

Summer 2012 Plains Chess

The official newsletter of the Kansas Chess Association
(KCA)

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A note from the KCA president

Thank you for your continued support of the Kansas Chess Association. The contribution of time and energy by our members directly translates into the KCA's support for chess at all levels.

As your KCA President and RenFest Coordinator for the coming year, it is my desire to continue to build on the efforts of Past President, Brian Yang, the KCA Policy Board and many without any titles. There are so many generous people in Kansas that give of their time and more.

At this time of the year, I am focused on readying the KCA's main fundraiser, the Knight Moves booth at the Kansas City Renaissance Festival, in Bonner Springs. The RenFest runs for seven weekends, starting Labor Day, and including Labor Day and Columbus Day Mondays (9/1/12 – 10/14/12). More information can be found, here: <http://www.kcrenfest.com/generalinfo.html>

Joe Conklin, his son, Spencer, and I worked six weekends this summer to refresh the booth. This was part of an agreement with the RenFest owner and will be completed as scheduled, on budget. Our booth will have a new roof, new and enlarged playing surface and a new cedar support post. New signage to go with last year's upgrades and banners will make the booth a real standout for fairgoers.

We are looking for volunteers, especially for the last three weekends in September. If interested, contact me so that free passes can be made for you ahead of time for the dates you can attend. A new policy declares there will be no passes for volunteers without specific names on them.

As with last year, we are intentionally "over-staffing" so that everyone can have time to immerse themselves in the 2012 RenFest. We had a ridiculous amount of fun, last year, and would like to share the experience with as many of you as possible – come by and see us!

My Caissa is your Caissa,

Rick Hodges (rick.hodges@pixius.net) (note the period between "rick" and "hodges")



A couple of pictures of work on the new booth

2012 Kansas Open

This year's Kansas Open was held in Overland Park on June 21 and 22. CJ Armenta was the chief Tournament Director, assisted by Brian Yang. Bill Broich of Iowa ran the Open section, which was FIDE rated this year. There were 75 players – 51 in the Reserve section and 24 in the Open section. **Michael Brooks and Ron Luther**, both Missouri residents, both finished 4.0/5 in the Open section and tied for first. **Tim Steiner** finished with 3.5/5 and as the highest scoring Kansas resident, is the 2012 Kansas State Champion.

In the Reserve section, **Shaktiprasad Shimpi, Joey Kelly, and John Rebholz** all finished 4.5/5. On tiebreaks, Joey Kelly is the 2012 Kansas Reserve State Champion.

The Kansas Quick Championship was held on June 20, with 24 players. **Michael Brooks** scored highest with a 4.5/5 score, and **Brian Yang** was the highest scoring Kansas resident with 4.0 and is this year's Kansas State Quick Champion.

The Kansas Bughouse Championship was held after the Quick Championship, with four teams participating. **Tony Dutiel and Ben Gradsky** successfully defended their championship titles from the previous year.

Kansas Open scoretable – Open section

1 Michael Brooks	4.0 W23 D3 W6 W4 D2
2 Ron Luther	4.0 W13 W22 D4 W7 D1
3 Bob Holliman	3.5 W21 D1 D8 W10 D7
4 Tim Steiner	3.5 W12 W9 D2 L1 W11
5 Jose Gatica	3.5 W18 D8 L7 W16 W14
6 Frank Smith	3.5 D10 W15 L1 W21 W12
7 Abhishek Mallela	3.0 W14 D11 W5 L2 D3
8 Ben Gradsky	3.0 W20 D5 D3 D11 D9
9 Brian Yang	3.0 W19 L4 D11 W20 D8
10 Andrew Simmons	3.0 D6 D12 W13 L3 W20
11 Tony Cheng	2.5 W24 D7 D9 D8 L4
12 Neil Andrews	2.5 L4 D10 W15 W22 L6
13 Sam Un	2.5 L2 W19 L10 W23 D17
14 Joel Stebbins	2.5 L7 W24 D22 W17 L5
15 Matt Miller	2.5 Bye L6 L12 W19 W22
16 Kaustubh Nimkar	2.5 L17 Bye D20 L5 W21
17 Tony Dutiel	2.0 W16 – D21 L14 D13
18 Hongbiao Zeng	2.0 L5 L20 L19 W24 W23
19 Edward Wilson	2.0 L9 L13 W18 L15 W24
20 Dan Holmes	1.5 L8 W18 D16 L9 L10
21 Kevin Gaustad	1.5 L3 W23 D17 L6 L16
22 Apramay Mishra	1.5 Bye L2 D14 L12 L15
23 Rick Hodges	1.0 L1 L21 W24 L13 L18
24 Adam Albright	0.0 L11 L14 L23 L18 L19

Kansas Open scoretable – Reserve section

1	Shaktiprasad Shimpi	4.5	W24	W25	W16	D10	W7
2	Joey Kelly	4.5	W27	D3	W19	W12	W11
3	John Rebholz	4.5	W33	D2	W13	W26	W10
4	Mohammadreza Hajjarbabi	4.0	W41	L11	W29	W18	W15
5	Martin Stahl	4.0	W43	W39	L7	W23	W14
6	William Collin	3.5	W28	W18	D12	Bye	D9
7	Kiana Hajjarbabi	3.5	W32	W17	W5	D11	L1
8	Karan Mehta	3.5	W37	L26	Bye	W33	W17
9	Bryan Jiang	3.5	W45	W31	L10	W27	D6
10	David Saylor	3.5	W46	W21	W9	D1	L3
11	Shams Shaikh	3.5	W40	W4	W15	D7	L2
12	Ken Crumpler	3.5	W42	W38	D6	L2	W26
13	Laurence Coker	3.0	W29	D19	L3	D20	W28
14	Milton Lee	3.0	L38	W42	W37	W36	L5
15	Milind Jetty	3.0	W34	W36	L11	W25	L4
16	Thomas Cooper	3.0	W47	W35	L1	D28	D19
17	Steve Jacobs	3.0	W51	L7	W39	W22	L8
18	Krishna B-Nair	3.0	W44	L6	W46	L4	W32
19	Joe Woehl	3.0	W50	D13	L2	W31	D16
20	Andrew Liu	3.0	L21	D43	W34	D13	W37
21	Matthew Darrah	3.0	W20	L10	L27	W45	W35
22	Kevin Kirchmer	3.0	L31	W34	W32	L17	W36
23	Steven Burgoon	3.0	L36	W47	W35	L5	W41
24	William Liu	3.0	L1	L46	W51	W48	W33
25	Ralph Bowman	2.5	W48	L1	W38	L15	D29
26	Webb Miller	2.5	W49	W8	Bye	L3	L12
27	Bruce Elliott	2.5	L2	W48	W21	L9	D30
28	John Blahut	2.5	L6	W40	W30	D16	L13
29	Andrei Elliott	2.5	L13	W44	L4	W40	D25
30	Gavin Kirchmer	2.5	L39	W45	L28	W38	D7
31	Jack Easton	2.0	W22	L9	L33	L19	W43
32	Leroy Asher	2.0	L7	W51	L22	W39	L18
33	Sheena Zeng	2.0	L3	W41	W31	L8	L24
34	Shahrzad Hajjarbabi	2.0	L15	L22	L20	W51	W48
35	Gordon Lee	2.0	Full	L16	L23	W46	L21
36	Augustus Glazier	2.0	W23	L15	W50	L14	L22
37	Fred Smith	2.0	L8	W49	L14	W50	L20
38	Jack Pearce	2.0	W14	L12	L25	L30	W46
39	Ryan Duan	2.0	W30	L5	L17	L32	W47
40	Floyd Geasland	2.0	L11	L28	W47	L29	W45
41	Anand Mehta	1.5	L4	L33	Bye	W44	L23
42	Devon Stahl	1.5	L12	L14	D44	L43	W50
43	Teja Jetty	1.5	L5	D20	L45	W42	L31
44	Ayush Bhattacharya	1.5	L18	L29	D42	L41	W51
45	Connor Thomson	1.0	L9	L30	W43	L21	L40
46	Maverick Lewis	1.0	L10	W24	L18	L35	L38
47	Liam Hoey-Kummerow	1.0	L16	L23	L40	W49	L39
48	Chinmay Krishna	1.0	L25	L27	W49	L24	L34
49	Caroline Jiang	1.0	L26	L37	L48	L47	Bye
50	Gavin Glazier	1.0	L19	Bye	L36	L37	L42
51	Samuel Glazier	0.0	L17	L32	L24	L34	L44

Kansas Quick Championship scoretable

1	Michael Brooks	4.5	W16	W12	W3	W6	D5
2	Abhishek Mallela	4.0	W18	W10	L4	W16	W6
3	Brian Yang	4.0	W19	W15	L1	W9	W10
4	Ben Gradsky	4.0	W17	W7	W2	L5	W12
5	Ron Luther	3.5	W13	W8	L6	W4	D1
6	Tim Steiner	3.0	W11	W9	W5	L1	L2
7	Bob Holliman	3.0	W21	L4	L16	W13	W17
8	Tony Dutiel	3.0	W22	L5	W18	L10	W19
9	Tony Cheng	3.0	W20	L6	W21	L3	W16
10	Joel Stebbins	3.0	W23	L2	W11	W8	L3
11	John Blahut	3.0	L6	W22	L10	W18	W15
12	Rick Hodges	2.5	W14	L1	D13	W15	L4
13	Kiana Hajiarbabi	2.5	L5	W24	D12	L7	W20
14	Maverick Lewis	2.5	L12	L18	D20	W24	W21
15	Dan Holmes	2.0	W24	L3	W19	L12	L11
16	Mohammadreza Hajiarbabi	2.0	L1	W17	W7	L2	L9
17	Shaktiprasad Shimpi	2.0	L4	L16	W24	W21	L7
18	Ralph Bowman	2.0	L2	W14	L8	L11	W23
19	Ken Crumpler	2.0	L3	W20	L15	W23	L8
20	Steven Burgoon	1.5	L9	L19	D14	W22	L13
21	Augustus Glazier	1.0	L7	W23	L9	L17	L14
22	Shahrzad Hajiarbabi	1.0	L8	L11	L23	L20	W24
23	Gavin Glazier	1.0	L10	L21	W22	L19	L18
24	Samuel Glazier	0.0	L15	L13	L17	L14	L22

Selected Kansas Open games from the Open Section

This year's state champion finds a neat combination involving a queen sacrifice.

White: Tim Steiner Black: Brian Yang

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 b6 4. e4 Bb7
5. Bd3 Bb4 6. f3 d5 7. cxd5 exd5 8. e5
Nfd7 9. Ne2 c5 10. O-O O-O 11. f4 cxd4
12. Nb5 12...a6 13. Nbx d4 Nc5 14. Bc2
Ne6 15. Nf5 f6 16. Neg3 g6?

It's understandable that Black wants to take away f5 and h5 from White's knights, but this just weakens his kingside too much. Crafty thinks the game would have been equal after 16...fxe5 17.fxe5 Nc6.

17. Nh6+ Kh8 18. f5! Nd4 19. fxc6 fxe5
(see diagram)

Now White has a forced mate; Black's last chance was to eliminate the bishop on c2.



20. g7+!! Kxg7 21. Qg4+ Kh8 22. Qg8+!
Rxc8 23. Nf7+ Kg7 24. Bh6# 1-0

Kaustubh Nimkar came into the tournament with a 1359 rating, but I knew he was much stronger than that – he drew me in last year's Kansas Open before his rating was even 1000.

Kaustubh also won the Under 1200 section of this year's US high school championship in Minneapolis (in a section with over 300 players).

White: Kaustubh Nimkar

Black: Dan Holmes

1. d4 d5 2. Nf3 c5 3. e3 Nc6 4. Nbd2
Nf6 5. c3 e6 6. Bd3 Bd6 7. O-O Qc7
8. dxc5 Bxc5 9. e4 O-O 10. b4 Bd6 11.
Bb2 Ng4 12. h3 Nge5

I was nervous about for the possibility of White sacrificing his bishop on h7, followed by Ng5+ and Qh5.

13. Nxe5 Nxe5 14. Nf3 Nc4

My plan was to get the bishop pair while limiting the range of White's remaining bishop, and then open the position up for my bishops. The problem with this is my light squared bishop isn't involved in the game at all and I don't have an obvious way to get it out from behind my pawns. 15. Bxc4 dxc4 16. Qe2 e5 17. Rad1 b5 18. Bc1 Bb7 19. Nh4!

The f5 square looks very nice for the knight.

19...g6 20. Bh6 Rfd8 21. Qf3 f5 22.Nxf5
gxf5 23. Qg3+ Kh8 24. Rxd6 Rxd6
25. Qxe5+

*When playing 21...f5, I had thought I
could just play 25...Rg6 here, but it
turns out that loses the queen!*

25...Kg8 26.Qg3+ Kh8? (see diagram)

*This is a really bad move. ...Kf7 looks
scary after Qg7+, but the king turns out
to be safe on e8.*



27.Bf4 Rg6 28. Bxc7 Rxc3 29. Bxg3
Bxe4

*I'm down a pawn, but it looks like it's
heading for a drawish opposite colored
bishop endgame if the rooks come off.*

30. Be5+ Kg8 31. Re1 a5 32. a3 axb4
33. axb4 Re8 34. Bd4 Kf7 35. f3 Bc2
36. Rxe8 Kxe8 37. Kf2 Kf7 38. Kg3 Bd3
39. Kf4 Bf1 40. Kg3 Ke6 41. h4 Kf7
42. Kf2 Bd3 43. g3 h5 44.Ke3 Ke6 45.
Kf4 45...Be2 46. Ke3 Bd1 47. Bh8 Bc2
48. Kd4 48...Kd6 49. Be5+ Kc6 50.Bf4

Bd1 51. Ke5 Bxf3 52. Kxf5 Bd1 53. Be5
Be2 54. Bd4 Bd1 55. Kf4 Kd5 1/2-1/2

*And we draw in the third round for the
second Kansas Open in a row.*

*Kaustubh's post-tournament rating
jumped to 1441, which I still think is
lower than his actual strength right now.*

**White: Neil Andrews Black: Matt
Miller**

1. d4 Nf6 2. c4 g6 3. Nc3 Bg7 4. e4 O-O
5. Nge2 d6 6. Ng3 c5 7. d5 e6 8.Be2
exd5 9. cxd5 Na6 10. h4 h5 11. Bg5
Qa5 12. O-O 12...Ng4? 13. Be7 Re8
14. Bxd6 Qb6 15. Qa4! Bd7!?

An interesting try in a tough position.

16. Qxd7 Rad8 17. Qb5 Qxd6 18. Qxb7
Bd4 19. Bxg4 Qxg3 (see diagram)

*Black's attack may seem scary, but
there isn't really any way for him to
increase the pressure on White's king.*



20.Bf3 Rb8

Black wants the rook on b2 to add another attacker on f2, but this doesn't work.

21. Qxa6 Rxb2 22. Ne2 Rxe2 23. Qxe2 1-0

White: Adam Albright

Black: Dr. Hongbiao Zeng

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Be2

This is a very passive way of playing the Exchange French, and Black has no problems getting a lead in development.

5... Bd6 6. O-O O-O 7. Re1 Nc6 8. c3 Bf5 9. Bg5 h6 10. Bxf6 Qxf6 11. Nbd2 Ne7 12. Nb3 Ng6 13. g3 Rfe8 14.

Qd2 Be4 15. Kg2?

15.Qe3 was probably White's last chance to stay in the game. Black's pieces are swarming White's king.

15... Re6 16. a4 (see diagram)



16... Nh4+!! 17. gxh4 Qxh4! 0-1

There's no way out for White's king without giving away pieces left and right.

Selected Kansas Open games from the Reserve section

White: Ryan Duan Black: Martin Stahl

1. e4 c5 2. b4 cxb4 3. d4 d6 4. Nf3 Nf6
5. Bd3 g6 6. O-O Bg7 7. a4 bxa3
8. Nxa3 O-O 9. Bf4 Bg4 10. c4?!

*The d4 pawn, and the entire a1-h8 diagonal, is getting weak now that White can't defend it by playing c3. 10...Nc6
11. e5 Nxd4?!*

Black didn't have to give this knight up – after playing something like Nh5, White would still be very tangled up.

12. exf6 Bxf3 13. gxf3 Bxf6 14. Kh1 Ne6
15. Bh6 Bg7 16. Bxg7 Kxg7 17. Be4
Nc5 18. Rg1 Nxe4 19. fxe4 e5 20. Rg3
Qe7 21. Qd2 21...Rac8 22. Rh3 h5 23.
Rg1 a6 24. Rxh5 (see diagram)



My computer thinks White has a small advantage here.

24... Rh8 25. Rhg5 Rh6 26. f4 Rch8
. 27. R5g2?!

White made the right move... but with the wrong rook. Now Black gets the initiative.

27...exf4! 28. Qxf4 Rh4 29. Qe3 Qe5
30. Qg3? Qxg3 31. Rxg3 Rxh2# 0-1

Kiana Hajiarbabi is this year's Girls' State Champion.

White: Kiana Hajiarbabi Black: Steve Jacobs

1. e4 c6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 g6 4. Be3 Bg7
5. Be2 dxe4 6. Nxe4 Nd7 7. Nf3 Ngf6
8. Bd3 Nxe4 9. Bxe4 Nf6 10. Bd3

Four of White's first ten moves involved moving this bishop, which has given Black plenty of time to catch up in development despite a somewhat slow opening.

Ng4 11. O-O Nxe3 12. fxe3 Bg4 13. c3
O-O 14. Qe1!

This is a very good move. White is preparing to push her e-pawn.

14...Bh6?!

This bishop doesn't do a whole lot here, especially since the e-pawn is going to be pushed shortly. 14...Qb6 is probably better.

15. Kh1 Bxf3 16. Rxf3 e6 17. Rd1 Qe7
18. e4 Rad8 19. e5 c5 20. Bc4 a6 21. b4
b5 22. Bb3 c4 (see diagram)



23. Bc2 Bg7 24. a4 Rd7

24...f5 allows Black to fight back.

25. axb5 axb5 26. Ra1 Ra7 27. Rf1 Qc7 28. Be4 Rxa1 29. Qxa1 Rb8 30. Qa2 Bxe5?! 31. dxe5 Qxe5 32. Qc2 Rb6 33. Qf2 Qc7 34. Qc5! Qd6 35. Qxd6 Rxd6 36. g3 f5 37. Bb7 e5 38. Ra1 e4 39. Ba6 e3 40. Bxb5 Rd2 41. Bxc4+ Kg7 42. Re1 f4 43. gxf4 Rf2 44. Rxe3 Rxf4 45. Bb3 1-0

Joey Kelly of Overland Park is this year's Kansas Reserve Champion.

White: Ken Crumpler

Black: Joey Kelly

1. e4 c5 2. Nc3 Nc6 3. f4 d6 4. Nf3 g6 5. Bc4 Bg7 6. O-O Bd7 7. a3 Nf6 8. Qe1?!

White missed the opportunity to play 8.e5! dxe5 9.fxe5 Ng4 10.Bxf7+ Kxf7 11.e6+! with a very good position.

8... Nd4 9. Nxd4 cxd4 10. Nd1 e5 11. d3 O-O 12. f5

Here, White should probably exchange pawns instead –opening up the f-file for himself and putting pressure on f7.

12...Bc6 13. Qh4 d5! 14. exd5 Nxd5 15. Bg5 Qd6 16. fxf6?!

16.f6 was better.

16... Qxg6 17. Rf2 Rae8 18. c3 h6 19. Bd2 Kh7 20. Qg3 Qxg3 21. hxg3 f5 22. cxd4 exd4 23. Bxd5 Bxd5 24. b4 Be5 25. Bf4 Bxf4 (see diagram)

White's knight is struggling to find any way into the game, giving Black a much superior minor piece.



26. Rxf4 Re1+ 27. Rf1 Rxf1+ 28. Kxf1 f4 29. gxf4 Rxf4+ 30. Kg1 Rg4 31. Nf2 Rxf4+ 32. Kf1 Rg7 33. Re1 Bg2+ 34. Ke2 Re7+ 35. Kd2 Rxe1 36. Kxe1 h5 37. a4 Kg6 38. b5 Kf5 39. a5 Ke5 40. b6 axb6 41. axb6 Kd5 42. Ke2 Kc6 0-1

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Photos from the Kansas Open



(Facing camera, from left): **Leroy Asher, Ralph Bowman, John Blahut**



State champion **Tim Steiner**



Kansas Reserve Champion **Joey Kelly** (left) with **Brian Yang**



(Foreground, from left): **Michael Brooks** and **Rick Hodges**



Kansas Open TD **CJ Armenta**



Fred Smith



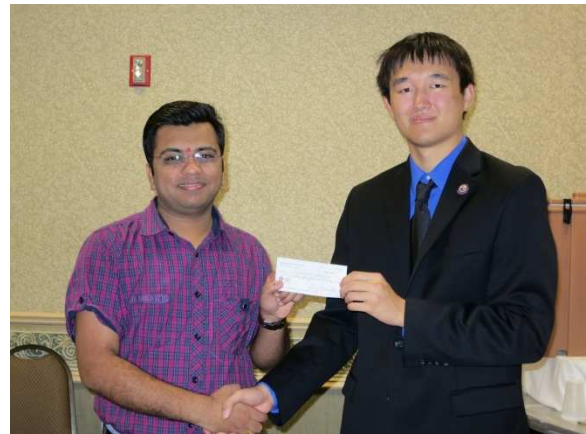
(From left): **Dan Holmes, Kevin Gaustad, Neil Andrews**



Ken Crumpler



Mohammadreza Hajiarbabi



Shaktiprasad Shimpi



Joe Woehl



Open Section director **Bill Broich**

Future tournament announcements

Missouri State Chess Championship – September 21-23, 2012

2012 MISSOURI OPEN: 6 GPP. 5SS, G/120. Days Inn Conference Center, 1900 I-70 Dr. SW, Columbia, MO 65201.
 2-sections: OPEN: \$300-1st Overall (Guaranteed) + Plaque, \$120-1st in each M/X, A, B. FIDE-rated.
 RESERVE (U1600): \$200-1st Overall + Plaque, \$100-1st in each C, D, U1200/Unr.
 EF: \$40 by 9/15, \$50 on site. Site entries cash only.
 Reg: 9-9:45am.
 Rounds: Sat-10/2:30/7, Sun-10:30/3.
 Max one ½-pt bye if declared by Rd. 2.
 MCA membership req'd, available on site from \$5, OSA.
 HR: \$62/night, 573-445-8511, mention CHESS.
 Entries/Info: Thomas Rehmeier, 200 E. 12th Street, Rolla, MO 65401.
 JCChess89@yahoo.com, 573-291-0852.
 MISSOURI QUICK CHAMPIONSHIP: 4SS, G/29 (QR).
 Prizes: b/20, \$75-1st Overall + Plaque, \$50-1st U1600.
 Reg: 6:30-7pm Friday.
 Rounds: 7/8/9/10pm.
 EF: \$10 by 9/15, \$15 on site.
 MCA membership req'd, available on site from \$5, OSA.
 HR: \$62/night, 573-445-8511, mention CHESS.
 Entries/Info: Thomas Rehmeier, 200 E. 12th Street, Rolla, MO 65401.
 JCChess89@yahoo.com, 573-291-0852.
 MISSOURI BLITZ CHAMPIONSHIP: 5SS, G/5 (QR).
 Prizes: \$75-1st + plaque, \$50-2nd, \$25-3rd.
 EF: \$10. Reg: 8-8:15am Sunday.
 Rounds paired ASAP, ending by 9:30am.
 MCA membership req'd, available on site from \$5, OSA.
 HR: \$62/night, 573-445-8511, mention CHESS.
 Entries/Info: Thomas Rehmeier, 200 E. 12th Street, Rolla, MO 65401.
 JCChess89@yahoo.com, 573-291-0852.

ICCC October Chess Tournament - October 13, 2012

Indian Creek Community Church, 12480 SouthBlack Bob Road, Olathe, KS 66062-5617

Open Section: USCF and KCA membership required.

4 round Swiss, Game in 60.

Entry Fee: \$25 by 10/1, \$30 on site

Prize (Based on 30 players): First overall \$120, 1st in Class A, B, C, D and under: \$100.
 Need 3+ players in each class for advertised prize or \$30 for winner(s) (prorated).

Scholastic Sections: Five rounds Swiss Game in 30 minutes. Entry Fee: \$10

(No membership is required; all K-12 students can play). Prizes: Trophies

for top six and medals for 7th-12th place. Bring sack lunch and chess sets.

Registration: 8:00-8:45 am. 1st round starts at 9:00am, following rounds TBA or ASAP.

Mail entry to: Jason Qian, 9509 W 117th St., Overland Park, KS

66210. Questions and directions: 913-738-6826(h), 913-827-3881(c),
qiangs@yahoo.com

Christmas Tree Open – December 15, 2012

4-SS G/60 +5 second delay

Noland Road Baptist Church, 4504 S Noland Rd., Independence MO 64055

EF: \$10 by 21/1, \$15 at site

All site payments must be cash

Play for rating only: \$5 in advance, \$10 at site

2 Sections: Premier/Open. Premier restricted to those currently or who have ever been rated 2000. Open for those rated below 2000 and unrated. No “playing up.”

\$1,500 Guaranteed Prize Fund

Premier 6 places: \$\$ 200-150-100-75-50-25

Open: 1st – 2nd: 200 – 100

Under 1600: 100-60-40

Under 1400: 100-60-40

Under 1200 & Unr: 100-60-40

Two ways to enter: (1) Mail your advance entry in before 12/1 to: Bob Holliman, PO Box 1871, Indep MO 64055 or (2) Send an email to: chess_entries “at” Comcast.net (format the address with “@” for at) with the following: in the subject line note “Christmas Tree Open” in the message provide your name and USCF member number. Show up between 8:30-9:30 on 12/15 and pay the entry. If you can’t make it there is no need to worry, entries that are not paid by 9:30 will be deleted.

Byes: ½ point byes are available for all rounds if we are advised before the start of round 2

Rounds: 10:00, 12:15; 2:30; 4:45

USCF Membership required, purchase/renew your USCF prior to the event and bring your USCF receipt. We will not have Internet access at the playing site to process USCF memberships.

Missouri Chess Association membership is \$5, available at site

Further details/information: www.chessmasterbob.com

**2012-2013 elected KCA officers (contact information available on
kansaschess.org)**

President and Renaissance Festival Coordinator: Rick Hodges

Vice President: Brian Yang

Secretary, Website Manager, and Treasurer: Laurence Coker

Plains Chess Editor: Dan Holmes

A final word from the editor...

As we move into the future, we are moving toward more of an electronic format for this newsletter. However, this doesn't change our commitment to put forward a quality, regular publication of local chess news and games for KCA members! Having said that, I need your help! If you have any games (annotated or not) that you would like published, I would love to publish them in Plains Chess. Also, if you have any news or tournament announcements, please send them to me. My email address is DBHolmes3@gmail.com and my address is 14512 S. Village Dr. Olathe, KS 66062.

Also, be sure to frequently check kansaschess.org for updates in Kansas chess news and tournament announcements. I hope to see you at a tournament soon!

-Dan Holmes