

May 2009

Greetings Colorado chess players! This is the ninth 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 Previous CO Tour Events

From March 21st through April 18th there was one CO Tour event every week. The five events together had a total of 141 participants.

The 22-player DCC March Madness tournament took place on March 21st. In the open section, NM Tyler Hughes won with a perfect 4.0/4. Daoud Zupa and Morgan Robb followed in 2nd-3rd losing only to the winner. In the reserve section, Ben Wilkinson and Daniel Zhou took 1st-2nd with 3.5/4. Thomas Mullikin and Alex Li followed just a half point behind in 3.0/4.

Spring is Sprung attracted 11 players on April 4th, and was won outright by Anthea Carson with 4.5/5. Robert Rountree came in clear second with 4 points, and Ted Doykos, Michael Davis, and Dean Brown tied for 3rd place with 3/5.

The Boulder Open was played on April 10th-12th. In the open section, IM Michael Mulyar took the title with 4.5/5. NM Tyler Hughes took clear second with 4.0/5, while Jeffrey Csima and NM Philipp Ponomarev took 3rd-4th with 3.5/5. In the reserve section, Derek Fish had a perfect score 5.0/5. Brendon Barela took clear second place with 4.0/5, and Eric Barkemeyer and Jerry Kecker finished in 3rd-4th place with 3.5 points each.

The last CO tour event of the month was the Springs Fundraiser. Mitch Anderson won the 12-player open section with a perfect 4.0/4. Richard Buchanan and Anthea Carson followed in 2nd-3rd with 3.0/4.

The first CO tour event of May was the quick Super Saturday #1. Mitch Anderson won his second CO tour event in a row with a perfect 6.0/6. George Voorhis and Josh Divine were just a point behind with 5 in 2nd-3rd place. A total of 36 players came to this new event.

Upcoming CO Tour Events

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

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)

July 11th: Colorado Quick Championship (Boulder): 7-SS G/15. Contact: Klaus Johnson (boulderchessclub@yahoo.com)

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 8th: It's a Hot Time in Town Tonight Tournament (Pueblo): 5-SS G/30. Contact: Liz Wood chessliz@comcast.net.

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

September 5th-6th: 2009 Colorado Open (Greenwood village): 5-SS (Rd 1: G/90, Rd 2-5 40/90 G/60). Contact: Richard Buchanan (buckpeace@pcisys.net). 72 players last year.

October 3rd: SOCO Open II Tournament (Pueblo): 5-SS G/30. Contact: Liz Wood (chessliz@comcast.net). 14 players last year.

Other Upcoming Events

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

May 30th: USAFA Quads #10 (Air Force Academy) 3-RR G/60. Contact: Jerry Maier (pmjer77@aim.com)

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

June 18th: June G/29 Series Event (Cheyenne, WY) 3-SS G/29. Contact: Allan Cunningham, (adcdac@bresnan.net)

June 19th-20th: Chess Variants (Cedar City, UT) Varies. Contact: Damian Nash (chess@krusemer.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 Open

A location has been found for the 2009 Colorado Open! The Doubletree hotel in Greenwood village, which many players will remember as a great location last year, has given us another great deal for Labor Day weekend. The format will be the same as last year. There will be two sections, Open and U1600. Time control will be G/90 for the 1st round and 40/90 G/60 for the 2nd-5th rounds. The CSCA annual membership meeting will be held between the 4th and 5th rounds where the CSCA officers for the 2009-2010 year. The experienced Richard Buchanan will be the chief TD.

Colorado Quick Championship

A location has also been found for the Colorado Quick Championship. A location in Denver could not be found, so it will be held on July 11th at the University Memorial Center in Boulder instead. The format will be 7-SS G/15 TD/3. This event has not been held for several years, but has been a very popular event in the past, and hopefully will be again in the future.

Tyler Hughes at the U.S. Championship

By winning the 2008 U.S. Junior Closed, Tyler Hughes qualified for both the 2008 World Junior Championship, where he scored a solid 6.0/13 last July, and the 2009 U.S. Championship where he is playing now. In the 1st round, he impressively defeated GM Boris Gulko, former US and USSR champion with the black pieces. You can check out the games and standings at www.uschesschamps.com

CO Tour Standings through the Super Saturday (May 2nd) are available on the website www.colorado-chess.com. The CO Tour year has four months and probably nine tournaments left before the winners are announced at the membership meeting.

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