

# **Scarborough Community of Toronto Chess News & Views**

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*ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS*

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### **A CFC Administration Interim Report Card**

The CFC Administration of President Eric Van Dusen has now completed more than ¾ of its term ( July 2009- April 2010 – 9 ½ months ) - only 2 ½ months left to accomplish their 1st term priorities.

How have they done? Should those running as incumbents be re-elected at the July CFC AGM? ( Eric van Dusen, President, is not running again; Stijn de Kerpel, V-P, is not running again; Maurice Smith, Treasurer, is not; Michael Barron, Youth Coordinator, has indicated he would step aside if a good candidate came forward, otherwise he'll run again; Lyle Craver, Secretary, and Hal Bond, FIDE Rep., have not yet disclosed their intentions ).

Here is my report card on the outstanding issues as I see them, divided into: A. Accomplishments; B. In Progress; C. Languishing/Failure: Here is what I have observed ( if I am incorrect on any of these, please send me any corrections ):

### **A - Accomplishments**

**#1 - Member Services** - Newsletter - Canadian Chess News - for members only

**#2 - World Championship** - CYCC team Canada to World Championship

**#3 - World Championship Preliminary** - 2009 Canadian Champion to World Cup

**#4 - National Tournament** - found bidder for 2010 Canadian Open

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**#5 - National Championship** - found bidder for 2010 Canadian Junior

**#6 - National Championship** - found bidder for 2010 CYCC

**#7 - 2010-11 Budget** – Maurice, Treasurer, in consultation with Gerry Litchfield, ED, who keeps the day to day financial records and prepares the statements, prepared and presented before March 31 the 2010-11 budget. The governors voted on and are expected to have approved the executive budget. This is a recent first for CFC to have a budget over one month before the start of the new fiscal year on May 1, and being approved one month before the start of the fiscal year

### **B - In Process**

**#1 – 2009-10 Finances** – Treasurer Maurice Smith recently presented his 2010-11 budget statement to the Governors. In it, he gave the financial statement for the first 9 months of the fiscal year 2009-10. In it he noted that we are so far running a surplus:

**Profit/Loss.....\$9,580.00**

This will be the first time in 5 years, the CFC has not suffered substantial deficits, if we can maintain this.

**#2 - Modernizing Governor Decision-Making** - The Subcommittee on Governors' Voting Modernization submitted its model and the Procedures' Committee ( myself as Chair, and Eric ) approved it and a " trial " meeting for April 8-14, which successfully took place. The motion to now amend the CFC Handbook to put the new procedures in place will now been filed, and will be voted on at the AGM.

**#2 - Modernizing AGM** - the Subcommittee on AGM Modernization developed 2 models for a modernized AGM. One was agreed upon and will posted and receive public input. Then a " trial " AGM ( on a small scale ) will be set for sometime in May. It is hoped the model will be in place for the July AGM in Toronto.

**#4 - Handbook Updating** - Maurice Smith, CFC Treasurer, and SCC President, has done most of it, and the Handbook sections have been updated ( except 1 ) to my knowledge. I as Chair of the Procedures' Committee, made a recommendation to Eric, President, that this ongoing future task be assigned to the Procedures' Committee, which recommendation he accepted. Former CFC Governor Kerry Liles has volunteered to become the Handbook Updating Subcommittee of one – the goal is to update the website Handbook as soon as Governors have passed motions, and to keep it right up to date.

**#5 - National Standards for Canadian Closed** - a motion has been filed by GM Mark Bluvshstein/ Bob Armstrong to upgrade the current standards- there has been no executive comment on the proposed changes or how they may affect bidding ( the motion was posted for public comment and no executive commented ).

**#6 - Communication by the President by E-mail -**

Eric also stated in GL # 2:

" I do receive many emails and I apologize for the slow turn-around time in responding. Please be patient and I promise that a response will eventually come your way. "

- crucial e-mails on CFC business, even from governors, were going unanswered, or were being answered very late. Since the public criticism, Eric has been responding to more e-mails. As well, he has made more of an effort to communicate what he is doing to the governors, and recently sent a " communication " e-mail to all governors giving a status report on his activities. So " communication by e-mail " is an area that appears back in progress.

#### **#7- CFC Fundraising Committee ( with special focus on the Olympiad this September )**

- In GL # 2 Eric stated :

" Amanda Benggawan was a strong junior who now works at an accounting firm. She wants to give back to chess and she has agreed to chair. Gary Gladstone, a professional fundraiser in the Toronto area has also agreed to sit. I would very much appreciate representation outside the Greater Toronto Area. .... A forthcoming task is fundraising for the next Olympiad, which is next year, but the CFC needs to begin shortly.

- there had been nary a peep out of that committee; no information whether the executive found other committee members ( I know from conversation with Gary Gladstone that he is crazy busy right now with the Toronto mayoralty campaign - doubt he is able to do much at present ); there had been no fundraising for the Olympiad, only 5 months away now. Also, David Cohen volunteered to fundraise for the Olympiad on a paid commission basis, and he advised he was turned down. No other paid fundraiser hired. But at the very end of last month, there were some advertisements for the Olympiad Fundraising Drive. It was not clear if this was a result of this Committee coming to life finally. At the on-line meeting, Eric advised that 2 members of the Fundraising Committee had resigned.

#### **#8 - FQE - In GL # 2 Eric states:**

" I have also been negotiating with the FQE regarding re-affiliation. These negotiations are extremely complicated and progress is incremental. "

- there had been nary a peep on this from either CFC nor FQE; had goodwill from FQE holding the 2008 Canadian Open been squandered? But at the very end of last month, Eric reported he was again in discussions with the FQE re some type of reconciliation. This would be a great achievement if Eric can put it together.

## **C- Languishing/Failure**

**#1 - the revised 2009-10 Budget** - In GL # 1, Eric stated:

it is my goal to have it distributed to the governors the week ending 28 August 2009.

- It was not presented 'til December 2009, and then was rejected " in principle " by the governors because of lack of executive answering of governors' budget questions before the voting deadline.

**#2 – Communication by the President via CFC Discussion Boards** - In GL # 1, Eric stated

" Communication with the President

I will try to post a message approximately every few weeks on the CFC boards."

- never happened. Eric has posted on the members' CFC Chess Forum board and the Governors' Discussion Board on an infrequent basis; some governors have called for more communication; governors posted questions have been often been left unanswered ( this happened, for example, when Eric failed to answer governors' questions about the revised 2009-10 budget, and it therefore got defeated " on principle ". ). However, , responding to the criticism, Eric initially made a few posts. Then he clarified his position recently in an e-mail, and this is his position now:

1. he is not inclined now to want to use the Governors' Discussion Board nor the members' CFC Chess Forum ( EvD - " I have to admit that after spending some time discussing corporate responsibility and posting, and being compared to Hitler, I am a little gun shy about posting in quick time on various CFC discussion boards" . )
2. he will not be monitoring the Governors' Discussion Board, nor the members' CFC Chess Forum from his home ( EvD - " Regarding posting on CFC discussion board, I do not have my own access to the internet at my residence " . )
3. he will not be monitoring either board from work ( EvD - " I do not have access to the CFC site from my work " ).
4. in the past, he has intermittently accessed the two boards from a cyber cafe - he no longer has time for this ( EvD - " now that I telework from home I have little time for the cyber cafe ". )
5. in the communication, he makes no mention, under the circumstances, of delegating officially, monitoring of these two boards to any member of the Executive, who would report relevant issues to him.

Given the above, I think governors can no longer assume that questions of the President

presented on these two boards will reach him; Nevertheless, Eric did attend the Governors' On-line Quarterly meeting held April 8-14, though a number of days into the meeting..

**#3 - New CFC Website - GL # 2 stated:**

" the CFC will be issuing a Request for Proposal (RFP) regarding a creation of a new website. I am currently in consultation with a website professional, who is in the process of creating a Statement of Work (SOW), which will form part of the RFP. This expert will also assist in the Technical Evaluation of Bids. This procurement process will take a period of time, but considering the website's importance to CFC operations, the CFC needs to create a robust website that will look professional as well as be secure. "

In GL # 3, Eric stated:

" I will redouble my efforts by involving more resources so that publication of the Request for +Proposal on the CFC website occur as soon as possible. "

- nary a peep out of the executive on how the volunteer is doing on the Statement of Work, no sign of issuing a Request for Proposal, and no status report. The item is not in the 2010-11 budget recently approved by the Governors, but in this regard, Treasurer Maurice Smith ( also SCC President ) said: " I agree that the website should be redesigned and highly recommend it. However, this would be a capital expense and paid out of the funds from the sale of the building held in trust in the Chess Foundation."

Then at the just concluded Governors' On-line Meeting, Eric admitted:

" The whole procedure I had envisioned for the solicitation of the website re-design was too cumbersome and impractical.

I am also pursuing to other parties that may be interested in working on the website.

I am certainly disappointed with myself for letting down the CFC."

**#4 - CFC Membership - No membership drive**

**#5- Management Committee - GL # 2 stated:**

" The Management Committee deals with budget and the CFC's relationships with various organizations that handle the CFC office and business functions. Both the Treasurer and the Vice-President are on this committee, but it also needs to governors to work on this committee. "

I volunteered to sit on this Committee. I have never been contacted. There have been no announcements of other committee members. I am not aware of it even functioning.

**#6- Ethics Committee** - GL # 2 states:

" The Ethics Committee examines on a case by case basis unethical behaviour of CFC members. Currently, the CFC needs a chair and governors to sit on this committee. "

- nary a peep about this committee. Seems it never got formed.

**#7 - National Championship** - no bidder yet for Canadian Closed. At the recent on-line Governors Meeting, Eric had this to say:

" As this is not a Zonal Year, I am not surprised that no bidders have come forward to organize the Canada Closed and the Women's Closed.

I have not been contacted regarding next year's national championships.

I do suggest that a motion be put forward that will establish a structure similar to the Ontario Chess Association, where the championships will rotate formally among the CFC provincial bodies. In that way, the CFC will be notified early which body will be in a position to organize the championships."

**#8- National Championship** - no bidder yet for Canadian Women's Closed

**#9 - National Championship** - No discussion on Canadian Girls' Championship

**#10 - Chess Promotion** - No generation of discussion within the CFC of a) how we start to do this; b) how we make the Canadian public more aware of the benefits of chess, and c) how we get chess into the mainstream media.

**#11 - Provincial YCC's** - Last year the CFC passed a motion to promote these and made them qualifiers next year for the CYCC - nothing publicized on how the CFC is going to go about promoting these for 2010-11, for the 2011 CYCC. Nothing on promotion of them for the 2010 CYC -though the regime was decided not to apply to 2010, this doesn't prevent their promotion nonetheless, as initial steps in the implementation campaign.

I see this as a somewhat divided result, but more positive than negative..

What do you think of this track record?

What grade do you give this administration so far?:

- A - Excellent
- B - Good
- C - Passable
- D - Poor
- E - Failure

E-mail me ( bobarm@sympatico ) with your grade, and why you assigned it. If you have items you'd add to this report card under any of the three categories, let me know. We'll publish some of the comments next Issue.

### **GTCL AGM, Saturday, April 10, 2010**

Present were 5/6 of the Executive, and 10 other persons.

The following were elected to the GTCL Executive for the coming year ( all acclaimed ):

President – Michael Barron ( returning )  
Vice-President – Ilia Bluvshstein ( returning )  
Secretary – Erik Malmsten ( returning )  
Treasurer – Nicholas Varmazis ( returning )  
Club/Team Coordinator – Egis Zeromskis ( returning )  
Director of Communications – William Yuan ( returning )

Elected as Board Members at Large were: John Chidley-Hill ( returning ), Alex Ferreira ( returning ), and Chris Field ( new ).

Because of recent amendments to the Ontario Chess Association ( OCA ) structure, GTCL could elect their regional OCA Vice-President – elected was Ilia Bluvshstein.

The CFC advises Ontario how many CFC Governors it is entitled to for the coming year, when it finalizes its membership numbers for the current year on May 1. So the GTCL did not yet know how many governors it could elect – likely between 7-9. This year those elected serve as both CFC Governors, and OCA Governors. 8 were elected:

Michael Barron ( returning ), Ilia Bluvshstein ( returning ), Egis Zeromskis ( returning ), Bob Armstrong ( returning ), Chris Field ( new ), Nava Starr ( returning ), Bill Evans ( returning ), and Nikolay Noritsyn ( new ).

The Executive will determine how to fill any vacancies, should it later appear that the GTCL is entitled to more than 8 CFC Governors.

Last year the GTCL struck a 3-person Constitutional Review Committee of Bob Armstrong, Chair and Board member, Maurice Smith, Board member, and John Chidley-Hill, Board member at large. This committee submitted to the GTCL a revised Constitution, a key feature of which was making it a " member " organization, and opening GTCL up to non-CFC GTCL membership. It got defeated : Motion to Accept the New Constitution: 4 yes, 5 no, and 2 abstentions ( it was a " constitutional " amendment, and so needed 2/3 of the votes cast to pass ).

It is significant to note that the 5/6 GTCL Executive present all unanimously moved to defeat the revised Constitution.

So the old Constitution, with all its flaws, in the opinion of the Committee, is now still the governing document.

A number of reports were received, and issues discussed.

The meeting lasted about 4 hours.

## San Sebastian/Donastia Swiss, Spain

This tournament had 150 players, with 37 titled. Two Canadians took part – GM Kevin Spraggett ( 2580 ), 5 time Canadian Champion, was the top seed, and also IM Leon Piasetski ( 2280 ).

Kevin ended with 7/9 pts.. He tied for 2nd/6th, 1/2 pt. out of first. Leon ended with 5 1/2 / 9 pts.. He finished tied 29th/43rd.

The top finishers were:

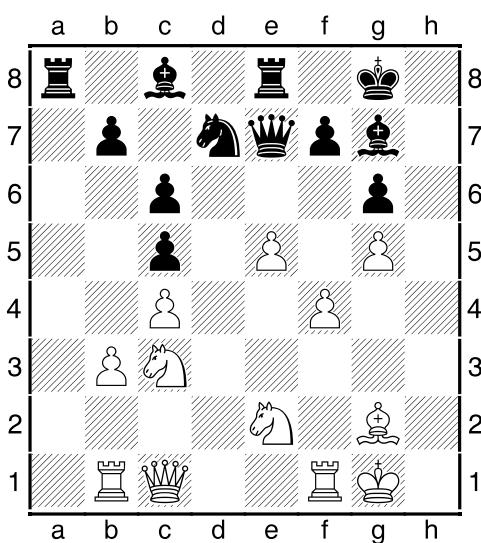
- 1 IM Alvarez Pedraza Aramis CUB 2486 2498 7,5
- 2 GM Tratar Marko SLO 2486 0 7,0
- 3 IM Alsina Leal Daniel ESP 2548 2524 7,0
- 4 GM Gleizerov Evgeny RUS 2565 0 7,0
- 5 GM Spraggett Kevin CAN 2580 2602 7,0
- 6 GM Korneev Oleg RUS 2558 2573 7,0

Here is Kevin's last round win ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ). He sacks his N for two P's, and later wins back the minor piece, remaining up 2 P's:

### **Andonov, Bogomil (2304) – Spraggett, Kevin (2580)**

33 Open Internacional Ciudad de San Seb Donostia-San Sebastián (9.1), 04.04.2010

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0-0 6.h3?!= [6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5±] 6...c6 7.Be3 Na6?!± [7...d5 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.e5 Ne4 10.Nxe4 dxe4 11.Ng5 Qa5+ 12.Qd2 Qxd2+ 13.Bxd2 Nc6 14.Bc3 a6±] 8.g3?!= [8.Be2 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Qxd8 Rxd8±] 8...e5 9.Bg2 exd4 10.Nxd4 Re8 11.Nde2 Qe7 12.g4?!± [12.Qd2 Nc5 13.f3 Be6=] 12...Nc5 13.Ng3?!± Spraggett gets a "clear" advantage [13.f3 Nfd7 14.0-0 Ne5±] 13...Nfd7 14.Rc1 [14.f4 Nb6 15.Qe2 Qh4 16.Bf2 Qf6±] 14...Ne5 15.Bf1 a5?!± [15...Be6 16.b3 Qh4±] 16.f4 Ned7?!= [16...f5 17.gxf5 (17.fxe5? Bxe5 18.Bf2 fxe4 19.Bxc5 dxc5 20.Kf2 Rf8+ 21.Kg2 e3±) 17...Bxf5 18.Nxf5 gxf5 19.fxe5 Qxe5±] 17.Bg2 Nb6 18.b3 a4 19.0-0 axb3 20.axb3 Ra3 21.Nge2 [21.Nb1 Ra2 22.Rc2 Ra1=] 21...Nbd7 22.Rb1 Nf6 [22...f5 23.Bc1 Ra8= (23...Ra7?! 24.exf5 gxf5 25.Rf3 Qf8±) ] 23.Bxc5 dxc5 24.e5 Nd7 25.Qc1 Ra8 26.g5 h6 27.h4 hxg5?!± [27...f6 28.exf6 Nxf6 29.gxf6 Bxf6 30.h5 Bf5=] 28.hxg5



**Nxe5!** Spraggett correctly sacs for the 2 P's **29.fxe5 Bxe5** Andonov is up N vs 2 P's **30.Ne4?!=** [30.Rf2 Rd8 31.Ne4 Bf5±] **30...Ra2** [30...Bf5 31.Rf2 Ra2=] **31.N2g3?+-** Kevin gets a "winning" advantage [31.Re1 Bf5 32.N2c3 Bxe4 33.Rxe4?! (33.Nxe4? Kg7±) 33...Bd4+ 34.Kh1 Kg7 35.Rh4 Be3=] **31...Bd4+ 32.Nf2** – 5.02 [32.Kh1 Kg7 33.Nh5+ gxh5 34.Ng3 Bg4+- – 4.70] **32...Be3?+-** – 3.43 [32...Qe5 33.Ngh1 Kg7+- – 6.21] **33.Qd1 Rxf2 34.Rxf2 Bxf2+ 35.Kxf2 Qe3+ 36.Kf1 Qxg3** Kevin is up 2 P's **37.Qd2?+-** – 8.50 [37.Qf3 Qxg5 38.Re1 Rxe1+ 39.Kxe1 f5+- – 4.20] **37...Bf5?+-** – 5.77 [37...Bh3 38.Kg1 Bxg2 39.Qxg2 Qe3+ 40.Qf2 Qxg5+ 41.Qg2 Qh4+- – 10.47 Kevin would be up 3 P's] **0-1**

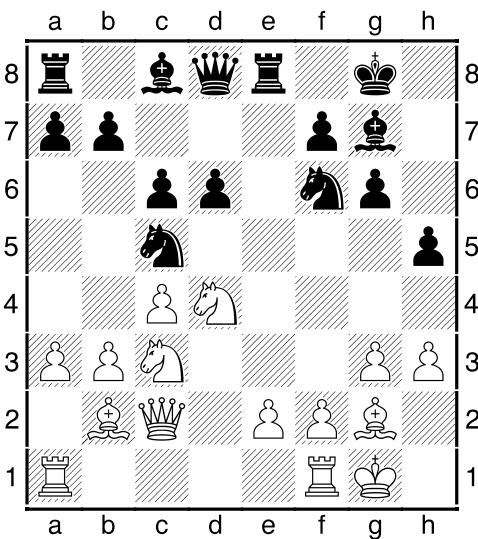
In Rd. 5, Leon defeated a somewhat stronger IM, with a good K-side attack/mate. Here is his game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Recuero Guerra, David (2481) – Piasetski, Leon (2280) [A00]

33 Open Internacional Ciudad de San Seb Donostia-San Sebastián (5.1), 01.04.2010

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.g3= [3.Bf4 d5 4.Nc3 Bg7±] 3...Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5?!= [7...c6 8.a4 Re8=] 8.b3?!= [8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Be3 e4±] 8...Re8 9.Qc2 exd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5 11.Bb2 c6 12.a3 h5?!= launching a K-side attack [12...Qe7 13.e4 Nfd7=] 13.h3?!= Recuero needs to counter on the Q-side [13.b4 Ne6 14.Nf3 Nc7±]**

Position after 13.h3?!



**13...h4!** sacking a P to open lines [13...Qe7 14.Rad1 h4 15.g4 Nfe4=] **14.gxh4?+-** Recuero goes up a P, but Piasetski gets a "winning" advantage [14.b4 Ncd7 15.g4 Ne5=] **14...Nh5 15.Nf3 Bf5 16.Qd1 Nf4 17.Ra2 Qd7 18.Ng5 Nxh3?+-** -1.66 material equality [18...Bxh3 19.Bf3 Bxf1 20.Kxf1 f6 21.Nge4 Qh3+ 22.Kg1 Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Rxe4! 24.e3 (24.Bxe4?? Re8 25.Qf1 Qg4+ 26.Bg2 Rxe2 27.Bc1 Re1! 28.f3 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Qf5+- – 13.23) 24...Rxe3 25.fxe3 Qg3+ 26.Kf1 Nh3+- – 7.13] **19.Nxh3 Bxh3 20.f3 Bh6?!=** [20...Re3 21.Na4 Nxa4 22.Bxg7 Bxg2 23.Kxg7 24.Qd4+ Re5 25.bxa4 c5+-] **21.b4?!=** [21.e4 a5 22.Bc1 Bg7±] **21...Be3+ 22.Kh2 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Ne6 24.Rh1 Nf4+ 25.Kf1 d5 26.Bc1** – 2.84 [26.cxd5 cxd5 27.h5 Qf5+- – 2.95] **26...Qf5** bringing the Q into the attack **27.Rh2 Rad8 28.Rd2?+-** – 5.85 offering to sac the exchange here is unsound [28.Bxe3 Rxe3 29.Ne4! Ne6 30.Ng3 Qf4+- – 2.71] **28...d4** – 7.20 [28...Bxd2? 29.Bxd2 d4 30.Ne4 d3+- – 5.18] **29.Na4 d3 30.exd3** Recuero goes up a P **30...Bxd2 31.Rxd2??+ giving up control of the h-file leads to mate** [31.Bxd2 Ne2 32.Qxe2 Rxe2 33.Rxe2 Qxf3+ 34.Rf2 Qxd3+ 35.Re2 Qf3+- – 14.13] **31...Qh3+ 32.Kg1 Qg3+ 33.Kf1 Nxd3+-** Recuero resigned. [a faster

mate is 33...Rxd3 34.h5 (34.Rxd3?? Qg2#) 34...Rxf3+ 35.Qxf3 Re1#] It is mate **34.Qe2 Rxe2 35.Rxe2 Qxf3+ 36.Kg1 Nf4 37.Re8+ Rxe8 38.Bxf4 Re1+ 39.Kh2 Rh1# 0-1**

### Philadelphia Open, USA

125 players took part from 31st March to 4th April. Among the participants were 15 Grandmasters and 13 International Masters.

( from Susan Polgar Blog ) America's youngest GM Ray Robson just tied for 1st in Philadelphia with GMs Gata Kamsky, Alex Stripunsky, and Sergey Kudrin with 7/9. He defeated veteran GM Nick DeFirmian in the final round to earn a share at the top

### Toronto Open, Hart House, U of T

This 6-round swiss, in 5 sections ( with additional class prizes for U 2300 and U 1400 ), was played April 2-4. It attracted 126 participants. Bryan Lamb ( SCC member ) was TD. The winners were ( from report by Alex Ferreira, organizer – also SCC member ):

#### **Open**

1st - IM David Cummings - 5.0/6

2nd & 3rd - GM Bator Sambuev & Roman Sapozhnikov - 4.5/6

U2300 Prize - David Filipovich & Liam Henry ( former SCC member ) - 3.5/6

Very competitive at the top. IM Cummings had to play all the tough competition, conceding draws to Roman Sapozhnikov and GM Bator Sambuev, and winning a tough last-round game against IM Artiom Samsonkin.

#### **U2200**

1st - Michael Kleinman - 4.5/6

2nd - Jesse Wang ( former SCC member ) - 4.0/6

3rd - Stephan Tonakanian, Bernd Hahn & Dalia Kagramanov - 3.5/6

#### **U2000**

1st - Haizhou Xu - 5.5/6

2nd & 3rd - Omar Shah ( former SCC member ) & Michael Song ( SCC junior ) - 4.5/6

#### **U1800**

1st - Ferdinand Cale ( SCC member ) - 5.5/6

2nd - Richard Wing - 4.5/6

3rd - Bruce Dowling, Magas Yusuf ( SCC junior ) , Kevin Wan, Jackie Peng - 4.0/6

## U1600

1st - Jack Ding - 5.5/6

2nd & 3rd - Qiang Li, Michael Rogers ( SCC member ), Hanyuan Ye - 4.5/6

U1400 Prize - Claudio Sottile ( SCC junior ) & Jixin Liu ( SCC junior ) - 4.0/6

Unrated Prize - Derick Twesigye & Griffen Emmaque - 5.0/6

## Team Prize

"The Arts"

Artiom Samsonkin

Haizhou Xu

Roman Sapozhnikov

Michael Kleinman

## SCC'ers at the Toronto Open

28/126 players at the Toronto Open were Scarborough CC members. And there were many former SCC members there as well. Here are a few games submitted by some of the members, that they thought might be interesting to play over.

One of our youngest junior members, Jixin ( Dora ) Liu, defeated Andrew Giblon, rated almost 150 pts. higher, to contribute to her sharing first prize for the U 1400's ( which were included in the U 1600 section ). For this she won \$ 150 ! She played quite even with Andrew throughout, until he inadvertently trapped his R, and had to give up the exchange. Then he got preoccupied with pulling off a fork on two R's, and missed that Jixin had a Royal Fork against him, winning his Q. Here is their game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Liu, Jixin ( Dora ) (1266) – Giblon, Andrew (1403) [B34]**

Toronto Open ( U 1600 ) Toronto (5), 04.04.2010

**1.e4= 0.16 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 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Be2 0-0 8.0-0 d5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.f3?±** for the first time in the game, Andrew gets the advantage [10.e5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Qd4 Qd5=] 10...e6?!= [10...Qc7 11.Qe1 Rb8?±] 11.e5 Nd7 12.f4 Qc7 [12...f6 13.exf6 Qxf6 14.Rb1 Kh8=] 13.Qe1 a5?!± [13...Rb8 14.Na4 (14.Qd2?! f6?±) 14...f6=] 14.Qg3 Ba6 15.h4?± [15.Bxa6 Rxa6 16.Rab1 Raa8±] 15...Bxe2 16.Nxe2 Rab8 [16...c5 17.h5 gxh5?±] 17.Rab1 f6 18.Qh3 [18.Nd4 Nc5 19.Qh3 fxe5 20.fxe5 Bxe5?±] 18...Rbe8 [18...fxe5 19.Qxe6+ Kh8?±] 19.Nd4 Kf7?± Jixin gets a " clear " advantage [19...Nc5 20.h5 fxe5 21.fxe5 Qxe5?±] 20.exf6?= Dora follows up the attack wrongly, and loses her advantage [20.h5 gxh5 21.f5 Nc5 22.Nxe6 Nxe6 23.fxe6+ Rxe6±] 20...Nxf6 21.Nf3 Kg8 22.Ng5?!± [22.Bc5 Nh5 (22...Rf7? 23.Ng5 Ne4 24.Nxf7 Qxf7±) 23.g3 (23.Bxf8?! Nxf4 24.Qg4 Rxf8?±) 23...Rf5=] 22...Qd7??± leaving the f8R trapped, and giving Jixin back a " clear " advantage [22...Qd6 23.a3 a4?±] 23.Bc5 h6 24.Bxf8 Kxf8?!±+– Jixin is up the exchange and gets a " winning " advantage [24...Bxf8 25.Nf3 Bc5+ 26.Kh1 Ne4±] 25.Nf3 1.96 [25.Rbe1! Kg8 26.Nxe6 Bh8+– 2.22] 25...Ne4 26.Kh2?!± [26.Qg4 Qf7 27.Ne5 h5 28.Qxg6 Qxg6 29.Nxg6+ Kf7+–] 26...Qe7?!±– [26...Kg8 27.g3 Qf7±] 27.Qg4 Qf6 28.Ne5 Nd2??+– 8.55 Andrew

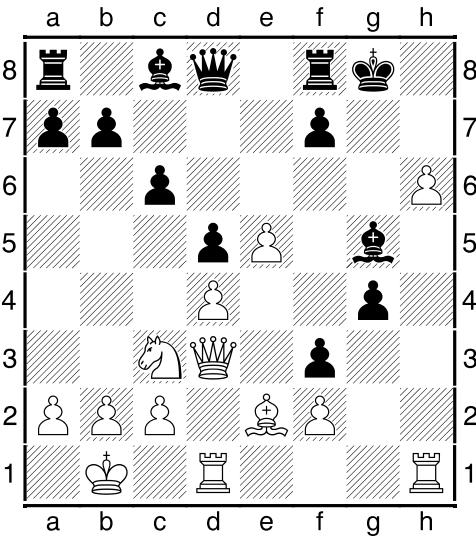
misses the Royal Fork threatened, likely preoccupied by his own pending fork of the 2 R's; this game contributed to Jiaxin sharing the U 1400 1st Prize.[28...Kg8 29.Rbe1 Kh7+- 1.46] **1-0**

In Round 4, I played junior Mike Ivanov, who plays some casual chess sometimes at Willowdale Chess Club. He attacked my Pirc Defence right out of the starting block with 10.h4. The opening got a little crazy then, with me pushing my K-side pawns. Then Mike decided to sack his B for 2 of the K-side P's and an attack. I withstood the pressure though and at move 29 I had a " slight " advantage. But the first time control was at move 30, and I had about 5 minutes left, and made what I thought was a safe defensive move – but it was a lemon, and Mike got back a " winning " advantage. He again applied the pressure to my K-side and won my B, ending up up a P with 2 connected, passed P's on my K-side. I eventually caved in. Here is my game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Ivanov, Michael (1806) – Armstrong, Robert (1736)

Toronto Open ( U 2000 ) Toronto (4), 03.04.2010

**1.e4=** 0.16 **1...g6±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Modern/Pirc, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nf3 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Be3 0-0?!**± Mike gets a " clear " advantage [6...Ng4 7.Bd2 e5±] **7.Qd2 Ng4 8.0-0-0?**= [8.Bf4 c5 (8...e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Bg3 Qxd2+ 11.Nxd2 Nc6 12.Nd5 Bd7 13.0-0-0 Rfd8±) 9.dxc5 dxc5 10.Nd5 Nc6±] **8...Nxe3 9.Qxe3 c6 10.h4 h5** [10...b5 11.h5 g5=] **11.Nh2 Nd7?!**± [11...b5 12.g4 b4 13.Nb1 hxg4 14.Be2 Qa5 15.Nxg4 Bxg4 16.Bxg4 c5=] **12.g4** wanting to open some files **12...hxg4?+–** Mike gets a " winning " advantage [12...e5 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.f4 Qb6 15.Qg3 Bxc3 16.Qxc3 Qf2 17.gxh5 Qxf4+ 18.Kb1 Qxe4 19.Bd3 Qe5±] **13.Nxg4 Nf6?+–** 2.68 [13...Nb6 14.Nh6+ Kh7 15.h5 g5 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.exf5 (17.h6?! Bf6 18.exf5 d5±) 17...d5+– 1.66] **14.Nxf6+ exf6 15.Be2 f5 16.h5 g5?+–** 3.05 [16...fxe4 17.Nxe4 Bf5 18.h6 Bf6+– 1.55] **17.h6 f4 18.Qf3 Bf6 19.e5?+–** 1.71 [19.Kb1 Qe7 20.h7+ Kh8+– 2.43] **19...g4 20.Qe4 d5 21.Qd3 Bg5 22.Kb1 f3**



**23.Bxf3!** Mike correctly sacs – his position deteriorates badly if he doesn't [23.Bf1?! Bh4 24.Rh2 b5±] **23...gxf3 24.Qxf3** I am up B vs 2 P's, but losing because of Mike's attacking possibilities **24...Kh7?+–** 3.77 [24...Kh8 25.Rdg1 Be6+– 2.38] **25.Rdg1 Be6?+–** 4.57 [25...Kh8 26.h7 f6+– 3.57] **26.Qd3+ Kh8 27.Qg3?+–** 1.58 [27.f4 f6 (27...Bh4 28.Rg7 f5 29.exf6 Bg8 30.h7 Bf7 31.Rxh4 Qxf6+– 6.44; 27...Be7?? 28.Rg7 f5 29.exf6 Bg8 30.h7 Bf7 31.Qg3 Bg6 32.Qxg6 Bxf6

33.Rg8+ Rxg8 34.hxg8Q#) 28.Qe3 Rg8 29.fxg5 fxg5+- 3.82] **27...Rg8 28.Rh5?±** Mike is losing his advantage [28.f4 Bh4 29.Qf3 Qd7+-] **28...f6 29.Ne2?±** for the first time in the game, I get the advantage [29.h7?! Rg7 30.Ne2 Bh6 31.Qf3 Rxg1+ 32.Nxg1 Bg7=; 29.Rhh1 Bd2 30.Qd3 Rxg1+ 31.Rxg1 Bxc3 32.Rg7 Bg8 33.Qg3 Qf8 34.bxc3 Re8±] **29...Rc8?+-** 3.70 I had only 5 min. to the first time control ( 30 moves ), and felt rushed, and made what I thought was a safe defensive move, and it was a lemon. I missed totally that my B was trapped. I give Mike back his won game. [Mike pointed out the following move in the post-mortem 29...Bd2 30.Qd3 Rxg1+ 31.Nxg1 Qg8 32.Nf3 Bf4 33.Rh1 Qh7±] **30.f4 Bf7 31.Rhh1 fxe5?+-** 4.97 [31...Bg6 32.fxg5 fxg5 33.Nc1 Be4 34.Rh2 c5+- 3.09] **32.fxg5** Mike is up a P, with 2 advanced, connected, passed P's **32...e4 33.Qe5?+-** 4.38 [33.Nf4 Bg6 34.Ne6 Qe7 35.Qe5+ Kh7+- 6.23] **33...Kh7 34.Nf4 Bg6?+-** 5.87 [34...Qc7 35.Qf6 Bg6+- 3.90] **35.Rf1?+-** 3.79 [35.Ne6 Qe8 36.Rf1 Rd8 37.Qg7+! (37.Nf8+ Qxf8 38.Qc7+ Kh8 39.Rxf8 Rdx8 40.Qxb7 e3+- 6.18) 37...Rxg7 38.hxg7+ Bh5 39.Rf6 Ra8+- 6.77] **35...Qd7?+-** 6.73 [35...Qc7 36.Qf6 (36.Qg7+? Rxg7 37.hxg7+ Kg8 (37...Kxg7 38.Ne6+ Kg8 39.Nxc7 39...Rxc7+- 2.22) 38.Ne6 Qxg7 39.Nxg7 Kxg7+- 2.02) 36...Qf7+- 3.91] **36.Ne6?+-** 7.32 I resigned. The pressure will eventually convert to a win. The game could have continued **36...Qe8 37.Rh4** [37.Qg7+? Rxg7 38.hxg7+ Bh5 39.Rf6 a6 40.Rh6+ Kg8 41.R1xh5 Kf7+- 7.24] **37...a6+-** 16.52 1-0

In Rd. 2 in the U 2200 section, SCC member, expert Brian Fiedler, played Master Ilia Bluvshtein ( father of Can. GM Mark Bluvshtein ). The game was an interesting draw – here it is ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Bluvshtein, Ilia (2216) – Fiedler, Brian (2161) [B06]**

Toronto Open ( u 2200 ) Toronto (2), 02.04.2010

**1.e4=** 0.16 **1...g6±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Modern/Pirc, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.f4 c6 5.Nf3 Bg4?±** Ilia gets a " clear " advantage [5...d5 6.Be2 Nf6±] **6.Be3 Qb6 7.Qd2 Bxf3 8.gxf3 Nd7 9.0-0-0 Qa5** [9...0-0-0 10.Rg1 Qa5±] **10.f5 b5 11.Kb1 Rb8 12.f4?±** [12.Bd3 c5 13.Bf1 c4±] **12...Ngf6 13.e5** [13.Qg2 Bh6 14.e5 b4±] **13...b4 14.Ne2 Ne4** [14...Nd5 15.Ka1 gxf5±] **15.Qd3 gxf5** Brian goes up a P **16.Rg1 Bf8 17.Ka1?!=** Ilia has lost his advantage [17.Qc4 e6 18.Qxc6 Qb6±] **17...d5 18.Ng3 e6 19.Nh5?+-** Brian gets a " winning " advantage [19.Nxe4 fxe4 20.Qd2 c5=] **19...c5?±** [19...Nc3! 20.Qa6 (20.bxc3?? bxc3 21.Qa6 Qb4 22.Qc8+ Rxc8 23.Rb1 Qa4+- 10.29) 20...Qxa6 21.Bxa6 Nxd1 22.Rxd1 Rg8+- 3.45] **20.dxc5 Ndxc5 21.Bxc5 Bxc5 22.Rg7?!!+-** 1.64 [22.Rg2 b3 (22...Nf2?! 23.Nf6+ Ke7 24.Nxd5+! exd5 25.Qxf5 (25.Qxd5? Rhd8 26.Qd6+ Bxd6 27.exd6+ Rxd6 28.Rb1 Ne4+- 14.75) 25...Nxd1 26.Rg7 Rhf8± (26...Rbf8?!=) ) 23.cxb3 Nf2 24.Qd2 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 Ne4±] **22...b3?±** [22...Nf2 23.Qe2 b3 24.cxb3 Nxd1 25.Qxd1 Rxb3±] **23.cxb3 Nf2 24.Qd2 Qxd2 25.Rxd2 Ne4 26.Rc2 Kf8!±** [26...Ke7 27.Ba6 Rhg8 28.Rxg8 Rxg8±] **27.b4?+-** [27.a3 Bb6 (27...Rxb3?? 28.Bg2 Rb5 29.Bxe4 fxe4 30.b4 e3 (30...Bb6?? 31.Rc8+ Ke7 32.Rxh8+- 11.16) 31.Rxc5 Rxc5 32.bxc5 Ke7+- 2.99) 28.Ka2 Ke7±] **27...Rxb4** Brian goes up a P **28.a3** – 1.45 [28.Be2 Rb8 29.Ba6 Bb6+- 1.68; 28.Kb1 Ke7 29.a3 Rb3+- 1.56] **28...Rb8 29.b4 Bb6 30.Kb2 Ke7 31.a4** – 1.77 [31.Ba6 h6 32.Kb3 Rbg8+- 1.41] **31...Rbc8 32.Rgg2 Bd4+?±** [32...Rxc2+ 33.Rxc2 Rg8+-] ½-½

### **Toronto Closed – Championship Section**

Congratulations to the new Toronto champion, Victor Plotkin !!  
Here are the final standings:

1. Victor Plotkin - 7.5/8
2. Arthur Calugar - 6.5/8
3. Michael Barron - 5.5/8
4. Michael Kleinman - 5/8
5. Roman Sapozhnikov - 4.5/7 ( one game outstanding )

6. Ruperto Frilles ( former SCC Member ) - 3.5/8
5. Michael Kimelman - 3/7 ( one game outstanding )
6. Wajdy Shebetah 3/8
7. Erwin Casareno ( SCC Member ) - 2.5/8
8. Vladimir Semyonov - 2/8

## **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

### **Michael Song**



Michael – on the right

I started playing chess when I was about 6 years old. I was introduced to chess when my dad came up to me and told me a game called chess that he learned in his high school. On Christmas, my mom got me a chess set and my dad and I read the instructions. I became interested in chess. We played a lot together on a beach in Vancouver. The first time I played in a tournament in London, Ontario at age 7. When my dad had a job in Albany we played chess on MSN.

The reasons I play chess is that first of all it's fun! (or maybe I'm just a geek!) It gives your brain a challenge and I like calculating tough lines and variations. And sometimes you win money! ( not often though ) My favourite part is when you get to say CHECKMATE!

I love to play at the SCC. Really! I like playing with people that are more experienced than me ( there sure are a lot! ) It gives you a challenge. And I learn a lot from these games. And they have hot chocolate! Yeah. But the main reason I like the SCC is that I can hang out with my friends and play fun games. I have been a member of the SCC since I was 8. I was about 1300 at that time.

I would like to be a GM when I grow up. World Champion would be nice, but it is very unlikely to happen. But that doesn't mean that I am not going to try. But my goal as a young chess player is to go to the WYCC and get top 5.

My favourite player is our very own ...  
Bob Armstrong! I like him because he always is in a happy mood, whether he wins or loses. And he always encourages me and enjoys playing with me, and when I'm losing, he walks by and smiles at me to make me feel better. And he sends me e-mails including games with analysis and articles.

I took chess courses from Sofi Polgar, Roman Pelts and David Peng. I study from books and magazines and analyze Grandmasters' games on ICC. I also watch and enjoy videos on ICC where we have a full analysis of GM 's games from recent tournaments.

My highest rating that I hit was 1863 and my current rating is 1858.

The best tournament results that I had were the 2009 Toronto Labour Day Open and the 2009 Toronto Thanksgiving Open. I got 5/6 ( clear first ) in the Toronto Labour Day Open, and 5.5/6 ( T- first ) at Thanksgiving. I got 450 dollars from that tournament. Then at the Thanksgiving Open, I won 5 games and drew with a guy called Fernadino Supsup in the nail-biting game for first. I got about \$150. In these two successful tournaments that I had, I boosted my rating by about 200 points.

At the SCC when I was 8, I always got pressurized playing with so many people. So if I was losing by let's say a pawn. I would start crying. Even when I was winning by a bishop in one of my games, I couldn't stand the pressure and resigned. Laugh if you want. I find it funny myself as well now. But I got so depressed that I almost quit chess. But then I thought that my whole life so far has been about chess. If I quit, I would have wasted 3 years of my childhood and a lot of money. The other incident that I just had happened was in July 2009. I was in the CYCC in Victoria, B.C., desperately needing a win. If I won I would guarantee a spot into the WYCC. I was up 2 rooks for 2 bishops and I had an extra pawn. And I blundered a rook and lost the game. Then I went to the hotel, cried for half an hour and told myself, there's always next year.

Just a few things about myself. My favourite sport is basketball. I like to play online computer games that are violent. I go to Denlow P.S. I enjoy learning how to play the violin. But there is another thing I like learning and that is chess!

Thank you for reading about me.

[ Thanks to Michael for his nice comments – I got to be my jovial self once again, as Michael defeated me at the recent Toronto Open !! ]

## **Rick's Chess Trivia**

( questions/presentations researched by Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, SCC member, Orillia CC President )

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the **question**:

In all of Fischer's U.S Championships (he won each one that he played in), he played a grand total of 90 games. Of those 90 games, how many did he lose?

**The Answer:** CFC Governor Ken Craft, who has also been the winner a few previous times, gave the correct answer and gets the bragging rights this Issue.

Rick's answer is **3**

Amazingly, Fischer lost only three total games in his eight U.S. Championships.

**Today's Trivia Question** is:

In the 1963-64 U.S Championship, Fischer played 11 games, one game each against Reshevsky, Evans, Benko, R Byrne, D Byrne, Saidy, Weinstein, Bisguier, Addison, Mednis, and Steinmeyer. Fischer's score was an amazing... (wins, draws, losses)

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](mailto: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](mailto:rickgarel@gmail.com)

**Chess Movie Review - 'Joueuse' ('Queen to Play')**

( Written and copyright 2010 by David Cohen )

'Joueuse' ('Queen to Play'), 2009, is a film from France (sub-titled in English) now available on DVD. It is beautifully filmed in Corsica, where the story takes place. The queen of the film's title is a wife and mother who works as a cleaning lady at the local hotel for tourists. The film is very slow, and we spend a lot of time watching her daily monotonous routine. She is bored. She finds her challenge in life by accident, when she is intrigued by a couple playing chess on their hotel room's balcony. Initially, she wants to play with her husband, but he is not interested. At night, she becomes restless and practices against a chess computer (remember those?!). She supplements her income by cleaning house for a widow. When she discovers a chess set in his home, she trades him her cleaning services for chess lessons and practice. Throughout the film, her expressions and body movements during her chess games are very well acted. We see her gaining confidence over time, as her play improves. The film ends with some nonsense literary devices (it's based on a book). But the competition she enters, although producing unrealistic results for such a novice, is well staged with the help of the French Chess Federation.

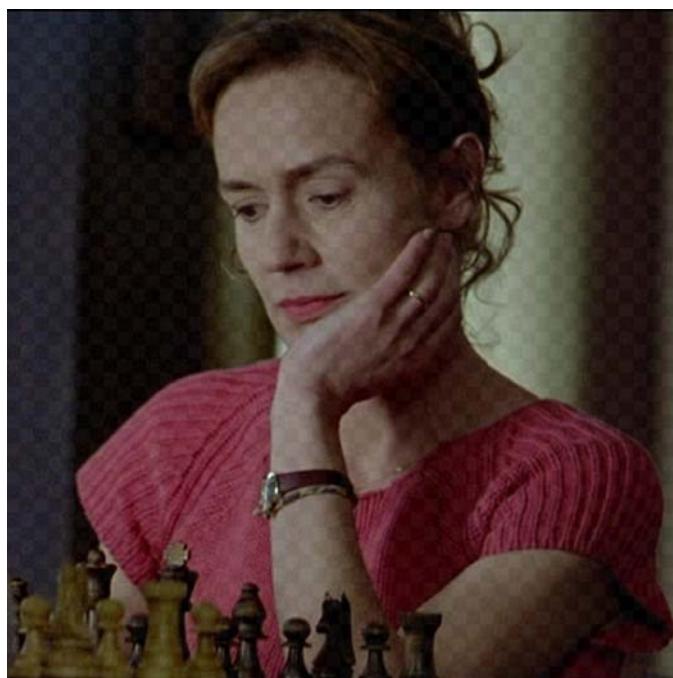


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## **SCC Jack Frost Swiss**

Open to SCC members only

No field limit

Two sections (Open and U1700)

January 7 – February 11

Entry Fee: None

Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb

Time control: G/90

Rounds: 6

Type: Swiss

60 players showed up the Open section. It was headed by 8 masters ( ! ) and 4 experts. 23 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of 83 players is the highest we've had since the start of the millennium ( though we had 82 players for the Howard Ridout at the start of this season ). Our new location has a maximum capacity of about 100 players, and so our space problem is solved for the foreseeable future.

The winners were:

### Open Section:

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – 5 pts. - Master Andrei Moffat; expert Bill Peng

4<sup>th</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> – 4.5 pts. - Master Hacat Kevork; WIM Yuanling Yuan; Jim Paterson; Pino Verde

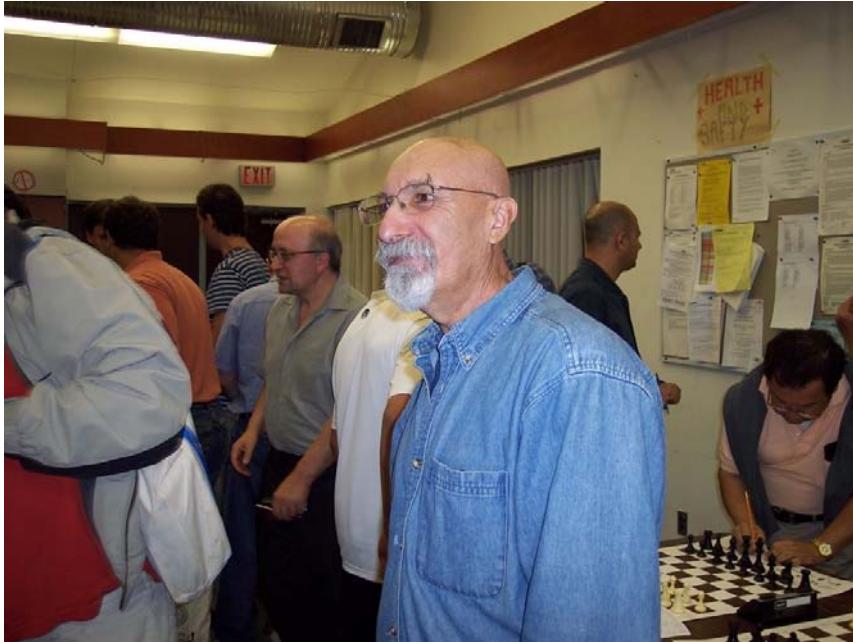
### U 1700 Section:

1<sup>st</sup> – 5 pts. – Zaidun al Ganabi

2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – 4.5 pts.- Maurice Smith; John Walker; Michael Rogers

Games are collected each week ( handing in the white original score sheet is mandatory, and the player gets to keep the yellow carbon copy ) and put into the tournament database by myself and Ken Kurkowski. But distribution and publication of games under the SCC Policy on the Games Database is delayed until the end of the tournament, so no games from this tournament have yet been published. If you are interested in finding out about this new policy, just e-mail me at [bobarm@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobarm@sympatico.ca) and I will forward to you the new policy. So in this Issue, the last Issue, and the next 4 issues, we are presenting some of the more interesting games from various rounds. In this Issue, we see some games from round 5.

In the Open section, “ sac-a-piece “ Pino Verde



restrained his rampant impulses, didn't sac, and defeated his first master ever in his life, the dubious distinction going to master John Hall ( 436 pt. rating difference ).....and on Pino's birthday !! John had the advantage for the first 2/3 of the game. Then Pino got the advantage until they went into a difficult King + Pawns ending. Then the :" winning " advantage started going back and forth like a ping pong ball, as both made inaccurate moves. Pino eventually triumphed. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

**Hall, John (2260) – Verde, Pino (1824) [A55]**

Scarborough CC Jack Frost ( Open ) Toronto (5), 04.02.2010

[Round "5"] [White "Hall John"] [Black "Verde Pino"] [Result "0-1"] 1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d6± [2...e6=] 3.c4 [3.Nc3 Bf5 4.Bf4 Nc6±] 3...Nbd7 [3...e6 4.Nc3 Nbd7±] 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 [5.e3 exd4 6.exd4 d5±] 5...Be7 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8 [8...Qb6 9.d5 Nc5±; 8...Qc7 9.h3 Re8±] 9.Rd1?!= [9.d5 a5 10.Be3 Ng4 11.Bd2 Nc5±] 9...Qc7?!= [9...Qb6 10.h3 exd4 11.Nxd4 Qc7±] 10.Rb1?!= [10.d5 a5 11.Nh4 Nb6±] 10...a5?!= [10...exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5=] 11.a3?!= [11.d5 a4 12.b3 axb3 13.axb3 Nf8±] 11...exd4 12.Nxd4 Ne5?!= [12...a4] 13.h3 Bd7 14.Be3 Qc8?!= John gets a " clear " advantage [14...Ng6 15.Re1 Bf8±] 15.Nf5?!= [15.g4 h5 16.f4 hxg4 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.exf5 gxh3±] 15...Bxf5 16.exf5 d5?!= [16...Qc7 17.Re1 h6±] 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Rbc1 Nc4?!=+ John gets a " winning " advantage [18...Qd7 19.Bb5 Nc6±] 19.Bd4 [19.Nxd5? Nxd5 20.Bxc4 Nxe3 21.fxe3 Qb8±] 19...Nd6 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Nxd5 John goes up a P 21...Qxc2 22.Nxf6+ gxf6 23.Rxc2 Nxf5 material equality 24.Rd7?!= [24.Bg4 Nh6 25.Bd7 Rad8 26.Rcd2 Re5?+–] 24...Rad8 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Bg4 Nd6 27.Rc7 f5 28.Bf3 Kg7 29.Kh2?!= John is losing his advantage [29.b3 h6 30.Rc5 Ra8±] 29...Kf6?!= [29...a4 30.Kg3 b5±] 30.Kg3 b5 31.Kf4?!= [31.Rc6 Ke7 32.Rc5 Rc8±] 31...Nc4 32.Rc6+ Rd6 [32...Kg7 33.Rc5 Rd4+±] 33.Rxd6+ Nxd6 34.Be2 h6 [34...b4 35.f3 b3 36.g4 fxg4 37.fxg4 h6±] 35.Bd3 [35.b4?! a4 36.Ke3 Ke5=] 35...Ke6 36.g3 b4 37.axb4 axb4 38.h4 [38.b3 Kd5 39.Ke3 Ke5±] 38...Kd5 39.Ke3??+ this should give Pino a passed P; for the first time in the game, Pino gets the advantage, a " clear " advantage [39.b3 Kd4 40.Be2 Kc3 41.Ke5 Ne4±] 39...Nc4+ 40.Bxc4+?!=+ John avoids Pino getting the passed P, but Pino gets a " winning " advantage [40.Ke2 Nxb2 41.Bxf5 b3] 40...Kxc4 41.Kd2?+– 6.89 [41.Kf4 Kb3 42.Kxf5 Kxb2?+ – 5.48] 41...h5??± John gets a " clear " advantage [41...Kb3

42.Kc1 Ka2 43.Kc2 b3+ 44.Kc3 h5-+] **42.Kc2?=** [42.f3 Kd4 43.Ke2 Kd5 44.Ke3 Ke5±] **42...b3+??+-** John gets a " winning " advantage [42...f4 43.gxf4 f5=] **43.Kd2 Kd4 44.Ke2?!** [44.f3 Ke5 45.Kd3 f4 46.g4 hxg4 47.fxg4 f3 48.Ke3 f2 49.Kxf2 Kf4+-] **44...f6??+-** John gets back a " winning " advantage [44...f4 45.gxf4 Ke4 46.Kd2 Kxf4 47.Kc3 Kg4 48.Kxb3 Kxh4 49.Kc2 Kg4!] **45.Kd2??+-** Pino gets back a " winning " advantage [45.f3 Kc4 46.Kd2 Kd4 47.Ke2 Kc4 48.g4 hxg4 49.h5 gxf3+ 50.Kxf3 Kd3 51.h6 Kc2 52.h7 Kxb2 53.h8Q Ka3+-] **45...Ke4 46.Ke2 f4 47.f3+ Kf5 48.Kf2?+-** - 7.87 [48.gxf4 Kxf4 49.Kf2 f5+- - 7.10] **48...fxg3+ 49.Kxg3 Ke5 50.Kf2 Kf4 51.Ke2 Kg3 52.Ke3 f5 53.f4 Kg4 54.Kd4 Kxf4** Pino goes up a P **55.Kc4 Ke3 56.Kxb3** material equality, but John is lost **56...f4 57.Kc2?+-** - 10.43 [57.Kc4 f3 58.Kd5 Kd3 (58...f2? 59.Ke6 f1Q+- - 35.77) ] **57...f3 58.Kd1 f2+-** mate in 10 moves **0-1**

In the Open Section on 2<sup>nd</sup> board, two of our masters dueled it out. Master Kevork Hacat, a returning SCC member from when he was a junior, kept the advantage the first while against former SCC Champion, Erwin Casareno,



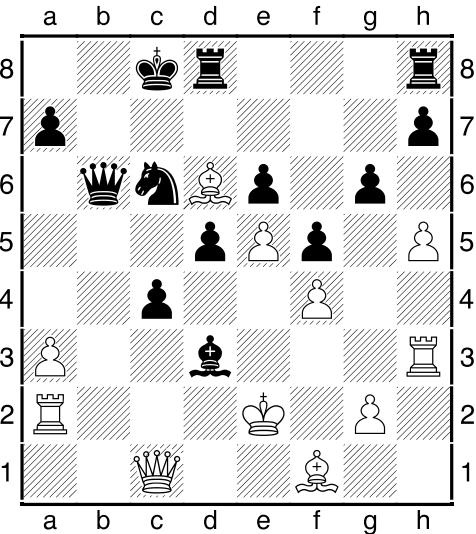
though he did miss a couple of opportunities to win material. Erwin's position was cramped, and so he correctly decided to sac the exchange to free up his game. Next Erwin missed a rather long mate. The advantage then swung back and forth between them, until Erwin, still down the exchange, ended up with 3 passed P's ( two connected ). Erwin went on to win. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Casareno, Erwin (2204) – Hacat, Kevork (2209) [C18]**

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**1.e4=** 0.N16 **1...e6±** [1...e5= for Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the French, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Qc7?!**± Erwin gets a " clear " advantage [6...Ne7 7.Qg4 0-0±] **7.Qg4 f5** [7...Ne7 8.Qxg7 Rg8 9.Qxh7 cxd4 10.Ne2 dxc3±] **8.Qh5+ g6 9.Qe2?=** [9.Qd1 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qc3+ 11.Bd2 Qxd4±] **9...cxd4** Kevork goes up a P **10.c4 b5** [10...Nc6 11.Nf3 Nge7=] **11.Nf3 bxc4 12.Nxd4 Ne7 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.Be3??+-** a blunder – this loses the N; Kevork gets a " winning " advantage [14.Qe3?! Nec6 15.Bc3 Nxd4 16.Bxd4 Qc7!; 14.Bc3 0-0 15.Qd2 Nbc6=] **14...Qb2?!**± Kevork misses winning the N [14...f4 15.Bd2 Qxd4+- Kevork would be up an N] **15.Qd1 Qc3+ 16.Ke2 Nbc6** [16...f4 17.Bxf4 0-0!] **17.f4 Nxd4+?!**± Kevork is losing his advantage [17...Rb8 18.Ra2 Rb2 19.Rxb2 Qxb2!] **18.Bxd4 Qa5 19.h4?!**± [19.Qd2 Qc7 20.Rb1 g5 21.Kf2 Nc6!] **19...Bd7?!**± [19...Nc6 20.Kf2 h6!] **20.h5?!**± [20.Qd2 Qa4 21.Kf2 Nc6!] **20...0-0-0?!**± [20...g5 21.fxg5 Nc6!] **21.Rh3?!**± [21.Qd2 Qb5 22.Kf2 Nc6!] **21...Ba4** [21...Nc6 22.Be3 Qa4!] **22.Bc3?!**± Kevork gets back his " winning " advantage [22.Qd2 Qb5 23.Kd1 Nc6!] **22...Qa6 23.Bb4 Nc6 24.Bd6** – 2.75 [24.Kd2 d4 25.Bd6 g5-+ – 2.19] **24...Bxc2 25.Qc1 –**

3.08 [25.Qxc2?? Nd4+-+ – 7.50] 25...Qb6 26.Ra2 Bd3+?!† [26...Be4 27.Ke1 gxh5 28.Rb2 Qg1-+]



27.Rxd3! Erwin correctly sacks the exchange to free up his position [27.Ke1?! Bxf1 28.Kxf1 gxh5 29.Rb2 Qa6 30.Kf2 Rd7-+] 27...cxd3+ Kevork is up the exchange + 2 P's 28.Kf3 Kd7?!† Kevork is again losing his advantage [28...Rxd6! 29.exd6 Kd7 30.Bxd3 g5-+] 29.Rb2 Nd4+?!= Kevork has lost his advantage [29...Qa6 30.Qb1 Qa5#] 30.Kg3 Rc8 31.Qb1 Nb3??+- a blunder leading to mate; Erwin gets a "winning" advantage [31...Qa5 32.Bxd3 Kd8+- 1.71] 32.Qxd3?!† Erwin misses the mate [32.Rxb3 Qe3+ 33.Kh2 (33.Kh4?? g5+ 34.Kxg5 Qg3+ 35.Kh6 Qxf4+ 36.Kg7 Qg5+ 37.Kf7 Qxh5+ 38.Kf6 Qg6#) 33...Qxf4+ 34.g3 Qd2+ 35.Bg2 Kc6 36.a4 a6+- mate in 8 moves] 32...Nc1?!+- [32...d4 33.Rxb3 Qxb3 34.Qxb3 Rc3+ 35.Qxc3 dxc3±] 33.Rxb6 Nxd3 34.Rb7+?= Erwin has lost his advantage [34.Ra6 Rhg8 35.Rxa7+ Kc6+-] 34...Kc6 35.Rxa7?!† Kevork gets a "clear" advantage [35.Rb1 Nc5 36.Rc1 Kb6=] 35...Nb2 36.Ba6 Kb6?!† now Erwin gets back a "clear" advantage [36...Rcg8 37.Be2 (37.Rb7 Nc4 38.Rc7+ Kb6 39.Bxc4 dxc4 40.Rxc4 gxh5+ 41.Kh3 Rg4-+) 37...Nc4†] 37.Bxc8 Kxa7?+- Erwin gets a "winning" advantage; Kevork is still up the exchange. [37...Rxc8 38.Re7 gxh5 39.Rxe6 Rg8+ 40.Kf3 h4±] 38.Bxe6 gxh5 39.Bxd5 Kevork is up the exchange, but Erwin has a P compensation (and now has 2 passed P's) 39...Nd3 40.Be6?+- 2.48 [40.e6 Kb6 41.e7 Rc8 42.Kh4 Nf2 43.Be6 Re8 44.Bd7 Rg8 45.Bxf5 Kc6 46.Bb4 Rh8 47.Kxh5 Nd1+- 9.00] 40...h4+ 41.Kf3 Ne1+ 42.Kf2 Nd3+ 43.Ke3 Ne1 44.Bc5+ Kb8 45.Bxf5+- 3.68 Kevork is up the exchange, but Erwin has 2 P's compensation (including 2 connected, passed P's); more moves were played in time pressure but not recorded. Erwin won. **1-0**

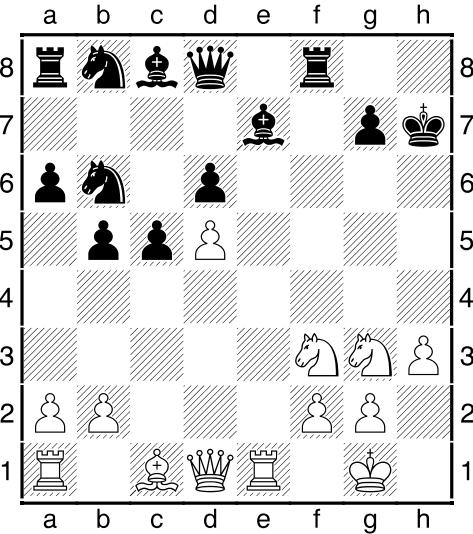
In the Open Section, Sam Haziprodromu carried out a dubious B-sac against the K of junior Kevin Zhou, and then immediately after that an exchange sac. But he eventually managed to get 4 P's for a R. In the end, he mated Kevin, whose K had been denuded of any pawn protection. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

### Haziprodromu, Sam (1916) – Zhou, Kevin (1903) [C92]

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1.e4= 0.16 1...e5 for Fritz, the only equalizing move 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5?!† [6...d6 7.Bxc6+ bxc6=] 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3?!= [9.d4 Bg4 10.Qd3 exd4 11.cxd4 Nb4±] 9...Na5 10.Bc2 c5 11.d3 Nd7 12.Nbd2 Nb6 13.Nf1 f5?!† [13...Be6 14.Ne3 Rc8=] 14.exf5 Bxf5 15.Ng3 Bc8?!† Sam gets a "clear" advantage [15...Bg6 16.d4 Bxc2 17.Qxc2 cxd4 18.cxd4

exd4 19.Nxd4 Bf6±] 16.d4 exd4 17.cxd4 Nc6 18.d5?= [18.Qd3 g6 19.Bh6 Rxf3! 20.Qxf3 Nxd4±] 18...Nb8?± [18...Nb4 19.Be4 Bb7=] 19.Bxh7+?± an unsound sac; Kevin gets the advantage [19.Qd3 g6 20.Bh6 Rf7±] 19...Kxh7 Kevin is up B vs P



20.Rxe7! this exchange sac is sound; Sam goes for an attack 20...Qxe7 Kevin is up R vs P 21.Ng5+ Kg8 22.Qh5 g6 23.Qxg6+ Kevin is up R vs 2 P's 23...Qg7 24.Qxd6 Kevin is up R vs 3 P's 24...Qf6 25.Qxc5 Kevin is up R vs 4 P's 25...N8d7?+– Sam gets a "winning" advantage [25...Qg6 26.h4 N8d7±] 26.Qc2 26...Qg7 27.Ne6 Qf7 28.Bh6 28...Nxd5 Kevin is up R vs 3 P's [28...Qxf2+ 29.Kh2 Qf6 30.Bxf8 Qc3 31.bxc3 Nxf8±] 29.Nxf8??= Sam has lost his advantage [29.Ng5 Nb4 30.Qe4 Bb7 31.Qxb7 Qxf2+ 32.Kh2 Qb6 33.Qxb6 Nxb6 34.Bxf8 Rxf8+– Sam would be up 2 P's] 29...Nxf8 Kevin has N vs 3 P's 30.Re1 [30.Bxf8 Kxf8 31.a4 b4=] 30...Qg6?+– Kevin gives Sam back the win [30...Ng6 31.h4 Bd7=] 31.Qd2 Bb7 32.Re5 Nf6?+– 7.99 [32...Ne6 33.Rxe6 Qxe6 34.Qg5+ Kf7 35.Qg7+ Ke8 36.Qxb7 Rd8+– 1.87] 33.Re7?+– 3.97 [33.Rg5 Kh7 34.Bxf8 Rd8 35.Rxg6 Rxd2 36.Rg7+ Kh8 37.Rxb7 Kg8+– 9.10 Sam would be up B + 3 P's] 33...Qb1?+– 6.35 [33...Ne6 34.Rxe6 Re8+– 4.48] 34.Kh2 Be4?+– leads to mate in 8 moves [34...Qg6 35.Rg7+ Qxg7 36.Bxg7 Kxg7 37.Nf5+ Kg6+– 8.70] 35.Nxe4?+– 26.57 [35.Qg5+ Bg6 36.Qxf6 Qxb2 37.Qxb2+– mate in 6 moves] 35...Nxe4?+– mate in 4 moves [35...Qxe4 36.Qg5+ Ng6 37.Rxe4 Kf7+– mate in 15 moves] 36.Qd5?+– Kevin resigned. It is mate 36...Kh8 37.Bg7+ Kh7 38.Qh5+ Kg8 39.Qh8# 1-0

On second board in the U 1700 Section, Michael Rogers, who was tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>, played Hassan Pishdad. Hassan went up a P but Michael then won it back. Then Hassan blundered under the pressure of the attack on his King, and Michael chased his King to the side of the board. Hassan had to sac a R to prevent mate, and lost. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

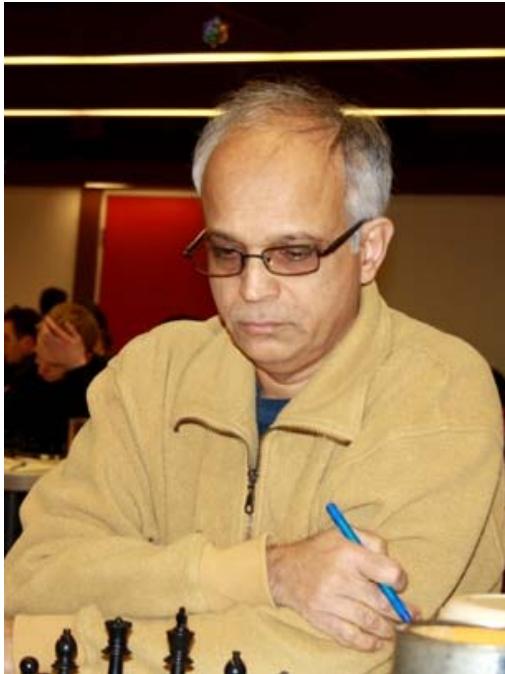
### Rogers, Michael – Pishdad, Hassan [B33]

SCC Jack Frost Swiss (U1700) Toronto (5), 04.02.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.e4= 0.16 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 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 [4...g6 5.Nxc6 bxc6±] 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 [6.Bg5 Nf6 7.Bc4 Be6±] 6...a6 7.Na3 b5?± Michael gets a "clear" advantage [7...Nf6 8.Bg5 Be6 9.Bxf6 gxf6±] 8.Nd5 Be6 [8...Nf6 9.c4 bxc4 10.Bg5 Nd4 11.Nxc4 Bb7±] 9.c3?± [9.Be3 Rc8 10.c4 b4 11.Nc2 Nf6±] 9...Nf6 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.Nxf6+ gxf6 13.Qd2?!= [13.Nc2 d5 14.Bd3 d4±] 13...Qe7?!= [13...d5 14.Rd1 dxe4 15.Qe3 Qc7 16.Bxb5! axb5

17.Nxb5 Qa5 18.Nd6+ Ke7=] **14.Be2 Rd8 15.Qe3?!=** [15.Qh6 d5 16.exd5 Bxd5±] **15...Qa7?±** [15...d5 16.exd5 Bxd5=] **16.Qh6 Ke7?!+–** Michael gets a " winning " advantage [16...Ne7 17.Qxf6 Ng6±] **17.Nc2 Qc5 18.Ne3 Rdg8 19.g4? =** Michael has lost his advantage [19.0-0 Rg6 20.Qh5 Kf8+–] **19...Rg6 20.Qh4** [20.Qh3 b4 21.Nf5+ Bxf5 22.gxf5 Rg7=] **20...Rg5?±** [20...b4 21.Nf5+ Bxf5 22.gxf5 Rg7=] **21.Nf5+? =** [21.Rd1 Kd7 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.Rxd5 Qb6±] **21...Kd7?±** [21...Bxf5 22.gxf5 b4=] **22.0-0-0?!=** [22.Qh6 b4 23.0-0 Rg6±] **22...Bxf5?±** [22...Kc7 23.Kb1 b4=] **23.exf5?!=** [23.Rd5 Qb6 24.gxf5 b4±] **23...Nd4 24.Rhe1?±** for the first time in the game, Hassan gets the advantage, a " clear " advantage [24.Bd3 b4 25.f4 exf4 26.Qh6 bxc3 27.Qxf6 Re8 28.Rhe1 (28.Qxg5?? Qb4 29.Bb5+ axb5 30.Qd8+ Kxd8 31.bxc3 Qxc3+ 32.Kb1 Re2 33.Rd2 Rxd2 34.Rf1 Qb2#) 28...Rgg8=] **24...Nxe2+?±** Michael gets back a " clear " advantage [24...b4 25.Rd3 Qa5 26.Kb1 bxc3 27.Rxc3 Rb8±] **25.Rxe2 Qc4 26.Red2 Qf4?!+–** Michael gets a " winning " advantage again [26...h5 27.Rxd6+ Kc8+–] **27.Qg3?±** [27.f3 Ke8 28.Kb1 h5+–] **27...Rxg4** Hassan goes up a P **28.Qxf4 Rxf4 29.Rxd6+ material equality** **29...Kc7 30.Rd7+?±** Michael is losing his advantage [30.Rxf6 Rf8 31.Rd5 e4±] **30...Kb6?+–** a blunder allowing the K to be chased to the side of the board [30...Kb8 31.Rxf7 Rxf5±] **31.R1d6+ Ka5??+–** Hassan blunders again under the attack pressure – this leads to mate [31...Kc5 32.b4+ Rxb4 33.cxb4+ Kxb4 34.Rxa6 Kc5+– 6.75] **32.b4+ Rxb4** forced **33.cxb4+?±–** 6.63 Michael misses the mate [33.Ra7! Rb1+ 34.Kxb1 b4 35.c4 b3 36.a3 Rb8 37.Raxa6#] **33...Kxb4 34.Rxa6** Michael is up R vs P **34...Rc8+ 35.Kb2 Kc5 36.Rxf6+–** 7.62 Michael is up a R; Hassan resigned. **1-0**

In the U 1700 section, Dinesh Dattani



had his hands full with one of our youngest new members, junior girl Jiaxin Liu. Both rushed to get Q's but Dinesh got their first and mated. Here is the game ( Annotations by Dinesh Dattani, using Fritz ):

### Liu, Jiaxin (1292) – Dattani, Dinesh (1407) [C42]

SCC Jack Frost Swiss (5), 04.02.2010

78MB, Fritz11.ctg, D6KVNN91 C42: Petroff Defence: 3 Nxe5 and unusual White 3rd moves **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.Qe2 Qe7 6.d3 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.Bg5 Qxe2+ 9.Bxe2 Be7 10.0-0-0** [10.Nb5 Kd8 11.0-0-0 Be6 12.Kb1 Kd7 13.h3 Rad8 14.Nbd4 Nxd4 15.Nxd4 Nd5

16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bd2 Nf6 18.Rhe1 e5 19.f4 exf4 20.Bxf4 c6 21.Bf3 d5 22.Re2 Bd6 23.Bxd6 Kxd6  
 24.Rde1 Rde8 Duval,M (1822)-Perez,A (1820)/Angers 2007/CBM 117 ext/0-1 (64) **10...Be6**  
**11.Kb1N** [11.d4 d5 12.Bf4 (12.Rhe1 0-0 13.Bd3 h6 14.Bh4 Rad8 15.Bg3 Bd6 16.Bh4 Be7 17.Bf1  
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 (2460)/Rovno 2000/CBM 076; 11.d4 Nd5=] **11...a6** Controls b5 [11...h6 12.Bc1=] **12.d4 Nd5**  
**13.Bxe7** [13.Rhe1 0-0=] **13...Nxc3+** [13...Ndxe7? seems attractive but will lead to severe  
 problems 14.d5+=] **14.bxc3 Nxe7** [14...Kxe7? 15.d5+=] **15.c4 d5** [15...0-0 16.Kb2=] **16.cxd5**  
 [16.Ng5 Bf5=] **16...Nxd5** **17.Kb2 b5** [17...Nf4?=] **18.Ne5** [18.Rhe1 0-0±] **18...Rb8** DDD: If White  
 plays Nc6, then Black's rook will be paralyzed. With Black's last move, Nc6 will be met with Rb6.  
 Also, the White rook is bearing on the Black K, and I plan to open the b file. [18...Ke7 19.Rhe1±]  
**19.c3** [19.Bf3 Rd8±] **19...0-0** Black castles and improves king safety [19...f6 20.Nc6 Rb6  
 21.Na5=] **20.Bf3 b4** [20...Rfe8!?= should be considered] **21.Bxd5± bxc3+** [21...Bxd5 22.Nd7±]  
**22.Kxc3 Bxd5** **23.Nd7 Bxg2** **24.Nxb8** [△24.Rhg1!? Bf3 25.Rd3±] **24...Bxh1± 25.Nxa6** White has  
 a new passed pawn: a2 **25...Bd5** **26.Kd2** [26.a4 Ra8 27.Nc5 Kf8±] **26...c6** [26...Rd8 27.Nxc7  
 Bxa2 28.Ke3=] **27.Nb4** [27.a4 Ra8 28.Nc5 Kf8±] **27...Be4** [27...Ra8?=] **28.Re1 f5** **29.Re3** [29.a4  
 Rb8 30.Kc3 Ra8±] **29...Rd8** Black threatens to win material: Rd8xd4 [29...Ra8 30.Kc3=] **30.Kc3±**  
**Kf7** [30...Ra8 31.Kb3±] **31.f3** [31.a4 g5±] **31...Bd5** **32.Nxd5 cxd5** A rook endgame occurred.  
**33.Kd2** [33.a4 f4 34.Re2 Ra8±] **33...f4** Black threatens to win material: f4xe3 [33...Ra8 34.a3±]  
**34.Rb3** [34.Re5 Ra8=] **34...Ra8±** **35.a3 Kf6** [35...Ra4 36.Rd3±] **36.Kc2** [36.Ke2 Ra7=] **36...Kf5**  
**37.Kb2 Re8** **38.Rc3** [38.a4 g5 39.Rb5 Re2+ 40.Kc1 Rxh2 41.Rxd5+ Kf6±] **38...Re3**  
 [△38...Re2+!? 39.Kb3 g5±] **39.a4= Re2+** **40.Rc2** White threatens to win material: Rc2xe2  
**40...Re8** [40...Re6 41.Rc5 Re2+ 42.Kb3=] **41.a5** [41.Rc5 Re2+ 42.Kb3 Rf2=] **41...g5** DDD: I  
 decide to push my K side pawns since I have a pawn majority there. Also, my K is already there.  
**42.h3** [42.Rc5 Re2+ 43.Kc1 Rxh2 44.Rxd5+ Kg6=] **42...h5** Black prepares the advance g4[%cal  
 Yg5g4] **43.Kb3??** a transit from better to worse [△43.Rc5 this is the best bet to save the position  
 43...Re2+ 44.Kc1=] **43...g4+** **44.hxg4+** [44.fxg4+ hxg4 45.hxg4+ Kxg4-+] **44...hxg4** **45.fxg4+**  
**Kxg4** **46.Kb4??** terrible, but the game is lost in any case [46.Rg2+ Kh4 47.Rg7-+] **46...f3**  
 [△46...Rb8+ and the rest is a matter of technique 47.Ka4 f3 48.Rh2-+] **47.a6** DDD: White will take  
 longer to queen, since it has to bring the K forward, too. **47...Kg3** [△47...Rb8+ makes it even  
 easier for Black 48.Ka5 Rf8-+] **48.Kb5** [48.Rc3 what else? 48...Rb8+ 49.Kc5 Rc8+ 50.Kb4+]  
**48...f2** **49.Rc3+** [49.Rxf2 desperation 49...Kxf2 50.Kc6-+] **49...Kf4** **50.Rc1 Re1** **51.a7** [51.Rc6  
 doesn't get the cat off the tree 51...f1Q+ 52.Kb6 Qd3 53.Rc7 Rb1+ 54.Kc5 Rc1+ 55.Kxd5 Rxc7  
 56.Kd6 Qc3 57.a7 Qc6#] **51...f1Q+** **52.Kb6 Re6** **53.Kb7** [53.Rc6 doesn't change the outcome of  
 the game 53...Qb1+ 54.Kc5 Qc2+ 55.Kb4 Rxc6 56.a8R Rc4+ 57.Ka3 Qd3+ 58.Ka2 Rc2+ 59.Ka1  
 Qd1#] **53...Qb5+** [53...Qxc1 54.a8N Qc6+ 55.Ka7 Ke4 56.Nb6 Qxb6+ 57.Ka8 Re8#] **54.Kc7**  
**Re7+** **55.Kd6 Rxa7** **56.Rc2** [56.Rc8 does not save the day 56...Qd7+ 57.Kc5 Qxc8+ 58.Kxd5  
 Rc7 59.Kd6 Qd7#] **56...Ra6+** **57.Kc7 Qb6+** **58.Kc8 Ra7** [58...Ra8+ 59.Kd7 Ra7+ 60.Kc8 Qb7+  
 61.Kd8 Qd7#] **59.Rc3** [59.Rf2+ cannot change what is in store for ? 59...Ke3 60.Re2+ Kxd4  
 61.Rd2+ Ke3 62.Re2+ Kf3 63.Rf2+ Qxf2 64.Kd8 Qe8#] **59...Qb7+** **60.Kd8 Qd7# 0-1**

## The Mystery Game

The following game was played in Rd. 5 of the SCC Jack Frost Swiss. We will not tell you which section it comes from, nor the names of the players, nor their ratings. From the game itself, can you guess the following:

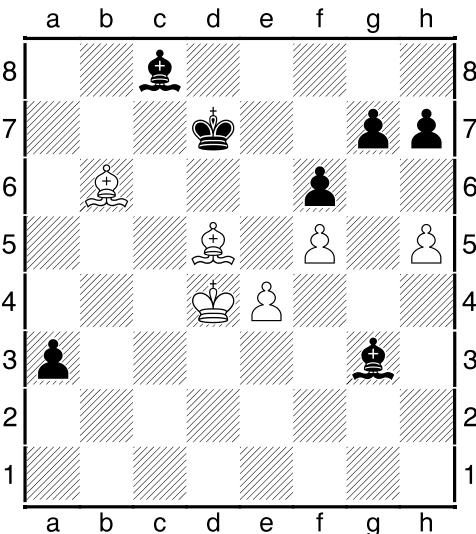
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- White's rating?
- Black's rating?
- White's name?

e. Black's name?

### White – Black [E07]

Scarborough CC Jack Frost ( X Section ) Toronto (5), 04.02.2010

**1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6?!** [2...e5=] **3.g3?!** [3.e4 d6 4.Nf3 c5 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Be7?! **3...Be7?!** [3...d5 4.cxd5 exd5 5.d4 Bd6?! **4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nf3 d5 6.cxd5?!** [6.d4 dxc4 7.Qa4 a6 8.Qxc4 b5=] **6...exd5 7.d4 c6 8.0-0 Nbd7?!** [8...Bf5 9.Nh4 Be6?! **9.Re1?!** [9.a4 a5 10.Qc2 Re8=] **9...Re8 10.a3** [10.Qc2 Nb6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bf4 Nc4?! **10...Ne4?!** [10...Nb6 11.Ne5 Bd6?! **11.Nxe4 dxe4 12.Ne5?!** [12.Nd2 e3 13.fxe3 Nf6=] **12...Bf6?!** [12...Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qb6?! **13.Nxd7?!** [13.Ng4 Qb6 14.Nxf6+ Nxf6=] **13...Bxd7 14.e3?!** Black gets a " clear " advantage [14.Be3 Qc8 15.Qc2 Bf5?! **14...Be6?!** Black inadvertently drops a P [14...Bf5 15.Qc2 Qd7 16.b4 a6?! **15.Bxe4** White goes up a P **15...Qb6?!** White gets a " clear " advantage [15...Bd5 16.Bd3 Be4 17.Bxe4 Rxe4?! **16.Bc2?!** [16.Bd2 Qxb2 17.Rb1 Qxa3 18.Rxb7 Qa6?! **16...a5 17.Bd2!** [17.b3 g6 18.Bb2 Bg7? offering to sac the bP] **17...c5?!** Black should just take the P [17...Qxb2 18.a4 (18.Qb1 Qxb1 19.Raxb1 19.Rxb1 c5=) 19...b5=] **18.dxc5?!** [18.Bc3 Rad8 19.Qh5 g6 20.Qxc5 Qxc5 21.dxc5 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Rd5?! **18...Qxb2 19.Rb1?!** [19.Qxa3 20.Rxb7?! [20.Be4 Rac8 21.Qh5 h6=] **20...Rad8?!** [20...Qxc5 21.Qb1 Qd5?! **21.Qc1** [21.c6 Bd5 22.Ra7 Qc5 23.Rxa5 Qd6 24.c7 Qxc7 (24...Rc8?!) 25.e4 Be6 26.e5+– Qxc7 27.Bxh7+! Kxh7 28.Qh5+ Kg8 29.exf6 gxf6+–) 25.Bxh7+! Kxh7 26.Qh5+ Kg8 27.Rxd5 Rxd5 28.Qxd5 Rd8?! **21...Qxc1** [21...Qa2 22.e4 Bd4?! **22.Bxc1 Bc3 23.Rd1 Bd5?!** White gets a " winning " advantage [23...Rxd1+ 24.Bxd1 Rc8?! **24.Ra7 Bc6 25.Rxd8 Rxd8 26.Bb3 Rd7 27.Rxd7 Bxd7 28.Bd5 Bb4 29.c6 Bc8 30.f4 Kf8 31.Kf2 Ke7 32.Bb2?!** [32.e4 a4 33.Ke3 f5+–] **32...f6 33.e4 Kd6 34.Bd4 a4 35.Ke3?!** [35.Kf3 Be6 36.g4 Bxd5 37.exd5 a3?! **35...Ba6 36.Ba7** [36.g4? Bc5 37.h4 h6?; 36.Bf7 Kc7 37.g4 Be7?! **36...Bb5?!** [36...Kc7 37.h4 Bb5 38.h5 Bxc6?! **37.Bb8+ Ke7 38.Kd4 a3 39.c7 Ba6 40.f5?!** White is losing his advantage [40...e5 fxe5+ 41.fxe5 Kd7 42.e6+ Ke7+–] **40...Ba5?!** White gets back a " winning " advantage [40...Kd7 41.Be6+ Kc6?! **41.Be6?!** White has lost his advantage [41.Kc5 Bb7 42.Bg8 Kd7 43.Be6+ Ke8+–] **41...Bc8 42.Bd5 Kd6 43.h4 Bxc7** material equality **44.Ba7 Kd7 45.Bc5 Bd6 46.Bb6?!** this loses a P; Black gets a " clear " advantage [46.Be6+ Kc7 47.Ba2 Bb7?! **46...Bxg3** Black goes up a P ( passed ) **47.h5?!** this loses a B; Black gets a " winning " advantage [47.Kc3 Ke7 48.Kb3 Bd6?!



**47...Ba6?!** – 1.64 Black misses winning the B [47...Bf2+ 48.Kc3 Bxb6+ – 7.40] **48.Kc3 Be2 49.Bc5 Bd6 50.Bxd6 Kxd6 51.h6 gxh6** Black goes up 2 P's **52.Kd2 Bb5 53.Ba2 Ke5 54.Ke3 Bc6 55.Kd2** – 12.52 [55.Be6? h5 56.Kf2 Bxe4–+ – 13.21] **55...Bxe4?!** – 10.17 Black goes up 3 P's [55...h5 56.Kc3 h4–+ – 12.93] **56.Kc3 Bd5+ – 12.58 0-1**

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Give us the reasons why you have decided as you have.

We'll disclose the facts in our next newsletter, along with the contest winner(s).

### **SCC Club Championship**

This fourth tournament of the season runs from Feb. 25 to April 22. 10 players play in the Championship Round Robin – it is headed by 7 masters ( ! ) and 3 experts this year. The players are:

1. Rune Pedersen (2340)
2. Yuanling Yuan (2323)
3. Andrei Moffat (2289)
4. John Hall (2238)
5. Karl Sellars (2227)
6. Bryan Lamb (2214)
7. Kevork Hacat (2212)
8. Bill Peng (2186)
9. Erwin Casareno (2181)
10. Alex T Ferreira (2024)

(Alex qualified the wildcard spot by virtue of his finish in last year's Open Reserves section.)

51 players showed up for the Open Reserves section ( headed by 8 experts ).. 26 players registered for the U 1700 Reserves section. The total of 87 players is more than our average in the 2008-9 year of mid-70's players per tournament and the highest total since the start of the millennium ( we had 86 players for the prior Jack Frost Swiss ).

After 7 rounds, the leaders are:

Championship Section:

1<sup>st</sup> – 5.5 pts. – junior WIM Yuanling Yuan



2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 pts. – Master Rune Pedersen ( still one game outstanding ); Master John Hall

Open Reserves Section –

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> – 5.5 pts. - Expert Andrew Picana; junior Kevin Wu

3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – 5 pts. – Expert David Southam, Randy Moysoski, Mike Conte.

U 1700 Reserves Section –

1<sup>st</sup> – 7 pts. ( all wins ) – junior Magas Yusuf



2<sup>nd</sup> – 5 pts. – Maurice Smith

3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – 4.5 pts. – junior Arvin Farhang, junior John Walker, Mike Orsini

Games will be collected each week ( the handing in of the white score sheet is mandatory ), but there will be no games of this tournament sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament has concluded. This is because of the new policy adopted at the September 2009-10 SCC AGM concerning, score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If you are interested in finding out about this new policy, just e-mail me at [bobarm@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobarm@sympatico.ca) and I will forward to you the new policy. My thanks to SCC member Ken Kurkowski who is now volunteering to work with me on entering the SCC games each week into the tournament database, which will be sent out to members when the tournament is concluded.

## **Express Your INNER Self !!**

Got a chess issue that has been bothering you for a while? Got a favourite chess topic that you've always wanted to share with other chess players? Read something in SCTCN&V that you profoundly agreed with, or maybe ( surely not ! ) disagreed with?

SCTCN&V may be for you. We are very open to publishing freelance articles from our readers – David Cohen and Erik Malmsten have presented us with material in the past. Now we have a new columnist, Rick Garel. Maybe there's a writer inside just waiting to get going !

Also, if you would like us to cover some topic, send us your idea, and we'll see if we can write something up on it.

This may be the chance you've been waiting for ! Want to express your inner self???

## **Canadian Junior 2010**

**April 30<sup>th</sup> – May 4<sup>th</sup> (Fri - Tue)**  
South Dining Room, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Hart House, University of Toronto  
7 Hart House Circle, Toronto

**Eligibility:** Open for Canadian players born after Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 1990

**Style:** 9 round Swiss

**Rounds:** 6pm Friday evening, 10am & 4pm Saturday through Tuesday

**Time Control:** 90 mins for 40 moves, 30 minutes added + 30 sec inc from move 1

**Registration:** In advance by Monday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

In advance (arrival by April 26<sup>th</sup>) by mail to:

**Hart House Chess Club – 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, ON  
M5S 3H3**

Make cheque payable to Hart House Chess Club. No postdated cheques please.

Email inquiries to [alex.ferreira@utoronto.ca](mailto:alex.ferreira@utoronto.ca)

Players registering on April 30<sup>th</sup> will not be paired for Round 1.

**Membership:** Registrants must be current CFC members or bring payment prior to playing.

**Entry Fees:** \$150 in advance, \$180 from April 27<sup>th</sup> to April 29<sup>th</sup>, \$200 on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Byes:** Maximum of 3 in rounds 1-8.

**Hart House:** 10 minute walk Southeast from St. George subway station or 5 minute walk

Southwest from Museum subway station.

The 2010 Canadian Junior Champion will be Canada's representative at the 2010 World Junior which will take place in Poland in August and get subsidy in the value of two thirds of entries fees to cover expenses. 2<sup>nd</sup> place will be entitled to represent Canada at the 2010 Pan-American event.

**Other Info:** No Smoking. All equipment provided.  
Event will be rated by CFC and FIDE.  
For parking and access information please visit our website.  
**Website:** <http://hhchess.sa.utoronto.ca/cj>  
**Organizer:** Hart House Chess Club

### **2010 Ontario Open Chess Championship ( early notice )**

Dates: Victoria Day Weekend, Saturday – Monday, May 22 – 24, 2010  
Place: 918 Bathurst Street, two blocks north of Bloor Street West  
Rounds: 6, two rounds per day at 10:00am and 4:00pm  
Type: Swiss, Open, under 2000, under 1600  
TC: Game in 150 minutes per player  
EF: \$90 (\$10 discount before March 1st, 2010) \$60 for students in K–12 or in full-time attendance at university during the summer; seniors age 65+; players with FIDE titles of WFM, FM, WIM, or IM (\$10 discount before March 1st, 2010).  
Free entry with advance registration before March 1st, 2010 only for WGM, GM.  
Prizes: \$9,000 (based on 200 entries)  
Contact: To register send an e-mail to Ted Winick at [ted@chessinstitute.ca](mailto:ted@chessinstitute.ca) with the words “Ontario Open” in the subject line. [www.chessinstitute.ca](http://www.chessinstitute.ca) Mail entries to: Chess Institute of Canada, 41 Nina St. Toronto, ON, M5R 1Z5. Deadline to enter is Monday May 17, 2010.  
Make your cheque or money order payable to “Chess Institute of Canada”.

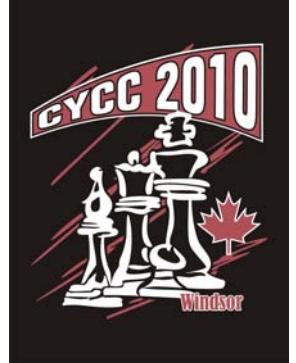
### **Canadian Youth Chess Championship ( early notice )**



# **Canadian Youth Chess Championship**

## 6 – 9 July, Windsor, Ontario

- 7 round tournament in 12 sections by age category
- Boys and girls play in different sections
- Winners in each section will represent Canada at the World Youth Chess Championship in Greece
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- Chief arbiter: Patrick McDonald
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### 2010 CANADIAN OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP ( early notice )

**JULY 10<sup>TH</sup> to JULY 18<sup>TH</sup>**

**LOCATION: Westin Harbour Castle**

Downtown **Toronto**. See following page for map ( website given at end ).

**STYLE:** 9 Round Swiss System, Single Section, CFC and FIDE rated.

Accelerated pairings will be used in early rounds.

**TIME CONTROL:** 40 moves in 90 minutes, 30 minutes for remainder (with 30 second increments from move 1).

**SCHEDULE:** Saturday July 10th Opening Ceremony & Round 1 6:00pm Sharp  
July 11th- July 16th Rounds 2-7 6:00pm Daily

Saturday July 17th Round 8 2:00pm

Sunday July 18th Round 9 10:00am

Sunday July 18th Awards Banquet / Presentation 6:00pm

For other side events, including Canadian Speed Chess Championship, GM simul and lectures, see website

**PRIZE FUND: \$ 30,000+ Guaranteed!** (see following page for details).

**ENTRY FEE: \$175 per person** (Early bird Special to April 30), thereafter \$195. **Deadline July 6th.** To enter see details / entry form on following page.

**ACCOMMODATION:** Special Chess Rate of only **\$99.00** is being offered by the luxurious Westin Harbour Castle. **Book early;** a limited number of rooms are available at this rate.

**BYES:** Maximum of 3 1/2-point byes available in rounds 1-8

**EQUIPMENT:** Please bring chess sets and digital clocks, if you have them.

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**PRIZE FUND** Overall

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Tournament Placement

Prizes

1st	\$ 6,500
2nd	\$ 3,500
3rd	\$ 2,500
4th	\$ 1,500
5th	\$ 1,500
6th	\$ 500
7th	\$ 500
8th	\$ 500
9th	\$ 500
10th	\$ 500

( Below is full flyer



2010 Canadian Open  
Flyer Final.pdf

or go to <http://www.chess.ca/misc2009/2010CANOP.pdf> )

**Note: ENTRY FEE: \$175 per person (Early bird Special only to April 30).**

Members enjoy an evening at SCC !



( photo by Erik Malmsten )

An Impressive Trio !



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