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All Is Not Well With the Prague Unity Agreement

Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine), 2002 FIDE World Champion, was set to play Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World Champion, in Yalta, Ukraine, on the FIDE side of the draw, starting Sept. 18 – Right ?? Well, not now. Garry had signed the players' contract for the match, but Ruslan had come up with four conditions before he would sign. FIDE answered these conditions and proceeded to give Ruslan to Thursday , noon, on August 28, to sign for the match. Ruslan failed to meet the deadline. So, on Friday, August 29, FIDE officially cancelled the match. FIDE President, Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, announced that the next cycle of the world championship knockout of 128 players would be played in Nov.-Dec. this year, at classical time controls, and that the winner would play Kasparov next year.

In the meantime, the grand silence had issued out of Einstein TV, who are supposed to be organizing the match between Vladimir Kramnik, classical world champion, and his challenger, # 4 –rated Peter Leko (Hungary). But it appears Einstein has now gone into liquidation, and FIDE has taken over the rights to this match. Current info has it being played in Buenos Aires for \$ 500,000 in November of this year. The winner will then play the winner of the other side of the draw, for the unification of the title.

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IM Pascal Charbonneau, Canadian Champion, Gets 2nd GM Norm !!

From August 16 – 30, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, was held the FIDE American Continental Championship. It offers 7 spots in Rd 1 of the next world(championship knockout, and \$ 72,000 prize fund, and so has attracted a high number of GM's from throughout the Americas. One of our representatives is Canadian Champion IM Pascal Charbonneau. Our other representative was to have been GM Alexandre LeSiege – but he got caught in the blackout, and couldn't get his connecting flight to the tournament.

The winner of the tournament was Alexander Goldin, with 8.5/11 pts...

Pascal played an excellent tournament, and had already achieved his 2nd GM norm by the 8th round, with a score of 6.5/ 8 pts.. His final score was an exceptionally strong 7.5 pts., which put him 1 pt. out of 1st place. Congratulations Pascal !!

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IM Ron Livshits Wins Bohatirchuk Memorial Tournament – Toronto

This tournament, played Aug.11 – 17, was a 6-player round robin. The final standings were :

IM Ron Livshits	x	1	1	1	1	1	5.0	-	\$400
Evgeny Molchanov	0	x	=	1	1	1	3.5	-	\$200
Liam Henry	0	=	x	=	=	1	2.5		
David Cohen	0	0	=	x	1	0	1.5		
Fred Henderson	0	0	=	0	x	1	1.5		
Jordan Palmer	0	0	0	1	0	x	1.0		

2003 Macedonian Labour Day Open

This tournament took place in Toronto from Aug. 30 – Sept. 1. 134 players registered, beating the registration from last year's tournament. The winner of the Open Section with 5/6 pts. was Yuri Ochkoos. In second place with 4.5 pts. was Ron Livshits. 5 players tied for 3rd – 7th.

SCC 2003-4 Annual General Meeting – Thurs., Sept. 4 @ 7:00 p.m.

Mark it on your calendar! It's your community chess club, and you have a say in how it's run. A major item on the agenda will be the election of the President and other officers for the coming year. If you've had ideas on how to do things differently, now is your chance to come out and step forward and put these new ideas into action. It's one member one vote, so come out and have your say on the first Thursday after Labour Day, Thursday, Sept. 4 @ 7:00 p.m.. Tournaments start the following Sunday, and the next Thursday.

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