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**Americas Continental Championship, Mexico**

This 9 round swiss was played April 19 – 24, and 5 places in the FIDE World Cup were up for grabs. Canadian GM **Mark Bluvshtein**



played, along with Can. GM Anton Kovalyov, who plays for Argentina.

The winners with 7.5 pts. were Lazaro Bruzon Batista (CUB) ( first on tie-break ),

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**Mark** ( second on tie-break ), Giovanni Vescovi (BRA), and Yuniesky Quesada (CUB).

Mark, and each of the others, get one of the FIDE World Cup spots. One of the 7 pts. finishers will get the 5<sup>th</sup> World Cup spot.

Anton won his Rd. 9 game and finished with 6 pts..

Congratulations Mark – Mark analyzes his first 6 games in his blog:  
<http://markbluvshstein.wordpress.com/>

### **USA National Championship, St. Louis**

The 2011 US Championships took place Friday, April 15th (first round) – Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Top seeds were Gata Kamsky and Alexander Onischuk although the return of Yasser Seirawan to tournament play (virtually the only games he has played recently have been in the Dutch League) was bound to be of interest. First there is a round robin stage with two groups of 8 players, followed by semi-finals and final matches.

After the preliminary the following was the situation:

Group A - Kamsky 5, Shulman 4.5

Group B - Hess 5.5, Onischuk & Shankland 4. The rapid play-off for 2nd followed, won by Shankland.

The semi-final results were:

Kamsky – 1.5 - .5 Shankland

Hess 1 – 1 – Shulman – in the tie-break, Shulman won.

The final results were:

Kamsky 1.5 - .5 Shulman

Kamsky repeats as USA Champion.



### **USA Women's Championship, St. Louis**

The Women's Championship took place at the same time as the national championship. It is an 8-player preliminary, with the top four going into knockout semi-final and final matches.

After the preliminary in the Women's - Krush 5.5, Baginskaite, Abrahamyan 4.5, Zatonskikh, Foisor 4. The rapid play-off for 4th followed, won by Zatonskikh.

The Semi-final match results were:

Abrahamyan 1 – 1 – Baginskaite – Abrahamyan won the tie-break.

Zatonskikh 1 – 1 Krush - the rapid tie-break was drawn; the Armageddon game was won by Zatonskikh.

The Final Match result was:

Zatonskikh 1 – 1 Abrahamyan – The rapid tie-break was drawn. The Zatonskikh won the Armageddon game and won her 4th USA Women's Championship.



### May 1, 2011 FIDE Rating List

15<sup>th</sup> and current World Champion, Viswanathan **Anand** ( India – 2817 ) has maintained his hold on first place, with a rating over 2800 ( 2817 ). Magnus **Carlsen** ( Norway ), # 1 for most of 2010, the youngest player ever to hold this position, and the one with the second highest rating ever, has continued in second spot, with a rating of 2815. The third player over 2800 is Armenian Levon Aronian, at 2808. [ Garry Kasparov ( Russia ), 13<sup>th</sup> World Champion, now retired, was the first player to break 2800 ( highest rating ever in July 1999 – 2851 ); Vladimir Kramnik ( Russia ), 14<sup>th</sup> World Champion, was the second player; Veselin Topalov, 2005 FIDE World Champion, was the third; Viswanathan Anand was the fourth; Magnus Carlsen was the fifth; and Levon Aronian is the sixth. ].

There are 37 players in the 2700's.

Some of the top players are ( birth date of younger players [ 22 yrs. & younger ] in brackets, after country ) :

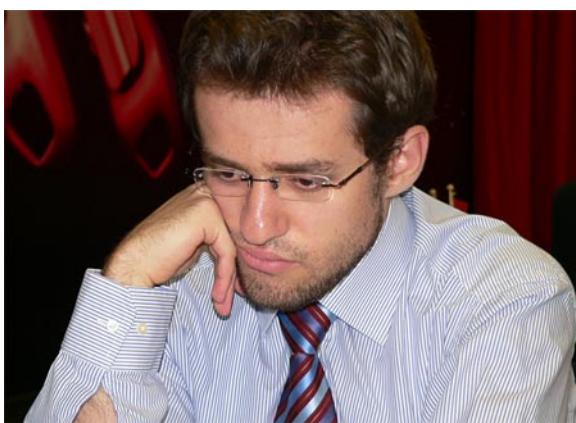
# 1 : Viswanathan **Anand** ( India ), 15<sup>th</sup> and current World Champion, rated 2817;



# 2 : Magnus **Carlsen** ( Norway - 1990 ), rated 2815;



# 3 : Levon **Aronian** ( Armenia ) – rated 2808;



# 4 : Vladimir **Kramnik** ( Russia ), 14<sup>th</sup> World Champion, rated 2785.



# 5 : Vassily **Ivanchuk** ( Ukraine ), rated 2776;



# 6: Sergey Karjakin ( Russia – 1990 ), rated 2776;



#7: Veselin **Topalov** ( Bulgaria ), 2005 FIDE World Champion, 2006 & 2010 World Championship Challenger, at 2775;



# 8 : Hikaru **Nakamura** ( USA ), rated 2774;

# 9 : Shakhriyar **Mamedyarov** ( Azerbaijan ), rated 2772;

# 10. : Vugar Gashimov ( Azerbaijan ), rated 2760;

# 41 : Judit **Polgar** ( Hungary ), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2699 ( up from # 51! ) – ( in 2005, she was in the top 10 with a rating of 2735. She has taken periods off to have children );

Some other past World Champions/FIDE World Champions still in the top 100, and their current ratings are :

# 11 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomariov ( Ukraine ) at 2754 ;

# 51 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov ( Uzbekistan ) at 2685;

Here are a number of the younger ( Under 22 as of Jan. 1 ) players, not in the top ten, but in the top 30, who we're watching ( birth date in brackets after country )[ note: “juniors” = U 20 yrs. as of Jan. 1 ]:

# 19 : Hao Wang ( China – 1989 ) – 2732;

# 20 : Maxime Vachier-Lagrave ( France – 1990 ) – 2731;

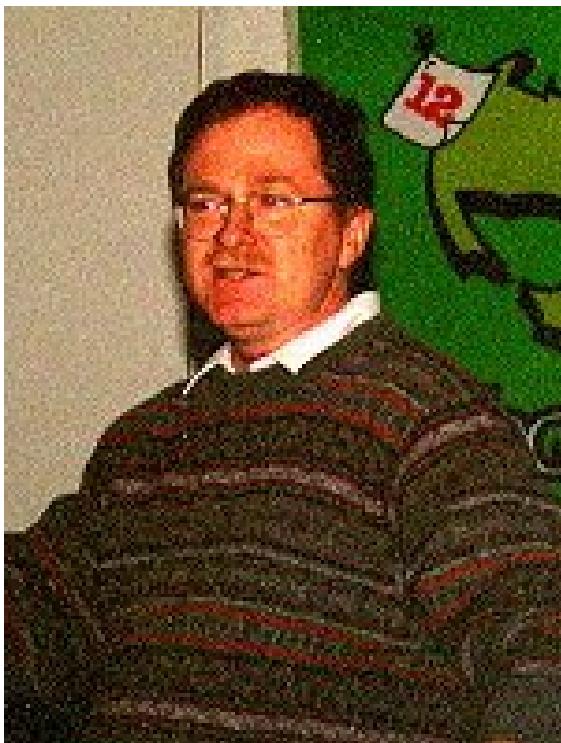
# 28: Fabiano Caruana ( Italy – 1992 ) – 2714.

The 6 highest FIDE rated Canadians ( active in the last 24 months, internationally or in Canada ) are :

# 1 : GM Mark **Bluvshtein** at 2589 ( only 11 pts. shy of 2600, some of which will be gotten when the Americas Continental Championship is rated ! );



# 2 : GM Kevin **Spraggett**, 4 times Canadian Champion ( last in 1996 ), at 2576 – now playing out of Portugal;



# 3 : GM Pascal **Charbonneau**, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2517 – now working in USA;



( from CFC Website )

# 4. GM Bator **Sambuev** at 2513



# 5 : IM Leonid **Gerzhoy** at 2496;



# 6 : GM Thomas **Roussel-Roozmon** at 2491.



The current 2009 Canadian Champion, IM Jean Hebert,



is rated 2414 (# 9).

A Canadian GM with another federation is : GM Anton **Kovalyov** (Argentina) at 2629 – the top-rated Canadian..

There is one previously inactive GM, Dimitri **Tyomkin** ( after playing only 2 FIDE rated games in Europe since Jan. 1, 2006, in 2010, Dimitri played a number of games for teams in the Spanish Team Championships; he is rated 2496 ).

Canada has 2 inactive GM's : Alexander **Le Siege**; and Duncan **Suttles**.

The top 6 women in the world are :

# 1 : GM Judit Polgar ( Hungary ) – 2699 ( first woman player in history to break 2700; peaked at 2735 in the July 1, 2005 rating list );



# 2 : GM Humpy Koneru ( India ) – 2614( second woman over 2600 );



# 3 : GM Yifan Hou ( China – 1994 ) – 2612 ( 16 years old ! – third woman over 2600 ) – current Women's World Champion.



# 4 : GM Nadezhda Kosintseva ( Russia ) – 2567

# 5 : GM Tatiana Kosintseva ( Russia ) – 2559.

# 6 : GM Nana Dzagnidze ( Georgia ) - 2557

. The top 5 FIDE rated Canadian women players are ( active in the last 24 months, internationally or in Canada ) :

# 1 : WIM Yuanling Yuan ( 1994 - SCC member ! ) at 2220 ;.



# 2 : WIM Nava **Starr**, 8 time Canadian Women's Champion ( last in 2001 ), at 2175.



( from David Cohen's Canadian Chess website )

# 3 : WIM Natalia **Khoudgarian**, 2006 & 2007 Canadian Women's Champion, at 2137.



( from CFC Website )

# 4 : WFM Dina **Kagramanov**, 2009 Canadian Women's Champion, at 2100;



( from CFC Website )

# 5 : Iulia **Lacau-Rodean**, at 2018.



There are 5 inactive Canadian WIM's : Vesma **Baltgailis**; Johanne **Charest**; Dinara **Khaziyeva**; Diane **Mongeau**, Smilja **Vujosevic**.

The highest FIDE-rated Canadian woman is WFM Valeriya **Gansvind**, at 2222, who plays for another federation - Estonia. Another highly rated Canadian woman in Hong Kong is WFM Yamei **Wang**, rated 2117 ( but since 2004 she's only played 2 rated games, in 2010, against players in the 1700's ).

### **Canadian Junior/Girls Championship, Mississauga**

This 23 player swiss ( open and girls sections were combined ) was played April 21 – 25 in Mississauga, organized by the Mississauga CC, the largest chess club in Canada ( Bob G take note ! ).

U 18 top-ranked Roman Sapozhnikov has won the 2011 Canadian Junior.

U 16 & 14 top-ranked girl, WCM Jackie Peng, is 2011 Canadian Girls Champion.

Both will represent Canada at the World Juniors in India.

Here are the final standings:

| # | Name              | ID     | Rtng | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Rd 6 | Rd 7 | Rd 8 | Rd 9 | Tot |
|---|-------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 | Roman Sapozhnikov | 138609 | 2443 | W17  | W6   | W4   | W14  | W2   | D3   | W9   | W11  | L5   | 7.5 |
| 2 | Arthur Calugar    | 130889 | 2379 | W11  | W8   | D14  | W5   | L1   | W15  | W3   | D4   | W6   | 7.0 |
| 3 | Zi Yi [joey] Qin  | 134989 | 2370 | L7   | W16  | W9   | W6   | D4   | D1   | L2   | W15  | W11  | 6.0 |
| 4 | Michael           | 132631 | 2279 | W16  | W18  | L1   | W8   | D3   | D14  | D15  | D2   | W9   | 6.0 |

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|----|--------------------|--------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 5  | David Itkin        | 140216 | 2173 | W12  | D9   | W7   | L2   | D15  | L6   | D17  | W10  | W1   | 5.5 |
| 6  | Razvan Preotu      | 146124 | 2021 | W13  | L1   | W11  | L3   | W18  | W5   | W14  | D9   | L2   | 5.5 |
| 7  | Mark Plotkin       | 141086 | 1898 | W3   | W22  | L5   | D9   | L14  | L11  | W12  | W13  | X15  | 5.5 |
| 8  | Simon Gladstone    | 132497 | 1999 | W20  | L2   | W19  | L4   | D10  | L9   | D18  | W21  | W16  | 5.0 |
| 9  | Jackie Peng        | 142388 | 1952 | W21  | D5   | L3   | D7   | W17  | W8   | L1   | D6   | L4   | 4.5 |
| 10 | David Miller       | 145711 | 1944 | L14  | L19  | W22  | W16  | D8   | W12  | L11  | L5   | W20  | 4.5 |
| 11 | Yuanchen Zhang     | 148449 | 1914 | L2   | W20  | L6   | D12  | W13  | W7   | W10  | L1   | L3   | 4.5 |
| 12 | Yimang Yang        | 144916 | 1654 | L5   | W21  | L15  | D11  | W16  | L10  | L7   | W19  | W17  | 4.5 |
| 13 | Owen Qian          | 148880 | 1488 | L6   | L17  | W20  | W22  | L11  | D18  | W21  | L7   | W19  | 4.5 |
| 14 | Shiyam Thavandiran | 127431 | 2492 | W10  | W15  | D2   | L1   | W7   | D4   | L6   | U--- | U--- | 4.0 |
| 15 | Aquino Inigo       | 136995 | 2079 | W19  | L14  | W12  | W17  | D5   | L2   | D4   | L3   | F7   | 4.0 |
| 16 | Rebecca Giblon     | 141076 | 1580 | L4   | L3   | W21  | L10  | L12  | W20  | W22  | W18  | L8   | 4.0 |
| 17 | Brendon Lee        | 139350 | 1931 | L1   | W13  | W18  | L15  | L9   | W19  | D5   | L20  | L12  | 3.5 |
| 18 | Qiyu Zhou          | 151707 | 1728 | X23  | L4   | L17  | W19  | L6   | D13  | D8   | L16  | L21  | 3.0 |
| 19 | Melissa Lee        | 139352 | 1562 | L15  | W10  | L8   | L18  | W21  | L17  | W20  | L12  | L13  | 3.0 |
| 20 | Jiaxin Liu         | 149747 | 1440 | L8   | L11  | L13  | W21  | H--- | L16  | L19  | W17  | L10  | 2.5 |
| 21 | Melissa Giblon     | 142624 | 1348 | L9   | L12  | L16  | L20  | L19  | W22  | L13  | L8   | W18  | 2.0 |
| 22 | Damir Baizhiyevov  | 148269 | 1491 | H--- | L7   | L10  | L13  | H--- | L21  | L16  | U--- | U--- | 1.0 |
| 23 | Jesse B Wang       | 139566 | 2082 | F18  | U--- | 0.0 |

### **CMA Ontario Chess Challenge**

This tournament was played on Sunday, April 17 – active time control. The winners were:

Kindergarten Aidan Mo  
 Grade 1 Benjamin Lin  
 Grade 2 Frank Wang  
 Grade 3 Kevin Yie - SCC  
 Grade 4 Yuan Chen Zhang - SCC  
 Grade 5 Eric Song - SCC

Grade 6 Michael Song - SCC

Grade 7 Mark Plotkin

Grade 8 Christopher Knox

Grade 9 Joey Qin

Grade 10 Dan Liu

Grade 11 Arthur Calugar

Grade 12 Lloyd Mai

### **Should every child be made to play chess?**

( By Vanessa Barford, BBC News Magazine – April 25 )

This is an interesting article on a controversial topic about chess in the schools. Read it and let us know what you think about “compulsory” school chess.



Armenia is making chess compulsory in schools, but could mandatory study of a board game really help children's academic performance and behaviour?

Every child aged six or over in Armenia is now destined to learn chess. The authorities there believe compulsory lessons will "foster schoolchildren's intellectual development" and improve critical thinking skills.

The country has plenty of reasons to believe in chess. It treats grandmasters like sports stars, championships are displayed on giant boards in cities and victories celebrated with the kind of frenzy most countries reserve for football.

Chess is nothing less than a national obsession.

It may only have a population of 3.2 million, but Armenia regularly beats powerhouses such as Russia, China and the US and its national team won gold at the International Chess Olympiad in 2006 and 2008.

Added to that, the Armenian President Serzh Sargsyan has just been re-elected as chair of the Armenian Chess Federation.

## Creative

Now the chess-mad country is investing nearly \$1.5m (£920,000) to teach all of its children. But for other countries constantly strategizing about how to boost child development and education, is making study of the Sicilian and the Queen's Gambit a good idea?

Proponents of chess in schools do claim some evidence. A two-year study conducted in the US by Dr Stuart Margulies found that learning chess improved reading test scores and reading performance in elementary schools.

Another study by Professor Peter Dauvergne, who is also a chess master, concluded playing chess could raise IQ scores, strengthen problem solving skills, enhance memory and foster creative thinking.

Malcolm Pein, chief executive of Chess in Schools and Communities, a programme that puts chess into UK schools, says there are lots of reasons why chess has a positive impact on primary school children.

"Not only does it give children good thinking skills and improve concentration, memory and calculation, but it teaches children to take responsibility for their actions.

"There are also behavioural attitudes and social attributes to the game too. Children shake hands at the start, and although it's not deathly silent in classes, it's reasonably quiet and disciplined."

Far from it just being the case that more academically-minded people are more likely to play chess, he says the game is a very universal and inclusive activity that can be played at all standards.

## Turn off

"Someone who is four can play someone who is 104, someone that can't walk around can play a top class athlete. Sometimes children that have been overlooked in other ways - maybe the quietest or physically smallest child in class - could be the best."

"The other outstanding thing about chess is it's so cheap, so it can really help children in areas that are economically disadvantaged."

Pein is a big supporter of chess being made compulsory at school and recently made a submission to the government's National Curriculum review. It recommended that one class of chess - "or other thinking games like bingo" - is made mandatory every week for children in Year 2 (aged six) or 3 (aged seven).

He concedes the game can be challenging for young children, but argues that by the age of six or seven they are more than capable of picking it up.

English grandmaster and Times chess correspondent Raymond Keene agrees with targeting six-year-olds at primary school - and not just because he thinks it is the optimum time to catch children with the potential to make it big.

"Chess draws from brain power, not experience - it's not like writing an epic. So if a child is good at six, they could be a grandmaster by the time they are 12," he enthuses.

He says "chess is a very addictive process, a positive drug for children". Even when it is played online, it is much better than video games or television, he adds.

### **'Intriguing'**

But although he thinks teaching chess in schools could be beneficial, he would stop short of making it compulsory.

"There are plenty of other things that could benefit from being compulsory too, I wonder whether it would be appropriate," he says.

"Also, in Armenia the government is knocking at an open door. Chess is already so embedded in its culture, it's bound up in its national psyche and ambitions. In the UK making it compulsory might actually turn people off."

Chess players may be convinced of chess' credentials, but could education experts be persuaded?

Katherine Birbalsingh, the teacher who came to public notice after a speech to the Conservative conference criticizing school standards, and who is now setting up her own free school, says it is easy to see how chess would be a useful tool.

"I'm a great believer in knowledge acquisition - and chess is obviously a skill - so I can understand why it would be a good thing to teach children. My question is, what would you lose instead?

"There is so much to learn, so many subjects to put into the curriculum, it would be a shame to lose something like music or art for chess."

Chris Woodhead, the former chief inspector of schools in England, says providing chess in schools - either through clubs or classes - could be helpful, but compulsory classes are not the way forward.

"I'm not sure whether it would have a beneficial impact, but chess is an activity many people find intriguing and satisfying, so it's got to be a good to have the option," he says.

Russell Hobby, the general secretary of The National Association of Head Teachers says fostering strategic thinking is an essential employability skill. But he can't support the idea of mandatory chess.

"No more compulsory subjects. It's about finding what works with each group of children."

And in a curriculum already subject to numerous priorities, chess may struggle to make the grade.

### **2011 Canadian Open Update**

( submitted by organizer, David Cohen )

Canadian Open Registration (as of April 29):

(Open/<2000/<1600)

Advance entries: 123 (75/27/21)  
Female: 12 (8/2/2)  
Under 14: 17 (7/5/5)  
Under 18: 9 (8/1/0)  
Senior: 31 (16/9/6)

Day Camp: 12  
FIDE Arbiter Seminar: 3  
Simuls: 2 for Sambuev.

### **Rick's Chess Trivia**

( questions/presentations researched by columnist Rick Garel,



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

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



At what famous tournament was this picture taken?

**Answer :**

The Zurich International Tournament in 1953

**Bragging Rights Winner :**

SCC member and CCC member Pino Verde, multiple winner on numerous prior occasions, was again fast off the mark this Issue and came in with the right answer the morning after publication. So he gets this Issue's bragging rights ! He also noted that the 1953 Zurich Tournament Book by Bronstein is a " classic " now.

**Today's Trivia Question** is:

I was born in Punjab, British India in 1905. I died on April 25th 1966. Who was I ?

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 Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open**

( Answer will be given at end of this Issue )

#### **19. Which U.S. Grandmaster was on the Deep Blue team that defeated Kasparov?**

- a) Alexander Shabalov
- b) Josh Friedel
- c) Joel Benjamin
- d) Walter Brown



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### **2010-11 SCC Club Championship**

There are three sections to the SCC Club Championship.

The Championship Section is a 10-player round robin of the 9 highest rated club members registering, plus the winner of the prior year's Open Reserves Section ( or the next place finisher in case the winner qualifies by rating or is not playing ). Here are the players this year ( Unfortunately, WIM Yuanling Yuan ( 2352 ), last year's champion, was unable to play this tournament, to defend her title ) :

1. Master Rune **Pedersen** ( 2303 )
2. Master Andrei **Moffat** ( 2248 ) – past club champion
3. Master Josh **Guo** ( 2240 )
4. Master Michael **Song** ( 2228 )
5. Master John **Hall** ( 2200 ) – past club champion
6. Andrew **Picana** ( 2182 )
7. Erwin **Casareno** ( 2165 ) – past club champion
8. Ilyas **Nasirov** ( 2142 )
9. Dave **Southam** ( 2102 )
10. Pepin **Manalo** ( 1762 ) – Reserves Qualifier

9 players are over 2100 – the top section includes 5 Masters! The current average rating of the 9 by rating is 2201! This may well be the strongest club championship in Canada.

The rest of the club plays in 2 swiss sections – the 1700+ Reserves; the U 1700 Reserves. In the Reserves, members can play up a section if they are within 100 points of the higher section rating floor.

41 members have registered for the Open Reserves – it is headed by 4 experts – Bryan **Lamb** ( 2145 – past club champion ); Alex **Ferreira** ( 2081 ), Kevin **Wu** ( 2080 ) and David **Krupka** ( 2035 ).

50 members have registered for the U 1700 Reserves. Over 60% of them are juniors.

It is interesting to note that the mid-line for the club is 1600. We have 51 players over 1600, and 50 under 1600 ( note that all the 1600's have elected to play up ).

The total registrants is 101!!! This is the **first time since the 90's** that we have cracked the 100 barrier for a swiss tournament !!! ( our first 3 tournaments of this 2010-11 season averaged 91 players ).

After the final 9 rounds, the winners are:

#### **Championship Section ( still unfinished ):**

1. – 7 pts. ( + 1 o/s game ) - Master Josh Guo
2. – 6 pts ( + 1 o/s game ).- Master Rune Pedersen
3. – 5 pts. ( + 1 o/s game ) – Master Andrei Moffat
4. – 5 pts. ( + 1 o/s game ) – junior Master Michael Song
5. – 4.5 pts. ( + 1 o/s game ) – Expert Erwin Casareno
6. – 4.5 pts. – Master John Hall

#### **1700+ Reserves:**

1. – 7 pts. – junior Tony Lin.
- 2./ 4. – 6.5 pts. – junior Expert Kevin Wu; Expert Alex Ferreira; Josh Sherman.

#### **U 1700 Reserves:**

- 1./2. – 7 pts. – Maurice Smith ( first on tie-break ); junior Tan Guo.
- 3./4. – 6.5 pts. – junior Kajan Thanabalachandran; junior Derick Aghamalian.

Games are collected each week (the white score sheet is handed in; the player gets the yellow carbon ) – this is mandatory on all members. But there will be no games of this tournament sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the full tournament has concluded ( this is the SCC policy concerning score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If anyone is interested in getting a copy of this policy, just e-mail me at [bobarm@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobarm@sympatico.ca) ).

SCC member Ken Kurkowski and I, as club volunteers, enter the SCC games each week into the tournament database, which, as was said, will be sent out to members when the tournament is concluded ( it does not contain the games we will be publishing in our coverage of the tournament in the newsletter – these are the best games, and they have been held back for the newsletter ). I analyze or partly analyze a substantial number of the games, and, from time to time, Ken also analyzes a few games for the newsletter and/or the database.

## **SCC Spring Into Summer Swiss – New & Final Tournament of the 2010-11 Season**

This 9 round swiss runs from April 28 to June 30 ( no meeting on May 5 – closed ). The registration was:

Over 2000 – 20

U 2000 – 26

U 1700 ( players in the 1600's have the option to play up a section ) – 48

This total of 94 is in line with the first 3 tournaments of the season, which averaged 91 players ( the club championship totaled 101 !! ). It is also interesting to note that the mid-point in club ratings is 1600 ( 46 above; 48 below [ note: all the 1600's are playing up in the middle section ] )

Again, games are collected each week (the white score sheet is handed in; the player gets the yellow carbon ) – this is mandatory on all members. But there will be no games of this tournament sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the full tournament has 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, Erwin Casareno and Erik Malmsten, among others, have presented us with material in the past. We have a 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???

## **2011 Ontario Girls' Chess Championships**

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

**Date:** Saturday, May 7, 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. Certificate to AC participants. \*\*

**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. \*\*

**Ratings:** Games are CMA rated [www.chess-math.org](http://www.chess-math.org)

**Schedule:**

Check in between 10:15 and 10:45. First games start at 11:00. Lunch at 12:15. Awards at 4:15 \*\*

**Souvenir:** A T-shirt guaranteed for players registered with payment before April 27, 2011.

**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. \*\*

**Entry Fee:** \$30 per player (Non-refundable after April 27, 2011)

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

**Information:** email [annmail2008-ogcc@yahoo.ca](mailto:annmail2008-ogcc@yahoo.ca)

\*\* Details posted at website: <http://www.freewebs.com/ogcc/>

**Guelph Spring Pro-Am**

City: Guelph, Ontario

Contact: [halbond@sympatico.ca](mailto:halbond@sympatico.ca)

Dates: May 6-8, 2011

Place: Peter Clark Hall, Guelph University Centre

Sections: 3 FIDE Sections; Pro, U1900, U1500

Rds: 5

Times: Friday 6pm, Saturday 10am, 4pm. Sunday 10am, 4pm

Type: Swiss

TC: 40/90, G30 + 30 sec inc.

Byes: Half point byes in rounds 1-4 may be requested in advance.

EF: Pro Section \$60, other \$40. Late fee \$10 on site.

Prizes: \$55 per Pro player returned as prizes. Trophies awarded in other sections.

Reg: Send entries to Hal Bond, #205-105 Conroy Crescent, Guelph, ON N1G 2V5, or email [halbond@sympatico.ca](mailto:halbond@sympatico.ca), or cash on site 4pm - 5:30pm. Players registering after 5:30pm Friday may not receive a swiss pairing in 1st round.

Misc: Players wishing to play up must pay \$20 per 100 points (or part thereof) below the section floor. Proceeds to the 2011 Canadian Closed. Equipment, snacks and refreshments provided by organizer. A SWOCL Grand Prix Event.

## **2011 Canadian Closed and Zonal Championship**

Chief Organizer: Hal Bond, IO, IA,  
205 – 105 Conroy Crescent, Guelph, ON N1G 2V5  
[halbond@sympatico.ca](mailto:halbond@sympatico.ca)

Dates: May 7-11, 2011

Venue: Peter Clark Hall, Guelph University Centre

Format: 9 Round Swiss

Eligibility:

All players must meet the requirements of Article 807 in the CFC Handbook, and be eligible to compete for Canada in the World Chess Cup. Exceptions are subject to approval by the CFC Executive.

Players with a CFC, FQE or FIDE rating over 2200

Provincial Association and Territorial nominees, with a minimum rating of 2000.

FIDE titled FM, WIM or higher

Canadian Junior Champion and Canadian Women's Champion

Schedule: Players meeting: Friday, May 6, 7pm University Centre Room 004 (tentative)

Round 1-8 Saturday – Tuesday 10am, 4pm

Round 9 Wednesday, May 11 10am followed by playoffs as required.

Time Control: 40/90, G/30 + 30 seconds from move one.

Entry Fees: \$250 per player. Free entry to GMs and IMs.

Prize fund: \$ 4,000 cash prize fund (based on 30 paid entries) and travel prize to World Cup.

Accommodations: Special rate of \$93.99 per night includes full hot breakfast at Best Western Royal Brock Hotel, 716 Gordon Street(across the road from University).

Free accommodation and meal allowance based on double occupancy for defending champion, vice champion and GMs.

Sponsors: Chess Federation of Canada (CFC), University of Guelph, Ontario Chess Association (OCA), Southwestern Ontario Chess League (SWOCL)

## **2011 Ontario Open Chess Championship**

WHEN: May 21st to May 23 2011.

WHERE: Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School  
1715 Main Street East, Hamilton, Ontario

ENTRY FEE: \$60 with cheque received by mail by May 1st.

\$70 if cheque received by mail after May 1st and by May 20th.

Otherwise \$80 at the door. Cash only at the door.

ALLOW AT LEAST ONE WEEK IF MAILING A CHEQUE

Special discount to FM's, IM's, and GM's if contacted before March 5th 2011.

SECTIONS: Open, Under 2000 and Under 1600.

PRIZES: \$5,000 total prize fund (based on 125 entries)

TIME CONTROL: 90min with 30sec increment.

ROUNDS: Rounds are at 10 a.m. and 4p.m. each day.

REGISTRATION: Opens at the site at 9a.m. Closes at 9:45a.m.

CFC membership required. No last round byes.

Bring your own sets and clocks.

ORGANIZERS: Joe Ellis, Mike Egorov of the Hamilton City Chess Club (HCCC), Bob Gillanders and Gordon Gooding of the HCCC and the Milton Junior Chess School

CONTACT: [miltonchess@hotmail.com](mailto:miltonchess@hotmail.com) and mail entry cheques  
(with contact info please) to:

Gordon Gooding  
1101 McClenahan Crescent  
Milton, ON, L9T 6P1

### **Victoria Day East Toronto Pre-Qualifiers for 2011 CYCC**

Organizer: Philip Math Chess Academy

Location: 58 Deerbrook Trail, Scarborough, Ontario, M1W 1V4

Event Date: Monday, May 23, 2011, Victoria Day

Registration Email: [philipmathchess@yahoo.ca](mailto:philipmathchess@yahoo.ca)

Registration Deadline: Friday, May 20, 2011

Entry Fee: \$40 (paid in cash on site)

Format: 5 rounds Swiss

Time Control: 30 min SD

Tie Breaks: 5min SD

CFC rated

Sections: U8 U10 U12 U14 and Up Girls and Boys

Prizes: CFC medals for the first three places in each section

About half participants in each section will be qualified

Free refreshments are available

Parents can drop off earlier and pick up later

Microwave is available to heat lunch.

Daily Schedule

Arrival: 9:30am

Orientation 9:45-10:30am

Round 1 11:00am

Round 2 12:30pm

Round 3 1:30pm  
 Round 4 2:30pm  
 Round 5 3:30pm  
 Closing Ceremony 4:30pm

Rules

1. 30 minutes for each player
2. Touch move, touch take
3. Swiss pairing
4. Record until last 5 minutes
5. Press the clock with the same hand as playing the previous move

**Ontario Youth Chess Championships 2011**

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| Date         | <b>Saturday, May 28th &amp; Sunday, May 29th, 2011</b>   |
| Place        | <b>Kitchener City Hall</b> , Kitchener, Ontario<br>(parking available underground - or close-by in municipal lots)   |
| Rounds       | <b>5</b> (all players play all 5 rounds - win, lose or draw - with the exception of sections that are too small)   |
| Type         | Regular Swiss  |
| Times        | <p>Saturday 10:00, 2:00, 6:00, Sunday 10:00, 2:00 (Poss. playoffs after round 5)</p> <p>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.</p>                                 |
| Time Control | 90 min. + 30 sec. w/Digital Clock (If you have a digital Clock, please bring it.)  |
| Entry Fee    | <p>\$70 in advance with online registration (below)</p> <p>For more information on <a href="#">CFC membership see THIS page</a>. (Memberships will be available on-site)</p>   |
| Sections     | Based on age and gender: U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18 - Boys and Girls. <a href="#">More here</a>   |
| 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) |

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|                            | <p>Bursary amounts will be distributed as follows: The first \$175 will be paid towards the CYCC for entry into the same section as the player entered in the OYCC. Any amounts that might exceed \$175 will be paid directly to the player at the CYCC</p> <p>Players that score a 50% or better score will be qualified to move on to the CYCC</p>   |
| Registration               | Online registration is now under way. NO ONSITE REGISTRATIONS. All Players MUST be Pre-Registered  |
| Organizer<br>Chief Arbiter | <a href="#">Patrick McDonald</a> - (519) 648-3253 <a href="mailto:patrick@psmcd.net">patrick@psmcd.net</a>   |
| 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> |

### **2011 Canadian Youth Chess Championship (CYCC) ( Advance Notice )**

Wednesday, July 6 - Saturday, July 9, 2011.  
Hotel Sheraton, Richmond Hill, Ontario.

**Official Website:** [www.2011cycc.ca](http://www.2011cycc.ca)

**E-mail:** [2011cycc@gmail.com](mailto:2011cycc@gmail.com)

**Qualification:** through provincial YCC's required (except the Pre-Qualified players).

## 2011 Canadian Open Chess Championship ( Advance Notice )

NOTE: Registration Fee is \$ 195 .



**Pinnacle 48<sup>th</sup>  
Canadian Open  
Chess Championship 2011**

**Saturday, July 9 - Sunday, July 17**

**The Westin Harbour Castle  
One Harbour Square  
Toronto, Ontario**

**Prize Fund  
\$30,000**

**based on 300 entries**

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize: Open - \$7,500  
Under 2000 - \$1,000  
Under 1600 - \$1,000**

**Early Entry deadline  
March 31**

[www.canadianchess.info/2011canadianopen](http://www.canadianchess.info/2011canadianopen)  
2011CanadianOpen@canadianchess.info

**Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open – Answer**

**19. Which U.S. Grandmaster was on the Deep Blue team that defeated Kasparov?**

- a) Alexander Shabalov
- b) Josh Friedel
- c) Joel Benjamin**
- d) Walter Brown

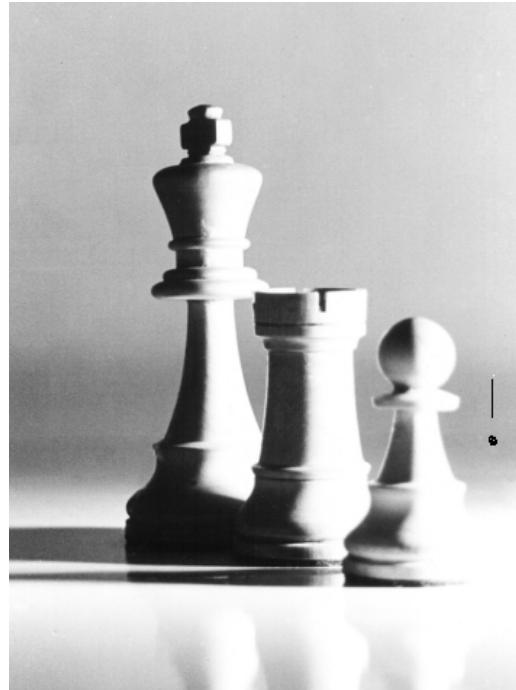


Members enjoy an evening at SCC !



( picture by Erik Malmsten )

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