

September/October 2009

Greetings Colorado chess players! This is a joint newsletter between outgoing CSCA President Klaus Johnson and incoming CSCA President Lee Lahti. Lee plans to continue this newsletter during the upcoming year to report on 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

On August 8th, Pueblo hosted its' final tournament of the 2008-09 Tour year with It's a Hot Time In Town Tonight. Ted Doykos won the 10-player tournament with a perfect 5/5. Gordon Randall was the closest pursuer with 3.5/5, and Jeffrey Csima, Anthea Carson, and Isaac Martinez followed in 3rd-5th with 3 points each.

A week later was the second Super Saturday tournament, held in Boulder. Mitesh Shridhar had a perfect 6/6 in the 30-player tournament. Silas Perry finished clear 2nd with 5 points, and Cory Foster was just a half-point behind with 4.5/5.

The new Monument Open was a great success with 50 players, the third most during the CO tour (behind the CO Open and CO Closed/Class). In the open section, Daoud Zupa and Hans Morrow from Utah tied for 1st-2nd with 5.0/6. Julian Evans won clear 3rd with 4.5/6. In the reserve, Chai Neuhaus crushed the field with a perfect 6.0/6. A point and a half behind in 2nd place was James Cummings with 4.5/6, Yelena Kandybey and Frank Riley tied for 3rd-4th with 4 points each.

Over Labor Day weekend was the 2009 Colorado Open. We had 92 players participate (46 players each in the Open and Reserve) – the largest turnout at a Colorado chess event in a long time. Our active titled players GM Dashzegve Sharavdorj and IM Michael Mulyar tied for 1st-2nd with 4.5/5. Adekunle Ogunmefun and Daoud Zupu were joint 3rd-4th with 4 points. Several players tied for 5th-11th with 3.5/5 - most notable was Jeff Baffo who last to Adekunle Ogunmefun in the final round but could have joined the leaders with a win. In the Reserve section, Danielle Rice was clear 1st with 4.5/5 – her only blemish a draw to Dean Brown in the final rounds. Eric Barkmeyer, Ronald Rossi, Dean Brown, Nabil Spann, and Alan August were all tied 2nd-6th with 4/5.

On October 3rd, Pueblo hosted its first event of the 2009-1010 Tour year with the 2009 SOCO II tournament. 15 players battled for supremacy, resulting in a 5-way tie for 1st. Buck Buchanan, Paul Covington, Tim Brennan, Anthea Carson, and Robert Rountree all tied with 3.5/5 splitting the 1st, 2nd, U1900 and U1600 prizes. Kathy Schneider was top Under 1200 with 2/5.

Upcoming CO Tour Events

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

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).

January 30th-31st: Loveland Open (Loveland): 4-SS 40/2 G/1. Contact: Randy Reynolds (randy_teyana@msn.com). 36 players last year.

Other Upcoming Events

October 15th: October 2009 G/29 Grand Prix (Greeley), 3-SS G/30. Contact: Lee Lahti (lee.lahti@comcast.net)

October 17th: Trick or Treat (Lakewood), 4-SS G/60. Contact: Jerry Maier (pmjer77@aim.com)

October 31st: USAFA Quads #15 (Colorado Springs), 3-RR G/60. Contact: Jerry Maier (pmjer77@aim.com)

November 18th: November 2009 G/29 Grand Prix (Boulder), 3-SS G/30. Contact: Lee Lahti (lee.lahti@comcast.net)

November 21st: USAFA Quads #16 (Colorado Springs), 3-RR G/60. Contact: Jerry Maier (pmjer77@aim.com)

December 8th: December 2009 G/29 Grand Prix (Fort Collins), 3-SS G/30. Contact: Lee Lahti (lee.lahti@comcast.net)

December 19th: USAFA Quads #17 (Colorado Springs), 3-RR G/60. Contact: Jerry Maier (pmjer77@aim.com)

January 1st 2010: Colorado Correspondence Championship: RR. Contact: Lee Lahti (cscemailcc@gmail.com) 9 players last year.

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, Julian Evans boulderchessclub@yahoo.com for the Boulder Wednesday night games, or Jerry Maier pmjer77@aim.com for both CO Springs and Air Force weekly games.

Final List of State Champions

There were a large number of state championships during the 2008-2009 year, and we would like to take this opportunity to mention them again.

2008 Open Champion:	Philipp Ponomarev (5.0/5)
2009 Correspondence Champion:	Jeff Baffo (7.5/8)

2009 Scholastics 10-12 Champion and Denker Rep:	Richard Herbst (5.5/6)
2009 Polgar Representative:	Alexa Lasley (5.0/6)
2009 Scholastics 7-9 Co-Champions:	Rhett Langseth and Evan Taylor (5.5/6)
2009 Scholastics 4-6 Champion:	Jackson Chen (5.5/6)
2009 Scholastics K-3 Champion:	Ryan Swerdlin (6.0/6)
2009 Closed Champion:	Dashzegve Sharavdorj (4.5/5)
2009 Scholastic Closed Champion:	Richard Herbst (5.0/5)
2009 Class A Champion:	Daoud Zupa (3.5/4)
2009 Class B Champion:	Robert Frohardt (3.5/4)
2009 Class C Champion:	Daniel Zhou (3.5/4) @
2009 Class D Champion:	Matthew Lasley (3.5/4) #
2009 Class E Champion:	Ginny Gaige (4.0/4)
2009 Quick Champion:	Tyler Hughes (6.5/7)
2009 Colorado Tour Champion:	Julian Evans (503.97)

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Last Board Meeting of 2008-2009

The morning before the membership meeting, the 2008-2009 CSCA board met for the last time. The only vote was to correct a technicality with the CO Tour. For the 2009-2010 tour, quick-rated tournaments will not contribute to the average rating of a player throughout the tour year. This rule was made because most players quick rating is lower than their regular rating, and was causing a deflationary effect on players ratings (for example, Brian Wall, a Life Master with a 2200 floor, was eligible for the 2008-2009 expert prize because his quick rating is around 2100, and the average of his ratings pushed him below 2200.)

2008-2009 Colorado Tour Champions

Overall:	Julien Evans
Expert:	Mitesh Shridhar
Class A:	Jeff Baffo (2 nd in Class A, but Julien was 1 st overall)
Class B:	Ted Doykos (less than 1 point ahead of Klaus Johnson)
Class C:	Cory Foster
Class D:	Jerry Maier
Class E:	Kathy Schneider
Most Active:	Kathy Schneider & Dean Brown (107 games each)

Final CO Tour Standings for the 2008-2009 year are available on the www.colorado-chess.com website.

CSCA Officers for 2009-2010

The following people have agreed to serve on the CSCA board for the 2009-2010 Tour year. I thank all of them in advance for their time and energy.

President: Lee Lahti lee.lahti@comcast.net
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We are starting work on plans to see what we can accomplish. Hopefully we can bring another great year of chess to Colorado like we saw during the previous year under outgoing President Klaus Johnson.

Lee Lahti
New CSCA President

Klaus Johnson
Outgoing CSCA President