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SCC Summer Closing (July & August)

SCC is now closed for the summer (we cannot get the building during these months) Our 2007-8 season will commence on the first Thursday after Labour Day, September 6, with our Annual General Meeting – doors open at 7:00 pm. Then our first tournament of the new season, the Fall Swiss, will start the following Thursday, September 13.

Bu Wins Canadian Open

This 10-round, one section swiss was held in Ottawa from July 7 – 15, and attracted 280 players, including 22 GM'S and 1 WGM. This tournament is of such top quality now, the world Association of Chess Professionals has added it to their list of sponsored tournaments.

The winner was 22 year old Xiangzhi Bu (China), undefeated with 6 wins and 4 draws (one with Nigel Short (England), who finished tied for 2nd).

The top finishers were:

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Canadian Open Final Standings. co2007

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Rd 10	Tot
1	GM Xiangzhi Bu	2685	W30	W38	D4	D2	D14	W20	W36	W23	D3	W7	8.0
2	GM Nigel D. Short	2683	W76	W15	W13	D1	D8	D9	D10	D6	W28	W27	7.5
3	GM Kamil Miton	2648	W46	D37	W39	D36	W17	D10	W11	W14	D1	D4	7.5
4	GM Chanda Sandipan	2563	W21	W19	D1	D14	D16	W73	W13	D7	W8	D3	7.5
5	IM Tomas Krnan	2492	W56	L76	W53	D21	W48	W86	D8	D30	W33	W25	7.5
6	GM Bator Sambuev	2482	W55	D77	W124	D24	L22	W159	W51	D2	W29	W26	7.5

The top Canadian prize went to IM Tomas Krnan, who tied 2nd/6th, ½ pt out of first. Other Canadians tied for 7th/21st at 7 pts. were : GM Mark Bluvstein, IM Thomas Roussel-Roozman, IM Leonid Gerzhoy and FM Jonathan Tayar.

Here are the other prize winners:

U2400 1 Jonathan Tayar
 2~3 Shiyam Thavandiran
 Arkady Vul
 Michael Barron
 Sebastian Predescu
 Bindi Cheng
 Josh Guo

 U2200 1 Karoly Szalay
 2~3 Daryl Betrand
 Trevor Vincent
 Eric Hansen
 Koubra Ozturk
 Paul Beckwith
 Ali Hayder
 Christian Pepin

 U2000 1~3 Aquino Inigo
 Richard Huang
 Tyler Longo

 U1800: 1~2 Ahmad Abou-Nassif
 Mark Christian
 3 Alexandra Botez

Alex Lambruschini
Robert Armstrong
Steven Faust
Jerome Chyurlia

U1600: 1~2 Tantley Maharisoa
Laurent Allard
3 Tom Muir

Top Junior: Anton Kovalyov
Jonathan Tayar

Top Women: Ekaterina Atalik
Koubra Ozturk

Top Senior: Boris Ivkov
Steven Faust

Top Canadian: 1 Tomas Krnan
2 Mark Bluvshtein
Leonid Gerzhoy
Jonathan Tayar
Thomas Roussel-Roozmon

UNRATED: 1~2 Laurentiu Grigorescu
Marc Labelle

Largest Upset: Valerie Langer

Here is Bu's last round win whereby he clinched first by $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. (Annotations by IM Deen Hergot):

Milov, V (2678) – Bu, X (2685) [D12]

2007 Canadian Open Chess Championship Ottawa (10), 2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 [] This was Bu's consecutive Slav, playing with either colour, although here Milov played a solid line which dissuades an early dxc4. **4...Bf5 5.Nc3 e6 6.Nh4 Be4!?** [An attempt to provoke f2-f3, after which White's N/h4 will lack a natural retreat square. It is likely to take on 6...g6 in any case, as planned, so it is worth mentioning that 7.f3 also softens up White's K-side, and the dark squares in particular.] **7.f3 Bg6 8.Qb3 Qc7 9.Bd2 Be7 10.cxd5 cxd5** [] Not fearing the open c-file, Black plays to provide a more active post for his N/b8, reserving d7 for the King's knight if needed. **11.Nxg6 hxg6 12.0-0-0 Nc6 13.Kb1 a6 14.Rc1 Nd7 Rxh4 Bxh4** [] **15.h4!?** [Now that Black's knight has left the K-side, White offers a pawn. Bu was not likely tempted, but Rxh4? Bxh4? Be1! wins 15.e4! and 15...Nxd4?!. 16.Qa4! x-rays along the rank hitting N/d4 and 16...Bh4 With Black's bishop and King position so loose, I am certain Bu did not consider capturing for very long.] after a subsequent exd5 15...Rc8 16.g4 Rxh4 17.Rxh4 Bxh4 [] With a White pawn on g4 blocking the rank, and an extra move in development, Bu now decided to test Milov's idea. **18.f4 Bf6 19.f5!?** [] Consistent. White is trying to open lines while Black's King is still uncastled. **19...Na5 20.Qc2 gxf5 21.gxf5 Nc4 22.Bxc4 Qxc4 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.b3!?** [Move order is important here. 24.Qg6+ Kd8 25.b3 is also possible, but White's choice keeps some flexibility with the White Queen's choice of entry. Black is under a bit of pressure, but the pawn sac still has a speculative look to it.] **24...Qb4!?**

25.Qh7 Rc6! 26.Qh5+ Kd8 27.Be1 Nb6 28.Qh2 Na4! [] Sometimes the best defence is liquidation. Black's last forces a series of exchanges while trying to make the most of that extra pawn. **29.Qb8+ Kd7 30.Nxa4 Rxc1+ 31.Kxc1 Qxe1+ 32.Kc2 Qe2+ 33.Kb1 Qd3+ 34.Kb2 Qb5! []** Bravely playing for the win. Many players would succumb to nerves and acquiesce to a draw by perpetual, but Black still wants to be shown why his pawn shouldn't count for something. **35.Qf8** [My initial suggestion of 35.Nc5+! , is met by the mundane which looks pretty crushing 35...Qxc5 winning. Oops, guess I better change that to Nc5+?? I did mention that this game was played at am, after a week long of pm starts. Well, I need some excuse for hanging pieces, right?()] and analyzed **35...Be7! 36.Qxg7 Qe2+ 37.Kb1 Qd3+ 38.Kb2 Qxe3 39.Nc5+ Kc6 40.Nxb7??!** [This turns out poorly, but Black is already quite a bit better if this doesn't work. 40.Qxe7 Qxd4+ and Qxc5 certainly looks like no picnic for White.] **40...Qf2+ 41.Kb1?** [It appears that 41.Kc3! may be a better try, but Black can always try 41...Qe1+ and Qb4, leading to a Queen endgame with an extra pawn, and perhaps more importantly two central passers. White may find a draw, but it looks to be a very depressing task.] **41...Qf5+! 42.Kb2 Qf6! 43.Na5+ Kb5 [] 0-1**

The organizers of the Open deserve hearty congratulations for a tournament that surpassed all expectations. Your intrepid editor played and can confirm it was first class in all aspects. Many top games (and some of your editor's !) from the tournament can be found on the MonRoi website: <http://www.monroi.com>.

July 1, 2007 FIDE Rating List

There is now no player over 2800! (Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th World Champion, now retired, was the first player to break 2800 (highest rating ever in July 1999 – 2851); Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 14th World Champion, was the second player; Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), the 2005 FIDE World Champion, was the third ; Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, was the fourth player)

There are now 21 players in the 2700's. Some of the top players are (birth date of younger players in brackets, after country) :

- # 1 : Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, and runner-up in the 2005 FIDE World Championship, with a rating of 2792 (second time topping the list) ;
- # 2 : Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), 2005 FIDE World Champion, at 2769;
- # 3 : Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), current 14th World Champion, rated 2769;
- # 4 : Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), rated 2762 (up from # 12 !);
- # 5 : Alexander Morozevich (Russia), rated 2758;
- # 6 : Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan – 1985) – 2757;
- # 7 : Peter Leko (Hungary), the challenger to Kramnik in the 2004 Classical World Championship match, with 2751;
- # 8 : Levon Aronian (Armenia) rated 2750;
- # 9 : Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan – 1987) – 2746;
- # 19 : Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2707.

Some other past World Champions and their current ratings are :

- # 20 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine) at 2706;
- # 27 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2683;
- # 41 (inactive) : 12th FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) – 2668 ;
- # 90 : 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) – 2632 ;

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

- # 17 : Magnus Carlsen (Norway – 1990) – 2708 (first time over 2700 – up from # 22);
- # 22 : Yue Wang (China – 1987) – 2696 (up from # 50 !);
- # 24 : Evgeny Alekseev (Russia – 1985) – 2689 (up from # 30) – recently tied 2nd/4th at Dortmund;
- # 25 : Xiangzhi Bu (China – 1985) – 2685 (up from # 48 !) – played in the recent Canadian Open;
- # 35 : Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine – 1990) – 2678 (down from # 27);
- # 54 : David Navara (Czech Rep. - 1985) – 2656 (down from # 14 !?) ;

The 6 highest FIDE rated Canadians are:

- # 1 : GM Kevin Spraggett, 5 times Canadian Champion, at 2585 (down 26 pts.) ;
- # 2 : GM Alexandre Le Siege, 1992, 1999 & 2001 Canadian Champion, at 2528;
- # 3 : GM Mark Bluvshtein at 2520;
- # 4 : GM Pascal Charbonneau, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2503;
- # 5 : GM Dimitri Tyomkin at 2503;
- # 6 : IM Igor Zugic, 2006 Canadian Champion, at 2477.

The top 5 women in the world are :

- # 1 : GM Judit Polgar (Hungary) – 2707;
- # 2 : GM Humpy Koneru (India – 1987) – 2572;
- # 3 : GM Pia Cramling (Sweden) – 2533;
- # 4 : Yifan Hou (China – 1994 – 13 year's old !) – 2523 - first time in the top 5;
- # 5 : GM Chen Zhu (Qatar) – 2522;

Montreal International

This 10 GM round robin was the strongest Montreal International yet, with an average rating of 2650. It was played from July 19 to 29. It was won by GM Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), currently # 4 in the world rankings. He was a full point ahead of the second place finisher, Sergey Tiviakov (Netherlands).

In the final round, Ivanchuk met Harikrishna, whom he was leading by $\frac{1}{2}$ pt. Ivanchuk won. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ivanchuk, V (2762) – Harikrishna, P (2664)

Montreal International Tournament Empre Montreal Canada (9), 28.07.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6?!± [3...Qe7 4.d4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nxe5 6.dxe5 Qxe5=] 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 [5.Nc3 Nf6 6.d4 Be7=] 5...d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.c4 c6 9.Re1 Bf5 10.Qb3?± [10.Nc3 Nxc3

11.bxc3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 dxc4 13.Qxc4 Nd7±] 10...Na6 11.Nc3 [11.Be2 dxc4 12.Bxc4 b5 13.Bf1 Nb4±] 11...dxc4?± [11...Nac5 12.dxc5 Nxc5 13.Bxf5 Nxb3 14.axb3 d4 15.Nxd4 Bxh2+ 16.Kxh2 Qxd4±] 12.Bxc4 Nxc3 13.bxc3 b5 14.Bf1 Nc7 15.Bg5?± [15.a4 a6 16.c4 Be6 17.Bg5 bxc4 18.Bxc4 Qd7±] 15...Qd7?± [15...Qb8 16.Be7 Bxe7 17.Rxe7 Be6 18.c4 Qd8 19.Qa3 bxc4±] 16.Ne5 Qe6 17.c4 Bxe5 18.Rxe5 Qg6 19.Qf3 f6 20.Rxf5 fxe5 21.Rxf8+ [21.Bd3 Rxf5 22.Bxf5 Qf6 23.Qd3 g6 24.Bh3 Rd8 25.Rd1 bxc4 26.Qxc4+ Kh8±] 21...Rxf8 22.Qe3 Qf6 23.Rc1 bxc4 24.Bxc4+ Kh8 25.g3?!= [25.a4 Nd5 26.Bxd5 cxd5 27.Rc7 a6±] 25...h6 [25...g4?! 26.Bf1 Nd5 27.Qd2 Kg8 28.Re1 Qg6±; 25...a6?! 26.a4 g4 27.Rc2 Re8 28.Qf4 Qxf4 29.gxf4 g6±] 26.Bb3 Nd5 27.Qd2 Re8?± Ivanchuk gets a " clear " advantage [27...g4 28.Bd1 Qe6 29.Ba4 Ne7=] 28.Qd3?± [28.Re1 Rf8 29.Re5 Qd8 30.Re6 Qd7 31.Qe1 a5±] 28...Rf8?± [28...Nb4 29.Qc4 Rf8 30.Rf1 Nd5±] 29.Qd2 Re8 30.Qd3 [30.Re1? Rf8 31.Re5 Qd8 32.Qe1 Nf6 33.Qc3 g4 34.a4 Qc7±] 30...Rf8 31.Rf1 Qd6 32.Re1 Qd7 33.Bc2 Nf6 34.Qa3 Rd8 35.Qc5 Qf7?±+– Ivanchuk gets a " winning " advantage [35...a6 36.Re7 Qd5 37.a3 Qxc5 38.dxc5 Nd7 39.Re6 Nxc5 40.Rxc6 Nd3 41.h3 a5±] 36.Bb3 Qf8 37.Qxa7 Ivanchuk goes up a P (the passed aP will be decisive) 37...Re8 [37...Qb4 38.Re6 g4 39.Qc5 Rxd4 40.Qxb4 Rxb4 41.Rxc6 Rb7+–; 37...g4 38.Qc5 Qd6 39.Qxd6 Rxd6 40.Re6 Rxd4 41.Rxc6 Rd8+–] 38.Re5?±+– 1.68 [38.Rxe8 Qxe8 39.Bc2 Nd5 40.Bd3 Nb4 41.Bf5 Nd5+– 2.19] 38...Ng4 39.Rxe8 Qxe8 40.Qf7 Qd8?±+– 4.13 [40...Qe1+ 41.Kg2 Qe4+ 42.Qf3 Qxf3+ 43.Kxf3 Nf6+– 3.86] 41.a4 1-0

The final standings were:

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		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
1	 Ivanchuk,V	2762	+93	*	*	1	*	*	1	1	*	1
2	 Tiviakov,S	2648	+122	*	*	0	1	0	1	1	*	1
3	 Harikrishna,P	2664	+63	0	1	*	0	*	1	*	1	1
4	 Eljanov,P	2701	-17	*	0	1	*	1	*	*	1	0
5	 Kamsky,G	2718	-36	*	1	*	0	*	*	1	*	*
6	 Sutovsky,E	2656	-6	0	0	0	*	*	*	1	1	*
7	 Miton,K	2648	-75	0	0	*	*	0	0	*	*	1
8	 Bluvstein,M	2520	+66	0	0	0	*	*	0	*	1	1
9	 Charbonneau,P	2503	+43	*	*	*	0	*	0	0	*	1
10	 Short,N	2683	-253	0	0	0	1	*	*	0	0	*

Quebec Open

This 9 round swiss tournament was played in Montreal from July 20 – 28. The winner with 7 pts. was Andrey Rychagov. The final top standings were:

#	Name	ID	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9	Tot
1	Andrey Rychagov	100538	2557	+22	+17	+8	=3	+5	=2	+18	=4	=6	7.0
2	Alexander Huzman	49757	2601	+37	+13	=12	=6	+22	=1	=3	=5	=7	6.0
3	Chanda Sandipan	100540	2563	+24	=7	+19	=1	=12	=8	=2	=13	=16	6.0
4	Anton Shomoev	100542	2561	+31	+10	=6	=12	=13	=9	=7	=1	=15	6.0

5	Edouardas Rozentalis		2551	+20	=19	=15	+10	-1	+22	=8	=2	+13	6.0
6	Abhijit Kunte	100243	2519	+26	+29	=4	=2	=18	=7	=13	+9	=1	6.0
7	Thomas Roussel-Roozmon	48295	2407	+30	=3	=18	=8	+34	=6	=4	+12	=2	6.0

It appears that Canadian IM Thomas Roussel-Roozmon has gained his first GM norm from this result. Congratulations Thomas.

Canadian Youth Chess Championships

This tournament, in 6 age groups, one each for boys and girls, was held in Ottawa July 3-6, and attracted 189 players. The final standings were:

2007	1st - 1ère	2nd - 2me	3rd - 3me
Gμ-8	Kelly Wang	Aleksandra Milicevic	Cendrina Bilodeau-Savaria
Bμ-8	Janak Awatramani	Yinshi Li	John Doknjas
Gμ10	Rebecca Giblon	Joanne Foote	Lin Fei Kang
Bμ10	Christopher Knox	Zhaoyang Luo	Richard Wang
Gμ12	Myriam Roy	Alexandra Botez	Erika Ruiter
Bμ12	Nikita Kraiouchkine	Joey Qin	Nikita Gusev
Gμ14	Liza (Yelizaveta) Orlova	Dalia Kagramanov	Catherine Frenette
Bμ14	Arthur Calugar	Lloyd Mai	Louie Jiang
Gμ16	Sonja Xiong	Jasmine Du	Chelsea Ruiter
Bμ16	Haonan Zhou	Eric Hansen	Aman Hambleton (SCC Jr.)
Gμ18	Gabrielle Nadeau	Amelia Mandamin	
Bμ18	Ling-Feng Ye	Bindi Cheng	Derek Jia

Another SCC Junior, Nathan Farrant-Diaz, played in the Boys U 12 group.

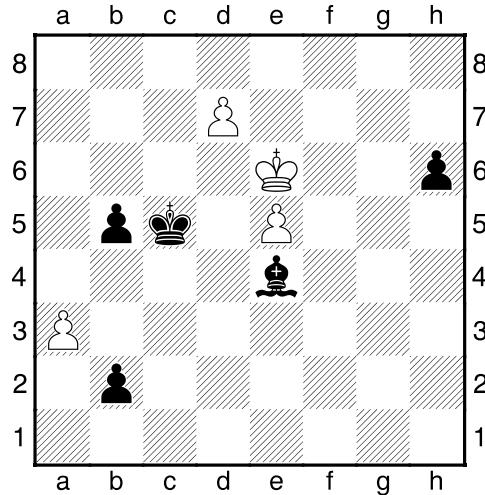
We asked Aman for one of his best CYCC games. Here it is – see the tactics that bring home the pawn promotion (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lai, M (1877) – Hambleton, A (2066) [C19]

2007 Canadian Youth CC Ottawa, 07.2007

1.e4 e6± 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+?!± Matthew gets an early " clear " advantage [5...cxd4? 6.axb4 dxc3 7.Qg4 cxb2 8.Bxb2 Qb6 9.Qxg7 (9.c3? Kf8±) 9...Qxb4+ 10.Kd1 Qxb2 11.Rc1 Qd4+ 12.Bd3 Qxf2 13.Nf3 Nc6 14.Rf1 Qc5±; 5...Ba5 6.Bd2 cxd4 7.Nb5 Nc6 8.Bxa5 Qxa5+ 9.b4 Qd8 10.f4 Kf8±] **6.bxc3 Nc6** [6...Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0 (7...Qc7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 dxc3 11.f4 Nbc6±) 8.Bd3 c4 9.Bh6 Ng6 10.Bxg6 fxg6 11.Bc1 Qa5±; 6...Qc7 7.Qg4 f6 8.Qg3 Nc6 9.Nf3 Qf7±; 6...Qa5 7.Bd2 Ne7 8.Qg4 Ng6 9.h4 h5 10.Qg5 cxd4 11.cxd4 Qa4 12.c3 Nc6±] **7.Nf3** [7.Qg4 Nge7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.cxd4 Nxd4 11.Qd3 Nef5±] **7...Nge7** **8.h4? =** [8.Rb1? 0-0 9.Bd3 f6 10.exf6 gxf6=; 8.Be2 f6 9.exf6 gxf6 10.Nh4 Ng6 11.Bh5 Rg8±]

8...h6?!± [8...0-0?! 9.h5 f6 10.h6 g6 11.exf6 Rxf6±; 8...f6 9.h5 fxe5 10.h6 g6 11.dxe5 Qa5=] **9.h5** [9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 b6 11.Re1 Nf5±] **9...Qa5 10.Bd2 Qa4 11.Qb1 a6?!±** [11...0-0 12.Bb5 Qa5 13.g4 f6±] **12.Be3?=?** [12.Bd3 Qa5 13.Qb2 c4 14.Be2 b5±] **12...Nf5 13.Qd1?!** for the first time in the game, Aman gets the advantage [13.Bd3 Nxe3 14.fxe3 0-0 15.0-0 b5=] **13...cxd4?!=** [13...b5 14.Bd3 Nxe3 15.fxe3 Bd7±] **14.cxd4 Nxe3** [14...Bd7 15.Bd3 Rc8 16.0-0 b5=] **15.fxe3 Bd7?!**± [15...Na5 16.Nd2 0-0 17.Bd3 Bd7=] **16.c4 Qa5+ 17.Qd2 dxc4 18.Bxc4 b5 19.Bd3 Ke7 20.Kf2?!=** [20.0-0?! Qxd2 21.Nxd2 f6 22.exf6+ gxf6 23.Ne4 f5 24.Nc5 Rhg8=; 20.Rc1 Rhc8 21.0-0 Qxd2 22.Nxd2 f6 23.exf6+ gxf6±] **20...Qxd2+ 21.Nxd2 Na5?!**± [21...f6 22.exf6+ gxf6 23.Nb3 e5=] **22.Rhc1?!=** [22.Rh3 Rhc8 23.Rg3 Rc3 24.Ke2 Kf8±] **22...Rhc8 23.Be4 Rxc1** [23...Rab8 24.Kf3 Nc4 25.Nxc4 bxc4 26.Rc3 f6=] **24.Rxc1 Rc8 25.Rxc8 Bxc8 26.Bf3 Bb7 27.e4 Nc6?!**± [27...f6 28.Be2 fxe5 29.dxe5 Bc6 30.Kf3 Bd7 31.Kf4 Be8=] **28.Ke3 Kd7 29.Nb3 Kc7 30.Kf4?!=** [30.Nc5 Bc8 31.Bg4 Kb6 32.Nd3 Na5±] **30...Ne7?!**± Matthew finally gets back his " clear " advantage [30...Kb6 31.Bg4 Na5 32.Nc5 Bc8 33.g3 Nc6=] **31.g4 Kb6 32.g5 hxg5+ 33.Kxg5 a5 34.h6 gxh6+ Aman goes up a P** **35.Kf6 Nf5?!**+- Matthew gets a " winning " advantage [35...a4 36.Na1 b4 37.axb4 Ng6 38.Nc2 h5 39.Bxh5 Bxe4 40.Na3 Bd5±] **36.d5** [36.exf5?! Bxf3 37.fxe6 fxe6 38.Kxe6 b4 39.d5 Bg4+ 40.Ke7 a4 41.Nc1 b3±] **36...a4** [36...Ne3 37.d6 Bc8 38.Kxf7 Nc4 39.Kf6 a4 40.Nd4 b4+-] **37.exf5?!**± [37.d6 Bc8 38.Nc1 Ne3 39.Kxf7 Kc5+-] **37...axb3 38.fxe6?!**+- after winning all game, Matthew errs; Aman gets a " winning " advantage [38.dxe6 fxe6 39.Bxb7 exf5 40.Bc8 f4 41.Bf5 f3 42.e6 f2 43.e7 f1Q 44.e8Q Qf4±] **38...fxe6 39.Kxe6** back to material equality [39.d6 Bc8 40.Ke7 b2 41.Be4 Kc5 42.Kd8 Bb7 43.Bh7 Bc6+-] **39...b2 40.Be4 Kc5 41.d6?!**+- 10.03 [41.Kf6 Bxd5 42.Bc2 h5 43.Kf5 Kd4 44.Bb1 Bc4 45.Kf4 Be6+- – 3.20] **41...Bxe4** Aman is up a B **42.d7**



Bf5+! 43.Kxf5 the material equality is deceiving **43...b1Q+ 44.Ke6 Qg6+ 45.Ke7 Qg7+ 0-1**

York Region July Active – Report

This 5 round swiss active on Saturday, July 21, in Richmond Hill, attracted 27 players. The winners were :

Open : 1st/3rd – Zhe Quan
Kevin Chung

Erwin Caserino
U 2000: Trefelino Miaco
U 1600: Mike Ivanov

Toronto Mid-Summer Active – Report

This active (Game/ 30 min.) 5 round swiss tournament was held at the Bayview Games Club on Sunday, July 29. The winners were:

4 1/2 Michael Schleifer
4 - 1 Artem Samsonkin
3 1/2 Igor Divljan & Michael Kleinman

Kleinman won the A prize while Kyle France won the B prize with 2 1/2.

CFC AGM

This meeting was held during the Canadian Open in Ottawa. At the Incoming Governors meeting, there were 18 governors present and 19 proxies held, for a total of 37 votes. A new CFC executive was elected:

President – Hal Bond
Vice-President – Stijn de Kerpel
Secretary – Lyle Craver (on last executive)
Treasurer – Bob Gillanders
FIDE Rep. – Nathan Divinsky (on last executive)
Youth Coordinator – Patrick MacDonald (on last executive)

Other positions filled were:

Rating Auditor – Pierre Denommee (on last executive)
National Appeals Committee – Gordon Taylor
Pierre Denommee
Maurice Smith
Mark Dutton
Lyle Craver
Chess Foundation of Canada – Paul Leblanc – 1 year
Maurice Smith – continuing
Barry Thorvardson
Lynn Stringer – existing

Kalev Pugi Fund – Patrick MacDonald
Hugh Brodie
Lynn Stringer

There were no bids for 2008 tournaments, including the Canadian Open.

The day before was the meeting of the outgoing governors. There were 12 governors present and 14 proxies held, for a total of 26 votes. In the President's Report (Bill Doubleday), he advised that in the first 6 months of the fiscal year, CFC lost approx. \$ 39,000 . In the final 6 months, it made approx. \$ 13,000. Thus the deficit for 2006-7 was \$ 25,000. An improvement, but the CFC is still in difficulty. The CFC cut staff to one employee on the basis of an Auditor projection that CFC would have been insolvent by Jan. 2007, if expenses weren't curtailed. Sales picked up and cash flow improved, so CFC then hired a part-time staff. Membership in the CFC continued to decline last year, and must be a major concern in the new year. The threat to CFC's charitable status is still outstanding, but CFC has submitted further information, and Les Bunning, CFC lawyer, is hopeful it will be resolved in CFC's favour. CFC did have very successful tournaments this year – CYCC and COCC. But the WYCC is not self-sustaining and this must be looked at. \$\$ will be available for the WYCC this year though, mainly due to tournament sponsorship.

Main motions dealt with were:

1. to make the Chess Foundation of Canada a separate non-profit – passed
2. removal of executive by governor initiative – defeated
3. suspension of governors for inactivity – defeated
4. to sell CFC building – withdrawn – to be reviewed by new executive

SCC Goes to the Canadian Open

SCC sent a strong contingent of 2 juniors and 10 adults to this year's Canadian Open in Ottawa. The players and their results are :

5.5 pts. – Junior Girl Yuanling Yuan

 Your editor, Bob Armstrong (in a 5-way tie for 3rd in the U 1800)

 Tom Muir (third place in the U 1600)

5 pts. – Junior Aman Hambleton

4.5 pts. – Maurice Smith (SCC Vice-President)

4 pts. – Petar Zlatanov

 Josh Sherman

 Oscar Villalobos

 Phil Haley (former CFC President)

 Doug Gillis

3.5 pts. – Michael Perez

 Mario Moran-Venegas

A number of SCC alumni were also present: Wilf Ferner, Peter Bokhout, Josh Guo, Danny Aniag.

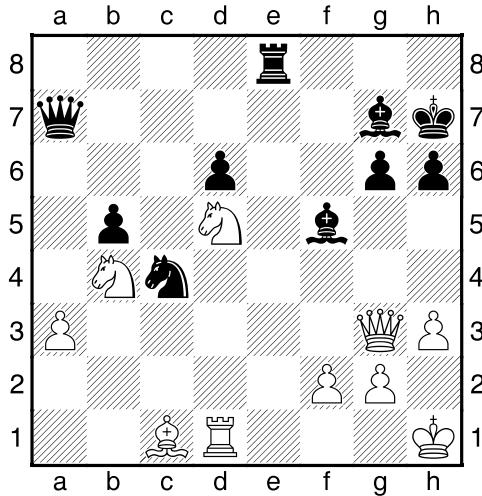
SCTCN&V asked each SCC member playing to provide us with their most interesting game. We'll be publishing them over the next few Issues.

Yuanling pulled off a nice draw against one of Canada's top players (she was winning, when she forced the draw !). Here is her game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yuan, Y (2100) – Roussel-Roozman, T (2407) [C99]

2007 Canadian Open Toronto (3), 08.07.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 [2...Nf6=] 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 [6...0-0?! 7.d4 b5 8.dxe5 bxa4 9.exf6 Bxf6 10.e5 Be7±] 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 [9.d4 Bg4 10.Bc2 exd4 11.cxd4 Nb4 12.Nc3 Nxc2 13.Qxc2 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qd7=] 9...Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d4 Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nc6?!= [13...Be6?! 14.Nf1 Rac8 15.Ne3 Rfd8±; 13...Bb7 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Nf1 exd4 16.Nxd4 Bf6=] 14.Nb3 a5 15.Be3 a4 16.Nbd2 Bd7 [16...Nb4 17.Bb1 Bd7 18.a3 Nc6±] 17.Rc1 Qb7 18.Qe2 h6 19.Bd3 Rab8 20.a3 Rfe8 21.Qf1?!= [21.d5 Na5 22.Rc3 Nc4 23.Nxc4 bxc4 24.Rxc4 Qxb2±] 21...Bf8 [21...exd4 22.Nxd4 Ne5 23.Bf4 Bf8 24.Rb1 d5=] 22.Rc2?!= [22.d5 Ne7 23.Nh4 g5 24.Nhf3 Ng6 25.Kh1 Rec8=] 22...exd4 23.Nxd4 Ne5 24.Bf4 Nxd3?!= [24...b4 25.Ba6 Qa8 26.Bd3 d5±] 25.Qxd3 Rbc8 26.Rxc8 Rxc8 27.N4f3 Bc6 28.Nd4 Bd7 29.N4f3 Qc6 30.Nd4 Qb6 31.Nc2 Be6 32.Nb4?!= [32.Be3 Qb7 33.Bd4 Nd7 34.Nb4 Ne5=] 32...Nd7?± [32...d5 33.exd5 Rd8 34.Be3 Qb7±] 33.Nb1 Ne5 [33...Bc4 34.Qd1 Ne5 35.Nc3 Qd8±] 34.Qe2?!= [34.Qg3 g6 35.Be3 Qb7 36.f4 Nc6±] 34...Nc4 35.Nc3 Kh8 36.Rd1 Qb7 37.Ncd5 [37.Nbd5 f5 38.exf5 Bxf5 39.Be3 Bg6=] 37...g6 [37...f5 38.exf5 Bxf5 39.Nc3 Qd7=] 38.Kh1?± Thomas gets a " clear " advantage [38.Be3 Nxe3 39.Qxe3 Rc4 40.Nc3 Kg8=] 38...Bg7 39.Bc1 Re8?!= [39...f5 40.exf5 Bxf5 41.Ne7 Re8 42.Nbd5 Bf8±] 40.Qf3?!= [40.Re1 Kh7 41.Kh2 Bc8 42.f3 f5±] 40...f5 41.exf5 Bxf5 42.b3 axb3?!= [42...Be4 43.Qg3 axb3 44.Qxb3 Re5 45.Nf4 g5 46.f3 Na5 47.Qb2 Bxf3 48.Ng6+ Kh7 49.Nxe5 Bxd1 50.Qb1+ Kg8 51.Qd3 Bxe5 52.Qxd1 Nc4±] 43.Qxb3 Qa7 44.Qg3 Kh7?+– now Yuanling gets a " winning " advantage [44...g5 45.f4 gxf4 46.Qxf4 Qf7±]



45.Bxh6! Qxa3 [45...Qa4 46.Rg1 Qxa3 47.Qh4 Re4 48.Bf4+ Kg8 49.Nc6 Qa8 50.Nce7+ Kf7 51.Nxf5 Qxd5 52.Nxg7 Qd4 53.Nf5 gxf5 54.Qh7+ Ke6+–; 45...Bxh6?? 46.Nf6+ Kh8 47.Qh4 Qg7 48.Nxe8 Qf8 49.Nxd6 Nxd6 50.Qd4+ Kg8 51.Qxd6 Qxd6 52.Rxd6 Bc1+–] 46.Qh4 Re4 47.Bf4+ Kg8 48.Qd8+ Kh7 49.Qh4+?= Yuanling decides it is best to take the draw [49.Nc6 Qb3 50.Qh4+ Kg8 51.Nce7+ Kf8 52.Rg1 Qb2 53.Nxf5 gxf5 54.Qd8+ Re8 55.Bxd6+ Nxd6 56.Qxd6+ Kg8 57.Ne7+ Kh8+–] 49...Kg8 50.Qd8+ Kh7 51.Qh4+ Kg8 52.Qd8+ ½-½

Oscar Villalobos had a nice win against an "A" class player. Here is his game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Duffett, J (1930) – Villalobos, O (1645) [A48]

2007 Canadian Open Toronto, 09.07.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6± 3.Bg5?!= [3.e3?!, Bg7 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 d5=; 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bf5 5.h3 Bg7 6.g4 Be4±] **3...Bg7 4.Nbd2 d6 5.e4 c5** [5...0-0 6.Be2 h6 7.Bxf6 Bxf6 8.c3 Nc6=] **6.c3** [6.dxc5 dxc5 7.c3 0-0 8.Bc4 Nc6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qe2 Na5 11.Bb5 h6 12.Bxf6 Bxf6=] **6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Qa5?!=** [7...0-0 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 h6 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Rc1 e5 12.d5 Ne7=] **8.Bd3?!=** [8.Qb3?!, 0-0 9.Bd3 Nc6 10.d5 Nb4=; 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.Qc3 h6 10.Qxa5 Nxa5 11.Be3 0-0±] **8...Bg4?!=** [8...Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 d5 11.Nb3 Qb6 12.e5 Ng4=] **9.Qb3 Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nc4 Qc7 12.Nfd2** [12.Rac1 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Rac8 14.Rc2 Qb8 15.Rfc1 h6 16.Bd2 d5±; 12.Rfc1 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Rac8 14.Rc2 Qb8 15.Rac1 e5 16.Qb4 d5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Rxc2 19.Rxc2 Qxe5±] **12...Be6 13.d5?!=** [13.Rfc1 Rac8 14.Bf1 h6 15.Bf4 Qb8±] **13...Nc5 14.Qc2?!=** for the first time in the game, Oscar gets the advantage [14.Qa3 Bd7 15.Rac1 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Rfc8=] **14...Bd7 15.Rac1 Rfc8 16.Be2** [16.Nf3 b5 17.Ncd2 Qb6 18.Qb1 Nxd3 19.Qxd3±] **16...b5 17.Ne3?!=** Oscar gets a "clear" advantage [17.Na3 Qb7 18.Qb1 h6 19.Be3 Ng4 20.Bf4 a5±] **17...Qa5 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.Rcd1?!=+** Oscar gets a "winning" advantage [19.Bg4?!, Qxa2 20.b4 Qxc2 21.Rxc2 Bxg4 22.Nxg4 Nd3-+; 19.b3 Nb7 20.Qd3 Rxc1 21.Rxc1 Nc5 22.Qc2 Rc8±] **19...Na4?!=+** – 1.72 [19...Qxa2 20.Rb1 Na4 21.Qb3 Qxb3 22.Nxb3 a5-+ – 3.53] **20.Qb1 Nxb2** Oscar goes up a P **21.Nb3 Qa4 22.Rd2?!=+** – 2.17 [22.Rc1 Bg7 23.Rfe1 Nc4 24.Bg4 Bxg4 25.Nxg4 Rc7-+ – 1.52] **22...Nc4 23.Rd3 Rc7 24.Ng4 Bg7 25.Qc1?!=+** – 4.02 [25.Nd4 Rac8 26.Ne3 Qa5 27.Nxc4 Rxc4 28.Nxb5 Bxb5 29.Rb3 a6-+ – 2.62] **25...Qxa2** Oscar goes up 2 connected, passed P **26.Nh6?!=+** – 7.00 this loses the B [26.Bf3 Qb2 27.Na5 Rac8 28.Qxb2 Bxb2 29.Rb3 Bg7 30.Nc6 Bxc6 31.dxc6 a6-+ – 5.22] **26...Bxh6 27.Qxh6 Qxe2** Oscar goes up B + 2 P **28.Rg3 Ne5?!=+** – 6.27 just winning the P is best [28...Qxe4 29.Nd2 Nxd2 30.Qxd2 Rc2 31.Qd1 Qe2-+ – 9.33] **29.Nd4?!=+** – 8.69 [29.Qh4 a5 30.Qxe7 Qxe4 31.Qxd6 Qf4 32.Qa3 a4 33.Nc1 Rc2-+ – 7.50] **29...Qxe4** Oscar goes up B + 3 P **30.Ne6 Bxe6?!=+** – 7.25 [30...fxe6 31.Rh3 g5 32.Qxg5+ Kf7-+ – 9.00 Oscar would be up B + N + 2 P] **31.dxe6 f6 32.Rh3 g5 33.f4?!=+** – 13.91 [33.Qh5 Rac8 34.Re3 Qf5 35.h4 Rc1 36.Ree1 Rxe1 37.Rxe1 Qxe6-+ – 10.12] **33...Ng4 34.Qh5?!=+** leads to mate [34.Qxh7+ Qxh7 35.Rxh7 Kxh7 36.fxg5 fxg5-+] **34...Qd4+ 35.Kh1 Nf2+ 36.Rxf2 Rc1+** Jim resigned. The mate is **37.Qd1 Rxd1+ 38.Rf1 Rxf1# 0-1**

Our Readers Write – CFC's Retail Business/ Building : Keep or Sell??

Last Issue we had an article on the above topic, and statements on each issue by the then CFC Presidential candidates. Barry Thorvardson wanted to keep retail and Hal Bond wanted to sell it. Both wanted to sell the building. In the report on the CFC AGM above, we reported on discussions on these topics there (the motion to sell was withdrawn and the executive will study the issue).

CFC Treasurer, Andrew Philip weighed in before the AGM with his opinion. Here is what he wrote SCTCN&V:

“ Regarding the CFC debate on whether to sell its retail business, based on my experience as a treasurer and CFO in several profit and non-profit organizations, I would be extremely hesitant to jettison a \$141,000 business line unless I had a definite plan to generate compensating revenue or reduce operating expenses. What are the options if retail is dropped:

On the compensating revenue side:

Increase membership fees(would not be a popular choice with members but likely inevitable in my opinion)

Increase rating fees (less visible to general membership, but expect flak from clubs and tourney organizers)

Attract more CFC members(!? but hard to do).

More tournaments generating more rating fees (!? but not really in CFC's control to a large degree)

Other ideas...

On the reduce operating expenses side:
Drop full-time staffer??

Sell building and lease thereafter, (!? many businesses large and small lease, so definitely one to look at)

Drop magazine publication??

Other expenses...

Conceptually, I see a lot more negatives in the position to drop retail than positives. But like in chess, to truly assess the proper moves to undertake, I would need to see concrete financial data. “

Former SCC Junior Dies in Tragedy – RIP Gajana Srinivasan

Gaja Srinivasan, former SCC junior, was 20 years old, and the 2003 Toronto Closed Reserves Champion. On July 19, the following appeared in news reports:

Stabbing turns murder-suicide

Police arrived at an east Toronto apartment building yesterday morning to investigate a possible stabbing but instead they came upon a horrific murder-suicide.

Emergency crews discovered the body of a 20-year-old man sprawled on his back behind the building on 50 Tuxedo Court, near Markham and Ellesmere roads, around 11 a.m. A mangled air conditioner lay several feet away.

It appears the man first kicked out the air conditioner, then jumped from a 14th-floor window after stabbing the apartment's owner to death. Police have not released either victim's name, but neighbours identified the 20-year-old as Gajananth Srinivasan.

About an hour after the incident, Srinivasan's mother ran to police from the complex's parking lot. The rest of her family arrived at the apartment building about half an hour later and spoke about their troubled relative.

“I know he had trouble (with depression) when he was a teenager and a love failure,” the man's cousin, Krishna Srithayakumar, 17, said.

Our condolences to Gaja's family.

York Region August Active Chess Championship

August 18 (Saturday)

Richmond Hill Curling Club

121 Elgin Mills Rd., Richmond Hill, ON L4C 3A8

NOTE: SPECIAL 4 PLAYER TEAM PRIZES –Enter your team!

Style: 5 round Swiss,4 sections
Open with U2200 Section, U2000, U1800, U1600(w/UNR)

Rounds: 10:30 am, 12:00pm, 1:30 pm, 2:45 pm, & 4:00 pm

Time Control: Game/30

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (sharp) Saturday before the Tournament
[only players registering before 10:00 a.m. are guaranteed to be paired for 10:30 a.m.], or in advance by mail.

Make Cheques payable to “Barry Thorvardson” and send to
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L6Z4T2

EMAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED until 11pm Thursday, August 16.
(**LATE FEE of \$10.00 for onsite registrations without advance email or phone registration.**)

Entry Fee: \$20 for U1600, U1800, U2000
\$30 for Open and U2200
--- Unrated can only win Unrated prizes

Other Information: Chess Sets and Clocks will be provided.

Organizer: OCA, Barry Thorvardson 647-668-1393

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Email: barry@chessontario.com

Byes: Maximum 2 – ½ point byes available in rounds 1-4
if requested in advance

Prize Fund: \$1,000.00 based on 60 players

(Sectional prizes will be prorated based on the number of entries in each section)
PLUS SPECIAL TEAM PRIZE – ENTER YOUR 4 PLAYER TEAM!

Based on :

60 Players: 20 players at \$30, and 40 players at \$20 for revenues of \$1,400,

Expenses are \$220 towards space rentals, and expenses, \$180 to CFC rating fees.

SCC'ers Organize August Tournament – “ The Mayhem on Midland “

There are 2 new organizers on the block – and they come from the SCC !! Michael Perez and Petar Zlatanov, both SCC members, have now decided to try their hands at organizing a tournament.



Michael Perez



Petar Zlatanov

The SouthSide Chess Club is holding this tournament on Saturday, August 25 & Sunday, August 26. It will be a 5 round swiss in 5 sections (Open, U 2000, U 1800, U 1600, U 1400). It will be an Active tournament (Game/ 30 min. – no increments). Prize funds for each section are based on number of entries – 1st , 2nd , & 3rd for each section.

Their slogan is “ Revolutionizing the chess experience in Toronto “ – they will feature:

- FREE refreshments and snacks (pop, water, chips, etc.)
- FREE giveaways and raffle draws included in entry fee
- Participation ribbons, medals and CASH PRIZES !
- Team prizes, perfect score prize and blitz tournament (\$ 20)

Location : 2115 Midland Ave., Unit 4, Scarborough (at Progress, seconds from Midland RT)

Entries : \$ 50 entry fee. Early registration discount. Call and register before August 1 and receive 20% discount on entry fee. Non-rated players pay only \$ 40 but can only receive \$ 100 max. prize (excluding open section).

Special : Every 10th registrant before August 1 receives a 50% discount !

Time : Registration begins on Saturday at 6:00 pm sharp! Games start at 7:00 pm. Sunday games commence at 6:00 pm sharp !

Byes: Byes accepted for any round except the final round. Max. of 2 byes only.

Pieces : Please bring your own chess sets and clocks.

Contact: Michael Perez - e-mail: mjperez71@hotmail.com

Office: 416-298-7836

Mobile: 416-876-0283

Website: www.solutionsforcomputing.com/chess

Toronto Labour Day Tournament

Date : September 1 –3 (Sat. – Mon.)

NEW Location : Metamorphosis Greek Orthodox School, 30 Scarsdale Road (1 block east of Leslie, 2 blocks south of York Mills Rd.)

Style : 6 round Swiss in 5 sections: Open/Fide rated, including U 2300 section; U 2200; U 2000; U 1800; U 1600/Unr.

Rounds : 11:00 AM & 4:30 PM Saturday; 10 AM & 4 PM Sun. & Mon.

Time Control : 30/90 min., SD/1 hr.

Registration: 9:00 – 10:30 AM on Sat., Sept. 1 (registrants after 10:30 are not guaranteed to be paired by 11:00 AM)

In advance by mail to: Bryan Lamb, 1903-13460 York Mills Rd., North York., Ontario. M3A 2A3. Make cheque payable to Bryan Lamb. No postdated cheques.

E-mail registration to: bryanolamb@rogers.com. E-mail registrants must arrive onsite before 10:30 to pay or will be charged the onsite late fee.

Entry Fees : \$ 70 advance, \$ 80 cash only onsite.

Amateur: \$ 25 (U 1800 & U 1600 sections – not eligible for cash prizes)

Discounts : \$ 20 less for juniors (born after Sept. 10, 1986), Seniors (60 & older), Women, and IM's. No discount for Amateurs; only one discount per player.

Byes : Maximum of 2 in rounds 1-5.

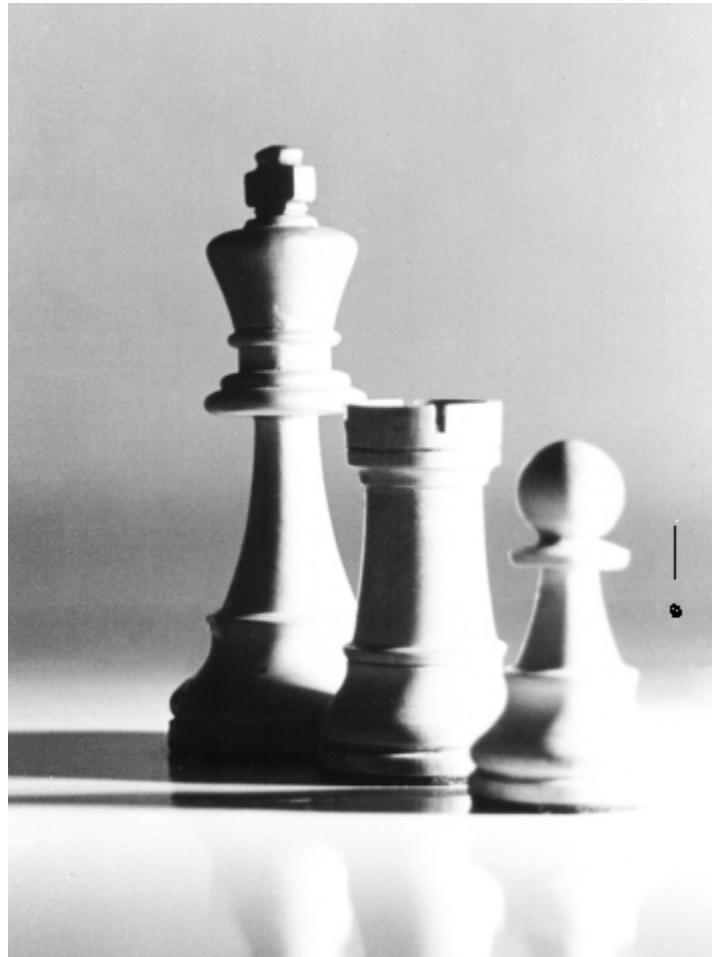
Prizes : \$ 4000 (based on 100 non-amateur players); 1st place in Open Section \$ 750 Guaranteed.

Equipment: please bring sets and clocks.

Website : <http://ca.geocities.com/bryan.lamb@rogers.com/>

Organizer/TD : Bryan Lamb – 416-446-5938 or 416-904-5938

An Impressive Trio !



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