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Shortly plans for the 2013 Kansas Open will be posted to the website. The tourney will be in Wichita July 12th to 14th at the Holiday Inn East in Wichita. It is just off Kellogg Ave near the I-35 exit.

<http://www.holidayinn.com/hotels/us/en/wichita/ictks/hoteldetail/directions>

The Kansas Open was held in Wichita in 2005 and 2006 and returns there after the event was held in the Kansas City area for the last two years.

Two major events have been completely since the last Newsletter, the New Year Bash held January 5th and the ICCC February Open held February 2nd. The New Year Bash consisted of two sections (Open and Under 1600). Frank Smith finished all alone with 3.5 points in the Open section. He was followed by Joey Kelly, Tony Cheng, and Shaktiprasad Shimpi with 3.0 points. The Reserve section (U1600) was won by William Liu who finished all alone with 4.0 points. There was a seven way tie at 3.0 points. The Open section had 16 players, and the Reserve section had 25 players. Results can be found at the new link for USCF results for the Kansas affiliate. The ICCC February Open, held on Ground Hog's Day, had 24 players and was won by Abhishek Mallela and Hangbiao Zeng with 3.5 points. Andrew Simmons, Joey Kelly, and Dan Holmes finished next with 3.0 points. Results of both tourneys can be found at the new link to the USCF website site for the Kansas Affiliate.

http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/AffDtlTnmtHst.php?T5010900

Upcoming events: In neighboring Nebraska a two day event has been planned in Omaha on March 9th and 10th. The link to this event is provided at the request of the Nebraska Chess Ass. <http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2013MidwestOpenFlier.pdf>

And, another ICCC tournament is planned on April 13th at the Indian Creek Community Church in Olathe, KS. <http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2013ICCCAprilFlier.pdf>

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Since the Kansas Open there have been many smaller tournaments. There have been three ICCC tournaments run by Jason Qian. These were August 11th, October 13th, and December 1st. Cross tables of tourneys can be found on the Kansas website on a new link recently installed to the USCF website (click on left sided menu *Cross tables of Recent Tournaments* and then click on top item).

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The August 11th ICCC tourney in Olathe, Kansas drew 27 players and was won by Ron Luther and Abhishek Mallela with 3.5 points out of 4. All ICCC tourneys to date have been 4 rounds of game in 60 minutes with a 5 second delay. The October 13th tourney also drew 27 players with Tony Dutiel, editor Dan Holmes, and Hongbiao Zeng finishing tied with 3.5 points out of 4. The December 1st tourney had 16 players with Andrew Liu finishing by himself with 3.5 points. For his effort his rating went up 155 points. There were 6 players with 2.5 points. Jason informed me has another tourney scheduled at the same site, ICCC church, on February 2nd, 2013. The flier is posted to the website. <http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2013ICCCFebruaryFlier.pdf>

This year as was the case last year there are scholastic tourneys that have small adult sections run at the same time. So far there have been two tourneys- Sunset Hill/West Middle School and Cordley. These were November 11th and December 8th respectively. The November 11th tourney had six players with Brian Yang winning with 4 points out of 4 possible. Kyle Camarda directed this small tourney. Brian Yang directed the Cordley tourney that was held at the KU student Union. They had 8 players and the section was won by Shams Shaikh with 4 wins. His rating went up 132 points for his effort. I am unsure of dates of any other future scholastic/adult tourneys. But, one can always check the scholastic website schedule where the tourney fliers are posted. <http://ksca.us/schedule.htm>

The Lindsborg Open was again held this year (December 15th). It had two sections. It was similar to the scholastic/adult tourneys previously mentioned, except the time control on

the adult USCF rated tourney was game in 60 minutes with 5 second delay whereas the other scholastic/adult tourneys were game in 25 with a 5 second delay. Brian directed both. He informed me the scholastic section had 97 players and the adult tourney had only 9 players. There were 5 scholastic players playing in the adult USCF rated section. The adult section was won by scholastic player Bryan Liu Jiang with 4 wins in 4 games.

Brian Yang (a student at KU) keeps himself busy over winter break as he is going to direct the New Year Bash tourney for the fourth year in a row. It is going to be held January 5th at the Fortune Star Chinese restaurant at 119th and Metcalf in the Rosanna Square shopping area. <http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2013NewYearBashFlier.pdf>

The PLAINS CHESS editor is Dan Holmes. He needs games. Send him copies of your games. If you have any chess news of note, send him that also. Hopefully another issue of PLAINS CHESS is coming out soon and when it does come out it will be posted to our website.

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Finally, it should be noted Kansas Chess player Conrad Holt is officially a Grandmaster, having been awarded the title at the FIDE general assembly September 7th-9th, 2012. <http://www.uschesstrust.org/2012/09/12/2012-fide-general-assembly-gm-and-im-titles-awarded/>

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