

WINTER CHESS NEWS

Much has happened since the summer edition of PLAINS CHESS was put out after the 2013 Kansas Open.

One event occurring with the Kansas Open was the annual meeting with the election of officers. At the meeting **Rick Hodges was re-elected President** and Brian Yang was elected Vice-President. Soon after the meeting it became apparent that Rick was going to have to leave the state to New York for a new job. Thus, Brian Yang became President. He appointed a new Vice-President, Dan Holmes, who had been the editor of the PLAINS CHESS bulletin the previous year.

Rick Hodges, in addition to his position as President was in charge of the **Renaissance Festival Booth**, the major fund raiser for the Kansas Chess Association. He had been in charge the previous year also. I volunteered to take over for Rick in this capacity. It seemed logical especially considering I had been in charge from 2005 to 2010. In addition to communication between Rick and the Renfest management during the off season, Rick had gotten together a signup sheet for volunteers for the Renfest. So, much of this work, the signup sheet, had already been done by Rick when I took over. Everybody just needed to show up to work.

Renfest management started a few things this year that were not in place in previous years. One change was to require photo ID badges for some participants. Another change was to require entrance of volunteers through the E gate, not the main gate. But, the only real significant change was the addition of a new fee this year, a fee we had to pay to the city of Bonner Springs (\$55).

For those that don't know, the Renaissance Festival runs seven weekends. It always starts on Labor day weekend and often stops on Columbus Day weekend, which it did this year. After all was said and done we brought in \$1306 including donations made at the booth. If that was the amount we get to keep that would be great. But, we have to pay liability insurance, fee to Bonner Springs, and maintenance fees on the booth. And, we have to pay Renfest 15% of our money that our booth makes, not counting donations. Thus, in the end we made \$843.

Special thanks go out to our volunteers this year which includes Spencer and Joe Conklin, myself, Bob Spies, Raymond Paul, CJ and Thomas Armenta, Tom Moloney, Darius Masuhud, William Quinlan, Ben Gradsky, Collette Wright, Troy and Zach Schuh, Joey Kelly, Hyung Ju Nam, Diane and Logan Camarda, Kyle Camarda, Peter Lesslie, Andrei Elliot, Duane Johnson, and Tom Martin. I hope I did not leave anyone's name off this list.



Hyung Ju Nam, Laurence Coker, Joey Kelly at the Renaissance Booth

Other News: There have been a number of tournaments. Jason Qian has directed **three tournaments at the Indian Creek Community Church** in Olathe, KS since the 2013 Kansas Open, one August 3rd, one October 12th, and one more recently- December 7th. Participation varies with 22, 20, and 12 participants respectively. In August Abhishek Mallela, Joey Kelly, and David Saylor finished tied with 3.5 points out of 4.0 points possible. In October Bob Holliman and Abhishek Mallela finished tied with 3.5 points. In December Joey Kelly and Bob Spies finished tied for first with 3.0 points in this four round event. With the last tourney, scholastic player Joey Kelly achieved his first expert rating.

Cross tables for each event are as follows

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Jason Qian directing one of his tourneys

This year, as has been the case in the previous two years, there have been smaller **adult tournaments held in conjunction with scholastic tourneys**. So far this year both tournaments have been four rounds of game in 25 minutes with a 4 second delay making the tournaments Quick rated only. The **Sunset Hill/West Middle School Lawrence, KS tournament** was held November 9th. The tourney directed by Kyle Camarda had 8 participants with Shams Shaik finishing in first with 3.5 points.

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The **Cordley Tournament** was also held in Lawrence, Ks on December 7th and was directed by Brian Yang. There were 6 participants with Kyle Camarda finishing in first with 4 points. http://main.uschess.org/assets/msa_joomla/XtblMain.php?201312077652
At the time of this writing it is unknown if there are any more of these smaller Quick rated events scheduled for 2014.

The **Lindsborg Open** was held December 14th. It was run in conjunction with a scholastic tourney at Smoky Hill High school in Lindsborg. The time control was game in 60 with 5 second delay. The four round tourney only had seven players and was won by tourney director Gabriel Purdy and participant Zachary Walling, both with 3 points out of 4 possible. <http://main.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?201312144992-13523534>

The **New Year Bash** tourney, directed by Brian Yang, was held January 4th in Overland Park. It drew 50 players, 20 in the Open and 30 in the Reserve. CJ Armenta was the assisting tourney director. Finishing in first place in the Open were Missouri players Ron Luther and Abhishek Mallela with 3.5 points out of 4 possible, each with three wins and one draw. There was a three way tie for third place between Sam Un, Joey Kelly, and Jason Wawrzaszek. Each had 3 points. Unusual in the Reserve section, it was won by unrated player Oliver Ashworth with 4 wins in 4 tries. Finishing in second place was another unrated player, Shu Glashausser with 3.5 points out of 4 possible. There was a four way tie for third place with Hyung Ju Nam, Zachary Walling, Matthew Webb, and Nathan Otten all scoring 3 points, all with 3 wins and 1 loss.
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I am working on getting some games and will update this bulletin later. To date no one has submitted any games for the next issue of PLAINS CHESS. Brian Yang did use non-carbons score sheets with copies for his New Year Bash tourney and I have some games for that tourney. Games are to follow.

Be sure to attend the next ICCC tourney to be held February 15th.
<http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2014ICCCFebruaryFlier.pdf> And, don't forget about the Kansas Open July 18th to 20th at the Holiday Inn at I-35 and 87th st.

2014 Kansas Open July 18th to 20th, 2014 Holiday Inn, 8787 Reeder Rd., I-35 and 87th St, Overland Park, KS

<http://www.ihg.com/holidayinn/hotels/us/en/overland-park/mkcpc/hoteldetail/directions>

SAME LOCATION AS 2012

Format similar to 2013 except Bughouse starts at 4pm on Friday

Flier- <http://www.kansaschess.org/htdocs/2014KansasOpenFlier.pdf>

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