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

Happy New Year 2001 !!

Welcome to the start of the “ real “ year 1 of the New Millennium ! We have now really left the old millennium behind. And a lot of big changes have occurred in that last year – the USA has a new president-elect, finally; the world has a new “ unofficial “, but world-wide recognized, World Champion 2000 in Vladimir Kramnick; Canada, again, has, for his 3rd majority Canadian Liberal government, Jean Chretien; FIDE has a new World Champion 2000 (see below), replacing FIDE World Champion 1999, Alexander Khalifman; and Canada found a corporate sponsor for its National Chess Olympiad team.

Some small changes have also occurred – the GTCL Cup 2000/1, and GTCL Club Team League started; Toronto started having two Active tournaments monthly, starting in November, courtesy of SCC running one series, and Dutton Chess the other, in addition to the normal regular-rated monthly tournaments; SCC found a new home, moving from Wexford Collegiate to the Wexford Seniors’ Apts. (Community Centre), 1860 Lawrence Ave. East (just east of Pharmacy Ave.); and SCC found a new Scarborough location for its 2001 Saturday Active series, the McGregor Park Recreation Centre, 2231 Lawrence Ave. East, just west of Kennedy Road (first one is Sat. Jan. 20 – register @ 1:15 pm !).

What changes can we expect at SCC in this “ real “ first year of the New Millennium ? One will be getting comfortable in our new home, as the year goes on. Having that issue out of the way will allow us to move on to other agenda items that have had to be put on the back burner temporarily. The Executive will be again looking at a membership renewal campaign, that will highlight the benefits of OTB play at SCC, and the membership fee discounts put in place last Sept.. And a broader campaign for new members will also be commenced, but with only modest goals, given the optimum size for our club at the moment with the current space we have.

FIDE World Champion 2000 – Viswanathan Anand !

The final round 7 of the championship 2000 was a 6-game match between Anand (India), and Alexei Shirov (Spain), played in Tehran, Iran, in late December 2000.

Anand won 3.5 : .5 (won games 2, 3 & 4; game 1 drawn; games 5 & 6 not necessary).

Many hope for a match between Anand, and Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), the unofficial World Champion 2000. It would certainly be exciting.

My own preference however (abusing my position a bit here), would be a triple Round-robin event with them being joined by Gary Kasparov (Russia), and Shirov. Will the New Millennium bring us some kind of gift like this ? We'll have to wait and see.

SCC Club/Class Championships 00/01

In Issue # 7, we looked at the players in the championship round-robin section this club year. With one round left, Bryan LAMB is clear first (8/8), and junior Allan CAI is in clear second, his only loss being to Bryan.

The “ class “ championships are also turning out to be hard-fought affairs. With one round left, the reserves one-section swiss is being led by Patrick DOUCETTE, in clear first; Frank J. TEBBS, Jr., is in clear second. Here are the “ class “ match-ups : “ A ” – Guido BORTOLOTTI (1821); Andrew PHILIP (1815). (Note : 6 of the club A players chose to play up a group, in the championship section).

“ B ” – Joe BELLOMO (1776); Maurice SMITH (1729); Frank J. TEBBS, Jr. (1722); Patrick DOUCETTE (1715); John FRIENDLY (1684); Dick TURSMAN (1682); Gaja SRINIVASAN (1624); Jan CHUDERSKI (1600). (Note : this class forms 24 % of the club membership).

“ C ” – Henryk STALA (1585); Frank A. TEBBS, Sr. (1575); Murt RAMZI (1557); Ari MENDRINOS (1545); Gary TEBBS (1538); Angel MONTANO (1524); Ted TERMEER (1488). (Note ; this class forms 17 % of the club).

“ D & U/Unr. ” – Liam HENRY (1370); Irv ORLOFF (1302); Ben HARRIGAN (1264); Earl ING (1248); Aaron BROAD (unr.) (Note: 23 % of the club)

The Greater Toronto Chess League (GTCL)

GTCL has been a key player in chess in our area for years. But rumour has it that the cold winds of GTA chess politics have been blowing ill there lately (including the last Board meeting on Monday, Dec. 18). Current President, Peter Boross-Harmer, confirmed that it is a difficult time, with difficult issues, and that even the relevance of the organization has been put up for discussion. He admitted that he was going into a deep huddle, to determine what his own future path with the organization would be – and he did not rule out a resignation, as an alternate to sorting it out.

SCTCT will run a series of features at the start of this year on the GTCL, its purpose, and what issues it seems to be facing as we move into the new millennium !

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