

## KANSAS CHESS NEWS June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2013

The big news is the upcoming **Kansas Open** July 12<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup>, 2013 to be held in **Wichita**. It is hoped this will be a big event. There are four main events going on during the weekend. There is the **Blitz** event scheduled for Friday July 12<sup>th</sup>. The event is called Blitz this year because of the new USCF rating category started in 2013. Any event game in 5 minutes till game in 10 minutes is now classified as Blitz. In the past USCF has called this event a Quick event. As hardly anyone has a Blitz rating at this point, most people will use there Quick rating, and if that is not available, then their Regular rating. The **Bughouse** is to follow the Blitz event. Once again the event features teams of two players playing two games of game in 5 minutes against other teams of two players. The number of rounds is to be determined by the director (Brian Yang). Hopefully there will be at least four rounds. Prize money for these two events will not be paid until the next day.

The **main tournament** features two events. Anyone from any state can play in this event, but they have to be current with a USCF membership. Only Kansas residents are required to have Kansas Chess Association membership. The Open section is Open to all. There is no rating restriction. The **state champion**, a Kansas resident, comes from this section. The Reserve section is only for players rated 1799 or below including unrated players. The Reserve section has plaques to be awarded to scholastic players playing at scholastic rates, no money prize. Details are in our ad <http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2013KansasOpenFlier2.pdf>

In conjunction with the Kansas Open is the **Kansas Chess Annual business meeting** on Sunday morning. In conjunction with this meeting this year is a free breakfast for Kansas Chess Association members. Non-members can eat, but have to pay \$10 each. And, total participation for the breakfast is not to exceed 60 participants. It is hoped that members will register in advance for this so we can get an accurate head count.

In the meeting other than finances and voting for new officers there is a vote on **changes in the KCA constitution**. Please read this in advance as no copies will be handed out at the meeting. <http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/Constitution2013Revision.pdf>

Otherwise since my last newsletter, things have been relatively quiet in adult chess. The big **State Scholastic Championship** was in Wichita March 9<sup>th</sup>. There were 591 participants. The K-12 section was USCF rated this year with 147 in the section. Tied at 5.5 out of 6 were Tony Cheng and Venkata Malladi. [http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa\\_joomla/XtblMain.php?201303091942](http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtblMain.php?201303091942)

Check Kansas Scholastic Chess website to see Denker, Barber, and all-girls champion to US Open to be held in Madison, Wisconsin July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 4<sup>th</sup>. <http://www.ksca.us/>

Since the last newsletter there have been three Kansas tournaments: The March 30<sup>th</sup> Spring Roll Open tournament, the April 13<sup>th</sup> ICCC tourney, and the June 1<sup>st</sup> ICCC tournament.

The **Spring Roll tournament** had 37 players in two sections, and Open section and a section limited to players rated under 1599. The Open section was won by Missouri player Ron Luther with 3.5 points out of 4 rounds. Three players tied at 3.0 points: Steven Rand, Shaktiprasad Shimpi, and Alex Esposito. CJ Armenta and Adam Albright tied for first place in the Reserve section with 3.5 points out of 4. With 3.0 points were Sheena Zeng, William Liu, and Peter Doran. Participants got a free Chinese lunch. [http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa\\_joomla/XtblMain.php?201303307932](http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtblMain.php?201303307932)

The **ICCC (Indian Creek Community Church) April tourney** was held April 13<sup>th</sup>. Jason Qian again directed this tourney with 17 participating in one section. Abhishek Mallela and Joey Kelly finished in first with 3.5 points out of 4. There were 4 players tied with 2.5 points. [http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa\\_joomla/XtblMain.php?201304132172](http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtblMain.php?201304132172)

The **ICCC June tourney** as held June 1<sup>st</sup>. 16 players participated. Finishing first with a perfect score, 4 wins in 4 games, was Missouri player Ron Luther. Mohammedreza Hajiarbabi finished second with 3.0 points out of 4.0. [http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa\\_joomla/XtblMain.php?201306010822](http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtblMain.php?201306010822)

There is **another ICCC tourney** scheduled for August 3<sup>rd</sup>, three weeks after the Kansas Open. <http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2013ICCCAugustFlier.pdf>

Finally, **Kansas Grandmaster Conrad Holt** finished in 5<sup>th</sup> place out of 24 players in the US Closed Chess Championship in St. Louis in May with 5.5 points out of 9. The tourney was won my Gata Kamsky with 6.5 points. Conrad grew up in Wichita, the site of this year's Kansas Open. Maybe we will see him at the Kansas Open?

Sincerely,  
Laurence Coker (BELOW-A COUPLE OF PICTURES)



JASON QIAN directing one his tourneys recently



Recent GM Conrad Holt picture