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The big news is the upcoming **Kansas Open**. The event, July 20th to 22nd, is once again in Overland Park, but this time at the Holiday Inn, at 87th and Reeder, just off the 87th Street exit on I-35. The event will once again feature three events, the Quick Championship, the Bughouse championship, and the Kansas Open. The Kansas Open will once again be divided into two sections, **Open** and **Reserve**. The Reserve section, 1799 and below + unrated, format will remain almost exactly the same as the previous year with the only change, the time control is game in 120 minutes for both analog or digital clocks with delay features. Previously clocks with delay features were to take 5 minutes off their starting clock time. The Open Section, open to all, is going to be FIDE rated this year as well as USCF rated. Also, the time control for the Open section will be game in 90 minutes with an increment of 30 seconds, meaning for every move made 30 seconds is added to the clock. Both Open and Reserve sections are 5 rounds again this year.

This year, as was the case last year, junior participants in the State Scholastic tournament (in Wichita this year) can get free entry in either the Open or Reserve section if they request it in advance. With free entry these participants will only be eligible to win plaques, not cash prizes.

The **Quick Championship** is still one section. It is game in 10 minutes without any delay or increment. The only significant change for this Friday event will be an earlier start time. This year the event will start at 7 pm instead of 7:30 pm to allow more time for the Bughouse tourney. The **Bughouse tourney** will be run much the same format as last year except this year each team will play two games against their opponent's team (the more correct way for running such an event). The event will be either 4 rounds or 5 rounds depending when the Quick tourney finishes up.

Unfortunately Conrad Holt, who recently obtained his 3rd GM norm, informed this author via e-mail he will not defend his Quick and Open championships this year as he will be playing in the US Junior Closed Championship to be held in St. Louis July 10th to 15th the week before the Kansas Open. <http://saintlouischessclub.org/2012-us-junior-closed-championship> or <http://uschesschamps.com>. Thus, there will be a new Kansas Chess Champion this year.

There have been some tournaments during the year. Once again adult tournaments (KCA) held simultaneously with scholastic events. There were eight of these, first starting in October and finishing up in March, just before the State Scholastic Championships. The participation varied from four to twelve, the most being the Collector's Cache tourney October 15th to the least being the Lawrence Free State tourney February 25th. Winners were Dr. Hongbiao Zeng, Jason Kasik, Brian Yang (x3), and Kyle Camarda (x3).

<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/20112012ICCCCTournamentCrosstables.pdf>

Jason Qian has stepped forward as a tourney director in Kansas. He has held four tournaments (<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/20112012ICCCCTournamentCrosstables.pdf>). He held tournaments on October 29, 2011 (won by Dan Holmes with 4.0 points) and January 14, 2012 (with a three way tie at first with 3.0 points- Dan Holmes, Sam Un, and Mohammedreza Hajairbabi). He held a tournament April 7, 2012 which was won by Tony Dutiel with 3.5 points. The most recent tourney was played June 9, 2012 and was won by Ron Luther with 4.0 points. Jason's tourneys are held at the Indian Creek Community Church (ICCC) in Olathe, KS. He states he might have another tourney in August.

CJ Armenta and Brian Yang directed two non-KSCA adult tournaments. The Early Thanksgiving tourney was held November 19th (<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2011EarlyThanksgivingTournamentCrosstable.pdf>). Ron Luther, Abheshek Mallela, and Tim Steiner tied for first place in the Open section with 3.0 points. Joseph Miller won the Reserve section with 3.5 points. The New Year Bash was held January 7th (<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2012NewYearBashCrosstable.pdf>). Ron Luther won the Open section with 4.0 points. Karl Bodenheimer won the Reserve section with 4.0 points.

That is about it. I want to remind KCA members to attend the Kansas Chess Association Annual meeting July 22nd at 8 am in the skittles room (Wyandotte room) at the Holiday Inn. . . Any important decisions concerning chess in Kansas, including our annual fund raiser – The Renaissance Festival, will be discussed. Also, new officers will be elected.

News is also available on the 2011 Renaissance Festival that was held from September 3 to October 16, 2011 and organized by Rick Hodges. This is an annual fund raiser run by KCA.
<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2011RenaissanceFestivalReport.pdf>

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