

**Columbia Chess Club**  
**Year End Awards**  
**2011**

The Cola Club will award the following trophies to the club's top players. The current leaders for each trophy will be posted on the website. Trophies will be awarded in December. In the event of a tie each player will be awarded a trophy with the exceptions of Player of the Year and Jr. Player of the Year, which will be decided by tie-breakers. Only events sponsored by the Columbia Chess Club will count toward Player of the Year, Jr. Player of the Year and Most Active. Club team matches Do Not count toward Player of the Year, Jr. Player of the Year, or Most Active. Junior Columbia Club members under 19 **only** qualify for Jr trophies. In order to qualify for an award, you must participate in at least 10 rated club-sponsored games, and at least 2 games in the last 3 months of the year (October, November & December).

**Player of the Year**

Player of the year is awarded to the player who demonstrates consistency in attendance and winning. Player of the year is determined in the following manner.

Each victory\* will count as 1 point. A first place finish in a club-sponsored tournament (regardless of section) will yield 3 bonus points. A second place finish will yield 2 points and the under-prize for each class will also yield an additional point. The player with the most points, regardless of section or rating wins player of the year. In the event of a tie, the total winning % will be used to determine the overall winner. Only players above 19 years of age are eligible for Player of the Year.

\*A victory is considered a club-sponsored long game. In addition, finishing 1st place of a quad in a quick tournament counts as a single victory but not as a tournament 1st place finish. Club sponsored games are weekly tournaments and any weekend tournament that is advertised in advance. For example The Columbia Open. Match play does not count towards Player of the Year.

**Junior Player of the Year**

Same as player of the year with but only eligible to players under 19 years of age.

### **Most Active**

Most active is awarded to the Player with the most club sponsored tournament games from January 1st 2010 to the time of the awards ceremony in December. A tournament game is considered a weekly long game and any club sponsored tournament long game such as The Columbia Open. In addition participation in a 3-game quick tournament counts as 1 for the purposes of total number of games.

### **Most Improved**

Most Improved is awarded to the player with the highest increase in established rating from the previous year December supplement to the current year December supplement. Provisional ratings do not count towards this award. If you are provisionally rated at the beginning of the year and receive an established rating during the year, your established rating will be used as your starting point for this award. Only players above 19 years of age are eligible for this award.

### **Most Improved Jr.**

Same as Most Improved but only for players under 19 years of age.

### **Rookie of the Year**

Rookie of the Year will be awarded to the player who meets the following criteria:

- A. Joined the USCF and Columbia Chess Club no sooner than October 2009
  - B. Has never been a prior member of either USCF or Columbia Chess Club
  - C. Participates in at least 10 club sponsored rated (long) games including at least 2 in the last 3 months of the year.
  - D. Has the highest rating of all players who meet the previous 3 requirements"
- Only eligible to players over 19 years of age.

### **Jr. Rookie of the Year**

Same as Rookie of the Year but eligible only to players 19 years of age or younger.