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CCLA ADDRESS AND PAYMENTS. All messages to CCLA should be sent to **CCLA, P.O. Box 142, Livingston, NJ 07039-0142** or 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), or from your account with CCLA.

SEPTEMBER 15 is the closing date for the **2008 CCLA CHAMPIONSHIP and LEADERSHIP TOURNAMENT**. These are postal events (email with the agreement of both players) using a 10/30 time limit. The entry fee is \$8. The Championship consists of the 11 highest-rated entrants who have completed at least ten rated CCLA games. In the Leadership sections, entrants are lined up in order of their ratings with 7-9 players in each section, and only one entry is allowed. You can sign up for the Championship plus another section in the Leadership, but if you don't make the 11-player cutoff for the Championship you will not be assigned to a second Leadership section. If you sign up for the Championship only, please indicate whether, if you don't make the 11-player cutoff, you want to be assigned to a section in the Leadership. First prize is \$50 in the Championship and \$15 in each Leadership section. For details see: www.chessbymail.com

OCTOBER 15 is the closing date for the **CCLA FALL SERVER SERIES**. If you have never played using a webserver, this is an excellent place to start. This is a semi-class event where games are played on the ICCF webserver with a 10/40 time limit. Entrants are lined up according to their ratings, with 5-7 players in each section and one game with each opponent. Thus you will be able to play opponents of approximately your own strength. The entry fee is \$6 per section. Please include your email address, so that you can be notified when one of your opponents has made a move. If you are mailing a check on or after October 12, please send an email to herbhickman@comcast.net indicating that the check is on the way.

The **2009 CCLA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS** will be offered in both server and postal form. The **CCLA SERVER TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS** will have an entry deadline of March 15 and consist of teams of 6 players. The **POSTAL CCLA TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS** will continue to have an entry deadline of June 1, but the size of each team has been reduced to 6 players. The entry fee for both events will be \$8, except for team captains who play for free.

IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A TEAM CAPTAIN IN THE 2007 TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS, now is a good time to contact your players to find out if they want to play in 2009 on a server team, a postal team, or both. You can then decide whether you are likely to form one or two teams. Please keep Verna Fausey (vfausey@aol.com) informed of your intentions.

DO YOU WANT TO BE A TEAM CAPTAIN IN 2009? Please contact vfausey@aol.com and specify whether its to be for a server or a postal team, or hopefully for one of each.

LAST CHANCE TO ENTER 2007 BEST GAME CONTEST. Games must end in 2007, and be from either a CCLA event or a team match involving CCLA. Send games to Dick Vandenburg, at 2316 Regan Avenue, Boise, ID 83702, or rsvandenburg@juno.com.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A FACILITATOR? If you have experience in both postal and email chess and would like to help other CCLA players, I hope you will consider being a CCLA Facilitator. So far I can think of at least three areas that need help. (1) Players are having trouble contacting each other, with too much lost in the mail or email messages not being received. (2) Players new to CCLA would like to set up postal or email Challenge Matches, but dont know anyone. (3) Players have become members, but haven't taken the next step of entering a tournament. If you would like to help, please contact herbhickman@comcast.net.

The hunt for **VOLUNTEERS WHO WANT TO ASSIST CCLA IN OTHER WAYS** continues. We are still looking for volunteers in areas such as website development and membership promotion. CCLA is determined to provide good chess events and good service, and it welcomes comments on what CCLA is doing or should be doing. But comments alone don't get the job done -- CCLA needs workers to help provide these services. If you would like to help, please contact herbhickman@comcast.net.

ALL-YEAR SERVER EVENT DURING 2008. 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 2008 Server Series event. Entry fee \$10. Multiple entries allowed. 10/40 time limit. Please include your email address.

ALL-YEAR EMAIL EVENT DURING 2008. The **EMAIL SOCIALS** are one-round events split into Division 1 for players rated 1600 and over, and Division 2 for players rated below 1800. Players rated between 1600 and 1799 must specify which division they are entering. Sections consist of five players who play one game against each opponent. Play begins as soon as two entries for a section have been received. The entry fee is \$6 per section, with multiple entries allowed and a prize of \$10 for first place in a section. 10/40 time limit.

ALL-YEAR POSTAL EVENTS DURING 2008. The **GRAND NATIONAL** (1600 and over) and **SOCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP** (under 1800) remain unchanged from 2007. 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.

For all of these events, send entries to CCLA, P.O. Box 142, Livingston, NJ 07039.

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