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FIDE July 1, 2006 Rating List

Once more there is now only one player over 2800 :

1 : Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), the new 2005 FIDE World Champion, rated 2813. He is the third player in history to break the 2800 mark.

(Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World Champion, now retired, was the first player to break 2800; Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 2000 Classical World Champion, was the second player; Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, was the fourth player.)

There are now 18 players in the 2700's. Some of the top players are :

2 : Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, and runner-up in the 2005 FIDE World Championship, with a rating of 2779 (down from 2803);

3 : Levon Aronian (Armenia) rated 2761;

4 : Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), current 2000 Classical World Champion, rated 2743 (up from #9 at 2729);

5 : Peter Svidler (Russia), with a rating of 2742;

6 : Peter Leko (Hungary), the challenger to Kramnik in the 2004 Classical World Championship match, with 2738;

7 : Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), rated 2734;

17 : Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2710.

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. Some other past World Champions and their current ratings are :

- # 13 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine) at 2721 (down from # 6 on the April 1 rating list);
- # 36 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2672 (down from # 29);
- # 40 : 12th FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) – 2668 (down from # 31);
- # 94 : 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) – 2622 (down from # 69);

Here are a number of the younger players we're watching (birth date in brackets):

- # 11 : Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan - 1987) – 2728 ;
- # 12 : Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan – 1985) – 2722 (up from # 19);
- # 14 : David Navara (Czech Rep. - 1985) – 2719 (up from # 50 !!; a gain of 61 rating pts.);
- # 27 : Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine – 1990) – 2679 (up from # 46 !);
- # 34 : Magnus Carlsen (Norway – 1990) – 2673 (up from # 62 !).

The five highest FIDE rated Canadians are:

- # 1 : GM Kevin Spraggett, 7 times former Canadian Champion, at 2577;
- # 2 : GM Mark Bluvshtein at 2541;
- # 3 : GM Alexandre Le Siege, 1992, 1999 & 2001 Canadian Champion, at 2528;
- # 4 : GM Dimitri Tyomkin at 2505;
- # 5 : GM Pascal Charbonneau, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2501.

World Open, Philadelphia, USA - Report

Nine players tied for first, with 7.0/9 each, in the 34th Annual World Open in Philadelphia. A tiebreak playoff between Gata Kamsky and Vadim Milov was won by Kamsky, former FIDE world championship finalist (now FIDE rated 2697). There were 46 GMs, 26 IMs and 5 WGMs in the main group; the prize sum for the winner was US \$40,000.

World's Second Youngest Grandmaster

About 6 months ago, we ran an article on young chess players, and alerted you to a young Indian lad who had just gotten his first 2 GM norms. Well, Parimarjan Negi just got his final GM norm at a tournament in Satka, Russia. At the age of 13 years, 3 months and 22 days, he becomes the second youngest GM ever, displacing GM Magnus Carlsen (Norway) by 5 days. The record for the youngest GM ever still resides with Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine), who received his GM at 12 years, 7 months.

Cheng – New Canadian Junior Champion

This was played in Kitchener from July 8 – 13. The winner gets to represent Canada at the World Junior (U 20). 16 players participated in the initial phase of a 4 round swiss qualifier. From there the top eight players went into a 7 round round robin to determine the Canadian Champion. This year's tournament is weaker than in past years, since there is no junior master playing, and only 5 experts. The qualifiers to the round robin final were :

#	Name	Rtng	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	Bindi Cheng	2197	BC	W16	D8	W7	W4	3.5
2	Nikita Kraiouchkine	2019	QC	D5	W12	W8	W6	3.5
3	Liam Henry	2122	ON	L8	W16	W10	W9	3.0
4	Michael Yang	2021		W10	W14	W6	L1	3.0
5	Richard Huang	1801	BC	D2	L7	W14	W13	2.5
6	Arthur Calugar	2034	ON	W9	W15	L4	L2	2.0
7	Brendan Fan	1952	ON	D12	W5	L1	D8	2.0
8	Jerry Xiong	1896	ON	W3	D1	L2	D7	2.0

Bindi Cheng of BC won the junior champion title with 5/7 pts.. Here is the final standings of the top three finishers:

#	Name	Rtng	St	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Tot	
1	Bindi Cheng	2197	BC	W6	W7	W4	W3	D2	W5	W8	6.5	1st
2	Liam Henry	2122	ON	W4	D3	W8	W5	D1	W6	W7	6.0	2nd
3	Richard Huang	1801	BC	W8	D2	W5	L1	W6	D7	L4	4.0	3rd

Canadian Youth Chess Championships

This was played in Kitchener from July 10 – 14, and was a 7 round swiss in the different age groups where there were sufficient numbers (there are separate boys and girls sections, though girls can also choose to play in the boys section). The winners represent Canada at the World Youth Chess Championships in Georgia, or the Pan-

American Youth Chess Festival in Ecuador, South America. The winners of the various sections were :

<u>Section</u>	<u>(#)</u>	<u>Boys</u>	<u>(#)</u>	<u>Girls</u>
<u>U 8</u>	(8)	Steven Leu 5.5		
<u>U 10</u>	(26)	Richard Leu 6.5	(8)	Regina-Veronicka Kalaydina 6.5
<u>U 12</u>	(29)	Arthur Calugar 5.5	(6)	Miriam Roy 4.5/5
<u>U14</u>	(35)	Shiyam Thavandiran 6.5	(5)	Sonja Xiong 5.5
<u>U16</u>	(23)	Raja Panjwani 6.5	(3)	Gabrielle Nadeau 5
<u>U 18</u>	(11)	David Wang 6.5		

SCC Closes for the Summer

SCC is closed for July and August. The club will resume in the fall with the 2006-7 Annual General Meeting on Thursday, September 7. Our first fall swiss will start on the following Thursday, September 14.

Canada Day Open – Report

36 played in this three day event held at the Bayview Games Club July 1-3. There was a \$ 1980 prize fund. The winners were :

Open Section : 1st - Igor Divljan 5.5 (Igor won his key match up against Nikolay Noritsyn in round 4 and held on to take clear first.)

2nd - Nikolay Noritsyn 5

3rd - Jonathan Tayar & Bill Evans 4.5

A Section : 1st/4th – 3/6 – Walter Chan

Chris Benson

Louie Jiang

Alex Rapoport

B Section : Sam Haziprodromu 4

C Section : 1st/2nd – 4/6 – Harris Kaufman

Brent Zhang

D Section : Oleg Tselviko 3.5

E Section : 1st/2nd – 2.5 – Stephen Lung

Elliott Kaufman

Canadian Open – Upcoming Tournament

This 9 round, 3 section (Over 1800, U 2000, U 1600) swiss will be held in Kitchener from today, July 15 to July 23. Entry Fee - \$ 150. Rd. 1 for all sections at 2:00 p.m.. For all details, see official Kitchener Chess Fest website : <http://www.chessfest.ca>.

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