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The Score Sheet - Who Owns What?? – A Future Tale (Part 1 of 2)
(by Bob Armstrong)

Introduction

“ The score of the game is mine.” “ No, the score sheet is mine.” “ You are both wrong, the game score is mine!”

This has been an issue that has bedeviled chess since the Laws of Chess imposed the requirement of writing down chess moves. And it lasts even to the present day.

Let’s take a look at a current example of the problem.

Jack and Jill

Jack started playing chess at the Scarborough Chess Club in Toronto in September, 2009. He was just a beginner, and after the first couple of tournaments, he obtained a rating of 1020. Jack previously had taught his partner, Jill, to play chess, and they had enjoyed playing casual chess together. Jack found it so much fun playing tournament chess (SCC runs CFC-rated tournaments all year), that he talked Jill into also joining the club in early January 2010. Jill also found tournament chess enjoyable, and decided to take some lessons from SCC Vice-President, master Bryan Lamb, who was also a well-known Toronto Tournament Director. Jill got an initial rating of 983.

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The 2010 Canadian Open

In July 2010, Toronto hosted the Canadian Open Chess Championship. Jack and Jill had only played in club tournaments up until that time (7 or 8 rounds over a couple of months). The idea of 9 rounds in 9 days appealed to both of them, now that they'd gotten their feet wet. Since the games were in the evening, both were able to work regularly in the daytime, and play at night. Initially, because of their relatively low ratings, and the swiss pairing system, they suffered some initial mismatches – they both fought valiantly, but the rating differences with their opponents was too great.

The “Wing Defence”

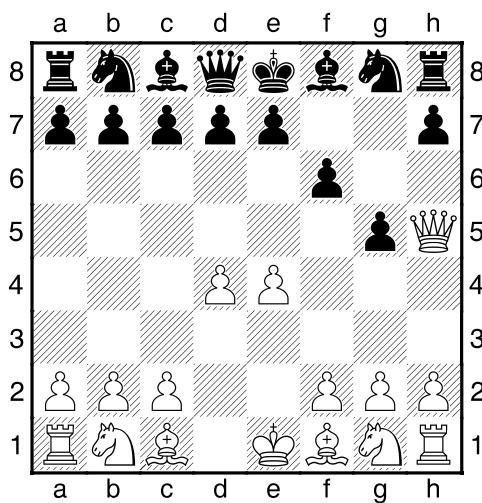
As luck would have it, in Round 6 they both had the same “ 0 “ score, and got paired against each other. Jack felt prepared – he had been working on an opening as black that he called the “ Wing Defence.”

Jill opened with 1.e4, the opening she had been working on with Bryan Lamb. Jack proudly sprung his new defence – 1...g5. Knowing that she should take control of the central squares if possible, Jill played 2.d4. Jack immediately saw that his g-pawn was now under attack from Jill's c1-Bishop. But he had prepared for this, and quickly protected his g-pawn with 2...f6. Jill had not seen this “ Wing Defence “ before, but some alarm bells were ringing in her head, that something was fundamentally wrong with Jack's defence. She studied the board intently. She saw that there was now an open path to Jack's King along h5-g6-f7. Then she saw it ! Her queen could get to h5! She checked it out once more, as Bryan had taught her, and then confidently moved the Queen: 3.Qh5 #, and said “ Checkmate !”

Jill – Jack [B00]

2010 Canadian Open Toronto, 15.07.2010

1.e4 g5 2.d4 f6 3.Qh5# Diagram



Jack was stunned. He couldn't believe that his vaunted "Wing Defence" had such a fatal flaw. But, like the good sport that he was, he stuck out his hand to Jill as congratulations, and said: "Good game." Jill happily shook his hand and said "Thanks."

The Press

And this might have been the end of it – if it hadn't been that Bob Armstrong, cub reporter for the chess periodical, Scarborough Community of Toronto Chess News & Views (SCTCN & V), had, for some reason, noticed Jack and Jill's game and had taken an interest in it. It was a great miniature mused Bob to himself, and would be great for the article he was doing for the newsletter on the Canadian Open.

The Score Sheet

But before Bob could speak to Jack or Jill, tournament organizer, Michael Barron, came over to them, seeing that the game had concluded very early, and as in every round of the tournament, asked Jack and Jill for the yellow carbon copy of their game score sheet. Jill happily handed in the game, it showing a big "1 – 0" below the game score. But Jack had now had some time to mull over the game, and was becoming a little unhappy. So, Jack refused to give up his copy of the game to Michael – he had slowly become more and more embarrassed at his mistake, and that he had lost in only 3 moves. He decided he did not want the game going into the tournament database that Michael was preparing. Also, in future, he didn't want opponents to be able to prepare against him, in case he decided to try his "Wing Defence" again. Jack was by now determined enough about this, that he screwed up his courage, guiltily looked at Jill, and said to Michael: "Michael, I demand that Jill's copy of the game not be used – I don't want MY game going into the tournament database!"

Michael got kind of flustered. Jill didn't want to antagonize Jack, since his pride was obviously wounded a bit by the loss, and Jack seemed adamant. But she did want HER game to go into the database. She decided she'd handed in her game, and this was her request that the game go into the database. Michael thought about it for a minute or two more, and then said to Jack that the handing in of score sheets was mandatory – though this had never actually been advertised in any of the promotional material. Jack said: "I didn't agree to this before the tournament started, and I don't agree now!" So Michael advised that he needed to consult with the T.D., and his organizing committee. He asked Jack to hold onto his carbon, in case it was decided eventually that Jack did have to hand it in. Michael looked at Jill and said: "We have your score of the game, but I'll have to get a ruling on whether Jack, as the other player of the game, can block you from putting the game into the database. I'll let you know what we decide." And Michael left Jill and Jack standing there, obviously somewhat uncomfortable with each other at this point.

The Press Again

Unbeknown to Jill and Jack, the reporter, Bob Armstrong, finding their game so fascinating, had copied down the score as the moves were being made. He fully intended

to use the game in his article, but, out of respect for the players, felt he should at least try to get their consent to using it. He had seen the goings on with Michael, and was not optimistic. With some trepidation, he approached Jack and Jill. Bob decided to approach Jill, whom he hoped was more willing to deal. Bob had decided the game was worth something, and despite his meager budget, decided to offer Jill \$ 100 to "sell" her game to him. When he introduced himself, and made the offer, Jill accepted without hesitation. But Jack quickly injected himself into their conversation, looked at Bob, and said: "I am one-half of that game, and Jill can't "sell" the game to you without my consent. And I don't agree!" Bob was sort of flustered, looked at Jill and said: "I still want to pay you for the game, and want to use it, but in light of Jack's objection, I'll have to confer with my editor what to do in this difficult situation." But as he walked away, he said over his shoulder, that he really didn't need the permission of either of them, that he had copied the game and he intended to use it, regardless of the decision on whether to pay Jill \$ 100 or not.

The Gordian Knot

It is relevant to quote at this point a statement from 1905, in the January 1905 Issue of Lasker's Chess Magazine, after discussing this issue of proprietary rights in the score of a chess game:

"The whole question is fraught with difficulties and should be amicably settled by the masters, the press and the organized chess world." (footnote 1)

The question is whether, over 100 years later, the issues are yet decided. Let's see how this situation unwound. [end of Part I]

Footnotes

1. Winter, Edgar – Copyright on Chess Games (2006) (hereafter referred to as "CCG ") – p. 6.

Acknowledgement

Thanks to Wilf Ferner who alerted me to the Winter article.

[this article will be continued (Part II) in the May 15 Issue]

A Response to the Interim Report Card on the CFC Administration

Last Issue, I published my "interim report card" on the current CFC administration. I asked for any responses. Maurice Smith, CFC Treasurer, 3 time past CFC President, and SCC President, sent in the following response:

In reading over Bob's comments on "grading" the Executive I would like to point out a few things that are not well known. Regarding a Management Committee, this was

initiated before I became President more than ten years ago. At that time the President was having difficulties with the Executive Director and there was a personality conflict between the two. So the President decided that a Management Committee be formed to deal with the situation. When I became President I suggested to the Executive that we should do away with the Management Committee. I said that the Executive should handle all management issues. After all if the Executive can't manage what good are they? While they agreed, it was suggested it be left in the Handbook in case a similar situation as before happened again. As far as I know it hasn't and a Management Committee has not been needed.

I was appointed by the President to the position of Chair of the Ethics Committee earlier in the year.

I said I would do it until July. Then when I checked the Handbook to see how I should go about getting the rest of the Committee I found that the Chair and at least one member of the Committee had to be appointed at the Annual Meeting. So I advised the President of this and mentioned to him that under the circumstances I could not proceed with the position. No one thought of this at the Annual Meeting because it is something relatively new. Therefore I don't think the President should take any blame for this.

When we talk about the Executive it must be remembered that they are all volunteers. Why are they volunteers? Because no one else steps forward to do any of the jobs. Most years most of the Executive are acclaimed. The President's job in particular is very demanding, especially psychologically. I was President for three years, since then only one person lasted two years, others one year or less than one year. Now there a few members who only criticize and never run for anything, so I say whoever criticizes the most, let him run for President. Then that person can be accountable. I have said before, that chess is a sport and chess politics is a blood sport and believe me I know whereof I speak. So I suggest that when talking about the Executive you be constructive and try to see the whole picture. They take on jobs that others won't.

World Chess Championship, Sofia, Bulgaria

In a 12 game match (a rest day after every second game), 15th and current World Chess Champion, Viswanathan Anand (India), is defending his title (his second title defence) against 2nd ranked Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), a FIDE 2005 World Champion, and past world championship challenger (defeated). The match started on Saturday, April 24, and runs to Tuesday, May 11. Should the result be tied at that point, tie-break play-offs will be held Thursday, May 13

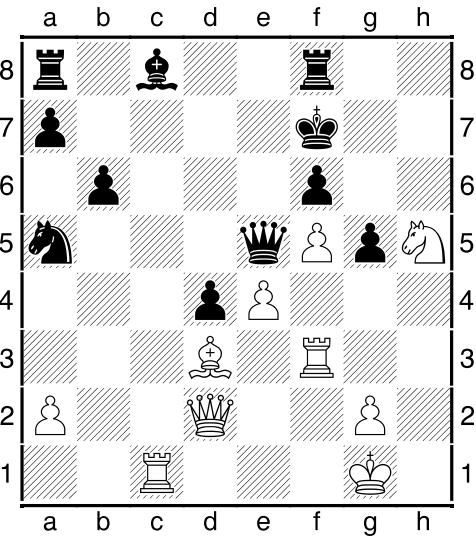
After 4 rounds, Anand leads 2.5 – 1.5.

In round one, after both rattled off the opening moves fairly rapidly – first 20 moves in 10 minutes (looked like both were prepared for the opening), Anand made a fatal King move error, and got destroyed. Topalov took the lead in the match, and voices murmured that maybe the champion was not up to the task. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Topalov, V (2805) – Anand, V (2787) [D86]

WCh Sofia BUL (1), 24.04.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 [7.Nf3 c5 8.Bb5+ Nc6±] 7...c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.Be3 0-0 10.0-0 Na5 11.Bd3 b6 12.Qd2 e5 13.Bh6! Topalov sacs a P [13.dxe5 Bxe5±] 13...cxd4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.cxd4 exd4 Anand goes up a P 16.Rac1 Qd6 17.f4 f6 18.f5 Qe5 19.Nf4?!= [19.Rf3 g5 20.h4 h6±] 19...g5 20.Nh5+ [20.Nd5?! Rf7 21.h4 h6±] 20...Kg8 21.h4 h6 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Rf3?!= [23.Bc4+ Nxc4 24.Rxc4 Bb7=] 23...Kf7??+– a bad misjudgment; Anand loses his advantage, and gives Topalov an enterprising sac; Topalov gets a "winning" advantage. [23...Bb7 24.Nxf6+! Qxf6 25.Rg3 Rac8±; 23...Bd7 24.Rg3 Rac8±]



24.Nxf6! a nice sac 24...Kxf6 2.09 Anand is up an N [24...Qxf6? 25.Rh3 Kg8 (25...Nc6? 26.Rxc6! Qxc6 27.Qxg5 Ke8+– 15.55(27...Bxf5? 28.Qxf5+ Ke8 29.Qe5+ Kd8 30.Qg5+ Qf6+– 18.14)) 26.e5 Qxe5 27.Qxg5+ Qg7+– 6.36] 25.Rh3 Rg8?+– 4.34 – time to sac back the piece [25...Bxf5 26.exf5 Qf4+– 2.09] 26.Rh6+ Kf7 27.Rh7+ Ke8?+– 8.09 [27...Rg7 28.Rxg7+ Kxg7 29.Qxg5+ Kf8+– 5.09] 28.Rcc7?+– 5.61 [28.Bb5+! Kd8 (28...Qxb5?? 29.Qxd4 Nc4 30.Rxc4 Be6 31.Rcc7 Qb4+– mate in 3 moves) 29.Qb4 Rb8+– 8.57] 28...Kd8 29.Bb5 Qxe4?+– mate in 15 moves [29...Nb7? 30.Rc4 d3 31.Qxd3+ Nd6+– mate in 18 moves; 29...a6 30.Rce7 Ra7 31.Rxe5 Rxh7 32.Qb4 Kc7 33.Re7+ Rxe7 34.Qxe7+ Kb8+– 8.97] 30.Rxc8+? 3.36 Topalov misses the mate, but Anand resigned anyway. [30.Rce7 Be6 31.Rxe6 Qb1+– mate in 9 moves] 1-0

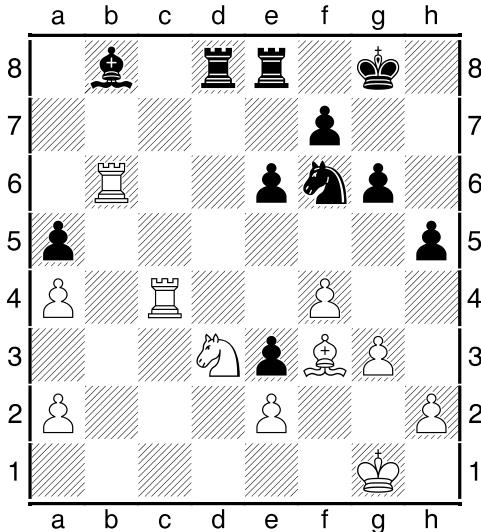
In game 2, Anand came charging back. He sacked a P in the Catalan, and Topalov had the advantage for a while. But Anand got the pawn back, then went up a P, and then got a "winning" advantage. Topalov got back to material equality, but Anand had the passed P. The match was tied 1-1. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Anand, V (2787) – Topalov, V (2805) [E04]

Sofia BUL, WCC2010 game_2 Sofia BUL (2), 04.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 Topalov goes up a P 5.Bg2 a6 6.Ne5 c5 7.Na3 cxd4 8.Naxc4 Bc5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Bd2 Nd5 11.Rc1 Nd7 12.Nd3 Ba7 13.Ba5?!= Topalov gets the advantage [13.Qc2 N7b6 14.Ba5 Qg5=] 13...Qe7 14.Qb3 [14.Re1 Rb8 15.Qd2 N7f6±] 14...Rb8 15.Qa3 though down material, Anand goes for an exchange of Q's 15...Qxa3 16.bxa3?!= no need for Anand to double his P's; Topalov gets a "clear" advantage [16.Nxa3 b5 17.Nc2 Bb7±]

16...N7f6?! \bar{f} [16...Nc5 17.Rfd1 Na4 18.Re1 b6 \bar{f}] 17.Nce5 Re8 18.Rc2 b6 19.Bd2 Bb7 20.Rfc1 Rbd8 [20...b5 21.Nc6 Bxc6 22.Rxc6 Bb6 \bar{f}] 21.f4?! \bar{f} [21.Nb4 Nxb4 22.axb4 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 b5 \bar{f}] 21...Bb8 22.a4 a5 23.Nc6 Bxc6 24.Rxc6 h5 25.R1c4 Ne3?= [25...Ba7 26.Bf3 Ng4 \bar{f}] 26.Bxe3 dxe3 27.Bf3?! \bar{f} [27.Rxb6 Ba7 28.Rb3 h4=] 27...g6?!= [27...Rd6?! 28.Rxd6 Bxd6 29.Rc6 Rd8 30.Rxb6 h4= (30...Kf8=); 27...Nd5 28.Bxh5 Kf8 \bar{f}] 28.Rxb6 material equality



28...Ba7?!± for the first time in the game, Anand gets the advantage [28...Rc8 29.Rbc6 Rxc6 30.Rxc6=] 29.Rb3 Rd4?!± Anand gets a " clear " advantage [29...Nd5 30.Ne5 Bb6±] 30.Rc7 Bb8 31.Rc5 Bd6 32.Rxa5 Anand goes up a P 32...Rc8 33.Kg2 Rc2 34.a3 Ra2?!±- Anand gets a " winning " advantage [34...Nd5 35.Kh3 (35.Ra6?! Nc3 36.Ne1 (36.Nb4 Bxb4 37.axb4 Nxe2 38.Bxe2 Rxe2+ 39.Kf3 Rxh2 40.Kxe3 Rdd2±) 36...Rc1±) 35...Kg7±] 35.Nb4 Bxb4 2.16 unfortunately, undoubling Anand's P's is best [35...Rad2? 36.Ra8+ Kg7 37.a5 Nd5 38.Nxd5 exd5+- 4.08] 36.axb4 Nd5 37.b5 Raxa4 material equality, but Anand has the passed P 38.Rxa4 Rxa4 39.Bxd5 exd5 simplification in aid of pushing the passed P 40.b6 Ra8 41.b7 Rb8 42.Kf3 d4 5.08 [42...Kf8 43.f5 gxf5 44.Kxe3 Ke7 45.Kf4 Ke6 46.Rb6+ Kd7 47.Kxf5 Kc7+- 5.57] 43.Ke4+- 5.08 1-0

Game 3 was a rather quiet draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Topalov, Veselin (2805) – Anand, Viswanathan (2787) [D17]

WCHM 2010 Sofia (3). 27.04.2010

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 [2...e6=] **3.Nf3** [3.cxd5 cxd5 4.e3 e6=] **3...Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4** Anand goes up a P
5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 [6...Nbd7 7.Nxc4 Nb6=] **7.f3?!±** [7.Bg5 Bb4 8.Nxc4 0-0=] **7...c5?!=** [7...Bb4
 8.Nxc4 c5±] **8.e4 Bg6 9.Be3 cxd4?!=** [9...Nc6 10.Bxc4 cxd4 (10...Nxd4?!) 11.Bb5+ Nxb5
 12.Qxd8+ Rxd8 13.axb5 Nd7±] 11.Nxc6 bxc6 12.Qxd4 Qc7=] **10.Qxd4 Qxd4 11.Bxd4 Nfd7**
12.Nxd7 Nxd7 13.Bxc4 material equality **13...a6 14.Rc1 Rg8 15.h4 h6 16.Ke2 Bd6 17.h5 Bh7**
18.a5?!= [18.Kf2 Bc7 19.Rhd1 0-0-0±] **18...Ke7?!=** [18...Bb4 19.Ra1 Rc8=] **19.Na4 f6?!=** Topalov
 gets a " clear " advantage [19...Rad8 20.Bb3 Bf4±] **20.b4?!** and then loses it [20.Nb6 Nxb6
 21.Bxb6 Rac8±] **20...Rgc8?!=** [20...Bxb4 21.Rb1 Bxa5 22.Rxb7 Rgb8=] **21.Bc5** [21.Nc5 Bxc5
 22.bxc5 Nxc5 23.Ba2 (23.Rb1?!) Nxe4! 24.Rxb7+ Kf8 25.fxe4 Rxc4 26.Bxf6! Rc2+ 27.Kf3 gxf6
 28.Rxh7 Rd8=) 23...Nd7±] **21...Bxc5 22.bxc5 Rc7** [22...Rc6 23.Rb1 Rb8±] **23.Nb6?!=** [23.Rc3
 Rac8 24.Rhc1 f5±] **23...Rd8 24.Nxd7 Rxd7 25.Bd3 Bg8?!=** [25...Rd4 26.c6 Ra4 27.cxb7 Rxb7
 28.Ra1 Rb2+ 29.Ke3 Rba2=] **26.c6 Rd6 27.cxb7 Rxb7 28.Rc3 Bf7 29.Ke3 Be8 30.g4 e5**
31.Rhc1 Bd7 32.Rc5 Bb5 33.Bxb5 axb5 34.Rb1 b4 35.Rb3 Ra6 36.Kd3 Rba7 37.Rxb4 Rxa5

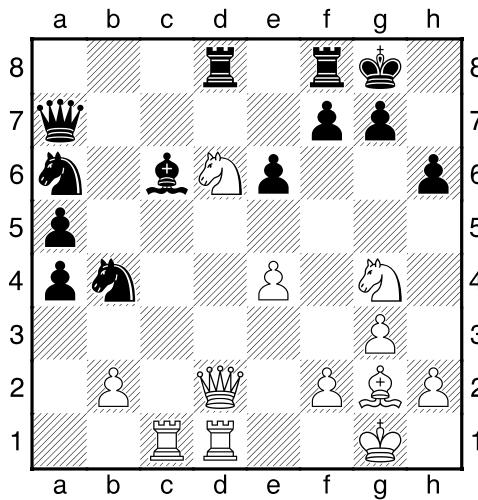
38.Rxa5 Rxa5 39.Rb7+ Kf8 40.Ke2 Ra2+ 41.Ke3 Ra3+ 42.Kf2 Ra2+ 43.Ke3 Ra3+ 44.Kf2 Ra2+ 45.Ke3 Ra3+ 46.Kf2= ½-½

Game 4 was definitely not quiet. In a Catalan, Anand as white sacked a P in the opening. Then when the game seemed somewhat static, he tossed in a knight sac on the K-side, which he followed up with a winning attack and mate. Anand went into the lead 2.5 – 1.5. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Anand, V (2787) – Topalov, V (2805) [E04]

WCh Sofia BUL (4), 28.04.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.g3 dxc4 Topalov goes up the gambitted P 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 a5 7.Qc2 Bxd2+ [7...Nc6 8.Bxb4 Nxb4 9.Qxc4 Ra6=] 8.Qxd2 [8.Nbxd2 b5 9.a4 c6=] 8...c6?!± [8...Bd7 9.Na3 b5 10.Qg5 h6=] 9.a4?!= [9.Ne5 0-0 10.Na3 Nd5±] 9...b5 [9...Ne4 10.Qc2 Nd6=] 10.Na3! Anand plays a novelty ! [10.axb5 cxb5 11.Qg5 0-0 12.Qxb5 Ba6 13.Qxa5 Bb7 14.Qxd8 Rxa1! 15.Qxf8+ Kxf8 16.0-0 Ra2=] 10...Bd7 11.Ne5 [11.Qg5 0-0 12.Ne5 h6=] 11...Nd5 12.e4 Nb4 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rfd1 Be8?± [14...Qe7 15.h3 f6=] 15.d5 Qd6 [15...Qb6?! 16.dxe6 fxe6 (16...Qc5?! 17.exf7+ Bxf7 18.Qd6 N8a6+- (18...Qxd6 19.Rxd6 Be8+-)) 17.Qd6 Nd3 18.Nxd3 cxd3 19.axb5 Ra7±] 16.Ng4?!= [16.f4 Qe7 17.dxc6 bxa4 18.Nd7 Bxd7 19.cxd7 Rd8±] 16...Qc5 17.Ne3 N8a6 18.dxc6 bxa4 19.Naxc4 Bxc6 Topalov is still up a P 20.Rac1 h6?!± a fateful decision, since it gives Anand an attacking target [20...Qh5 21.Qd6 Bb5=] 21.Nd6 Qa7 22.Ng4?!= [22.Rc4 Rad8 23.Qc3 Qb6±] 22...Rad8?± Diagram



Anand gets a " clear " advantage [22...Nc5 23.Rc4 f5=] 23.Nxh6+! [23.Ne5?! Qb6 24.Qf4 Bb5±] 23...gxh6 24.Qxh6 Topalov is up N vs P 24...f6 25.e5 Bxg2?+– 2.03 Anand gets a " winning " advantage [25...Qg7?! 26.Qxg7+ Kxg7 27.Bxc6 fxe5 28.Bxa4 Rb8+- 1.47; 25...Qh7 26.Qxh7+ Kxh7 27.Bxc6 fxe5±] 26.exf6 Topalov is up N vs 2 P's 26...Rxd6! 5.03 Topalov rightly decides sacking the exchange might help [26...Qh7?? 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.Rc4 Bd5 29.Rh4 Rd7 30.Rdd4+- mate in 6 moves; 26...Nd5? 27.Qg5+ Kh8 28.f7 Rxf7 29.Nxf7+ Qxf7 30.Rd4 Bf3 31.Rh4+ Bh5 32.Rxh5+ Qxh5 33.Qxh5+ Kg7 34.Qg5+ Kf7 35.Qxd8 Nab4+- 20.27] 27.Rxd6 Anand has 2 R's + 2 P's vs B + 2 N's 27...Be4 28.Rxe6?+– 4.29 Anand is up 2 R's + 3 P's vs B + 2 N's [28.Qg5+ Kh8 29.Rxe6 Nd3+– 7.80] 28...Nd3?+– 11.45 [28...Qh7 29.Qg5+ Bg6 30.f7+ Kxf7 31.Rf6+ Kg7 32.Rxf8 Kxf8 33.Qf6+ Ke8 34.Rc8+ Kd7 35.Rd8+ Kc7 36.Qd6+ Kb7 37.Rd7+ Qxd7 38.Qxd7+ Nc7+– 5.36] 29.Rc2 Qh7?+– 14.51 [29...Nac5? 30.Re7 Qxe7 31.Qg5+ Kf7 32.Qg7+ Ke6 33.Qxe7+ Kd5 34.Qxf8 Ne6+– 17.14; 29...Ndc5 30.Qg5+ Kh7 31.Rxc5 Nxc5 32.Re7+ Qxe7 33.fxe7 Rh8+– 13.48] 30.f7?+– 6.84 Anand misses a rather lengthy mate [30.Qg5+ Qg6 31.f7+

Kxf7 32.Rxg6 Bxg6 33.Rc6 Ndc5 34.Rf6+ Ke8 35.Qxg6+ Kd8 36.Rxf8+ Kc7+- mate in 6 moves] 30...Qxf7 31.Rxe4 Anand is up R + 2 P's vs 2 N's 31...Qf5??+- leads to mate in 6 moves [31...Nxf2 32.Rf4 Qe7 33.Rxf8+ Qxf8 34.Qxa6 Qf7 (34...Nh3+? 35.Kg2 Ng5 36.Qg6+ (36.Rc8? Qxc8 37.Qxc8+ Kg7+- 14.22) 36...Kh8 37.Qxg5 Qa8+ 38.Kh3 Qb7+- mate in 15 moves) 35.Rxf2 Qe8+- 16.80] 32.Re7+- mate in 6 moves 1-0

FIDE Presidential Race – Update

Incumbent Kirsan Ilyumzhinov is being challenged by 12th World Champion, Anatoly Karpov. In mid-April, Karpov issued his mission statement:

The statement from Karpov

A CHAMPION OF CHANGE

Anatoly Karpov Launches Global Campaign for FIDE President

After a lifetime dedicated to playing and promoting the game of chess, 12th World Champion Anatoly Karpov is running for the office of President of the International Chess Federation. Below are the main goals and themes of his campaign.

ANATOLY KARPOV FOR FIDE PRESIDENT

A new direction requires new leadership

International chess needs a new direction and this can only happen under new leadership. Mr Karpov wants to lead a program of unity and positive change. His great experience as a chess champion and UNICEF Ambassador make him the ideal leader to return the sport to prominence on the global stage.

International support at every level

Mr Karpov's status and dedication will allow him to be an agent for unity in the chess world. He has already attracted support worldwide as well as a leadership team and advisory panel of unmatched experience and international character.

Ending the crisis with a return to FIDE's roots

Chess is in crisis today because FIDE has become disconnected from its foundations: the federations and the players. Mr. Karpov believes that support for our new direction must come from below, to benefit the many, not from above to benefit the few.

Turn chess into a modern, professional sport

Chess has great potential as a commercially viable sport. It has lagged in this development because the current FIDE administration has harmed the reputation of the sport and shown no interest or aptitude for modernization and professionalization. Mr. Karpov believes chess requires leadership that understands why professionalization is essential and how to build a team to achieve it.

The ability to unite and mobilize the community

Chess has limitless potential and great resources among its millions of supporters and players around the world. Mr Karpov has the unique capacity to attract and lead these human resources for the benefit of chess federations and players throughout the world.

GOALS FOR A NEW FIDE

UNITY. The FIDE motto *Gens Una Sumus*, “We are one family” must be taken seriously. This can be done by providing channels of communication and community among federations and players using modern technology and by keeping the FIDE leadership’s doors wide open to feedback and new ideas. FIDE cannot afford to once again ignore the needs of its members the day after the election.

TRANSPARENCY AND INTEGRITY. Without these elements there is no trust from potential business partners or from member federations and players. These crucial relationships cannot be built without new leadership at the top in FIDE.

RESPONSIVENESS. This campaign and Mr Karpov’s administration will emphasize communication and responsiveness with the global chess community we serve. We want to know what the federations and their members want and need from FIDE and to create a continuous and open dialogue.

COMMERCIALIZATION AND SPONSORSHIP. Art, science, and sport, chess is also a hugely marketable commodity. FIDE’s current administration has failed to exploit this to the benefit of member federations and players. No one knows better than Mr Karpov the great potential for chess as a professional sport. For nearly three decades he battled for the world championship in many of the world’s great capitals. FIDE must professionalize its operations in order to develop mutually beneficial ties with commercial sponsors around the world.

GRASSROOTS GROWTH AND CONNECTIVITY. The elite events we all enjoy cannot be sustained without growth and support from the grassroots in every corner of the globe. That worldwide involvement is our most precious resource and it has been squandered for too long by FIDE’s administration. The international federation’s resources should be put to work bringing member organizations and members together to better promote the game.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We have an ambitious agenda and we need your help to make it happen. Get involved! Individuals do not vote in the election, but you can make your voice heard to your federation to let them know why you think Anatoly Karpov should be the next FIDE President. Our official campaign website will launch in a few days and it is a great place to start:

See the directory to get in touch with your federation.

Contact our offices to share your thoughts on how we are doing and what you would like to see happen once Mr Karpov is President.

We welcome your letters and support and encourage you to share our positive message as widely as you can with other players and organizers.

However, Karpov suffered a setback on April 21. (from the Susan Polgar Blog) Russian Chess Federation [endorses](#) Kirsan Ilyumzhinov for candidate for FIDE President. The news was announced on Wednesday by Arkady Dvorkovich.

The elections for FIDE President will be held in September during the [Chess Olympiad in Khanty Mansiysk](#). Ilyumzhinov is current President of FIDE and he holds this post since 1995. The letter with the decision of the Russian Chess Federation will be sent in the next hours to FIDE. The decision was taken after series of consultations with board members of the Russian Chess Federation.

Dvorkovich expressed the wish that Anatoly Karpov will continue working with the Russian Chess Federation, despite the fact that Ilyumzhinov was the endorsed candidate for FIDE President.

But there is a strong whiff of intrigue about this endorsement. Questions arose as to whether the President of the RCF was acting on his own, and without authority – apparently there had not yet been a vote by the full council.. This still needs clarification.

However, Karpov has gotten the endorsement of a number of European federations and the USCF. Ilyumzhinov's voting base is in the developing world countries.

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

Gabriel Azmitia

I started to play Chess a bit late at age 25, no books no instructor just the movement of pieces. Immediately I felt I was going to establish a world record of lost games. When my frustration got out of my chest, somebody mentioned that my problem was in the opening. I immediate realized that something called opening existed and it was related to this game.

Luckily, those days I had to visit a bookstore and I found a chess book on openings. At that time I didn't have idea of the amount of wonderful people I was going to met, just playing this game.

I played for 9 years then, retired for health reasons.

Stayed away from chess for 30 years and in 2005, I found some friends playing it at home here in Toronto, rusty as I was, I started to play again.

My first tournament in Toronto was at a weekend Seniors Tournament. In that tournament someone invited me to come to Scarborough Chess Club.

My path in chess was meant to be a difficult one, after finding the address of the SCC, I went to its address many times, every day of the week but never on Thursday. Finally, I read again the address and discovered the note that said which day of the week, it was open. I joined in 2007. SCC is great club, I like the way it runs the tournaments. SCC has wonderful people. I am very happy of being a member of it I never miss a game. My chess goal is to play 5 years and never miss a game. Everybody knows more about chess and chess players than me. I like many players, my favorite is David Bronstein and the reason is: He wrote the book Zurich international tournament 1953. Book that I have and is my favorite. My highest rating has been 1576, my current rating is 1575. In my non chess life I work on the computer business sales and service, still hanging there after 45 years on it. I have a dog a 15 years Sheppard Collie, his name is Buddy, I walk him every day. I ask him to wish me good luck before every game. Before I finish I want to say thank you to all the directors, organizers collaborators, players and visitors, you are wonderful people.

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 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)

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. Close on his heels though was our sometimes freelance contributor, David Cohen – just a bit faster and you would have had the bragging rights.

Rick's answer is 11-0-0

Fischer won all 11 games in that tournament. When the trophy was handed out, someone joked 'Evans won the tournament (although he got second place with 7.5 points), and Fischer won the exhibition.'

Today's Trivia Question is:

At the Candidates Tournament at Bled, Zagreb, Belgrade 1959, Fischer's score against Tal was what? (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 .

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 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:

1st/2nd – 5 pts. - Master Andrei Moffat; expert Bill Peng
4th/7th – 4.5 pts. - Master Hacat Kevork; WIM Yuanling Yuan; Jim Paterson; Pino Verde

U 1700 Section:

1st – 5 pts. – Zaidun al Ganabi
2nd/4th – 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 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 the final round 6.

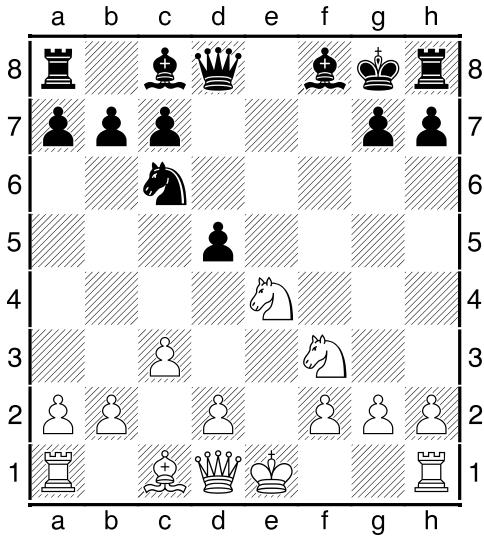
In Rd. 6 in the Open Section, Ian Mahoney fell into a miniature mate (10 moves) at the hands of Gord Marcille. Ian got a very early " winning " advantage. But this must have lulled him into a sense of security. He totally missed the danger when Gord sacked an N. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz)::

Marcille, Gord (1827) – Mahoney, Ian (1570) [C55]

Scarborough CC Jack Frost (Open) Toronto (6), 11.02.2010

1.e4= 0.16 **1...e5** for Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bc4 Nxe4 5.Bxf7+?†**
Ian gets a " clear " advantage [5.Nxe4 d5 6.Bd3 dxe4 7.Bxe4 Nb4=] **5...Kxf7 6.Nxe4 d5 7.Neg5+ Kg8 8.c3?!-+ 8...e4?!** Ian gets a " winning " advantage [8.d4 h6 (8...e4 9.Ne5 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Be7†) 9.Nh3 Bg4†] **8...e4?!** 1.65 [8...h6 9.Nh3 Bxh3 10.gxh3 e4-+ – 2.34] **9.Nxe4!** must lose an N, so get a P and go for the cheapo

Position after 9.Nxe4!



9...dxe4??+- Ian is up B vs P but totally misses the danger; Gord gets a mate [9...Qe7 10.0-0 Qxe4 11.Re1 Qg6+- Ian would be up B vs P] **10.Qb3++-** Ian resigned. It is mate **10...Qd5** [10...Be6 11.Qxe6#] **11.Qxd5+ Be6** **12.Qxe6# 1-0**

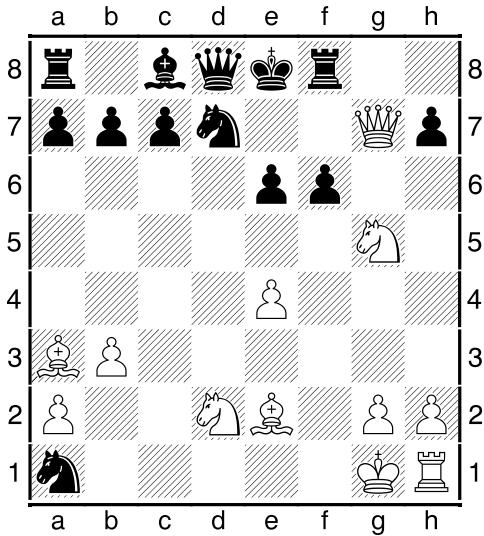
Staying in the vein of miniatures, Pino Verde in the Open section won a 20-move game against Haqi al Ganabi. Haqi beat Pino to the punch, and pulled off the first sac, winning the exchange. But Pino came back with a strong attack, with Haqi's K caught in the centre, offering to sac his N along the way. He ends up mating Haqi. Here is the game (Annotations by Ken Kurkowski, using Fritz):

Verde, Pino – Alganabi, Haqi [C00]

SCC Jack Frost Swiss (Open) Toronto (6), 11.02.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3** White plays a slow variation against the French defence, but appearances can be deceiving! **4...dxe4 5.dxe4 Bc5 6.Be2 Bxf2+?** Usually Pino is the first one to sac material in his games but here his opponent strikes the first blow! This sacrifice is unsound. **7.Kxf2 Ng4+ 8.Kg1 Ne3 9.Qe1 Nxc2 10.Qg3 Nxa1** [10...0-0 11.Rb1 is slightly better but still losing.] **11.Qxg7 Rf8 12.b3+- f6 13.Ba3 Nd7**

Position after 13....Nd7



14.Ng5 Pino's turn to sac, and this one is sound, although Fritz prefers the faster [14.Nd4 Rf7 15.Bh5 Qe7 16.Qg8+ Nf8 17.Bxe7 Kxe7 18.Qxf7+ Kd6 19.Qxf8+ Kd7 20.Nc4 Nxb3 21.Qe8#] **14...Ne5** [14...fxg5 15.Bh5+ Rf7 16.Qxf7#] **15.Bh5+** Taking the Rook on f8 with either Queen or Bishop would have worked as well. **15...Ng6 16.Qxf8+** Time for the final King-hunt. **16...Kd7 17.Qf7+ Kc6 18.Nxe6 Qxd2 19.Qxc7+ Kb5 20.Qc5+** Black resigns as it is mate next move (20...Ka6 21.Nc7) **1-0**

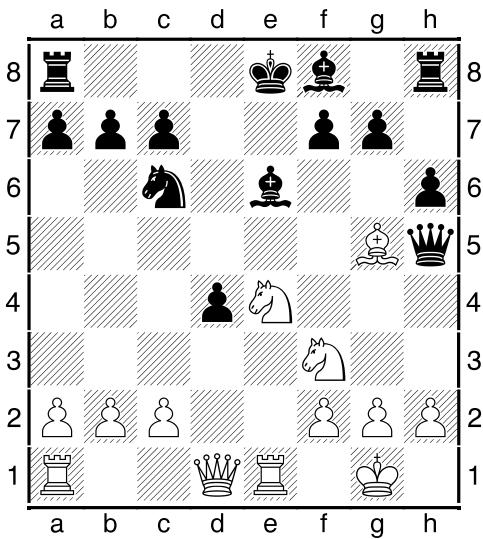
And our third miniature we have picked is also from the Open Section: Kevork Hacat's 17 move win over Sam Haziprodromu. Here is the game (Annotations by Ken Kurkowski, using Fritz):

Hacat, Kevork – Haziprodromu, Sam [C56]

SCC Jack Frost Swiss (Open) Toronto (6), 11.02.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.Re1 d5 7.Bxd5 Qxd5 8.Nc3 Qh5 9.Nxe4 Be6 10.Bg5 h6**

Position after 10...h6



11.Bf6 The players have reached a critical point in a tricky line of the Two Knights' Defence.
11...Qf5? [11...Qa5 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 gxf6 (13...Qb6 14.Qd2 Bb4 15.c3 Bd6 16.Nxd6+ Qxd6 17.Qxd6 cxd6 18.Bxg7 Rh7 19.Bf6+-) 14.Nxf6+ Ke7 15.Nd5+ Kd7 16.Nb6+ Kc6 17.Nxa8 Bg7 18.Qxg7 Rxa8 19.Qxh6+-; 11...Qd5 12.a3=; 11...Be7 12.Bxe7 Kxe7 13.Qd3 Rhd8±]
12.Nxd4 Nxd4 [12...Qg6 13.Qd3 Nxd4 14.Qxd4 Bd6 15.Bxg7 Rg8 16.Qa4+ Kd8 17.Bf6+ Kc8 18.g3+-; 12...Qd5 13.Bxg7 Bxg7 14.Nxe6 Qxd1 15.Nxg7+ Kf8 16.Ne6+ fxe6 17.Raxd1+-; 12...gxf6 13.Nxf5+-] **13.Qxd4+- gxf6** [13...Qd5 14.Qe3+-] **14.Nxf6+ Ke7** **15.Nd5+** Black resigned. Play could go: **15...Qxd5 16.Qxd5 Bg7 17.Rad1** with a hopeless position for Black. **1-0**

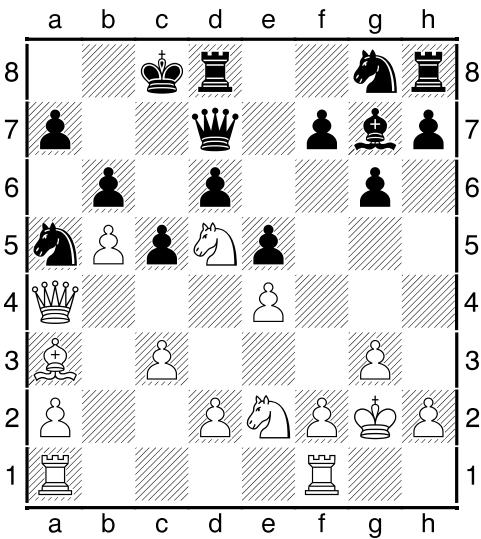
In the Open section on second board, Bill Peng offered the sac of his B three times in a row! And it was wrong to take, each time – and Erwin Casareno refused it each time. Bill went on to get a passed pawn to the 7th rank, and then had a mate. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Peng, Bill (2138) – Casareno, Erwin (2204) [B06]

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1.e4= 0.16 **1...g6±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Modern, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3?!=** [3.d4 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6±] **3...Nc6 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nge2 e5 6.0-0 Be6 7.Nd5 Qd7 8.c3 0-0-0 9.b4 Bh3?±** Bill gets a " clear " advantage [9...Nce7 10.d3 h5=] **10.b5?=** [10.Bxh3 Qxh3 11.Qa4 h5 12.f3 Kb8±] **10...Na5?±** [10...Nce7 11.Qa4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 Nxd5 13.exd5 Nf6=] **11.Qa4 Bxg2 12.Kxg2 b6 13.Ba3?!=** [13.d3 Kb8 14.Be3 h6±] **13...c5?+–** Bill gets a " winning " advantage [13...Kb8 14.d4 f5±]

Position after 13...c5?



14.Bb4! Nc4 1.56 [14...cxb4?? 15.cxb4 Kb8 (15...Nb7?? 16.Qxa7 Qxb5 17.Rac1+ Kd7 18.Qxb7+ Ke8 19.Nc7+ Kf8 20.Nxb5+- 18.80) 16.Rac1 Nf6 (16...Nb7 17.Rc7 Qxc7 18.Nxc7 Nf6 19.Na6+ Ka8+- 5.71) 17.Rc7 Qxc7 18.Nxc7 Nb7+- 5.71] **15.Bxc5?!**± Bill goes up a P [15.d3 Ne7 16.Nxe7+ Qxe7 17.dxc4 cxb4 18.cxb4 h5+-] **15...Nxd2?!**+- material equality [15...dxc5 16.Qxc4 Qe6±] **16.Bxb6!** Bill goes up a P **16...Nxf1?!**+- 10.21 [16...Nf6 17.Qa6+ Qb7 18.Ne7+ Kb8 19.Nc6+ Ka8 20.Bxd8 Nxf1 21.Qxb7+ Kxb7 22.Na5+ Kb8 23.Bxf6 Bxf6 24.Rxf1 Kc7+- 6.57 Bill would be up N + P] **17.Rxf1?!**+- 4.24 Erwin is up the exchange, but Bill has a P compensation [17.Bc7! Qxc7 18.Nxc7 Nd2 19.Qxa7 Kd7+- 11.07 Bill would be up Q + 2 P's vs R + B] **17...Qb7** **18.Qc4+ Kd7** **19.Qc6+ Qxc6** **20.bxc6+ Kc8?!**+- 10.86 [20...Kxc6 21.Bxd8 f5 22.f3 Nh6+- 4.43] **21.Bxd8 Kxd8** Bill is up a P **22.Rb1 Kc8?!**+- leads to mate in 11 moves [22...Ne7 23.Rb8+ Nc8+- 17.57] **23.Rb7 Nf6** [23...Ne7] **24.Ne7+ Kd8** **25.c7?!**+- Erwin resigned. It is mate **25...Kxe7** **26.c8Q+ Nd7** **27.Qxd7+ Kf6** **28.Qe7#** 1-0

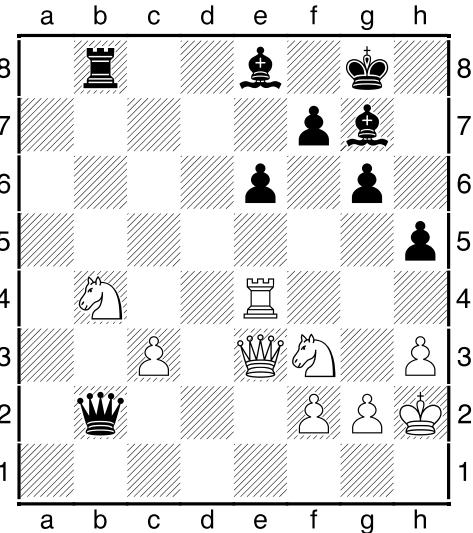
In the U 1700 section, President Maurice Smith had his hands full with one of our youngest juniors, Jason Wang. Jason had the advantage first, then Maurice, and then Jason got a “winning” advantage, and managed to go up a P. Later Maurice equalized, and then he went up a P. Jason ended up flagging, while still having some defensive chances, being only a P down. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Wang, Jason (1080) – Smith, Maurice (1647) [B70]

Scarborough CC Jack Frost (U 1700) Toronto (6), 11.02.2010

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 d6** **3.d4 cxd4** **4.Nxd4 Nf6** **5.Nc3 g6** **6.Bc4 Bg7** **7.0-0?!**= [7.Be3 0-0 8.f3 Qc7±] **7...0-0** **8.Bg5 Bd7?!**± [8...h6 9.Bxf6 Bxf6=] **9.Re1?!**= [9.Nd5 Nxd5 10.exd5 Qc7 11.b3 h6 12.Be3 (12.Bxe7? Re8 13.Bh4 Qc5 14.c3 b5=) 12...Na6±] **9...Nc6** **10.Nf3 Rc8** **11.Qd2 a6?!**± [11...Ng4 12.Bb3 h6 13.Bf4 Kh7=] **12.Bb3 b5?!**± Jason gets a “clear” advantage [12...Bg4 13.Qf4 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Nd4±] **13.a3?!**= [13.Bh6 Bg4 14.Bxg7 Kxg7±] **13...Re8?!**± [13...Bg4 14.Nd4 Nxd4 15.Qxd4 Be6=] **14.Bxf6?!**= Jason has lost his advantage [14.Rad1 Bg4 15.Qf4 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Ne5±] **14...Bxf6** **15.Ng5?!**± for the first time in the game, Maurice gets the advantage [15.Qf4

Na5 16.e5 Nxb3 17.cxb3 dxe5 18.Nxe5 Be6=] 15...Rf8 16.Rad1 Ne5?!= [16...Bg4 17.Nf3 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Na5±] 17.Nd5 Bg7 18.Qe3?± Maurice gets a " clear " advantage [18.f4 Nc4 19.Bxc4 bxc4±] 18...Nc4?= Maurice has lost his advantage [18...h6 19.Nh3 a5±] 19.Bxc4 Rxc4 20.c3 Rc6?!± [20...Bc6 21.Qg3 a5=] 21.Nf3?!= [21.Nb4 Rb6 22.e5 Bxe5 23.Nd5 Rc6±] 21...Bg4?!± [21...e6 22.Nb4 Rb6=] 22.h3?!= [22.Qa7 Re8 23.Nb4 Rb6±] 22...Be6?!± [22...Bxf3 23.Qxf3 e6 24.Nb4 Rb6=] 23.Nb4 Rb6 24.e5 Qc7?!± Jason gets back a " clear " advantage [24...a5 25.exd6 Rxd6±] 25.exd6 Rxd6 26.Rxd6 Qxd6 27.Qa7 a5 28.Qxa5 Jason goes up a P 28...Bc4 29.Qa7?!± [29.Qa6 Qxa6 30.Nxa6 Ra8±] 29...e6 30.a4?!= [30.Qb7 Rb8 31.Qe4 Rd8±] 30...Rd8?+– Jason gets a " winning " advantage [30...bxa4 31.Qxa4 Rc8=] 31.axb5?± Jason should create a passed P [31.a5 e5 (31...Rd7 32.Qa8+ Rd8 33.Qc6 Qxc6 34.Nxc6 Ra8+–) 32.a6 f6?–] 31...Bxb5 32.Qa5?!= Jason has lost his advantage [32.Ng5 Qf8 (32...Qf4?! 33.Ne4 Rc8±) 33.Ne4 h6±] 32...Rb8 33.Qa1 Qb6?!± [33...Rd8 34.Qa7 h6=] 34.Qc1 Be8 35.Qf4 Bf8 36.Re4 Qa7?!± Jason gets back a " clear " advantage [36...Rd8 37.Rd4 Rxd4 38.Qxd4 Qxd4 39.Nxd4 e5±] 37.Qh4?= [37.Ne5 Rd8 38.Nbd3 (38.Re1?! Qa4±) 38...Bg7±] 37...h5?± [37...Qa1+ 38.Re1 Qxb2 39.Ng5 h6 40.Ne4 Bg7=] 38.Qf4?!± [38.Nd3 Bc6 39.Re3 Bh6 40.Nfe5! Ba8 41.Rg3 Bg7±] 38...Bg7 [38...Rd8 39.Re1 Bg7±] 39.Qe3?!= [39.Nd3 Rd8 40.Nd4 Rd5±] 39...Qa1+ 40.Kh2 Qxb2 material equality



41.Qa7?± wrong way to lose the cP; in the time pressure, Jason gives Maurice back a " clear " advantage [41.Rc4 Bxc3 42.Na6 Qa2 43.Rxc3 Qxa6=] 41...Rc8 42.Qe7?+– Maurice gets a " winning " advantage [42.Nd3 Qxc3 43.Qb7 Qc6 44.Qxc6 Bxc6±] 42...Bf8 43.Qf6 Qxc3?+– 1.44 Maurice goes up a P; W flagged on move 44[43...Bd6+ 44.Ne5 Qxc3+ – 3.09] 0-1

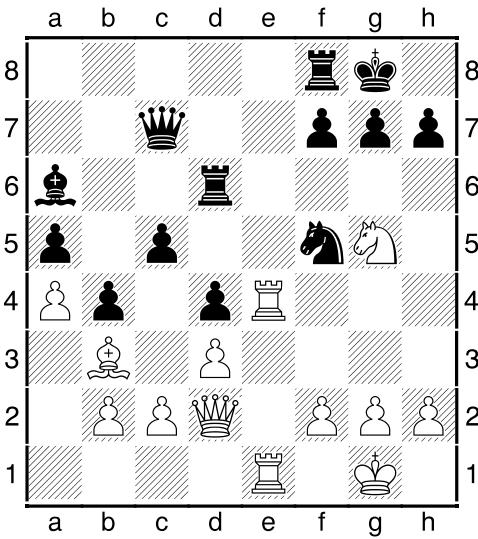
In the U 1700 section, Russell Super had a " winning " advantage early against Eli Teram, but lost it a few times. Then he pulled a nice N-sac offer, which couldn't be accepted because of mate. The led to him winning the exchange + P. He then pressed home his advantage (though he did miss a rather lengthy mate along the way). Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Super, Russell – Teram, Eli [C61]

SCC Jack Frost Swiss (U1700) Toronto (6), 11.02.2010

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.e4= 0.16 1...e5 For Fritz, the only equalizing move 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4?!± [3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7=] 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3 c6 6.Bc4 b5?!± Russell gets a " clear " advantage [6...d5 7.exd5 cxd5 8.Bb5+ Bd7 9.Bxd7+ Qxd7±] 7.Bb3 a5 8.a4 b4 9.Nd2 Nf6?!+– Russell gets a " winning " advantage [9...d5 10.exd5 cxd5 11.0-0 Nf6±] 10.Nf3?!±

pushing the P is best [10.e5 Nd5 11.Qg4 Nc7+–] **10...c5?!**+– [10...Bc5 11.e5 Nd5±] **11.Bg5?!**± again, the pawn push is best [11.e5 Ng4 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.Ng5+ Ke8 14.Qxg4 Qe7+–] **11...Be7** **12.0-0?!**± Russell is losing his advantage [12.Ne5 0-0 13.Nxf7 Rxf7 14.Bxf7+ Kxf7±] **12...Qc7?!**– Russell gets back his " winning " advantage [12...0-0 13.Qe2 Ne8 14.Bf4 d6±] **13.Qd2?!**± again the pawn push [13.e5 Ng8 14.Bxe7 Nxe7+–] **13...Ba6?!**+– [13...d6 14.Rae1 0-0±] **14.Rfe1?!**± [14.e5 Ng8 15.Qf4 c4+–] **14...Rd8?!**+– [14...d6 15.e5 dxe5 16.Rxe5 0-0-0±] **15.e5** finally Russell decides the pawn push is good **15...Ng8 16.Bxe7?!**+– 2.62 [16.Nxd4! cxd4 17.Qf4 f6 18.exf6 Qxf4 19.fxg7 Qxg5 20.gxh8Q Bb7+– 5.04] **16...Nxe7 17.Ng5?!**± [17.Qg5 Ng6 18.h4 0-0+–] **17...0-0** **18.Re4?!**= Russell has lost his advantage [18.Qe2 c4 19.Bxc4 Bxc4 20.dxc4 Ng6±] **18...d5?!**– Russell gets back h is " winning " advantage [18...Bb7 19.Rf4 Bd5 20.Bxd5 Nxd5=] **19.exd6 Rxd6 20.Rae1** [20.Nxf7 c4 21.Nxd6 cxb3 22.Qg5 Qxd6 23.Rxe7 Qf6+–] **20...Nf5?!**+– 4.18 allowing a devastating attack [20...Nd5 21.Qe2 Bb7+– 1.43]



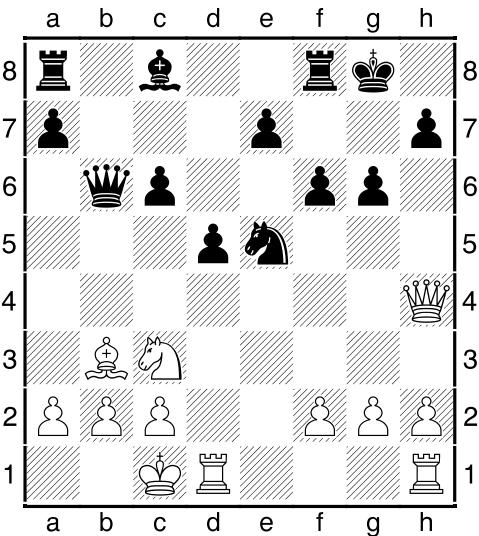
21.Nxf7! Russell is up a P – nice sac **21...c4** 5.73 [21...Rxf7?? 22.Re8#; 21...Rf6 22.Nd6+ Kh8 23.Ne8 Qb8 24.Nxf6 gxf6+– 6.36] **22.Nxd6 Nxd6** Russell is up the exchange + P **23.Re7** 7.08 [23.Bxc4? Bxc4 24.Re7 Qc6 25.dxc4 Nf5+– 5.04] **23...Qc6?!**+– 9.67 [23...Qd8 24.dxc4 Nf5+– 8.33] **24.Qg5?!**+– 3.05 [24.dxc4 Nf5 25.c5+ Kh8+– 11.33 Russell would be up the exchange + 2 P's] **24...Nf5?!**+– 6.88 [24...Nf7 25.Rxf7 Rxf7 26.dxc4 Bxc4 27.Bxc4 Qxc4+– 3.16] **25.dxc4?!**+– 4.66 [25.R7e6 Qc7 26.dxc4 Bxc4 27.Bxc4 Qxc4+– 7.75] **25...Bxc4?!**+– 7.84 Eli captures the wrong piece [25...Nxe7 26.Rxe7 Qg6+– 4.80 Russell would be up 2 P's] **26.Bxc4?!**+– 7.23 [26.R1e6 Qc8 27.Re8 Rxe8 28.Rxe8+ Qxe8 29.Bxc4+ Kh8 30.Qxf5 b3+– 8.81] **26...Qxc4 27.Re8 Qxc2?!**+– Russell is now only up the exchange, but it is mate in 11 moves [27...Qf7 28.Qd8 Nd6 29.Rxf8+ Qxf8 30.Qxa5 b3+– 9.53] **28.Rxf8?!**+– 8.77 Russell misses the mate [28.Qd8 Qc5 29.Rxf8+ Qxf8 30.Re8+ mate in 7 moves] **28...Kxf8 29.Qd8+ Kf7 30.Qe8?!**+– 13.30 [30.g4 Ne3 31.fxe3 h6+– 16.31] **30...Kf6 31.Qe6?!**+– 9.31 [31.g4 h6 32.h3 Kg5+– 15.00] **31...Kg5+– 9.45 1-0**

In the Reserves – U 1700 section, new member Mike Orsini upset Michael Rogers. First he went up a P on an opening inaccuracy by Michael. Then Michael exchanged two minors for R + 2 P's – this sometimes is good and sometimes isn't. Here the two minors seemed more active. Michael, though down a P, then had 2 connected, passed P's on the Q-side, and Mike had an outside passed P on the h-file. It appeared that Mike was going to queen first, but Michael fell into an N-fork losing the exchange, and resigned. Here is the game (Annotations by Mike Orsini, using Fritz):

Rogers, Mike (1581) – Orsini, Mike (1346) [B35]

Scarborough CC Club Champ (Res-U1700) Toronto (1), 25.02.2010
[Orsini/Fritz]

1.e4 c5 I'm learning the Sicilian, so here goes. 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 Open variation 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Be3 g6 Preparing the bishop to go to g7 and voila..the Sicilian Dragon variation! 7.Nxc6 Didn't see the value of my opponent's move here...my pawn structure is strengthened after I retake on c6. 7...bxc6 8.Bc4 Bg7 9.e5? A bit too bold perhaps? My next knight move to g3 serves to strengthen my pawn structure in the centre and d5 will also push back the c4 bishop. 9...Ng4! Winning the pawn on e5. 10.Bf4 d5 11.Bb3 Bxe5 I take with the bishop because his f4 bishop is very active , so I need to trade it off. 12.Bxe5 Nxe5 13.Qd4 f6 14.0-0-0 Qb6 A trade of queens will bring my pawn island on a7 into the game and create a nice pawn storm. 15.Qh4 0-0



16.Nxd5!? This sacrifice loses but I didn't know that initially... a strong bishop move on my part comes to the rescue. 16...cxd5 17.Bxd5+ Be6 18.Bxa8 Rxa8 Fritz 12 has black up 2.25 pawns here. 19.b3 a5 20.Rhe1 a4 This pawn serves to batter white's pawn structure. 21.Qd4 White looks to trade Queens here, but I sensed that my queen was the more active of the two so I decided to move it to safety and attack the pawn on g2. 21...Qc6 22.Re3 axb3 23.axb3 Rb8 24.Rc3 Qxg2! It's now becoming clear that black plans on pushing his pawns down the board while weakening white's pawn structure. 25.Qa7 A mistake I thought, which gives black good counter-play. 25...Ra8 26.Qe3? White's best bet was to attack the pawn on e7 and then go after the bishop while checking black's King. 26...Ra1+ 27.Kd2 Rxd1+ A mistake on my part .. better was the following variation. 28.Kxd1 [Fritz 12: 28.Kxd1 Qg1+ 29.Kd2 Qxh2 30.Kc1 g5 31.Rc7 Kf7 32.Kb1 Nd3 33.Qa7 Qh1+ 34.Ka2 Nb4+ 35.Kb2 Nd5 36.Rc4 Kg6 37.Ka2 Qf3 [%eval -352,17]] 28...Bg4+ It's now clear that black's bishop is becoming the difference maker in this game. Not only does it check white's King but it also guards the critical c8 square from a possible Rook intrusion. 29.Kc1 Qxh2 30.Kb2 h5 A better variation than this move follows: [Fritz 12:1) 30...g5 31.Qg3 Qh4 32.Qe3 Bf5 33.Rc5 Kf7 34.Rd5 h5 35.Qe2 Kg7 36.Qe3 Qe4 37.Qxe4 Bxe4 38.Rd4 f5 39.b4 [%eval -345,16]; Fritz 12:2) 30...Kf7 31.Qg3 Qxg3 32.fxg3 h5 33.b4 Be6 34.Kc1 Bc4 35.Kd2 Ke6 36.Ra3 Kd6 37.Ra8 g5 38.Ke3 Bd5 39.Rd8+ [%eval -297,16]] 31.f4 [Fritz 12: 31.f4 Nf7 32.Rc7 Qe2 33.Qxe2 Bxe2 34.Rxe7 Bg4 35.Re1 h4 36.Rg1 Bf5 37.Rh1 h3 38.Kc3 Nd6 39.Kd4 Kg7 40.c4 Kf7 [%eval -196,18]] 31...Nf7 32.Qxe7 Qxf4 33.Rc4 Qe5+ Now a Queen trade makes sense to me, as white will have his hands full trying to stop white's pawn storm supported by a knight and bishop no less. 34.Qxe5 Nxe5 35.Rd4 h4 36.b4 [Fritz 12: 36.Rd8+ Kf7 37.Rd2 h3 38.Rf2 g5 39.Rh2 Nf3 40.Rh1 h2 41.c3 Bf5 42.c4 g4 43.Kc3 g3 44.c5 g2 [%eval -621,15]] 36...h3 37.Rd2 A blunder (don't we all make them sooner or later!) on white's part leading to a knight fork. 37...Nc4+ And white resigns, although I didn't play as strongly as I thought after my fritz analysis! Chess is truly fascinating but also very humbling[Fritz 12:1)

37...Nc4+ 38.Kc1 Nxd2 39.Kxd2 h2 40.Kc3 h1Q 41.Kb2 Qc6 42.Kc1 Bf5 43.Kd2 Qxc2+ 44.Ke3 Qe4+ 45.Kf2 Qxb4 46.Kf1 Qf4+ 47.Ke2 g5 48.Ke1 g4 [%eval -2163,17]; Fritz 12:2) 37...Bf3 38.Rh2 Bg2 39.b5 Ng4 40.Rxh3 Bxh3 41.c4 Kf7 42.Kc3 Ke6 43.b6 Bg2 44.c5 Kd7 45.Kd4 Kc6 [%eval -693,17]] 0-1

The Mystery Games

The following game was played in Rd. 6 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?:

- a. which section does it come from? Open or U 1700?
- b. White's rating?
- c. Black's rating?
- d. White's name?
- e. Black's name?

Game # 1 : White – Black [D02]

Scarborough CC Jack Frost (X Section) Toronto (6), 11.02.2010

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nc6 [2...Nf6=] **3.g3** [3.Bf4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg4=] **3...Bf5 4.c3 Qd7** Black has plans to attack right out of the opening ! **5.Bg2 Bh3 6.0-0 h5?!±** Black is serious here ! [6...Bxg2 7.Kxg2 e6=] **7.b4?±** [7.Bxh3 Qxh3 8.Qb3 0-0-0±] **7...h4?!=** [7...Bxg2 8.Kxg2 h4 9.Nxh4 Nf6±] **8.Nbd2?+–** Black gets a " winning " advantage [8.b5 hxg3! 9.bxc6 gxh2+ 10.Nxh2 Qxc6=] **8...hxg3 9.fxg3 Bxg2 10.Kxg2 Qh3+–** looking awfully dangerous, but White holds **11.Kg1 Nf6 12.Re1** White is going to try to follow the principle that you can sometimes break an attack by counter play in the centre. **12...Ne4 13.Nf1** – 1.56 Black gets a " winning " advantage [13.b5 Nb8 14.c4 Nxg3! 15.cxd5 Nf5+– 1.42] **13...e6 14.Ng5 Nxg5 15.Bxg5 Bd6 16.e4 dxe4 17.Rxe4 Bxg3!** Black goes up a P **18.Qe2 Bd6 19.b5 Ne7 20.c4** White continues to try desperately to create some action in the centre, to blunt Black's attack **20...Rh5?±** [20...Nf5 21.Rd1 Qh5+–] **21.Bf4?!!+–** [21.Rg4 Nf5 22.Rd1 Qc3±] **21...Bxf4 22.Rxf4 Rg5+ 23.Kh1 Ng6 24.Rf2 0-0-0 25.Rd1 Rf5 26.Ng3 Rxf2 27.Qxf2 Qg4 28.Rd2 f6 29.a4?+–** 2.59 [29.Qe2 Qxe2 30.Nxe2 Ne5 31.c5 a6+– 1.61] **29...Nf4 30.a5 e5 31.d5** though losing, and down a P, White has withstood the attack, and is continuing his centre play **31...b6? – 1.86** [31...g5 32.Ne4 f5 33.Qg3 Qxg3 34.Nxg3 Rf8+– 2.57] **32.axb6 axb6 33.c5?+–** 3.81 this just loses a P [33.Nf1 Kb7 34.Qg3 Qh5+– 1.66] **33...Rxd5** Black goes up 2 P's **34.Ne4?+–** 9.09 further moves were played but not recorded due to time pressure. Black won.[34.Rxd5 Nxd5 35.cxb6 cxb6 36.Qa2 Qd7+– 3.64] 0-1

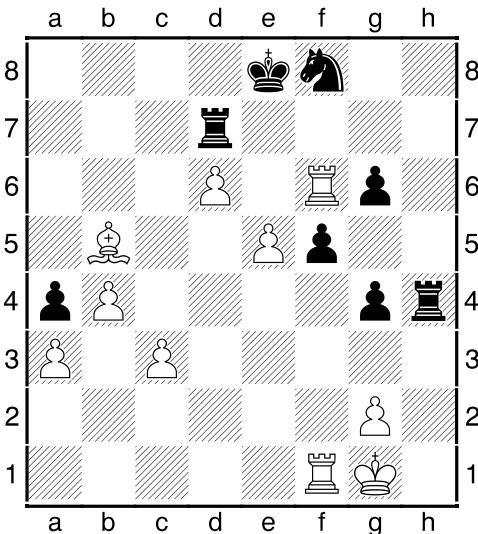
The next mystery game is from the SCC Club Championship – Rd. 1. Again we will tell you nothing – can you tell us?:

- a. which section does it come from? Championship Sect.; Reserves-Open or Reserves-U 1700?
- b. White's rating?
- c. Black's rating?
- d. White's name?
- e. Black's name?

Game # 2 : White – Black [C16]

Scarborough CC Club Champ (X Section) Toronto (1), 25.02.2010

1.e4= 0.16 1...e6± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the French Defence, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 Qd7?!± White gets an early " clear " advantage [4...Ne7 5.Bd2 Nf5 6.Nf3 b6±] 5.a3 Bf8 6.Nf3 b6 7.Bb5 c6 8.Ba4?!± [8.Bd3 Ba6 9.Ne2 Ne7±] 8...Ba6 9.Ne2 Bc4?!± [9...Ne7 10.0-0 Ng6±] 10.c3 b5?!± white gets a " winning " advantage [10...Ne7 11.Bc2 a5±] 11.Bc2 a5 12.b3 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Ne7 14.0-0 Ng6 15.Be3 Be7 16.Nd2?!± [16.Ng5 0-0 17.Qh5 Bxg5 18.Qxg5 Qe7+-] 16...Na6 17.b4 a4 18.f4 Nc7 19.f5 exf5 20.Bxf5 Ne6 21.Qg4 Ngf8?!± [21...h5 22.Qe2 Nh4±] 22.Rf2 g6 23.Bd3 h5 24.Qg3?!± [24.Qe2 Rh7 25.Raf1 Bh4 26.g3 Bg5+-] 24...Rh7 [24...h4 25.Qh3 Ng5 26.Qxd7+ Nxd7±] 25.Raf1 control of the half-opened f-file will become critical 25...Bd8?!± [25...h4 26.Qg4 Ng5±] 26.Nf3 [26.h4 Be7 27.Qh3 Nd8±; 26.h3 Be7 27.Nf3 0-0-0±] 26...Qe7 27.h4 Ra7?± 2.70 [27...Qc7 28.Qh3 Be7+- 1.55] 28.Ng5 Nxg5 29.Bxg5 Qe6 30.Bxd8 Kxd8 31.Rf6 Qg4 5.43 [31...Qe8 32.Rd6+ Kc8 33.Rff6 Ne6 34.Bxg6! Rg7 35.Qh3 Kb8+- 5.60] 32.Qxg4 hxg4 33.Rxc6 white is up a P 33...Rxf4 material equality 34.Bxb5 white goes up a P again 34...f5 6.30 [34...g3 35.Rd6+ Ke7 36.Rxd5 Re4+- 5.83; 34...Ne6 35.Rd6+ Ke7 36.Rxd5 g3+- 6.08] 35.Rd6+ Ke7 36.Rxd5 White goes up 2 P's 36...Ne6?± 7.22 [36...Rc7 37.c4 g3+- 4.79] 37.Rd6 Rc7?± 10.34 [37...g3 38.d5 Nf4+- 7.24] 38.d5 Nf8 39.Rf6 Rd7 40.d6+ Ke8?± 21.57 [40...Rxd6 41.Rxd6 g3+- 11.94]



41.Rxf8?± 25.16 winning an N. Black resigned. Note that Black never got the advantage throughout the whole game.[41.Rf4 Rh8 42.Rc4 Kd8+- mate in 13 moves] 1-0

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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 ran from Feb. 25 to April 22. 10 players play in the Championship Round Robin – it was 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.)

53 players showed up for the Reserves-Open section.. 33 players registered for the Reserves-U 1700 section. The total of 96 players is more than our average in the 2008-9 year of mid-70's players per tournament (we had 86 players for the prior Jack Frost Swiss).

The top finishers were:

Championship RR Section:

1st – 7.5 pts. – junior WIM Yuanling Yuan



2nd/3rd – 5.5 pts. – Master Rune Pedersen (has one game outstanding); Master John Hall.

Open Reserves:

1st – 7.5 pts. – Expert Andrew Picana (wins right to go into Championship Section in 2011)



2nd – 7 pts. – Randy Moysoski

3rd/5th – 6 pts. – Robert Bzikot; Pepin Manalo; Mike Conte

U 1700 Reserves:

1st – 9 pts (all wins !) – junior Magas Yusuf



2nd – 6.5 pts. – Maurice Smith
3rd – 6 pts. – junior John Walker

Games were collected each week (the handing in of the white score sheet is mandatory), but no games of this tournament could be sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament had 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 and I will forward to you the new policy. My thanks to SCC member Ken Kurkowski who is working with me on entering the SCC games each week into the tournament database, which has now been sent out to members since the tournament had concluded (it does not contain the games we will be publishing over the next number of Issues in the newsletter), and on analyzing some games for the newsletter.

Here are some games from Rd. 1.

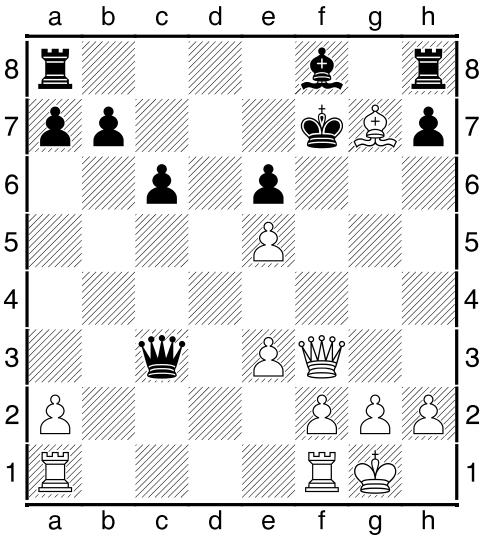
In the Championship section, all games were decisive in Rd. 1. Master Kevork Hacat defeated expert Alex Ferreira, when Alex K got caught in the open. He then managed not to lose an N that was pinned, but at the expense of Kevork's winning attack. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hacat, Kevork (2212) – Ferreira, Alex (2057) [D00]

SCC Championship (Champ. Sec.) Toronto (1), 25.02.2010

599MB, Fritz11.?ctg, My Computer **1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 c6 3.Nf3 Qb6 4.Qc1 Bf5 5.c4 dxc4** Alex goes up a P **6.Nc3 Nf6 7.e3 Na6?!** [7...h6 8.Bh4 e6=] **8.Bxc4** material equality **8...Nb4 9.0-0 Nd3?+–** Alex goes into a complicated exchange that could lose an N eventually; Kevork gets a " winning " advantage [9...e6 10.Qd2 Nbd5±] **10.Qb1 Nxb2 11.Bxf7+ Kxf7 12.Qxf5** material is equal, but Alex has the worse pawn structure, his K is somewhat exposed, and he is behind in development **12...Nc4 13.Ne5+ Nxe5 14.dxe5 e6?+–** 5.35 trying to save his piece [14...Rd8 15.Rab1 Qc7 16.exf6 exf6 17.Bf4 Qe7?+– 4.26 Kevork would be up N vs P] **15.Qf3 Qb4?+–** 9.11 still trying to save his piece [15...Qc7? 16.exf6 g6?+ 6.43; 15...h6 16.Bxf6 Kg8?+– 5.52 Kevork would be up an N] **16.Bxf6?+–** 8.02 Kevork can win a R this way still [16.exf6 Qxc3 17.fxg7+ Kxg7?+– 11.01 material equality, but Alex' K is very exposed] **16...Qxc3 17.Bxg7+–**

Position after 17.Bxg7+



Kxg7??+– a blunder ; Alex is up B vs P, but it is mate [17...Kg8! 18.Bf6 (18.Bxh8? Kxh8+– 4.27 Kevork would be up the exchange + P) 18...Qd3 19.Qg4+ Qg6 20.Qxe6+ Qf7 21.Qxf7+ Kxf7 22.Bxh8 Be7 23.Bf6 Bxf6 24.exf6 Kxf6+– 8.59 Kevork would be up R + P] **18.Qf6+ Kg8** **19.Qxe6+ Alex** is up B vs 2 P's but in deep trouble with his naked K **19...Kg7 20.Rad1 Bd6** [20...Re8 21.Rd7+ Be7 22.Rxe7+ Rxe7 23.Qxe7+ Kg6 24.Qe6+ Kg7 25.Qf6+ Kg8 26.Rd1+– mate in 4 moves] **21.Rxd6?+–** 39.15 Kevork misses the mate [21.Qf6+] **21...Rhe8 22.Rd7+ Black resigns. 1-0**

In the Reserves-Open Section, on Bd. 1, Dave Southam quickly took control of the game against Gord Marcille, and by move 15 was up a P and he had a “ winning “ advantage. Then Gord wrongly sacked the exchange, and so Dave was up the exchange + P. But Gord absolutely refused to lie down and play dead. Gord managed to exchange pawns and open the b-file, to get at Dave’s K, since he had castled long. Then Gord missed a complicated tactical defence and ended up dropping his N; he was now down a R + P. But by now Dave had gotten into his trademark time trouble. He missed the critical defence to Gord’s mate threats, and Gord was able to repeat the position and get a draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

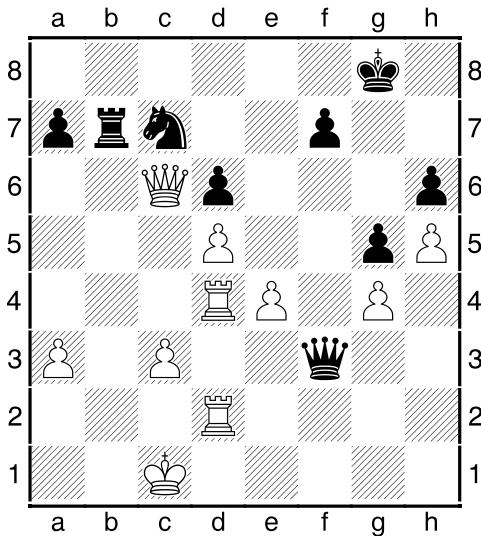
Southam, David (2168) – Marcille, Gord (1778) [E70]

Scarborough CC Club Champ (Res-Open) Toronto (1), 25.02.2010

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3?!= [5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 c5±] 5...0-0 6.Nge2 e5 7.d5 [7.dxe5 dxe5 8.0-0 Na6=] 7...c5?± Dave gets an early “ clear ” advantage [7...Na6 8.Ng3 Nd7=] 8.f3?± [8.Ng3 Na6 9.a3 h6±] 8...Nh5 9.Be3 Na6 10.Qd2 Nb4 11.Bb1 Qh4+ 12.Bf2 Qf6?± [12...Qe7 13.a3 Na6±] 13.a3 Na6 14.Be3 Qe7 15.Bd3 Bd7?+– Dave gets a “ winning ” advantage [15...f5 16.Bg5 Bf6±] 16.g4 Nf4 17.Nxf4 exf4 18.Bxf4 David goes up a P 18...Bd4 19.0-0-0 Nc7 20.h4 b5! Gord offers up a P, temporarily, to open lines; a classic battle of an attack on both wings – who will get there first? 21.Ne2?+– 1.62 [21.Qh2 Be5 22.Bxe5 dxe5 23.cxb5 Ne8+– 3.13; 21.cxb5 Rfb8 22.Qh2 Nxb5 23.Bxb5 Bxc3 24.Bxd6 Bxb2+ 25.Kb1 Be5 26.Bxe7 Rxb5+ 27.Ka2 Bxh2 28.Rxh2 c4+– 2.50] 21...Bg7 22.Bh6?± [22.h5 Rfb8 23.Nc3 Rb6+–] 22...Bh8?+– 2.46 wrongly deciding to sac the exchange [22...bxc4?! 23.Bxc4 Rab8 24.Bxg7 Kxg7+– 1.54; 22...Bxh6 23.Qxh6 bxc4 24.Bxc4 Rfb8±] 23.Bxf8 Qxf8?+– 3.41 Dave is up the exchange + P [23...Rxf8 24.g5 bxc4 25.Bxc4 f5 26.exf5 Bxf5+– 2.74] 24.Qa5?+– 2.16 Dave

should continue his K-side attack [24.h5 Qe7 25.g5 Bg7+- 3.31] **24...Qc8 25.cxb5 c4!** 2.16 [25...Rb8 26.a4 c4 27.Bc2 a6+- 2.32] **26.Bc2?+-** 1.86 [26.Bxc4 Rb8 27.Kb1 Bxb5+- 2.64] **26...Bxb5 27.Nd4 Rb8 28.h5 g5 29.Qd2 h6 30.Nf5 Qf8 31.Qa5 Qd8?+-** 4.08 wrong way to defend the N; leaves the hP hanging [31...Rb7 32.Rh2 Bd7 33.Ba4 Bxf5 34.Bc6 Rb3 35.Qxc7 Bc8+- 1.71 Dave would be up the exchange + P] **32.Rh2?+-** 2.32 Dave wrongly declines to capture the hP [32.Nxh6+ Kf8 33.Nf5 c3 34.bxc3 Be2+- 5.62] **32...Bd7** 3.09 [32...Ba6 33.Ba4 (33.Nxh6+?! Kh7 34.Nxf7 (34.Nf5 Bxb2+ 35.Kd2 Rb6±) 34...Bxb2+ 35.Kd2 Qe7 36.Nxd6 Rd8 (36...Qxd6?? 37.e5+ Kg8 38.exd6+- 19.84) 37.Nxc4 Bxc4± Dave would be up R + 4 P's vs B + N) 33...Kh7 34.Be8! Be5 35.Rc2 Nxe8 36.Qxa6 Qf6+- 2.75] **33.Nd4?±** again David should just take the P; he is losing his advantage [33.Nxh6+ Kf8 34.Ba4 Bxa4 35.Qxa4 Qf6 36.Qxc4 Qf4+ 37.Rhd2 Bxb2+ 38.Kc2 Nb5 39.Kxb2 Qf6+ 40.Kb3 Nc3+ 41.Kc2 Nxd1 42.Kxd1 Qxh6+- 3.72 Dave would be up 2 P's] **33...Rb7?!!+-** Gord again gives Dave a "winning" advantage [33...Rb6 34.a4 Na6±] **34.Ba4 Bxa4 35.Qxa4 Bxd4 36.Rxd4 Qf6 37.Rhd2?+-** 2.24 Dave should exchange P's [37.Rxc4 Qxf3 38.Kb1 Nb5+- 4.01] **37...c3!** sacking a P to clear the b-file, which is later critical **38.bxc3 Qxf3 39.Qc6?+-** 1.87 [39.Rb4 Nb5 40.Rxb5 Qf1+ 41.Rd1 Qxb5 42.Qxb5 Rxb5+- 3.25 Dave would be up a P]



39...Rb6?+- 6.57 a blunder – dropping the N [39...Nb5! 40.Kb2 (40.Rb4?? Rc7 41.Qxb5 Qxc3+ 42.Kd1 Qf3+ 43.Re2 Qc3=) 40...Rb6 41.Qc8+ Kg7+- 2.04] **40.Qxc7** Dave is up R + P, but is now in some time pressure **40...Qf1+?+-** 7.74 [40...Rb5 41.Kc2 Rc5 42.Qb8+ Kg7+- 6.85] **41.Rd1 Qe2 42.R4d2??=** in the time pressure, Dave fails to see the correct defence to the mate threats. He has lost his advantage [42.Rb4 Qe3+ 43.Rd2 Rxb4 44.axb4 Kg7+- 9.43] **42...Qxe4** Dave is up a R – another mate threat **43.Rd3 Qe2 44.R3d2 Qe4 45.Rc2 Qe3+ 46.Rdd2 Qe1+ 47.Rd1=** $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$

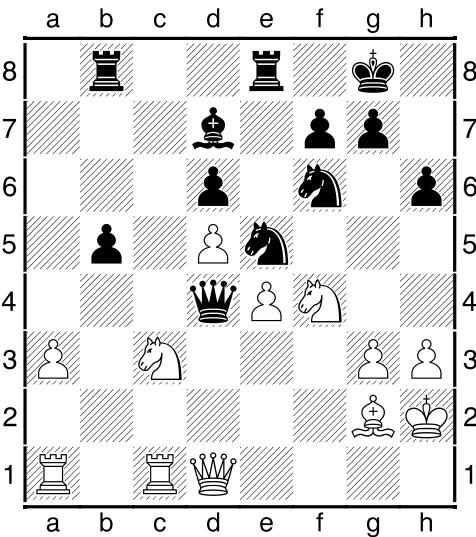
In the Reserves-Open Section, Randy Moysoski was being given a very close game by Scott Huston, who is rated about 250 points lower. But Randy got an attack on Scott's K-side and came up with a nice N-sac to win Scott's Q. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Huston, Scott (1630) – Moysoski, Randy (1886) [A20]

Scarborough CC Club Champ (Res-Open) Toronto (1), 25.02.2010

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e5 3.Bg2 Bc5 4.e3?! [4.Nc3 0-0 5.Nf3 d6=] **4...Nc6 5.Ne2 a6?!=** [5...d5 6.cxd5 Nxd5=] **6.Nbc3 d6 7.d4 Ba7 8.0-0 0-0 9.b3 Bf5 10.Ba3 Re8 11.d5** [11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qxd8 Rxd8=] **11...Ne7 12.e4 Bg4** [12...Bd7 13.Qd2 Ng6=] **13.h3 Bd7 14.Qd2 Ng6 15.Kh2** [15.b4 h6

16.Qd3 Qe7=] 15...Rb8 [15...Qe7 16.Nd1 Bc5=; 15...h5 16.Qd3 Bb6 17.Bc1 Qe7=] 16.f4?!± [16.Rac1 Bc5 17.Bxc5 dxc5=] 16...exf4 17.Nxf4 [17.gxf4 Nh4 18.Bh1 Nh5±] 17...b5?= [17...Ne5 18.Nce2 h5 (18...Nfg4+?! 19.hxg4 Nxg4+ 20.Kh1 Qg5 21.Ng1 Qh6+ 22.Ngh3 Ne3=) 19.Nd4 h4±] 18.cxb5 axb5 19.b4?± Randy gets a " clear " advantage [19.Bb4 Bc5 20.Bxc5 dxc5=] 19...Ne5 20.Qe2 Qc8?± [20...Nc4 21.Bb2 Bb6±] 21.Bc1 c5 22.Be3?± [22.dxc6 Qxc6 23.Ncd5 Nxd5 24.Nxd5 Bd4±] 22...Qc7 23.bxc5?+ Randy gets a " winning " advantage [23.Nh5 Nxh5 24.Qxh5 cxb4 25.Nd1 f6-+] 23...Bxc5 24.Bxc5 Qxc5 25.Rfc1 Qd4?± [25...Qa3 26.Rab1 b4±] 26.a3 h6?± Randy is losing his advantage [26...Rec8 27.Qe1 Nc4 28.Rcb1 Qe5±] 27.Qd1?-+ 5.17 Randy gets back his " winning " advantage [27.Rab1 Ra8 28.Nxb5 Bxb5 29.Qxb5 Nxe4±]



27...Nfg4+! a nice sac for an attack on the Q 28.hxg4 Nxg4+ – 5.51 Scott would be up N vs P, but his Q is lost 29.Qxg4 [29.Kh3 Nf2+ 30.Kh2 Nxd1-+ – 5.89] 29...Bxg4 – 5.83 Randy is up Q + P vs 2 N's 30.Rab1? – 7.62 [30.Nce2? Qa7 31.Rc6 g5-+ – 7.09; 30.Ra2 Rec8 31.Rac2 Rc5-+ – 6.30] 30...Qd2 31.Nxb5 Rxb5-+ – 8.06 Randy is up Q vs N 0-1

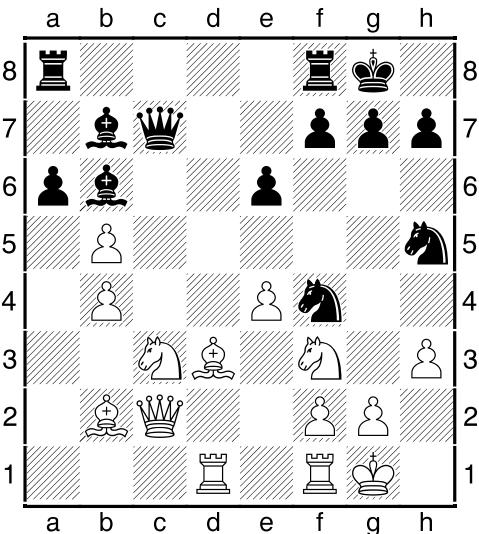
In Rd. 1 in the Open – Reserves section, junior Michael Song first offered up a N-sac attack, which had to be refused (it would have been mate) against Ken Kurkowski. Ken then got a " winning " advantage, but lost it. Then Michael got to continue with his K-side attack and went up the exchange. Then on a discovered check, he won a B, leaving him now up a R. Finally Ken had to sac his Q for a R, but even that couldn't stop the mate. Here is the game (Annotations by Ken Kurkowski, using Fritz):

Kurkowski, Ken – Song, Michael [D26]

SCC Championship Reserves (Open) Toronto (1), 25.02.2010

D26: Queen's Gambit Accepted: 4 e3 e6 5 Bxc5 c5 sidelines 1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bxc4 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.Nc3 a6 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.a3N Consolidates b4 [9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.a3 Ke7 11.b4 Bd6 12.Bb2 Rd8 13.Rfd1 Bd7 ½-½ Andersson,U (2635)–Hort,V (2585)/Wijk aan Zee 1983/MCD; 9.Qe2 b5 10.Rd1 Qb6 11.Bd3 Bb7 12.b3 Nb4 13.Bb1 0-0 14.Bb2 Rfd8 15.a3 Rxd1+ 16.Nxd1 Nbd5 17.Nc3 Rc8 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bd3 Be7 20.Rc1 Rxc1+ 21.Bxc1 Bf6 22.Qc2 g6 23.h3 Qd6 Nguyen Anh Dung (2533)–Rublevsky,S (2634)/Moscow 2001/CBM 086/1-0 (41)] 9...b5 Black threatens to win material: b5xc4 10.Bd3 Black king safety improved 10...Bb7 11.b4 White threatens to win material: b4xc5 11...Bb6 12.Bb2 0-0 13.Qc2 Ne7 [13...Rc8 14.Rac1=] 14.e4 [14.Rfd1? must be considered 14...Qb8 15.Rac1±] 14...Ng6= White has an active position

15.Rad1 Qc7 16.h3? [16.g3 h5!] 16...Nh5 [16...Nf4 17.Kh1-+] 17.a4 [17.Ne2! is worth consideration] 17...Ngf4 18.axb5



Nxh3+! [□18...Rad8?! 19.bxa6 Rxd3 20.Rxd3 Bxe4=] **19.Kh1=** [19.gxh3 Qg3+ 20.Kh1 Qxf3+ 21.Kg1 Nf4 22.bxa6 Qg2#] **19...Nxf2+ 20.Rxf2 Ng3+ 21.Kg1 Rac8??** [△21...axb5 this is the best way to fight back 22.e5 f5 23.Nxb5 Qxc2 24.Bxc2 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 Ne4+ 26.Ke1 Ra2=] **22.bxa6+-Ba8 23.Rc1??** Black has a cramped position. throws away the game [△23.Qd2 secures victory 23...f5 24.exf5+-] **23...Qf4=** The pressure on the isolated pawn grows **24.Qd1??** [24.Re1 Qh6 25.Nh2=] **24...Qh6+- 25.Nh2 Bxf2+ 26.Kxf2 Qxh2 27.Qg4** [27.Nd5 otherwise it's curtains at once 27...Qh4 28.Ne7+ Qxe7 29.Kxg3+] **27...f5 28.Qh3 fxe4+ 29.Ke3 Nf5+ 30.Ke2 exd3+ 31.Qxd3** [31.Kd2 does not win a prize 31...Qf4+ 32.Kxd3 Qd6+ 33.Kc2 Be4+ 34.Kb3 Nd4+ 35.Ka2 Qxa6+ 36.Ba3 Rf2+ 37.Rc2 Rxc2+ 38.Kb1 R2xc3+ 39.Qd3 Bxd3+ 40.Ka1 Qxa3#] **31...Qxg2+ 32.Ke1 Ng3** [32...Nd4 33.Rb1 Rf2 34.Qxh7+ Kxh7 35.Ne2 Rxe2+ 36.Kd1 Qf1#] **33.Rc2** [33.Ne2 cannot change destiny 33...Rf1+ 34.Kd2 Rfxc1 35.Bc3 R1xc3 36.Qxg3 Rc2+ 37.Ke3 Qe4+ 38.Kf2 Qxe2+ 39.Kg1 Rc1+ 40.Qe1 Rxe1#] **33...Rf1+ 34.Qxf1 0-1**

Lazy Hazy Summer Swiss

This last swiss of the season runs from April 29 to June 24 (8 rounds). 57 players registered for the Open Section. It is headed by 5 masters and 5 experts ! 24 players registered for the U 1700 section. This total of 81 players is slightly less than we have been seeing in our tournaments at our new location. We had 83 players out for the Jack Frost Swiss in January, and 96 for the Club Championship.

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 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.

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2010 Ontario Youth Chess Championships

Date	Saturday, May 15th & Sunday, May 16th, 2010
Place	Kitchener City Hall , Kitchener, Ontario (parking available underground - or close-by in municipal lots)
Rounds	5 (all players play all 5 rounds - win, lose or draw - with the exception of sections that are too small)
Type	Regular Swiss
Times	Saturday 10:00, 2:00, 6:00, Sunday 10:00, 2:00 (Poss. playoffs after round 5) For check in, please arrive between 8:45 and 9:15 so that we can try to have everyone checked in with time to start the first round.
Time Control	90 min. + 30 sec. w/Digital Clock
	Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) members : \$65 in advance with online registration: Online Registration
Entry Fee	Non-CFC members : \$70 in advance with online registration: Online Registration For more information on CFC membership see THIS page . (Memberships will be available on-site)

Sections	Based on age and gender: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 - Boys and Girls. More here
Prizes	First place in each section that has a minimum of 4 players has entry fee to the CYCC guaranteed (CYCC Entry is \$175 or \$200 after June 15, \$225 after July 1), plus further bursary based on entry numbers (we hope to send several youth from each section)
Registration	Online registration is being hosted by CHESSREG.CA:
Organizer Cheif Arbiter	Patrick McDonald - (519) 648-3253 patrick@psmcd.net
Miscellaneous	<p>We suggest that you bring your own chess sets and/or clocks if you have them – a limited quantity of sets and clocks will be available on-site for those that may not have their own. However, the sets that are provided will be for use in official tournament games only. If you want to play casual games between the rounds, you should have your own sets.</p> <p>We expect that we will have a few other activities organized. Such events may include parents blitz tournaments, simultaneous exhibitions and more.</p>

2010 Ontario Open Chess Championship

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 with the words “Ontario Open” in the subject line. 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”.

2010 ONTARIO GIRLS' CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

This is a tournament opens to all girls from Kindergarten to G.12 in Ontario.

Date: Saturday, May 22, 2010

Place: Marshall McLuhan Catholic S S

1107 Avenue Road (north of Eglinton Ave. E.), Toronto, Ontario

Sections: K to G.12 (13 sections)

Awards: Medal to top three in each grade.

Time control: Maximum one hour per game, G/30 if a clock is available.

Format:

Swiss, Round Robin or Double Round Robin, depends on the number of participants in the grade.

Playoffs for first place only, if time permitted. Cumulative tiebreakers will be used to determine the second and third places in Swiss.

Ratings: Games are CMA rated www.chess-math.org

Schedule:

10:00-10:30	Check-in	1:00	3 rd round
11:00	1 st round	2:00	4 th round
12:00	2 nd round	3:00	5 th round
12:30	Lunch	4:15	Awards

Souvenir: A T-shirt for players registered with payment before May 10.

Refreshment and Lunch: Pizza lunch, snacks and drinks will be provided.

Sides Events: Puzzle contests, Colouring Contests, Simuls games, siblings' tourneys, parents and teachers' tourneys and more. (Details will be posted)

Entry Fee: \$30 per player (Non-refundable after May 10, 2010)

Registration: Please register on line at <http://www.freewebs.com/ogcc/>

Information: annmail2008-ogcc@yahoo.ca

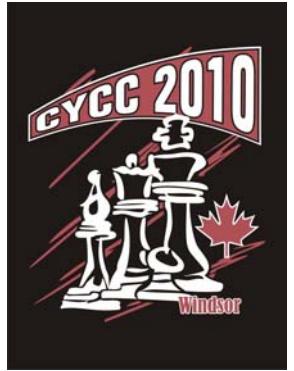
Canadian Youth Chess Championship (early notice)



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
- t-shirts for all players, with choice of colours
- Gi-normous trophies
- CFC rated for all sections, FIDE rated where appropriate
- Chief arbiter: Patrick McDonald
- Host hotel: Hilton Windsor, overlooking the river and Detroit skyline
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- Great swimming pool
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- Free chess bag/set/board for players staying at the Hilton
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2010 CANADIAN OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP (early notice)

JULY 10TH to JULY 18TH

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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4th	\$ 1,500
5th	\$ 1,500
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10th	\$ 500

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