

2009 KANSAS OPEN REPORT AND PICTURES

The 2009 Kansas Open, July 10th to 12th, was held in Lindsborg, Kansas. Both the Bughouse and the Kansas Quick championships were held July 10th at the Karpov Chess School. The Open and Reserve Championships were held July 11th and 12th at the Bethany College Lindquist library meeting hall. This year's participation in the main events of the Kansas Open was up from the previous years. There were 33 in the Quick event and 58 total participants in the Open and Reserve events (20 in Open section and 38 in the Reserve section). The Bughouse Championship had 8 teams of two players.

The **Bughouse Championship** had a clear first place team. The team of **Kyle Sciolaro and Danny Tran are our new state Bughouse champions**. In the seven round robin event their team won all seven of its games.

Like the Bughouse the **Quick tourney** had a clear first place winner in the 5 round Swiss tourney. **Conrad Holt** won all five of his games. **Conrad is our 2008 Kansas Quick Chess Champion**. There was a four way tie for second place with Tom Brownscombe, Maxx Coleman, Ken Fee, and David Blair. Alex Hall (MO) was first place scholastic and Bryan Jiang was second place scholastic.

The **Open section** was a clear win by Tom Brownscombe with 4.5 points out of 5 possible (4 wins, 1 draw). **Tom Brownscombe is our new 2009 Kansas Chess Champion**. Christopher Purdy and Tim Steiner finished tied for second place with 4.0 points.

The **Reserve section was won by Colby Stuckman**. He is our **new Kansas Reserve champion**. He finished alone at 5 points out of 5 possible, winning all of his games. In second place by himself was young Tony Cheng with 4.5 points. Tied for third were Bylthe Buscher and Alex Esposito (MO) at 4.0 points. The scholastic winners were first place Peter Bradshaw, second place Bryan Jiang, and third place Jantz Chappel.

Thanks to tournament director Tony Dutiel. Thanks once again to the Karpov Chess School and Bethany College for the use of their facilities. Once again we recognize that many participants in the 2009 Kansas Open also participated in the Karpov Chess camp in Lindsborg. The camp ran the week after the Kansas Open.

Laurence Coker
2008 Kansas Open Organizer
KCA Treasurer and Website manager

PICTURES FROM 2009 KANSAS OPEN



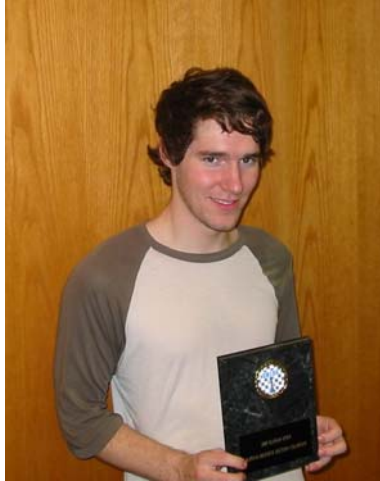
2009 Kansas Open Champion Tom Brownscombe with Laurence Coker



Tourney Director Tony Dutiel with
2009 Quick Chess Champion Conrad Holt



Tony Dutiel with
2009 Bughouse Champions Danny Tran and Kyle Sciolaro



2009 Kansas Reserve Section Champion Colby Stuckman



Tony with Quick Scholastic Champion Alex Hall



Reserve Section Scholastic Champion Peter Bradshaw with Tony



3rd place Reserve Section Scholastic player Jantz Chappel plays Ed Mefford
(Leroy Asher and James Bates in background)



Smiling chess player Polly Wright
(All the way from New York)



Tony Cheng (second place reserve section)
plays Steven Rand from Missouri



Kansas Class A player Terry Wright



3rd place Reserve section Blythe Buscher plays Jimmy Huggins



Open section action- Andrew Latham and Jason Wawrzaszek
(Polly Wright in background)



Dan Holmes



2nd place Reserve section scholastic Bryan Jiang (with Dad)



Open section players Harold Linde with
2008 Reserve section winner (last year) Will Teague
(Kyle Camarda in background)



Last round match between Kansas Champion Tom Brownscombe and Tim Steiner



Jason Pfortmiller plays Lyle Taylor
(Claudia and Andrew Ritter in background)



Daryl Fouard and JoAnna Gossell's dad
look at wall chart
(This just can't be right)