

April 2009

Greetings Colorado chess players! This is the eighth of thirteen email newsletters that I will be sending out regarding Colorado Chess. Each letter will be a report of the most recent CO tour events, a list of upcoming CO events, and any new general information about Colorado Chess.

Results of March's CO Tour Events

There were three CO tour events in March 2009. The Colorado Springs Open was held the first weekend of March. This 35-player tournament was won by LM Randy Canney with 4.5/5. Randy was followed in 2nd-4th place by Paul Anderson, Julian Evans, and Edelreich Deloslado with 4.0/5. The DCC March Madness was held on March 21st, however as of print time the results of the tournament had not been released yet.

The Colorado Closed and Scholastic Closed championships were held March 27th-29th. In the closed section, GM Dashzegve Sharavdorj won by a full point with 4.5/5. NM Tyler Hughes followed in 2nd place with 3.5/5 and IM Michael Mulyar took 3rd with 3/5. In the Scholastic section, Richard Herbst crushed the field with a perfect five for five becoming the first three-time champion of the event. Dylan Lehti and David Twerskoi finished in 2nd-3rd with 2.5/5.

Held concurrently with the Colorado Closed were the Colorado Class championships. In the 7-player class A section, Daoud Zupa shook off a 1st round draw and finished a point ahead with 3.5/4. Robert Frohardt won the 8-player B section by winning his first three games and securing a draw in the 4th round to finish a half-point ahead. In the 13-player large C section, Brendon Barela and Daniel Zhou both won their first three games and then fought to a draw in the last round. When all games were finished, Daniel Zhou had won the title on tie-breaks. In the 11-player D-section, father-daughter team Matthew and Alexa Lasley won their first three games and then drew their final game. Matthew won the title on tie-breaks. The 7-player class E section was won with the only perfect 4-0 in the Class tournament by Ginny Gaige.

Upcoming CO Tour Events

See <http://www.colorado-chess.com/newtourn.shtml> for more details.

April 4th: Spring is Sprung (Pueblo) 5-SS G/30. Contact: Liz Wood chessliz@comcast.net. 14 players last year.

April 10th-12th or April 11th-12th: 2009 Boulder Open: 5-SS 40/120 G/60, (2-day option, Rds 1-2 G/90. Contact: Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com 46 players last year

April 18th: Springs Fundraiser 4-SS G/30. Contact: Buck Buchanan buckpeace@pcisys.net

May 2nd: Super Saturday I (Fort Collins): 6-SS G/29. Contact: Lee Lahti (lee.lahti@comcast.net)

May 16th: DCC May Flowers: Contact: Joe Haines joehaines@comcast.net. 15 players last year

June 6th : Pueblo Open III: 5-SS G/30. Contact: Liz Wood chessliz@comcast.net. 17 players last year.

June 13th-14th: Southern Colorado Open: 6-SS G/90. Contact: Dean Brown navajo36us80917@comcast.net 26 players last year.

June 20th: June Swoon (Denver): 4-SS G/60. Contact: Joe Haines (joehaines@comcast.net)

August 1st-2nd: Pikes Peak Open (Colorado Springs): Rds 1-3 40/90 G/60, Rds 4-5 40/120 G/60. Contact: Jerry Maier pmjer77@aim.com. 28 players last year.

August 22nd-23rd: Monument Open (Monument): 6-SS G/120. Contact: Jerry Maier pmjer77@aim.com.

Other Upcoming Events

April 16th: April 2009 G/29 Grand Prix Event (Greeley) 3-SS G/29. Contact: Lee Lahti lee.lahti@comcast.net

April 18th: DCC April Showers Denker-Polgar Fundraiser 7-SS G/15. Contact: Joseph Haines joehaines@comcast.net

April 25th: USAFA Quads #9: 3-RR G/60. Contact: Jerry Maier pmjer77@aim.com

May 27th: May 2009 G/29 Grand Prix Event (Boulder) 3-SS G/29. Contact: Klaus Johnson (boulderchessclub@yahoo.com)

May 30th-31st: Wyoming Open: 5-SS Rd 1: G/60, Rds 2-5 35/90 G/60. Contact: Allan Cunningham, adcdac@bresnan.net

There are also weekly rated games in Denver on Tuesday nights, and in Boulder and Colorado Springs on Wednesday nights. Contact Joe Haines joehaines@comcast.net, Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com, or Jerry Maier pmjer77@aim.com respectively.

Colorado Closed Championships:

The Colorado Closed and Class were a great success this weekend. In all we had 58 participants with \$1720 in prize funds awarded. I want to recognize the many people who made it possible.

First and foremost, a thank you to Dr. Kamran Sahami of the Metro State Physics department, who helped us reserve the space for the tournament. The success of the Colorado Class tournament would not have been possible without him. I would also like to thank our mutual friend Daoud Zupa, who introduced us. Thanks are also due to Randy Canney, who generously donated money to the Colorado Scholastic Closed allowing us to double the original prize fund. I would also like to thank the anonymous donor who gave us several chess books, sets, and magazines to award during the tournament. Finally I'd like to thank my assistant tournament

directors Lee Lahti and David Hart. Lee was able to set up his laptop computer so that Philipp Ponomarev could both play in the Colorado Closed and the U.S. Championship qualifier. Philipp was unsuccessful in the qualifier, but I'm very glad that Lee was able to give him the opportunity to play. David came down to help out in any way that he could and filled in whenever I was absent on Sunday.

Nationally Ranked Coloradoans (April 2009)

T-79 th	Overall	Michael Mulyar	2439
T-23 rd	Under 21	Tyler Hughes	2316
3 rd	Age 18	Tyler Hughes	2316
T-24 th	65+	Mikhail Ponomarev	2200
T-26 th	Age 17	Richard Herbst	2037
84 th	Women	Anthea Carson	1785
82 nd	Age 14	Ben Reilly	1742
44 th	Age 11	Jackson Chen	1711
63 rd	Age 12	Daniel Zhou	1697
T-93 rd	Girls U16	Alexa Lasley	1507
35 th	Age 9	Ryan Swerdlin	1408
8 th	Age 10	Alexander Yu	1445
T-48 th	Girls U13	Amrita Nag	1368

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