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Sad News for Toronto/Canadian Chess :

Dutton Chess / Dutton Chess Club to Close Doors at End of Year

In a short interview with Mark Dutton, he advised that both his chess tournament organizing business, Dutton Chess, and Dutton Chess Club, will cease operation at the end of the year. Mark and Christine Dutton, and family, started Dutton Chess in the Fall of 1998, and opened Dutton Chess Club in August 1999. Mark had the unique idea at the time, for Canadian chess, to operate these businesses on a for-profit basis. Most chess in Canada to this time was run on a non-profit basis. As Mark often put it, he was satisfied if he could cover his expenses, and he and Christine could receive minimum wage for their hours running the two businesses.

Mark started running many more tournaments than had previously been the case in Toronto. Monthly weekend swisses were started. Monthly Active tournaments were held. These were CFC-rated, and generated many new and renewal memberships for the CFC. Every week at the Dutton Chess Club, there was a Monday evening 15 min. tournament. And twice on Sat., he ran 5 min. blitz tournaments. Lately DC ran higher rated qualification 10 player round robin tournaments, CFC –rated, with play being once a week for 9 weeks. In 2000, DC ran the 9 round Toronto Summer International.

Within one year of DCC opening its doors, it became the biggest chess club in Canada. At its peak it had 165 fully paid up annual members. The club offered a concession booth, with drinks and snacks of various kinds. It supplied the chess pieces, boards and clocks for its club tournaments. It offered 5 round CFC-rated swisses, played on the same day for 5 consecutive weeks (one Wed. evening, and one Sat. afternoon). It

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Stan Wadlow Park Clubhouse, 373 Cedarvale Ave.

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easy TTC access – 5 min. bus ride from either Woodbine Subway Stn. or Main St. Subway Stn

participated in the GTCL Club Team League.

But in the past year, Mark had seen a decline in participation on all fronts. The DCC membership dropped to only 65 members. Attendance at the weekend tournaments has continued to drop – the Remembrance Day Open this month drew a record low of 45 players. Attendance also dropped at the monthly active tournaments. Mark advised that over the last number of months, the businesses were operating in the red, and he simply was not willing to run the operations on a volunteer, non-profit basis.

So, “ barring some miracle “, which Mark doesn’t expect, and even doesn’t know what might help at this point, both businesses will close up shop at the end of the year.

Mark and Christine have contributed significantly to both Toronto and Canadian chess. It is a sad loss to the chess community. But without the ongoing, regular support of Toronto chess players, the businesses are no longer viable. Thanks to Mark and Christine, and family, for their fine contribution to chess. We wish them well in whatever they do in future.

Once all the closing up details have been attended to, Mark has agreed to give SCTCN&V a longer interview, where we can find out what Mark considered the highlight of these past four years, and what changes he saw in the chess scene over these years which led to the closing down of DC and DCC.

Good Solid Performance By Canadian National Team at 35th Chess Olympiad

Canada placed a good, solid, well-deserved 33rd (on tie break) in the 141 country/region national team section. We were initially ranked 44th . This compares favourably with our 29th place finish out of 129 countries in the 2000 Istanbul Olympiad.

The 14 – round Olympiad was held in Bled, Slovenia, from Oct. 26 to Nov. 10. Each country had a 4-board team playing, and 2 reserves. Our team consisted of :

Bd. 1 – GM Alexandre Le Siege
Bd 2 – GM Kevin Spraggett
Bd 3 – IM Pascal Charbonneau
Bd. 4 – IM Yan Teplitsky
Bd. 5 – IM Mark Bluvshtein
Bd. 6 – IM Jean Hebert

On points total we scored 31 / 56 board points, only .5 pts less than in the Istanbul Olympiad . On points, then, we tied for 28th – 36th, compared to 26th-32nd in Istanbul. Our total brings us in at just over a 50 % performance (55.4 %).

Russia, with Kasparov on first board, playing some of his best chess ever, took the gold medal with 38.5 pts. Hungary, the only team to defeat the Russians, took the silver with 37.5 pts. The bronze medal went to Armenia with 35 pts. Georgia came 4th, and tied for 5th – 7th were China, Netherlands and England.

We had 6 wins, 3 ties, and 5 losses. The table of our wins/draws/losses, with each team’s finishing position, is set out below :

<u>WINS</u>		
#31 Moldova	(3.5 : .5)	Rd. 11
# 35 Brazil	(3 : 1)	Rd. 5
# 40 Slovenia – A	(2.5 : 1.5)	Rd. 2
# 73 Albania	(3 : 1)	Rd. 8

75 Malaysia (4 : 0) Rd. 9
115 Uganda (3.5 : .5) Rd. 1

<u>TIES</u>	<u>LOSSES</u>
# 13 Poland Rd.12	# 3 Armenia (.5 : 3.5) Rd. 3
# 30 Azerbaijan Rd. 10	# 4 Georgia (.5 : 3.5) Rd. 13
# 79 Singapore Rd. 4	# 21 Lithuania (1.5 : 2.5) Rd. 14
	# 25 Greece (1.5 : 2.5) Rd. 6
	# 67 Ecuador (1.5 : 2.5) Rd. 7

The table of individual performances is set out below :

<u>Player</u>	<u>Pts.</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Performance</u>
1. Le Siege	5	11	45.5 %
2. Spraggett	3.5	8	43.8 %
3. Charbonneau	6	11	54.5 %
4. Teplitsky	6.5	9	72.2 %
5. Bluvshtein	8	11	72.7 %
6. Hebert	2	6	33.3 %

There were 2 main highlights in this tournament. The first was the play of Yan Teplitsky on Bd. 4, for which he won the bronze medal (3rd place), and with which he gained his second GM Master Norm – only one more to go ! Congratulations Yan !! The second highlight was the amazing play of 14 year old GTA junior, IM Mark Bluvshtein, who placed 7th in the fifth board standings. Here is his amazing game from Rd. 12 against Poland.

[Event "Olympiad"]
[Site "Bled SLO"]
[Date "2002.11.07"]
[Round "12"]
[White "Bluvshtein,M"]
[Black "Miton,K"]
[Result "1-0"]
[WhiteElo "2449"]
[BlackElo "2564"]
[EventDate "2002.10.26"]
[ECO "B32"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 e5 5. Nb5 d6 6. N1c3 a6 7. Na3 b5
8. Nd5 Nge7 9. c4 Nd4 10. Be3 Nxd5 11. cxd5 f5 12. Bd3 fxe4 13. Bxe4 Nf5
14. Qd3 Nxe3 15. Qxe3 Qa5+ 16. Ke2 Be7 17. Qd3 g6 18. h4 Rf8 19. h5 gxh5
20. Nc2 h4 21. Bxh7 Bd7 22. a3 Qb6 23. Ne3 Rc8 24. Rac1 Rc4 25. f3 Rxc1 26.
Rxc1 Qd4 27. Qc2 Qb6 28. Bf5 Bg5 29. Bxd7+ Kd8 30. Qc8+ Ke7 31. Nf5+
Rxf5
32. Qe8+ Kf6 33. Qf8+ 1-0

Some interesting additional facts arising from this Olympiad are :

- Canada lost only 5 of its 14 matches; in Istanbul, they lost 4;
- 50 % of the matches were against teams who finished higher than us, the same as in Istanbul;
- some of the teams we lost to were somewhat stronger than in 2000 – Bled - # 3, 4, 21, 25 and 67 ; Istanbul : # 11, 13, 14, 27;
- our best result was our tie with Poland (# 13)

Congratulations to our national team for a fine effort ! And thanks to Belzberg Technologies for sponsoring the team for the second consecutive year.

National Women's Olympiad Team Report

Out of 94 countries/regions in the women's Olympiad, Canada came 57th , scoring 20/42 pts., the same as in the Istanbul Olympiad (they were initially ranked 47th). In Istanbul, they came 59th/86 countries. Again, this year gave them a result slightly below 50 % . They started the tournament well, with a loss, and then three consecutive wins. But then they only won 3 of the last 10 matches. A good effort by the women's team, though likely a bit disappointing.

They won 6 of their matches (Italy, Sri Lanka, Turkmenistan, ICSC, Philippines and Mexico). They tied the match with Wales. They lost 7 matches (Georgia, Lithuania, Slovenia – C, Singapore, Israel, England and Austria).

The table of individual performances is :

<u>Bd.</u>	<u>Player</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Games</u>	<u>Performance</u>
1.	WIM Nava Starr	5.5	11	50 %
2.	Dina Kagramanov	7.5	12	62.5 %
3.	WFM Amanda Benggawan	3	9	33.3 %
4.	Dinara Khazieva	4	10	40 %

Dina Kagramanov is a GTA junior (Amanda and Dinara are also juniors) and recent 2002 Ontario Women's Closed Champion; she scored an excellent result for 2nd board. On 1st board, against strong opposition, Nava got 50 %. Congratulations to Dina, and to all the women's team who put on a very creditable showing.

The gold medal was won by China with 29.5 pts. Russia took the silver with 29 pts.. And Poland won the bronze medal with 28 pts. Georgia was fourth, with 27.5 pts. and tied at 25.5 pts., for 5th – 8th , were : Hungary, Ukraine, Yugoslavia, and Azerbaijan.

New Toronto Senior's (50 yrs. +) Active Championship Added to the Fall Calendar

This tournament is scheduled for this coming Sunday November 17/02 at the Bradgate Arms, a wonderful playing venue. It will be a 5 Rd. Swiss/one section/30 mins per player, with round 1 starting at 10:45 AM, and the last round 5 beginning at 4:30 PM.. The entry fee is a very low \$15 (no late fee). On site registration is from 9:30 - 10:30 AM.

If you are attending, the organizers would appreciate advance notice if possible. Please email your name, birthdate, and CFC information to Wilf Ferner, organizer at weferner@pathcom.com, or call him at 416-439-8912.

Even if you can't make this particular tournament, Wilf would appreciate you sending your information anyway, to add to his contacts' list for future (in this case, make sure you indicate though, that you're not attending this particular tournament).

SCC New Sunday Swiss

The current Sunday tournament comes to an end on November 24. Then on Dec. 1 a brand new Swiss commences. You can come out and register on site. Doors open at 1:00 PM, with the round starting at 1:30 PM. Play goes to 6:00 PM. See you there.

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