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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.

It is uncertain if Conrad Holt, who recently obtained his 3rd GM norm, will defend his Quick and Open championships this year as more than likely he will be playing in the US Junior Closed Championship to be held in St. Louis July 10th to 16th. <http://saintlouischessclub.org/2012-us-junior-closed-championship-0> As of this writing the participants for the US Junior Closed Championship have not been announced, but this author finds it hard to believe Holt will not be invited since he is the 4th highest USCF rated player in the United States under 21. Conrad Holt news: (<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2012ConradHoltNews.pdf>)

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/20112012ICCC TournamentCrosstables.pdf>

Jason Qian has stepped forward as a tourney director in Kansas. He has held four tournaments (<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/20112012ICCC TournamentCrosstables.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.

REPORT BY LAURENCE COKER

2011 Renaissance Festival Report



RICK HODGES IN FRONT OF OUR BOOTH

The 2011 Renaissance festival ran seven weekends as usual starting Labor Day weekend (September 3rd until October 16th). Rick Hodges moved back to Kansas in 2011 and took over as coordinator in 2011 (Laurence Coker had been the coordinator the previous 5 years). Rick had originally started the Renaissance booth in 1995, a booth mainly built by Brian Sidlinger. Rick was the coordinator for the booth for the first three years (1995-1997). Rick also was President of KCA from 1995 to 1997. The booth was initiated as a fund raiser for KCA.

Scheduling for help with the booth in 2011 started after the Kansas Open with a signup sheet being circulated at the annual meeting. Laurence helped supply Rick a list of contacts, a list of volunteers he had developed over the previous 5 years.

There was maintenance work and improvements made at the Renaissance Festival booth in 2011. The area around the booth was leveled off. Some fixed stools were added as well as new benches. The stools inside the booth were replaced as the RenFest said we could no longer use their benches. New signs were made. This all had to be paid for.

Changes were made in fees charged for our simul booth. This year adults were charge \$3 per game with two games per \$5. Previously this had been \$2 per game and \$5 for three. Rates for individuals under age 18 were adjusted downs from \$2 a game to \$1 per game.

The weather for the Renaissance Festival this year was as good as this author has ever seen. There was very little disruption of rain on the weekends and there were no very cold days as there has been in the past.

The change in charges, the good weather, and the enthusiast helpers resulted in the highest gross income the booth has had in a given years in last 5 years- \$1654. After the Renfest gets their 15% this makes the net total \$1405.90. Once again we had our donation box (a idea Laurence started in 2010) which brought in \$116.84 this year. This is not subject to the RenFest getting 15%. Thus, we made \$1522.74. Unfortunately we had extra expenses in 2011. As usual we had to pay \$170 for liability insurance. And, with all the improvements that had to be made; well that cost \$1100. Thus, the net income comes to \$252.74.

We need to thank all that worked. Rick worked every single weekend, driving from his home in Peabody, KS. Working a whole weekend with Rick were Tom Moloney, Duane Johnson,

Neil Andrews, and Tom Martin. Joe and Spence Conklin worked two days out of the three day Labor Day weekend. After that the schedule was mainly filled with many people working single days. Working single days were Laurence Coker (x2), Jack Pearce, David Rubenstein, Oliver Rubinstein, Bob Craig, Ansar Lemon, Zoe Lemon, Brian Yang, Joe Conklin (x2), Spencer Conklin, David Cheng, Tony Cheng, Bob Spies, Bill Quinlan (x2), David Blair, Tom Moloney, and CJ Armenta and his son. All working a full weekend received a free year's membership in KCA.

Major renovation on our booth is again required in 2012. The roof and sides of the booth have been there since the booth started in 1995. The siding and roof will have to be replaced as well as a few of the support poles. All this took considerable negotiating with the RenFest management, something Rick has been diligently doing. Otherwise we would not have had our booth after the 2010 season.



PARTICIPANTS AT THE BOOTH



FRIENDLY VISITOR TO THE BOOTH (Duane Johnson pictured far right, others unknown to author)

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