

# **CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER SIX 2002-2003**



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**Deadline for submissions to GL #7: April 20th 2003**

## **Keeping Governors Informed**

### Financial

Thanks to the tremendous efforts by Gerry Litchfield and Les Bunning as well as the extraordinary generosity and commitment by Sid Belzberg to our Olympiad Team, we are continuing on our road of financial recovery. At the end of February we have a year to date net profit of \$24,000, which compares favourably to the year to date net loss of about \$25,000 at the same time last year.

The structural underpinnings of this turn around are somewhat fragile and so our Treasurer, Les Bunning, is working on a comprehensive analysis, which will shortly be discussed, at the Executive.

On the "collection side of things" we have not yet received the \$4,000 from ICC, which was due to the CFC on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2003. We will try to collect this amount in the next few weeks.

### Membership Drive

At the last minute I have received some specialized legal advice, on a pro bono basis, that there is some concern with handing out addresses, even with a disclaimer. If this turns out to be too risky (it would only take one complaints to cause a nuisance) we will have to look for a different method to attract renewals.

### WYCC

The FQE and CMA have been working for some months on the potential of bringing the WYCC to Quebec City in 2008. I have had numerous conversations and e-mail exchanges with both parties. As a rough estimate we

must assume that the costs for such an event would be about \$2.0 Mill.

While quite a few of us have been successful in raising \$10k to \$50k for individual events, \$2.0 Mill is clearly in a different league. Keep in mind that in the end it is the CFC that submits the bid to FIDE. I will keep you posted on the progress.

### 2004 Canadian Junior Championship

Following a review we have awarded the 2004 Canadian Junior Championship to Mr. Vonnie Eng from Calgary Alberta. The bid was put together using our new template and was very well done. We can look forward to another outstanding Junior Event. Details of the bid are given further down.

### 2003 CYCC and Canadian Open

The organizers in Kapuskasing are making great progress in their preparations for this year's event. I have all confidence that this will be a memorable event.

### 2004 Canadian Open

We have so far received one bid and hopefully will receive a few more in the coming weeks and months. We should plan to make a final decision at the AGM this July in Kapuskasing.

Peter Stockhausen

## **FINANCIAL RESULTS FEBRUARY 2003-04-03 YTD (Summary)**

Total Revenue	\$	281.0
Total Cost of Sales	\$	124.0
Gross Profit	\$	157.0

Total Operating Costs	\$	80.0
Total Other Expenses	\$	52.0
Net Profit/(Loss)	\$	25.0

**Message From Our FIDE Representative and Zonal President:**

I am pleased to announce the following FIDE titles have now been made official:  
*International Master:* Pascal Charbonneau, Stephen Glinert  
*FIDE Master:* David Herder, Eric Lawson

Maurice Smith

**Results of Votes: None**

**New Motions: None**

**Discussion on Motions: None**

**General Comments from Governors:**

**Kevin Spraggett:** Re WYCC 2008 I believe that it is in Canada's interest to have more world chess events held in Canada. From this point of view I encourage CMA to put together a serious bid and present it to the CFC. However, I would prefer NOT to see any such bid (as the one presented) resort to politically sensitive issues, such as excluding the CFC from any association with the event.

As I see it, the CFC must directly be associated with any such bid, and that the FQE must take a minor role

Sincerely

Kevin

***Hal Bond: Regarding the CFC and FIDE ratings***

Thanks Maurice for your reply on this question. I am concerned that this matter is being taken too lightly. The CFC has an excellent rating system, and

we have invested much into it. Will our members lose this if FIDE rates everything above 1000? The rating system is a viable service economically so we should be concerned from a business stand point as well."

***Kerry M. Liles: Regarding the suggested renaming of the GL file: "less confusing to name the file GL40203.doc, with the additional '0203' indicating the year the file was produced."***

I would suggest that we remember the Y2K hassles at the recent turn of the century and choose a more "sort-suitable" filename of the form: GL-2003-05.xxx

In any case, when the email is received, the attachment can usually be saved under any name the recipient chooses...

Is there a specific email address for correspondence related to the Governor's Letters (perhaps I missed that item). It would make it easier on the CFC office if incoming GL mail could be segregated from the rest of the incoming email...

***Frank Dixon: Ontario InterUniversity Team Challenge, London 2003***

This was the first event of its type in Ontario since November, 1997.

Due to excellent preparation by the chess club of the University of Western Ontario, this tournament was a great success. Twelve teams of four players each competed in a five-round team Swiss over two days. The champions for 2003 are the University of Toronto (Vicentiu Tipu, Kevork Hecat, Kit Ng, and Vladimir Penchenkin), who won all five matches, and who defeated the all-Master team from the University of Waterloo (Stephen Glinert, Artem Gurevich, Andrew Peredun, and David Raheb) by 2.5 -- 1.5 in the key match.

I was privileged to serve as TD upon the invitation of the organizers, and I can report that the enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and fighting spirit displayed by the players were all first-rate. Next year, the University of Waterloo will likely organize the event, again in early January, and with more advance notice, increased participation from more schools will likely result. The possibility of this event's affiliation with the OCA in some form has been raised.

**Frank Dixon: Active Rating definition conflict:** While preparing the reports for the Ontario InterUniversity Challenge, it was pointed out to me by Gerry Litchfield, who is currently running the CFC office in Ottawa, that there are TWO definitions in the CFC Handbook for the maximum length time control for an event which is Active-rated. One definition states that anything up to 60 minutes is Active, while the other asserts that everything up to and including 60 minutes is Active. So, this is a problem for the CFC's legal beagles to resolve.

The event was G/60, the organizers did not explicitly state the rating format in advance, but seemed to prefer Regular, the players voted for Active after the first round when the matter came up, and the event has to be rated by Tues. Feb. 11.

My preference as TD would be for it to be rated Regular.

**Frank Dixon: Impressive efforts by Gerry Litchfield**

I want to commend and thank Gerry Litchfield for his strong performance since stepping in as Acting Executive Director in the CFC's Ottawa office. Gerry inherited a challenging situation, and he has been very alert, helpful and cooperative in my dealings with him since that time. The entire CFC organization is certainly benefiting from Gerry's efforts.

**Motions for Final Vote:**

None

**Motions for Second Discussion**

None

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