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Outstanding Performances by Canadian Youth Reps at WYCC

The World Youth Chess Championship (Boys [=Mixed] U10, U12, U14, U16, & U 18; Girls Championship with same age groups) was recently played in Greece in November.

Canada had the outstanding achievement of having four players finish in the top 15 of their respective groups. They are as follows :



Alina Sviridovitch – Girls U 10 – Alina came 5th with 8/11 pts. There were 70 players in her section. In the last round she played the girl then leading the tournament, who was ½ point ahead of her. Her opponent offered her a draw at one point, but Alina refused. Then playing to win, she overextended herself and lost. A very courageous and strong showing – congratulations Alina !!

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Shiyam Thavandiran – Boys U 10 – Shiyam tied for 4th-8th (8th on tie break), with 8/11pts.. There were 110 players in his section. In the last round, he won on Bd. 6. Congratulations Shiyam !

Mark Bluvshtein – Boys U 14 – Mark tied for 6th – 12th (8th on tie break), with 7.5/11 pts.. There were 104 players in his section. In the last round he drew on Bd. 4 .Congratulations Mark !



Dinara Khaziyeva (center) – Girls U 16 – Dinara tied for 8th-14th (13th on tie break), with 7/11 pts.. There were 70 players in her section. In the last round, Dinara won on Bd. 9. Congratulations Dinara.



And congratulations to all the other Team Canada members who represented Canada so ably : Kevin Me, Harris Kaufman, Amanda Wang, Raja Panjwani, Justin McDonald, Tiffany Tang, Gabrielle Nadeau, Fanhao Meng, Anastasia Kazakevich, Igor Divljan, Dimitri Feoktistov, Gary Ng, Warrick Rolfe, Eric Lawson, Julien Bachand-Fleurant and Anne-Marie Charbonneau.

FIDE Congress in Bled, Slovenia – Nov./02 – REPORT of CFC Rep.

Highlights of the Congress

The biggest highlight was Yasser Seirawan's presentation of the Prague Unity Plan that will unite the chess world. The process accepts the main principle that FIDE is the custodian and owner of the World Chess Championship title and that there should be only one federation-FIDE-recognized by the IOC and the world of sports representing the chess world. The unification process leads to only one undisputed World Champion recognized by FIDE. Gary Kasparov addressed the Assembly and declared that now no chess player owns the World Championship, and that it belongs to FIDE. The plan is that Peter Leko will play the Classical World Chess Champion Vladimir Kramnik, and the present FIDE World Champion Ruslan Ponomariov will play Garry Kasparov, the current World's number one rated player. The two match winners will play a REUNIFICATION Classical Chess World Championship in October/November 2003. This appears to be a very positive solution for FIDE and the chess world.

The anti-doping situation was discussed at both the Continental Assembly

and the General Assembly meetings. I spoke out strongly against drug testing for chess at the Continental meeting. I mentioned that there was no scientific proof anywhere that any substance could aid a chess players skills. Also, there should be no monetary penalties for any chess player found to have an {illegal?} substance such as caffeine from six cups of coffee in his system. This was also mentioned again at the General Assembly. However, Deputy President Georgios Makropolous speaking for President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov said that we are part of the IOC and therefore drug testing is mandatory. We were able to get a committment from FIDE to research substances to prove or disprove that there were no benefits to chess players. Also that FIDE would continue to impress upon the IOC that mental sports are completely different from physical sports.

There were no challenges to the President in an election year, therefore Kirsan Ilyumzhinov retained his position by acclamation. All the members of the Board stayed on. Ignatius Leong who at one time was running against the President but then withdrew was named a Vice President.

A motion by the United States to split the Continents into North and South America { which I would have strongly supported}was withdrawn. William Kelleher the U.S. FIDE Rep. advised me that he had spoken to Jorge Vega who was elected President of the Continental Americas and that Mr. Vega had said that there was no chance of the motion passing. However, Mr.Kelleher did get a committment from this Assembly and the General Assembly that the North American Zonal Tournaments would remain and not be affected.

A motion to lengthen the time controls to 150 minutes total per player for the Olympiad was passed at a Qualifications Committee Meeting. However it was subsequently changed back to 120 minutes at another meeting. Both the President and Deputy President are very much in favour of shorter time controls. Deputy President Makropolous said that although there was some criticism at first, now everyone is in favour of the shorter time controls. However, that did not seem to be the consensus among North American Delegates. Of note, a motion by Willi Ickliki to have the time control for the Olympiad at 25 minutes a player was defeated before it got to the General Assembly.

The 2004 Olympiad and FIDE Congress is scheduled for Menorca Spain. There was a presentation made on their behalf. However, there were rumours of funding problems and Don Schultz of the U.S. proposed that Jacksonville, Florida could put on the tournament and provide a lot of extras if Spain fell through. There were bids for the 2006 Olympiad from India, Estonia and Italy. After presentations from each Country, India withdrew. That left a secret ballot between Estonia and Italy. It was

won by Italy so the 2006 Olympiad will be in Turin, site of the 2006 Winter Olympics.

Vishy Anand proposed that rating a tournament be done on an individual basis rather than on the average of the tournament. This was accepted, but is not likely to start until 2005 when the rating floor is supposed to drop to 1000.

There was confirmation of future tournaments locations and dates that may be of interest to Canadian players.

The World Youth Championships will be held in Greece 2003 and 2004. In 2005 they will be in France. In 2006 they will be in India.

The World Junior and Girls Championship in 2003 will be in Baku, Armenia.

The 2003 Pan Am Youth Championships will be in Columbia.

While many items were discussed at the seven meetings I attended, the above appeared to be the main highlights. The tone of all the meetings was surprisingly amiable with little confrontation or criticism at any time. There will be a Continental Meeting in Mexico next year and an Executive Board meeting in Greece later on in the year. Then it is on to either Menorca or Jacksonville for the 2004 Olympiad and FIDE Congress.

Maurice Smith
CFC FIDE Delegate
Zonal President

SCC Sunday Swiss – New Tournament Starts Today

Our last SCC Sunday Swiss just concluded. So today, Sunday, December 1, we start Rd. 1 of a brand new Swiss. So come out and meet your club friends for some friendly and competitive “over –the-board “ chess (where you can see the whites of their eyes !!). Doors open at 1:00PM; runs ‘til 6:00PM.

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