

July 2009

Greetings Colorado chess players! This is the eleventh 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

A total of 25 players played at the DCC May Flowers. The large 17-player section was won by Julian Evans who was undefeated with 4.5/5. Daoud Zupa, Richard Herbst, and Kevin Seidler finished with 3.5 in 2nd-4th place. In the reserve section, Brady Barkmeyer was way ahead of the field with a perfect 5/5. Brady's father Eric, Tim Kohler, and Peter Cannici each had 3.0/5 to share 2nd-4th place.

The Southern Colorado Open had an upswing in participation this year with a total of 34 players. FM Renard Anderson, not seen since the Boulder Open, crushed the open section with a perfect 6 for 6. Two full points behind were Paul Anderson, Jeffrey Csima, Kevin Seidler, and Daniel Zhou tied for 2nd-5th place. In the reserve section, Brady Barkmeyer and Daniel Picard tied for 1st-2nd with 4.5/6, and James Powers took clear 3rd just a half-point behind.

The DCC June Swoon attracted 30 players, and Julian Evans was again at the top of the standings, tied for 1st-2nd with Richard Herbst (3.5/4). This was Julian's third tour victory or tie for the lead in just over a month. Kevin Seidler won clear 3rd with 3.0/4. In the crowded reserve section, Aaron Hart won with a perfect 4/4. Lee Lahti, Aaron Austie, Cory Foster, and Alexander Yu all followed a point behind with 3.0/4.

Upcoming CO Tour Events

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

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 15th: Super Saturday II (Boulder): 6-SS G/29. Contact: Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com

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.

December 5th-6th: Winter Springs Open (Manitou Springs): 4-SS 40/2 G/1. Contact: Richard Buchanan (buckpeace@pcisys.net). 35 players last year.

December 12th: Winter Wonderland Tournament (Pueblo): 5-SS G/30. Contact: Liz Wood (chessliz@comcast.net)

Other Upcoming Events

July 16th: July 2009 G/29 Grand Prix Event (Greeley): 3-SS G/29 Contact Lee Lahti (lee.lahti@comcast.net)

July 24th-26th: Boulder Invitational 7-RR G/120. Contact Klaus Johnson (boulderchessclub@yahoo.com)

July 25th: USAFA Quads 3-RR G/60. Contact: Dean Brown (navajo36us80917@comcast.net)

July 25th-26th Boulder Chess Festival Open 5-SS G/120. Contact Klaus Johnson (boulderchessclub@yahoo.com)

There are also weekly rated games in Denver on Tuesday nights, in Boulder and Colorado Springs on Wednesday nights, and at the Air Force Academy on Thursday nights Contact Joe Haines joehaines@comcast.net for the Denver Tuesday night games, Klaus Johnson boulderchessclub@yahoo.com, for the Boulder Wednesday night games, or Jerry Maier pmjer77@aim.com for both CO Springs and Air Force games.

CO Tour Standings through the June Swoon (June 20th) are available on the website www.colorado-chess.com.

Thank Your Local Tournament Director!

I'd like to use this issue to thank the directors and organizers of CO tournaments over the last year. I sincerely apologize if I have forgotten anybody.

Associate National Tournament Director:

Richard Buchanan (Chief TD of four tour events including 2008 CO Open, assistant TD of 2008 Colorado Scholastic Championships)

Local Tournament Directors:

Todd Bardwick (Assistant TD of 2008 Colorado Scholastic Championships)

Dean Brown (Chief TD of two tour events, section chief TD of Colorado Scholastic Championships)

David Hart (Assistant TD of CO Closed/CO Class, certified as Local TD in July 2009)

Klaus Johnson (Chief TD of six tour events, including CO Closed/CO Class, chief TD of 2008 Colorado Scholastic Championships)

Lee Lahti (Chief TD of one tour event, assistant TD of two other tour events, including CO Closed/CO Class. Section chief TD of 2008 Colorado Scholastic Championships, certified as Local TD in May 2009.

Gerald Maier (Chief TD of seven tour events, assistant TD of three other tour events, including the 2008 CO Open)

Tom Nelson (Organizer and TD of 2008 Colorado Scholastic Championships)

Randy Reynolds (Chief TD of one tour event, assistant TD of another tour event, assistant TD of 2008 Colorado Scholastic Championships)

Curtis Lee Simmons (Section chief TD of 2008 Colorado Scholastic Championships)

La Moyne Splichal (Chief TD of five tour events)

Club Tournament Directors

Robert Grant (Assistant TD of 2008 Colorado Scholastic Championships)

Mitesh Shridhar (Assistant TD of 2008 Colorado Scholastic Championships)

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