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Is the CFC Still Breathing?

Recently, a new SCC member (unrated), visiting from the Philippines, and temporarily a member of the club, asked me about his CFC rating, which he was still waiting to be published. He had played in the York Region March Open and the York Region April Open, and by May 1, neither had yet been rated. I understood that Barry Thorvardson, Organizer and TD of those events had sent them in soon after they had been played. I was distressed to have to write him back with the dismal reply:

“ I believe Barry Thorvardson, organizer of the York Region April Open has sent the results in to the CFC to be rated. But the CFC office is behind on ratings - It also has the Bayview Games Club March Open, and the Bayview Games Club Toronto Open (April), and these also have not yet been rated. There have been many complaints to the CFC on this. And it seemed the CFC was going to try to clean up the back-log, because they scheduled rating up-dates for 5 days in a row. They did the first day (April 27 - the SCC Club Championship then got rated), and then didn't do the second day (April 30) as far as I can tell (no new Ontario tournaments on the cross table list). So I don't know if they are going to do the updates scheduled for today (May 1) and tomorrow (May 2) and Thursday (May 3). Hopefully they will and you will finally get a rating. [Ed. – the York Region March Open mentioned got rated on May 3; as well the ED scheduled six more consecutive rating days, from May 4 – 9, and then thereafter another 5 days from May 10 to 15, according to the CFC website.]

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Bryan Lamb, our SCC President, has been quite good at sending in the SCC tournaments in a timely fashion after the tournament finishes. So I would expect our SCC Spring Swiss to be rated by either May 16 or June 6 by the CFC (dates scheduled for updates).

All the members are finding this lapse in member services frustrating, and the complaints have not seemed to accomplish anything. The CFC is in financial difficulties, and it had to lay off a staff member in the office, leaving only one employee. He seems to have too much to do for one person. I don't know when the situation might improve. We were hopeful the new President would get things back in order, but he has been silent so far, and communicated nothing of what he might now be doing to try to solve the CFC problems. So we don't know if he's accomplishing anything or not. And the executive is not informing the Governors (the Board of Directors) what is happening either, so we can get no news from our GTCL governors.

I'm afraid there is little that can now be done on this. There is an annual general meeting of the CFC Governors to be held in July, to elect a new executive, and that may be the time when something can happen. Sorry to have such a dismal picture for you, but that seems to be the current situation. “

A pretty sad picture of the Canadian national organization to have to give to a chess-playing visitor from another country.

The silence of the CFC President and Executive is very frustrating. They may be doing something positive, but the lack of communication leaves a very negative impression. It makes it seem that all the problems faced by the CFC currently (financial losses, threatened charitable status, falling memberships and rating fees, low retail sales, etc.) are not being dealt with (even if they may be). It makes it seem that no one is at the helm currently. There have been only two communications. One was a terse posting on ChessTalk by the CFC lawyer saying he is dealing with the charitable status problem, and that the Executive is doing something and there will be an announcement soon (none yet !). Even the Governors are being ignored, given the postings on ChessTalk. And we don't even know if the Governors are alive, since we have no access to their internal message board to see if they are at all discussing the current silence and critical CFC situation. The Governors' Letter was way behind schedule – over 3 months since the last one (it was rumoured this is due to the delay in current financial statements which the Executive wanted to include in this upcoming letter; but this in itself is worrisome – why the delay? Are the finances that difficult to establish?)

The Chess Canada magazine, one of the main benefits of CFC membership, has recently been cut back from 6 issues per year to 4 issues per year. The ratings are the other main benefit, and there timeliness lately has been a disaster. It is so bad, I personally felt it necessary to try to get some action on the ratings backlog, and wrote to my local GTCL Governor, Michael Barron (also past president of the GTCL) as follows :

“ Hi Michael:

Thursday, May 10, 2007

I am concerned about the significant delay currently in getting tournaments rated. It (and the magazine) is one of the major benefits of CFC membership. I am concerned that the current job description of the ED, David Gordon, sets out more than one employee can handle - could you request the Executive to do an assessment of the job description to confirm this, and that it is not David's fault? If this is the case, I believe the ratings are so important to membership satisfaction that steps must immediately be taken to make the ratings current. Could you request that the CFC find a temporary volunteer to clear up the backlog (and help out in future?), or else hire a part-time person dedicated only to this task?

The current Ontario tournaments I am aware of that are backlogged are:

1. Toronto March Open
 2. Windsor March Fridays
 3. St. Catherine's recent tournament
 4. York Region April Open
 5. Toronto April (Easter) Open
 6. OYCC - Kitchener (April)[Ed. This got rated on May 10]
 7. Bayview Games Club # 102
 8. York Region May Open
 9. Scarborough Spring Swiss ([Ed. finished May 3]not certain this has yet been submitted, but if not, it is imminent).
- [Ed. Subsequently I learned there are a number of tournaments from Thunder Bay and Kapuskasing that are also in the “ ratings backlog “]

And these are only the tournaments of which I am aware, and only of ONE province. The situation requires immediate attention.

As one of my GTCL Governors, I'd appreciate your assistance on this matter. Thank you.

Bob Armstrong “

I am pleased to report that on the day my letter was received by Michael, he sent it on to the CFC President, William Doubleday, for comment and action (as well, Barry Thorvardson, OCA President, who had received my letter as well, also forwarded it to Doubleday). On Sunday, May 13, the terse second communication by the CFC was by the CFC lawyer on ChessTalk that they had hired part-time staff and the ratings would all be up to date in a week. Pressure worked !! But is it hardly any wonder loyal CFC members are beginning to get restless, and wonder for what they are paying their membership.

We think it is time for the Executive to end their silence. The President must give a “ state of the organization “ report immediately, to both the Governors and the members, to establish where the CFC issues are at, and what , if anything, has been done since the new President, Bill Doubleday, took over (with the new V-P (and past

president), Halldor Palsson, recently appointed). The membership is entitled to know where their organization stands in a time of crisis like this.

GTCL Annual General Meeting Report

The AGM took place on Saturday, April 28. 5 of the outgoing Executive attended and 7 other representatives and a representative from the City of Toronto (SCC did not send a rep., but sent in a “ state of the club “ report). The new executive elected were:

President – Ilia Bluvshtein (past VP)

Vice-President – Barry Thorvardson (currently OCA President)

Secretary – Erik Malmsten (returning)

Treasurer – Nicholas Varmazis (returning)

Director of Communications – Mark Dutton (returning)

Team Coordinator – Iuri Lebedev (returning)

3 Officers at Large (non-voting) – to be filled by the Executive

The OCA Governors and the CFC Governors nominated were:

OCA Governors

1. Mark S. Dutton
2. Caesar Posylek
3. Michael Barron
4. Nicholas Varmazis
5. Eddie Urquhart
6. Lindsey Dickie
7. Barry Thorvardson
8. Ilia Bluvshtein
9. Oleg Tseluiko
10. Iuri Lebedev

CFC Governors

1. Mark S. Dutton
2. Nava Starr
3. Ilia Bluvshtein
4. Michael Barron
5. Nicholas J. Varmazis
6. Caesar Posylek
7. Barry Thorvardson
8. Larry Luiting
9. Iuri Lebedev
10. Yevhen Molchanov

Last year there were 100 CFC rated events with 3,135 players who played 7,847 games. The number of games is nine per cent lower than 2005, but higher than 2004 and 2003. Roman Pelts FT, Chess Academy of Canada, once again had the highest number of games 3,471. The total number of games in non-junior events is only two per cent lower than 2005. The nine weekend tournaments saw an increase in number of games played of 20 per cent to equal the total in 2004. There has been increased activity in York, Scarborough and Burlington.

Last year had seven Grand Prix events and \$1,250 was given out, 20% more players participated. There was a slight decrease in the percent of players who only played in one event, but still over 50% of the players.

2007 Canadian Open Update

(Report by Peter Hum of the Organizing Committee)

The organizers of the 2007 Canadian Open Chess Championship are pleased to announce some of the tournament's side events:

GM Mark Bluvshtein will kick off the 2007 Canadian Open with a 25-board simul on the evening of July 6th. This side event is presented by Bell Canada, which is sponsoring GM Bluvshtein at the Canadian Open.

IM Lawrence Day will launch his book on the late Canadian IM Bryon Nickoloff. IM Day will give a short talk, take questions and sign copies of the book.

GM Alex Yermolinsky, former U.S. champion and the renowned author of *The Road to Chess Improvement* and *Chess Explained: The Classical Sicilian*, will lecture on The Classical Sicilian. He will also sign copies of his books.

GM Suat Atalik of Turkey, rated 2584 FIDE, and his wife WGM Ekaterina Atalik, rated 2374 FIDE, will give a tandem simul.

GM Viorel Iordachescu of Moldova, rated 2587 FIDE, will give a simul.

The dates and entry fees for the events are still to be determined.

More side events are in the works. A blitz tournament is planned. So too is a bughouse (double chess) tourney.

Further details will be announced soon, as will a breakdown of the Canadian Open prize fund.

The entry fee for the event is \$125 until the end of May. After, it will be \$150 till July 6, and \$175 at the playing site.

The 2007 Canadian Open will be staged from July 7 to 15 at the Ottawa Marriott. For more information and to register online or reserve accommodation, visit: www.canchess.ca.

[Ed. The number of foreign GM's is now up to 10, along with Canadian GM Bluvshtein . A number of Canadian IM's have now also registered].

2007 Canadian Youth Chess Championship Update

(report by Gordon Ritchie, Chair of the Organizing Committee)

The event will be staged in Ottawa at the Fairmont Chateau Laurier from July 3 to 6.

Participants in this year's Canadian Youth Chess Championships are in for a treat. The event will be held in the storied **Fairmont Chateau Laurier** in the heart of downtown Ottawa following the Canada Day celebrations. After registering on the holiday Monday at Ottawa's City Hall (just steps away from the Chateau Laurier), competitors will be welcomed with hospitality by **Ottawa Mayor Larry O'Brien** and introduced to the CYCC's Honorary Chair, **GM Susan Polgar**, four-time women's world champion and renowned advocate for chess for kids.

The next morning, Polgar will make the ceremonial first move as the tournament begins and some 200 of the best young players in the country compete for the right to proclaim themselves Canada's best for their age groups. Games will be broadcast in the skittles room, across Canada and around the world over the Internet using the **MonRoi** system. After each round, the young players may analyze their games with the tournament's Master-in-Residence, **Thomas Roussel-Roozmon**, himself a former Canadian youth champion. All registrants will also receive a one-year subscription to the **World Chess Network** online chess club.

On Friday afternoon, the winners qualifying to represent Canada at this fall's World Youth Chess Championships in Antalya, Turkey, will be determined. On Friday evening, the winners and their parents will be transported to the residence of Turkey's Ambassador to Canada to be briefed on what awaits the qualified players this November in Antalya and be presented by the Chess Federation of Canada with their "Passports to Turkey." Super-GM **Nigel Short**, a former prodigy, will share his experiences with these leaders of a new generation of chess players.

In all, it should be a week to remember for these remarkable young Canadians and their supportive parents. The event has been organized by a team of unpaid volunteers and made possible by the generous support of corporate sponsors including a number of chartered banks and leading law firms, private donors and, above all, **TELUS** as the major sponsor for the championship.

The event will be covered in the electronic and print media, including **The Ottawa Citizen**, media sponsor for the event, and broadcast over the Internet.

We would also like to remind prospective CYCC registrants that the registration fee is \$150 until June 29, 2007 (after which a \$50 late fee will apply). However to encourage early bird registrations, we will be holding a draw for those registering on or before May 31 and another draw on June 15, 2007. The draw winners will receive two museum admission vouchers for the **Museum of Civilization**, **Canadian War Museum** and **Museum of Nature**.

We expect that the 2007 Canadian Youth Chess Championship will be a thrill of a lifetime for all of the kids participating in this event. We look forward to seeing you in Ottawa this July.

More information about the Canadian Youth Chess Championship can be found at <http://canchess.ca/>.

Toronto Active Championship (Igor Ivanov Memorial) -Report

This tournament was played at Bayview Games Club on Sunday, May 13 at 3:00 pm and was Game/30 min.. 20 players participated. The winners were:

Open Section – 1st – 4.5 pts. (undefeated) IM Artem Samsonkin

2nd – 4 pts. – IM Michael Schleifer

3rd/4th – 3.5 pts. – IM Leonid Gerzhoy

Igor Divljan

A Section – 1st – 3.5 pts. – Roman Sapozhnikov

B Section – 1st – 2.5 pts. – John Chidley-Hill

C Section – 1st – 2 pts. - Posaratnanathan



Your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong, getting a well-deserved draw from junior expert Roman Sapozhnikov – my h6P threatens to queen, so Roman had to take a repetition draw..



Winner, new arrival IM Artem Samsonkin

2007 York Region May Chess Championships - Report

This 5 round, 4 section swiss was played May 5-6 in Richmond Hill. The time control was Game/ 60 min. It attracted 38 players. The winners were:

Open – 1st – 5 pts. (undefeated) – Nikolay Noritsyn
U 2200 – 1st – 4 pts. – Josh Guo (former SCC member)
U 2000 – 1st – 4.5 pts. (undefeated) – Harold Jew

U 1800 – 1st – 4 pts. – Joe Bellomo (SCC member)
 U 1600 – 1st – 5 pts. (undefeated) – Oscar Villalobos (SCC member)
 Unrated _ 1st – 3 pts. – Jeremy Yonzon

SCC Spring Swiss

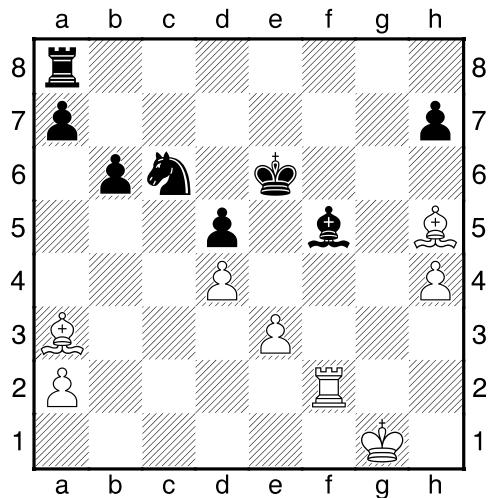
50 players (rated from 983 to 2203) registered for this one-section, 8 round swiss which started on March 15. The winner was expert John Hall, with 7 pts.. In clear second was Master Bryan Lamb, highest rated player in the tournament and this year's club champion, with 6 pts.. Tied for 3rd/7th with 5.5 pts. were : new member, Danny Aniag; Alex Rapoport, one of last year's club co-champions; junior girl Yuanling Yuan; Jim Paterson, also one of last year's club co-champions; and new member Will Rutherford.

In the final 8th round, on Bd. 1, John Hall won an exciting time scramble over Danny Aniag, to take first place, and drop Aniag into a tie for 3rd/7th. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, J (2084) – Aniag, D (1956) [E21]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (8), 03.05.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Ne4?± [4...c5 5.dxc5 Na6 6.Bd2 Nxc5=] 5.Qc2 f5 [5...d5 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Ng5 9.Ne5 f6 10.Nd3 Bd6?±] 6.g3 0-0 [6...c5 7.Bg2 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0?±] 7.Bg2 b6 8.Nd2 Bxc3 [8...d5] 9.bxc3 d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.c4 c6 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.0-0 Ba6 14.Nxe4 fxe4 15.f3 exf3 [15...Qf6? 16.Be3 Nc6 17.fxe4 Nxd4 18.Qd2 Nxe2+ 19.Kh1 Qg6?±] 16.Bxf3 Bc4 17.Ba3 Rf6 18.Qd2 Nc6 19.Rac1 [19.Bg2 Rc8 20.Rac1 a5 21.Bh3 Rb8?±] 19...Qd7 20.Bh5 [20.Bg2 Re8 21.Rxf6 gxf6 22.Bf3 Qe6=] 20...Qe6 21.Rf4 Rxf4 22.Qxf4 Qf6?± It may be best just to take the free P, though Danny's choice is Fritz' as well. [22...Bxa2 23.Rf1 Kh8 24.Bg4 Qe8 25.Rf2 h5 26.Bf5 Bc4?± BI would be up a P] 23.Qxf6 gxf6 24.e3?= [24.e4 Rd8 25.exd5 Bxd5 26.Bb2 b5?±] 24...f5?± [24...b5 25.Bf3 Kg7 26.Bc5 (26.Kf2? a5?) 26...Bxa2 27.Rc2 Bb3 28.Rc3 Ba2 29.Rc2=] 25.Rc2 Kg7 26.Rf2?= [26.Bf3?? b5 27.Rxc4 bxc4 28.Bxd5 Rc8 29.Be6 Re8 30.Bxc4 Rxe3 31.Bc5 Ne5 32.dxe5 Rc3 33.Bxa7 Rxc4?; 26.g4 a5 27.Bd6 Kf6 28.Rf2 Bd3 29.gxf5 Rg8+ 30.Bg3 Nb4?±] 26...Bd3 27.g4 Kf6 28.h4 Ke6??± John gets a " clear " advantage [28...Na5 29.Bd6 Nc4 30.Bf4 Ke6=] 29.gxf5+ Bxf5?+– John gets a " winning " advantage; this should lose the B for 2 P's [29...Kf6 30.Bd6 Rg8+ 31.Kh2 Bxf5 32.Ba3 Rg7?±]



30.Bf7+?± John misses the winning of material [30.e4 Nxd4 (30...Bxe4 31.Bg4+ Bf5 32.Bxf5+ Kf6+) 31.exf5+ Nxf5+] **30...Kxf7 31.Rxf5+ Ke6 32.Rh5 Rg8?+–** [32...Rc8 33.Rxh7 Na5 34.Rxa7 Nc4±] **33.Kf2 Rg7** [33...Rc8 34.Ke2 a5 35.Rxh7 Nb4 36.Bxb4 axb4+–] **34.Rh6+ Rg6 35.Rxh7** John goes up a P **35...Rf6+ 36.Ke2 Rf7 37.Rxf7 Kxf7 38.Kf3 Kf6 39.Kg4 Na5 40.Bd6 Nc4 41.Be5+ Kg6 42.h5+ Kf7?+– (6.89)** [42...Kh7 43.e4 dxe4 44.Bf4 Kg7 45.d5 e3 46.Kf3 b5 47.Bxe3 a6+– (2.97)] **43.Kg5 Nd2 44.h6 Ne4+ 45.Kf5 Kg8 46.Kg6 Ng5 47.Kxg5 47...Kh7 48.Kf6?+–** John misses the mate [48.Bc7 Kg8 49.Kg6 Kf8 50.h7 Ke7 51.h8Q Kd7 52.Qd8+ Kc6 53.Bg3 a5 54.a4 Kb7 55.Qb8+ Ka6 56.Qa8#] **48...b5 49.Ke6?+–** the time pressure is taking its toll on John [49.Kg5 a6 50.Bf6 b4 51.Bd8 b3 52.axb3 Kg8 53.Kg6 Kf8 54.h7 Ke8 55.h8Q+] **49...a5 50.Kxd5** John goes up 2 P's, but he is very short of time **50...b4 51.Kc4?+–** [51.Ke6 Kxh6 52.d5 Kg5 53.d6 Kh4 54.Bf4 Kh3 55.d7 Kg2 56.d8Q+–] **51...Kxh6** John is up one P again **52.d5 Kg6 53.Kc5 Kf5 54.d6 Kxe5 55.d7 Kf5 56.d8Q Ke5** there was severe time pressure at this point, and the game could not be reconstructed from here on , but Danny resigned finally when mate was imminent, since John's flag was still up (Note: John had to reconstruct from memory from move 36 when he stopped recording, but is fairly sure he has it right). **1-0**

On 3rd Bd. In Rd. 8, junior girl, Yuanling Yuan, who recently won the Toronto Separate Schools Chess League Individual Championship for Gr. 7-12, defeated veteran Rick Garel in a close hard-fought game that saw Yuanling develop an attack on the B1 K on the Q-side, and slowly ratchet up the pressure 'til she won the exchange, and the game. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yuan, Y (1894) – Garel, R (1968) [B12]

SCC Spring Swiss (8), 03.05.2007

1.e4 c6± 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Be3?– [4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Ne7 6.0-0 Nd7±] **4...e6 5.Nd2 Bb4?±** [5...Nd7 6.Ngf3 Ne7 7.Be2 Qb6=] **6.Ngf3 Nd7 7.Be2 h6** [7...Be7 8.0-0 Nh6 9.Bxh6 gxh6 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.Bd3 Bg4±] **8.0-0 Ne7 9.c3 Ba5 10.Nh4 Bh7 11.f4 Qc7 12.Nb3 Bb6 13.a4 a6?±** Yuanling gets an early " clear " advantage [13...a5 14.Qe1 0-0 15.Qg3 Ba7 16.Rf2 Bc2 17.Ra3 Kh7±] **14.Bg4** [14.a5? Ba7 15.Qe1 c5 16.Qg3 Bc2 17.f5 Nxf5 (17...Bxb3?? 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Qxg7 0-0-0 20.Qxe7 Rxe8 21.Qf7 Bc4+–) 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.Qxg7 0-0-0±] **14...0-0-0** [14...0-0 15.a5 Ba7 16.Nc5 Bxc5 17.dxc5 Be4±] **15.Nc1??±** for the first and only time in the game, Rick gets the advantage [15.Qe2 Ba7 16.Nd2 h5 17.Bh3 (17.Bxh5 Nf5 18.Nxf5 Bxf5 19.Bg4 f6 20.Bxf5 exf5±) 17...c5 18.b4 c4±] **15...Nf5??±** [15...g5 16.a5 Bxd4 17.cxd4 gxh4 18.Qe1 h5 19.Bh3 Bf5 20.Qxh4 Ng6 21.Qg3 Rdg8±] **16.Nxf5 Bxf5 17.Be2?±** [17.Bxf5 exf5 18.b4 f6 19.Nd3 Rde8±] **17...c5?±** better to try opening lines to the WK on the K-side. [17...g5 18.Nd3 gxf4 19.Rxf4 f6 20.a5 Ba7±] **18.Nd3?±** [18.Qd2 a5 19.b4 axb4 20.cxb4 cxd4 21.Bxd4 Qc2±] **18...c4 19.Ne1 Kb8 20.b4** [20.a5 Bxa5 21.Ra3 Ka7 22.Nf3 b6±] **20...a5** [20...cxb3 21.Qxb3 Ba5 22.Rc1 Nb6±] **21.bxa5 Bxa5 22.Bd2 Qb6?±** [22...f6 23.Bg4 g6 24.Bxf5 gxf5±] **23.Qc1 f6 24.Nc2?±** [24.Nf3 Qa6 25.Ra2 Rdg8 26.Be1 g5 27.Bg3 Ka8±] **24...Bxc2??+–** the B needs to be kept to support B1's attack; the need is to attack on the K-side [24...g5 25.Ne3 Be4 26.Ng4 h5 27.Nxf6 Nxf6 28.exf6 g4] **25.Qxc2 f5 26.Rab1 Qc7 27.Rb5 Ka7 28.Rfb1 b6 29.Bc1 Nb8 30.Ba3 Nc6 31.Qb2 Rd7 32.Bd6 Qb7 33.Bc5 Rb8** W puts lots of pressure on b6 **34.Qa3 Qa6 35.Bd6 Rbb7** (2.98) [35...Rg8 36.Kh1 Qc8 37.Bh5 g5 38.g4 fxg4 39.Bxg4 Rf7 40.Qb2 Ka8 (3.27)] **36.Bh5 Rd8 37.Bc5?+–** [37.Bg6 Ka8 38.g4 fxg4 39.f5 Qa7 40.fxe6 Re7 41.Bf5 Rde8 42.Rxd5 Rxe6 43.Rdb5 Qa6 44.Bxe6 Rxe6+– Yuanling would be up the exchange] **37...Rdb8 38.Bd6** (2.79) [38.Rxa5?? Nxa5 39.Bd6 Ra8±] **38...Rd8 39.Qc1 Rbd7 40.Qe3?+– (1.93)** [40.Bg6 Ka8 41.Ba3 Rh8 42.g4 fxg4 43.f5 Nd8 44.Qf4 Ra7 45.Qxg4 Bxc3 46.Rxb6 Qc8 47.Qf4 Rxa4 48.Bc5 Ba5 49.R6b5 Bc7+– (3.14)] **40...Rb7?+– (3.03)** [40...g5 41.Rf1 Ka8 42.Rf3 Rg8+– (1.65)] **41.Qg3 Rdd7?+– (3.67)** this loses the exchange [41...g5 42.Rf1 Ka8 43.Rb2 Qa7 44.Rff2 Rg8+– (1.55)] **42.Be8 Nd8 43.Bxd7 Rxd7** Yuanling is up the exchange **44.Bf8 Qc8 45.Bxg7** Yuanling is up the exchange + P **45...h5 46.Bf8 Nb7 47.Bb4 Qe8 48.Bxa5 bxa5 49.Qe3 Rg7 50.Qc1 Qg6** (

22.98) [50...Qc6 51.Qb2 Re7 52.Rb6 Qc7 53.Qb5 Rd7 54.Rxe6 Re7 55.Rxe7 Qxe7+- (22.91)]
51.Qb2+- Rick resigned. Coming is 51...Ka8 52.Rxb7 Qxg2+ 53.Qxg2 Rxb7 54.Qg8+ Ka7
55.Rxb7+ Kxb7+- 1-0

SCC Early Summer Swiss

This 40 player one-section, 8-round, swiss started on May 10 and runs to June 28. 14 players won their first round games. Though this is the round with the greatest disparity in ratings, there were some interesting battles.

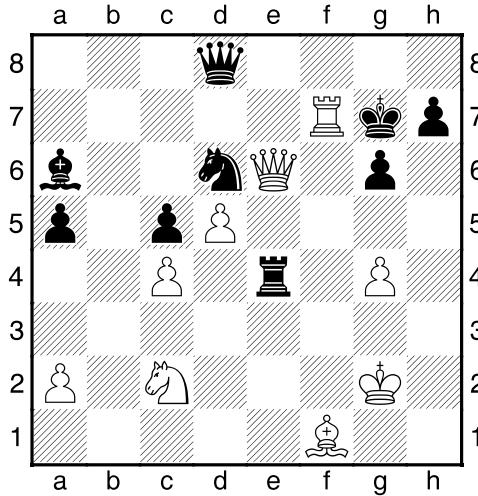
On Bd. 1, an almost upset of sorts took place. Master Bryan Lamb, this year's club champion and highest rated player in the tournament, was pressing B class player Andrew Philip all game, but Andrew was hanging tough and Bryan was having trouble converting the advantage to a win. Then suddenly in the time scramble, Andrew trapped Bryan's Queen ! But in the time pressure he followed it up wrongly, but still ended up with a well-deserved draw. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lamb, B (2204) – Philip, A (1642) [E69]

SCC Early Summer Swiss Toronto (1), 10.05.2007

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6± 3.g3= [3.Nf3±] 3...Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.Nf3 c6 7.e4 Nbd7 8.0-0 e5 9.h3 Ne8?± [9...exd4? 10.Nxd4 Qb6 11.Nde2 Nc5 12.Be3 Rd8±; 9...Qb6 10.d5 Nc5 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Be3 Qxb2 13.Qxd6 Nfxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qxc6 Bb7 16.Qd7 Nc3=] **10.Re1?=** [10.d5 Qb6 11.Qc2 Qb4 12.Nd2 a5 (12...Qc5? 13.Rb1 a5±) 13.b3 Qb6±] **10...Qc7??±** Bryan gets an early "clear" advantage. [10...exd4 11.Nxd4 Qb6 12.Nf3 Qb4 13.Bf1 Ne5=] **11.Be3 b6** [11...exd4 12.Nxd4 Nef6 13.Qd2 Re8 14.Rad1 a5±; 11...Nef6 12.Qd2 exd4 13.Nxd4±; 11...Qb6 12.d5 Qa6±; 11...Qa5 12.d5 Nb6±] **12.Qd2 Ba6 13.b3 f6 14.Re2 Rd8 15.Rf1 Bb7 16.Ne1?±** [16.d5 cxd5 17.Nxd5 Qb8 18.Rc1 Nc7±] **16...a6?±** Andrew needs to press his attack on the f-file [16...f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Nf3 c5 19.dxe5 dxe5±] **17.Nc2** [17.d5 c5 18.Nd3 f5 19.f4 Nef6±] **17...b5** [17...f5 18.Bg5 Bf6 19.Bxf6 Nxf6 20.exf5 gxf5 21.Qg5+ Kh8±] **18.f4?±** [18.d5 c5 19.cxb5 f5 20.Bg5 Ra8±] **18...bxc4 19.bxc4 Nb6** pressing on the f-file is no longer the best plan for BI [19...f5? 20.exf5 gxf5 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Bg5 Rb8 23.Ref2 Kh8±; 19...Bh8? 20.Ree1 Ng7 21.Rb1 Bc8 22.fxe5 fxe5 23.d5 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 c5±] **20.Qd3 c5 21.dxc5 dxc5 22.Nd5 Nxd5 23.exd5** [23.cxd5±] **23...Nd6 24.g4 a5?±** [24...Bc8 25.f5 gxf5 26.gxf5 a5±] **25.Bd2??=** though Andrew has not yet been able to get the advantage, he now has an equal game. [25.Na3 f5 26.fxe5 Bxe5 27.Bf2 Bf4 28.Bh4 g5 29.gxf5 Bc8 30.f6 Nf5 31.Nb5 Qb8 32.Be1 Rxf6±] **25...Ba6 26.Na3 Rb8 27.Bc3 exf4 28.Rxf4 f5** now this move is good again **29.Rf1?±** for the first time in the game, Andrew gets the advantage [29.gxf5 Nxf5 30.d6 Qxd6 31.Qxd6 Nxd6 32.Bd5+ Kh8 33.Rxf8+ Rxf8 34.Bxg7+ Kxg7 35.Re6 Rd8=] **29...Rbe8??±** but it is short-lived [29...Bxc3 30.Qxc3 Qg7 31.Qd3 Rb2 32.Re6 Rd8±] **30.Rfe1?=** [30.Bxg7 Qxg7 31.Re6 Rxe6 32.dxe6 Qe7±] **30...Rxe2 31.Rxe2 fxe4 32.hxg4 Rf4??±** Bryan gets back a "clear" advantage [32...Nxc4! 33.Nxc4 Qf4 34.Bxg7 Qc1+ 35.Kh2 Bxc4 36.Qe4 Kxg7 37.Rc2 Qf4+ (37...Qg5 38.Qxc4 Qe5+ 39.Kh1 Qe1+ 40.Kh2 Qe5+ 41.Kh1 Qe1+=) 38.Kg1 Qg3=] **33.Qe3 Bd4 34.Bxd4 Rxd4 35.Qe6+ Kg7** [35...Nf7 36.Re1 Rd2 37.Qf6 Qb8 38.Nb5 Bxb5 39.cxb5 Qf8±] **36.Qe5+ Kg8 37.Rf2?±** both players were now in time trouble (a trademark of each of them !) [37.Qg3?? Qd8 38.Re6 Rd1+ 39.Kh2 Bc8 40.Rxd6 Qg5 41.Re6 Qh6+ 42.Bh3 Qd2+ 43.Bg2 Qh6+ 44.Bh3= (44.Qh3?? Qf4+ 45.Qg3 Qxg3+ 46.Kxg3 Bxe6 47.dxe6 Rd3+ 48.Kf4 Rxa3-+); 37.g5 Rd1+ 38.Kh2 Rd3 39.Qf4 Rxa3 40.Re6 Bc8 41.Rxd6 Qe7±] **37...Rd1+ 38.Bf1 Qd8 39.Kg2?=** Andrew has hung in there and has equality again [39.Nb5 Bxb5 40.cxb5 Rd4 41.Qe6+ Kg7±] **39...Rd4** [39...Bc8? 40.Be2 Rd2 41.Nb5 Nxb5 42.cxb5 Bb7±] **40.Qe6+ Kg7 41.Nc2??-+** W's Q can be trapped. Suddenly Andrew has a win, after losing all game [41.Nb5 Bxb5 42.Qe5+ Kg8 43.Qe6+ Kg7 44.Qe5+=] **41...Re4! 42.Rf7+**

Position after 42.Rf7+



Nxf7??? In the time scramble, Andrew misses his win [winning is 42...Kh6! 43.Rd7 Qf8 44.Rxd6 Rxe6 45.Rxe6 Bc8 46.Re4 Qg7-+] 43.Qxe4 Qd6?=[43...Qf6 44.Kg1 Qg5 45.Be2 h6?; 43...Qg5? 44.Be2 Qd2 45.Kf2 Qc3=] 44.Ne3 Ng5 45.Qe8 Qf6 46.Qd7+ Kh6 47.Be2 Qe5= ½-½

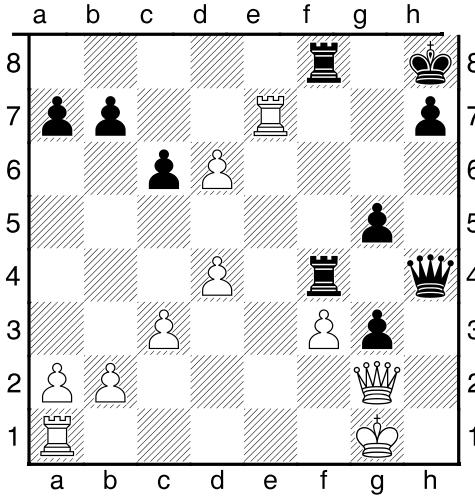
Your intrepid editor ran into determined opposition from new member Oscar Villalobos (who at 1528 is surely underrated). I mounted a K-side attack, but Oscar defended well. I finally was going to have to take a draw, but at the last moment, Oscar went wrong, and my attack came through. Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Villalobos, O (1528) – Armstrong, R (1815) [A00]

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1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.d3 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 c6 7.h3 e5 8.0-0 Nh5?=[8...Re8 9.Re1 h6 10.Qe2 Bd7 11.Bd2 Qc7=] 9.Bg5 f6 10.Be3 Qe8 11.Ne2?=[11.g4 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.d4 Nd7 14.Qd2 Bh6?+] 11...f5 12.Qd2 Qf7 [12...Nf6 13.Nh4 Na6 14.Nc3 Nc7=] 13.c3 f4 [13...Na6 14.Nh2 f4 15.gxf4 Nxf4 16.Nxf4 exf4 17.Bd4 g5=] 14.gxf4 Nxf4 15.Nxf4 exf4 16.Bd4 Nd7 17.Bxg7 [17.Ng5? Qe7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Nf3 Ne5?] 17...Qxg7 18.d4 g5 19.Nh2 Nf6?=[19...Nb6 20.Kh1 Be6 21.Rfe1 Rf6 22.a4 Rh6=] 20.f3??? for the first time, I get the advantage [20.Rfe1?? g4 21.hxg4 Nxg4 22.Nf3 Kh8?; 20.Rae1 Qg6 21.e5 dxe5 22.dxe5 Ne8?] 20...Nh5?=[20...Be6 21.b3 Nh5 22.Rfe1 Ng3?] 21.Rf2 [21.d5? c5 22.Qf2 Ng3 23.Rfe1 h5?] 21...Ng3 22.Nf1 Qh6 23.Nxg3 [23.Qe1? Be6 24.Rd2 Qh4 25.Kh2 Nxf1+ 26.Bxf1 Qh5 27.Qf2 d5 28.e5 b6?] 23...fxg3 24.Re2 Rf4 25.e5 Bxh3 I go up a P 26.Bxh3 Qxh3 27.exd6 back to material equality 27...Raf8 [27...Qd7? 28.Re5 h6 29.Rae1 Qxd6?] 28.Re7??-+ an error; I get a " winning " advantage [28.Rae1 g4 29.Re8 Qh4 30.Rxf8+ Rxf8 31.Re4 h5 32.f4 Rf7=] 28...Kh8??= and I immediately blow it [28...Qh4? 29.d7 g4 30.Re4 Rxe4 31.fxe4 Rf2 32.d8Q+ Qxd8 33.Qh6 Qe7?; 28...g4 29.Qg2 Qh4 30.Qh1 Qxh1+ 31.Kxh1 gxf3 32.Kg1 h5-+] 29.Qg2 Qh4 I almost offered Oscar a draw here, based on his ability to queen the dP. But I wanted one more complication to see if Oscar would go wrong. I saw 30.Qh1, and that then I'd have to take the draw.

Position after 20....Qh4



30.Rae1??-+ Oscar stumbles in the complicated position, though his move seems quite logical [30.Qh1 Rxf3 31.Qxh4 gxh4 32.d7 h3 33.Re8 Rf2 34.d8Q Rg2+ 35.Kh1 Rh2+ 36.Kg1 Rg2+=] **30...g4! 31.R1e4??-+** (- 25.60) [best, though still losing, is 31.fxg4 Rf2 32.Rxh7+ Kxh7 33.Qe4+ Kh6 34.Qe3+ R2f4 35.g5+ Kg7 36.Qe5+ Kg6 37.Qe6+ R4f6 38.Qe4+ Kxg5 39.Qxh4+ Kxh4-+ (- 8.49) I would have R vs P] **31...gxf3 32.Rxf4 Qxf4 33.Qh3** W's threatened h7 mate in one will be too late **33...f2+ 34.Kg2??-+** [no better is 34.Kf1 Qc1+ 35.Ke2 f1Q+ 36.Qxf1 Qxf1+ 37.Ke3 Rf3+ 38.Kd2 Rd3+ 39.Kc2 Qd1#] **34...f1Q# 0-1**

Another closely fought game saw Pino Verde get an early winning advantage over John Graham, only to lose his advantage. Then John got a winning advantage (up a P). But " Houdini " Verde managed a draw. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Graham, J (1476) – Verde, P (1762) [A22]

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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3? [2.Nf3=] **2...e5 3.d3 d5 4.Bg5?** Pino gets an early " clear " advantage [4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.Qb3 Nb6 6.Nf3 Nc6?] **4...Bc5??±** Pino misses the best line (a bit rusty from not playing in the last SCC tournament perhaps??) [4...d4 5.Nb1 h6 6.Bh4 Be7 7.Nf3 Qd6?] **5.h3??±** [5.Nxd5 c6 6.Nxf6+ gxf6 7.Bd2 Qb6 8.e3 Qxb2±] **5...h6 6.Bh4??-+** Pino gets a " winning " advantage [6.Bd2 d4 7.Na4 Be7 8.g4 Bd7 9.Bg2 Bc6 10.Bxc6+ Nxc6?] **6...d4 7.Ne4??-+** (- 5.32) [7.Nb1 e4 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.dxe4 d3 10.Nf3 Qxb2 11.Nbd2 Qb6 12.e3 Bxe3 13.fxe3 Qxe3+ 14.Be2 Nc6-+ (- 1.53)] **7...Bb4+??±** [7...Nxe4 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Bxd8 Bxa4 10.a3 Nxf2 11.Kxf2 Kxd8-+] **8.Nd2 Nc6 9.a3 Be7 10.Ngf3 e4?=** Pino has lost his advantage [10...Qd6? 11.g4 Bd7 12.Bg3 a6 13.b4 Qe6=; 10...0-0 11.Qc2 Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.g3 f5?] **11.Bxf6 exf3 12.Bxe7 Qxe7** [12...fxe2 13.Bxe2 Qxe7 14.0-0 0-0=] **13.Nxf3 Bf5 14.Qb3 Rb8 15.Rd1 0-0 16.g4 Be6** [16...Bg6? 17.Bg2 Rfd8 18.0-0 h5±; 16...Bd7? 17.Bg2 Rfd8 18.Qc2 Re8 19.b4 b5±] **17.Bg2 b5?±** [17...Qd6 18.0-0 Ne5 19.Qa4 a6 20.Qa5 b5=] **18.Qc2 bxc4?±** now John gets a " clear " advantage [18...b4 19.Ra1 bxa3 20.Rxa3 Rb7 21.0-0 Rfb8±] **19.dxc4 Rfd8 20.0-0?±** [20.b4 Qf6 21.0-0 Qf4 22.Qc1 Qf6±] **20...Qf6?±** [20...a5 21.Rd2 Qc5 22.Rfd1 Rd6 23.Nh4 Rbd8±] **21.b4 Ne7 22.c5 Ng6 23.Rfe1** [23.e3 Bd5 24.Qf5 Qxf5 25.gxf5 Bxf3 26.Bxf3 Ne5 27.Be4 dxe3 28.fxe3 Nc4 29.Rd3 Kf8±] **23...Nf4 24.Bf1?±=** this time John loses his advantage [24.Qb2 Bd5 25.e4

Bc4 (25...dxe3 26.Qxf6 gxf6 27.fxe3 Nxh3+ 28.Kh2 Nf2 29.Rd4 Bc6±) 26.e5 Qc6±) 24...d3 25.exd3 Nxh3+?± [25...h5? 26.g5 Qf5 27.Qd2 Bb3 28.Rb1 Bc4 29.Re5 Nxh3+ 30.Bxh3 Qxh3±; 25...a5 26.Ne5 axb4 27.axb4 Rxb4 28.Ra1 Bd5=] 26.Bxh3 Qxf3 27.Re3 Qf6 28.Rde1 Rd4?± [28...a5 29.g5 Qxg5+ 30.Rg3 Qf6 31.Bxe6 fxe6±] 29.Qe2??= [29.Qa4 Qd8 30.Qa6 Qc8 31.Qc6 Kh7 32.Bg2 Rxg4 33.Rg3 Rxg3 34.fxg3 Kg8±] 29...Rbd8??+– John gets a "winning" advantage [29...Qg5 30.Rxe6! fxe6 31.Qxe6+ Kh7 32.Qe3 Qd5=] 30.g5 Qxg5+ [30...Qg6 31.Bxe6 fxe6 32.Rg3 Rxd3 33.Qxe6+ Qxe6 34.Rxe6 Rxe6 35.fxg3 Rd3+–] 31.Rg3 Qd5 32.Bxe6 Qxe6 33.Qxe6 fxe6 34.Rxe6 Rxd3 35.Rxd3 Rxd3 36.Ra6 Rd7 37.Rxa7 John goes up a P 37...Kf7 38.Ra6?+– (1.69) [38.b5 Ke6 39.Kg2 g6 40.a4 g5 41.c6 Re7 42.a5 Kd5 43.b6 Kxc6 44.b7 Re8 45.Ra8 Kxb7 46.Rxe8+– W has R vs P] 38...Ke7 39.Rc6 Kd8 40.Re6?± John needs to push his W-side P's [40.b5 Kc8 41.Kg2 Kb8 42.a4 Rd2 43.a5 Ra2 44.b6 cxb6 45.axb6 Rc2 46.Rc7 h5+–] 40...Rd3?+– [40...Rd1+ 41.Kg2 Ra1 42.Ra6 Kc8 43.b5 Rc1 44.Rc6 Kb7 45.a4 Rc4 46.a5 Ra4 47.a6+ Kb8±] 41.Ra6??= John loses his advantage again [41.Re3 Rd2 42.Kg2 Ra2 43.c6 g5 44.Rh3 g4 45.Rd3+ Kc8 46.Rd5 Rc2 47.Rc5 Ra2 48.Kg3 Kd8+–] 41...Kd7??± [41...Rb3 42.Kg2 h5 43.f4 h4 44.Kh2 Rf3 45.Ra8+ Kd7 46.b5 Rxf4 47.Rg8 Ra4 48.Rxg7+ Kc8 49.c6 Kb8 50.Kh3 Rxa3+ 51.Kxh4 Rb3=] 42.Kg2 John seems unsure how to get his Q-side P's moving [42.a4 Kc8 43.b5 Rc3 44.Rc6 Kb7±] 42...h5 [42...Rb3 43.f4 g5 44.Rxh6 gxf4 45.Rh3 Rb1 46.Kf3 Rf1+ 47.Ke4 Kc6±] 43.Rg6 [43.a4 Rd4 44.b5 Rg4+ 45.Kh3 Rg5 46.c6+ Kd6 47.Ra8 Rf5 48.Kg2 Rg5+ 49.Kh2 Rf5 50.Kg3 g5 51.f3 Kc5 52.Kg2 h4±] 43...Rxa3 44.Rxg7+??= John's advantage has slipped away [44.c6+ Ke7 45.Rxg7+ Kd6 46.Rg6+ Kd5 47.Rg3 Ra2±] 44...Kc6 45.f3 [45.Rg8 Rb3 46.Rb8 h4 47.f3 Kd5 48.Rd8+ Kc6 49.Rd4 Kb5=; 45.b5+ Kxb5 46.Rxc7 Ra2 47.Rc8 h4 48.Rh8 Kxc5 49.Rxh4 Kd5=; 45.Rh7 Rb3 46.Rxh5 Rxb4 47.Kg3 Rc4 48.f4 Rxc5 49.Rh8 Rc1=] 45...Rb3 46.Rg5 h4 47.Rg4 h3+ 48.Kg3 h2 49.Rh4 Rxb4 50.Rxh2 Kxc5 back to material equality 51.Rc2+ Kd6 52.f4 c5 53.Kg4 Kd5 54.Kg5 c4 55.f5 Kd4 [55...Rb1 56.f6 Ke6 57.f7 Kxf7 58.Rxc4=] Due to the time pressure and lack of record, we have two versions of the final moves. Here they are : John's version 56.f6 [Pino's version 56.Rf2 Rb8 57.Kg6 c3 58.f6 Kd3 59.f7 c2] 56...Kd3 57.Rf2 Rb8 58.Kg6 c3 59.f7 c2 here both agree John offered a draw before making his move, and Pino accepted. The game would have ended 60.Rxc2 Kxc2 61.Kg7 Kd3 62.f8Q Rxf8 63.Kxf8= ½-½

Chess in the Park (report by Erik Malmsten)

On a sunny Sunday morning was Joe Mihevc's Ward 21 Environment Day, held at Wychwood Park near St. Clair and Bathurst. The event was advertised to all the homes in the community. The street was packed with cars to pick up free topsoil from compost. The large chess set was visible from the entrance to the park. Two rows of two tables were used for the three 4-player tournaments. A U was set up for a simultaneous with Hans Jung, whom the local BIA paid for. Just as in the past malls paid for simuls by Robert Hamilton or Roman Pelts, local business associations are a source of funding. Hans was willing to play blindfold, but it never came up. A sign saying "Play the Chess Master" would have been nice.

Ted Winick of the Chess Institute of Canada directed the tournaments, invited people to sit down and play, and offered advice for players to take back a move to avoid mate. He also answering questions from adults about where the nearest chess club was; Ted hopes to have one in the park when it is finished being built. There were also a couple of teachers from nearby schools who were looking for chess teachers. A few of the players (and their parents who were also playing) were students of Ted.

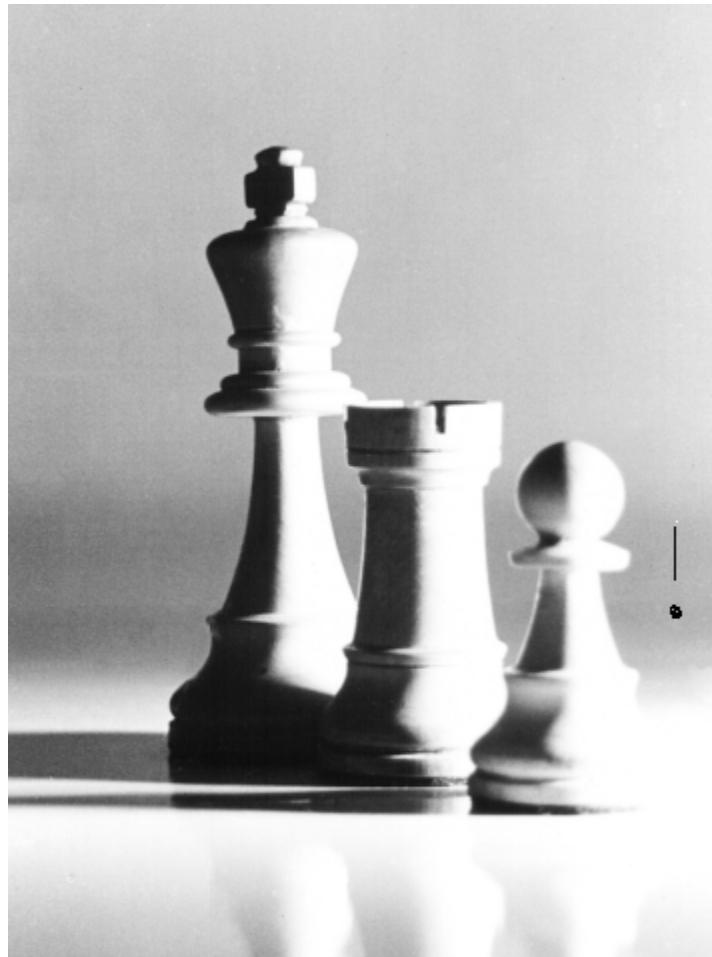
Teams formed alongside the large chess set (borrowed from Chess'n Math). Sometimes little tots picked up the pieces and the board needed supervision when older kids just wanted to knock down and throw the pieces around. As this type of chess

used a major muscle group maybe it can get federal sports funding? The chess activity decreased when most people went to watch the dance show, but was still going strong when the event finished at 2pm. Volunteer youth helped pack up the boards and tables And sweep the dirt off the large board. I think that the squares of the board should be sewn rather than taped.

Then Hans went with Ted to the local Loblaws where he gave another simul at the youth chess club that meets in the room that holds cooking classes. Hans was helpful in praising good moves, pointing out poor ones, and showed everyone a smothered mate.



An Impressive Trio !



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