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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

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GTCL to Hold Its Annual General Meeting Tomorrow, Sat. May 2 !

The location is the same site as they've used the last few years :

Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto,
86 Overlea Blvd., between Don Mills and Thorncliffe.
(turn North at William Morgan Drive, turn East and through the gates)

The time will be from 11:00AM – 2:00 PM. in the library.

Come out and plan GTCL activities for 2009-10.

Also, elect your GTCL CFC and OCA Governors, as well as the new GTCL Executive.

You have a vote – use it !

Some GTCL Governor Candidate Statements

Given the importance of the role of CFC Governor, we offered to help Candidates present themselves to the GTA CFC members. We asked them in the April 1 & 15 Issues to send us a short, concise, approximately 200 - 300 word description of themselves (chess-wise), and any statement they would like to make. We have now published them in this Issue and in the previous issue of the newsletter!

Here are the “ Candidate Statements “ we received (alphabetically):

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(½ way between Eglinton Ave. and Lawrence Ave.)

Bob Armstrong :

I have been playing serious chess now for about 45 years (whew !). I have been an active player : re the most active Canadian tournament player, I was 4th in 2006, 1st in 2007 and 5th in 2008. I was the 1964-5 University of Western Ontario Champion (not exactly a strong club at the time), and played in what is now called the Canadian Post-Secondary Championship for U.W.O.. I have played in the last 3 Canadian Opens and will be going to Edmonton in July.

I was on the executive of the SCC for a year and half a while ago. I have been the editor of the SCC newsletter for 10 years. I have been the SCC Database Administrator for about 2 years. I do free game analysis for SCC members who are interested. I organized a CFC-member grassroots group called the Grassroots' Campaign, that proposed an agenda for saving the CFC from the financial mess it had been in for years, and nearly all of these proposals were subsequently implemented by the governors. I have organized a second CFC member group that soon will deal with the issue of governor reduction. I regularly follow the Canadian chess discussion sites, and regularly post on various topics. I have taken the initiative to recently file , with the assistance of moving/seconding governors, motions at both the CFC and OCA levels, to bring OCA structures and procedures into line with the CFC Handbook. I have been active lobbying the GTCL on CFC member rights.

I believe in member involvement in the CFC and hope that my involvement in CFC affairs has shown that the current structure of the CFC is amenable to organized (and somewhat determined) member action. I also believe in Governor initiative, in conjunction with the executive. I hope to help members become more involved, and to encourage the governors to take a more pro-active role.

I will help represent Ontario and GTCL interests at the CFC.

Ilia Bluvshtein

Born in Moscow, Russia in 1956. Graduated from University in 1978. Received PhD in 1988. Working at Union Gas since 2000 as a Senior Advisor. Married, have a daughter and a son.

Learned chess at the age of five. Played a lot at school and a couple of years at the University. At that time achieved a level of 2200 rating. After this retired from chess to pursue professional carrier.

Returned to chess 18 years later to teach my son and to create chess environment for him. Again played a lot of chess until the son surpassed me and mission was accomplished.

Currently I'm CFC Governor and VP of GTCL. Was Olympiad coordinator for the last Olympic campaign. In chess volunteering activities, I'm focusing on elite chess as I think that I know this area well enough from different angles and can contribute to chess community.

Come out and vote for the CFC Governors you prefer (7 positions in 2008-9)!

GTCL President's Report 2008-09

Dear chess friends,

We're living during interesting time for Canadian chess!

I would call the past year "a year of hope".

After demise of our most active club – the Bayview Games Club – the future of Toronto chess was blurring. But thanks to our most experienced TD Bryan Lamb and new organizers Liam Henry, Alex Ferreira and Brian Fiedler we saw significant increase in chess activity since last April. We hosted Canadian Junior Championship, completed the Greater Toronto Chess League Team competitions, had our annual Toronto Junior Championship, Toronto Senior Championship, Toronto Women's Championship and Toronto Closed Championship, and a series of weekend Opens: Canada Day Open, Labour Day Open, Thanksgiving Day Open, Holidays Open, Reading Week Open. And as a high point – excellently organized and ran PricewaterhouseCoopers Toronto Open with a very strong field and international coverage.

I should mention as well the Grassroots' Campaign – the initiative of ordinary CFC members willing to help the CFC to restructure its operations to bring a real benefit for Canadian chess.

We could conclude that chess in Toronto is on the raise – thanks to our dedicated organizers and tournament directors. We need more people willing to put their skills, knowledge and time to get momentum and establish Toronto as a Canadian chess capital. I believe it was a successful year for the Greater Toronto Chess League and hope the next year could be even more successful.

I would like to thank you for the opportunity to lead the Greater Toronto Chess League during the past year and want to express my willingness to stand for this position again to continue improvement of chess life in the Greater Toronto Area.

Michael Barron,
GTCL President

Major Shake-Up at CFC !! All Staff Terminated by Executive Committee !!

On Feb. 14, rumours started to fly that President David Lavin, with the unanimous backing of the Executive Committee, had turfed CFC E.D. Bob Gillanders (former CFC Treasurer) – and the supplementary staff of Webzine Editor/Webmaster Vincent Chow, and office manager, Paul Beckwith. At the time, governors and members were shocked, since there was almost unanimous agreement that Bob G. and his team had restored member confidence in the CFC, and brought member service levels back up to those expected, after the disastrous period of the prior E.D..

Apparently, from the time the CFC had decided to go to a " home office " arrangement with the E.D., and terminated the office administrator and bookkeeper, ongoing negotiations had taken place between Lavin and Gillanders on trying to reach a financial contract suitable to both. This was apparently proving difficult. In the background loomed the CFC's desire to get to a balanced budget for 2009-10, and staffing is the biggest expense for the CFC.

At some point, when is not clear, Lavin commenced negotiations with former E.D. Gerry Litchfield, for a more favourable contract than that being offered by

Gillanders. A financial difference between the two competitors for the ED position developed. Then it became an issue of who could deliver the services, and at what level and quality, and what was a reasonable price for the level of services offered by each. Gillanders had going for him, a quality track record since becoming E.D. around December of 2007. But Litchfield also had had a good CFC track record, though now a bit out of date.

Rather than getting firm tenders from each and then going to the Governors with a recommendation, which we think was the preferable way to do it, Lavin took the situation in hand, and simply asserted he and the executive had authority to fire and hire, without requiring either advance or subsequent board approval. He then went ahead and terminated Gillanders and team, and entered into a new contract with Litchfield (the terms of which are still not detailed in public yet).

There was some modest protest from some of the governors, and one, Barry Thorvardson, brought an urgent motion that the whole issue go over to the governors at the July Edmonton CFC AGM, but nothing eventually came of that motion (it was ruled out of order for some unpublished reason), and the Executive prevailed.

The alleged justification for all this is that Litchfield can deliver the same level of service, or better, than Gillanders, for less money. Litchfield now has to prove that the confidence he has generated within the Executive Committee is justified. We will see what happens in terms of level and quality of member service, as this new team settles in.

On April 16, Lavin posted on the CFC Chess Forum as follows:

Yesterday, 05:11 PM

David Lavin 
CFC President
International Arbiter

Join Date: Aug 2008
Location: Toronto
Posts: 238

 An important announcement regarding the CFC Business Office

Dear members:

Over the past few months the Executive and the Executive Director, Bob Gillanders, have tried to come to an agreement over compensation. Regrettably, no agreement could be reached. Bob and his team of Paul Beckwith and Vincent Chow have done a fantastic job and the entire Canadian chess community owes them its thanks. Without their tireless devotion the CFC would not be in the position it is today.

Fortunately, we have found a very capable replacement. Gerry Litchfield will be returning as the Executive Director, a position he held from 2002 to 2004. He will be very ably assisted by Patrick Smale and his team at E.K. Gillin & Associates. I have spoken with many people who have worked with Gerry in the past and all said that he was one of the best ED's that the CFC has ever had. Patrick's involvement will be in management and marketing. The change will be effective no later than May 4, 2009. The new address is listed below:

Chess Federation of Canada
356 Ontario Street, Suite 373
Stratford, ON N5A 7X6

With this change, the CFC will have an operating surplus in 2010, the first time that the CFC has recorded a surplus in many years. The CFC will finally be able to face the future with optimism, a welcome change after years of gloom.

Best wishes to all
David Lavin
President
Chess Federation of Canada

FIDE 4th Grand Prix, Nalchik, Russia

The fourth FIDE Grand Prix Series Tournament was held in Nalchik, Kabardino-Balkaria, Russia from April 14 to 30, 2009 and was a 14-player round robin.

The 6-event Grand Prix series, leading to a Candidates Match for the World Championship, was announced by FIDE in February 2008. After the first two events ran as expected, the third ran into trouble. Doha pulled out and the event had to be hurriedly moved to Elista, Kalmykia, Russia. Some of the participants – Magnus Carlsen, Michael Adams – followed suit when FIDE unilaterally started playing with the format of the current World Championship Cycle, watering down the prize for the Grand Prix winner. Then the fourth Grand Prix in Montreux, Switzerland was cancelled, and then the sixth in Karlovy Vary, Czech Republic came off the table.

This event was the substitution for the cancelled Montreux event, and allowed FIDE to keep the Grand Prix concept from falling to shreds.

The fourteen participants were: Vladimir Akopian (Armenia), Evgeny Alekseev (Russia), Levon Aronian (Armenia), Etienne Bacrot (France), Pavel Eljanov (Ukraine), Boris Gelfand (Israel), Alexander Grischuk (Russia), Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine), Gata Kamsky (USA), Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine), Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan), Peter Leko (Hungary), Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan), Peter Svidler (Russia). The average rating was 2725, the strongest of the Grand Prix events so far. The total prize fund was \$ 162,000 Euros.

The Grand Prix leaders, after 3 events, were:

GP Standings

CURRENT GRAND PRIX STANDINGS

Player	Baku 08	Sochi 08	Elista 08	Total	Played
Teimour Radjabov (AZE)	60	150	153,33	363,33	3
Wang Yue (CHN)	153,33	120	80	353,33	3
Vugar Gashimov (AZE)	153,33	65	110	328,33	3
Alexander Grischuk (RUS)	105	45	153,33	303,33	3
Dmitry Jakovenko (RUS)		90	153,33	243,33	2
Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (AZE)	105		80	185,00	2
Levon Aronian (ARM)		180		180,00	1
Gata Kamsky (USA)	60	120		180,00	2
Peter Svidler (RUS)	85	90		175,00	2
Sergey Karjakin (UKR)	60	90		150,00	2
Ivan Cheparinov (BUL)	35	45	50	130,00	3
Etienne Bacrot (FRA)	15		80	95,00	2
Peter Leko (HUN)			80	80,00	1
Rustam Kasimdzhanov (UZB)			80	80,00	1
Vassily Ivanchuk (UKR)		65		65,00	1
David Navara (CZE)	35	15		50,00	2
Pavel Eljanov (UKR)			35	35,00	1
Evgeny Alekseev (RUS)			35	35,00	1
Boris Gelfand (ISR)		30		30,00	1
Ernesto Inarkiev (RUS)	15		15	30,00	2
Vladimir Akopian (ARM)			15	15,00	1
Magnus Carlsen (NOR)	153,33				withdrew
Michael Adams (ENG)	85				withdrew
Mohamad Al-Modiahki (QAT)		15			removed
Yannick Pelletier (SUI)					removed

The winner of this Nalchik event was Levon Aronian, with 8.5 pts. A point back, in 2nd/3rd were Peter Leko and Vladimir Akopian – Leko took second on tie-break.

Dennis Monokroussos of the Chess Mind website had this to say about Aronian's win:

“ I haven't really been following the Grand Prix standings, in part because one never knows what FIDE will ultimately decide to do about anything, but as things now stand Aronian is in great shape - practically a shoo-in - to qualify for the next Candidates event. He has won the two Grand Prix events he has played in, so while Radjabov and Grischuk have a slight lead in the [overall standings](#), Radjabov has only one Grand Prix tournament left to play in and Grischuk has none, while Aronian still has two.

Also, on the [Live Top List](#), Aronian is now in third place at 2768. Only Topalov (2812) and Anand (2788) are ahead of him. After an iffy stretch that started around Mexico City in 2007, he's back looking like a very real contender for the title. “

In Rd. 1, Aronian jumped into a share of the lead with Grischuk, by defeating Mamedyarov. Here is their game:

Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar – Aronian, Levon [C28]

4th FIDE GP Nalchik RUS (1), 15.04.2009

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1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Na5 5.Nge2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.a4 Nxc4 8.dxc4 d6 9.b3 Be6
10.a5 c6 11.a6 b6 12.Ba3 Qc7 13.f4 Rad8 14.Kh1 Bc8 15.Bb2 Ng4 16.Qd3 exf4 17.Nxf4 Bh4
18.Qe2 Rfe8 19.h3 Ne5 20.Nd1 Bg5 21.Nh5 Qe7 22.Ne3 g6 23.Nf4 Nd7 24.Nh5 Qxe4 25.Qf2 f5
26.Ng4 gxh5 27.Nh6+ Bxh6 28.Qg3+ Kf7 29.Rae1 Rg8 30.Qf2 Qxg2+ 31.Qxg2 Rxg2 32.Kxg2 0-1
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Then in Rd. 6, Aronian defeated Ivanchuk. This lifted him from second into sole possession of first, with 4/6 pts.. Here is the game:

Aronian, L (2754) – Ivanchuk, V (2746) [A31]

4th FIDE GP Nalchik RUS (6), 21.04.2009

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1.Nf3 c5 2.c4 Nf6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bg5 Qc7 7.e3 b6 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Rc1
Rc8 11.Be2 Be7 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Nd5 exd5 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.cxd5 Bxb2 16.Rc2 Be5 17.dxc6
dxc6 18.Bxa6 Rd8 19.Qf3 c5 20.Bb5+ Kf8 21.g3 g6 22.Rd1 Kg7 23.Rcd2 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Rd8
25.Rxd8 Qxd8 26.Kg2 h5 27.Qe4 Bc3 28.Qb7 Bf6 29.Bc4 Qe7 30.Qd5 h4 31.e4 hxg3 32.hxg3
Bd4 33.f4 f6 34.Kf3 Kh6 35.Qg8 g5 36.e5 fxe5 37.Bd3 e4+ 38.Bxe4 Qg7 39.Qe6+ Qf6 40.Qd7 1-0
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In Rd. 10, Aronian defeated Eljanov. This allowed him to keep his hold on first alone, ½ pt. ahead of Leko. Here is their game:

Aronian, L (2754) – Eljanov, P (2693) [D37]

4th FIDE GP Nalchik RUS (10), 26.04.2009

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1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.d4 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bf4 Bb4 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Qb3 c5 8.dxc5 Qa5 9.a3 Bxc3+
10.bxc3 Qxc5 11.Qb4 Ne4 12.Nd4 b6 13.f3 a5 14.Qxc5 Nexc5 15.Nf5 Ne6 16.Bg3 g6 17.Nd6+
Ke7 18.e3 Rd8 19.Rb1 Ba6 20.Kf2 f5 21.Nb5 Rdc8 22.Be2 Bxb5 23.Rxb5 Rxc3 24.Rxd5 Nf6
25.Rd2 Nc5 26.Rb1 Nfe4+ 27.fxe4 Nxe4+ 28.Ke1 Nxd2 29.Kxd2 Rxa3 30.Bh4+ Kf7 31.Bc4+ Kg7
32.Rxb6 Ra4 33.Bf6+ Kh6 34.Rc6 Ra7 35.h4 Kh5 36.Ke1 Rb7 37.Kf2 Rab4 38.Bg5 Rb2+
39.Be2+ Rxe2+ 40.Kxe2 Kg4 41.Kf2 Rb2+ 42.Kg1 Kg3 43.Bf4+ Kxh4 44.Rc7 h5 45.Rc4 Rb4
46.Rd4 g5 47.Bd6+ Rxd4 48.exd4 Kg4 49.d5 f4 50.Bxf4 1-0
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In Rd. 11, Bacrot won against Karjakin, and this put him into a tie for 3rd/5th behind Aronian in first, and Leko in second. Here is his game:

Bacrot, E (2728) – Karjakin, Sergey (2721) [B90]

4th FIDE GP Nalchik RUS (11), 27.04.2009

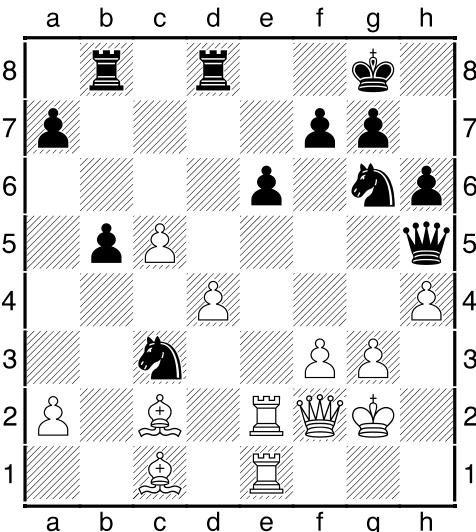
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1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Bg7 10.h3
Nf6 11.Qe2 Nc6 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.e5 dxe5 14.Bxe5 0-0 15.h4 g4 16.g3 Bf5 17.Bg2 Qd7 18.0-0
Rfd8 19.Rfe1 e6 20.Na4 Qb7 21.c4 Nd7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Rad1 Rab8 24.Qe3 Qc7 25.b3 a5
26.Nc5 Nxc5 27.Qxc5 Rxd1 28.Rxd1 Rd8 29.Rxd8 Qxd8 30.Bxc6 Qd2 31.Qe5+ Kg8 32.c5 Qxa2
33.Bg2 Qb1+ 34.Kh2 Qxb3 35.c6 a4 36.Qc5 a3 37.c7 e5 38.Bd5 1-0
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As luck would have it Leko had caught up to Aronian by Rd. 12, and so the two leaders faced off in Rd. 13. After a nice exchange sacrifice, Aronian came out on top to win the tournament, a full point ahead of Leko and Akopian, who ended up tied for 2nd/3rd. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Aronian, L (2754) – Leko, P (2751) [E55]

4th FIDE GP Nalchik RUS (13), 29.04.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5?!± [5...c5 6.Nf3 d5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.dxc5 Nc6 9.0-0 Bxc5 10.b3 Bg4=] **6.Nf3 c5** [6...dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6±] **7.0-0 dxc4** [7...cxd4 8.exd4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nc6±] **8.Bxc4 Nbd7** [8...Bd7 9.a3 cxd4 10.exd4 Bd6 11.Re1 Qc7±; 8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6 10.a3 Be7±] **9.Qe2 b6 10.Rd1?!**= [10.a3 cxd4 11.exd4 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Qc7±] **10...cxd4 11.exd4 Bxc3?±** Aronian gets a " clear " advantage [11...Bb7 12.Ne5 Bxc3 (12...Qe8?! 13.Rd3 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Bxc3 15.Rxc3 Qc6 16.Rf3 Ne4±) 13.bxc3 Qc7 14.Bb2 Nd5=] **12.bxc3 Bb7** [12...Qc7 13.Ba3 Re8±] **13.Bb3?!**± [13.Bd3 Re8 14.Bf4 Nd5±] **13...Qc7 14.c4 Rfe8 15.Bb2 Qf4 16.Qe3 Qf5?!**± [16...Qxe3 17.fxe3 Ne4 18.Bc2 f5±] **17.Ne1?!**= Aronian loses his advantage [17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.dxe5 Ng4 19.Qg3 Nh6±] **17...b5 18.c5 Nd5** [18...Qg4 19.h3 Qh5=] **19.Qg3** [19.Qd3 Qxd3 20.Nxd3 a5=] **19...Nf4 20.Rd2 Nf6 21.f3 N6h5 22.Qf2?!**± for the first time in the game, Leko gets the advantage [22.Qg4 Qxg4 23.fxg4 Nf6 24.Nd3 Nxd3 25.Rxd3 h6= (25...Nxd3? 26.Rg3 f5 27.Rf1 Bd5±)] **22...Bd5 23.Bc2 Qg5 24.Kh1 Bc4?!**= [24...Rab8 25.Bc1 Qf6±] **25.g3 Ng6?!**± [25...Nd5 26.Bc1 Qd8=] **26.Ng2 Bd5 27.Ne3 Nf6 28.h4?!**= [28.Nxd5 Qxd5 29.Qe3 Rab8±] **28...Qh5 29.Nxd5 Nxd5?!**± [29...Qxd5 30.Qg2 Qd7 (30...Rac8?! 31.f4 Qd7±) 31.h5 Nxh5=] **30.Re1 Red8 31.Rde2 Rab8?!**± Aronian gets back a " clear " advantage [31...b4 32.Bc1 h6±] **32.Bc1** Leko's Q now has no moves **32...h6 33.Kg2** [33.Re5! Nxe5 34.Rxe5 f5 35.g4 Qf7± Leko would be up the exchange] **33...Nc3?!**+- [33...b4 34.Re5! Nxe5 35.Rxe5 f5 36.Rxe6 Re8±]



34.Re5! an exchange sac, despite the fact the Q can escape **34...Nxe5 35.Rxe5** Leko is up the exchange **35...f5 36.Bb3 Nd5 37.Rxe6?!**± Leko is up the exchange, but Aronian has a P compensation [37.g4 Qg6 38.h5 Qf7+- 4.74] **37...Kh8?!**+- 2.50 [37...a5 38.g4 Qf7 39.Re5 a4 40.Rxf5 (40.Rxd5?? axb3 41.Rxd8+ Rxd8 42.axb3 fxg4 43.fxg4 Qd5+ 44.Qf3 Qxf3+ 45.Kxf3 Rxd4±) 40...Qe6±] **38.Qe1 Nf6 39.Qe5 Re8 40.c6 Rbc8** 4.04 [40...b4? 41.d5 Rxe6 42.Qxb8+ Re8 43.c7 Kh7+- 4.89] **41.Qxb5** Leko is up the exchange, but Aronian has 2 P compensation **41...Qg6 5.61** [41...Qf7 42.Qa6 Rc7+- 5.29] **42.h5?!**+- 3.77 a dubious sac [42.Bf4 a6 43.Qxa6 Ra8 44.Qc4 Qh5+- 6.78] **42...Qxh5** Leko is up the exchange but Aronian has a P compensation **43.Bf4 a6 44.Qxa6** Leko is up the exchange but Aronian has 2 P compensation **44...Nh7 45.c7**

Ng5 46.Rxe8+ Qxe8 47.d5 Ra8 48.Qc4 Kh7 9.24 [48...Nf7? 49.d6 Rc8 50.Qe6 Nxd6 51.Bxd6 g6+- 15.09; 48...Nh7 49.d6 Nf6 50.Qe6 Qb5 51.Bc4 Qb2+ 52.Kh3 Qb1+- 9.52] **49.d6 Qe1?+- 15.67** [49...Nf7 50.Qe6 Qxe6 51.Bxe6 Nxd6 52.Bxd6 f4 53.Bxf4 g5 54.Bd2 Kg6+- 12.05] **50.Qf1?+- 7.73** [50.d7 Nh3 51.Qc2 Qg1+ 52.Kxh3 Qh1+ 53.Qh2 Qxf3+- 19.56] **50...Qe8 51.Qd3 Qd7 52.Qc4 Qe8 53.Bxg5 hxg5 54.Qg8+?+- 8.16** [54.Qe6 Qxe6 55.Bxe6 Kg6 56.d7 g4+- mate in 13 moves] **1-0**

The final standings were:

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1.	Aronian, Levon	g ARM 2754 * 1 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ ½ ½ 0 ½ 1 1 ½ 1 8½ 2832
2.	Leko, Peter	g HUN 2751 0 * 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ ½ 1 ½ 7½ 2780
3.	Akopian, Vladimir	g ARM 2696 0 0 * ½ 1 ½ ½ 1 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ 1 7½ 2784
4.	Grischuk, Alexander	g RUS 2748 ½ ½ ½ * 1 1 1 0 ½ ½ 0 0 1 ½ 7 2752
5.	Bacrot, Etienne	g FRA 2728 ½ ½ 0 0 * 1 ½ ½ 1 ½ 1 ½ ½ ½ 1 7 2753
6.	Alekseev, Evgeny	g RUS 2716 ½ ½ ½ 0 0 * ½ ½ 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ 1 6½ 2725
7.	Gelfand, Boris	g ISR 2733 ½ 0 ½ 0 ½ ½ * ½ 1 ½ 1 ½ 1 0 6½ 2724
8.	Kamsky, Gata	g USA 2720 ½ ½ 0 1 ½ ½ ½ * 0 1 ½ ½ ½ 0 6 2696
9.	Karjakin, Sergey	g UKR 2721 1 ½ 0 ½ 0 0 0 1 * 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ 1 6 2696
10.	Svidler, Peter	g RUS 2726 ½ ½ ½ ½ ½ ½ 0 0 * 0 1 ½ 1 6 2696
11.	Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar	g AZE 2725 0 ½ ½ 1 0 ½ 0 ½ ½ 1 * ½ ½ ½ 1 6 2696
12.	Ivanchuk, Vassily	g UKR 2746 0 ½ ½ 1 ½ ½ ½ ½ 0 ½ * 0 ½ 5½ 2666
13.	Kasimdzhanov, Rustam	g UZB 2695 ½ 0 ½ 0 ½ ½ 0 ½ ½ ½ ½ 1 * ½ 5½ 2670
14.	Eljanov, Pavel	g UKR 2693 0 ½ 0 ½ ½ 0 1 1 ½ 0 ½ ½ ½ * 5½ 2670

Metz Swiss, France

Canadian GM, and 5-time Canadian Champion, now rated over 2600, tied for first. Here is what he had to say:

“ When the smoke cleared, I found myself in a 4 way tie for first place, having 2nd place by tiebreak. I can not complain, since I drew too many games during the tournament! And I manage to pick up some elo points to boot. ”

Here is his last round win which lifted him into the tie for first:

Spraggett, K (2601) – David, Alb (2587) [C01]

XXVII Open Metz FRA (9), 17.04.2009

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Bb4 5.exd5 exd5 6.Qf3 c6 7.Bd3 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Qxf6 gxf6 10.Nf3 Be6 11.a3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 Nd7 13.g3 Nb6 14.a4 Nc8 15.Nh4 Nd6 16.Ng2 Bf5 17.Nf4 h5 18.h4 Kd7 19.a5 Bxd3 20.cxd3 Nb5 21.Kd2 Nc7 22.Rhb1 Rab8 23.Ng2 Ne6 24.Ne3 Kc7 25.Rb2 Rhe8 26.Nf5 Rg8 27.Re1 Rbe8 28.Re3 Nd8 29.Rf3 Rg6 30.Rb1 Re6 31.Ne3 Re8 32.Rf5 Rh6 33.c4 dxc4 34.dxc4 Ne6 35.Kc3 Ng7 36.Rf3 f5 37.Rd1 Re4 38.d5 f4 39.Kd3 f5 40.Nxf5 1-0

Congratulations Kevin !

Ontario Chess Association 2009 Annual General Meeting – May 23
(posted on ChessTalk by Michael von Keitz, OCA Secretary)

Will be held at Kitchener City Hall in Kitchener, ON
On Saturday May 23, 2009, starting at 10:00 am.
Agenda, Reports and Motions will be distributed in advance.
Feel free to observe some OYCC games while you are here!

PwC Toronto Open

This very successful and well-run 5-round 3-section swiss was held April 17-19. 204 players registered, the largest number Toronto has seen in years. The location was excellent, at the corner of Yonge and King, in an upscale Hotel. Below are the top 2 sections.



Below is the room for the < 1600 section.



Kudos to organizer Brian Fiedler (on left – picture below) with winners, GM Bator Sambuev (2nd from left) and Joshua Friedel (4th from left), both undefeated with 5 pts.. Each won \$ 2,500. Sambuev took the PwC trophy on tie-break.



Brian worked hard to obtain sponsorships, and as a result was able to provide substantially larger prizes than is normal for weekend swisses.

Bryan Lamb (SCC V.P.), the tournament director, and assistant Alex Ferreira (SCC member), ably TD'd the event (seen at back of lower photo)..



In third place alone with 4.5 pts. (he took a bye) was Can. FM Goran Milicevic, who defeated USA GM Alexander Shabalov along the way. He won \$ 1,000.

Tied for fourth with 4 pts. (each won \$ 150) were



(Fiedler) Hikaru Nakamura; Eugene Perelshteyn ; Leonid Gerzhoy; Nikolay Noritsyn; Artiom Samsonkin.

The U 2200 winner, with 3.5 pts., and winning \$ 500, was junior Nikita Gusev.

In the Open section, the three special category winners were:

Top Junior: Alex Martchenko – 4 pts. - \$ 250

Top Senior: IM Lawrence Day – 2.5 pts. - \$ 250

Top Female: Iryna Zenyuk – 3 pts. - \$ 250

The < 2000 winners were (each getting \$ 750):

Name,	Rating	post	r	d 1	r	d 2	r	d 3	r	4	r	d 5	TOT	
1	1	Balboa, Manuel...1968	2002	W	42	W	51	W	5	D	12	W	10	4.5
2	2	Bzikot, Robert...1940	1975	W	59	W	41	D	7	W	22	W	12	4.5
3	3	Zhao, Jim...1653	1765	D	22	W	52	W	57	W	20	W	13	4.5

4th/5th – 4 pts. – each winning \$ 150 – Randy Moysoski (SCC member), Ian Finlay, Yuriy Kryvoshlyk, Laurent Allard, Jeffery Nool

Top U 1800 – David Gunapalan – 3.5 pts. - \$ 500

In the < 2000 section, the special category winners were:

Top Junior – Aaron Wu (SCC member), Brent Zhang, David Itkin – 3 pts. - \$ 84 each

Top Senior – Randy Moysoski, Ian Finlay – 4 pts. - \$\$ included in section prize

Top Female – Yelizaveta Orlova, Olya Chichkina – 3 pts. - \$ 125 each

The < 1600 winners (each winning \$ 750) were (photo below):

	Name, rating post	rd 1	r	d 2	r	D 3	r	d 4	r	5	TOT
1	Ivanov, Mike..1546	1572	W 22	W	7	W	18	W	16	D	2 4.5
2	Orozco, Joey.1309	1415	W 14	W	34	W	32	W	17	D	1 4.5
3	Cale, Ferdinand....1215 1329	W 8	W	5	W	9	W	26	D	6	4.5



4th/5th – James Fu, Misha Kurbatov – 4 pts. - \$ 250 each

U 1400 Winner – Tony Lin (SCC member – junior)

The three specialty category winners in the < 1600 section were:

Top Junior – Patrick Yu, Yutong Luo, Daniel Molev – 3.5 pts. - \$ 84 each.

Top Senior – Alice Laimer – 4 pts. - \$ 250

Top Female – Rebecca Giblon – 3.5 pts. - \$ 250

Other Prizes were:

Biggest Upset – Simon Gladstone - \$ 250

CMA Trivia Contest - Omar Shah, IM Hans Jung, Liam Henry, FM Shiyam Thavandiran, Keith Wight - \$ 50 each

Here were the first four questions in the contest (the rest will be published over the course of the next few Issues). Can you answer them?:

1. What is Bobby Fischer's mother's name?

- a) Joan
- b) Jane
- c) Regina
- d) Carrie

2. Who was Canada's third Grandmaster?

- a) Duncan Suttles
- b) Kevin Spraggett
- c) Igor Ivanov
- d) Peter Biyiasas

3. Who was the Toronto Star chess columnist before IM Lawrence Day?

- a) Walter Dobrich
- b) Larry Bevand
- c) Jonathan Berry
- d) Deen Hergott

4. What country has not been associated with the origins of chess?

- a) China
- b) Spain
- c) Persia
- d) India

How did you do on answering them? For the answers to the quiz, go to the last page of this newsletter !!

Best Dressed Prize - 1st – Drake Lalonde - \$ 250

2nd – Devon Thomas - \$ 100 Mark's Work Wearhouse Gift Certificate

3rd – Brett Gugel - \$ 50 Mark's Work Wearhouse Tote Bag

Tournament Evaluation Lucky Draw – Misha Kurbatov - \$ 80 CN Tower Passes

RBC Dominion Securities Lucky Draw – Andrei Moffat (SCC Member) \$ 100 Digital Picture

RBC Dominion Securities Lucky Draw – John Chidley-Hill - \$ 100 Keg Gift Certificate

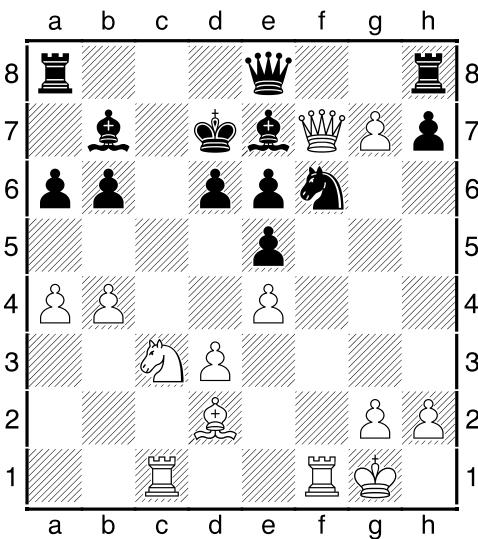
Brilliancy Prize: 1st - IM Artiom Samsonkin - \$ 250

This was a big upset game. In Rd. 4, Can. IM Artiom Samsonkin, current Canadian Junior Champion, defeated USA GM Hikaru Nakamura, 3rd highest rated player in all of the Americas, rated over 2700. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Samsonkin, Artiom (2379) – Nakamura, Hikaru (2701) [B43]

PWC Open Toronto CAN (4), 19.04.2009

1.e4= 0.20 **1...c5±** [1...e5= for Fritz, the only equalizing move; for all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.]
2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Bd3 Be7 [6...Nf6 7.Qe2 d6 8.f4 Nbd7±] **7.0-0 Nf6**
8.a4?!± [8.Be3 Nc6 9.Qe2 d6±] **8...b6 9.Qe2 d6 10.f4 Bb7 11.Bd2 Nbd7 12.Rae1 Nc5 13.b4**
Nxd3 14.cxd3 Nd7?!± Artiom gets a " clear " advantage [14...Qd7 15.b5 0-0±] **15.Rc1 Qd8 16.f5**
e5?!+– allows a nice tactical combination. Artiom gets a " winning " advantage [16...Bf6] **17.Ne6!** nice sac **17...fxe6** 3.72 declining the sac is worse. Hikaru goes up an N [17...Qb8 18.Nxg7+ Kd8
19.f6 Nxf6 20.Bg5 Rg8+– 7.81] **18.Qh5+ g6** [18...Kf8 19.fxe6+ Kg8 20.Qf7#] **19.fxg6** Hikaru is up N vs P **19...Nf6 20.g7+ Kd7 21.Qf7!+–** 4.15 [21.gxh8Q Qxh8+– 3.10] **21...Qe8 22.**



gxh8N! 4.77 Artiom is temporarily up a R [even better is 22.Rxf6!! Qxf7 23.Rxf7 Rhg8 24.Bg5 Rae8+– 6.00 Artiom would be up 2 P] **22...Qxh8** Artiom is up the exchange **23.Ne2 b5 24.Bg5 Qg8 25.Rxf6 Qxg5 26.Qxe6+ Artiom is up the exchange + P 26...Kd8?+– W mates in 12 moves [26...Ke8 27.Rcf1 Kd8 28.h4 Qxf6 29.Rxf6 Bxf6 30.Qxd6+ Kc8 31.Qxf6 bxa4+– 15.94] 27.Rc7!** sacking a R **27...Qe3+ 28.Kf1 Kxc7 29.Qxe7+ Kb6 30.Qxd6+ Artiom is up 2 P's and it is mate in**

7 moves 30...Ka7 31.Qc7+- Hikaru resigns. It is mate 31...Rf8 32.Rxf8 a5 33.Qxa5+ Ba6 34.Rf7+ Kb8 35.Qd8+ Bc8 36.Qc7+ Ka8 37.Qxc8# 1-0

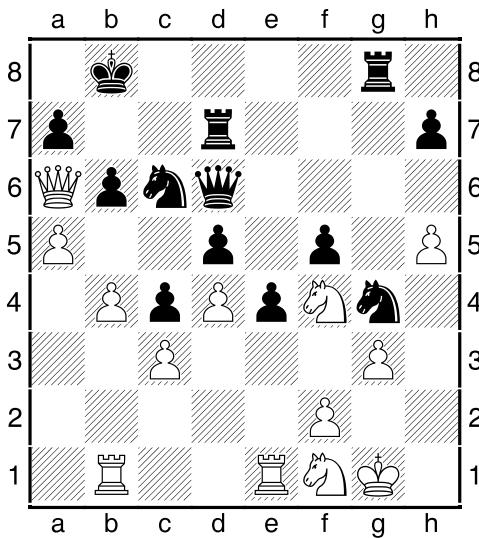
Runner Up Brilliance Prize – Alex Martchenko - \$ 80 CN Tower Passes

Best Game – shared prize - Can. FM Goran Milicevic winning against USA GM Alexander Shabalov in Rd. 4. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Shabalov, A (2569) – Milicevic, G (2280) [C02]

PWC Open Toronto CAN (4), 19.04.2009

1.e4= 0.20 1...e6± [1...e5= for Fritz, the only equalizing move; for all other normal replies, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] 2.d4 [2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 (3.e5?! c5=) 3...exd5±] 2...d5 3.e5?!= [3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7±; 3.Nd2±; 3.exd5?!=] 3...c5 4.c3 [4.Nf3 Ne7 5.dxc5 (5.Bb5+?! Bd7 6.Bd3 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Nbc6=; 5.Bd3? cxd4 6.Na3 Nd7±) 5...Nec6=] 4...Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 c4?!± [6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Nge7=] 7.Nbd2 Na5 8.h4?!= trying to discourage a 0-0 by Goran, but it is not best [8.Be2 Be7 9.Qc2 Nh6±] 8...Bd7 9.h5 f5 10.exf6?! for the first time in the game, Goran gets the advantage, and it is a " clear " advantage [10.Rb1 Be7 11.Qc2 Bb5=] 10...gxf6 11.g3 [11.Rb1 e5 12.b4 Nc6 13.b5 Na5±] 11...Nh6 12.Bh3 0-0-0 13.0-0 this could be dangerous, castling into the half-opened g-file 13...Rg8 14.Re1 e5 15.Bxd7+ Rxd7 16.Nh4?!+ Goran gets a " winning " advantage [16.b3 cxb3 17.Rb1 e4 18.Nxb3 Nf5±] 16...e4?!± [16...Qe6 17.Kg2 Rg4-+] 17.Rb1 trying to develop a counter-attack 17...f5 18.b4 Qf6 [18...Nc6 19.Nf1 Be7 20.Ng2 Nf7±] 19.Ng2 Nc6 20.Nf1 [20.Qa4 b6 21.Nf1 Kb7±] 20...Bd6 21.Bf4 Ng4?!± Goran is losing his advantage [21...Bxf4 22.Nxf4 Qd6 23.Qc1 Nf7±] 22.Qa4 Bxf4 23.Nxf4 b6 24.Qa6+ [24.Qb5 Qd6 25.a4 Nf6 26.a5! (26.Ng2 Ne8-+) 26...Kb7±] 24...Kb8 25.a4?!+ Goran gets back a " winning " advantage [25.Qb5 Qd6 26.a4 Rg5±] 25...Qd6 26.a5?!+ – 2.82 [26.Qb5 Nf6 27.Kh1 (27.a5?! Qxf4 28.Qxc6 Rd6 29.Qa4 Qg5-+) 27...Nxf5! 28.Nxh5 Qh6 29.Nh2 Kb7 30.a5 Qxh5 31.axb6 axb6 32.Ra1 Rg6-+ – 3.25]



26...Nxf2!! a brilliant sac 27.Kxf2??-+ the sac cannot be accepted. Alexander goes up N vs P [27.Ne2 Nd3 28.axb6 Nxe1 29.Rxe1 axb6 30.Qxb6+ Rb7 31.Qc5 Qxc5 32.bxc5 Ne7-+ – 2.25 Goran would be up the exchange] 27...Rxf3!! a second sac ! 28.Nxd5 – 8.95 Alexander remains up N vs P [28.Ne6? Rf3+ 29.Ke2 Qxe6 30.axb6 f4-+ – 14.15] 28...Rf3+ 29.Ke2 Qxd5 Goran is up a P 30.Ne3??-+ Alexander blunders into a mate [30.axb6 e3 31.bxa7+ Rxa7-+ – 17.33]

30...Nxd4+!!-+ a third sac that garners mate! Alexander resigned. Here is the mate 31.cxd4 Qxd4 32.Qxa7+ Kxa7 33.axb6+ Kb7 34.Nxc4 Qxc4# 0-1

Runner-up Best Game – FM Bindi Cheng; Felix Barrios - \$ 80 CN Tower Passes each

Total Value of all prizes – \$ 17,844 !!

In the final round on Bd. 1 in the Open Section, Samsonkin played Can. GM Bator Sambuev. Sambuev won, to tie for first. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sambuev, B (2498) – Samsonkin, A (2379) [E92]

PWC Open Toronto CAN (5), 19.04.2009

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.d5?!= [7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.cxd5 c6±] 7...a5 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 Na6 10.0-0 Qe8 11.Ne1 Nc5 12.f3 [12.Bxf6 Bxf6 13.Bg4 Bg5=] 12...Nh5 13.Nb5 Qd7 14.Nd3 Nxd3 15.Bxd3 Nf4 16.Bf2 c6 17.Nc3 c5?!± [17...Qe7 18.Be3 a4=] 18.Bc2 Qe7 19.Be3 h5 20.Qd2 h4 agressive; Artiom offers a P to develop an attack 21.Ne2?!= Bator should accept the P [21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Qxf4 g5 23.Qd2 Be5±] 21...Nxe2+ 22.Qxe2 Bd7 23.h3 Bf6 [23...f5 24.a4 f4 25.Bf2 Qg5=] 24.Qd2 b5 25.b3 [25.cxb5 Bxb5 26.Bd3 Bxd3 27.Qxd3 Bg5=] 25...Rfb8 26.Rfb1 Qd8?!± [26...bxc4 27.bxc4 a4 28.Kh1 Kh7=] 27.a3?!= [27.cxb5 Bxb5 28.a3 Bd7±] 27...bxc4 28.bxc4 a4 29.Qc1 Kg7 30.Bd2 Rxb1 31.Rxb1 Rb8 32.Kf1 Qc8 33.Rb2 Rxb2 34.Qxb2 Qa6 35.Bd3 Qa7 36.Ke2 g5 37.Bc2 Qc7 38.Qb1 Qa7 39.Qc1 Kg6 40.Qg1 Qb8 41.Bc1 Qh8 42.Kd3 Be7 43.Qe1 Qd8 44.Ke2 Kh5 45.g3 hxg3 46.Qxg3 Qf8 [46...Qa5 47.Bd2 Qa6 48.Bd3 Qc8 49.Bc2 Qa6=] 47.Kf2 Qh8 48.h4 gxh4?!± Artiom goes up a P [48...g4 49.fxg4+ Bxg4=] 49.Qg1 Bf6 50.Bd1? for the first time in the game, Artiom gets the advantage, and it is a " clear " advantage [50.Bxa4! Bc8 (50...Bxa4?? 51.Qg4#) 51.Be3 h3±] 50...Qg7 51.Qxg7?!-+ - 1.57 Artiom gets a " winning " advantage [51.f4+?! Bg4 52.Bb2 Bxd1 53.Qxd1+ Qg4+- 1.64; 51.Qh2 Qg6 52.Kf1 Qg3 53.f4+ Bg4?] 51...Bxg7 52.f4+ Kg6?= Artiom has lost his advantage [52...Bg4 53.Bxa4 Bh6-+] 53.f5+ Kf6 54.Kf3 Ke7 55.Kg4 Bf6 56.Bd2 h3?!± [56...Ke8 57.Bc2 Kf8 58.Be3 Bd8 59.Bh6+ Ke8 60.Bd2=] 57.Kxh3 material equality 57...Kd8 58.Kg4 Kc7??+- the losing move – Artiom cannot leave the fP [58...Ke7 59.Be3 Bg7 60.Kf3 Bf6±] 59.Kh5 Bg7 60.Bh6 Bf6 61.Bg5 Bd8 62.Kh6 Bxg5+ 7.68 [62...f6? 63.Bh4 Kb8 64.Bh5 Kc8 65.Kg7 Ba5 66.Bxf6 Bd2+- 10.18] 63.Kxg5 Kd8 64.Kf6 Ke8+- 10.30 the fP will fall, and then Artiom will have to sac his B to stop Bator's fP from queening (if he can even achieve that) 1-0

All in all a truly fantastic tournament put on by organizer Brian Fiedler !!

The Ratings Quiz

Here is an interesting, closely-fought Sicilian played earlier in 2009. We will not tell you where the game is from, nor who played it. Nor will we tell you their ratings. That's for you to figure out.

Send us your guess as to the ratings of both White and Black – to Bob Armstrong: bobarm@sympatico.ca . The winner will be the submitter with the least total difference between their guesses and the actual ratings. The winner gets bragging rights, and their name published (and we'd also publish a short blurb on themselves and their chess history if they'd feel like doing that).

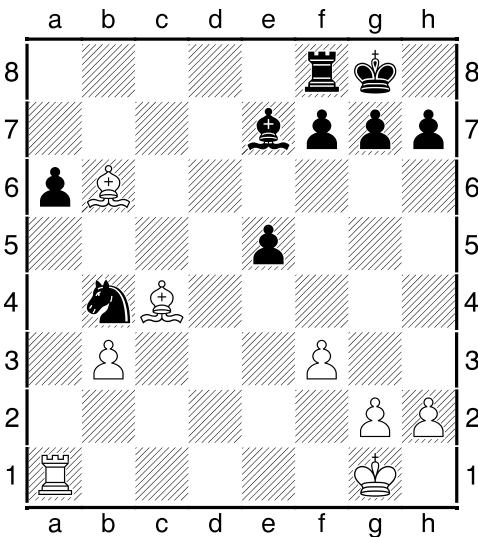
Here's the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

White – Black [B90]

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1.e4=0.20 1...c5+/- [1...e5= the only equalizing move for Fritz; for all other normal replies, W is given a \oplus slight \oplus advantage, including the Sicilian. This evaluation is not generally accepted.

2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bd3 e5?! \pm White gets a " clear " advantage in this line of the Sicilian [6...Nc6 7.Be2 e6 8.0-0 Be7 \pm] **7.Nb3 Bg4 8.f3?!** \pm [8.Be2 Be6 9.0-0 Nc6 \pm] **8...Be6 9.0-0 Be7 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Be2?!** $=$ [11.a3 d5 12.Nxd5 Nxd5 13.exd5 Qxd5 \pm] **11...b5?!** \pm [11...d5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 Qxd5 $=$] **12.Nd2?!** $=$ [12.a4 bxa4 13.Rxa4 d5 14.exd5 Nxd5 15.Nxd5 Bxd5 16.Nc5 Nd4 17.Bxd4 exd4 18.Qxd4 0-0 \pm] **12...d5?!** \pm [12...0-0 13.Nb3 Rc8=] **13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.c4?!** $=$ [15.a4 b4 16.Nc4 Nd4 17.Bxd4 Bxc4 18.Bxc4 Qxd4+ 19.Qxd4 exd4 \pm] **15...bxc4 16.Nxc4 Bxc4?!** \pm [16...Rb8 17.f4 e4=] **17.Qxd8+?!** \pm [17.Bxc4 0-0 18.Rc1 Rb8 \pm] **17...Rxd8 18.Bxc4 Nb4 19.Rfc1 19...0-0 20.Bb6?!** $=$ [20.a3 Nd3 21.Rc2 Rd6 \pm] **20...Rd2 21.b3 Rxa2?!** \pm Black goes up a P [21...Rb8 22.Bc7 Re8 23.Bb6 Nxa2=] **22.Rxa2 Nxa2 23.Ra1?!** $=$ [23.Re1 Nb4 24.Rxe5 Bd6 25.Ra5 Re8 \pm] **23...Nb4**



24.Bxa6??-+ a blunder – material equality, but White misses that the B can be pinned; Black gets a " winning " advantage [24.Bc7 Bc5+ 25.Kf1 Nc2 26.Ra5 Bd4 27.Ke2 Ne3=] **24...Ra8 25.Kf2 Rxa6** Jon goes up a B **26.Rxa6 Nxa6 27.Ke3** White tries to make a fight of it **27...Bc5+ 28.Bxc5 Nxc5 29.b4** Can White do anything with this passed pawn? **29...Nb7 30.Ke4 f6 31.Kd5 Kf7 32.Kc6 Nd8+ 33.Kc7** – 4.43 [33.Kd6 Ke8 34.g4 Nf7+ 35.Kc7 h5+ – 4.05] **33...Ke7 34.b5?+ – 10.63** [34.Kb6 Kd6 35.h4 f5+ – 5.40] **34...Nf7?+ – 3.63** [34...f5 35.b6 e4 36.b7 Nxb7 37.Kxb7 e3+ – 12.92] **0-1**

What are the ratings of White and Black? Send in your guesses !!

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, former SCC member, Orillia CC President)

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the [question](#):

What very famous actor at one time was a chess hustler? He actually drew a game against Reshevsky in a simul!

[The Answer:](#)

Bogart, Humphrey (1900-1957)

Before becoming a movie star, Humphrey Bogart hustled strangers at 5-minute chess for 50 cents a game in chess parlors in New York Times Square during the 1920s and 1930s. During the 1930s depression, Bogart, Reshevsky, and Denker were in adjacent department store windows playing passersby for dimes. In 1943 the FBI prevented him from playing postal chess, thinking the chess notation were secret codes. He was a USCF tournament director and active in the California State Chess Association. He once drew a game against Reshevsky in a simultaneous exhibition. He made 75 films and chess appears in several of his movies. He and his wife, Lauren Bacall, appeared on the cover of *Chess Review* in 1945 playing chess with Charles Boyer. Bogart rated his friends according to their ability to play chess.

[The Winner](#) ! : Pino Verde get's this Issue's bragging rights ! Pino, on request, gave Rick a bit of his personal chess history:

“ I learned my first chess moves in my early twenties, only a few years before I came to Canada.

During my childhood, Checkers was the game played in the family.

My first chess book was My System by Nimzovich, which I treasure to this day!

In 1977 I emigrated from my native Sicily and in 1978 I joined the CCCA (Canadian Correspondence Chess Association) which I still am a member of. Since one had to be a member of the CFC as well, I started to play in the occasional OTB Tournament.

About 10 years ago I reached my highest OTB rating of 2014 and since then I have descended backwards and very rarely I have reversed the trend, to very quickly falling into the abyss again.

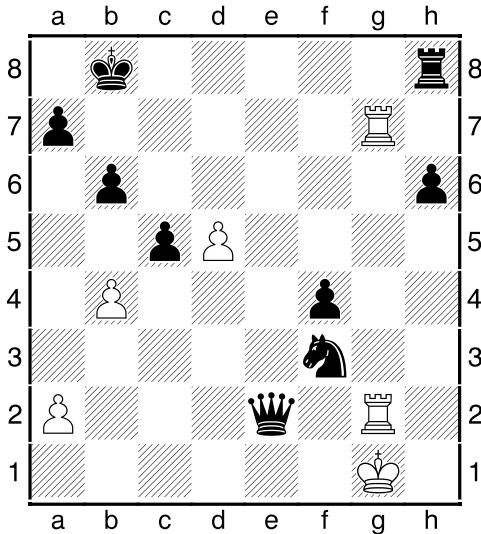
Recently, I played in the Toronto Open (open section) with my lowly rating of 1712.

I was already happy just being there, and my first three losses did not bother me at all, so the two wins on Sunday were the icing on the cake! [Ed. Pino sent us one of the wins:]

Cheron, Anthony (2025) – Verde, Pino (1712) [A00]

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1.d3 e5 2.g3 Bc5 3.f3 d6 4.Bh3 Bxg1 5.Bxc8 Qxc8 6.Rxg1 Qh3 7.Kf2 Qxh2+ 8.Rg2 Qh5 9.Nc3 Nf6 10.g4 Qg6 11.g5 Nfd7 12.Qh1 Nc6 13.Nd5 0-0-0 14.b4 Qe6 15.c4 Ne7 16.e4 c6 17.Be3 Kb8 18.Nxe7 Qxe7 19.Rh2 Nf8 20.f4 exf4 21.Bxf4 Ne6 22.Be3 Nhg5 23.Rg1 f6 24.Bf4 Kc8 25.Qg2 h6 26.Qg3 Ne6 27.Be3 b6 28.Qg4 Rdf8 29.d4 Kc7 30.c5 dxc5 31.d5 cxd5 32.exd5 f5 33.Qc4 f4 34.Bd2 Nd4 35.Rg6 Qe4 36.Rxg7+ Kb8 37.Rhg2 Qf3+ 38.Kg1 Qd1+ 39.Kf2 Qxd2+ 40.Kf1 Qd1+ 41.Kf2 Qf3+ 42.Kg1 Re8 43.Kh2 Qh5+ 44.Kg1 Re1+ 45.Kf2 Re2+ 46.Qxe2 Qxe2+ 47.Kg1 Nf3+



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I have been a member of the Scarborough Chess Club for a few years and I look forward to my weekly games! I still hope to gain my lost ground!!!

Wishing everyone the best,

[Ed. - Thanks to Pino for adding a bit of a personal touch to the column.]

Today's Trivia Question is:

Which GM is considered to be the best blackjack player? He won the US championship 5 times?

You can use any resource available to answer the question ! Just find it fast and send it in as fast as you can, by e-mail, to Rick : rickgarel@gmail.com .

The first correct e-mail received wins, and gets bragging rights. Also, we will publish the honoured winner's name in the next newsletter, along with a few details they provide as to their chess experience (if they wish), along with Rick's researched answer.

Thanks for playing !!

Chess History is fun !!

Also write Rick if you have any chess trivia questions or presentations you'd like him to consider for his column. He will give credit to the author if he uses your suggestion.
Write Rick Garel : rickgarel@gmail.com

SCC – Who Are We ??

This is a series, in each Issue, where we introduce to our subscribers, the members who make up SCC, the friendliest chess club in Canada ! This issue we introduce:

Maurice Smith

Born in England, I got into chess at an early age as chess is more popular over there than in North America. I became a member of my high school chess team and was quite proud of that. Then in my teen years our family moved to Toronto. I did not know anyone who played chess and forgot all about it.

Then in 1976 I noticed a piece about the Scarborough Chess Club in the Parks and Recreation Magazine. So I thought I would join and I thought I would be good at this. Well I joined but of course I was not very good and I remember my first rating 1066. I remembered that well because it is an important date in English history. It is when the Battle of Hastings was fought. Actually after the first year at the Club I became history because I quit! I thought that I would never get as good as most of the players. However, after a year's absence I missed it so much that I decided that I would try and get as good as I could by studying and reading books. So after a year's absence I returned. Eventually I raised my rating to 1967 and I thought it only a matter of time before I reached the 2000 mark.

That is when everything changed. To give a bit more background, I had done a lot of volunteer work. I had been President of a Bowling League, Group Committee Chairman in the Boy Scouts, a Big Brother and also a soccer coach and referee. So at one point in my chess career I decided that chess was the one thing that I would not volunteer for any administration work. All I wanted to do was play chess.

Well, in 1988 there was a dispute involving the Scarborough Chess Club and eight of us got together for a meeting to decide what to do. After some concrete decisions there was talk of who would be the leader and all eight of us looked around the room. With no one volunteering, I said to myself "Oh no!" and reluctantly put my hand up. Eventually I became the SCC President, then the GTCL President, then OCA President, CFC Publicity Director, CFC Vice President, CFC President, FIDE Rep. and Zonal President. A good friend of mine at the Club, Andrew Philip who was SCC President for awhile and has been Treasurer for several years once said to me "We are going to have to stop putting our hands up!."

The three years I was CFC President my rating dropped three hundred points!

I also took the Tournament Directors Course and was the TD and organizer for many tournaments at Scarborough and also weekend swisses in the City. I will give you just one brief item from my TD experience. I had organized and was running an Active one day tournament at the Scarborough Club. It was six rounds. After five rounds there were two players on top who would play each other. There were four players with 3 1/2 points. Two of these players were Sam Haziprodromu and the late GM Geza Fuster. Well, they had played against the other two players so they should play against each other. The only thing was their colours in the previous five games were the same, w,b,w,b,b. So that meant someone would be playing three blacks in a row.

There were no computer pairings then. I looked at pairing them down but that would really have created a domino effect and each pair group would suffer. As it was, all the pair groups were perfect for the last round {well except for this one}. In the end I decided I would just pair them and wrote down "toss for colour". Well they tossed and Geza lost and he came over to me. He said, "Do you know who I am? I am Geza Fuster, GM, Hungarian Champion, Olympic Team Member," and on and on. When he finished I looked him squarely in the eye and said "and you are also playing black three times in a row."

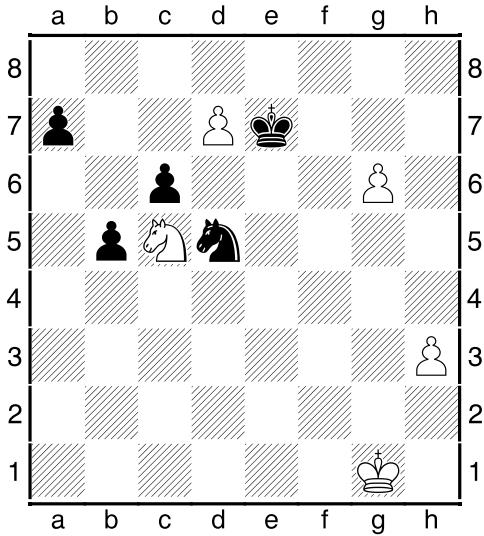
He looked at me and turned away and as he did I noticed a small smile on his face. We both knew that he had just been trying to intimidate me. I will not forget that smile. I rather liked him after that.

Nowadays I teach chess at a private school four days a week. I also teach chess at a Senior Citizens Community Centre one morning each week. Other interests are poker, hearts, and the race track.

I first went to horse racing when I was fourteen and I have been hooked since. Occasionally I go to the casino, usually to play blackjack. I am also a big sports fan. I had Leafs tickets for seven years and Argos tickets for twenty two years.

I thought I would close this by mentioning three games I played. Many years ago, my first big thrill came when I played in a simultaneous against George Kuprejanov who was Yugoslav champion. That was when Yugoslavia was Yugoslavia. I think I was the last one to finish, the game was even and he offered me a draw. I thought about it, for two seconds, and accepted.

I am showing the ending of a game I (white) played against Sheng Jung Xa who was a strong Junior at the time.



When we analyzed the game after we agreed that if we moved anything other than the pawns on a7 or h3 that person would lose. However Sheng said that even if I queened first he would draw because he would queen first. But I knew from this position, if it was going to be a race I had a win!

So the game went:

h4 a5
 h5 a4
 h6 a3
 h7 a2
 d8{Q}! Kxd8
 g8{Q}! Nxd8

1-0

I believe that is the only game where I have sacrificed two queens to win. Actually I believe he resigned as soon as I played g8 but I still think of it as a two queen sacrifice.

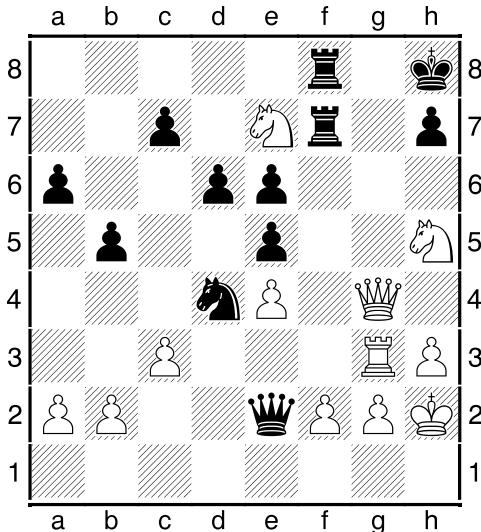
I conclude with a game from the just concluded Club Championship Reserves. If any game of mine is going to be published I like to use one where my opponent played a good game, at least for part of it. In this game I thought Dinesh outplayed me in the opening and early middle game. However, I just love my finish in this one (Annotations by Maurice, and Dinesh, using Fritz).

Smith, Maurice (1660) – Dattani, Dinesh (1374) [C78]

SCC Club Champ. – Reserves – U 1700 Toronto (4), 19.03.2009

78MB, Fritz11.ctg, D6KVNN91 C78: Ruy Lopez: Archangelsk and Möller Defences **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Nf6 7.d3 0-0 8.Bg5 d6** [8...h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Nxg5 hxg5 11.Bxg5 Kg7 12.Nc3 Be7 13.f4 Nh7 14.Qh5 Bxg5 15.fxg5 Qxg5 16.Rxf7+ Rxf7 17.Qxf7+ Kh8 18.Qe8+ Kg7 19.Rf1 Bb7 20.Qxd7+ Kh8 21.Qxc7 Qe3+ 22.Kh1 Rf8 23.Rxf8+ Bibiloni,J (2185)–Pereyra Arcija,D (2450)/Boca 1997/CBM 058 ext/1/2-1/2] **9.h3 Be6N** [9...Nd4 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Rb1 h6 13.Bh4 c6 14.Ne2 Bb6 15.Kh1 Qd7 16.Bxf6 gxf6 17.Bxe6 fxe6 18.f4

Qg7 19.Rf3 exf4 20.Nxf4 Kf7 21.Nh5 Qh8 22.Rxf6+ Ke7 23.Rg6 Rg8 24.Nf4 Karski,S-Korpalska,J (740)/Polanica Zdroj 2007/CBM 120 ext/1-0 (50); 9...Na5 10.Nc3 Nxb3 11.axb3 c6 12.Ne2 h6 13.Be3 Bxe3 14.fxe3 Qb6 15.Qd2 Nh7 16.Ng3 f5 17.exf5 Bxf5 18.Nxf5 Rxf5 19.Nh4 Rf6 20.Rxf6 Nxf6 21.Kh2 Rf8 22.Nf5 Nd5 23.e4 Rf6 24.Rf1 Motrenko,N-Khadzh Khamed, N/Kiev 2005/CBM 104 ext/1/2-1/2 (44); 9...h6 10.Bh4=] **10.Bxe6** MS For the first time in the game, I had to think. If I take the B, he gets a doubled pawn, but also gets the half-open f-file. If I play 10.Nbd2, he could play 10....Na5. Oh well, I might as well take. Surely I could handle anything that Dinesh would do on the f-file. Hmmm – if only I had known. [10.Nc3 h6 11.Bh4 g5=] **10...fxe6** Black has new doubled pawns: e5+e6 **11.Re1** [11.Nbd2 Qe8=] **11...Qe8=** **12.Nbd2** [12.a4 b4=] **12...Nh5** [12...Qg6 13.a4=] **13.Be3 Bxe3 14.Rxe3** MS – Here I decide to take with my R in case I can move it over to the g-file later. **14...Nf4** [14...Qg6 15.Kh2=] **15.Nf1** [15.g3 Qg6 16.Kh2 Nh5=] **15...Rf6** [15...Qg6 16.Ng3=] **16.Ng3** [16.c3 Qf7=] **16...Qg6** MS – Oh, oh, I don't like the looks of this. [16...Nd4 17.Nd2=] **17.Nh4** [17.c3 Raf8=] **17...Qh6** [17...Qf7=] **18.Qg4??** [18...Nf3= the rescuing straw] **18...Nd4-+** **19.Rc1** [19.c3 Nc2 20.Rd1 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Ng6-+] **19...Raf8** MS – this is getting serious, and now I make a mistake **20.c3 Nxd3!** Deflection: e3 **21.Rxd3** MS – If I take the N on d4, he takes my R. If I take his N on d3, he takes my R on c1 with his Q. Apart from that he is hitting on f2 three times. Oh well, I can worry about that later. I decide to take his N on d3 and maybe his Q will be out of the play for a mover or two by taking the R. **21...Qxc1+ 22.Kh2** [22.Rd1 is not much help 22...Qh6 23.cxd4-+] **22...Qc2** Black threatens to win material: Qc2xd3. MS – I think this is a mistake. I know it looks good, threatening the R and attacking f2 three times, but in lieu of what happens next, I might call this the losing move. [22...Rf4 and Black has triumphed 23.Qg5 h6-+] **23.Nh5=** White has a mate threat **23...R6f7** [23...g6 would keep Black alive 24.Nxf6+ Rxf6=] **24.Rg3±** MS – this move proves that my 14th move was the way to go. **24...g6??** simply worsens the situation [24...Kh8 25.cxd4 Qd2 26.dxe5 Qxf2+-] **25.Nxg6 Qe2** [25...Rf4 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 26.Qg5 Nf3+ 27.Rxf3 h6 28.Qxh6 Kf7 29.Qg7+ Ke8 30.Qe7#] **26.Ne7+** [26.cxd4 is a weaker possibility 26...Qxg4 27.Rxg4 hxg6 28.dxe5 Rxf2 29.Rxg6+ Kh7 30.Rxe6 dxe5=] **26...Kh8**



27.Qg8+!! Clearance: g4 **27...Rxg8** [27...Rxg8 28.Rxg8# Clearance(28.Rxg8# Mate attack)] **28.Rxg8#** 1-0

So what's next? I would like to give up some of my volunteering jobs and try to get back up to my top rating. After all as I said many years ago, "All I wanted to do was play chess."

Maurice Smith

SCC 2008-9 Club Championship

The club championship was in 3 sections this year.

The Championship Section is a 10-player round robin comprised of the top 8 rated players in the club registered— master Liam Henry, WFM/master Yuanling Yuan, master David Krupka, master John Hall, master Bryan Lamb, master Karl Sellars, expert Hugh Siddeley, and expert Andrei Moffat - along with the two winners of last year's Reserves Championship – expert Oscar Villalobos; A Class Kevin Wu. This year was exceptionally strong with 6 masters , 3 experts and 1 “ A “ Class player; average rating – 2157.

The Reserves are split into two. There is an Open Section, and an U 1700 Section. In the top Reserves, 31 players registered, and the roster is headed by a master, 2 experts and a number of A Class players who were formerly experts. In the U 1700 Section, 35 players registered. The winner of the Open Reserves gains entry into next year's Championship Section, so there is something very worthwhile to play for in that section. The total of 76 players is the highest number we have had out since early in the millennium. The highest we had had out this 2008-9 year was 68 players for the Howard Ridout Swiss in the early Fall, 2008.

The tournament concluded with Rd. 9 on Thursday, April 23. The winners are:

Championship Section:

New 2008-9 SCC Club Champion 7.5 pts. – Master John Hall
2nd – 7 pts. – WFM Yuanling Yuan; expert Andrei Moffat

Reserves – Open Section:

Reserves Open Champion – 7.5 pts. - Bill Peng (who now qualifies for the 2009-10 championship section)
2nd – 6.5 pts. – expert Alex Ferreira

Reserves – U 1700 Section:

1st / 2nd – 7.5 pts. – Maurice Smith; Dean Ward (Maurice won on tie-break)

The blackout on publishing Championship Games is now past, and we present some of the more interesting games of the tournament, some from all sections (we will reproduce some more of the games in following issues).

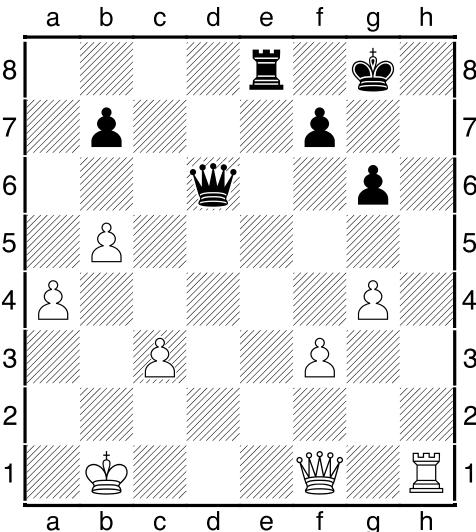
From the Championship Section

Here is a win by our new club champion, Yuanling, over Karl Sellars in Rd. 4 (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yuan, Yuanling (2234) – Sellars, Karl (2209) [B77]

Scarb.CC Club Champ. – Champ. Sect. Toronto (4), 19.03.2009

1.e4= 0.20 1...c5± [1...e5= for Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage] 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 Dragon Line – psychological? – this is a favourite line of Yuanling's 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.Bc4 Nd7 10.h4?!= Yuanling launches the traditional K-side attack [10.Be2 Nde5 11.Rd1 Na5±] 10...Nb6?± right piece; wrong square. Yuanling gets a " clear " advantage [10...Nde5 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Bb3 h5=] 11.Bb3?!± [11.Be2 d5 12.Nxc6 bxc6±] 11...Na5 12.Qd3 e6 [12...h6 13.h5 Nxb3 14.axb3 g5±] 13.0-0-0 d5?!± [13...Bd7 14.Kb1 Rc8±] 14.exd5?!± Yuanling should continue her attack [14.h5 e5 15.hxg6! hxg6 (15...exd4?! 16.gxh7+ Kh8 17.Bxd4 Nxb3+ 18.axb3 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Bxd4 20.Qxd4+ Qg7 21.Nxd5 Qxd4 22.Rxd4 Nxd5 23.Rxd5 Be6 24.Rb5 b6+– Yuanling would have 4 P's vs B) 16.Bxd5! exd4 17.Bxd4 Nc6 18.Bxg7 Qg5+ 19.Kb1 Kxg7± Yuanling would have 2 P's vs N] 14...exd5 15.Kb1 Re8 16.h5 pressing the attack 16...Nac4?!± [16...Nxb3 17.axb3 a5±] 17.Bc1 a5?!±– Yuanling gets a " winning " advantage [17...g5 18.f4 gxf4 19.Bxf4 Kh8+–; 17...Na5] 18.a4 Ne5 1.72 [18...g5? 19.f4 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bg4 21.Qg3! Qd7 22.h6 Bf6 23.Nxd5! Qxd5 24.Qxg4+ Kh8+– 3.25] 19.Qf1 Nc6 [19...g5 20.f4 gxf4 21.Qxf4 Bg4 22.Nf3 Qf6+–] 20.Ncb5?!± [20.Ndb5 Be6 21.hxg6 fxe6+–] 20...Nxd4 21.Nxd4 Bd7 22.Nb5 Bc6 23.g4 Qd7?!±– [23...g5 24.h6 Bf6±] 24.c4?± [24.hxg6 fxe6 25.Qf2 Bxb5 26.Qxb6 Bc6+–] 24...Bxb5 25.cxb5 Qd6 26.hxg6 hxg6 27.Qh3?!= where will the attack go from here? Yuanling has lost her advantage [27.Ka2 Rac8 28.Qf2 Nc4±] 27...Re2 28.Rd2 Rae8 29.Qf1 [29.Qh4 Qf6 30.Qxf6 Bxf6=] 29...Rxd2?!± [29...Qe6 30.Rxe2 Qxe2=] 30.Bxd2 Nc4 31.Bxc4?!= [31.Bc1 Qf6 32.Rh2 Qd6 33.Re2 Rxe2 34.Qxe2 Qf6±] 31...dxc4 32.Bxa5 Yuanling goes up a P 32...c3?!± [32...Ra8 33.Bc3 Rxa4=] 33.Bxc3 Bxc3 34.bxc3

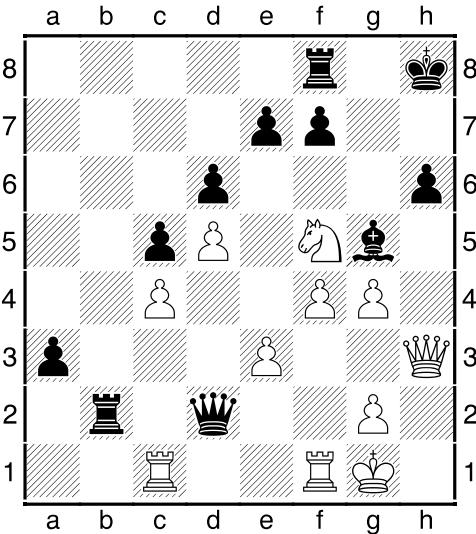


Qa3?+– Yuanling gets a " winning " advantage again [34...Rc8 35.Qd1 Qa3 36.Re1 Qxc3±] 35.Qc4 Qd6 36.Kb2 Qf6 37.Kb3 Kg7 38.f4 Re3?+– 4.42 [38...Qd8 39.a5 Re3+– 3.06] 39.g5?+– 2.73 [39.Qc8 Qe6+ 40.Qxe6 Rxe6+– 5.50] 39...Qd6 40.a5 Qd8 41.Ka4 b6 5.54 [41...Qd2 42.Qd4+ Qxd4+ 43.cxd4 Rg3 44.a6 bxa6 45.bxa6 Rxd4+ 46.Kb5 Rg5+ 47.Kc6 Rg3 48.Rb1 Ra3 49.Kb6 f6 50.Qxf6+ Kxf6+– 5.22] 42.a6 Qd2?+– 6.91 [42...f5? 43.Qc6 Re2+– 8.29] 1-0

In Rd. 2, Oscar Villalobos held the advantage for the first part of the game, and managed to achieve a " winning " advantage. But then it slipped away, and John built up to a " winning " advantage. Oscar then wrongly sacked his B, trying to queen, and John won. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, John (2204) – Villalobos, Oscar (2061) [E61]
 Scarb. CC Club Champ.– Champ. Section Toronto (2), 05.03.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6± [2...d5=] **3.c4=** [3.e3?!=; 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Qd2 Bf5±] **3...Bg7?!±** [3...c5 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 0-0=] **4.Nc3 d6** [4...0-0 5.e4 c5 6.Be2 Qa5±] **5.Bg5?!=** [5.e4 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Bd2 (7.cxd6?! Nxe4 8.Qa4+ Qxa4 9.Nxa4 Bd7=) 7...Qxc5±] **5...h6 6.Bh4 g5?!±** [6...Nbd7 7.Qc2 c5 8.e3 Nh5=] **7.Bg3 Nh5** [7...Na6 8.Qb3 c5 9.e3 Bd7±] **8.e3 Nd7 9.Bd3?!=** [9.Qc2 c6 10.0-0-0 Nxe3 11.hxg3 Nf6±] **9...c5 10.d5 Qa5 11.Qc2 a6** [11...Nxe3 12.fxe3 Nf6=] **12.0-0 0-0** [12...Nxe3 13.fxe3 Nf6=] **13.a4** [13.Bh7+ Kh8 14.Bf5 b5=] **13...Nxe3 14.hxg3 g4 15.Nh4 Ne5 16.Bh7+?!±** for the first time in the game, Oscar gets the advantage [16.Be2 Re8 17.Kh2 Bf6 18.Nf5 Qb4=] **16...Kh8 17.Ne2** [17.Bf5 Nxc4 18.Bxc8 Raxc8 19.Nf5 Rfe8±; 17.Bd3 Rg8 18.Rad1 Bf6±] **17...Bf6?!=** [17...Nxc4 18.Bf5 Qb4 19.a5 Nxb2±] **18.Bf5 Qb4 19.Bxc8 Raxc8 20.b3 b5** **21.Rac1?±** Oscar gets a " clear " advantage [21.cxb5 axb5 22.Rfb1 Ra8=] **21...bxa4 22.bxa4 Rb8 23.Nf5 Qa3?!±** [23...Qb3 24.f4 gxf3 25.gxf3 Qa3±] **24.Nf4?!±** [24.Rb1 Qd3 25.Qxd3 Nxd3±] **24...Rb2 25.Qe4 Bg5 26.Nh4?!-+** Oscar gets a " winning " advantage [26.a5 Rfb8 27.Ra1 Ra2±] **26...Qxa4??±** taking the P is a no-no. Oscar goes up a P, but he is losing his advantage. [26...Bxh4 27.Ra1 Qb3 28.Qf5 (28.gxh4?? f5 29.Ng6+ Kg7 30.Qf4 Kxg6+ – 6.43) 28...Bf6+ – 4.53] **27.Qf5?!±** [27.Nd3 Nxd3 28.Qxd3 Qd7 29.Rb1 Rfb8±] **27...Kg8?!±** [27...Bxh4 28.gxh4 g3 (28...Qa3?! 29.Ra1 Ra2±) 29.fxg3 Qb3±] **28.Nd3 Nxd3 29.Qxd3 Qb3?!=** Oscar has lost his advantage [29...Qd7 30.Rb1 Rb4 31.Ra1 Rb6±] **30.Qf5 a5?!±** John gets back the advantage [30...Bxh4 31.gxh4 g3 32.Qg4+ Kh8 33.Qf4 Rxf2 34.Qxh6+ Kg8 35.Qg5+ Kh7 36.Qh5+=] **31.Qxg4** material equality **31...a4** [31...Qd3 32.Nf5 Kh7 33.Rcd1 Qc2 34.Qh3 Rfb8±] **32.Nf5 Kh8 33.Qh5 Qd3** [33...Kh7 34.g4 Qd3±] **34.g4** [34.Nxh6 Qg6 35.Nxf7+ Kg7 36.Qxg5 Kxf7±] **34...a3 35.f4 Qd2?!±** John gets a " clear " advantage [35...Bf6 36.Qxh6+ Kg8 37.Qh3 Qe4±] **36.Qh3**



a2?!+– 8.44 the losing move; sacking the B doesn't help; John gets a " winning " advantage [36...Bf6 37.Nxh6 Rb7 38.Nxf7+ Kg7 39.Nh6 Bb2 40.Rcd1 Qc2±] **37.fxg5 h5??+–** leads to mate [37...Qxg2+ 38.Qxg2 Rxf2+ 39.Kxg2 Rb8+– 12.85] **38.Qxh5+** John goes up a P, with mate pending **38...Kg8 39.Nxe7+** John goes up 2 P's with mate closer. **39...Kg7 40.Qh6# 1-0**

Reserves – Open Section

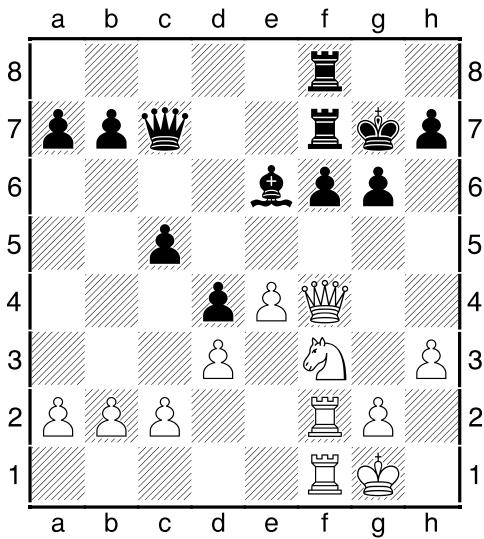
Here is a game by our Reserves – Open Champion, Alex Ferreira against Master Josh Guo, highest rated player in the section. Alex applies pressure to the K-side on the

half-opened f-file, and then sacs an N for the exchange. Here is the win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ferreira, Alex (2062) – Guo, Josh (2220) [B11]

Scarb.CC Club Champ. – Reserves – Open. Toronto (6), 02.04.2009

1.Nc3 d5 2.e4 c6?!± [2...d4 3.Nce2 Nc6 4.Ng3 e5=] 3.d3?!= [3.exd5 cxd5 4.d4 Nf6±] 3...e5 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bd2 d4 6.Ne2 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 f6 8.Nh4?!± Josh gets the advantage [8.c3 c5 9.Ng3 Ne7=] 8...Ne7 9.f4 exf4?!= [9...c5 10.f5 0-0-±] 10.Qxf4?± Alex goes after the wrong P; Josh gets a "clear" advantage [10.Qb4 the dP cannot be protected 10...Bg4 11.Nxd4 Na6 12.Qc3 Qb6=] 10...c5 11.Ng3 Nbc6?!± [11...0-0 12.Qd2 f5 13.Nhxf5 Bxf5 14.exf5 Nbc6± (14...Nxf5?!±)] 12.Be2 0-0 13.Qd2 Be6 14.0-0 Qd7?!= Josh has lost his advantage [14...Ne5 15.Nhf5 Nxf5 16.Nxf5 a5±] 15.Ngf5 Nxf5 16.Nxf5 Ne7 17.Bg4 Kh8 18.Nxe7 Bxg4 19.Nf5 g6 20.Nh4 Rae8 21.h3 Be6 22.Rf2 Kg7 23.Raf1 Re7 24.Nf3 Ref7 25.Qf4 Qc7??+– a blunder, not realizing the strength of the N-fork [25...h6 26.h4 Qc7 27.Qxc7 Rxc7=]



26.Ng5! nice sac ! 26...fxg5 2.54 [somewhat better is 26...Qe7 27.Nxf7 Rxf7+– 2.27] 27.Qxc7 Rxc7 28.Rxf8 Alex goes up the exchange 28...g4 29.hxg4 Bxg4 30.Ra8 a6 31.b3 Bc8 32.a4 h5 33.Kf2 Kf7 34.Kg3+ Ke7 35.Kh4 b5 36.Kg5 bxa4 37.bxa4 c4 38.Kxg6 Alex goes up the exchange + P 38...cxd3 39.cxd3 Rc2 40.Kxh5?+– 5.57 Alex goes up the exchange + 2 P's, but misses winning the B [40.Ra7+ Ke8 41.g4! hxg4 42.Kg7 Bd7 43.Rf8+ Ke7 44.Rf7+ Kd8 45.Rfxd7+ Kc8+– Alex would be up a R] 40...Bd7 41.g3?+– 4.94 [41.g4! Rh2+ 42.Kg6 Bxg4 43.Rf7+ Kd6 44.Rxa6+ Kc5 45.Rb7 Bh5+ 46.Kf6 Be8+– 7.51] 41...Rc3 42.Rf3 Bc6 7.11 no time to win the aP [42...Bxa4? 43.Ra7+ Bd7 44.g4 Rc6 45.g5 Kd6 46.g6 Rc2 47.Rxa6+ Kc5 48.g7 Rh2+ 49.Kg6 Rg2+ 50.Kh7 Be8 51.g8Q Rg8 52.Kxg8 Kb4+– 11.75] 43.Ra7+ Ke8?+– 8.82 [43...Kd6 44.Rxa6 Kc5+– 7.96] 44.Rxa6?+– 7.77 Alex goes up the exchange + 3 P's, but this is not strongest [44.Rff7 Rc2 45.Kh6 Kd8 46.Rf8+ Be8 47.Ra8+ Kc7 48.Raxe8 Rh2+ 49.Kg7 Rg2+– 12.33 Alex would be up R + 2 P's] 44...Ke7?+– 9.58 [44...Bb7 45.Re6+ Kd8 46.Rd6+ Ke7 47.Rxd4 Bc8+– 8.67] 45.Kg4?+– 6.12[45.Ra7+ Ke6 46.Kg5 Bxe4 47.Rf6+ Ke5 48.Ra5+ Bd5 49.Rf5+ Ke6 50.Raxd5 Rxd3+– 17.70 Alex would be up R + P] 1-0

In Rd. 2, Marcus Wilker and Will Rutherford had an interesting and closely-fought draw. Marcus was up a P for a while, but Will got it back. Here is the game (Annotations by Marcus Wilker):

Wilker, Marcus (1794) – Rutherford, Will (1762) [E38]

SCC Club Champ.– Reserves– Open Toronto (2), 05.03.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.a3 Ba5? 6.dxc5± (W is up a P) **6...Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Qc7 8.b4 a5 9.f3 axb4 10.axb4 Rxa1 11.Qxa1 d6? 12.Bf4+– e5 13.cxd6 Qxc4 14.Qxe5+ (W is up 2 Ps) 14...Be6 15.e4?** [15.Bd2 holds onto the 2nd P; e.g., 15...Nc6 16.Qb2; (I wanted to be able to play 15.e4 and 15.Bd2, but after 15...Nc6 16.e4 is too late: 16...Nxe5 17.Bxc4 Nxc4, so I settled on 15.e4? because it can be followed up with 16.Bd2 – even though it gives up a P in that move order ?!)] **15...Qxb4+±** (I'm still up one P) **16.Bd2 Qb1+ 17.Kf2 Nbd7 18.Qc3 0-0 19.Bd3? Qb6+=** (Will wins the other P back) **20.Be3 Qxd6 21.Ne2 Ne5 22.Bb5 Rc8?!** **23.Qd4±** (I thought this kind of trade would distill whatever edge I might have left with the 2 Bs) **23...Qxd4 24.Nxd4** [I spent a long time (actually it was a lot of Will's time, because he took 16 minutes on move 23) deciding between the text and 24.Bxd4 (Fritz likes Bx *slightly* better: 24...Nfd7 25.Nf4 Rc2+ 26.Ke3 Bc4 27.Bxc4 Rxc4 28.Rb1 Nc6 29.Ba1 Nc5± Personally, I'm not too convinced by this line; I was trying hard in the game not to allow an exchange of either of my 2 Bs)] **24...Bd7 25.Be2 Nc6 26.Rc1 Nxd4 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Bxd4 Nd7 29.f4 Nf8 30.f5** [30.Ke3±] **30...Bd7 31.g4 Bc6 32.e5± Bd5 33.Ke3 g6 34.Kf4 h6 35.h4 Nh7 36.g5?!** [36.e6+– fxe6 37.fxg6 Nf8 38.h5] **36...hxg5+± 37.hxg5 gxf5 38.Kxf5 Be6+ 39.Kf4 Kg7 40.Bc5 Nf8 41.Bf3 b5 42.Bb4 Bc4 43.Bg4?!** [43.Be4±] **43...Ne6+=** (forking off a P if I don't exchange my B) **44.Bxe6 Bxe6 WR –** Black offered a draw. W accepted ½-½

Reserves – U 1700

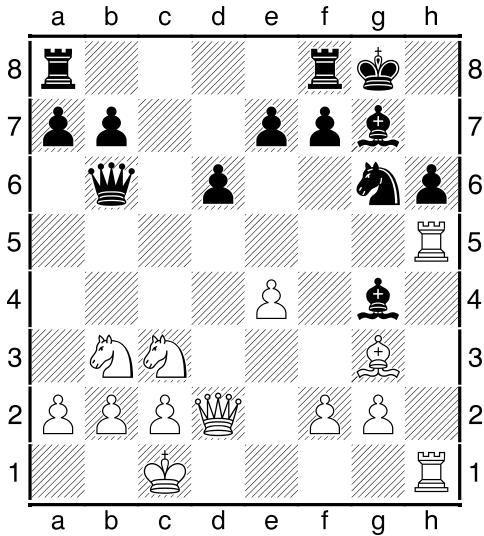
In Rd. 3, Dinesh Dattani got in a nice rook sacrifice in a K-side attack against junior Zining Yin and won. Here is their game (Annotations by Dinesh Dattani, using Fritz):

Dattani, Dinesh (1374) – Yin, Zining (1362) [B72]

SCC Club Champ. – Reserves – U 1700 Toronto (3), 12.03.2009

78MB, Fritz11.ctg, D6KVNN91 B72: Sicilian Dragon: 6 Be3, lines with h3+Bc4 and sidelines **1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Qd2 Ng4 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bh4 g5 10.Bg3 Nc6 11Nb3 0-0N** [11...Be6 12.h4 Qb6 13.Be2 gxf4 14.Bxh4 h5 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 Nd4 17.Bxg4 h4 18.0-0-0 Nf5 19.Bg5 a5 20.a4 Rc8 21.Kb1 Rxh1 22.Rxh1 Bd4 23.Qd3 e6 24.Bd2 Ke7 25.dxe6 fxe6 26.Rh7+ Khairullin,I (2538)–Plischki,S (2387)/Pardubice 2006/CBM 113 ext/1-0 (38); 11...f5!? 12.exf5 Bxf5±] **12.h4± gxf4 13.Rxh4 Nge5** [13...Be6 14.Be2 Nge5 15.Rxh6 Bxh6 16.Qxh6+–] **14.0-0-0 Ng6** [14...a5 15.a4±] **15.Rh2** [15.Rxh6 Be6 16.Rh1 a5+–] **15...Nce5** [15...a5!? 16.a4 Bd7±] **16.Be2+– Ng4** [16...Be6 17.Rxh6 Qb6 18.Rh5+–] **17.Rh5 Be6 18.Rdh1** [18.Kb1 Qb6 19.Rb5 Qc7+–] **18...Qb6** [18...Nf6!? 19.Rxh6 Bxb3 20.axb3+–] **19.Bxg4** DDD: I remove the N that was in the way of my rook sac in the next move. **19...Bxg4**

Position after 19...Bxg4



20.Rxh6 Bxh6?? the position was bad, and this mistake simply hastens the end [20...Be6 21.Rh7 Bxb3 22.axb3 Qd4+-] **21.Qxh6** [21.Rxh6?! Kg7 22.Nd5 Qa6±] **21...Rfc8** DDD: More or less forced, in light of 22. Qh7#. **22.Nd5** DDD: My opponent resigns. I think it was premature. 22. . . Qd8 was an option, preventing 23. Nxe7. But then, I had several threats, such as Nf4, or Qh7+ followed by Bf4, or Qg4 with a double attack on the B and e7, etc. **1-0**

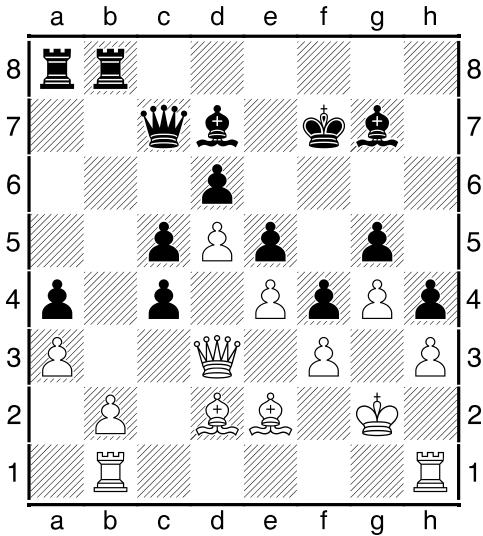
Also in Rd. 3, Stephen Bao held his much higher rated opponent, Kevin Zhou, to a draw (Kevin later withdrew from this section, moved up into the Open Section starting in Rd. 4, and then upset your intrepid editor in that section in Rd. 6 !). And Stephen got the draw after having to sac his Q for a B + R ! Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Bao, Stephen (1222) – Zhou, Kevin (1622) [E94]

Scarb. CC Club Champ.– Reserves –U 1700 Toronto (3), 12.03.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 [6...c5 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5±] 7.d5?!= [7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8±] 7...Na6 8.0-0 Nc5 9.Nd2 a5 10.Re1 Ne8 11.Nb3 f5 12.Nxc5 dxc5 13.Be3 b6 14.f3 f4 [14...fxe4?! 15.Nxe4 Nd6 16.Bg5 Qd7±] 15.Bf2 g5 16.g4 Kf7 [16...fxg3 17.hxg3 Qf6 18.Be3 Qh6=] 17.Kg2 Rh8 18.Rh1 h5 19.h3 Bd7 20.Nb5 Nd6 21.Nxd6+?!= Kevin gets the advantage [21.a4 hxg4 22.hxg4 Nxb5 23.Rxh8 Qxh8 24.axb5 Qh6=] 21...cxd6 22.Qd3 a4 23.a3 Qc7 24.Rag1 h4?!= [24...Bf6?! 25.Kf1 h4=; 24...Rab8 25.Qc2 Qb7?] 25.Be1 Rhb8 26.Bd2?!= [26.Bc3 b5 27.Qd2 Kg8 28.Rc1 (28.Rb1?! bxc4 29.Bxc4 Bb5?) 28...Qa7=] 26...b5 27.Rb1 bxc4

Position after 27...bxc4



28.Qxc4?! This forces Stephen to sac his Q; Kevin gets a " clear " advantage [28.Qc3 Qa7 29.Rhe1 (29.Bxc4 Bb5 30.Bxb5 Rxb5?) 29...Bb5 30.Qc2 Qa6 31.Bf1 Ra7?] **28...Bb5 29.Qxb5 Rxb5 30.Bxb5** Kevin is up Q vs R + P **30...Qb8 31.Bc6 Ra7 32.Rhc1 Bf6?!** [32...Ra6 33.Rc4 Qb3 34.Rc3 Qa2 35.Rcc1 Rb6?] **33.Rc3 Bd8 34.b4 Ba5?!=** [34...Qb6 35.Be1 Qa6 36.Bf2 Bb6?] **35.Rc4?!** [35.Bxa4 Kg7 36.Bc6 cxb4 37.axb4 (37.Rc4? b3?) 37...Bb6=] **35...cxb4 36.Bxa4 b3?!=** Kevin has lost his advantage [36...Qb7 37.axb4 Bb6?] **37.Rxb3** Stephen goes up a P **37...Qxb3!** Kevin rightly decides he can safely sac back the Q [37...Rb7 38.Rxb7+ Qxb7 39.Bxa5 Qa6 40.Rc7+ Kg8 41.Bb4 Qe2+! 42.Kg1 Qxf3=] **38.Bxb3 Bxd2** Stephen is up a P **39.Ra4** this loses the aP [39.a4 Rb7 40.Bd1 Ba5 41.Rc2 Rb1=] **39...Rxa4 40.Bxa4 Bc1 41.Bc6 Bxa3** material equality **42.Kf1 Bc5 43.Ke2 Kg7= ½-½**

In the next Issue, we will present some more interesting " Championship Games from the Blackout " !!

SCC Starts New Spring Swiss

Last night, April 30, SCC started its last tournament of this year (we close in July and August): a 2 section, 9-round swiss. 38 players registered for the Open Section, headed by 5 masters and 3 experts. 27 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of 65 players continues the high numbers we've been experiencing in the last few years. The largest turnout we've had this 2008-9 year was the club championship: 76 !

We will bring you games from Rd. 1 next Issue.

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Time Control: All Rounds: 30/90, SD/60

Registration: 5pm – 5:30pm on Friday, July 3rd
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**Hart House Chess Club – 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, ON
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Entry Fees: \$60 in advance, \$70 cash only on site. Extra \$10 to play up
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Free for IMs before June 26th, \$40 afterwards, \$50 on-site.

Byes: Maximum of 2 in rounds 1-4.

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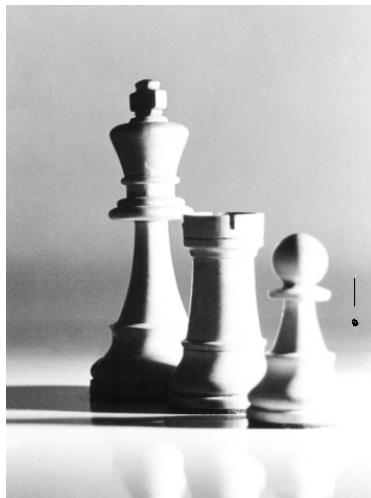
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