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

Proposed CFC “ Conflicting Tournaments ” Policy – Defeated at CFC AGM !

The Problem

In May, 2001, Dutton Chess held what the Ontario Chess Association designated a “ conflicting tournament ”, because it ran directly in competition with the Kitchener Ontario Open '01, which is OCA-sponsored. At the time, the CFC, asked by OCA not to advertise (and effectively not to rate) the DC tournament, refused the request. Dutton Chess felt a CFC policy of “ no date protection ” was needed to avoid this challenge to its tournaments in future. So it arranged for 2 governors to bring a general policy motion on this issue.

The Motions

At the Annual General Meeting of the CFC, held July 9-11, there was a main motion 01-6 , and an amending motion 01-7, both of which had been raised earlier in the year.

The main motion (Cohen/Gebhardt) read :

“ That the CFC policy on rating events be that a tournament, which is otherwise qualified to be rated, cannot be prevented from being rated on the grounds that its dates conflict, whether directly or indirectly, with those of another event. ”

We note that in an SCTCT interview prior to the vote, David Gebhardt indicated that he did not favour the motion, but seconded it both to bring it forward to the

Governors for decision, and because there was some urgency to get the motion in, due to deadlines.

The amending motion (Jaeger [now President of the OCA]/Ferner) read :

“ That 01-6 be amended by adding the following : ‘ subject to the right of affiliated provinces/ territories to reserve three periods / calendar year, giving six months notice, for all or part of its territory ’. ”

So Much for Predictions

The SCTCT must humbly admit that on this matter, its crystal ball was obviously clouded. We had opined that the amendment would go down in flaming defeat; and that the main motion would then pass easily. There had been no strong opposition to the main motion in either CFC GL # 5 or # 6. But something happened on the way to the forum – the CFC AGM. One never knows what is going to be the result of actual face-to-face debate !

The Amending Motion Vote

The amending motion had to be dealt with first. It was defeated, as we predicted - - but only on a very close vote : 12 for – 15 against – 7 abstentions (may be subject to correction by Minutes) . We suppose a main flaw in it was that it was trying to achieve something like being only a little bit pregnant. Either there will be tournament date protection, and sanctions, or there won’t. As a result of this vote, one would think that the majority didn’t want to interfere in the marketplace (the non-regulation principle). But we were advised by Martin Jaeger that he felt the request by Ontario that the CFC negotiate an affiliation agreement with the OCA affected the vote, because it could include a date protection clause. Some felt that the governors should leave it to the CFC Executive to negotiate tournament protection, and not try to direct the Executive with some policy or other. This opinion seems to be supported by the results of the second vote.

The Main Motion Vote

The vote on the main motion was the second one held. One would think that since the majority on the amending motion seemed to be against protecting 3 dates, the motion should pass. But NO !! – the motion failed by a large margin : 6 for – 22 against – 6 abstentions (may be subject to correction by Minutes).

SCTCT is still reeling in shock. The “ free market/ no regulation “ proponents failed to get their policy passed !!

Martin stated to SCTCT : “ There was very little support at the meeting for the unregulated framework suggested by (motion) 01-6. ” It may be some voters who were for protection didn’t like the wording of the amendment, thought it was too broad and vague, and so felt compelled to defeat it. But they were in favour of protection of dates, and so voted AGAINST the main motion. And others considered that the affiliation

agreement mechanism would deal with the issue well enough, leaving it to the Executive to decide on the issue of date protection. It may also be that other factors were also at work, other than simply the issue of no date protection. On the main motion, some thought that the proposed policy was intruding into the area of provincial jurisdiction, and that things should only be decided on a case by case basis, depending on the circumstances.

And We Are Left With --- ???

Whatever the various reasons for the defeat, the incontrovertible point is that the CFC once again has NO GENERAL POLICY ON CONFLICTING TOURNAMENTS !! The only guideline we have is a decision by the prior Executive on the particular OCA/DC dispute facts. So once again it is not clear whether CFC will regulate “conflicting tournaments “ (and note that we now have a new Executive).

And at its recent AGM, the OCA amended its relevant Constitutional section, to strengthen its procedure of approaching CFC on a “ conflicting tournament “. OCA also wants an affiliation agreement allowing protection. OCA has no intention of letting CFC off the hook on this one. It wants CFC co-operation on provincial date protection.

This issue commenced back in September of 2000. It has generated all kinds of heat and light since then. But all of it has only returned us to the uncertainty originally faced !!

Déjà Vu All Over Again ?

The GTCL is now actively looking for a bidder on the GTCL-sanctioned Thanksgiving Day Open '01 in Toronto in October. This would make the Dutton Chess tournament that weekend another “ conflicting tournament “. What will happen if the conflicting tournament scenario arises again, and GTCL asks the new CFC Executive not to advertise or rate DC's conflicting Thanksgiving Day tournament ??

The answer – no one knows ! We would think that Dale Kirton (new CFC President) and crew will be no happier caught in a dispute between GTCL and DC, than Maurice Smith (past CFC President) and crew were between OCA and DC. And what about DC ? With the policy defeated, it is again vulnerable to a “ conflicting tournament “ challenge. Does DC feel it can rely on the new Executive to do what the old one did, if the situation arises again ? We can only use a chess evaluation to summarize – “ Position Unclear “.

2001 Dortmund, Germany Tournament (FIDE Category XXI – 2755 Av. Rtg.)

This was the strongest tournament held this year so far. It was a double round robin, that started Thurs., July 12, and ended July 22. It had 6 of the top 9 rated players in the world : Vladimir Kramnik (#2), Viswanathan Anand (# 3), Alexander Morozevich (# 4), Michael Adams (# 5), Peter Leko (# 7) and Veselin Topalov (# 9). The co-winners, with $6 \frac{1}{2} /10$ pts., were 2000 BrainGamesNetwork World Champion Kramnik (Champion on tie-break), and Topalov. 2000 FIDE World Champion, Anand, had a disastrous tournament, coming dead last with only 3/10 pts.. Though one should not

draw great conclusions from only one tournament (Anand has bounced back from one of these before), the FIDE World Championship credibility has suffered another blow !

2001 10th Canadian Women's Championship (and Women's WCC Zonal)

This 18-player 6 round swiss, under new FIDE time control (the digital clocks ordered from FIDE didn't arrive, so it will be Game/120 min.), organized by David Cohen, will be played at the Dutton Chess Club from Sat., Aug. 4 to Mon. Aug 6. This is an interesting group of very experienced, as well as young up-and-coming, players (from Ontario unless otherwise noted). We think we can expect some upsets! Here is the line-up (since space is limited, we've had to limit the chess " milestone " items chosen) :

1. Nava Starr (2261) – most experienced participant : Women's International Master; 7 times Canadian Women's Chess Champion (between 1978 & 1995); won bronze medal for individual performance on 1st board playing for Canada in the 1982 Chess Olympiad; 5 times participated in Women's World Championship Interzonals.
2. Daniela Belc (2198) – peak permanent rating – 2281; 2000 Canadian Women's Olympic Team;
3. Bojana Mitrovic (2171) – participant in the 2001 Toronto Closed, and 2000 Toronto Reserves Co-champion; Can. Rep. - 2000 World Youth Chess Champ., 16 years & Under Girls;
4. Doina Brestoiu (2100) – Women's FIDE Master; peak rating over 2200; played in the 1996 Romanian National Women's Championship;
5. Stefanie Chu (2099) – Women's FIDE Master; 1996 & 2000 Canadian Women's Olympic Team;
6. Marina Bryskine (2052) – 2000 Canadian Women's Olympic Team;
7. Amanda Benggawan (2004) – Can. Rep. - 2000 World Youth Chess Champ., 14 years & Under Girls.;
8. Dinara Khaziyeva – Quebec - (1998) – 1998 Quebec Women's Closed Champion;
9. Olya Shishkina (1983) – Can. Rep. - 2000 World Youth Chess Champ., 16 years & Under Girls;
10. Julie Trottier – Quebec - (1971) – 2000 Quebec Women's Closed Champion;
11. Vesma Baltgailis (1968) – Women's International Master; 1978 & 82 Women's Olympic Team;
12. Nataliya Rodina (1955) – 2nd in 2001 CYCC [Canadian Youth Chess Championship] 16 yrs. & Under Girls;
13. Dina Kagramanov (1938) – 3rd in 2001 CYCC 16 yrs. & Under Girls;
14. Liat Dobrishman (1841) – 2nd in 1998 London, Ontario Closed Reserves Champ.; 2000 London Junior Champion;
15. Alina Sviridovitch (1777) – 1st in 2000 Toronto Summer International Open – U 1400 Section (8 years old at the time); 1998 Belarus International Chess Tournament Champion – Under 8 years old Section (6 years old at the time); in the same year was a participant in the Belarus National Championships – Under 10 years;
16. Alexandra Benggawan (1774) – Can. Rep. - 2000 World Youth Chess Champ., 12 years & Under;

17. Gordana Maric (1682) – 2nd in 2001 CYCC 14 yrs. & Under Girls;
18. Hazel Smith (1677) – 1st in both 2000 & 2001 CYCC 10 years & Under Girls.

SCC Summer Closings

This year, because of the SCC's new location at the Wexford Senior's Residence, the SCC closing schedule for August will be as follows :

1. Sunday - Closed all of August (the last Sunday Swiss ended with round 5 on July 29). Re-opens Sunday Sept. 9 (closed Sept. 2 for Macedonian Labour Day Open '01)
2. Tuesday – Last Tuesday open will be Tuesday, August 14 (the second Active tournament series ended July 31, but the club will stay open for the first 2 Tuesdays of August for skittles). SCC re-opens Tuesday, Sept. 4 (note : 'first' Tuesday) for our 2001/2 Annual Meeting.
3. Thursday – Last day open will be Thursday, Aug. 16 (Round 5 of the current tournament). Re-opens Thursday, Sept. 6 with first tournament of the new year.

SCC Summer (Thurs.) Swiss '01

26 players took part in this 7 round tournament that ended on July 12. The winners were : Open – 1st Bryan LAMB (5.5/7), 2nd – Andrew PICANA (5/7); A – Gaja SRINIVASAN/ Bob ARMSTRONG/ Patrick DOUCETTE (4.5/7); B – Guido BORTOLOTTI (4.5/7); C – Jan CHUDERSKI (3.5/7); D & Under/Unr. – Rueben NELSON (2/7).

SCC Mid-Summer (Thurs.) Swiss '01

Because of SCC's new location, the possibility opened up of adding an additional tournament to the schedule. So this tournament started on July 19, with 16 players registered. It is a 5 round tournament, and ends August 16. The class breakdown of the participants is : Expert – 1; A – 1; B – 10; C – 2; D – 2.

SCC Mid-Summer (Sun.) Swiss '01

This last Sunday tournament of the year ended July 29. It was a 5 round tournament, and 11 players took part. The winners were : Open – Gaja SRINIVASAN / Guido BORTOLOTTI (3.5/5); UNDER 1700 – Murt RAMZI (2.5/5)

SCC Summer Active #1 (Tues.) Swiss "01

In line with this year's initiative by the Exec. Cttee. to offer more variety of tournaments to members, SCC offered a club members only, evening Active tournament. It was run as 3 rounds per evening, for 2 consecutive Tuesdays, to complete a 6 round tournament. It commenced Tuesday, July 10 , and finished the following Tuesday, July

17. 15 players entered, and the winners were : 1st – Ismail IBRAHIM (5/6); 2nd – Liam HENRY (4.5/6); 3rd – Bryan LAMB / Gaja SRINIVASAN (4/6).

SCC Summer Active # 2 (Tues.) Swiss '01

Given the success of the first Active, SCC repeated the format for the next 2 Tuesdays – July 24 and 31. 9 players registered for this Active. The winners were : 1st / 2nd – Bryan LAMB / Wilf FERNER (5/6); 3rd / 4th – Gaja SRINIVASAN / Liam HENRY (4/6).

This format offering appears to have been liked by the members. Since it was successful, we will offer it again in the Fall, as part of a rotation of tournament-type format on Tuesday evenings. The other formats will likely be a regular swiss, a 1-hour tournament, and a regular swiss with the new FIDE time control (40 moves/90 min. // Sudden Death/ 30 min. [no increments, unless we could find enough digital clocks]).

Scarborough Youth Tournament # 23

As well as organizing the Scarborough Active monthly series, SCC, with Bryan Lamb as organizer, also has for the past few years, run a series of monthly youth tournaments in Scarborough. They are open to all youth, and aimed specifically at trying to attract juniors who may not have played in formal tournaments before.

This tournament, the last of the 2001/2 club year, attracted 21 players, 7 of whom were unrated . The winners were : 1st / 2nd – Gaja SRINIVASAN / Nimalan THAVANDIRAN (4.5 / 5); 3rd – Daniel ANDRONACHE (4/5).

SCC hopes to run a new 2001/2 Scarborough Youth Tournament series in the Fall.

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