

## 2008 KANSAS OPEN REPORT

The 2008 Kansas Open, July 18<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 18<sup>th</sup> at the Karpov Chess School. The Open and Reserve Championships were held July 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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2008 Kansas Open Organizer  
KCA Treasurer and Website manager

**PICTURES FROM KANSAS OPEN**



Chris Purdy  
Kansas Chess Champion  
2008  
with Laurence Coker

**KANSAS CHESS CHAMPION Chris Purdy with Laurence Coker**



**RESERVE CHAMPION Will Teague**



**KANSAS QUICK CHAMPION Maxx Coleman**



**RESERVE SCHOLASTIC WINNERS**  
3<sup>rd</sup>-Michael Christian, 1<sup>st</sup> Andrew Ritter, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jesse Pritchard



**TOURNEY DIRECTOR Tony Dutiel**



**RESERVE player Peter Lesslie**  
(finished tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> 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**



**Trish 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?)**