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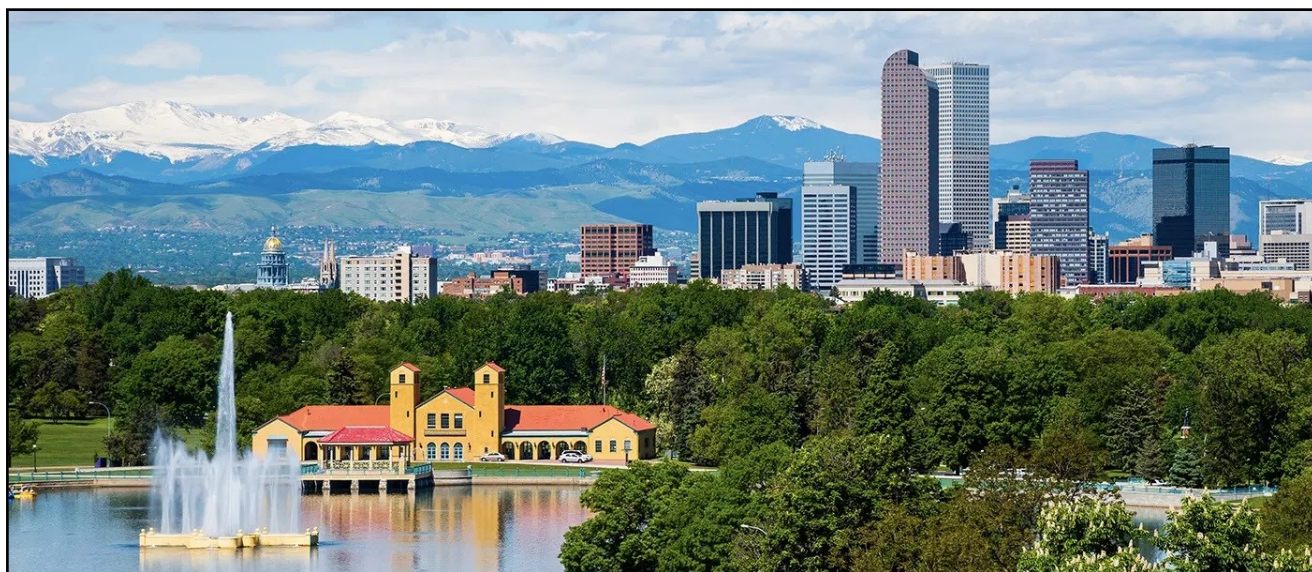
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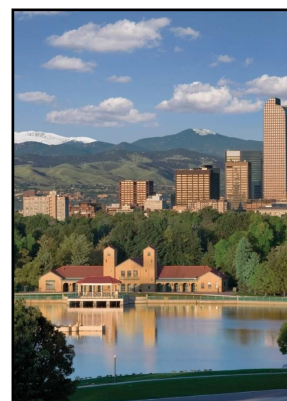
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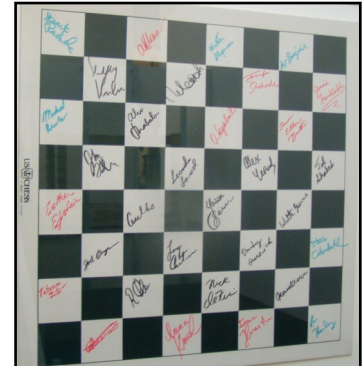
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Introduction

When starting this project, I envisioned it to be entitled “History of the Denver Chess Club”.

Of course, the Denver Chess Club (DCC) is the main focus, but the Denver chess scene reaches well beyond the reaches of the DCC – included are other chess events (local and national), clubs, venues, and notable players over the years who contributed to Denver’s rich chess history.

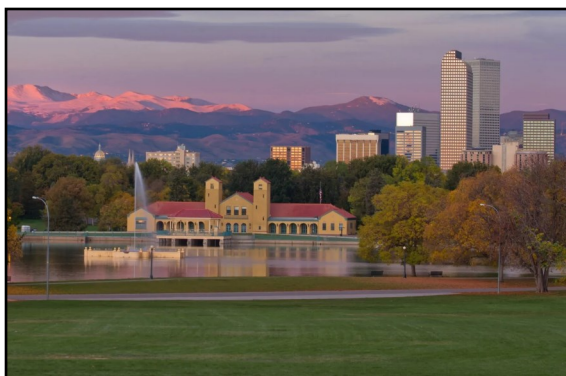
Sources are from players who were active throughout the years (special thanks to Brian Wall, Curt Carlson, Jeff Maguire, Bob Ascher, Jim Roode, Andy Rea, and Alan Bardwick), writings of CSCA’s first Historian John Harris, old *CSCA Bulletins* and *Informants*, John Howell’s chess notebooks, and the *History of Colorado Chess* (a 41 page work published in 1993) by Timothy J. Jovick which confirms much of what was reported in the previously listed sources.

Many of the photographs were taken by Royal Franklin in the mid-1970s when he was *CSCA Bulletin* Editor, President, and for many years a CSCA Board Member.

Included in the appendices are a list and some photos of the Denver Chess Club Presidents and Champions, Denver Open Champions (sponsored by the Denver Chess Club), locations of the club throughout the years, and GM Simultaneous exhibitions held in Denver - these were usually a cooperative effort between the DCC and the Colorado State Chess Association (CSCA).

The Denver Chess Club has had three main permanent sites – the Central Denver YMCA (early 1930s-1973), the Heart O’Denver Motor Hotel (1975-1979), and the Capitol Hill Community Center (1980-1987). My father Alan and I spent a lot of time at the latter two sites during my younger and teenage years.

Other related historical articles not included here are in the Special Issue *Colorado Chess Informants* “Bobby Fischer’s Visits to Colorado” dated August 2018 and “Colorado Chess Hall of Fame” dated May 2024.



Early Years

In September 1859, a chess club was formed in the Auraria-Denver area by William Byers, first owner of the *Rocky Mountain News*, which carried news of its meetings. The club had about 20 members and had regular meetings.

The next record of an organized Chess Club in Denver was at the old Denver Athletic Club, which ran back to the turn of the century. It was frequented in the 1930's by a minister, "Doctor" William Scott, whom Arthur K. Underwood (a partner in a prominent Denver law firm as well as the 1950 Denver City Champion and 1952 Colorado State Champion) characterized as "the best player in the state for a number of years." The Denver Athletic Club had a fine, luxurious atmosphere with a nice room to play in and quality sets and tables. The room was ideal for exhibitions (George Koltanowski once gave a blindfold simultaneous exhibition there).

Some of the more prominent players at the Denver Athletic Club were Donald Pick, Burt Gobble, Pier Fuller, and Henry Tull (a prominent Denver lawyer).

Frank Fetzer (a one-time Justice of the Colorado Supreme Court) took on most of the organizational aspects of the Denver Athletic Club Chess Club up until the end of World War II. Fetzer brought Al Horowitz, George Koltanowski, and other chess luminaries to Denver.

Central Denver YMCA Chess Club (Denver Chess Club)

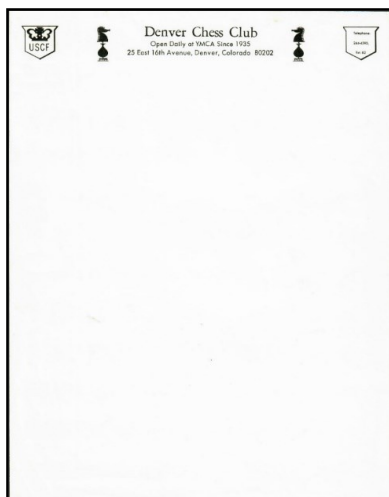
The exact year the Denver Chess Club formed is unknown.

According to Jovick, "The Denver Chess Club was founded in the mid-1940s and was sponsored through the YMCA on an informal level."

The Denver Chess Club letterhead says it was "Open Daily at YMCA Since 1935" (see below).

According to a *Rocky Mountain News* article dated January 21, 1963 (a copy is on page 39 of the Special Issue *Colorado Chess Informant* "Colorado Chess Hall of Fame" dated May 2024), the Central YMCA Chess Club was founded more than 30 years earlier (than 1963).

The YMCA club met in Room 205 and was open daily.



DCC letterhead

It was run by Merle Reese (and his brother) until his death. Reese ran “Reese’s Hamburgers” chain, a chain that later took the form of “Reese’s Coffee Shops”.

The YMCA club had a number of strong players: John H. Meyers (who was born in the same town and on the same day as Winston Churchill), Mr. Harrison, Roy Ruby, Donald L. Crooks, Walt Neill (who was still a member into the mid-1990s), Bernie Dornbods, and Mr. Anema.

Walter de Havilland, one of the first Westerners to play the ancient Chinese game Go at a high level, attended the YMCA club. He was the father of Academy Award-winning actress Olivia de Havilland (who played Melanie Hamilton in *Gone with the Wind* for which she received an Oscar nomination for Best Supporting Actress) and actress Joan Fontaine (who appeared in more than 45 films).

Prior to 1950, tournaments were informally organized by a notice on the YMCA bulletin board. The Denver City Championship was a great deal stronger than the Colorado State Championship back in those days due to the format since the Denver Championship could be stretched out over a number of weeks, allowing players to arrange their schedules to their own convenience.



Walter de Havilland

In the 1960’s one of the strongest players was George Tufts (1887-1978) from Boston, who according to John Harris, “dropped in for a visit and stayed the rest of his life”.

In those early days, the YMCA Chess Club had a few matches with the Denver Athletic Chess Club and occasionally with an out-of-town club.

John Howell's daughter Cathy remembers in the late 1950's that her dad played chess frequently at the YMCA in downtown Denver at the Denver Chess Club. She recalls, "My mom would drive downtown w/me & Liz, and she would park and have us run into the YMCA, up the staircase to an upper floor, and find Dad in the chess room, which was quite smoky & ill-lighted."

Jeff Maguire hung out at the YMCA Club in 1966-67 before going to college. He recalls climbing a flight of stairs to get to the room which was about 20' x 20' with about 10-12 brown and beige tile chess boards with nice, heavy bakelite (a synthetic plastic) pieces. Jeff doesn't remember if the room had a window. An older gentleman, Harry Tuff, the caretaker of the club, would post chess articles and the New York Times chess puzzle on the bulletin board. Joe Mirsky, George Pipiringos, Herb Cole, and John Harris were regulars at the club.

A game from the 1951 Colorado State Championship between Julius Partos (who won the tournament) and Virgil Harris (1952 Denver Open Champion) was analyzed in the famous book, *Pawn Power in Chess*, by Hans Kmoch.



Al Hulmes

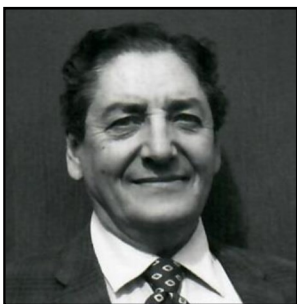


1953 Colorado Open

The Denver Chess League formed in April of 1958. Alfred W. Hulmes, Jr. (Denver Open Champion in 1955 and 1957) was the first Vice President of the league, which by 1959 had upwards of 150 members on its 6-man teams. The League met biweekly during the winter and played a round-robin tournament; its membership consisted of college students, engineers, bankers, and geologists. Companies participating were Gates Rubber Co., Schwayder Brothers, Inc., Denver Martin Co. plant, Central Bank of Denver, Stearns-Roger Mfg. Co., Denver Equipment Co., U.S. Geological Survey teams, Colorado University, Colorado Highway, Denver Chess Club, Cavaliers' Chess Club, and Sundance Oil Company.

Dr. George N. Pipiringos

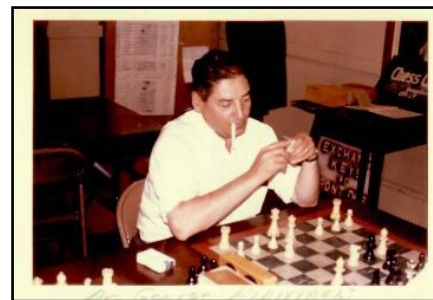
Dr. George N. Pipiringos was the CSCA President from 1961-1963. Pipiringos was a geologist who played on the U.S. Geological Survey Chess Team.



George Pipiringos



John Harris & Pipiringos



Pipiringos -1967

Pipiringos was Denver Chess Club President (1961-62) and one of the organizers of the Denver Chess League, which developed out of the Denver Industrial Chess League. In 1962, Pipiringos helped launch the *Denver Chess League Bulletin*, the predecessor of the *CSCA Bulletin*.



Denver Chess League – September 1966

George was Colorado State Director of the USCF for three terms and initiated and played in three annual Colorado/New Mexico interstate tournaments. He was instrumental in obtaining the first Chess Week Proclamation (January 20-26, 1963) for the City and County of Denver, in celebration of Larry Evans' 1962 victory in the U.S. Invitational.

Pipiringos was also an arbitrator with the USCF during the 69th U.S. Open at Snowmass in Aspen. In 1975 he was awarded the second annual Appreciation Award.

Pipiringos was Colorado State Champion in 1958 and 1961.

Grandmasters who stayed at Pipiringos' home while they were in Denver include Sammy Reshevsky, Larry Evans, Bobby Fischer, William Lombardy, Robert Byrne, Svetozar Gligoric, and Lajos Portisch.

John Howell

John Howell, a landman in the oil business, was the CSCA President from 1964-1965, and the Denver Chess Club President through most of the 1960s and several years in the 1970s.



Bob Shean and John Howell - 1978

Howell was a member of the Denver Chess Club for over 25 years. In 1963 the Denver Chess Club fell on difficult times; financing was non-existent and membership dropped to 14 men. John launched a drive to save the Club and during the next 8 years, held every office on the Board of Directors from President to Playing Team Captain.

John also followed through with CSCA's negotiations with the Heart O' Denver for permanent meeting quarters there for the Denver Chess Club. In 1975, Howell stepped in again to bail out the floundering Denver Chess Club which had gone through a number of hardships including mismanagement, embezzlement, and loss of a meeting place.

Howell copyrighted the Denver Chess Club name in 1975 for \$5.00.

Howell made numerous trips to the USCF Headquarters in New York to lay the ground work for the 1968 US Open at Snowmass at Aspen. Along with John Harris, Michael Ohnmacht, and Dr. Harold Harvey, Howell was influential in promoting the 1968 US Open in Aspen.

John was the USCF Region VII Vice-President from 1965-1969 and arranged for simuls in Denver by Sammy Reshevsky (twice), Larry Evans (twice), Bobby Fischer (1964), William Lombardy, Anatoly Lein, and Laszlo Szabo.

He was a liaison between Denver Chess Club and Denver Petroleum Club to sponsor the Colorado Junior Championship (1967-1974) and because of contributions from sponsors, no entry fees were required.



John Harris & John Howell

Howell was Co-Chairman to General Chairman Caswell Silver for the 1971 Fischer-Larsen World Championship Quarterfinal Match in Denver, held on the Temple Buell College Campus (today Denver School of the Arts).

John Harris was CSCA President at the time and Admissions Director for the Fischer-Larsen match.

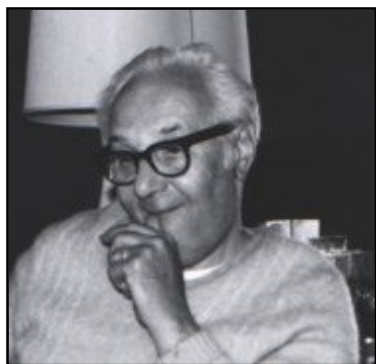
Howell and Silver wrote the checks to help get the match in Denver. This was the first of its kind event held in the U.S. and made the cover of *Life Magazine* and was also featured in *Sports Illustrated*.

Howell acted as chairman of the 1977 U.S. Junior Invitational Championship held at the Denver Petroleum Club.

For his endless efforts to promote chess John Howell was the recipient of the 4th Annual Appreciation Award from CSCA in 1977.



1977 US Junior Invitational - John Howell (l), Kenneth Regan (c), and GM Issac Kashdan (r)



Joe Mirsky

Joseph Mirsky was DCC President from 1972-1974 and increased club membership from 38 to over 300 players.

Chess popularity in the United States skyrocketed in these years of the “Fischer Boom” as Bobby Fischer captured the World Championship title from Boris Spassky in 1972.

In 1974 the Denver Chess Club moved for a year to the International House (later called the William G. Fisher home) at 1600 Logan Street, meeting on the 3rd floor in the Friendship Room.

Central Bank Chess Club (1958-1965)

Al Wallace, a founder of CSCA and Vice-President at the Central Bank and Trust, founded the Central Bank Chess Club in 1958 (15th and Arapahoe St.). The club was widely recognized and well-attended, even by visiting GMs.

1972 and 1973 DCC Champion Jim Roode recalls the Club met on Friday nights in a large, nice room. Casual tournaments, both rated and unrated, usually drew 15-20 people.

Wallace was the first president of the Denver Chess League, formed in 1959. Others on the board were Alfred Hulmes, Charles Schupp, and Claude Wood. Wallace was President of the Denver Chess League for two years and thereafter served as treasurer until his death in 1965.

Wallace was also treasurer of CSCA from 1963-65 and was presented with an Appreciation Plaque by CSCA in recognition of his work in and promotion of chess in Colorado. Wallace was much-loved and widely respected; with his cigar and trademark greeting, "Hiya Tiger! Come on in, I'll set up the board."

Wallace died on December 31, 1965 (Feb-March 1977 *CSCA Bulletin*, pg. 7).

On March 25-27, 1966, the CSCA instituted the 1st Al Wallace Memorial Tournament, held in the Gates Rubber Company cafeteria.



Al Wallace (l) and Caswell Silver ~1967

Gates Rubber Company Chess Club (1966-1972)

After Al Wallace passed, the Central Bank Chess Club moved to Gates Rubber Company (located at 999 South Broadway) and play continued there on Friday nights in 1966.

Jim Roode remembers big tournaments at the Club on weekends (including, he recalls, some years the Colorado Open). Gates had a nice, large room that held 60-80 people. Tournaments were held in the Roof Garden Cafeteria.

Clarence “Cap” McCuistion worked at Gates and ran the club.

Old-timers Brian Wall, Curt Carlsen, and Jeff Maguire have fond memories playing chess at Gates.

Chess House (1974-1976)

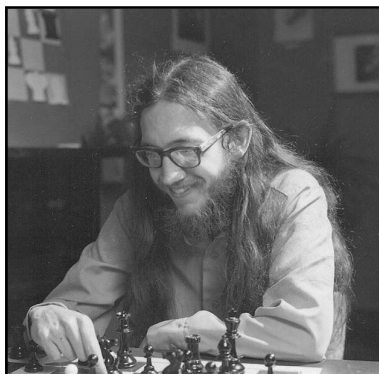
Twenty-two year old John Watson moved to Denver from Omaha in 1973 and on May 18, 1974, he and Chris Hendrickson opened The Chess House near downtown Denver at 138 West 5th Avenue.

The Chess House rapidly became the center of chess activity in Denver. Checkers, Scrabble, Go, and Backgammon were also popular there.

GM Bent Larsen visited The Chess House; John helped organize the Bent Larsen Simul on July 18, 1974.



The Chess House



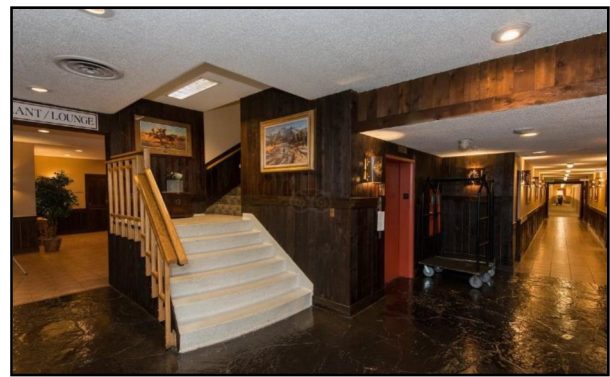
John Watson

Watson closed the Chess House in early 1976 and moved to Berkeley, California.

Heart O'Denver (1975 - July 1979)



In 1975, the Denver Chess Club moved to the Heart O'Denver Motor Hotel (later bought by Ramada Inn and in the early 1990s, Days Inn) on 1150 East Colfax Avenue between Marion and Downing Streets. [The Heart O'Denver was torn down in 2022 and is now an apartment complex called "The Vixen".]



The Colorado State Chess Association and Denver Chess Club held the majority of their major tournaments at the Heart O'Denver from the early 1970s to mid-1990s.

Tournaments were held in the spacious Coach, Terrace, Board, Exec, and Hunt rooms over the years. The Heart O'Denver had a nice swimming pool area off the larger ballrooms for skittles games during the warmer months.



1975 CSCA Board in the pool area at the Heart O'Denver

Chess tournaments were much different in the 1970s.

Games were played on heavy wooden boards, the tournament room was filled with the sound of ticking analog clocks, and often thick cigarette smoke. The United States Chess Federation banned smoking in tournaments in 1976.

Chess computers hadn't been invented yet and pairings were made by hand; CSCA had nice golden pairing card holders that would often be hung on a coat rack, where the TD would insert the pairing cards in the pouches next to the player's board number for each round.

Players were given carbon copy scoresheets; results were circled and signed by the players with the back yellow carbon page turned in to the tournament director at his table.

The public had to do some hunting in those days to find chess events - CSCA and DCC didn't have websites since the internet hadn't developed at that point.

The Denver Chess Club and CSCA mainly advertised by word of mouth to new players and the *CSCA Bulletin* was mailed to members. Some years the Denver Chess Club listed their phone number in the White Pages.



TD John Stein



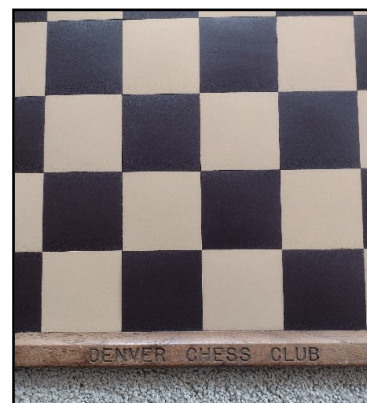
TD Dick Lazaro



Lazaro and Gil Humphrey

The Heart O'Denver provided a 24/7 physical home for the Denver Chess Club; members could check out keys at the front desk.

The DCC rented Rooms 334 and 335 (corner rooms overlooking Colfax Avenue and Marion Street) for several years. After a few years, the hotel wanted those rooms back for guests and the DCC moved to the first floor with an exterior door that opened onto Colfax Avenue, on the Downing Street side. A year later the rent increased and the DCC moved to 1439 Emerson Street.



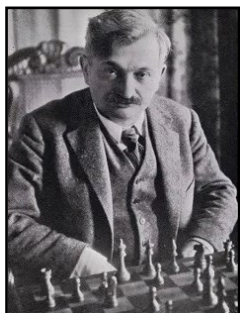
Royal Franklin made customized boards for the club in his home workshop

In the late 1977 time frame, there was a feud between Haynes Hendee and John Howell as to what the direction the club would take. Howell wanted it to remain a “good ole boys” type of club where the old timers would meet, while Hendee wanted regular tournaments. Hendee won and became President in 1978.

These framed posters of the early world champions adorned the walls of the club.



Steinitz



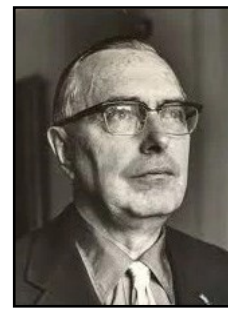
Lasker



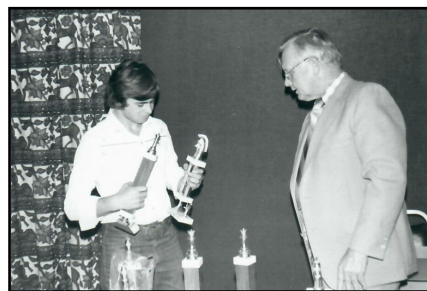
Capablanca



Alekhine



Euwe



DCC Board Meetings and Awards Breakfast Banquets held in the hotel restaurant



1977 DCC Breakfast Banquet



1978 DCC Awards



Paul Nikitovich simul



Dmitry Agrachov simul

Masters (and future Masters) of the 1970s



John Watson



Bob Shean



Don Sutherland, Robert Wendling, John Watson



Bob O'Donnell



Curt Carlson



Brian Wall



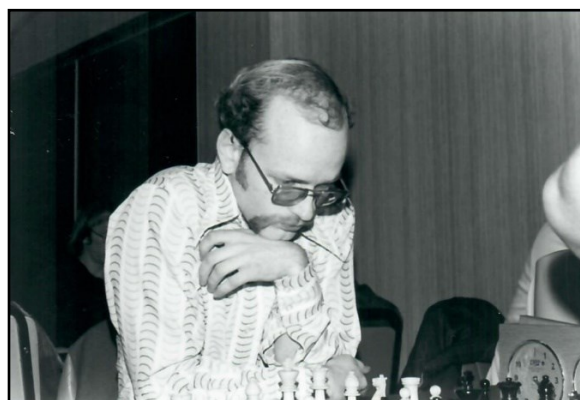
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Jim Hamblin



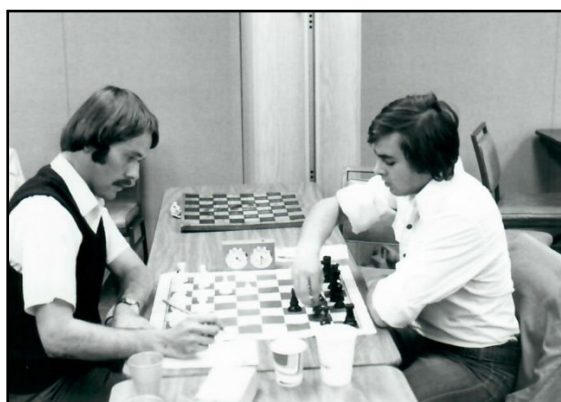
John Siddeek



Dave Jellison



Brian Wall & Dmitry Agrachov



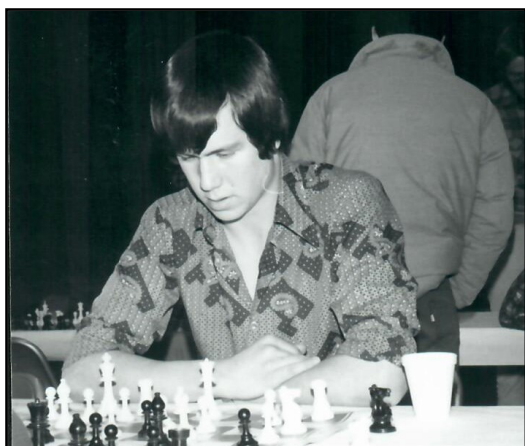
Bob Fordon & Dmitry Agrachov



Bob Fordon



Jerry Kearns



Randy Canney



Ray Haskins (Springfield)



Todd Bardwick & Yury Oshmyansky



Alex Fishbein

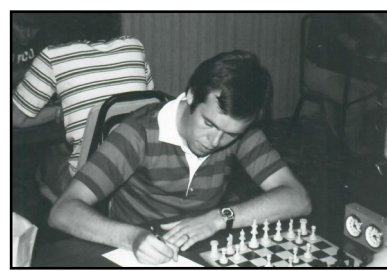
1970s Players



Haynes Hendee



Al Gardner



Bob Ascher



Bob Overdorf



Buck Buchanan



Christine Hendrickson



George Pipiringos



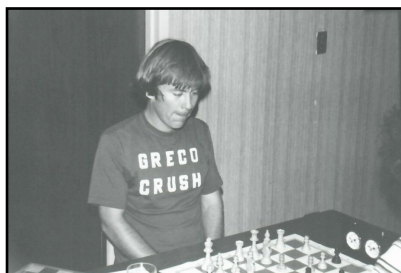
John Harris



Mike McDonnald



Scott Wicker



Vance Aandahl



Mike Steinhardt



Mark Sherbring



Jeff Maguire



Ron Leonhard



Martin "The Tuna" Deschner



Garth Courtois



Shawn MacMillan



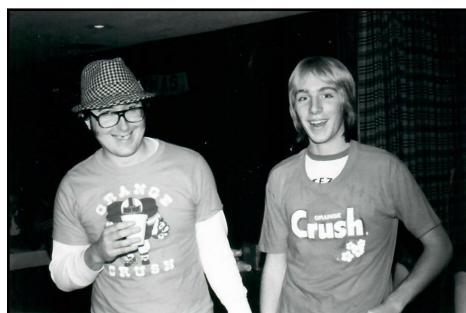
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Steve Smith (Wyoming)



Ray Doherty



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Pat Mahoney



Bob Shean & Alan Bardwick

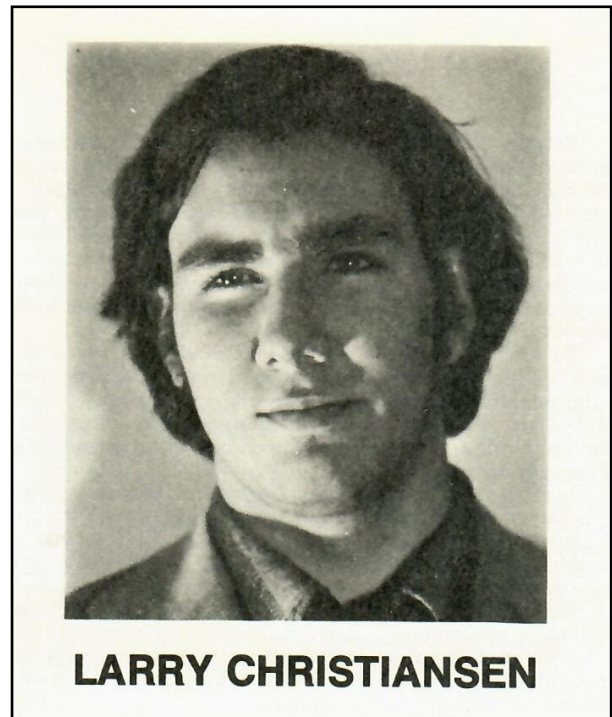
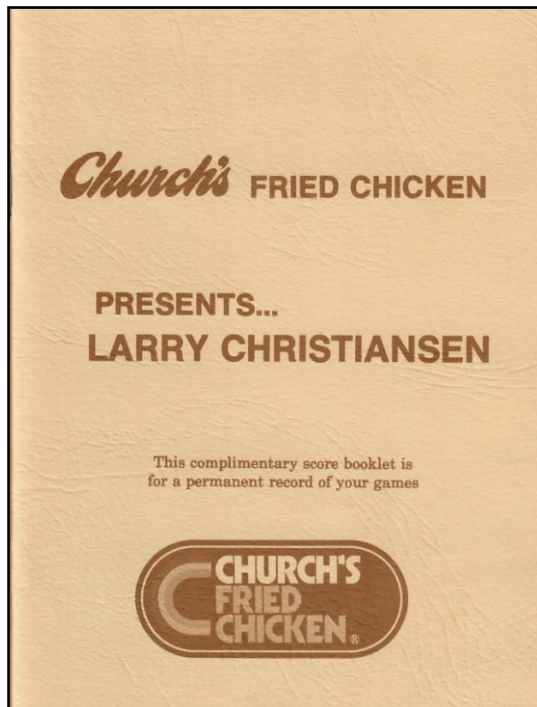
1439 Emerson Street (July 1979 – July 1980)

After leaving the Heart O'Denver, the Denver Chess Club rented a house about half a dozen blocks west at 1439 Emerson Street from chess player Richard Briel for a year. The Denver Chess Club met downstairs; Steve Jared lived upstairs and was the caretaker of the club.

Tournaments were held downstairs; in the 1980 March/April time frame GM Larry Christiansen gave a ten-board blindfold simul sponsored by Church's Fried Chicken at the house.

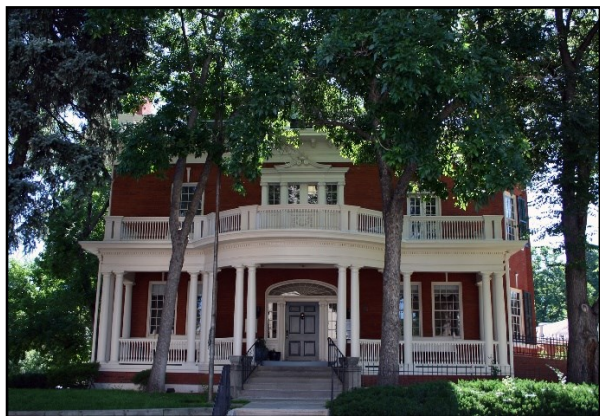
Mr. Church was a chess fan and sponsored Christiansen to give exhibitions across the country and promote his restaurant chain.

Christiansen played 1.e4 on Boards 1, 3, 5, and 7; 1.d4 on Boards 2, 4, 6, and 8; 1.g3 on Board 9 and 1.b3 on Board 10. The team of Brian Wall and Jeff Maguire were the only players to defeat the GM.



Capitol Hill Community Center

(July 1980 - November 1987)



After a year at Emerson Street, the Denver Chess Club moved to the basement of the Capitol Hill Community Center at 1290 Williams Street, where it made its home for over seven years.

The DCC had a private entrance on the east side of the building, down the stairs to a padlocked door with the combination RKR (rook king rook). Just inside the door, to the left, the club had its own private bathroom.

The basement was spacious with some natural light from the windows just below the ceiling that were at ground level of the building.

Royal Franklin's personalized wooden boards were on the tables and the posters of World Champions from the Heart O'Denver adorned the walls.

Members regularly hung out at the location; it was a site for skittles games at any hour of the day or night.

Dick Lazaro directed monthly rated tournaments for players under 1600 on Tuesday nights.

Monthly Open rated tournaments were played on Thursday nights, directed by Alan Bardwick.

Friday nights were regularly attended skittles night.

Blitz and g/30 tournaments were held on Saturdays. Sometimes the club would host larger weekend tournaments in the larger kitchen/banquet room on the main floor.

The Denver Chess Club thrived at the Capitol Hill Community Center - its last “permanent” home. Hopefully someday, the Denver Chess Club will save enough money to buy its own building to once again have a permanent location.



Denver Chess Club – since 1987

Since leaving the Capitol Hill Community Center in late 1987, the DCC has mostly met at various VFW Posts and churches on Tuesday nights. (see Appendix D for a complete list of Denver Chess Club locations throughout the years).

Tuesday night monthly rated tournaments (and the last few years expanding to include smaller Thursday night monthly rated tournaments), have been its main staple. The DCC Champion was usually the winner of the January Tuesday night tournament. (See Appendix B for a list of DCC Champions dating back to 1972.)

The Denver Chess Club has continued to sponsor the Denver Open to the current day. (See Appendix C for a list of Denver Open Champions dating back to 1950.)

Besides the Denver Open (usually held in late spring or summer), the DCC in recent years has also sponsored two other large weekend tournaments: The Tribute to Martin Luther King tournament in January and the Fall Classic in the fall.

Father's Day Bank Massacre (June 16, 1991)

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Father%27s_Day_Bank_Massacre

On the morning of Father's Day in 1991, the downtown United Bank was robbed for an estimated \$200,000 and four unarmed guards were murdered.

The Denver chess community and the Capitol Hill Community Center were front page news for the next year. The trial was broadcast nationally on Court TV.

Jim King, a long-time Denver chess player, ex-police officer, and previously a guard at the bank, was arrested for the crime on the evening of July 4, 1991.

Defense attorney Walter Gerash took on the case pro bono to defend King.



Jim King



Walt Gerash

1977 photos by Royal Franklin

King, who lived in Golden and had been inactive in the Denver chess scene since the DCC had moved in late 1987, testified that on the morning of the crime, he went to the Capitol Hill Community Center to look for a chess game – some 20 blocks from the scene of the crime.

The DCC didn't have a website at that time, so a chess player who was inactive wouldn't know the DCC had moved. Steve Jared, Larry Duke, Mike Presutti, Rodney Cruz, and Rick Garcia testified that they did not see King after the club left the community center – thereby not contradicting King's alibi.

Cruz testified that during his tenure as president of the DCC in 1990 that former members contacting him about the club's location was not uncommon.

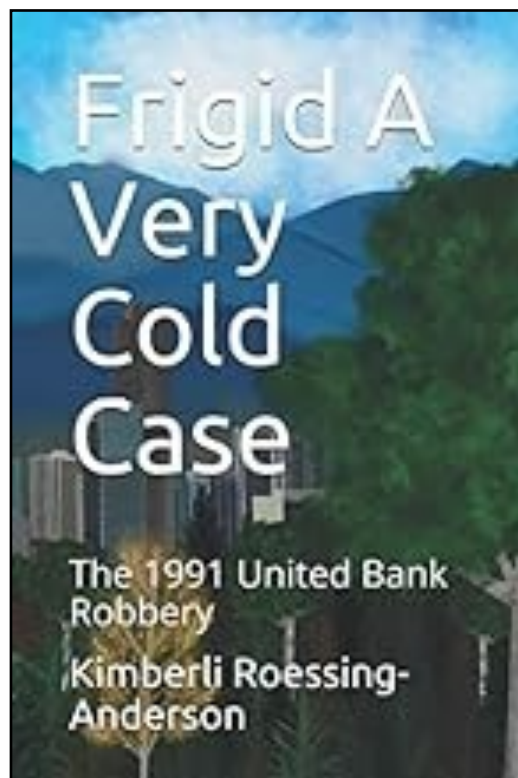
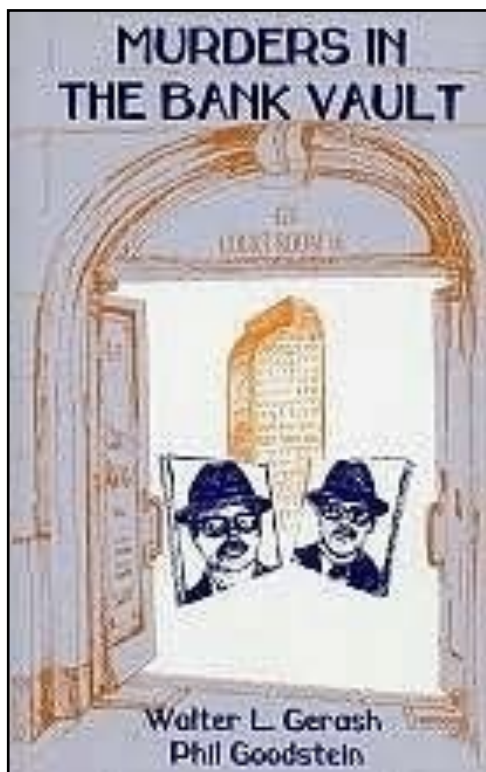
Buck Buchanan (as President of CSCA) testified and gave information about King's rated games and when they were played.

The prosecution looked foolish by calling Al Skarie to the stand as an "expert" on the Denver Chess Club; Skarie wasn't an active member at the DCC, he played at the Aurora Chess Club.

The verdict was read and King was acquitted of the crimes on Wednesday, June 17, 1992. King played his next rated game as a free man in the 1992 Colorado Open and played rated chess again at the Denver Chess Club through 1996. King passed away on May 21, 2013; Walter Gerash passed away on May 7, 2023 at the age of 96. <https://cl.cobar.org/departments/walter-gerash/>

Preliminary filming is completed to make the case into a documentary and is currently for sale to the networks.

A couple of great books have been written on the trial: *Murders in the Bank Vault – The Father's Day Massacre and the Trial of James King* by Phil Goodstein and Walter L. Gerash and *Frigid A Very Cold Case – The 1991 United Bank Robbery* by Kimberli Roessing-Anderson.



1987-1996 Colorado Masters

This 10-year period had by far the strongest collection of masters in Colorado Chess history. Listed ratings are the highest achieved by those who lived and played in Colorado during these years with ratings over 2200. The list is split in half with 1987-1991 ratings taken from *Colorado Chess Informants* for those years and 1992-1996 ratings from the USCF MSA – Membership Services Area database.

1987-1991

FM John Hall	2522
IM Alex Fishbein	2520
SM Randy Canney	2405
Jerry Kearns	2386
James Mann de Toledo	2375
John Dunning	2372
James McCarty	2355
Mikhail Ponomarev	2346
Dave Jellison	2323
Rob Karnisky	2291
Sam Quintanar	2275
John Siddeek	2273
Bob Fordon	2273
Ray Haskins	2252
Jim Hamblin	2241
Eric Beckman	2239
James Van Buskirk	2207
Joe Abbott	2206



Alex Fishbein

Colorado's only homegrown
Grandmaster (1992)



Fishbein vs. Kasparov

American Gambit - 1988

1992-1996

IM Steve Odendahl	2528
IM Mike Valvo	2470
FM David Lucky	2459
SM Michael Mulyar	2456
SM James McCarty	2416
Randy Canney	2395
Jerry Kearns	2377
Michael Ginat	2364
FM Renard Anderson	2359
Brian Wall	2328
Mikhail Ponomarev	2326
Arkady Katlyarevskiy	2307
Paul Nikotovich	2278
Bob Fordon	2261
Sam Quintanar	2263
Todd Bardwick	2249
Jim Burden	2247
Bruce Monson	2242
Rob Karnisky	2238
Buck Buchanan	2204
Eric Anderson	2204



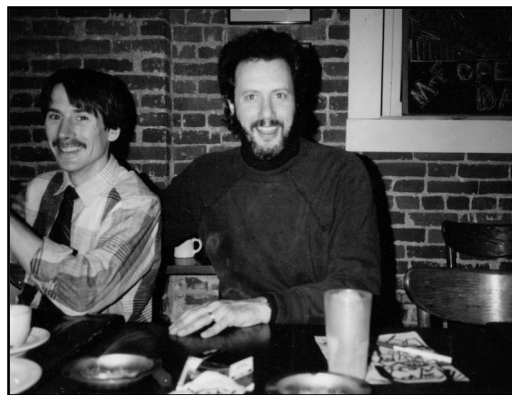
Michael Mulyar
 (IM title in 2001)
 Tied for 1st place in
 1999 & 2007 US Open

Downtown Denver Chess

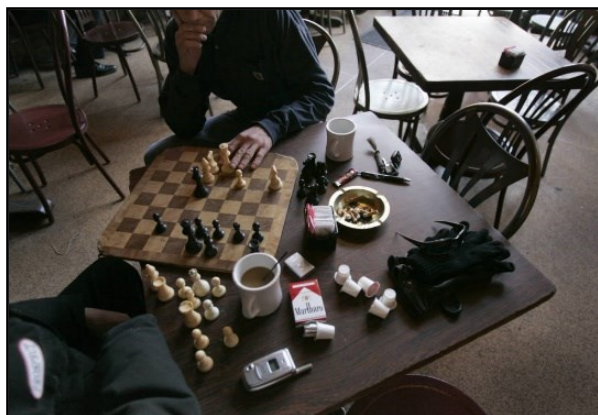
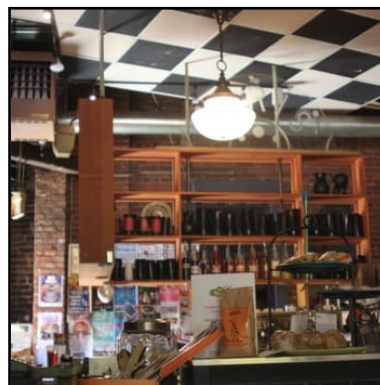
Paris on the Platte

Chess Expert Jeff Maguire opened the iconic Paris on the Platte Café and Bar in LoDo at 1553 Platte Street in 1986. Paris was a popular casual chess hangout until the cafe closed in 2013.

SM John Hall worked at the espresso cafe in the mid-1990's while writing several of his books edited by Ken Smith.



**Joe Eversole (I) and Maguire
at Paris on the Platte**



Chess Sculptures – 16th Street Mall

The original chess table sculpture on the 16th Street Mall in downtown Denver was placed in 1991 in front of the Rock Bottom Restaurant & Brewery, near Independence Plaza.

In January 2001, an additional chess sculpture was placed next to it and on the north sidewalk of the 16th Street Mall, just west of Court Street near Starbucks.

The sculptures were designed by Susan Wick, a local artist and tile specialist, and Doug Eichelberger, an artist and architect who specializes in concrete design.

Credit for the sculptures also goes to property owners on the mall; the Downtown Denver Business Improvement District, chaired by Linda Kaboth, for funding the project; and Councilwoman Elbra Wedgeworth for her support in adding the additional sculptures.



**West of Court Street
(near Starbucks)**



**In front of Rock Bottom Brewery
near Independence Plaza**



On warm days, it is often standing-room-only to watch and play, especially during lunch hour.

The diversity of players crosses all racial and socioeconomic groups and skill levels.

Grandmasters Joel Benjamin and Tal Shaked visited the original chess sculpture during the 1998 U.S. Championships in Denver.

In the summer of 2001, two new sculptures, *King* and *Queen*, were installed on Stout Street at the 16th Street Mall.

The giant chess pieces, created by artist Brian Swanson, serve as seating for the light-rail station and other 16th Street Mall visitors. They also have functional value with chess, backgammon, and Chinese checkers boards attached.

The theme was selected by Art at the Stations Inc., because of the popularity of the existing chess sculptures at Independence Plaza and Court Street. The RTD Board of Directors provided funding for the project.

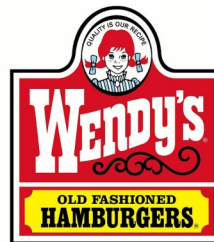


**Stout Street on the 16th Street Mall
near light-rail station**

Wendy's g/30

During the colder months around Christmas in 1991 and 1992, Expert Bill Engels held g/30 tournaments on Saturdays in the Wendy's Restaurant at 16th and Champa.

It was a spacious below-ground Wendy's catering mainly to the weekday lunch crowd, with an attached banquet room where the tournaments were held.



These tournaments were quite strong, drawing many masters and experts.

Chess Emporium

Chris Mink operated a branch of the Chess Emporium (from Phoenix) in Denver at 1616 Champa Street, Suite 200 from April 1996 to August 1997. It was a nice room on the second floor with book sales and decent parking options.

The Chess Emporium held mostly g/30 and quick chess tournaments on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday evenings, as well as on Saturdays and Sundays.

The Denver Chess Club met at the Chess Emporium during 1997 and it was the site of the 1997 Colorado Closed.

Corner Bakery

JC MacNeil ran double round-robin blitz tournaments from 2016-2019 on Saturday mornings at the Corner Bakery at 717 17th Street in the John Manville Plaza, near the Clock Tower.

Usually about 15 players regularly played in an extra back room of the bakery, behind a half-wall.



Chess Public Outreach

People's Fair

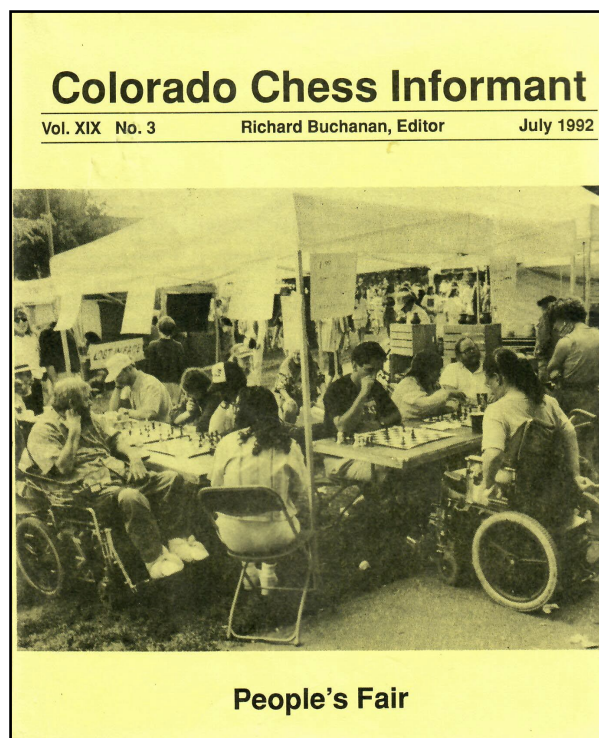
The Colorado State Chess Association and the Denver Chess Club partnered for years to rent a booth at the annual downtown People's Fair to promote chess.

The People's Fair was an annual event held in early June in Civic Center Park. Sponsored by the Capitol Hill United Neighborhoods, part of its mission was to fund community non-profit organizations.

At its peak, the fair had about 500 vendor booths. It was described as "Colorado's Premier Arts and Crafts Festival".

Buck Buchanan, as CSCA President, had run a successful chess booth (dressed as a monk) at the *Renaissance Festival* in Larkspur since 1985.

The People's Fair Chess booth ran from 1991-2001, and then again in 2004.



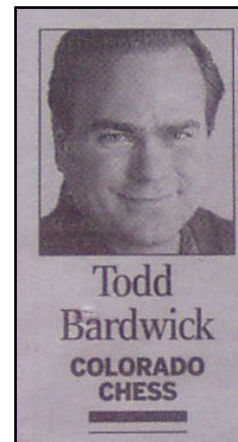
The Denver Chess Club supplied rated players all day to play against the fair's attendees, who paid a dollar to play. Information on the Colorado State Chess Association and Denver Chess Club was handed out to prospective new members.

Rocky Mountain News – Chess column



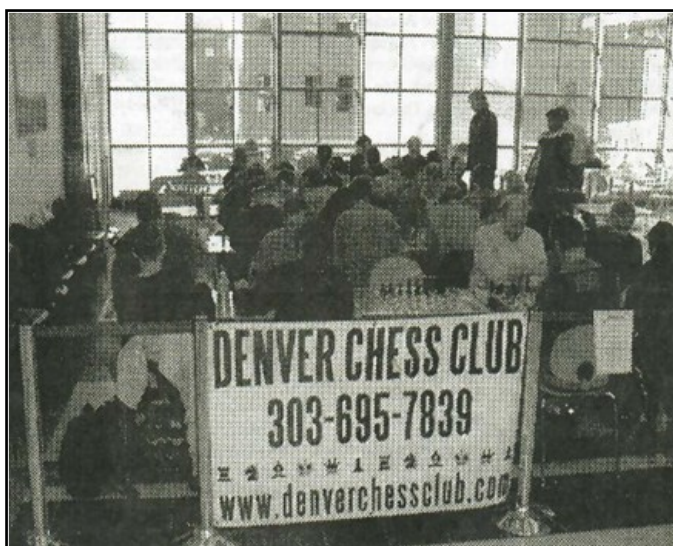
From September 1993 to the newspaper's closing in February 2009, Todd Bardwick wrote the Colorado Chess column on the first Monday of each month in the Spotlight Section of the *Rocky Mountain News* (the 11th largest newspaper in the country).

The column covered everything from CSCA Scholastic State Championship results, chess in the movies, interviews with sports stars who play chess, rules, lessons, local events, world chess news, games, players, unique Colorado chess sites, to obituaries of local players.



The Colorado Chess column was a critical piece in Denver's winning bid to host the 1998 US Championships due to the free local media coverage.

Tabor Center DCC tournaments



From 2003 to 2009 the Denver Chess Club held some of its weekend tournaments in a corner of the Tabor Center Food Court on the 16th Street Mall.

The tournament area could be seen by people passing by, but where traffic wasn't too loud to disturb the players.

Mall Simuls

It's Your Move game store sponsored Simultaneous Exhibitions by Todd Bardwick twice a year in Denver malls on Saturdays to promote chess and their stores from 2002 - 2012.

The simuls, averaging over 40 players, were held at Southglenn Mall, Southwest Plaza Mall, and Colorado Mills Mall. Players would pay \$5 for a chance to beat a chess master.

Information on the Denver Chess Club and Colorado State Chess Association was available to players and spectators.



Family Chess Knights at the Pepsi Center

From 2007 – 2016, Todd Bardwick gave chess lectures to thousands of people at the Pepsi Center (now Ball Arena) twice a year before Denver Nuggets and Colorado Avalanche games.

Attendees purchased discounted tickets for the game, a meal, and a lecture which included a chess lesson – followed by a blindfolded Knight's Tour where Todd would give out prizes from the gift shop to kids holding specific squares on the board. The grand prize for the final square was a piece of sports memorabilia autographed by a player on the home team.

Special guests marking the squares for the Knight's Tour included Denver Broncos center Tom Nalen, linebacker Ian Gold, and CU Buffaloes center Jay Leeuwenburg.



Tom Nalen marking squares for a blindfolded Knight's Tour in 2008

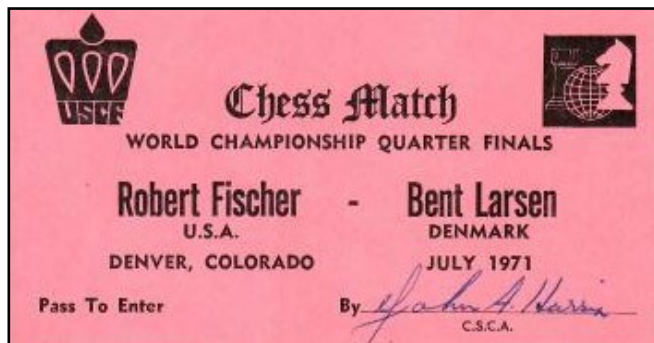
National Events

1971 Fischer – Larsen Match

The 1971 quarterfinal World Championship Match between Bobby Fischer and Bent Larsen of Denmark took place in Denver at Temple Buell College (now Denver School of the Arts).

Not only was this the most significant chess match held in Colorado, but also in the entire United States at the time.

Fischer won the match 6-0 and went on to become World Champion by defeating Boris Spassky in Reykjavik, Iceland in 1972.



Ticket prices were \$3 per game, or \$20 for a pass to the entire match.

A complete writeup of the match is in the August 2018 *Colorado Chess Informant* Supplement, entitled “Bobby Fischer’s Visits to Colorado”.

It is also on the USCF website at:

<https://new.uschess.org/sites/default/files/wp-thumbnails/2018/09/Fischer-visits-Aug-2018-1.pdf>

1977 U.S. Junior Invitational

Nine of the top-rated chess players under 21 in the country converged in Denver to play a round-robin tournament from August 27 - September 2, 1977.

The tournament was sponsored by the USCF, CSCA, and funded by the American Chess Foundation, several oil-producing companies, Friends of Chess, and the Petroleum Club of Denver. John Howell was the Chairman of the event held in downtown Denver at the Denver Petroleum Club.

The tournament produced Co-Champions John Fedorowicz and Kenneth Regan. Other participants were Yasser Seirawan, Paul Whitehead, Vincent McCambridge, Jonathan Tisdall, Thomas Costigan, Richard Costigan, and Jay Whitehead.

GM Isaac Kashdan directed the tournament and John Watson conducted game analysis in an adjoining room.



John Watson

See the October-November 1977 *CSCA Bulletin* for a writeup on the event.



1998 U.S. Championships and Senior Open

Denver outbid New York City and Hawaii to host the 1998 Interplay U.S. Chess Championships from October 30 - November 19 at the Doubletree Hotel at 3203 Quebec Street.

Andy Rea assisted Tournament Director Carol Jarecki. Craig Wilcox created a daily bulletin compiling the games and Todd Bardwick summarized the results and selected a position each day for his column in the *Rocky Mountain News*.



Champions Irina Krush and Nick DeFirmian

GM Nick DeFirmian led the Championships from start to finish, beating World Junior Champion GM Tal Shaked in his semifinal match and defending champion GM Joel Benjamin in the Finals.

GMs Boris Gulko, Alex Yermolinsky, Dmitry Gurevich, and Sergey Kudrin joined Shaked, Benjamin, and DeFirmian in qualifying for the 1999 FIDE World Championships in Las Vegas.

Fourteen year old Irina Krush easily won the Women's Championship for the first time in her career.

The 1998 U.S. Senior Open, held November 8-13, directed by Buck Buchanan, drew 45 players. The Senior Open was won by GM Arthur Bisguier (who beat Mikhail Ponomarev in the 4th round) with 5.5 points. David Reynolds was the top Colorado player, finishing with 4.5 points.

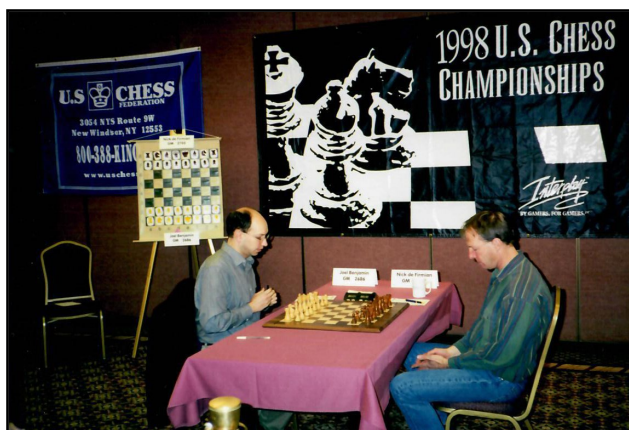
These two events and several other tournaments encompassed the Colorado Chess Festival.

Mary Nelson directed the 1998 Colorado Quick Chess Championships on November 7-8.

The Championship Section was won by IM Igor Ivanov. Mikhail Makhlin won the Saturday Swiss with a final round victory over James McCarty; Randy Canney won the Sunday Swiss.

Mary and Buck directed the US West Chess Festival Open on November 14-15. Igor Ivanov also won this tournament.

See the January 1999 *Colorado Chess Informant* for writeups, crosstables, and games.



Joel Benjamin vs. Nick DeFirmian in the Finals

Edward Levy Memorial Colorado Chess Classics

Bill Goichberg and Continental Chess held the 1st Edward Levy Memorial Tournament in Denver at the Doubletree Hotel at 3203 Quebec Street from April 19-21, 2002.

The event drew 325 players including 15 grandmasters and 6 international masters.

The Edward Levy family donated \$51,400 in prize money to sponsor the tournament.

Levy passed away in 2001 at the age of 91. He was a successful Denver businessman in the wholesale and manufacturing fields for many years. Edward and his wife, Ann, were involved in various cultural activities in Denver and throughout the country and always wanted to contribute to chess.

Levy's son Philip said, "Dad always thought that chess was an excellent model for thinking and planning and would be pleased that he could contribute to bringing a national tournament to Denver."

Grandmasters Gregory Kaidanov, Alexander Shabalov, Ildar Ibragimov, Giorgi Kacheishvili, and Alexander Stripunsky tied for first place with 4-1 scores in the Open Section. Colorado State Champion Michael Mulyar led the Colorado contingent with 3.5 points.



GMs Shabalov and Yermolinsky

Tournament crosstables are in the July 2002
Colorado Chess Informant.

The 2nd Edward Levy Memorial was held from September 18-21, 2003 at the Red Lion Hotel at 4040 Quebec Street.

Alexander Shabalov gave a simul on September 18.

The attendance dropped to 261 players, including 17 grandmasters and 5 IMs.

IM John Donaldson provided commentary and analysis of player games one hour after the start of each round for both Levy tournaments.

GM Alexander Shabalov won the Open Section of the tournament outright with a 4.5 score. Tied for second place with 4.0 points were GMs Alexander Stripunsky, Victor Mikhalevski, and IM Nazar Firman. Fifteen year-old GM Hikaru Nakamura finished with 3.0 and six-time US Champion Walter Browne finished with 2.0.

The current (and recent) 2003 Colorado Open Champion, GM Dashzegve Sharavdorj, who recently moved to Denver from Mongolia, led the Colorado contingent with 3.0.



GMs Kudrin, Ibragimov, and Mikhalevski



GM Stripunsky

See the January 2004 *Colorado Chess Informant* for tournament results.

Unfortunately, due to the disappointing turnout and lack of finding a future sponsor the tournament, this was the last year of the Levy tournament.

GM Dashzegve Sharavdorj dominated the Colorado chess scene when he lived in Denver from 2003 to 2009 by winning the Colorado Open in 2003, 2005-07, and 2009, as well as the 2009 Colorado Closed.

Sharavdorj was previously the national champion of Mongolia in 1993 and 1995.



GM Sharavdorj

2006 National Elementary Championship

Denver hosted the 2006 Bert Lerner National Elementary School (K-6) Chess Championships from May 12-14, 2006, at the Colorado Convention Center and the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

The event drew 1959 children from across the country who competed in nine sections in the largest chess tournament ever held in Colorado.

On Thursday, May 11, children participated in side events that included a Bughouse Championship, Blitz Championship, and GM Susan Polgar Simul.



GM Polgar Simul



2-6 room



K-1 room

Scholastic Chess

Since the mid-1970s, there have been a myriad of scholastic tournaments, clubs, and organizers in Denver (and throughout Colorado).

The annual Colorado State Scholastic Championships dates back to 1967. It was originally called the Colorado Junior Championship from 1967 to 1980. Bob O'Donnell was the first Colorado Junior Champion in 1967.

The Colorado State Scholastic Championships has been held in recent years at Arapahoe Community College, the Tivoli Center on the Auraria Campus, and the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds.



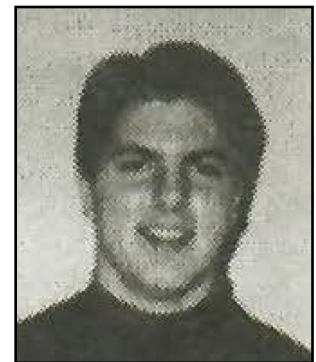
Bob O'Donnell in 1967



Alex Fishbein in 1982

Colorado State High School Champion, now GM, Alex Fishbein won the inaugural Denker Tournament of High School Champions in 1985.

The Rocky Mountain Chess Camp, founded by Todd Bardwick in 1995, is the oldest children's chess camp in the nation with thousands of kids having attended the camp over the years.



Josh Bloomer
(currently 2442)
won the inaugural 1995 Rocky Mountain Chess Camp

Other Denver Area Chess Clubs

Since leaving its last permanent home, the Capitol Hill Community Center, in 1986, the Denver Chess Club has remained the largest chess club in the metro area.

Many smaller, localized clubs have existed (and still operate) in other neighboring suburbs over the years. Here are some of the more prominent ones.

Aurora Chess Club

The Aurora Chess Club was the second largest metro area chess club for many years running from October 1986 through January 2012.

Run by Dave Quarve in the earlier years and later Jeff Baffo, it met at the Aurora Central Public Library at 14949 E. Alameda Parkway through early 2010.

The library provided two free rooms for skittles and an occasional lecture and weekend tournament. Later it met at the Smoky Hill Library and the Orchard Road Christian Center.

Highlands Ranch Library Chess Club

Since 1998, Frank Atwood runs the Highlands Ranch Library Chess Club (9292 Ridgeline Boulevard) that provides a social chess setting (averaging 20-25 players each night) for all levels, children and adults. It meets the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings each month.

Meetups

In 2011 David Costantino started a chess group on Meetup.com that teaches beginners and offers around ten events per week for players of all levels to play unrated casual blitz or untimed games.

The group integrates many of the chess clubs around the Denver metro area and partners with Denver Chess Club and others to be a central hub for chess in Denver.

All ages and abilities are welcome and encouraged to join, and the group's home page can be found at <https://www.meetup.com/learn-to-play-chess/>

Appendix A – Denver Chess Club Presidents

1961-62 Dr. George N. Pippingos

1963 Dr. Harlan Graves, John Howell

1964 John Howell

1965-66 Unknown (probably John Howell)

1967-71 John Howell

1972-74 Joe Mirsky

1975-77 John Howell

1978 Haynes Hendee

1979 Jeff Maguire

1980-86 Alan Bardwick

1987-89 Walt Gerash

1990 Rodney Cruz

1991-92 Richard Garcia

1993 Mike Presutti

1994-95 La Moyne Splichal

1996-99 Pat Bruno

2000-01 Martin Kelly

2002 Andy Rea

2003 Brad Johnson

2004 JC McNeil

2005 Andy Rea

2006-07 Bruce Bain

2008-10 Joe Haines

2011-13 Daoud Zupa

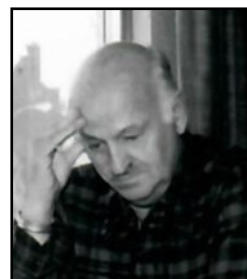
2014-21 Brian Wall

2022 Richard Shtivelband

2023-present Earle Wikle



George Pippingos



John Howell



Joe Mirsky



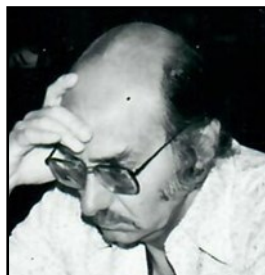
Haynes Hendee



Jeff Maguire



Alan Bardwick



Walt Gerash



Brian Wall

Appendix B - Denver Chess Club Champions

The DCC Championship was a 4 round, 2-day tournament in the years from 1972-1986.

1972 Jim Roode

1973 Jim Roode

1974 Bob Shean, Phil Salem

1975 Bob Shean

1976 Harold Linde

1977 Bob Shean

1978 Dmitry Agrachov

1979 Dmitry Agrachov

1980 Ray Haskins (Springfield)

1981 Todd Bardwick

1982 Todd Bardwick

1983 Todd Bardwick

1984 Carl Stahl

1985 Richard Garcia

1986 Alan Bardwick



Jim Roode



Bob Shean



Phil Salem



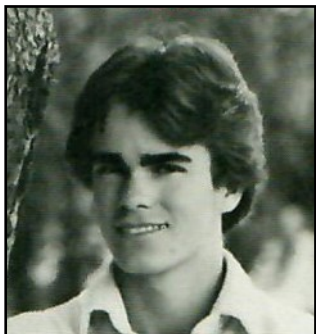
Harold Linde



**Dmitry Agrachov
(left, w/Tigran Petrosian)**



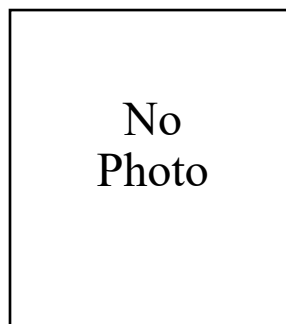
Ray Haskins



Todd Bardwick



Carl Stahl



Rick Garcia



Alan Bardwick

From 1987 - 1991 there is no known record of a DCC Club Championship tournament.

According to Brian Wall, from 1992 - 2001 and 2013 - present, the DCC Championship was the January Tuesday Night tournament. From 2002-2012 there was a specified DCC Championship with the year in the MSA, with exception of 2008. Since the date of the 2007 Championship fell between the 2006 and 2009 ones, it is called 2007-08.

The tournament reports in the USCF database for some years do not reflect the January tournament as the club championship as many different TDs submitted the tournament over the years.

The 1992 tournament is the earliest Denver Chess Club Championship in the USCF online database (MSA).

1992 Carl Stahl

1993 Jim Burden

1994 James McCarty

1995 James McCarty, Arkady Katlyarevskiy

1996 James McCarty

1997 David Bowers, Chris Mink

1998 Safet Mehinagic

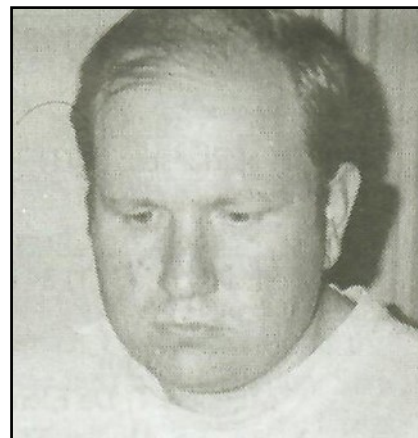
1999 Sean Scott, Larry Turner

2000 Joe Bihlmeyer

2001 Kent Evenson, Randy Schine, Mitchell Anderson

2002 Chris Mink, Mike Presuitti

2003 Philipp Ponomarev



James McCarty

2004 Brian Wall, Tyler Hughes
2005 Marc Jimenez
2006 Eddie Ong
2007-08 Robert Ramirez, Duy Nguyen
2009 Daoud Zupa
2010 Robert Ramirez
2011 David Hartsook
2012 Brian Wall
2013 Brian Wall, Chris Peterson
2014 Chris Peterson
2015 Brian Wall
2016 Brian Wall
2017 Brian Wall
2018 Josh Bloomer
2019 Richard Shtivelband
2020 Jesse Hester
2021 No tournament – COVID-19
2022 Richard Shtivelband
2023 Daniel Herman
2024 Eamon Montgomery



Brian Wall

Appendix C - Denver Open Champions

(Years with a single champion were either won outright or on tiebreaks. No tiebreaks were announced in years with co-champions, but names are listed in what would be tiebreak order.)

1950	Arthur K. Underwood, Jr.	1968	Harlan J. Graves
1951	Jack L. Hursch, Jr.	1969	David W. Baker
1952	Virgil W. Harris, Jr.	1970	Vance Aandahl
1953	Jack L. Hursch, Jr.	1971	Robert N. Wendling
1954	Max Wilkerson, Jr.	1972	James E. Hamblin
1955	Alfred Hulmes, Jr.	1973	Robert E. O'Donnell, Jr.
1956	Charles E. Sponagle, Jr.	1974	Edward J. Roche
1957	Alfred Hulmes, Jr.	1975	Curtis W. Carlson
1958	Dennis G. Naylin	1976	James E. Hamblin
1959	Robert G. Shean	1977	Brian Wall
1960	Al Wallace	1978	Dmitry Agrachov
1961	Robert W. Walker	1979	Curtis W. Carlson
1962	Robert W. Walker	1980	Steven Henderson
1963	Richard H. Moore	1981	Randy Canney
1964	Richard H. Moore	1982	Randy Canney
1965	Malcolm D. Kaiser	1983	Robert G. Shean
1966	Dennis G. Naylin	1984	Alexander Fishbein
1967	Val Matley		

1985 Craig Gallo
1986 David Jellison
1987 J. Mann de Toledo
1988 David Jellison, Joe Abbott
1989 Eric Beckman
1990 James E. Hamblin
1991 James McCarty
1992 Todd Bardwick
1993 Todd Bardwick
1994 Todd Bardwick
1995 David Lucky, Todd Bardwick, Michael Mulyar
1996 Todd Bardwick
1997 James McCarty
1998 Sage Mo
1999 James McCarty
2000 James McCarty, Brian Wall, Andres Hortillosa
2001 Andy Rea
2002 James McCarty
2003 Adam Weissbarth
2004 Brian Wall, Andy Rea
2005 Brian Wall, Marc Jimenez, Jesse Cohen
2006 Brian Wall

2007 Brian Wall, Mitesh Shridhar

2008-10 No Tournament

2011 Robert Ramirez

2012 David Hartsook, Richard Herbst, Avinaya Subedi, Eric Montany

2013 Lior Lapid, Jackson Chen, Avinaya Subedi

2014 No Tournament

2015 GM Gata Kamsky

2016 Chris Peterson

2017 GM Pavel Blatny

2018 Lior Lapid, Akshat Jain, Brian Wall

2019 GM Jesse Kraai, IM Daniel Rensch

2020-21 No Tournament

2022 GM Jesse Kraai

2023 Rhett Langseth

2024 Richard Shtivelband

Appendix D - Denver Chess Club Locations

1935 – 1973

Central Denver YMCA
25 East 16th Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80202



1974

International House
1600 Logan Street
Denver, Colorado 80203



1975 - July 1979

Heart O' Denver Motor Hotel
1150 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80218



July 1979 - July 1980

1439 Emerson St.
Denver, CO 80218



July 1980 - November 1987

Capitol Hill Community Center (basement)
1290 Williams Street
Denver, CO 80218



November 1987 – July 1990

VFW Post #1
955 Bannock St.
Denver, CO 80204



July 1990 – October 1993

VFW Post 501
4747 West Colfax Avenue
Denver, CO 80204



October 1993 – January (early) 1997

VFW Post 6616
4300 Pecos St.
Denver, CO 80211



Early 1997- Late 1997

Chess Emporium
Chess Emporium, 1616 Champa St., Suite 200, Denver, CO 80202

Late 1997 – Late 1998

P.S. 1, 901 Bannock St., Denver, CO 80204
(moved to 1062 Delaware St., Denver, CO 80204 in 1998)

January 1999 – April 2004

VFW Post #1
955 Bannock St.
Denver, CO 80204



April 2004 – September 2004

CampFire USA Camp Rollandet
5161 Sheridan Boulevard
Denver, CO 80212

September 2004 – November 2005

Cherry Creek Community Church
366 Garfield St.
Denver, CO 80206



November 2005 – July 2010

First Avenue Presbyterian Church
120 West 1st Avenue
Denver, CO 80223



July 2010 – April 2012

Grant Avenue Community Center & Sacred Place
216 South Grant St.
Denver, CO 80209



April 2012 – Present

Third Christian Reformed Church
2400 South Ash St.
Denver, CO 80222



Appendix E - Grandmaster Simultaneous Exhibitions in Denver

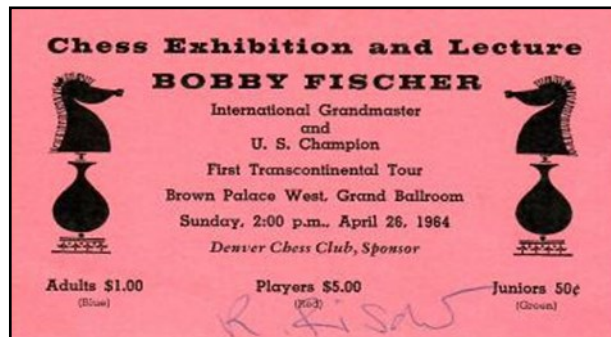
George Koltanowski - 1958 or 1959

Hans Berliner – 1959

Larry Evans - January 20, 1963 and October 4, 1969

Samuel Reshevsky - February 26, 1963 and February 16, 1964

Bobby Fischer - April 26, 1964



1964 Fischer autographed

William Lombardy - March 23, 1968

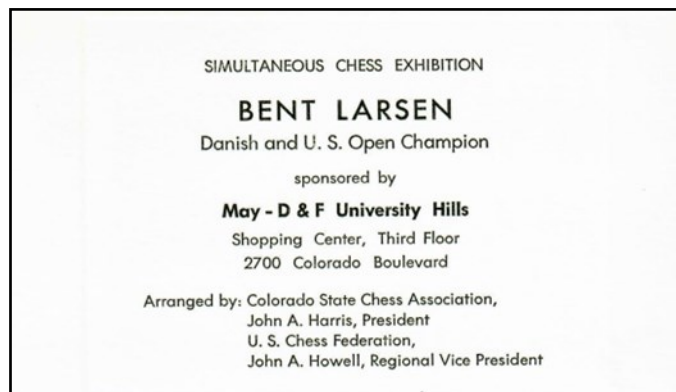
(Lombardy replaced Pal Benko a week beforehand)

Robert Byrne - March 31, 1968

Bent Larsen - September 18, 1968 and July 18, 1974



Bent Larsen in 1968



Svetozar Gligoric - March 24, 1971

Lubomir Kavalek - July 31, 1971

Lajos Portisch - September 1972

Walter Browne – Oct 22, 1975 and April/May 1976

Anatoly Lein - February 28, 1977

Laszlo Szabo - April 6, 1977

Victor Korchnoi - September 14, 1977

Tigran Petrosian - April 17, 1978

Larry Christiansen – Sept 14, 1978 and Oct 15, 2001

Larry Christiansen - March/April 1980 (Blindfold Simul)

Roman Dzindzichashvili - July 2, 1997 and 2002

Alexander Shabalov - September 18, 2003

Susan Polgar – May 11, 2006

Alex Fishbein - June 23, 2011

Alex Yermolinsky - August 31, 2012

Timur Gareyev - November 2, 2013 (Blindfold Simul)

Gata Kamsky - June 12, 2015

Timur Gareyev - October 23, 2015



Walter Brown in 1976



Anatoly Lein in 1977



Victor Korchnoi in 1977



Gata Kamsky in 2015



Tigran Petrosian in 1978