New Mexico Chess Clubs

Bear Canyon Chess Club - Albuquerque

Borders Book Store – Santa Fe
Mondays: 7 til 10pm on Montezuma in the Sambusco Ctr, Santa Fe. Casual chess, lots of blitz, and sometimes slower rated matches.

Cherry Hills Chess Club – Albuquerque
Meets from 1-5pm on the first Saturday of each month. Mostly school children. At Cherry Hills Library in NE Albuquerque. Contact: Rod Avery at : rav-ery@msn.com

Coronado Chess Club - Albuquerque
Wednesdays 7pm at Frontier Restaurant on Central Ave. at Cornell, across from UNM in the furthest East Room. One unrated round, G30, weekly, plus informal games and analysis ’til late in the night (Frontier is open ’til 1 A.M.). To get paired in for the evening, arrive before 7 pm and talk to Richard Sherman (839-4218). $5 per year or $1 for one night. Sets/boards available. Bring Chess clocks.

Foothills Chess Club - Albuquerque
The THIRD Sunday of every month from 2-6 p.m Foothills Fellowship Church, located on the Southwest corner of Candelaria and Tramway in NE ABQ. Contact Oren Stevens at 298-2534 orenvstevens@aol.com. USCF rated games.

Four Corners Chess Club:
The club meets in room 1008 at San Juan College on Tuesdays. For times and more info, contact Ken Weisner 505-598-6442 Email:weisken@hotmail.com

Los Alamos Chess Club
Thursdays 6:30 - 10:30pm at the Betty Ehart Senior Center (downstairs). Contact Gerard Jungman at 667-0369 (days) or Tom Pigott at 662-6962.

New Mexico Tech Chess Club - Socorro
Meets Monday nights at 7pm during Spring and Fall semesters on the NM Tech campus in Socorro, in “Old Jones” 2nd floor. Directions: Take I-25 exit 150 onto California Street. Turn right into Bullock Ave. (KFC at the corner). At the third intersection you will see the campus. Keep going straight. The street curves left. At stop sign, turn into the left parking lot.

UNM Chess Club - Albuquerque
University of New Mexico Chess Club - Wednesday nights 6-9 PM during the regular semester. Stop by for casual chess in the Student Union Building -- top floor. UNM Chess Club is free and drop-ins are welcome. Alumni and non-students are also encouraged to visit. Contact President, Anthony Chen at:antchen@unm.edu for more.

Westside Chess Club - NW Albuquerque
Casual chess on Thursday nights starting at 7pm. The club meets at Barnes and Noble on 3701- A Ellison Dr. NW, Albuquerque off Rt #528.....near Cottonwood Mall, between Sam's Club and Walmart. For more info, contact Holly McRoberts. queenhjm@aol.com

The Chess Group – Rio Rancho
At the Meadowlark Senior Center, 4330 Meadowlark Lane SE in Rio Rancho. Thursdays at 1pm. Average age 70 to 75 years. Contact is Paul Morton. 867-9664 (home), 514-6807 (cell) Email: p.morton@att.net Gmail: morton.paul@gmail.com

The Valencia County Chess Club
Meets Saturday at the Belen Public Library 1—3:30 P.M. Info online at http://vcchess.net.

To list your club, contact the editor. Clubs are also listed on nmchess.org

IM Irina Krush John Flores IM David Pruess
John Flores Conquers Two International Chess Masters.
Story on page 16 Photo by Art Byers
President’s Message

By the time you read this, I will be in Florida on business for several months and you will be electing a new President.

I want to thank the tournament directors that helped to make 2008 a successful year for New Mexico Chess: Kevin Scott Kerns, Jeffrey Sallade, Arthur Glassman and Art Byers.

Special thanks must go to John Baxter who raised funds for several of our tournaments and obtained great publicity for us on Local TV and in newspapers such as the Albuquerque Journal and the weekly Alibi. John has moved some distance North but has promised to try to help NMCO in the future and to play, when business permits, in our tournaments.

Hopefully, I will be back in Albuquerque before the Spring of 2009 and join you in tournament play. Silas Perry

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### Annotation Symbols

- **Excellent Move**: !
- **Good Move**: !
- **Interesting**: !?
- **Dubious**: ?!
- **Bad**: ?
- **Blunder**: ??
- **Check**: +
- **Double Check**: ++
- **Checkmate**: #

| White Winning                  | +-  |
| White advantage                | +=  |
| White small edge               | +/=
| Equal                          | =   |
| Black Winning                  | -+  |
| Black advantage                | +=  |
| Black small edge               | +/- |
| Unclear position               | ∞   |
| Better move is                 | >=  |

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Puzzle Solutions:
Puzzle solutions always look for the best move each player could make for each of their moves. Moves that have Black play into White’s plans (or vice versa) aren’t considered because it’s not what you’d see in a real game (unless the other player is forced into it, of course. Dan Pasono, Puzzle Master.

Puzzle 1 -- White to move
1. dxc6
This move allows White to get out of the Bishop/Knight fork with even material.

Puzzle 2 -- White to move
1. Bxe6
White wins a piece. If black recaptures with fxe6, White mates with Ng6#

Puzzle 3 -- White to move
1. Rxax6
This threatens 2. Rxa8 Rxax8, 3. Qxa8# and gives White a passed pawn. Neither Black rook can recapture or White will take the other with a checkmate.

Puzzle 4 -- Black to move
1. … Qc5#
All of White’s escape squares are occupied by his own pieces.

Puzzle 5 -- White to move
1. Rdh1
Threatening Rh8#. If Black prevents checkmate with Kf8 or g6, he suffers the loss of his B rook to Rh8. Ng7 only delays the threat.

Puzzle 6 -- White to move
1. Rg7+
If 1. … Nxg7, then 2. Qxg7#
If 1. … Kh8 then 2. Rx7+ Kg8, 3. Rg8+ K moves, 4. Rc7+ and White gets the Queen
If 1. … Kxh6 then 2. Qf6+ followed shortly by checkmate

Puzzle 7 -- Black to move
1. … Qxe3
2. Qxe3 f2
3. Qxf2 Rxf2+ and Black is a Rook up

Puzzle 8 -- White to move
1. Rxf8+ Kxh8
2. Qf8+ Kg7
3. Qf7+ Kh6
4. Qh6
If 4. … Kg8 then 5. Qxh7+ Kf8, 6. Qh8+ Ke7, 7. Qxg7#
If 4. … h6 then 5. Nf7+ and White gets the Queen

Puzzle 9 -- Black to move
1. … Ng5
If 2. Qg2 then 2. … Nf3+ 3. Kh1 Bxf1 and the White Queen is trapped
If White’s Queen stops protecting his Bishop, then Black’s move is Qxf1#

From the Editor

Many thanks to the four players who contributed notes to this issue. There have been more contributors every time and this can only improve the magazine.

Thanks to Daniel Pasono who has given us yet another fine puzzle page.

We must thank John Baxter for his help in publishing the previous issues and we wish him well as he has moved to the Abiqui area.

As always, I just wrote some game notes but Art Byers did all the real work of getting the files ready to print. This time he wrote articles, notes, a quiz(!!) and got the magazine printed too.

Thanks!
The Villains Wore Black Hats

By Art Byers

The great American Champion, Grand Master Frank Marshall, would often explain, with a wry smile on his face and a twinkle in his eye, how he had beaten another strong chess master with one of what he called his "swindles". Like any good con-man, GM Marshall would offer his opponent the opportunity to (apparently) win a pawn or piece. Of course Marshall’s swindles were at the grand master level where, having outstanding combinative ability, he saw further through the long combination, than his opponent, - all the way to his scorpion’s tail end sting. There, his unexpected move would bring home the win.

But you do not have to be a chess master to perpetrate swindles. The position shown below is an actual one from a low rated section in a 2008 NMCO tournament. Here, the swindler offers material to his opponent whose greed blinds chess insight and causes him to lose.

We cannot give the name of the swindler as to call someone this in print is libel and risks a lawsuit. It would be unfair to name the swindlee as that would subject the sucker ("One born every minute" - Barnum) to humiliation. So in honor of the old time Western movies where the good guys always wore the white hats and the villains wore black hats, we name the players by the color of their chess pieces.

Mr. White Hat vs. Mr. Black Hat

39.Ra7

Mr. WH should have seen 41.cxb4 What else? Otherwise the white pawn on c3 also goes. c3 42.Re7 Run White Rook run, but you will arrive too late! e2 43.Rc1 Qc4 44.Rxc1 Rxcl 0-1 and with this material advantage, the villain, Mr. BH, was able to bring home the full point.

Prospects certainly look dim for Mr. Black Hat There is no way he can defend both the black pawns on b5 and d5 from the invasion of the White Rook. 39...Rc8 So Mr. BH decides, in a moment of apparent insanity, to defend neither. This should have set off alarm bells under the Stetson of Mr. WH but avarice ruins his good sense.

40.Rd7 Bxb4! This is the swindle that

For an item related to chess swindles, see the Letters to DK, Page # 10

### Letters to DK, Page # 10

Gabe Ewing - Carlos Santillan

[B76]2008 Santa Fe Open, Open section (3)/Accelerated Dragon


23. Qxb7 Qf8? [>=23...Rg8 covers everything] 24. exd4 Rb8 25. Qxa7 Rxb2 26. Re7 Rb8 27. h3 Diagram

27... Kg8? [>=27... Rfb5 would keep B in it. Now W wins smoothly] 28. Rxe7+ Qxe7 29. Qxb7+ Rxb7 30. Re8 Rxe8 31. Qxe8+ Kh7 32. Qa4 Qb7 33. Qc2 f3 34. Qd3 fxg2 35. d5 Qb2 36. d6 Qxa2 37. d7 Qb1+ 38. Kg2 Qa8+ 39. Kf3 Qb8 40. Qf7+ Kh8 41. Qe8+ 1-0


Ewing, Gabriel (1538) - Pasano, Daniel (1540) [B09] Quads by Knight Foothills CC, Albuquerque NM (3), 05/31/2008 Here is a position from a third round game between two evenly matched, by rating, players. With the better position, Gabriel shows how to finish with brilliancy. Position is with white to make move 40. The double exclamations and variations are by Fritz 11. 40. Rg4 Bb5 [40...Be8 41.f5!] Qxg4 42. Nxg4 exf5+ 43. Bxf5 Qb6 44. Bg4+ Qb5 45. Bxf5 Qxf5+ 46. Kg2 Qxe4 47. Be3 Qf5+ 48. Kh2 Qh7 49. Bf4+ Kg8 50. Qc1 1-0

SAVE THE DATES
2009 Memorial/Senior Chess Tournament. January 17 & 18 at the Days Inn on Menaul

The Albuquerque Open June 27 & 28 At the Days Inn on Menaul
The Pir Malecki Memorial Revisited

After the tournament Steven Young told us he would try to send notes to his game with GM Kraai. When they reached us we had already printed the last edition of DK, so that’s why they are appearing here. On reading Steven’s thoughts, I was reminded of Jesse’s comment in his Chess Life interview last year “It’s a painful process to analyze your games. It’s like a psychoanalysis session with yourself”

This may be a good example of what he meant. W keeps the game even, (my computer thought that he had a slight edge.) , all the way to the diagram, and then suddenly things turn around.

17.g5 g6 18.Ne3 Nd7 19.N3g4 Bg7
20.Qf3 Nxe5

21.dxe5?! of the 3 possible recaptures, this is the worst as it allows B to open the h1-a8 diagonal and transform the spectator at b7 into a terrorist. Who knows what dissuaded me from the “obvious recapture”? What sane mind would intentionally self occlude the f file where Q and R were poised for action? Answer: my sanity aside, I must have been concerned about unprotecting g5
21...Nc5 22.Qd1?

22.Qh3= [22.Qd1=]
22...d4!

excellent diagonal opening move
23.Qxd4 Qc8 24.Nf2?

h3 or Qd1 at least offer resistance, but after this GM induced lemon, capitulation is the logical continuation
24...Qc6 0-1

(1) Steven Young - GM Jesse Kraai
Pir Malecki Mem. (1)

Notes by Steven Young

/Bird’s/

1.f4 b6 2.e4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 d5
5.exd5 exd5 6.d4 Nf6 7.a3 the GM did not like this move, but I did not want Bb4 combined with Ne4
7...Bd6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.0-0 c5 10.Ne2 my 1st discovery of the game notices that 10...c4 transfers the B to the h3-c8 diagonal and the N is favorably placed for maneuvers on the kings side
10...Re8 I believe the GM characterized some of his moves as superficial...not sure if this was one as the B can retreat to f8 if need be
11.e3 Nbd7 12.Ne5 c4 13.Bc2 b5 14.Ng3 Ne4 15.Nf5 Ndf6 16.g4 Bf8 17.g5 g6 18.Ne3 Nd7 19.N3g4 Bg7

The new DGT folding chess clock is featured in the USCF Summer 2008 Catalog. A full page detailed product review is on Page 11.


Jason Stoneking - Douglas Thigpen. Santa Fe Open, Open section (2)

/Queen’s pawn/
Here is Stoneking’s 2nd upset as he catches Doug in a smothered mate.
1.d4 c5 2.c3 avoiding a Benko and the Benoni lines

22.Nd6!+- Rd8 23.Qxf7+ [the text is winning but >=23.Ng5 is even stronger] 23...Kh8 24.Qe6 Qxb2? gives W a forced mate
[>=24...Rf8 ] 25.Nf7+ Kg8 26.Nh6+ Kh8 27.Qg8+ Rxg8 28.Nf7# 1-0

Alexander Kornienko - Emre Enginarlar. Santa Fe Open Open section (4)

/Queen’s pawn/
B seems to be doing well with a piece for a couple of pawns. Then W grabs the piece ...
19.Bc5 Rf5 20.Rd6 Qc8 21.Nd4? losing a piece. When the pawn takes both sides have a B hanging
21...exd4 22.Rdx6 Qxc5+- 23.Qb7 Qf8? Next page
Emre Enginarlar - Jim Wilson
Santa Fe Open, Open section (3)


Chad Schneider - Jason Stoneking
Santa Fe Open, Open Section / Caro Kann/

Jason scores the first of 2 big upsets when W refuses the 3 fold repetition 1.e4 e5 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 Be7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Be2 d5? W already has stuff lined up on the e5 square so d6 would be better, or Qe6 7.0-0 c5 8.Qe1+/= Be7 1 have always thought that this main line position gives white a plus. Chad is a c6 player as black, so this is a mega theory game13.Kh1 0-0 14.c4 Qa5 15.Ne4 Rd8 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.Bxe5 Ng4 18.Qg3 Nxe5 19.dxe5 Rxd1+ 20.Rxd1 Rb8 21.Nd6? always nice to put a N on d6, but B can take and

The Albuquerque Open
Warm-up

Two weeks before the Open, 4 sections of Octagons took place at the Days Inn. Later in the day a birthday party was held in the main room so ear plugs were provided to players! TD Art Byers named the section after birds of prey this time. The Eagles section was won by David Langlois and Jim Johnston. Gabe Ewing and Jeffrey Serna won the Ospreys. Tim Martinson was the only outright section winner when he swept the Falcons, while Gabriel Maestas and Rod Avery won the Hawks. The following were the most interesting games we saw there.

2) Bob Hampton - Dante
Archuleta ABQ Open Warm-up
Santa Fe (2) / Bird's/

Hampton scores a neat win 1.f4 f5 Well this is an unusual position, but both players like to start with the f pawn. In round 3 Dante had the gall to open 1.f3 2.Kf2 2Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.b3 Be7 5.Bb2 0-0 6.Be2 d5? W already has stuff lined up on the e5 square so d6 would be better, or Qe8 7.0-0 c5 8.Qe1=/= Bd7 9.d3 Be8 10.Nbd2 Bh5 11.Ne5 Nbd7? 12.Nd3 12.Nxd7 Qxd7=/= 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Bxh5 Bxa1

When you are on the internet, be sure to visit the USCF Forum page and check out the “Tournameant” area.
This exciting draw gave both players a share of 1st place

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6
5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 dxc4
8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3 a6 10.0-0 B is planning to play c5 and Bb7 so W should stop this by >=10.a4

10...c5 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Bb1= 0-0 14.Qe2

b4 has been possible for either side. Having played Qe2 I realised that b4 is strong here. W would have to go Qc2 just to give the N a sensible square, so maybe Qc2 at once was more logical. BUT W hopes to push the e pawn

14...Rc8 15.Rfd1 Qb6 16.e4 Rfe8 [>=16...b4 still the best choice]

17.Bxf6 [>=17.e5+]

17...Bxf6 18.e5 Be7 19.Qe4 Ne4

16.Qd4 c5 17.Qe3 d4 18.Qf3

at the board I thought that B should try h6 but g6 gives a chance of a win

22...bxc3 [>=22...g6! 23.Ne4? Rxd1+ 24.Rxd1 Nxe4 25.Bxe4 Qd4 winning, so W would have to play Ne2 which should be equal] 23.Qxb7+ now B can't avoid the perpetual 23...Kf8 24.Qh8+ Ke7

(19) Jim Johnston - David Langlois ABQ Open Warm-up

[Queen's Gambit Declined]

This miniature is presented, with but a few Fritz variations, because of the fine 18th move by black.

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nxe4 4.Qh5 l ast b o o k m o v e

4...Ng5 5.h4 Ne6 6.Qxe5 Nc6 7.Qg3 [>=7.Qe4!?= ]

7...Bd6 [>=7.Qe4!?= ] 8.Qe3 Ncd4


Munir Hammad - Joe Fitzpatrick

ABQ Open Warm-up (2)

[Morra Gambit]

Ramzi punishes a blunder


Bg4? Diagram

18.Bg4!! 0-1

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5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 dxc4
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18.Bg4!! 0-1

Munir Hammad - Joe Fitzpatrick

ABQ Open Warm-up (2)

[Morra Gambit]

Ramzi punishes a blunder


Bg4? Diagram

12.Nxd7? this should lose a piece

[>=12.Qh4 ] 12...Bxb2/+ 13.Nxf8 Kxf8? [>=13...Bxa3/- and take the N next move] 14.e3+/= Bxa1 15.Qxa1 Ne6 16.e4 [>=16.f5 ] 16...d4 17.e4= Nb4 back again, but B needs to consider the K-side [>=17...e6 and start to move stuff over to the K


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Steve Anderson - Bill Barfuss

Santa Fe Open U1700 (3)

[English]

Steve Anderson came 2nd = but was very fortunate to win here. 1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d6 5.e3 c6 6.Nge2 Bg4

7.0-0 Qd7 8.d4 Bh3 9.Nf4 Bxg2 10.Nxg2 h5 better to play h5 and threaten h4 later


Nbd7 15.e5/+= [>=15.Nd1/= ] 15...dxe5 16.dxe5 Nxe5 17.Be3=/+ and not 17.Qxe5?? Ng4 ] 17...Qe6 18.b3

The Santa Fe Open U1700 and Open Sections.

Comment By Jim Johnson

In the U1700 section, Nakul Deshpande was clear 1st on 3.5 while 4 players, Albert Zuo, Steve Anderson, Justin Gomez and Sam Dooley scored 3 points and split the remaining cash prizes.

In the Open Section Zach Stuart continued his recent fine run of results when he held top seed Jim Wilson to a draw in round 2. These 2 won their other 3 games to be joint winners. Equal 3rd were Carlos Santillan, Alexander Kornienko and Jim Johnston. I see from the index that there have been a lot of Johnston’s games in recent issues, so there follow games from most of the other winners
White loses some of his big advantage. \[ \geq 46. Kf6 \text{ g5 47.Rf7+ Ke8 48.Kg6+} \] 46...Kg8+? 47.Kf6 Rd6+/? 48.Ke7 Ra6 49.Rf4 Kg7 50.Rf7+ Kg8 51.Rf6 Ra7+ 52.Ke6 Ra6+ 53.Ke5 Rxf6??

Yes, the black idea, to achieve a draw, is to try to exchange rooks and pawns, leaving white with only a white rook pawn and King vs. the black King which is a book draw if the black K can reach h8. White's plan is to avoid the rook exchange. However, this particular exchange of rooks leaves the White King in too powerful a position. See the following variation for the way Black might have held out.

\[ \geq 53...Ra5+ 54.Kf4 Ra4+ 55.Ke5 Ra5+ 56.Kf4 Ra4+ 57.Kf3 Kg7/= ] 54.Kxf6+- Kh7 55.h4 \( \geq 55.f3 \) h5 56.h4 Kh6+? 55...g5 h5 would have been better as the move made allows white to get the h-pawn off the file and, ends all drawing chances for Black.

\[ \geq 56hxg5 hxg5 57.Kxg5 \] Black could have resigned in this hopeless position. \[ 57...Kg7 58.f4 Kf7 59.f5 Kg7 60.f6+ Kf7 61.g4 Kg8 62.Kg6 Kf8 63.f7 Ke7 64.Kg7 1-0 \]

California! Here He Comes!!
By Jim Johnston

After a quiet spell, our local GM star player recently competed in 2 international events.

As I write, at the end of September, GM Jesse Kraai has just finished clear 1st in a big weekend open in Chihuahua, Mexico.

Jesse’s next outing will be to Beijing, where from 10/03 to 18, the world’s top players are competing in the chess events of the World Mind Games. 5 players rated over 2700 head the field, while Kraai is the 59th seed. With events in Rapid and Blitz, for men, women and teams, it will no doubt be possible to emulate Michael Phelps and come home with a bunch of Gold Medals.

I don’t know whether Jesse will be defending his State Championship title as you read this information. If so it may be his last appearance in NM for some time. He is re-locating to San Francisco very soon or indeed if he is not at Day’s Inn he may already have moved there. Jesse, we hope these will be exclam moves!

B has to get the move order right. He needs to play e6 soon so would like to get this B out. B must play Nf6 first and probably a6 before that. Now the King must have his suitcase packed as he’s off on a trip! 7.Bxf7+ Kh7 8.Ng5+ Ke8 9.Qxg4 Nf6 10.Qe6 Qe8 \[ \geq 10...Ne5 \] 11.Qf7+ Kg7 12.Bf4 Nc6 13.Rd1 so many tempi 13...Nc2+ 14.Kf1 Ne8 15.Nb5 h6 16.Qe6+ \( \geq 16.Nxh6 \) 17.Qd5+ Kb6 18.Qg8 Qh6 19.Qxe4 Ka6 20.Re1 Qg4? well he could play Re2 allowing mate in 1 21.Nd4 b6 22.Qc4+ Kb7 23.Qe6+ Ka6 24.Qxe2 d2, he saw it! 24...Qxf4 25.Qa4+ Kb7 26.Qc6+ Ka6 27.Rc3 1-0

Munir Hammad - Jonathan Gardner
ABQ Open Warm-up Santa Fe (1) [Modern]

B starts with a cramped position but once he frees his B the attack crashes through. 1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 Nf6 5.f3 b6 6.Qd2+/= W has space 6...c5 7.0-0-0 \[ \geq 7.dxc5 \] 7...Ne6 8.dxc5 bxc5 9.Bxc5 Qa5 \[ \geq 9...dxc5 \]
Letters to Desert Knight

During the June 2008 Albuquerque Open, a few players had dinner at the "Sizzler" on Menaul. In the lively supper conversation about chess, DK assistant editor Art Byers held forth the opinion that "Youth and Innocence will always be overcome by Age and Treachery".

In early August, Art received the following Email from one of the diners: motorcycle biker, teacher, USCF Certified TD, chess psychologist, and chess player par excellence, Damian Nash of Utah:

"Proud to let you know that I am practicing my treachery against the energy and enthusiasm of youth:

Houston Chess Club Saturday Game 60 tournament, 7/28/2008
Hannah Liu (1510, age 7 1/2) vs. Damian Nash (1926, about 6 times older)
1. d4, Nf6 2. c4, e5!? (the Budapest Gambit, risky against experienced players) 3. dxe5, Ng4 4. Nf3, Ne6 5. Bf4, Bb4+ 6. Nbd2 (Nc3 considered better), 6... Qe7 7. a3 Ngxe5 (oops!!?) 8. axb3 I’ll let you figure out the rest of the game from there.

Amazing to me that at age 7 1/2, Hannah has played in 120+ rated tournaments, and I’ve been playing rated events regularly for 30 years and am only up to about 160.

Damian"

Can you name the actors and the Movie?
Santa Fe Open U1400 Section
One hundred and sixty seven years of experience triumph!!! Miles Tom Pigot at 85 years young and Art Byers at age 82 tied for first place – both undefeated with 3 1/2 points. They played each other to a fourth round draw in an equal position with opposite color Bishops. Just below at 3 points were Brady Barkmeyer and Cameron Kyle Mc Millan. Just below those two, but still on the plus side at 2 1/2 were Raul McElroy and Daniel Tellez. Comments in the following 3 games are by Art Byers variations are by Shredder 11.

2) Lucas Finnegam – Art Byers
[B18] Santa Fe Open G60 SF Woman’s Club & Library (1)
B18: Classical Caro-Kann: 4...Bf5 sidelines 5.e4 c6 6.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4

28...Qxa4=/+ 29.b3 Qa2+ 30.Kc1 c4 31.Rd2 Qa1+ 31...Ba3+ Kd1 32. Qa1+ Also wins the rook on h1 as in the game. 32.Kc2 With the white rook on h1 "hanging", Black has the game in hand. 32...exb3+ 33.Kxb3 Rd8+ 34.Kc4 Rf8= 35.Kd3 Qxh1 With the advantage of a full rook and a pawn, black went on to win. 0-1

Robert Warnock – Tom Pigott
[B54] [B12] Santa Fe Open

Product review: The DGT 960 Chess Clock—By Art Byers
Featured in the USCF Sales Summer 2008 Catalog as a “shirt pocket” digital chess clock, the DGT 960 is much smaller and more compact than any of the popular chess clocks currently on the market. Let’s take the lesser qualities first and the better qualities next.

#1: The LCD display figures are only 1/2” high. Compare this to the two “Platinum” clocks – the Chronos and the Dual Timer – where the display numbers are 11/16”. In fact, even the very inexpensive somewhat fragile and quite bulky Chess Timer has an 11/16” display. Those extra 3/16 of an inch do make a difference in ease of read. The 1/2” display is only just adequate.

#2: The DGT 960 is a one period clock with no “User Presets”. On starting, the clock defaults to the previous setting before it was shut down. This means you have to reset it when you want a different time period. This is common with most inexpensive clocks and may not be considered a drawback by many players.

#3: The accompanying printed instruction booklet is in a very small type font and is not the easiest to read. However, you can download the instructions from the sales site and print them out with larger type. This is a simple chess clock and so the instructions are not too complicated – but it did take a while for me to become comfortable with the clock as the setting process is quite different from my usual clock.

#4 On the down side, the only way to tell which clock is running is the flashing colon “:;” on the clock that is running. There is no light emitting diode for each side. Even the cheapo Chess Timer has that feature.

Good Features: #1: The price is reasonable ($37.75 to USCF members plus shipping and there is a coupon in the catalog for a 10% discount) When the best highest quality multi-multi featured clocks now go for around $100, including tax, the low cost has to be an asset.

#2 There is the ability for both delay and increment – a true necessity for any chess tournament clock these days. It will also do “move timer” – for example you could set it to allow 10 or 15 seconds per move for really rapid chess – though I don’t believe 10 second chess is very popular these days.

#3 When the clock is paused, the time can easily be adjusted up or down for either or both players – i.e.: the tournament director is adding one minute or so to your time as a penalty on your opponent – or – you are headed into a second time period and have to add that amount of time to one or both players.

#4 The prime “extra” is the ability to generate Fischer random, now usually known as “960”, initial positions. This is one reason why the display numerals are a bit smaller than usual as the one line of randomly generated 960 positions takes up space on the LCD. That one line can be hidden if you want a less cluttered screen, but does not increase the size of the numbers.

Overall evaluation – O.K. worth the money - but not a replacement for the full featured more expensive clocks.
Fun Chess Anagrams
by Jeff Burch and Jim Johnston

A while ago I emailed Dr J about best game prizes for NMCO events. He told me he had discovered an online anagram engine, anagramgenius.com, and had been having fun rearranging NM chess names. Jeff said “thought you might be amused … These are the names of friends and other folks I know, there’s no rhyme or reason to it…”

Jesse Kraai = Sea is a jerk
Tony Schroeder = Record Honesty
Munir Hammad = Main mud harm
Silas Perry = Rip Slayers
John Baxter = Jar, then box
Art Byers = Try Bears
Dean Brunton = Burned on ant
Art Glassman = A smart slang
Steve Sandager = Vast renegades
Frances Perrault = Careful, partners!
Richard Sherman = His darn charmer
Wayne Hatcher = Chat anywhere!
Andy Nowak = Yawn and OK
Robert Haines = Heroine’s brat
Jeffrey Sallade = Deaf jelly fears

and some institutions…
Desert Knight = Get the drinks
New Mexico Open = Weep once, mix on
New Mexico Seniors = Now sexier incomes
Meadowlark Senior Club = I am workable scoundrel
Valencia County Chess Club = Convulsive staunch celebacy
US Chess Federation = Softhead sickenes

So I went to the program and entered some names from the last DK…

Dale Gibbs = Is gabbled
Dave Langlois = Golden saliva

NAME THAT GM
CONTEST
See page #29

Earliest entry by, postmark, with all or the most correct answers will receive a gift certificate good for one free entry in any 2009 NMCO tournament.

Diagram
2008 Santa Fe OPEN U1100 section

64 players competed in 4 sections. Top honors were taken by Dale Kelle-grew, 3.5 points, who almost doubled his pre-tournament 349P5 provisional rating to 692P9. Close behind at 3 points were Tim Tran, Christian Gonzales and Ian Nicholas Jones. Chris & Ian had a chance to tie for first place, playing each other in the last round, but drew rather quickly. Game comments are by Art Byers, variations are by Shredder 11.

(Dale, Kellegrew (349) - Tim, Tran (896) [D07] | Santa Fe Open U1100 (3), 13.09.2008

D07: Queen's Gambit: Chigorin Defense Tim Tran tied for second but did not submit any of his score sheets. Nor were the scores of any of his opponents, other than this one, reconstructable. This see-saw game put Dale in position to take 1st place in the last round.

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.a3 Bxc3+

Perhaps, this shows that Tim was not thinking positionally. Tim's center pawns now cover light squares. Instead of this exchange, the black Bishop might have been preserved to cover dark squares. Not that I don't like the Chigorin but the whole excursion to b4 at black's third move seems wasted.

6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e4

Dale correctly seeks control of the center.

7...b5 8.a4 Ba6 9.e5 Nge7/+ The complications after 9...b4, undermining the support of the White d4-pawn, slightly favor black. For example: 10.exb4 Nxb4 11.Od2 Nd5 10.Bg5 0-0 11.Be2 [11.axb5 Bxb5 12.Be2 h6=] 11...Rb8 Again, 11...b4 to undermine the W d4-pawn looks a little better. 12.a5?


16.gxf3+- Qd2++ A blunder - Overlooking the W B on g5

17.Bxd2 cxd2+ 18.Kxd2 1-0

(1) Christian Gonzales (969) - Ian Jones (892) [D10] | U1100 Santa Fe Open (4), 13.09.2008

D10: Slav Defense: 3 cxd5 (without early Nf3) and 3 Nc3. Here is a last round "Grandmaster Draw", at the U1100 level, that resulted in a 3-way tie for 2nd place money.


12.Bd2= Qb6 13.b3 Ne8 Perhaps

The Denker Experience by John Flores

I would like to express my thanks again for all the support I received from the New Mexico Chess Organization, New Mexico Scholastic Chess, and Martin Cooper, to enable me to attend the Denker in Dallas, Texas.

This was really an exciting new experience for me. Never have I played in a tournament with so many experts and masters. Out of 48 total players, there were approximately 25 players over 2000, four of them being masters, and one a Foreign Master.

Probably my most memorable game was against master and Chess Life writer, Jonathan Hilton. With the lack of master activity in New Mexico, I was filled with excitement (and maybe a bit of nervousness) at the thought of playing a master in my first round. Once we shook hands and started the game though, all nervousness went out the door as I focused on what I had come to do: Play chess!

I say that this was my most memorable game because I felt that it was my best-played game of the tournament. I held a pawn advantage for most of the long game until I started to slip into time pressure, and lost. After the game though, my opponent repeatedly congratulated me on my strong play and shook my hand multiple times.

I ended the tournament with 3 points out of 6, finishing in 29th place. I enjoyed this tournament not only because there was some great chess on display, but also because it gave me the chance to meet people my age from all over the country with the same love for chess. I exchanged contact info with most of my opponents, one of them even contacting me 20 minutes after he returned home from the tournament!

(John’s Game vs. Jonathan Hilton is on the next page)
Hilton featured this game on his blog at USchess online. All comments are borrowed from it (Ed)

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.g3 c6 5.Bg2 dxc4 6.0-0 Be7 7.e3!?
a risky move 7...b5 8.Qe2 Bb7 9.b3 exh3 10.axb3 Nbd7 11.Rd1 Qb6 12.e4 c5 a bold decision

13.Nc3 a6 14.d5!? highly risky 14...0-0 15.Bg5Ra8 16.d6? a bluff. Qc2 is better but I felt the need to sac

16...Bxd6 17.Bxf6 gxf6? too trusting [>=17...Nxf6 18.e5 Nd5 19.Ne4 Be7=+]

18.Qd2 Be5 19.Nxe5 Nxe5 20.Qh6 Ng6 21.h4= e5 22.h5 [>=22.Nd5] 22...Ne7 23.Nd5 Bxd5 24.exd5 Nf5+ I had overlooked this move


The NMCO Annual July Picnic was held in a warm light Summer rain. Dean Brunton brought a small tent shelter but most of us had to play in the rain. None the less, it was a fun day and well attended.

Photos by Art Byers
### TOP 100 ACTIVE NM PLAYERS — USCF List 10/1/08

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### Selection Criteria for Games in Desert Knight by the Editors

First, You have to submit the score sheet! Games that are never turned in, obviously, never make it into print. Look for the plastic tray with the sign: “Turn in score sheets here”.

Second, the score sheet submitted must be accurate and legible. Sometimes, even with the score from both players, games cannot be reconstructed and the score sheets end up in the shredder.

Third, it helps if the game was one that determined a section 1st or 2nd place winner.

Fourth, a good, sound and brilliant combination or a fine end game are a big plus. If you think you played a great game, then write on the top of the score sheet “DK WORTHY”.

Fifth, We look for games from frequent players in NMCO tournaments who never, or seldom, have had a game published.

Sixth, If the game is instructive – that is players can learn something of value – we give it extra consideration.

Last, what we really like is for YOU to give us your comments, the thoughts that went through your mind as you examined the positions over the board and your own annotations. Send the game to the editor NMCO sends out Email Bulletins to keep you up to date on chess tournaments in New Mexico. We send them out “BCC” that is blind carbon copy so no one sees your E-address. Send your E address to Secretarynmco@msn.com
UNM Chess Club Sponsors a Successful Tandem Simul

On the Evening of September 18th, The UNM Chess club, under the leadership of Anthony Chen, played host, to two well known American International Masters, for a dual Simul. The masters alternated turns at each board and were not allowed to consult each other. 20 players took on IM Irina Krush and IM David Pruess—plus—there were a bunch of paying spectators for the pre-Simul lecture.

Three players achieved remarkable results. Congratulations to: Winner, John Flores. Also Dean Brunton and Robert Hampton achieved difficult draws.

Irina and David making their rounds vs. 20 chess enthusiasts
Photos by Art Byers

Annual Quiz: Name That Grandmaster:
Most are easy—a few, harder. Answers in the Jan. 2009 Issue

Send your quiz answers by snail mail to P O Box 4215
ABQ 81796. See Page 33 for prize details.
The Puzzle Page
By Puzzle Master Daniel Pasono

This edition’s Puzzle Page’s theme is hodgepodge. It contains a little something for everyone. A couple of the puzzles are easy, a couple are hard, some are early in the game, some are late, etc. It’s a general representation of what one might encounter while playing chess over a number of years. See page 42 for the answers, and remember, Have fun!

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The Albuquerque Open

On the 28th and 29th of June 75 players competed in this event. We were pleased to welcome competitors from Texas, Arizona and Colorado as well as our regular clients. VP John Baxter secured sponsorship for the tournament from Nouveau Cosmeceuticals, so we should all have softer skin and better complexions when we next compete. The Nouveau sponsorship provided upset prizes and rating prizes to such an extent that 30 players received or shared a prize! In the top section 2 masters and 5 experts took part. In recent ABQ tourneys there have been considerably fewer, indeed the last time we had 2 masters was the 05 NM Open when one IM and 2 masters took part.

Steve Sandager won the Open Section. Steve has played less slow chess recently, (though he was one of the masters there in 05), but younger players may not have known that he holds 12 State championships, and has won a lot of NM tourneys over the years. He was ahead of Silas Perry, Ben Coraretti and Stephen Chase who came in 2nd 3rd and 4th. The rating prize was shared by Damian Nash, Douglas Thigpen, Jim Johnston and Dante Archuleta. Dante started the weekend as the lowest rated entrant in the Open section, at 1451. Yet he scored 3 upsets against players 500 or more rating points higher than him! As well as his rating prize he won the Nouveau upset prize and the Nouveau best game prize.

In the U1800 section Emre Erlinglar and Gabe Ewing shared 1st. 3rd prize was shared by Jeff Sallade and John Sarracino. In the U1400 the 3 players who tied for 1st all lost a game to one of the others. The winners were Tim Martinson, Preston Herrington and John Helwick.

The U1000 section saw Joe Schrader take the 1st prize, though new player George Zuo went 5 and 0 to get the unrated award. Third place went to Elizabeth Wasilewska.

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Jim Johnston _ Steve Chase
ABQ Open Albuquerque (1)
/QGD/

Round 1 games are often one-sided. Here Chase, an expert from Amarillo, ends the game with a neat combination 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 e5 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 dxc4 gaining the 2 Bs but it should be good for W 8.Bxf6 Nxf6 9.Bxc4= W thinks he is gaining a tempo by taking with the undeveloped piece, but the B will have to move again, while the N would gain a tempo on the Q [>=9.Nxc4/+ 
9...Bb4 10.Qc2 0-0 11.0-0 Re8 12.Nde4 Be7 13.Rad1 [>=13.Nxf6+ ] 13...Nd5 14.a3 f5 15.Bxf5 exd5=/+ 16.Ng3 Rf8 it seems Re8 was just intended to convince W that he would not be returning so soon 17.Nge2 B6 18.f3? wrong strategy, perhaps W could go f4 and try to get a N to e5 18...Qc7=/+ 19.g3 Qe7 20.e4 [>=20.Rd3 ] 20...fxe4 21.fxe4 Bb3 22.Rxf8+ Rxf8 23.e5

Diagram next page
B to play and win
23...Bxe5 24.dxe5? [24.Nxd5 is the last chance to prolong the game] 24...Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Qf2 26.Rg1 Qf3+ 0-1

23.Qxd5 Na5 24.Bd3 Rd8 25.Qe4 g6 26.h4 h5 27.e6 f5 28.Qa4 [>=28.Qe3 the action is on the K side] 28...a6 [>=28...Nbc6 ] 29.Bxa6 Bf5 opening up the K looks more logical 29...bxa6 30.e7 Qxe7 31.Qxa5 Re8 again Ne6 was better 32.Ne5 Qe8? Diagram

now W has a forced win [>=32...Qd6 and B is back with a chance] 33.Qd5+! Kh8 34.Rb7 Rd8 35.Nxg6+ 1-0

John Helwick - Tim Martinson
ABQ Open U1400 (3)
[2 Knights Defense]

37.Bxf4? Now W only has 4 passed pawns for the piece! He should prefer Rh737...exf4 38.Rxf4+ Ke6 39.h4 Ne5 40.h5 Rh8 41.g4 Nf7 42.Kg2 Ne5 43.Kg3 Ne4 44.Rf3 Ne5 45.Re3 Kd5 46.Kf4? Rf8+ 47.Kg3 Kg8 48.f4? Rxg4+ 49.Kf2 Rxf4+ and B is winning. An incredible turnaround. W eventually resigned on the 84th move 0-1
Gabe Ewing - Emre Enginarlar
ABQ Open U1800 (5)
[Scandinavian]
Notes by Gabe Ewing. This was the critical last round game in the U1800 section. I (and two others) was a point behind, so I had to win to create a tie for 1st. 1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.c4 c6 I was hoping for the popular 3...e6? when I am free to play 5 d4 after swapping pawns. After 3...e6 I can't trade pawns without allowing a strong bind on d4 4.d4 exd5 Now we have transposed to the Panov - Botvinnik Attack against the Caro-Kann 5.Nc3 g6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Qb3? [>=7.Bc4 is stronger] 7...Nb6 8.Bc4? this trades my best piece for his worst 8...Nxc4 9.Qxc4 Bg7 10.Nge2 0-0 11.Bd3 Ne6 12.Rd1=/+ Bg4 13.f3 Bd7 14.0-0 Qb6 15.Kh1 Rac8 threatens Nd4 with a discovery on my Queen 16.Nd5 Qd8 [16...Qxb2 17.Rb1 ] 17.Qd3 Be6 18.Nde3 Nb4 19.Qb5 Nxa2 20.Qxb7=/+ Be4 21.Rfe1

Dante Walker - Anthony Flores
ABQ Open U1800 (5)
[Caro-Kann]

21...Bxe2? this loses a pawn 22.Nxe2 Qb6 23.Qxe7 Qxb2 24.Rb1 Qc2 around here we were both helped by a draw on board 2 25.Qxa7 Rfe8 26.Ng1 Nc3 27.Rxe8+= Rxe8 28.Rb8 Rf8 We were both under 10 minutes by now. I had missed his last move. Before he played Rf8 I believed I was winning large amounts of material. It was a letdown for me when I realized that I had a long end-game ahead. 29.Qa8 Qa4 30.Rxf8+ Bxf8 31.Qxa4 Nxa4 and I stopped recording. I have 2 things going for me in the end-game: I know how to checkmate with B and N (it didn't come down to that but it could have), and I have a passed pawn instead of a large lump on the kingside. Spectators who just saw the final few moves of the game were perhaps surprised that B's flag was down. I saw that his flag had fallen, but as the clock had just been adjusted and he only had 8 seconds left when it was put back down, I didn't think that it was fair to call it 1-0

Ben Coraretti - David Langlois
ABQ Open Albuquerque (2)
[2 knights defense]
B tries an unusual line but W's tactics prevail 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nxe5 d5 5.exd5 Nxd4 I have not seen this move played here before. The idea is to hit the B with b5. This is the Fritz variation. The silicone Fritz is not impressed, but my research suggests that the line has been a favorite with Los Alamos players for some time. Gerry Jungman used it with some success at the El Paso Open, when Kraai -Jungman was drawn 6.c3+/= b5 7.Bf1 Nxd5 8.Ne4 Qh4 9.Ng3+=/ Kf4 10.f3 Nf5


Dante Archuleta (1451) - Tony Schroeder (2006) [A03]
Albuquerque Open Albuquerque (2), Birds Opening. Comment by Silas Perry. 1.f4 Dante takes a detour from his standard opening moves such as 1.h4 1...d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 c6 4.Bc4 5.b3 Nf6 6.Bb2 Bd6 I would prefer the B to placed on e7. It feels a bit in the way on d6. Rather inflexible 7.0-0 Qc7 So black intends to fight for e5. 8.Na3 a6 9.c4 d4 10.exd4 cxd4 11.Nc2 Bxc4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 e5 14.Be3 Bxe3+ 15.dxe3 0-0 The sign of an experienced player. Black consolidates his own position before picking on the newly created weakness. 16.Qe2? Wastes a move since the Q will have to move again. 16...Qc5 17.Qc3 Ng4 18.Rfe1 Qxe3+?
Ron Coraretto - Jonathan Gardner
ABQ Open Albuquerque (2)
[Modern]
This fine game has fireworks up front and an exciting ending.
1.e4 g6 2.d4Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Ne6 5.Be3 e5? I would try to castle before playing this [>=5...Nf6 6.Be2 0-0] 6.dxe5 dxe5 7.Qxd8+/- Nxd8 6.fxe5 Bxe5 9.Nf3 Bg7 W has more development.
34...h5 35.g3 Ke5 36.Bf4+ Kd5 37.Kc3 [>=37.g4 ] 37...h4 38.Qxb4 axb4 39.a4? c4 40.a5 Be5+
[>=40...Bg7? ] 41.Kf3 c3 42.bxc3 b3! 43.Bc1 Kc4 44.Bb2 Kd3 45.c4 Bd4 46.Ba3 [>=46.a6 ] 46...Kxe4 47.a6 Kd3 48.a7? time trouble?

Steve Sandager (2220) - Dante Archuleta (1451) ABQ Open (3)
[Dutch]


Black to play and win

15...Nh5? missing a nice Q sac [15...Qxc3! 16.bxc3 Nxe2+ 17.Kb2 Nxd4 18.exd4 ] 16.Nd5+/- Qd8 17.Ne4 Ng3 18.Rhe1 [>=18.Bf5 saves time as W needs a rook on h1] 18...Nxe2+ 19.Rxe2 Bg4 20.Rh2 or h2 20...Bxd1 21.Qxd1 Re8? B is a long way from starting his attack. h5 is better 22.h5 Qe8 [>=22...Kg7 ] 23.hxg6=/+ [>=23.Qh1 and B is toast] 23...fxg6 24.Qh1 Qf7 25.f5 gx5? [>=25...Re5= ] 26.g6 Qg7 27.Rh7 1-0

Albert Zuo - John Sarracino
ABQ Open U1800 (4) [Pirc]
John Sarracino took 3rd prize. This game has some neat tactics.
Ron Coraretti - Jim Johnston
ABQ Open (5)
[Sicilian]
This game has end to end action. All very exciting 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4
7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qe7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7
10.g4 h5 11.Bxh6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7
13.f5 this is all book! B's position looks precarious but if he avoids getting
mated he has a promising attack down the c file. Here I have tried 13...
Bg5 check followed by Ne5, which is not too bad, but I now tried
the N move 1st. Probably a bad idea, but it made us stop and think.
13...Ne5 14.Qg3 Fritz thinks this ok, but at the
board I thought Qh5 or even Qg4 would be
type B's development. Here I have tried
16.Nfx5 0-0=/+ ] 16...Bb7 17.Rgl
Lre8 18.Bh3? Diagram

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in just 2 moves, luckily it's B's turn!
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eq Kg2 Qc2+ Ke3 Nf2 Qf2 Qc5 etc,
while Kd1 Bg4 and as before 0-1

Emre Enginarlar - Eric Bark-
meyer ABQ Open U1800 (2)
[Scandinavian]
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round 5. Here is a great example of
his attacking style
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give W a tempo for nothing 4.d4+=/
Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 e6
8.Ne5 Bxe2 9.Nxe2 Qc7 9.0= Fritz
then if Qd4 white can get even further
ahead in development by Rd1
e etc...9...Be7 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 Nbd7
12.f4 Nd5 [>=12...0-0 ] 13.Bxe7
Qxe7 14.Qd2 Nxe5 15.fxe5 0-0
16.c4=/+ Nb6 17.b3 Rdf8 wrong
rook? 18.a4 f6 the W pawn storm is
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Rf6 Diagram

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Rf6 Diagram

23.d5? W thinks the pawn is
pinned...23...Qe5+=/+ but its his own one
24.Kh1 Rh8 25.Rf3=+ g5?
B's turn to miss that N takes threat-
ens mate in 1

26...Nxe6+=/+ Qe7

27...Rg6? [>=27...Rd6 would pro-
long the game, though W is still win-
ning] 28.Ne5 Nf6 29.Re7 Rg5
30.h4 1-0

Silas Perry - Gary Simms
ABQ Open (3)
[QGD Chigorin]
Silas upsets a master when Simms
delays his K-side development 1.d4
d5 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 dxc4 4.d5 Ne5
5.e4 c6 [>=5...Nf6 ] 6.f4 Ng6 7.Bxc4
b5 8.Bb3 b4 9.dxe5 Qxd1+ [certainly not 9...bxc3? 10.Bxf7+ winning the Q]
the passed pawn 12...0-0-0 13.Nf3
h5 14.Rc1 Kc7 15.Nd4 e5 16.fxe5
Nx e5 17.Nb5+ Bxb5 18.Bxb5 a5 he had to stop Ba7 with the worry of a later Bb6 19.0-0 Bd6 20.Bf4 Nf6
21.Ne3 Rb8 22.Be2 Rb6

23.Nf5+! much stronger than Nd5
which will give the p protection but
reduces the advantage
28.Rxf4 Re8 29.Rxf5 Ng4 30.Bd3

22.h3! W keeps the N out of g4
22...Kc7 threat b6 23.Be3 g5
24.Ra1=+ Nfxd3+ B gets a rook and 2 pawns for his Ns, but ex-
changes just increase W's advan-
tage 25.exd3 Nxd3+ 26.Kf3 Nxe1+
27.Rxe1 Be5 28.Rc1+ Kb8 29.Re4
39 xe5 and W will soon regret not taking this B  
[>=30.Bxa4+/- ]
30...Be6  31.Qxe6+ Kg7  32.Bb3?  
[>=32.Kg1 ]  32...g6  33.Qe7+ only  
move to stop an immediate mate  
33...Qxe7  34.hxg3  h4  35.g4  h3  
36.Rf3 hxg2+ 0-1

Steve Sandager - Ben Coraretti  
ABQ Open (5)  
[Queen's gambit accepted]

The winner of this game would win the open section  
d4 d5  2.c4  dxc4  3.Nf3  Nf6  4.e3  
8.Nc3  Be7  9.Qe2  exd4  10.exd4  
[>=10.Rd1 is usual. W plans to gift B a pawn so that he can then chase the B Q around]  
10...Nxd4  11.Nxd4  Qxd4  12.Rd1  Qg4  13.Qe5  
0-0  14.Bc3  Bd7  15.f3  Qb4  16.Rd4  
Qc5  17.Qg3  Qa7  18.Kh1 and on h8 the Q will be safe, right?  
18...Be5  19.Rad1+ Rfd8?+=/= surprisingly this sensible looking move gets B in big trouble. The N will soon have to move from f6 so the B is still not adequately protected. After Be6 Black keeps his edge  
20.Na4

Silas Perry - Douglas Thigpen  
ABQ Open (5)/King's Indian

On board 2 these guys are fighting for 2nd place  
d1 d4  Nf6  2.c4  g6  3.Nc3  Bg7  
4.e4  d6  5.Be2  0-0  6.Nf3  e5  7-0 0  
Nd5  Ne7  9.Ne1 b4 is popular here  
(was there a game in the July Chess Life?) but this N move is a perennial favorite.  
9...Nd7  10.Be3  f5  11.f3  Nf6  
W will expand on the Q side while B's attack comes on the K side.  
12.Nd3  f4  13.Bf2  g5  14.a4  this strange looking move prepares an attack on the a7 pawn! W plans Nb5 and take the pawn with N or B. First he advances the a pawn to prevent B from trapping his piece there. Korchnoi developed this plan. See My great predecessors Vol. 5 where Kasparov devotes a whole chapter to this line.  
14...h5  15.e5/+/  
Rf7  16.cxd6  cxd6  17.a5  Bf8  18.Nb5  
W threatens Na7 then Nc8

W controls the open file and B can only react  
Qb5  27.Rb3 wins the Q]  
Kh8  29.Ba4 and B has to give up material to save the Q.  
29...Nh5  30.dxc6  Bxc6  31.Bxc6  Qb5  
32.Bxe8  Qxe8  33.Bb6  Qxe2  
34.Rxc8  Rxc8  35.Qxc8  Rg8  
36.Qe6  Qxe6  37.Nxe6 and B should resign here. His B is bad W's rook controls the open file AND W is up by 2Ns. Maybe time trouble was a factor. The remaining moves were:  
37...Re8  38.Nc7  Re8  39.Nd3  Kg8  
40.Nxa6  Rxc1+  41.Nxc1  Kf7  
42.Ne7  Ke7  43.a6  Kd7  44.a7  
Kc6  45.a8Q+  Kxb6  46.Nd5+  
Ke5  47.Qc8+  Kb5  48.b3  Bg7  
49.Qc4+  Ka5  50.Qa3= # 1-0

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Ben spent a lot of time on his reply. While watching I thought that b6

Ben Coraretti TD Scott Kerns chose this as the best game of the tournament 1-0

(10) Rodelio Ronquillo - Dwight Dittrick  
ABQ Open (4)/Dutch

B pushes pawns on both wings. W is fine until he doesn't see the mating attack coming.  
f6  5.Bxc4  c5  6.O-O  0-0  7.Bb3  
Nh5  8.Be5  Nc6  9.c3  c4 looks more promising here  
9...Bd7  10.Nbd2  Be8  11.Rc1  g6  12.c4  
g7  13.Ne1  Nxe5  14.dxe5= c6  15.f4  W hopes to keep the e5 pawn, but this leaves e3 weak [>=15.Nd3/= ]  
15...Be5  16.Qe2  Qb6  17.Nc2  a5  
18.a4  Ng7  19.Kh1  h5  20.exd5  
[W could threaten to attack on the K side with >=20.Qf2 ]  20...exd5  
21.Qd3  Bf7  22.Nd4  Rac8  23.Rb1  
[>=23.Re3  ]  23...Qd8  24.Bd1  Qh4  

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