

October 2008

Greetings Colorado chess players! This is the second of thirteen email newsletters that I will be sending out regarding Colorado Chess. You can expect each newsletter to come out by the first Monday of each month. 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. Starting this month, in even-numbered months (October, December, February, etc) Coloradoans who are ranked in the top 100 nationally will be announced. In odd-numbered months (November, January, March, etc) updated CO Tour Standings will be posted.

Since the September newsletter, there have been no new CO Tour events.

Upcoming CO Tour Events

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

October 11th: DCC Columbus Discovery Special 4-SS G/45, Contact: Joe Haines joehaines@comcast.net. New Event

November 1st: Halloween Open (Pueblo) 5-SS G/30, Contact: Liz Wood chessliz@comcast.net. New Event.

November 8th-9th: 2008 Boulder Fall Classic. Open Section: 5-SS G/90, Reserve section 5-SS G/30. Contact: Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com. 16 players last year.

November 22nd: DCC Thanksgiving Turkey Hunt 4-SS G/60, Contact: Joe Haines joehaines@comcast.net. New Event.

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

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

Other Upcoming Events

October 25th: US Air Force Academy Quads (CO Springs): 4-player RR G/60, Contact: Dean Brown browndw1@mindspring.com

October 30th: October G/29 Event (Cheyenne, WY): 3-SS G/29, Contact: Allan Cunningham adcdac@bresnan.net

November 1st: DCC Halloween Special: 7-SS G/15, Contact: Joe Haines
joehaines@comcast.net

November 11th: November G/29 Event (Greeley): 3-SS G/29, Contact: Travis Pape
chessunc@yahoo.com

November 29th: US Air Force Academy Quads (CO Springs): 4-player RR G/60, Contact:
Dean Brown brownd1@mindspring.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 (Oct 2008)

Name	Place	Section	USCF
Michael Mulyar	66 th	Overall	2458
Tyler Hughes	44 th	Under 21	2256
Tyler Hughes	7 th	Age 17	2256
Mikhail Ponomarev	T-24 th	65 and over	2200
Richard Herbst	T-28 th	Age 16	1992
Sarangerel Viktor	T-62 nd	Women	1842
Dylan Lehti	T-85 th	Age 16	1779
Ben Reilly	55 th	Age 13	1765
Jackson Chen	22 nd	Age 10	1698
Joshua Higa	85 th	Age 11	1522
Daniel Zhou	T-100 th	Age 11	1476
Ryan Swerdlin:	39 th	Age 8	1230
Amrita Nag:	T-90 th	Girls Under 13	1160

General Information

At the Boulder Blitz Championship on October 4th, the CSCA had our first board meeting. The first topic of discussion was the 2009 Colorado Closed. The tentative date for the tournament will be the 3rd weekend in March, thus avoiding both any two-day tournaments in Colorado, and Supernationals, which is sure to pull away some of the best scholastic players in Colorado. We are actively searching for a venue in the Denver area to hold the Closed. In addition, we also passed several rule changes effective as of the 2010 Closed, they are: 1) In order to participate in the closed, a player must have played eight games in Colorado (the previous requirement was four). These games must be regular, not quick-rated. 2) These rated games may have been played at any time during the previous calendar year. (For the 2010 Closed, any rated games played in 2009 will count towards the eight games requirement) 3) The champion will be automatically invited for next year's closed provided he/she has played the minimum # of games (the 2009 champion will automatically be invited to participate in the 2010 Closed).

There are also two rule changes for the Colorado Tour. Effective immediately, the tournament director of a CO tour event will be awarded points as if he/she had scored 50% in the section that they would have played in, if the TD did not play any games in the tournament. [Example: Dean Brown (1421) directs the Al Ufer Memorial which has two sections, the Open, and U1600. Dean does not play any games in either of the sections. Dean is awarded CO Tour points as if he had scored 50% in the U1600 section] This rule

change is so that tournament directors who are also active players will not be penalized for holding CO Tour events. The second rule change which will not go into effect until the 2009-10 Tour is that instead of having a separate expert prize in the CO Tour, there will be prizes for 1st and 2nd overall. This second rule change was implemented because the expert winner for the 07-08 Tour had fewer points than the class D winner.

One more announcement for tournament directors, the CSCA mailing list is available for the purpose of announcements of CO Tour and CSCA events ONLY. If you would like to send postcards or some other mailing to CSCA members for your CO Tour event, please email Randy Reynolds at randy_teyana@msn.com. CSCA will only provide the mailing list, the director is responsible for all costs.

Starting with the January 2009 issue, the CO Informant will have an article honoring a Colorado chess volunteer. If you would like to nominate somebody you think deserves recognition, please send an email to boulderchessclub@yahoo.com with your nomination and a brief summary on what this volunteer has done for Colorado chess. Please send in your nominations by November 10th.

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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