

## January 2009

Greetings Colorado chess players! This is the fifth 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 December's CO Tour Events

There was only one CO Tour event in the month of December, and that was the Winter Springs Open down in Manitou. 33 players played in three sections to make this the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest tournament of the year so far. In the 10-player June (Open) section, David Meliti won clear first with 3.5/4. Mitchell Anderson and DuWayne Langseth were also unbeaten with 3 points and followed in 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place. Fourteen players played in the July (U1800) section. Stephen Kovach and Cory Foster tied for 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> with 3.5/4. Dan Hoffacker and Gerald Maier followed in 3<sup>rd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> place with 3 points. The smallest section was the August (U1400) with nine players. Frank Shotwell, Ryan McCardell, and Michael Dempsey all finished with 3.0/4 to take 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> place.

### Upcoming CO Tour Events

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

January 24<sup>th</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>: 2009 Boulder Winter Grand Prix 5-SS G/90. Contact: Klaus Johnson [boulderchessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boulderchessclub@yahoo.com), 34 players last year

February 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>: Loveland Open 4-SS 40/2 G/1. Contact: Randy Reynolds [randy\\_tenyana@msn.com](mailto:randy_tenyana@msn.com). 24 players last year

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

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

April 4<sup>th</sup>: Spring is Sprung (Pueblo) 5-SS G/30. Contact: Liz Wood [chessliz@comcast.net](mailto:chessliz@comcast.net). 14 players last year.

April 10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> or April 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 2009: 2009 Boulder Open: 5-SS 40/120 G/60, (2-day option, Rds 1-2 G/90. Contact: Klaus Johnson [boulderchessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boulderchessclub@yahoo.com) 46 players last year

June 6<sup>th</sup>: Pueblo Open III: 5-SS G/30. Contact: Liz Wood [chessliz@comcast.net](mailto:chessliz@comcast.net). 17 players last year.

### Other Upcoming Events

January 17<sup>th</sup>: Calvary United Methodist Church, 5-SS G/30, Contact: Fred Burtzos [birdtoes@comcast.net](mailto:birdtoes@comcast.net)

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

February 19<sup>th</sup>: February G/29 Grand Prix Event (Chyenne) 3-SS G/29, Contact: Allan Cunningham [adcdac@bresnan.net](mailto:adcdac@bresnan.net)

February 21<sup>st</sup> -22<sup>nd</sup>: Scholastic State Championship 6-SS (G/60 Rds 1-4, G/90 Rds 5-6). Contact: Tom Nelson [cscs-scholastic-chess@comcast.net](mailto:cscs-scholastic-chess@comcast.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](mailto:joehaines@comcast.net), Klaus Johnson [boulderchessclub@yahoo.com](mailto:boulderchessclub@yahoo.com), or Jerry Maier [pmjer77@aim.com](mailto:pmjer77@aim.com) respectively.

### CO Tour Points (as of December 7th)

Overall		Total Games			
1 <sup>st</sup> : Jeff Baffo	155.13	6 <sup>th</sup> : Markus Petters	97.78	1 <sup>st</sup> : Dean Brown	27
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Cory Foster	154.73	7 <sup>th</sup> : Dean Brown	89.27	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Kathy Schneider	27
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Klaus Johnson	152.15	8 <sup>th</sup> : Richard Herbst	86.86	3 <sup>rd</sup> : Klaus Johnson	27
4 <sup>th</sup> : Mitesh Shridhar	131.36	9 <sup>th</sup> : Tyler Hughes	86.86	4 <sup>th</sup> : Cory Foster	22
5 <sup>th</sup> : Philipp Ponomarev	98.18	10 <sup>th</sup> : Jackson Chen	86.56	5 <sup>th</sup> : Jeff Baffo	22
Expert		Class A		Class B	
1 <sup>st</sup> : Mitesh Shridhar	131.36	1 <sup>st</sup> : Jeff Baffo	155.13	1 <sup>st</sup> : Cory Foster	154.73
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Markus Petters	97.78	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Igor Melnykov	79.22	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Klaus Johnson	152.15
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Richard Herbst	86.86	3 <sup>rd</sup> : Morgan Robb	78.54	3 <sup>rd</sup> : Jackson Chen	86.56
4 <sup>th</sup> : Richard Buchanan	57.69	4 <sup>th</sup> : Daoud Zupa	70.89	4 <sup>th</sup> : Julian Evans	73.67
5 <sup>th</sup> : Robert Ramirez	42.97	5 <sup>th</sup> : Mitch Anderson	64.23	5 <sup>th</sup> : Ted Doykos	66.90
Class C		Class D		Class E	
1 <sup>st</sup> : Dean Brown	89.27	1 <sup>st</sup> : Derek Fish	81.64	1 <sup>st</sup> : Kathy Schneider	59.08
2 <sup>nd</sup> : Daniel Zhou	67.87	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Brendon Barela	79.11	2 <sup>nd</sup> : Dennis Bolshakov	35.48
3 <sup>rd</sup> : Lee Lahti	64.41	3 <sup>rd</sup> : Gerald Maier	59.84	3 <sup>rd</sup> : Artem Bolshakov	29.58
4 <sup>th</sup> : Rich Monroe	56.08	4 <sup>th</sup> : Losol Amabayasgalan	52.33	4 <sup>th</sup> : Tikila Nichols	24.89
5 <sup>th</sup> : Chai Neuhaus	55.20	5 <sup>th</sup> : Ramyashree Gangadhar	44.32	5 <sup>th</sup> : Gregory Bain	21.02

### General Information

We are very close to having a confirmed location for the Colorado Closed. Please watch for further developments on [www.colorado-chess.com](http://www.colorado-chess.com) in the next one to two weeks.

The next CSCA board meeting will be at the Colorado Scholastic Championship on the weekend of February 21<sup>st</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>. Among the topics discussed will be the upcoming Colorado Closed, a possible State Quick Championship this summer, and locations for the Colorado Open.

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