Ne4 25.Qf3 a5 26.Re1 Nc5
27.Rd1 Ne4 28.h4 b5 29.h5 b4 30.h6 Kf8
31.Rd8+ Ke7 32.Rb8 Qc6 33.Rh8 Qc1+
34.Kg2 Qxh6 35.Qxe4 1-0

According to Deep Rybka 3, it is mate in 6 after move 35.Qxe4. Kevin is looking for a rematch and I look forward to our next battle. I doubt I'll be any more orthodox by then, but I'm sure the game will be enjoyable!



USAFA Chess Selected Games

by Jerry Maier
July 2-30, 2009

This was the first month of the Thursday USAFA Chess series. Our location is in the Milazzo Center, a very familiar haunt to those who also play in the monthly USAFA Quads. This Thursday venue was begun at the behest of the USAFA Program Coordinator, who had seen the success of the monthly Quads and wished to get the cadets and prep school attendees a chance to play during the week. It is also an experiment to see how much overlap there is between the players from Wednesday and Thursday nights. Though we haven't had any prep school students, we have had cadets (although they didn't join until August). In addition to the usual chess animals, we did have a representative of the local wildlife show up; a young bear cub named Boo-Boo! We started slow due to the July 4th holiday, but quickly grew our ranks to 14 players. Some were the self proclaimed chess addicts who also play on Wednesdays at the East Coast Deli, but there were new faces from the Quads and the north side of Colorado Springs. Hopefully our ranks will continue to expand in the coming months as we become more established. We had five rounds and many excellent games; not all of which could be published. A hearty "thank you!" to all those who joined in the fun, from near and far!

Kurt Kondracki Jerry Maier

1.c4 d5 2.cxd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 c6 6.d4 Bf5 7.e3 Na6 8.Qe2 Nb4 9.e4 Bg6 10.a3 0-0-0 11.Rb1 Rxd4 12.axb4 Qxb4 13.Bd2 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Rxe4 15.Bxb4 Rxe2+ 16.Nxe2 Bxb1 17.0-0 Bd3 18.Re1 f6 19.Nf4 Bf5 20.Bxe7 Bxe7 21.Rxe7 Rd8 22.Be4 Rd1+ 23.Kg2 Re1 24.Bxf5+ Kb8 25.Rxe1 g5 26.Ne6 a5 27.Bxh7 Ka7 28.h4 a4 29.h5 b5 30.h6 b4 31.Ra1 a3 32.Bd3 Kb6 33.bxa3 Ka5 34.h7 Ka4 35.h8Q Kb3 36.axb4 f5 37.Rb1+ Ka4 38.Qa1# 1-0

Tony Telinbacco David Meliti

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 Bg6

5.0-0 Nf6 6.Qe2 c5 7.c3 Nbd7 8.Nbd2 Ne4 9.Bb5 Bd6 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.dxc5 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 Bxc5 13.e4 0-0 14.exd5 Ne5 15.Qe4 Qxd5 16.Qxd5 exd5 17.Bf4 Ng6 18.Bd2 a6 19.Ba4 b5 20.Bc2 Rfe8 21.Rfe1 Ne5 22.Be3 Bxe3 23.Rxe3 Nc4 24.Rxe8+ Rxe8 25.b3 Nb6 26.Bd3 Rc8 27.Rc1 d4 28.c4 Nd5 29.Rd1 Nc3 30.Rd2 g6 31.Kf1 f5 32.a3 Kf7 33.f3 Kf6 34.g3 Ke5 35.Kf2 Ne4+ 36.Bxe4 fxe4 37.fxe4 Kxe4 38.cxb5 axb5 39.a4 d3 40.Ke1 Ke3 41.Kd1 Rf8 42.Kc1 bxa4 43.bxa4 Rc8+ 44.Kd1 Rb8 45.Kc1 Rb1+ 46.Kxb1 Kxd2 47.a5 Ke1 48.a6 d2 0-1

Rhett Langseth James Powers

1.d3 c5 2.Nf3 g6 3.c3 Bg7 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 d5 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxd7 Bxd7 8.Qb3 Bc6 9.c4 b6 10.Nc3 e6 11.Bg5 0-0 12.cxd5 exd5 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Nxd5 Bxb2 15.Qxb2 Bxd5 16.f3 Qe7 17.h4 Qe3 18.h5 Rae8 19.hxg6 fxg6 20.Kf1 Re7 21.Rh2 Rfe8 22.f4 Bxg2+ 23.Rxg2 Qe6 24.Qb3 Kg7 25.Rb1 Qh3 26.Qb2+ Kh6 27.Re1 Re3 28.Kf2 Qh5 29.Kg1 Rxg3 30.Rxg3 Qh4 31.Kg2 Re3 32.Rxe3 Qxe1 33.Rh3+ Qh4 34.Rxh4# 1-0

David Meliti Anthea Carson

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nd7 4.0-0 a6 5.Bxd7+ Bxd7 6.d4 cxd4 7.Qxd4 e6 8.Bg5 Qc7 9.Nbd2 Ne7 10.Nc4 Nc6 11.Qb6 Rc8 12.Rad1 Qb8 13.Bf4 e5 14.Be3 Be7 15.Bg5 f6 16.Be3 Be6 17.b3 0-0 18.Bc1 Rfd8 19.Ne3 Rd7 20.Nd5 Bd8 21.Qe3 Ne7 22.Nxe7+ Bxe7 23.c4 b5 24.cxb5 axb5 25.a3 d5 26.exd5 Rxd5 27.Rxd5 Bxd5 28.Bb2 Qa8 29.Nh4 Rc2 30.Nf5 Bf8 31.Ba1 Qxa3 32.h4 Qxb3 33.Qb6 Be6 34.Ng3 Qxg3 1-0

Jerry Maier Issac Martinez

1.d4 d5 2.e4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bf4 Nxe4 5.Nb5 e5 6.dxe5 a6 7.e6 axb5 8.exf7+ Kxf7 9.Bxb5 Bb4+ 10.Ke2 Re8 11.Kf3 Bg4+ 12.Kxg4 Nxf2+ 13.Kh5 g6+ 14.Kh6 Qh4+ 15.Qh5 Qxh5# 0-1

Geri Neri David Meliti

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Qxd4 e6 6.Nf3 Nc6 7.Qd1 Qc7 8.c4 Nb6 9.Bf4 f6 10.Nc3 Bb4 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nxe5 13.Nd4 Nbx4 14.Nb5 Qc5

15.Bxc4 Nxc4 16.Nc7+ Ke7 17.Nxa8 e5 18.Bc1 Qc6 19.0-0 b6 20.Qg4 Kf7 21.Rd1 d5 22.Qe2 Qxa8 23.Qh5+ g6 24.Qe2 h5 25.Qd3 Rd8 26.Ra2 Bg4 27.f3 Bf5 28.Qe2 Qc6 29.h3 h4 30.Qf2 g5 31.Kh2 Qa4 32.Re1 Qb3 33.g3 hxg3+ 34.Kxg3 Qxc3 35.Bd2 Qb3 36.Raa1 Rh8 37.Rh1 Nd6 38.Qe3 Qc4 39.Be1 Qh4+ 40.Kg2 Bxh3+ 41.Kg1 Qc4 42.Bf2 Nf5 43.Qe1 Qf4 44.Ra2 Qxf3 45.Rh2 Qg4+ 46.Kh1 Bg2+ 47.Kg1 Bf3+ 48.Bg3 Nxc3 49.Rxh8 ... 0-1

Kurt Kondracki Issac Martinez

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Bg2 Be6 6.d3 Bb4 7.Qc2 Nc6 8.Nf3 Nd4 9.Qd2 Nb5 10.a3 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Ndx3 12.a4 Qd5 13.axb5 Qb3 14.Nxe5 0-0-0 15.Rxa7 Kb8 16.Rxb7+ Kc8 17.Ra7 c5 18.0-0 Bc4 19.Bb7+ Kb8 20.Nc6+ Kc7 21.Nxd8 Rxd8 22.Qf4+ Kb6 23.Bf3 Rd5 24.Qb8# 1-0

Matt Lasley Kurt Kondracki

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 g6 5.Nf3 Bg7 6.Bc4 Qc7 7.Qb3 e6 8.Nb5 Qc6 9.0-0 a6 10.Qa4 b6 11.Bf4 axb5 12.Qxb5 Qxb5 13.Bxb5 Nc6 14.Rac1 Bb7 15.Bc7 Rxa2 16.b3 Ba6 17.Bc4 Bxc4 18.Rxc4 Ra6 19.Bd6 Nge7 20.e5 0-0 21.Rd1 Rfa8 22.Rxc6 Nxc6 23.Bc7 Ra1 24.Rxa1 Rxa1+ 25.Ne1 Rxe1# 0-1

David Meliti Kurt Kondracki

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.0-0 Qb6 6.Na3 Nf6 7.Re1 0-0 8.d4 cxd4 9.cxd4 Ne8 10.Be3 Qd8 11.Qd2 Nd6 12.Bd3 b6 13.e5 Nf5 14.Bxf5 gxf5 15.Bh6 e6 16.Nc4 f6 17.d5 Nxe5 18.Nfxe5 fxe5 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Nxe5 Bb7 21.Qc3 Rf6 22.dxe6 dxe6 23.Qg3+ Kf8 24.Rad1 Bd5 25.Nc6 Qe8 26.Qd6+ Kg7 27.Rxd5 exd5 28.Re7+ Kg6 29.Ne5+ Kg5 30.h4+ Kf4 31.g3+ Ke4 32.f3+ Kd4 33.Qb4+ Ke3 34.Qf4+ Ke2 35.Rxe8 Rxe8 36.Qd4 Rfe6 37.Qd3+ Ke1 38.f4 Rc8 39.Nf3# 1-0

And now a few words from the Tournament Director....

There are always a few opponents whom I look forward to being paired against for a myriad of reasons. There may be a friendly long-standing rivalry. Sometimes

I crave a chance to prove myself against players of a stronger mettle. There's the allure of being the underdog and beating the player who is many classes above me. Individuals from other cities or other states are also particular favorites since I don't have as frequent an opportunity to get together and lock horns. One of the more enjoyable pairings for me occurs when I get paired against my Colorado Springs chess mentors. Dean Brown has been very helpful and instrumental in guiding my tournament directing career. He is a challenging opponent and more often than not, he has a tendency to beat me. Prior to this game his record against me was 12 wins, 2 draws and 5 losses.

Dean Brown
Jerry Maier

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 h6 6.0-0 Nf6 7.a3 e5 8.e4 Nh7 9.Bd2 Ng5 10.b4 cxb4 11.axb4 Bh3 12.Bxh3 Nxh3+ 13.Kg2 Ng5 14.b5 Nxf3 15.Qxf3 Nb4 16.Bxb4 Bxb4 17.Qh5 Qg5 18.Qxg5 hxg5 19.Ra2 a5 20.Nd2 Bxd2 21.Rxd2 b6 22.f4 gxf4 23.gxf4 f6 24.fxe5 fxe5 25.Rf5 Ra7 26.Rxe5+ Re7 27.Rd5 Rd7 28.Ra2 Rxd5 29.exd5 Rh5 30.Re2+ Kd7 31.Re6 Rh6 32.Re2 Kd6 33.Kg3 Rf6 34.Kg4 Rf1 [34...Rf8] 35.Re6+ Kc5 36.d6 Rf8 37.d7 Rd8 38.Rc6+ Kb4 39.Rxb6 Rxd7 40.Ra6 a4 41.b6 Rb7 42.Kf4 a3 43.c5 Kxc5 44.Rxa3 Rxb6 45.Ra5+ Kb4 46.Rg5 g6 47.Ke4 Kc3 48.Rc5+ Kd2 49.Kxd4 Rd6+ 50.Rd5 Rxd5+ 51.Kxd5 Kxd3 52.h4 Ke3 53.Ke5 Kf3 54.Kf6 Kg4 55.Kxg6 Kxh4 1/2-1/2

Dean didn't get the win for which he was hoping; neither did I. It was an enjoyable game and according to Deep Rybka 3, I actually had two alternative moves to my 46...g6 pawn push which would have put me significantly ahead, if not winning outright. However, the push ensured a draw, which was the minimum goal I was trying to achieve. Forcing a draw feels like a greater achievement than a win sometimes, especially against those we respect, admire and attempt to emulate. I'll console/delude myself with the belief that this was a moral victory until our next match.



"Benjamin Franklin Playing Chess"
by Edward Harrison May

Tactics Time Answers:

If you have a position from a game played in Colorado with an interesting tactic please send it to Tim Brennan (TimmyBx@aol.com). It can be anything from a mate in one to a deep combination that only you and an iPhone could have possibly figured out!

- 1. 1.Ra6!** Overloads the black queen like a dishwasher on Thanksgiving.
- 2. 1.Bxf5** picks up a pawn, and offers a trade of bishops.
- White goes for the jugular with a nifty minor piece checkmate **1.g5+ fxe5 2.hxe5+ Kh5 3.Ng7#**
- 4. 1...Nxc5** puts the biscuit in the basket, removing the defender of the knight on e5.
- White takes it to the hole with **1.Ba3** skewering the Queen and Rook.
- 1...c4** traps the bishop like R. Kelly in the closet.
- 1.Bxd5** puts the knight on a death panel, because of black's weak back rank.
- Jeff Baffo sent in this puzzle, and writes: "Allowing black a chance to draw. Here I played the slightly silly 1...Rg6 and lost when I made another very tired old man blunder 3 moves later. The first move (of the saving combo) is something most players would at least look at, but finding the shocking follow up is so counter intuitive most of those same players would also quickly dismiss it. This I did to my lasting regret. Not to take anything away from Mr. Ogunmefuni. He had a fantastic tournament and was the well deserved victor in our game. The solution is **1...Rxf3! 2.exf3 Qxf3+ 3.Kg1 Nf4!!** and White can not avoid perpetual check."
- Paul Anderson published this game in his June 30, 2009 newsletter after Virgil McGuire, a long time member of the Colorado Springs Chess Club, passed away. In this game Paul missed **1...Qxc1+** which overloads the rook on c7, unpinning the king, and allowing the queen on e6 to be captured. Virgil went on to win this game, which can be found at...

<http://home.att.net/~cs.chess/gamesmcguireanderson02192002.htm>.

RIP Virgil.

2009 Correspondence Championship Update

by Klaus Johnson

Eight months in, nearly all games in the 2009 Correspondence Championship are complete. Jeff Baffo has clinched clear 1st place with a very strong 7.5/8 (+7, =1). I have clinched to win 2nd place at the least on tie-breaks, and can win clear 2nd with a draw or win in his last game. There are three contenders for 3rd place: Archie Shipp, who finished the tournament with 4.5/8, Lee Lahti who has 3.0 points with two games to play, and Paul Covington who has 2.5 points with two games to play. The full standings are below.

The 2010 Colorado Correspondence Championship will begin on January 1st. Please send your entries to Lee Lahti by December 15th if you want to play. If there are more than 11 entries, there will be a semi-final round and a final round. Each player will play six games in the semi-final round (either a 7-player round robin or a 4-player double round robin), and for those who qualify, six to ten games in the final. CSCA and USCF membership must be maintained during the tournament. For more information, see the tournament listing on page 31.

**Ginny Gaige
Lee Lahti**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6

5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 g6 7.g3 d6 8.Bg2 Bg7
9.Nf3 Nbd7 10.O-O Nb6 11.Re1 O-O
12.Bf4 Re8 13.Nd2 Bb7 14.e4 Qd7 15.b3
Nh5 16.Rc1 Nxf4 17.gxf4 Bxc3 18.Rxc3
Rxa2 19.Nc4 Nxc4 20.Rxc4 Rea8 21.f3
R8a3 22.h4 Rb2 23.Rc3 Raa2 24.Bf1 Ba6
25.Rc2 Rxc2 26.Qxc2 Rxc2 27.f5 Bxf1
28.Kxf1 Qa7 29.fxg6 Qa2 0-1

**Derek Fish
Ginny Gaige**

1.b4 d5 2.Nf3 Bg4 3.Ne5 Nf6 4.Nxg4
Nxg4 5.e5 h5 6.h3 Ne5 7.Bb2 d4 8.f4 e6
9.fxg5 Bxb4 10.Qf3 a6 11.Bc4 c5 12.0-0
0-0 13.c3 dxc3 14.Nxc3 Nc6 15.Nd5
exd5 16.Bxd5 Qg5 17.e6 Bxd2 18.exf7+
Kh8 19.Bxc6 Be3+ 20.Kh1 bxc6 21.Rab1
Ra7 22.Rfe1 Raxf7 23.Qxe3 Rf1+
24.Qg1 Rxg1+ 25.Kxg1 c4 26.e5 Qg3
27.Bd4 Qd3 28.Bc5 Rf5 29.e6 Qd5 30.e7
Qxc5+ 31. Rh1 Rf1+ 1/2-1/2

**Derek Fish
Lee Lahti**

1.c4 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5
5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nf3 O-O 7.O-O Nb6
8.Nc3 Nc6 9.e3 Re8 10.d5 Na5 11.Nd4
Bd7 12.e4 c6 13.Bf4 cxd5 14.exd5 Nac4
15.b3 Nd6 16.Bxd6 exd6 17.Rc1 Rc8
18.Ncb5 Bxb5 19.Nxb5 Rxc1 20.Qxc1
Qd7 21.a4 a6 22.Na3 Nxa4 23.bxa4 Qxa4
24.Nb1 Qd7 25.Na3 Rc8 26.Qe3 Rc3 0-1

**Paul Covington
Chai Neuhaus**

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 c6 3.d4 d5 4.Bg2 Bf5
5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Nf3 e6 7.O-O Bd6 8.Qb3
b6 9.Qb5+ Nbd7 10.Bg5 O-O 11.Nc3 a6
12.Qc6 Be7 13.Ne5 Ra7 14.Rac1 Rc7
15.Qa4 Nb8 16.Bf4 b5 17.Qa5 b4

18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Rxc7 Nxc7 20.e4 Bxe4
21.Bxe4 Bd6 22.Rc1 Nb5 23.Qxd8 Rxd8
24.Be3 Bxe5 25.dxe5 f5 26.exf6 gxf6
27.Bb6 Re8 28.Ba5 f5 29.Bd3 Nd4
30.Bxb4 Nbc6 31.Bc3 e5 32.Bxa6 Nf3+
33.Kg2 e4 34.Bf6 Nce5 35.Rc8 Kf7
36.Rxe8 Kxe8 37.Bxe5 Nxe5 38.Bc8 Nd7
39.Bxd7+ Kxd7 40.f3 e3 41.f4 1-0

**Klaus Johnson
Derek Fish**

1.c4 Nf6 2.b3 e5 3.Bb2 Nc6 4.e3 d5
5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.d3 Be6 7.Nf3 f6 8.Be2
Bc5 9.0-0 Bb6 10.Na3 Qd7 11.Nc4 0-0-0
12.a3 g5 13.b4 Rdg8 14.b5 Na5 15.Qa4
Nxc4 16.dxc4 Nf4 17.exf4 gxf4 18.Rfd1
Qg7 19.Ne1 Bf5 20.Qb3 Qh6 21.Qc3
Bxf2+ 22.Kxf2 Qxh2 23.Rd3 e4 24.Rh3
Rxg2+ 25.Nxg2 Bxh3 26.Rg1 e3+ 27.Kf1
Rg8 0-1

**Klaus Johnson
Archie Shipp**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4
Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bd2 c6 8.Ne4
Qd8 9.Ng3 Bg6 10.c3 Be7 11.O-O O-O
12.Ne5 Be4 13.Bg5 Bd5 14.Bd3 b5 15.b3
a6 16.c4 bxc4 17.Bxc4 Bxg2 18.Kxg2
Nfd7 19.Bxe7 Qxe7 20.Nxd7 Nxd7
21.Re1 Qg5 22.Qh5 Qxh5 23.Nxh5 g6
24.Nf4 Nf6 25.Red1 Rab8 26.Rab1 a5
27.Rxb8 Rxb8 28.Bc2 Rb2 29.Bb3 Ng4
30.Nd3 Ne3+ 31.Kf3 Nxd1 32.Nxb2
Nxb2 33.Ke4 a4 34.Bc2 f5+ 35.Ke5 Kf7
36.Kd6 Nxc4+ 37.Kxc6 a3 38.Kb5 Nd2
39.Kb4 Nf3 40.Kxa3 Nxh2 41.Kb4 Nf3
42.a4 Nxd4 43.Bd1 e5 1/2-1/2



2009 Correspondence Championship Standings

Name	Rating	#	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Total	SB
Jeffrey Baffo	2307	1	-	1	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	7.5	23.00
Paul Covington	1364	2	0	-	1		0	0		½	1	2.5	7.25
Derek Fish	1194	3	0	0	-	½	1	1	1	0	0	3.5	13.25
Ginny Gaige	1224	4	0		½	-	0	0	0	1	0	1.5	5.25
Klaus Johnson	1705	5	½	1	0	1	-	½		1	1	5.0	15.50
Archie Shipp	1325	6	0	1	0	1	½	-	½	½	1	4.5	11.75
Lee Lahti	1458	7	0		0	1		½	-	½	1	3.0	7.50
Tim Brennan	1368	8	0	½	1	0	0	½	½	-	1	3.5	10.50
Chai Neuhaus	1026	9	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	-	2.0	5.00

COLORADO CHESS CLUB DIRECTORY

Adams State College Chess Club meets Tuesdays, 6:30-10 PM, at Adams State College Student Center in the food court. Meets during academic year. Late August through April. For info call Joe Kolupke at (719) 589-9354 or email: jkolupke@adams.edu for more details.

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 email: jbaffo2004@msn.com or (303) 617-9123.

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

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

Chess Knights (Highlands Ranch) meets on the 2nd & 4th Wednesday Evening from 7-9 PM. 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 email: frank_atwood80120@yahoo.com.

Colorado Springs Chess Club meets Tuesday evenings, 7-10 PM, in the downstairs game room of the Acacia Apartments Building, 104 E. Platte. Scheduled activities every meeting at 8 PM (must show up by 8 or you might be locked out). For information see their website at www.springschess.org or email Buck Buchanan at buckpeace@pcisys.net or call (719) 685-1984.

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

Dean Moon Chess Club (Westcliffe) plays on Fridays beginning at 12:30 in the community room adjacent to the library, 209 Main (1/2 block west of Highways 69 and 96/main intersection). Casual. No dues. All levels welcome. Call Russ Stark, (719) 371-0696.

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 email: yaxisx@aol.com for more info.

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 (970) 259-4718.

Fort Collins Chess Club currently meets Tuesdays, 7 PM, in the food court of the Lory Student Center (2nd level), Colorado State University. You can email Randy Reynolds at randy_teyana@msn.com. On the net - http://groups.yahoo.com/group/fort_collins_chess.

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

Grand Junction 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.

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.

Longmont Chess Club meets Thursdays, from 6:30-9 PM at Abbondanza Pizzeria, 461 Main St., in Longmont, Colorado. Contact James Drebenstedt at (720) 494-0993 for more info.

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

Pueblo Chess Club meets at Barnes and Noble (4300 Freeway) on Mondays, Daily Grind (209 S. Union) on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. All nights 7-10 PM. Thursdays are G/15 tournaments. For more info contact Liz Wood at (719) 566-6929.

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

Stonebridge Games Chess Club (Longmont) meets Tuesdays at 5 PM. 449 Main Street, Longmont. Call (303) 776-3796 for more info.

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

For new or updated listing information
please email Fred Eric Spell at
spellfe@hotmail.com.



UPCOMING TOURNAMENTS

2009 October USAFA Chess October 1-29, 2009

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Game/90, TD/5.

Site: The Milazzo Center, Building 5226, US Air Force Academy, CO.

Directions: From I-25, take Exit #150 (Academy Blvd/the South Entrance to the Academy), turn west toward the mountains. The road becomes Stadium Drive. Take Stadium Drive, over the railroad bridge, about 5 miles. Turn left up Community Center Drive about 2 miles. Near the hill crest on the left is the fitness center. Turn left onto Aspen Drive (before Falcon and Eagle Drives). Continue straight to the next stop sign and turn left. Proceed straight for 100 yards (the fitness center is now on your left). The Milazzo Center and its parking lot will be on your right (opposite the baseball field).

Open: Open to all.

Entry fee: \$10 covers the entire month of Thursdays.

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries paid on final Wednesday of event, usually 85%-90% of entry fees, for 1st place and Under sections based on number of players.

Registration: 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. every Thursday, Rounds: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Oct. 1, Oct. 8, Oct. 15, Oct. 22, Oct. 29. 1 game per evening. TD assumes you are playing all rounds unless notified in advance. Two 1/2 point byes are allowed this month.

Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919

Phone: (719) 660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

USCF membership required. See the TD if you need to renew or join.

Sponsored by the USAFA Community Center with Southern Colorado Chess direction.

Please note that this tournament runs while a casual, non-USCF section also meets. There is no cost for the non-USCF games, nor for attending the casual chess.

Please be careful of the road construction on base. Be prepared to show photo ID to get onto the base.

SOCO Open II Tournament October 3, 2009

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/35 TD/5.

Site: The Daily Grind, 209 S. Union, Pueblo, CO.

Directions: Take 1st Street exit, three blocks to Union; Union & D Street.

Entry fee: \$20; Sr, Jr, Unr \$15; CSCA & USCF required, OSA. Pre-registration entry fee: \$15, which must be paid at the time of pre-registration.

Prizes: Cash prizes based on entry fees will be distributed at the conclusion of the event.

Registration: 9:00-9:45, Rounds: 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.

Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919

Phone: 719-660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

An open one day rated chess tournament.

Final round byes must be requested before the start of Round 2, and are irrevocable.

Send pre-registrations to: Jerry Maier at 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919 by October 1st.
Colorado Tour Event.

2009 October East Coast Deli October 7-28, 2009

4 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/90, TD/5.

Site: East Coast Deli, 24 S Tejon St, Colorado Springs, CO 80903

Directions: The Deli is located between Pikes Peak and Colorado Avenues. Street parking can be tricky, although there is free parking near the movie theatre (north east) and around the court buildings (1 block south and east). The Plaza of the Rockies has paid parking for \$1 after 5:00 p.m., located between S. Tejon and S. Nevada on Colorado Avenue.

Open: Open to all.

Entry fee: \$10 covers the entire month of Wednesdays.

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries paid on final Wednesday of event, usually 85%-90% of entry fees, for a 1st place with Under sections based on number of players (typically 3).

Registration: 5:00 p.m.-5:45 p.m. every Wednesday, Rounds: 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. October 7, October 14, October 21, October 28. 1 game per evening. TD assumes you are playing all rounds unless notified in advance. One 1/2 point bye is allowed this month.

Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919

Phone: (719) 660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

Please support the deli if able. Food may be ordered anytime and we have a dedicated server for the evening. Once in the establishment, take the long hall to the back room.

USCF membership required: See the TD if you need to renew or join.

October 2009 G/29 Grand Prix Event October 15, 2009

3 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: Game/29, no delay.

Site: Zachariah's Food Court, University Center Lower Level, UNC Campus, Greeley, CO.

Directions: Take Highway 34 into Greeley. From Highway 34, turn North (Left if heading East on Highway 34, Right if head-

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ing West) onto 11th Ave. Continue on 11th Ave until you reach 22nd Street. Turn Right on 22nd Street. Take the first Left into the parking lot of the University Center.

Open: One section. Accelerated Pairings used with more than 12 players. USCF membership required.

Entry fee: \$3

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee. (60% of total entry fees for tourney prizes, remainder after rating fee to Grand Prix Prize Fund).

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

Entries: Lee Lahti

E-mail: fc-chess@comcast.net

A G/29 Grand Prix Event, hosted by the Greeley & UNC Chess Clubs.

USAFA Quads #15 October 31, 2009

3 Round, Round Robin System Tournament.

Time Control: Game/60, TD/5.

Site: Community Center Ball Room, Bldg 5136, US Air Force Academy, CO.

Directions: From I-25, take Exit #150 (Academy Blvd/the South Entrance to the Academy), turn west toward the mountains. The road becomes Stadium Drive. Take Stadium Drive, over the railroad bridge, about 5 miles. Turn left up Community Center Drive about 2 miles. Over the hill crest on the left is the Community Center with ample parking (turn left opposite the Gas Station and head toward the chapel.). The Community Center Ball Room is downstairs from the central plaza of Bldg 5136.

Open: The Highest 4 USCF-rated players form a Quad; the next 4 highest form the next Quad, etc. If participation requires, the lowest rated "Quad" may be a 6-person, 3 round, Swiss section.

Entry fee: \$12 if received by October 29, 2009; \$15 on-site registration.

Prizes: 1st in each Quad: \$50. If Swiss section used: 1st in Swiss is \$50, 2nd is \$25.

Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM, Rounds: 9:15 AM, 12:15 PM, 2:30 PM.

Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Phone: (719) 660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

Dean Brown will TD unless unavailable, in which case, Jerry Maier will TD. Open to all USCF members; USCF membership may be obtained at on-site registration or on-line at www.uschess.org. Sponsored by the USAFA Community Center with Southern Colorado Chess direction.

USAFA Quads #16 November 21, 2009

3 Round, Round Robin System Tournament.

Time Control: Game/60, TD/5.

Site: The Milazzo Center, Building 5226, US Air Force Academy, CO.

Directions: From I-25, take Exit #150 (Academy Blvd/the

South Entrance to the Academy), turn west toward the mountains. The road becomes Stadium Drive. Take Stadium Drive, over the railroad bridge, about 5 miles. Turn left up Community Center Drive about 2 miles. Near the hill crest on the left is the fitness center. Turn left onto Aspen Drive (before Falcon and Eagle Drives). Continue straight to the next stop sign and turn left. Proceed straight for 100 yards (the fitness center is now on your left). The Milazzo Center and its parking lot will be on your right (opposite the baseball field).

Open: The Highest 4 USCF-rated players form a Quad; the next 4 highest form the next Quad, etc. If participation requires, the lowest rated "Quad" may be a 6-person, 3 round, Swiss section.

Entry fee: \$12 if received by November 19, 2009; \$15 on-site registration.

Prizes: 1st in each Quad: \$50. If Swiss section used: 1st in Swiss is \$50, 2nd is \$25.

Registration: 8:30-9:00 AM, Rounds: 9:15 AM, 12:15 PM, 2:30 PM.

Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Phone: (719) 660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

Dean Brown will TD unless unavailable, in which case, Jerry Maier will TD. Open to all USCF members; USCF membership may be obtained at on-site registration or on-line at www.uschess.org. Sponsored by the USAFA Community Center with Southern Colorado Chess direction.

Winter Springs Open December 5-6, 2009

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: U1800.

August: U1400.

Entry fee: Entry fee \$30 if rec'd by 12/3, \$35 at site. \$8 off EF for Juniors, Seniors, Unrated.

Prizes: Cash prizes per entries.

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

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

Phone: (719) 685-1984

E-mail: buckpeace@pcisis.net

CSCA membership required (\$15, 10 for juniors/seniors), OSA. Colorado Tour Event.

December 2009 G/29 Grand Prix Event December 8, 2009

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.

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Open: One open section. Accelerated Pairings used with more than 12 entries. USCF membership required.

Entry fee: \$3

Prizes: 100% of entry fees, minus USCF rating fee. (60% of total entry fees for tourney prizes, remainder after rating fee to Grand Prix Prize Fund).

Registration: 6:30-7:00pm. 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: fc-chess@comcast.net

A G/29 Grand Prix Event, hosted by the Fort Collins Chess Club.

Winter Wonderland Tournament December 12, 2009

5 Round Swiss System Tournament.

Time Control: G/35 TD/5.

Site: The Daily Grind, 209 S. Union, Pueblo, CO.

Directions: Take 1st Street exit, three blocks to Union; Union & D Street.

Entry fee: \$20; Sr, Jr, Unr \$15; CSCA & USCF required, OSA. Pre-registration entry fee: \$15, which must be paid at the time of pre-registration.

Prizes: Cash prizes based on entry fees will be distributed at the conclusion of the event.

Registration: 9:00-9:45, Rounds: 10, 11:15, 12:30, 2:30, 3:45.

Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919

Phone: 719-660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

An open one day rated chess tournament.

Final round byes must be requested before the start of Round 2, and are irrevocable.

Send pre-registrations to: Jerry Maier at 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs CO 80919 by December 10th. Colorado Tour Event.

USAFA Quads #17 December 19, 2009

3 Round, Round Robin System Tournament.

Time Control: Game/60, TD/5

Site: Community Center Ball Room, Bldg 5136, US Air Force Academy, CO.

Directions: From I-25, take Exit #150 (Academy Blvd/the South Entrance to the Academy), turn west toward the mountains. The road becomes Stadium Drive. Take Stadium Drive, over the railroad bridge, about 5 miles. Turn left up Community Center Drive about 2 miles. Over the hill crest on the left is the Community Center with ample parking (turn left opposite the Gas Station and head toward the chapel). The Community Center Ball Room is downstairs from the central plaza of Bldg 5136.

Open: The Highest 4 USCF-rated players form a Quad; the next 4 highest form the next Quad, etc. If participation requires, the lowest rated "Quad" may be a 6-person, 3 round, Swiss section.

Entry fee: \$12 if received by December 17, 2009; \$15 on-site registration.

Prizes: 1st in each Quad: \$50. If Swiss section used: 1st in Swiss is \$50, 2nd is \$25.

Registration: 8:30-9:00, Rounds: 9:15, 12:15, 2:30.

Entries: Jerry Maier 229 Hargrove Court, Colorado Springs, CO 80919

Phone: (719) 660-5531

E-mail: pmjer77@aim.com

Dean Brown will TD unless unavailable, in which case, Jerry Maier will TD. Open to all USCF members; USCF membership may be obtained at on-site registration or on-line at www.uschess.org. Sponsored by the USAFA Community Center with Southern Colorado Chess direction.

2010 Colorado Correspondence Championship January 1 - December 31, 2010

Time Control: 10 moves in 30 days, + 30 days excused time from all games.

Site: Through USCF web server.

Entry fee: \$20

Prizes: Winner of final will be 2010 Colorado Correspondence Champion.

Registration: Please send entries to Lee Lahti by December 15th 2009, Rounds: Moves begin on January 1st 2010.

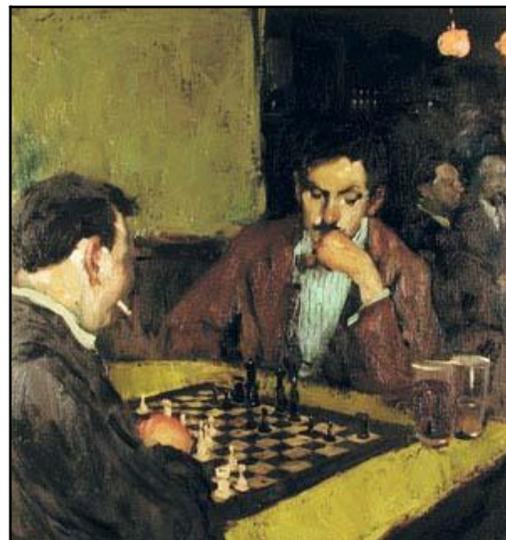
Entries: Lee Lahti 2836 Sombrero Lane, Fort Collins, CO 80525

Phone: 970-372-8590

E-mail: cscemailcc@gmail.com

If more than 11 players register, there will be a semi-final round and a final round, with the highest scoring players from the semi-final round joining the 2009 Correspondence Champion, Jeff Baffo, in the final. Number of games in a semi-final will be 6 (either a 7-player round robin or 4-player double-round robin). Number of games in the final will be 6-10.

All games will be played on USCF's web server. USCF-Correspondence rated.



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Enchanted

by Joe Fromme

Late June of this year the Rio Pueblo of Carson National Forest was still; beautiful sounds of water and birds soothing the soul, lush green fields, sheep, horses and art works together resonating a longed for dream. Fickle Fortune smiled upon me a unique presence of the Prophet of Trampas Canyon. According to local farmers, her wisdom and beauty was legendary. They were correct. Strolling in the pastoral gardens with her, I eagerly explained my latest episode in the continuing joeychess soap opera. Strategy, tactics, roller coaster rating, blunders and of course, which openings? Unexpectedly, it seemed crystal blue skies with cotton ball clouds, emerald pastures with gleaming brown horses, were more intriguing than me! I proceeded to unleash a torrential flood of illogic and emotion. She was unmoved. Only the squawking of black crows punctuated the long awkward silence. Suddenly, thousands of feet above us, the clouds shifted exposing the sunshine, porch wind chimes played and she finally spoke, "Listen carefully Desert Cricket...bliss occurs when we perceive time standing still, for example, when you play chess for hours on end, it is but a moment for you. Apparently you love to play chess. Perhaps less preparation for the result and more play would suit you."

The surprising and wonderful fate of time spent there is a precious memory held close for the rest of my days, and the next time I drop a pawn or a tempo, I shall remember the wisdom of, the Prophet of Trampas Canyon.

