



2007 News Archive

12/20 – Over 20 players took a break from Holiday shopping and came out to casual night. The year end trophies were awarded and the following players picked up the Hardware for their efforts in 2007: Most Active Player: Ralph Buske, 45 club games played. Ralph may have spent more time at the club than I did! Scholastic Rookie of the Year: R.B. Webb (365) . Rookie of the Year: Gary Fredericks (1255) . Most Improved Elementary Scholastic Player: Erik Anderson (529). He gained 183 points this year! Most Improved Scholastic Player and Most Improved Player: Daniel Dodds (1439). He gained 279 points this year!! Ebbie (1152) gained 253 points this year to have the second largest increase! Scholastic Player of the Year: Marty Anderson (714). Two club Scholastic Section tournament wins! The Columbia Chess Club Player of the Year is Keith Eubanks (2076)! Keith won Five club tournaments to finish ahead of Daniel by two wins. Great Job! and Congratulations to all the winners!!

As usual a Blitz tournament broke out on casual night. Newcomer Patrick Cunningham (1602) was able to win the double round robin by a half point over Adrian (1710) and Daniel (1439). The crosstable is [HERE](#).

Thanks to everyone that came out and supported Columbia Chess in 2007! We're looking forward to a very active 2008!

Ashland I will begin on January 3. Entry fee \$3 a round for club members, \$5 a round for non members. Two sections U1200 & Top.

12/13 – Eight players competed in two quads while a handful engaged in casual play this evening. Keith Eubanks (2076) took the top quad with a perfect 3-0 over Russell (1600), Gary (1255) and Ralph (1223). New member Erik Murrah (UNR)

made his presence felt by posting a perfect 3-0 over Richard (1222), Lendel (1108) and Mike (UNR) in the lower quad. The crosstable is [HERE](#).

The next two weeks will be casual play. Ashland I will begin on Jan 3 to kick off the New Year.

12/6 – Full house for the first evening at our new location. The final round of Shoney's IV had fourteen players participate. Daniel Dodds (1417) was able to secure the point over Adrian Polit (1710) to win the tournament by 1.5 points! Russell Thurmond (1600) scored a final win over Birney Blind (1160) as Bob Halliday (1567) and Ralph Buske (1250) came to peaceful terms with the clock running out. Lendel Robinson (1125) posted the win over new club member Erik Murrah (UNR) and Marty Anderson (714) picked up the point over newcomer Mike Jumper (UNR). Jared Ott (809) finished strong with a win over Richard Watts (1223) and Maureen Grimaud (324) was able to get by Erik Anderson (529). A total of 19 players competed in Shoney's IV. The crosstable is [HERE](#). We also had a handful of players engage in some casual play.

Next week is Ashland Quick I. This will be a G20 Quad Tournament and the final tournament to count toward the year end awards.

The Gamecock Open VI is tomorrow in West Columbia. The flyer is [HERE](#).

12/4 – The Columbia Chess Club has moved its Thursday location to [Ashland United Methodist Church](#) effective this Thursday, Dec 6. It is located between St. Andrews Road and Bush River Road. We will no longer be meeting at Shoney's. The final round of Shoney's IV will be played at our new location. Directions can be found [HERE](#). Thank you to Shoney's for allowing us to invade them each Thursday for past eight months!!

12/01 – Over a dozen players were spotted at Woodland Park engaged in mental jousting this Saturday. A lot players looked to be sharpening their skills for next weekend's Gamecock Open. The park will be meeting next Sat for those that would rather engage in stress free play. Woodland Park Quad V will be scheduled in Jan between Gary (1255), Ralph (1223), Tom (1146) and Mike (UNR). Welcome to new members David Bost, Chloe Windham and Clyde LeMorne!

11/29 – Fourteen players competed in round 4 of Shoney's IV. Daniel (1417) was able to post the win over co-leader Ralph (1250) and move into sole possession of first place. Adrian (1710) moved into second a .5 point behind when time ran out on Russell (1600). Birney (1160) was able to deliver mate and score the full point

over Richard (1223), with nine seconds to spare! Ron (1650) picked up the point over Geoff (1116) and Lendel (1125) found his way past Jared (809). Marty (714) picked up his second win of the tournament in a back and forth game with Maureen (324). Matthew (518) broke into the win column with a victory over Erik (529). The final round will be this Thursday, Dec 6. Crosstable is [HERE](#).

The Gamecock Open VI will be this Sat, Dec 8. [GO5](#) had over 30 players and this one is shaping up to be bigger! The flyer is [HERE](#).

Welcome to new members Wes & Dorothy Abercrombie and Mike & Ginger Jumper!

11/17 – A dozen players made it out to Woodland Park this Saturday with the main event being WP Quad IV between Ron (1415), Gary (1268), Ralph (1197) and Lendel (1128). This was expected to be a very competitive Quad and the players didn't disappoint. When the dust cleared after the hard fought games there was a three way tie for first between Ron, Gary & Lendel!! The crosstable is [HERE](#). Woodland Park will not meet on Sat, Nov 24. The park will meet again on Dec 1.

11/15 – Twelve players made it out for round 3 of Shoney's IV. Russell (1600) and Daniel (1417) came to peaceful terms while Ralph (1250) was able to score the full point over Ron (1650) to pull even at the top with Daniel at 2.5. Adrian (1710) picked up the point over Lendel (1125), Bob (1567) was able to get the point over a rushed Ebbie (903) and Richard (1223) used patience and wisdom to pick up the point over Marty's (714) youth and enthusiasm. Jared (809) moved into the win column with a victory over Erik (529). Round 4 will be Nov 29. The crosstable is [HERE](#). The club will not meet next week, Nov 22 Thanksgiving. Woodland Park will be meeting this Sat and Quad IV will be held between Ron (1650), Gary (1252), Lendel (1125) and Victor (1000).

11/08 – Shoney's IV is under way with two rounds in the books. We've had fourteen players in each round and Daniel (1417) is leading with 2 points. Keith (2080), Russell (1600) and Ralph (1250) are all tied at 1.5. Round 3 will be this Thursday, Nov 15. The current crosstable is [HERE](#).

The Aiken County Chess Club and the Cola Club are working together to host the [Gamecock Open VI](#) on Dec 08 in West Columbia.

Nine Cola Club members invaded Charleston this past weekend for the Folloween Open. Our top performers in the Top Section were James (2001) and Bob (1575) with 2 points. Lendel (1108) was our top performer in the Lower Section with 2.5 points and a second place finish! The final crosstable is [HERE](#).

10/25 - Full house for IM Kopec tonight! Twenty eight of the Midlands deepest thinkers passed on the World Series to see the charismatic Kopec this evening. The lecture began a little before 7:30 and the IM held the audience's attention for the next two hours. Players ranging from beginners to expert were treated to everything from the benefits of chess and history to game analysis and tactical play. IM Kopec brought a fine assortment of instructional material for sale. Thanks to David Grimaud and Precision Tune Auto Care for bringing IM Kopec to Columbia!

10/18 - Thirteen players made it out to Shoney's for a casual night of chess this week. It was a good night to get a little practice in before the Augusta Championship this weekend. Judging by the Entry List this is shaping up to be a strong tournament. Woodland Park will meet this Saturday and Quad III will be between Daniel, Ralph, Bob Fitz and Ebbie starting at 1:00. IM Danny Kopec will be at Shoney's next week, Oct 25. He will give a lecture beginning at 7:30. Here's a chance to pick up some tips that may help you in the SC Champs that begins on Friday, Oct 26.

10/6 - Plenty of activity on a casual week of chess in Columbia. Eighteen players made it out to Shoney's for a casual night of play. The casual play was broken up when an eight player blitz tournament broke out! Daniel Dodds (1326) was able to come out on top just ahead of Erik Walker (1978) and David Grimaud (1677). Thanks to Erik for putting this four round battle together!

A dozen players were sighted at Woodland Park on Saturday with many battles taking place. Quads are forming now and it appears many of the participants are getting some work in before things get serious. There's still one opening for a G30 Quad and two openings for the G75.

9/27 - Keith Eubanks (2091) wins Shoney's III with 4 points. Keith won over Gary Fredericks (1343) in the final round to secure first place. Daniel Dodds (1326) picked up the point over Ted Gregory (1088) to finish in a tie for second with Lendel Robinson (975) who was able to post win over Ralph Buske (1127). Russell Thurmond (1627) came to peaceful terms with Richard Watts (UNR). Geoff Grimaud (1048) finished on a winning note with a victory over Birney (UNR). Ebrahim Yazdani-Zonoz (899) won the point over Erik Anderson (355) and Mathew Dodds (UNR) broke into the win column with a victory over Marty Anderson (591). The scholastic section had our fantastic four back out to do battle. Marty (591) wrapped up his second straight Shoney's win by scoring the point over

R.B. (UNR) and Erik (355) nailed down second place with a win over Dallas (302). Shoney's III had a total of four scholastic players and 18 players in the Open section.

9/20 - Round 4 of Shoney's III had a normal turnout of 16 players. The Scholastic Section had our regular four players with Marty (591) scoring the point over Dallas (302) and Erik (355) picking up the point over R.B. (UNR). Marty leads by 1 point heading into the final round. The Open Section had twelve players participate this week. Keith (2091) knocked off leader Ralph (1127) and moved into first by .5 point. Adrian (1720) and Gary (1343) split the point and both are now tied with Ralph at 2.5 points. Kevin (1865) was able to secure the point from Daniel (1326) in a very dangerous position. Russell (1627) and Lendel (975) split the point in a hard fought battle. Birney (UNR) broke into the win column with a victory over Matthew (UNR). Richard scored the point over Robert (UNR).

9/15 - Woodland Park Quad II was held between Joe (1485), Gary (1343), Daniel (1323) and Lendel (975). Daniel was able to win the Quad with a perfect 3-0. Everyone else tied with 1 point! In addition to the Quad players Eleven others found their way out to the park for a total of 15 players this afternoon! If you're looking for a game on a Saturday afternoon this is the place to be!

9/13 - Round 3 of Shoney's III had a low turnout of 12 players. The Scholastic Section saw Marty (591) push his Shoney's winning streak to eight games with a win over brother Erik (355) and moves into first by a point. Dallas broke into the win column by scoring a point over R.B. (UNR). The Open Section had Ralph (1127) take down leader Daniel (1326) to move into clear first by .5 point. Adrian (1720) was able to score the point over Russell (1627) and Ted (1088) was able to score his second straight win over time troubled Birnie (UNR) to create a five way tie at 2 points for second place. Newcomers Wayne Arant and Matthew Dodds faced off with Wayne coming out on top. Round 4 will be next Thursday, Sept 20.

9/8 - Woodland Park Quad I has concluded. Bob Fitzsimons (UNR) and Tom Haggard (UNR) came to a peaceful conclusion with their third round game. Bob Halliday (1550) was able to get past Ralph Buske (1127) in a long, hard fought game to win the Quad 3-0. In addition to the Quad players another seven players found their way to the park to do battle. WP Quad II will be next Sat between Joe Lang (1485), Gary Fredericks (1343), Daniel Dodds (1326) and Lendel Robinson (975). The Park looks set to have a very busy fall!

9/6 - Fourteen players again for round 2 of Shoney's III. Marty (591) was able to

find the win over R.B. (UNR) and Erik (355) got by Dallas (302). Marty and Erik are tied for first with 2 points after two rounds. The Open section had ten players come out and Daniel (1326) secured the point over Lendel (975) to move into clear first with 2 points. Ralph (1127) and Gary (1343) made peace to drop a .5 point behind Daniel. Adrian (1720) scored the point over Birney (UNR). Ted (1088) got back on the winning track with a victory over Robert (UNR). Geoff (1048) and Richard (UNR) settled peacefully.

Member's names are now linked to their USCF pages.

Current Leaders for the year end trophies are now posted [HERE](#).

9/1 - Activity at Woodland Park is steadily picking up as nine players found their way out this week. Round 2 of WP Quad I was held. Bob Halliday (1550) was able to grind out a win over Bob Fitzsimons (UNR) and Ralph Buske (1127) was able to find the win over Tom Haggard (UNR) in his second marathon game this week! Bob leads Ralph by a .5 point with one round to go.

There was a lot of casual play as Sharon & Fred Foster, Gary, Paul and Victor all played for several hours. Quad II between Joe, Gary, Daniel and Lendel is scheduled for Sept 15.

8/30 - Fourteen players made it out for round 1 of Shoney's III. In the Scholastic Section, Marty (591) was able to edge out Dallas (302) in a hard fought game and Erik (355) scored the point over R.B. (UNR). The Open Section had Keith (2091) picking up the point over Ted (1088), Gary (1343) getting by Geoff (1048) and Daniel (1326) scoring the point over Richard (UNR). The other two games had Lendel (975) getting by newcomer Robert Lance (UNR) and Ralph (1127) was able to outlast Birnie (UNR) in a long, hard fought battle.

We also had a Blitz Quad break out between Keith Eubanks, Erik Walker, Gary Fredericks and Daniel Dodds. Erik was able to come out on top with a perfect 3-0 in the five minute games.

8/25 - Thirty five players participated in the Gamecock Open V making it the largest GO to date! Cola Club member Erik Walker (1949) was able to post a perfect 4-0 score and claim the \$100 top prize. Twenty four players competed in the Open Section including three experts and local NM Timur Aliyev. Andrew Hater (1143) cruised through the Scholastic Section going 5-0 to take the First Place trophy. Hannah Whatley (676) went 4-1 to finish Second and new comer

Nicholas Pomata (UNR) finished 3-2 to win the Third Place trophy on tie breaks over Erik Anderson (324) and Sara Gramling (UNR). Thirteen Cola Club members competed followed by eight players from the Augusta/Aiken area and a handful from the Charleston area. Thanks to John McCrary and Clyde Smith for helping to keep the tournament running smoothly. Mark your calendars for Gamecock Open VI on Oct 13.

8/23 - Twelve players came out for Shoney's Quick I. The players were divided up into three quads and Keith Eubanks (2023) won the Top Quad with a perfect score over James MacDougall (1869), Kevin Kane (1749) and Russell Thurmond (1798). The Middle Quad was won by Bob Halliday (1433) over Daniel Dodds (1094), Gary Fredericks (1343) and Ralph Buske (1127). Lendel Robinson (1086) took the Lower Quad ahead of Richard Watts (UNR), Birney Blind (UNR) and Ted Gregory (1088). Each section winner pocketed \$40 for their efforts.

8/18 - It was casual play at both locations this week for the club. Shoney's had 17 players make it out to socialize, play casually and get some practice in before the Gamecock Open next Saturday. Shoney's will have a G30 three round Quick Tournament Thur., Aug 23. Woodland Park had seven players come out for casual play this past Saturday. The park will not be meeting this Saturday because of the Gamecock Open. Regular meetings will resume on Sept 1. Welcome new members Paul Heebner and Mike Windham!

8/2 - Marty Anderson (591) defeated Dallas Zuniga (302) to finish with a perfect score and wins the Scholastic Section of Shoney's II. Jared Ott (824) finished strong with his second win in a row by defeating Erik Anderson (355) which gave Jared second place for the tournament. Overall seven players competed in the Scholastic Section.

The dust has cleared and James MacDougall (1969) is the last man standing after his final round win over Ralph Buske (1127). James pocketed \$50 for his solid play. Keith Eubanks (2091) defeated Gary Fredericks (1343) to finish in clear second and win \$35. Daniel Dodds (1326) was able to move into third place and win \$15 by defeating James Doyle (1131). Russell Thurmond (1627) posted his third straight win by defeating Chandler Davis (UNR) and Adrian Polit (1720) got back in the win column with a victory over Ryan Davis (UNR). New club member Ron Tims (UNR) posted a win over Jason Robinson (UNR). A total of 21 players competed in the Open Section. The final crosstable is [HERE](#).

8/2- Marty Anderson (591) scored his fourth straight win by defeating R.B. Webb

(UNR). Marty wins the Scholastic Section of Shoney's II with one round still to play. Jared Ott (824) moved into a tie for second with R.B. by defeating Dallas Zuniga (302). Erik Anderson (355) was able to take the win over Connor MacDougall (128) in what turned into a marathon game! Jared and R.B. will play to decide the 2nd & 3rd place trophies this Thursday.

The Open Section has settled in with a steady 12 players each week. James MacDougall (1969) was able to escape with a win over Daniel Dodds (1326) and move into first place by a .5 point. Gary Fredericks (1343) and Ralph Buske (1127) split the point and James Doyle (1131) was able to score a point over Chandler Davis (UNR). Ralph, James and Keith Eubanks are all tied for second at 3. Richard Watts (UNR) slipped past Birney Blind (UNR) and Russell Thurmond (1627) posted a win over Ryan Davis (UNR). Kevin Kane (1865) came up from Aiken and scored a win over Adrian Polit (1720). The final round will be Thursday, Aug 9.

7/26 - Shoney's II continues. Marty Anderson (616) with 3 points stays at the top of the Scholastic Section with a shockingly quick win over previously undefeated Jared Ott (789). R.B. Webb (UNR) was able to score a second win in a rematch with Erik Anderson (346)

The Open Section is a slugfest with four players tied at 2.5 after three rounds. Daniel Dodds (1160) and Ralph Buske (UNR) came to peaceful terms in the club's open section draw are two of the four tied at the top. Keith Eubanks (2078) knocked off previously unbeaten James Doyle (1184) to pull himself into the tie for first. James MacDougall (1969) defeated Birney Blind (UNR) in a tough game and completes the log jam at the top. Gary Fredericks (UNR) was able to regain his winning form by beating Ryan Davis (UNR). Adrian Polit (1720) became the club's newest member and returned to the board after a four year absence with a win over Ted Gregory (1000). Russell Thurmond (1638) secured the point from Richard Watts (UNR) and Lendel Robinson (UNR) defeated Marty Anderson (616).

7/19- Marty Anderson (616) moves into the early lead of the Scholastic Section at 2-0 with a win over Erik Anderson. Jared Ott (789) returned this week and was able to defeat R.B. Webb (UNR) to pick up his first point of Shoney's II and move into a tie for second.

The Adult Section had James Doyle (1184) pick up the point from Ted Gregory (1000). Daniel Dodds (1160) scored his second win by beating Gary Fredericks

(UNR) and Ralph Buske (UNR) was able to slip by Birney Blind (UNR) creating a three-way tie at 2 points. Keith Eubanks (2078) defeated Russell Thurmond (1638) and James Mac Dougall (1969) returned to the board and defeated Erik Walker (1970). Bob Halliday (1574) was the recipient of a gift from Richard Watts (UNR) as both were trying to deal with a time scramble at the end of the game.

7/12 - Shoney's II has begun with our biggest round yet! Four players competed in the Scholastic section with Marty Anderson (616) defeating Eric Cheng (700) and R.B. Webb (UNR) scoring a point over Erik Anderson (346). The Adult Section had 14 players compete in the first round and all games were decided. Erik Walker (1970) defeated Russell Thurmond (1638) on the top board. James Doyle (1184) was able to get by Jason Robinson (UNR) and Daniel Dodds (1160) continued his winning ways by taking the point from Ted Gregory (1000) Ralph Buske (UNR) beat Andrew Collins (UNR) and Birney Blind (UNR) posted a win over Ryan Davis (UNR). Gary Fredericks (UNR) ground out a tough win over Lendel Robinson (UNR) and new member Chandler Davis (UNR) announced his arrival to club by defeating Richard Watts (UNR). Every round of the Shoney's tournament has been larger than the previous. Several other players are expected to compete in round 2 which should keep this trend going. Shoney's II is shaping up to be a real slugfest!

7/5 - Casual night at the Columbia Chess Club had eleven players come out to get a little work in before Shoney's II starts on July 12. This will be a rated tournament and you must be a USCF member to play. There will still be casual play for those that do not wish to play in the tournament. Shoney's I has been rated and can be found [HERE](#). Plans are in the works for three Saturday tournaments. The tentative dates are August 25, October 13 and December 8. Be sure to check back for details. Hope to see everyone this Thursday for the first round!

6/28 - The fifth and final round of Shoney's I had our largest turnout in the Adult section with 12 players competing. SCCA President Keith Eubanks (2074) defeated Erik Walker (1970) to take clear first with 4 points. Ralph Buske (UNR) defeated Lendel Robinson (UNR) to share second place with Gary Fredericks (UNR) who got by Ted Gregory (959). Both finished with 3 points. SCCA VP David Grimaud (1597) was able to defeat Russell Thurmond (1638) while Richard Watts (UNR) beat Maureen Grimaud (254). Birney Blind (UNR) scored his first win over James Doyle (1184). A total of 17 players competed in the Adult section of Shoney's I.

The Scholastic section finished with Jared Ott (786) scoring his fourth win of the tournament by defeating Erik Anderson (346). A total of 8 players competed in the Scholastic section.

We had 11 additional players come out tonight and play casually for a total of 25 players this week.

6/21- Round 4 of Shoney's I was our biggest yet! Sixteen players participated in this round with another six playing casually.

Six players competed in the Scholastic Section with Jared Ott (789) securing first place in the tournament with a round to go by defeating Dallas Zuniga (UNR). Eric Cheng (700) moved into second place with his win over Marty Anderson (616) and Alex Johnson (UNR) won over Erik Anderson (346).

Ten players battled in the Adult Section tonight and Keith Eubanks (2074) took possession of first place with his sharp win over Russell Thurmond (1638). Ted Gregory (959) defeated James Doyle (1184) to move into second place with 2.5 points. Gary Fredericks (UNR) squeezed out a win over Ralph Buske (UNR) and Lendel Robinson (UNR) posted his second straight win by defeating Alex Johnson (UNR) creating a log jam for third at 2 points. The fifth and final round of Shoney's I will be by June 28.

6/17 - South Carolina's busiest week of chess concluded at the SC Open in Greenville this past weekend with 64 players competing in three sections. The Cola Club's presence was felt with David Grimaud taking clear first in the U1800 scoring 4.5 points. Daniel Dodds continued his winning trend by finishing in a tie for first in the U1400 with 4 points. Geoff Grimaud scored 3 points in the U1400 and Maureen Grimaud secured her first tournament win! Bob Halliday finished with 2.5 points in the U1800 section. Not a bad showing for the home team! The crosstable can be found [HERE](#).

6/14 - The publicity generated from the Simul on Tuesday helped boost attendance to over 20 people at Shoney's Thursday evening. Twelve played in Round 3 of Shoney's I and another 10 played casually. Club membership is at 21 now!

Four players competed in the Scholastic section with Eric Cheng (700) defeating Erik Anderson (346) and Lionel & Dallas Zuniga playing to a draw. Jared Ott continues to lead with 2.5 points.

Eight players competed in the Adult section and we had some of our stronger players come out for this round. Daniel Dodds (1160) suffered his first loss of the tournament to Russell Thurmond (1638). Keith Eubanks (2074) was able to get by Eric Walker (1970) and Ralph Buske (UNR) outplayed Lionel Zuniga (UNR) to create a three way tie at the top. Lendel Robinson (UNR) scored a win by beating Ted Gregory (959). Round 4 will be Thursday, June 21.

6/12 - There was a strong turnout for the Simul given by GM Ftacnik at Dutch Square Mall. The 25 supplied boards filled up fast and a total of 29 games were contested by 28 players. Play started shortly after 6:00 and the final game concluded around 9:30. The final score was 26 wins for the Grandmaster with two draws and one loss. Cola Club member and Blythewood resident 15 year old Daniel Dodds scored the only win with Russell Thurmond and Edsel Pena both holding the GM to draws. The State newspaper mentioned the simul in two articles that can be found [here](#) and [here](#). WIS TV's midday show had a short interview with GM Ftacnik and SCCA VP David Grimaud the day of the simul. Even [Susan Polgar](#) reported on the simul in her [blog](#). Thanks to David Grimaud and Precision Tune Auto Care for making this event possible! Photos can be found [HERE](#).

6/07 - The New faces of Columbia Chess were out in force again as ten players competed in Round 2 of Shoney's I. Jared Ott (789) now leads the Scholastic section with his win over Marty Anderson (616). Erik Anderson (346) moved into a tie for second with his win over Dallas Zuniga (UNR).

In the Adult Section Daniel Dodds (1160) posted his second straight win and moves into clear first by beating Lendel Robinson (UNR). Gary Fredericks (UNR) scored a point with his win over Lionel Zuniga (UNR) and Ted Gregory (959) picked up a point with his win over Ralph Buske (UNR) creating a three way tie for second after two rounds.

5/31 - Shoney's I underway! Youth and new players were the story here at Shoney's as Dallas Zuniga (UNR) has the unique honor of being the first player to win a Cola Chess Club tournament game with his first round victory over Connor Mac Dougall (144) in the Scholastic Section. Jared Ott (789) also posted a win over R.B. Webb (UNR) to share the lead at 1-0.

In the Adult section Ralph Buske (UNR) was able to post a victory in his first rated game over Robert Webb (UNR). Daniel Dodds (1160) ground out a win over Gary Fredericks (UNR) to share the lead at **1-0**.

5/28 - Our first tournament, Shoney's I, will begin Thursday, May 31. There will be a Scholastic Section and two Adult Sections. This is an USCF rated tournament. You do not have to play in every round. You can play in as many or as few a games as you wish. Check Tournament page for full details.

5/17 - The Columbia Chess Club is formed and becomes an affiliate of the USCF.

5/8 - David Grimaud and Bob Halliday get permission to use the back room at Shoney's on Harbison once a week to play chess. A group of five scholastic players and eight adult players meet for the first time at Shoney's for casual play.