

September 2008 CSCA Newsletter

Greetings Colorado chess players! This is the first of thirteen email newsletters that I will be sending out regarding Colorado Chess. You can expect each subsequent letter to be sent on or around the 1st of each month. In each letter there 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

The first CO Tour event this year was, as always, the Colorado Open. In the 2007 Colorado Open, there were 69 players combined in the Open, U1800, U1400, and membership sections. Despite not having a one-day membership section, the 2008 Colorado Open drew 72 players. Great credit has to be given to the tournament director Buck Buchanan, and the organizer, Joseph Haines. In the open section, NM Philipp Ponomarev won with a perfect 5.0/5, top seed IM Michael Mulyar, FM Renard Anderson, Mitesh Shridhar, and Morgan Robb followed in 2nd-5th place with 4.0/5. In the reserve section, James MacNeil and Cory Foster tied for 1st-2nd place with 4.5/5, while Randolph Schine, Eric Barkmeyer, Richard Monroe, Joseph Haines, Lee Lahti, Christopher Hanagan, Timothy Martinson, Brendon Barela, Chaitanya Neuhaus, and Jiri Kovats tied for 3rd-12th place with 3.5/5.

The second CO Tour event this year was the 2008 SOCO in Pueblo on September 6th. This was a new event that attracted 14 players. Igor Melnykov took clear 1st place with 4.5/5, Scott Massey took clear 2nd with 4.0/5, top seed Richard Buchanan and Klaus Johnson took 3rd-4th with 3.5/5.

Upcoming CO Tour Events

See <http://www.colorado-chess.com/newtourn.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.

Other Upcoming Events

September 13th: CU Rapid IX: 4-SS G/45, Contact: Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

September 16th: September G/29 (Fort Collins): 3-SS G/29, Contact: Lee Lahti lee.lahti@comcast.net

September 20th: DCC Back to school Denker/Polgar Fundraiser: 5-SS G/30, Contact: Joe Haines joehaines@comcast.net

September 27th: US Air Force Quads: 3-RR G/60, Contact: Dean Brown browndw1@mindspring.com

September 27th: All night Lock-in (Fort-Collins): 7-SS G/30, Contact: Lee Lahti lee.lahti@comcast.net

October 4th: Boulder Blitz Championship: 6-DSS G/5, 6-DRR G/5, Contact: Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

October 25th: US Air Force Academy Quads (CO Springs): 3-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

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.

General Information

On August 31st, between the 4th and 5th rounds, the annual Colorado Membership meeting took place and new CSCA officers were elected. The board this year has changed dramatically from last year. Only two of the current seven on the board this year were on the board last year. I am very happy with the make-up of the board this year, and I know we will work to contribute positively to Colorado Chess.

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If you would like to be included on the newsletter, or if you think something should be included, please email me at boulderchessclub@yahoo.com and I will be sure to add you to my list. Likewise, if you would like to be taken off the mailing list, please let me know. I wish you good luck with your chess (as long as you're not playing me) and hope to see you around Colorado's many tournaments.

Klaus Johnson
CSCA President