

December 2008

Greetings Colorado chess players! This is the fourth 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 November's CO Tour Events

On November 8th and 9th, the Boulder Fall Classic was played. Turnout was unusually high, as the 31 players in two sections nearly doubled the sixteen players last year. Robert McConnell of Michigan was the winner in the open with 4.5/5. He was followed in 2nd-3rd by Mitesh Shridhar and Julian Evans of Maryland. The reserve was played as a double round robin, at the end of 6 rounds both Resse Cantwell and Brent McConnell had 4 out of 6 points. Brent won the blitz playoff to take home the winner's trophy.

Thirty-four players participated in the DCC Turkey Trot on November 22nd. In the open section, Markus Petters earned the title with a perfect 4.0. Robert Ramirez was second with 3.5/4, and Mitchell Anderson, Klaus Johnson, Julian Evans, and Cory Foster tied for 3rd-6th with 3 points. In the reserve section, Ramyashree Gangadhar won with a perfect score, Tim Kohler and Aaron Austie were in 2nd-3rd place with 3.0/4.

Upcoming CO Tour Events

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

December 6th-7th: Winter Springs Open (Manitou Springs) 4-SS 40/2 G/1. Contact: Richard Buchanan buckpeace@pcisys.net. 33 players last year.

January 3rd 2009: 4th Al Ufer Memorial (Manitou Springs) 4-SS G/60. Contact: Dean Brown browndw1@mindspring.com. 32 players last year

January 24th-25th 2009: 2009 Boulder Winter Grand Prix 5-SS G/90. Contact: Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com, 34 players last year

February 7th-8th 2009: Loveland Open 4-SS 40/2 G/1. Contact: Randy Reynolds randy_tenyana@msn.com. 24 players last year

March 7th-8th 2009: Colorado Springs Open (Manitou Springs) 5-SS 40/90 G/60, Rds. 4-5 40/2 G/1. Contact: Richard Buchanan buckpeace@pcisys.net. 39 players last year

April 10th-12th or April 11th-12th 2009: 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

Other Upcoming Events

December 9th: December G/29 Grand Prix Event (Fort Collins): 3-SS G/29, Contact: Lee Lahti lee.lahti@comcast.net

December 13th: CU Rapid X (Boulder): 4-SS G/45, Contact: Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

December 20th: US Air Force Academy Quads (CO Springs): 4-player RR G/60, Contact: Dean Brown brownd1@mindspring.com

January 1st: 2009 Colorado Email Correspondence Championship, Contact Klaus Johnson CSCAemailcc@gmail.com

January 17th: Calvary United Methodist Church, 5-SS G/30, Contact: Fred Burtzos birdtoes@comcast.net

January 21st: January G/29 Grand Prix Event (Boulder) 3-SS G/29, Contact: Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

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.

Nationally Ranked Coloradoans (Dec 2008)

Name	Place	Section	USCF
Michael Mulyar	T-72 nd	Overall	2445
Tyler Hughes	44 th	Under 21	2265
Tyler Hughes	8 th	Age 17	2265
Mikhail Ponomarev	T-20 th	65 and over	2200
Richard Herbst	35 th	Age 17	2019
Sarangerel Viktor	60 th	Women	1842
Ben Reilly	80 th	Age 14	1765
Dylan Lehti	T-97 th	Age 16	1751
Jackson Chen	19 th	Age 10	1745
Daniel Zhou	81 st	Age 11	1556
Joshua Higa	82 nd	Age 11	1553
Ryan Swerdlin:	23 rd	Age 8	1436
Amrita Nag:	60 th	Girls Under 13	1284

General Information

Updates just include some reminders:

- 1) 2009 Colorado Email Championship will begin on January 1st 2009, please contact CSCAemailcc@gmail.com if you'd like more information
- 2) The target dates for the 2009 Colorado Closed and Scholastic Closed are March 20th-22nd. Participants have to be members of USCF and CSCA, and have played six USCF games since the previous Colorado Closed with at least four of them being played in Colorado. Invitations will be sent out at least six weeks before the tournament, so be sure to get your required # of games before then.

Please email me at boulderchessclub@yahoo.com if you'd like to be placed on (or taken off) the email list.

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