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## CCLA NEWSLETTER

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In recognition of his generosity to correspondence chess, CCLA will be holding the **HERBERT W. GUSTAFSON OPEN TOURNAMENT** starting **OCTOBER 15** instead of its usual Fall Server Series. This semi-class event, played on the ICCF server, will truly be Open, as **any resident of the United States or Canada may enter with No Membership Requirement and No Entry Fee.** Sections will be formed in order of rating, with each section having four players playing two games against each opponent. (There may be a few five-player sections if needed to accommodate all the entrants.) There will be prizes, in the form of \$19 credits to each section winner (split in case of a tie). For United States residents these credits may be used for a CCLA membership or, for CCLA members, entry fees into other CCLA events. For Canadian residents these credits may be applied as partial membership payment in the Canadian Correspondence Chess Association (CCCA). Entries will close on October 15, 2010. Only one entry per person will be accepted. **As with other CCLA events, the use of chess-playing computer engines is not allowed.** If you are interested, please email [herbhickman@comcast.net](mailto:herbhickman@comcast.net) with your full name, your rating (please specify organization), the email address you want to use and your ICCF ID number if any.

The deadline for the **2010 CCLA POSTAL CHAMPIONSHIP AND LEADERSHIP TOURNAMENT** is **SEPTEMBER 15.** The 11 highest rated players who have completed at least 10 rated games in CCLA competition will enter the CCLA Postal Championship. This is a one-round event with one game per opponent, and prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$10 for first, second and third place. The remaining entrants will play in the Leadership Tournament, also postal, a semi-class event with 7 to 9 players assigned to each section and one game per opponent, with prizes of \$15 and \$10 for first and second place in each section. The entry fee for both events is \$8. As described elsewhere in this Newsletter, there will be a CCLA Server Championship starting January 15, 2011. Those looking for semi-class server events can choose among the Gustafson Open Tournament (all ratings), the Continuous Server Series (under 1800) and the 2010 Open Server Championship (1600 & over).

The deadline for submitting CCLA games completed in 2009 to the **BEST GAME CONTESTS** is **SEPTEMBER 15**. There are \$50 and \$25 first and second prizes in each of three different rating categories. Please send your games to Dick Vandenburg at [rsvandenburg@juno.com](mailto:rsvandenburg@juno.com) or 2316 Regan Avenue, Boise, ID 83702.

**TED HOUSER**, one of the highest-rated players in both APCT and CCLA, passed away on August 8. As his son Dan expresses it, "Ted loved life, especially his family, sailing boats, travels to Spain with his wife Joan, good food and CHESS! He considered all of his chess opponents to be his personal friends. He never knew a stranger – only potential friends. He was a generous loving friend to all who knew him. He really enjoyed the chess endgames."

**The CONTINUOUS SERVER SERIES has started for players rated under 1800.** Entries are open all year, and five-player sections with one game per opponent are formed as soon as we have five entrants. Games are played on the ICCF webserver with a 10/40 time limit. The entry fee is \$6. Please include the email address you want to use and your ICCF ID number if any.

The CCLA Board has approved several **CHANGES IN THE SERVER EVENTS FOR 2011**. A new event, the **2011 CCLA SERVER CHAMPIONSHIP**, will start on January 15, 2011. It will contain the 11 highest rated applicants, with an entry fee of \$10 and prizes of \$50, \$25 and \$10 for first, second and third places. For lower-rated players the Winter Server Series will also begin January 15. The **2011 CCLA NORTH AMERICAN SERVER CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be moved from February 15 to April 15, replacing the Spring Server Series, with only one round when there are 10 entrants or less. The **2011 SERVER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be moved from March 15 to October 15, replacing the Fall Server Series. The CCLA Open Server Championship will be changed in 2011 to the **OPEN SERVER SERIES** with the format of the Continuous Server Series but for players 1600 and above. All this results in the following server schedule for 2011:

January 15: CCLA Server Championship and Winter Server Series

April 15: CCLA North American Server Class Championships

July 15: Summer Server Series

October 15: Server Team Championships

All Year: Continuous Server Series (under 1800) and Open Server Series (1600 & over)

No changes have been made in the schedule of postal events.

All but one of the **2009 CCLA NORTH AMERICAN SERVER CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS** have been completed with the following results:

Master/Expert: Stephen Morgan 5.5-1.5 followed by Charles Merrow 5-2

Class A: Johnny Owens 7-1 followed by Walter Rattay 6-2

Class B: 3-1 tie between Anthony Ragan and Arthur Cencetti

Class C: Finalists are Dom Cangelosi, Jay Simonson and Donald Randolph

**The 2009 CCLA SERVER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS** have ended with the following results:

Division 1 **Paul Morphy's Hair** (24.5-11.5) wins, the IECC Team (22.5-13.5) second.

Division 2 **Hounds of SM1** (25-11) wins, the Belgium Team (22.5-13.5) second.

Division 3 **Idaho Mountaineers** (24.5-11.5) wins, New England Blizzard (22.5-12.5) second.

Division 4 **Canadian Snowbirds** (23-13) wins, Minnesota-Wisconsin Norsemen (22-14) second.

You can see all of the results on [http://chessbymail.com/server\\_team.htm](http://chessbymail.com/server_team.htm).

**The 2009 CCLA POSTAL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP results to date can be seen on** [http://chessbymail.com/postal\\_team16.htm](http://chessbymail.com/postal_team16.htm).

**ALL-YEAR SERVER EVENTS DURING 2010.** The **SERVER OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP** is a two-round event open to players rated 1600 and over, with seven entries in each section of the preliminary round. Play in a section starts when seven entries have been received. The winner (including ties) of each section advances to the finals, as do the winners of the highest-rated section of each 2010 Server Series event. Entry fee \$10. Multiple entries allowed. 10/40 time limit. Please include the email address you want to use and your ICCF ID number if any. There is also the **CONTINUOUS SERVER SERIES** for players rated under 1800, as described on page one.

**ALL-YEAR POSTAL EVENTS DURING 2010.** The **GRAND NATIONAL** (1600 and over) and **SOCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP** (under 1800) remain unchanged from 2009. Multiple entries allowed, with a \$6 entry fee and a \$10 first prize for each round 1 section. A 4-2 score qualifies for Round 2, which has a \$10 entry fee and prizes based on the number of Round 2 entries. Players rated between 1600 and 1799 must specify which event they are entering. 10/30 time limit. For additional information see *Chess Correspondent* or go to [www.chessbymail.com](http://www.chessbymail.com).

**CCLA ADDRESS AND PAYMENTS.** All messages and payments to CCLA should be sent to **CCLA, P.O. Box 142, Livingston, NJ 07039-0142 or [herbhickman@comcast.net](mailto:herbhickman@comcast.net)**. This includes memberships, entry fees, game results, address changes and time complaints. Payments may be made by check (CCLA, P.O. Box 142, Livingston, NJ 07039), PayPal ([www.chessbymail.com](http://www.chessbymail.com)), or from your account with CCLA ([herbhickman@comcast.net](mailto:herbhickman@comcast.net)).

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