2008 KANSAS OPEN REPORT

The 2008 Kansas Open, July 18th to 20th, was held in Lindsborg, Kansas. This year an extra event was added, a Bughouse championship. Both the Bughouse and the Kansas Quick championships were held July 18th at the Karpov Chess School. The Open and Reserve Championships were held July 19th and 20th at the Bethany College library meeting hall. This year's participation in the main events of the Kansas Open was down from previous years. There were only 24 in the Quick event and only 45 total in the Open and Reserve events (13 in Open section and 32 in the Reserve section). The new event, the Bughouse championship, had 7 teams of two players.

The Bughouse Championship had a tie for first with 4 of the 7 participating teams finishing with 6 out of 8 possible points. On tiebreaks the team of **Kyle Sciolaro and Kyle Camarda are our new state Bughouse champions**.

The Quick tourney had a two way tie for first with 4.5 points out of 5 possible; Max Coleman and Conrad Holt tying. On tiebreaks **Max Coleman is our 2008 Quick Chess Champion.** This is the 3rd year in a row Maxx has won the Quick chess championship. Jason Wawrzaszek and Kyle Sciolaro finished next tied at 4.0 points each. The Scholastic winners were first place Christopher Purdy, second place John Mayhew, and third place Andrew Ritter.

The Open section, like the Quick tourney, was a tie at first place between Maxx Coleman and Christopher Purdy with 4.0 points out of 5 possible. On tiebreaks **Christopher Purdy is our new 2008 Kansas Chess Champion.** Conrad Holt and Tom Brownscombe finished next, each with 3.5 points out of 5.

The **Reserve championship was won by Will Teague**. As he is from Kansas, he is our new Reserve champion. He finished alone at 4.5 points out of 5 possible. Tied at 4.0 points were William Quinlan and Peter Lesslie. The scholastic winners were first place Andrew Ritter, second place Jesse Pritchard, and third place Michael Christian.

Thanks to tourney director Tony Dutiel. Thanks once again to the Karpov Chess School and Bethany College for the use of their facilities. Once again we recognize that many participants in the 2008 Kansas Open also participated in the Karpov Chess camp in Lindsborg. The camp ran the week before and the week after the Kansas Open.

Laurence Coker 2008 Kansas Open Organizer KCA Treasurer and Website manager

PICTURES FROM KANSAS OPEN



KANSAS CHESS CHAMPION Chris Purdy with Laurence Coker



RESERVE CHAMPION Will Teague



KANSAS QUICK CHAMPION Maxx Coleman

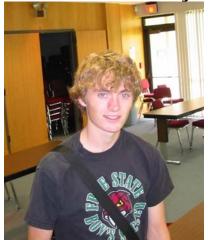


RESERVE SCHOLASTIC WINNERS

3rd-Michael Christian, 1st Andrew Ritter, 2nd Jesse Pritchard



TOURNEY DIRECTOR Tony Dutiel



RESERVE player Peter Lesslie (finished tied for 2nd Reserve)



James Ellis (Iowa) and Frank Berry (Oklahoma) at Kansas Open



Conrad Holt and Tom Brownscombe



Floyd Geasland and Harold Orr talk after their game



Longtime Kansas Open players Ed Mefford and Tom Martin



Terry Wright and Peter Rupprecht



Trisch Claman and Ron Chaika check standing



Lyle Taylor and Tony Cheng



Ralph Bowman and Jesse Pritchard



Tim Tobiason selling chess books (He looks happy doesn't he?)