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## CCLA NEWSLETTER

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Entries for the **2012 CCLA SERVER CHAMPIONSHIP** will close on **January 15, 2012**. 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 **2012 WINTER SERVER SERIES** will also begin **January 15**, with an entry fee of \$6. This is a semi-class event open to players of all ratings. There are usually six games played, with either one game against each of six opponents, or two games against three opponents. Entries are lined up according to rating. All games in both events are played on the ICCF server with a 10/40 time limit. Please include your full name, the email address you want to use and your ICCF ID number if any. Games are CCLA rated and are not ICCF rated. If you are rated below 2000 please send the \$6 entry fee for the Winter Server Series, as it is unlikely that you will qualify for the Server Championship.

**A 10-player match on the ICCF webserver is being set up with the British Correspondence Chess Federation.** No entry fee, minimum rating 1500, 10/40 time limit, no use of chess-playing computers, two games with your opponent. If you are interested please contact Herb Hickman at [herbhickman@comcast.net](mailto:herbhickman@comcast.net). The starting date has not yet been set.

**BEST GAMES CONTEST!** Votes for the **2010 Best Games**, shown in the October – December 2011 issue of Chess Correspondent, are due by **January 31, 2012**. Votes in each of the three categories should be sent to [ganem@loyola.edu](mailto:ganem@loyola.edu) or Joe Ganem, 236 Chartley Drive, Reisterstown, MD 21136.

**FEBRUARY 15** is the closing date for the **CCLA NORTH AMERICAN POSTAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS**. There are five class championships: master/expert, class A, class B, class C, and class D and below. There are generally six or eight games in round one. If there are two or more round-one sections in a class, a second round is played to determine the class champion; there is no score carry-over from round one. Players may

qualify for round two either by winning their round-one section (including ties) or by scoring at least 75%. The entry fee is \$8 per section. Multiple sections are allowed. The time limit is 10/30. There is a \$20 prize for the class champions. When there are two or more round-one sections, the winner of each round-one section receives a \$10 prize.

I have recently learned of the death of **ALINA MARKOWSKI** in July. She lived to be over 100, and was a great promoter of women's chess, former CCLA Secretary-Treasurer and Team Captain, and active in California chess. Another long-term CCLA member, **DENNIS KOHLER**, has also died..

**CCLA MEMBERSHIP RATES FOR 2012** remain \$25 with a printed copy of Chess Correspondent and \$19 with an electronic copy. Payment may be made by check (payable to CCLA) or PayPal (see [www.chessbymail.com](http://www.chessbymail.com)) or from your CCLA account if you have one, and sent to CCLA, P.O. Box 142, Livingston, NJ07039 or [herbhickman@comcast.net](mailto:herbhickman@comcast.net). If you haven't renewed yet, now is the time!

The **CCLA Officers for 2012 and 2013** are Herb Hickman (President), David Cofer (VP), Duane Catania (Secretary/Treasurer). The **Directors for 2012 and 2013** are Stephen Morgan, Brennan Price, Donald Randolph and John Sarhage. The **Directors for 2012 through 2015** are Mark Duncovich, Jerome Lewis, Harvey Reed and Robin Selby. Their addresses are shown on the inside front cover (page 86) of the October – December 2011 Chess Correspondent.

More section winners in the **GUSTAFSON OPEN TOURNAMENT** have been determined, including Donald Zaas (section 1), Jan Jones (section 3), and Andrey Vlasov (section 4). The prize is a \$19 credit toward CCLA membership, or CCA membership if a Canadian resident. Up to date results from this event, as from other server events, appear on the CCLA web site [www.chessbymail.com](http://www.chessbymail.com) under Crosstables.

The **2012 CCLA NORTH AMERICAN SERVER CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS** will begin **April 15, 2012**. There will be only one round in each class where there are 10 entrants or less. T

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

**For players rated 1600 and over**, the one-round **OPEN SERVER SERIES** is open all year. It has the same format as the Continuous Server Series. Both events have a 10/40 time limit and \$6 entry fee. Please include your full name, the email address you want to use and your ICCF ID number if any.

**The two ALL-YEAR POSTAL EVENTS, the GRAND NATIONAL (1600 and over) and the SOCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP (under 1800) remain unchanged.** 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 to **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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