

February 2009

Greetings Colorado chess players! This is the sixth 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 January's CO Tour Events

There were two CO Tour Events in the month of January, the 4th Al Ufer Memorial, and the 2009 Boulder Winter Grand Prix. In the open section at the Al Ufer, Kevin Seidler went a perfect 4/4 to win the tournament by a whole point. Trailing in 2nd-3rd were Paul Anderson and Klaus Johnson with 3.0/4. In the reserve section, Brady Barkmeyer won clear first with 3.5/4, David Spinozzi and Gerald Maier were just behind in 2nd-3rd with 3.0/4. Three weeks later was the Boulder Winter Grand Prix. In clear 1st place was GM Dashzegve Sharavdorj with 4.5/5. Tied for 2nd-4th were NM Tyler Hughes, FM Renard Anderson, and LM Brian Wall with 4.0/5.

Upcoming CO Tour Events

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

February 14th: A Valentine Tournament (Pueblo) 5-SS G/30. Contact: Liz Wood chessliz@comcast.net.

March 7th-8th: 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

March 21st: DCC March Madness 4-SS G/60. Contact: Joe Haines joehaines@comcast.net

March 28th-29th: Colorado Class Championship 4-SS 40/120 G/60. Contact: Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

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. Contact: Buck Buchanan buckpeace@pcisys.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 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.

Other Upcoming Events

February 14th: DCC Valentine's Day Massacre 5-SS G/30, Contact: Joe Haines
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February 19th: February G/29 Grand Prix Event (Chyenne) 3-SS G/29, Contact: Allan Cunningham
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February 21st -22nd: Scholastic State Championship 6-SS (G/60 Rds 1-4, G/90 Rds 5-6).
Contact: Tom Nelson csca-scholastic-chess@comcast.net

February 28th: USAFA Quads #7 (CO Springs) 3-RR G/60. Contact: Dean Brown
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March 28th: USAFA Quads #8 (CO Springs) 3-RR G/60. Contact: Dean Brown
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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 AND CLASS

We have found a location for the Colorado Closed. Dr. Kamran Sahami in the Physics Department at Metro State has found a room on the Auraria Campus at a reduced cost. In addition to the Closed and Scholastic Closed, there will be class tournaments so that all players can play that weekend.

The Closed and Scholastic Closed will be the same as last year, six-player round robins with time control 40/120 G/60. The highest six players who accept (March Supplement used) will play in the Closed. Here are the top twelve for each tournament. They can state their wish to play either by emailing me (boulderchessclub@yahoo.com) calling me, (303)854-7898, or sending me a letter 3605 Endicott Dr. Boulder, CO 80305. Likewise, if you are not on either of these lists and you feel like you should be, please contact me.

There will be six sections at the Colorado Class (Expert: 2000+, Class A 1800-1999, Class B 1600-1799, Class C 1400-1599, Class D 1200-1399, Class E Under 1200). If any section has fewer than six players, it will be combined with another section.

On the following page are the top 20 players eligible for both the Closed and the Scholastic Closed. I apologize if I missed anybody. If you are rated above 1955 for the open or 1484 for the scholastic for the March 2009 supplement and you think you are eligible, please contact me at once. You need to be a Colorado resident and have played at least six USCF-rated games (at least four of them in the state of Colorado) since the previous Closed.

In a case where two players at the exact same rating, the tie is broken by how many games they have played in Colorado since the last Colorado Closed.

CLOSED

- 1) Dashzegve Sharavdorj (2470)
- 2) Michael Mulyar (2439)
- 3) Philipp Ponomarev (2368)
- 4) Tyler Hughes (2272)
- 5) Josh Bloomer (2220)
- 6) Renard Anderson (2215)
- 7) Randy Canney (2214)
- 8) Brian Wall (2200)
- 9) Mikhail Ponomarev (2200)
- 10) Robert Ramirez (2081)
- 11) James Hamblin (2055)
- 12) Mitesh Shridhar (2053)
- 13) Markus Petters (2025)
- 14) Pierre DuCharme (2025)
- 15) Richard Herbst (2019)
- 16) Richard Buchanan (2000)
- 17) Mitch Anderson (1996)
- 18) Daoud Zupa (1993)
- 19) Paul Anderson (1960)
- 20) Igor Melnykov (1956)

SCHOLASTIC CLOSED

- Tyler Hughes (2272)
Richard Herbst (2019)
Ben Reilly (1785)
Dylan Lehti (1751)
Jackson Chen (1708)
David Twerskoi (1624)
Aaron Lear (1590)
Philip Scudder (1560)
Alex Chen (1558)
Joshua Higa (1554)
Derek Fish (1543)
Daniel Zhou (1534)
Kaylor Scudder (1512)
Barry Rabinovich (1512)
Rhett Langseth (1507)
Brendon Barela (1503)
Jay Kranzdorf (1502)
Carson Snart (1495)
Ryan Swerdlin (1492)
Losol Amarbayasgalan (1485)

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