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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS
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DO YOU KNOW ? / SAVEZ-VOUS ?

Spotlight on “ The Greater Toronto Chess League ” (Part I)

Resignation / Boycott / Controversy Dog GTCL Into the New Millennium

The last 2 meetings of the 20th century of the GTCL (Oct. 16, and Dec. 18) were stormy ones. The President, Peter Boross-Harmer, had retreated to determine how he wished to deal with the issues that had arisen; he had not excluded the possibility of resigning. Well, on Tues. Jan. 2, Peter offered his formal resignation to the Board in writing, both as President, and as a Board member. This is a blow to the GTCL; they are now seeking their 3 rd President this 2000/2001 year, since Peter only took over part way through the year, when the original President, Roger Langen, resigned.

Another member of the Executive Committee of the GTCL, the Communications Officer, Mark Dutton, representing Dutton Chess, confirmed that he too was upset at the direction certain issues were taking in the last 2 meetings. Although he indicated that he expected to attend the upcoming Mon., February 12 Board meeting, he stated that his resignation also was a real possibility. Further, he advised that Dutton Chess Club, whom Peter was representing, will not be sending a new representative to the Board, and will be boycotting the GTCL for the foreseeable future.

Further on, we’ll hear from some Board Members on the other side of the various contentious issues, which seem to have split the Board.

GTCL Scholarship Fund

This is one of the items which is currently the centre of some of the consternation. And you have to be sharp to see how it involves you, the GTA player. If you play weekend tournament chess in Toronto, you may or may not have noticed a small note in

the advertising flyer; it depends on the tournament you played in. For example the Christmas Open '00 flyer had a box section explaining the breakdown of the entry fee paid; one of the items was : “ \$ 1 to the GTCL Scholarship Fund “. The flyer also stated : “ This event has been officially sanctioned by the G.T.C.L. “. [In a later segment of this series, we will look closely at “ sanctioning “, and what tournaments are sanctioned]. One of the conditions attached to having a bid accepted to organize one of the GTCL – sanctioned tournaments, is that the organizer will collect from each player registered, \$ 1 to be remitted to the GTCL, which will be placed in their Scholarship Fund. Few players notice this, and fewer are familiar with the GTCL Scholarship Policy, which sets the terms of the “ scholarships “ given out by the GTCL. These monies collected from tournament players, and some other donated funds, form the Scholarship Fund.

But what about the upcoming St. Valentine's Day Open '01. The flyer quotes the standard entry fee, and appears similar. But there is no notice about any \$ 1 remittance to GTCL. Nor is there any rider about the tournament being “ GTCL-sanctioned “. This is because it is not ! The GTCL only has jurisdiction over some tournaments, as set out in its Constitution. This is an “ independent “ DC tournament, and since it is not sanctioned, there is no condition concerning the Scholarship Fund.

Next Issue, we'll get to the core problem – the GTCL Scholarship “ Policy ”.

We Have Champions !

The 2000/1 SCC Club/Class Championship was a 9-round affair (top championship section - a round-robin; class champions - a one-section swiss).

The 2000/1 Club Co-Champions (8/9 pts.) are Bryan LAMB, defending Champion [lost to Andrew PICANA in round 9], and Allan CAI (jr.) [lost to Bryan].

The 2000/1 “ Class ” Champions were : “ A ” – Guido BORTOLOTTI “ B ” – Patrick DOUCETTE / John FRIENDLY / Frank J. TEBBS Jr. “ C ” – Henryk STALA / Ted TERMEER “ D&U/Unr. ” – Liam HENRY(jr.).

GTCL 2000/1 Cup (Club Team Knockout)

On Mon. Jan. 8, SCC A started the millennium off with a victory (3 : 1 - LAMB[W], HENTSCHEL[W], CAI[W], TRIEFELDT[L]) in the last quarter-final knockout match against DCC B. They now join Mississauga Polonia A, Brampton, and DCC A in the two semi-final knockout rounds, expected to be played in April.

GTCL Club Team League Update

On Tues., Jan. 9, SCC B won their match with Mississauga Polonia B (2.5 : 1.5 – CAI[D], PICANA[W], ROLAVS[D], ARMSTRONG[D]), raising them out of last place; they play Brampton on Jan. 16. SCC A plays against DCC A, on Jan. 23. As of today, they remain tied for 2nd/3rd, with 6 pts.. Polonia A continues to hold clear first - 10 pts.

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