

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNORS' LETTER TWO 2003-2004

Responses may be mailed, faxed or E-mailed to the Chess Federation of Canada, E-1 2212 Gladwin Crescent, Ottawa, ON, K1B 5N1, fax: 613-733-5209, E-Mail: info@chess.ca

Deadline for submissions to GL #3: November 15, 2003.

President's Message

I would like to encourage Governors to become active in the affairs of the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) by voting on matters raised in the Governors' Letters. Governors should also recruit members and encourage members and others to shop at the CFC. The CFC is not in a strong financial position.

Financial Management

At the AGM it was known that the CFC had a deficit of approximately \$6 000 from May to July. The AGM was made aware of how short of resources the CFC was and to meet that challenge both the membership fee and the rating fee were increased.

The AGM also asked the CFC Executive to lower the cost of producing En Passant. To implement that wish the printing of the magazine is now done without a glossy cover and this saved just under \$1,000 per issue. The editorship of En Passant was also put out to tender. As a result of that process our content costs per issue are now capped at \$3 000 per issue. This is a substantial saving to the CFC over past practices.

The Canadian Zonal 2004

The CFC Executive recommends that the Governors accept the bid for the Canadian Zonal that is published in this issue. This is a good bid from the Ontario Chess Association. The bid is well funded and the site (which did host a previous Canadian Zonal) has been renovated. We inspected the site and it is excellent.

The Canadian Junior and Pan Am 2004

The CFC Executive withdrew the award of the Canadian Junior and the Pan Am qualification tournament to the Calgary Junior Chess Club (CJCC). The reasons for the withdrawal were that the CJCC insisted on: 1) using an organizer banned by the Alberta Chess Association; and 2) the tournament directors were not approved by the Alberta Chess Association.

The CFC is the national governing body for chess in Canada and each Provincial Chess Association is the Provincial Authority. While the CFC does not explicitly give Provincial Authorities a veto over national championships in the province, the CFC cannot proceed and operate with organizers explicitly banned by them. Second, in a national championship it is not appropriate to have parents or long-time coaches of some of the participants as tournament directors.

The WYCC 2003

Patrick McDonald will give a full account of our participation in Greece this year in the next GL.

The CFC Executive made a concerted effort to get publicity and fundraise for our participants. The CFC sent t-shirts to all national team members and prepared sponsorship letters making people aware that sponsorship of these kids is tax deductible.

In Ottawa, Ms. Leon of CBC radio took an active interest in the four kids going and they were featured in radio interviews. Simultaneous exhibitions by Lloyd Mai and Gabriel Brown also appeared on the local evening TV news. The Ottawa Citizen had an article that featured a large picture of Yuanling Yuan and Glen Barber. This had a positive impact on donations for the Ottawa kids going to Greece and we had individual donations of \$4 000 and \$1 000 and we hope total donations for the Ottawa kids and their families will reach \$10 000.

The Western Canadian Open

I am disappointed with the BCCF's decision to hold an open tournament July 10-18, 2004 using the exact format of the Canadian Open. This has not been done before and I would urge the BCCF to reconsider their decision. I do not want to see a Central Canadian Open every time the Canadian Open goes out West or to Atlantic Canada.

As a matter of policy it is important that we, as a chess federation, unite for one national event per year. I do not see a Western Canadian Open when other sport federations like tennis or golf have their national championships.

The proper thing for the BCCF to do, if it still had issues with the way the 2004 Canadian Open was awarded at the AGM, was to challenge the Chair's ruling that none of the bids were conforming. That challenge would have gone out for an immediate vote in GL #2 and, if successful, we would have voted on competing bids in GL #3.

Keeping Governors Informed

New Editor of En Passant

The new editor of En Passant magazine is FM Hans Jung. I know Governors will join me in welcoming him to his new duties. I would like to thank Knut Neven for his many years of dedication to En Passant magazine on behalf of the CFC.

New Help at the CFC Office

The CFC is fortunate to have recruited Mr. Michael J. Holmes as a volunteer staff person for the CFC Office on Mondays. Mr. Holmes is a retired civil servant and the current President of the Eastern Ontario Chess Association. Please join me in welcoming Mr. Holmes to the CFC.

CFC Office Staff and Operations

The CFC recruited Ms. Cheryl Heney earlier this year. Ms. Heney works Tuesday to Thursday and covers Fridays when that is needed.

The CFC Office is managed by Gerry Litchfield. The CFC also buys the services of a part-time bookkeeper and a computer systems person who maintains our software.

New Women's Coordinator

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Bela Kosoian as our new Women's' Coordinator. Ms. Kosoian hails from Tbilisi, Georgia and comes to us via France where she lived and played chess for some years.

The CFC Executive appointed Ms. Kosoian because of her qualifications and interest in developing women's chess in Canada. Women's chess has not been well managed by the CFC. Our biggest task is to run a women's zonal before the next Olympiad. So in addition to welcoming Ms. Kosoian to her new position, I would like to urge Governors who can offer insight or help in this area to contact Ms. Kosoian directly.

Canadian Open 2004

The Canadian Open 2004 will be held in Kapuskasing, Ontario from July 10th to July 18th, 2004. The Canadian Open in Kapuskasing in July had a prize fund of \$40,000 and featured a very strong field of competitors.

WCN Agreement

The WCN and the CFC have reached an agreement whereby CFC members can join the World Chess Network at a discounted price of \$20 US/year, more than a 50% discount off of their regular price. The CFC in turn receives back a portion of those monies of players who take advantage of this offer. After the first year, members will be able to renew at a 30% discount (currently \$34.95 US). Interested members should email John Hoskin (hoskin@worldchessnetwork.com) to provide him with your name, CFC number, and your WCN user name.

General Announcements

Alex Davies has been awarded the FIDE Master title.

There is some news regarding requirements to obtain a FIDE rating. In order for unrated FIDE players to build their FIDE ratings, the minimum number of FIDE opponents per event for unrated players has been reduced from 4 to 3, but the unrated player must score at least 1 point out of the 3 or more games, (and perform 1800+).

Gerry Litchfield
CFC Office

FIDE Representative

I ask all Governors and CFC members to refrain from corresponding directly with FIDE. The correct procedure is to go through either the CFC Office or the FIDE Representative. It is chaotic for FIDE when individuals start asking questions or sending in items that often can be looked after by the Federation Office. In any case, when an individual corresponds, FIDE will usually ignore the correspondence or refer it to either the Office or the FIDE Rep. Items of a minor nature such as corrections, etc. should go to the Office with copy to the FIDE Rep. Items of a more serious nature should be sent in the reverse order.

Maurice Smith
FIDE Representative

Secretary

I would like to remind Governors that submissions with regard to TD certification (as outlined in GL #1) should be sent to the Secretary ASAP.

Alvah Mayo
CFC Secretary

Governor's Comments

David Cohen: I hosted a poll on my Canadian Chess web site which asked where chess players would like to go for the 2004 and 2005 CYCC/Canadian Open Championship. About 75 people (the equivalent of 3% of CFC membership) responded. For 2004, Kapuskasing got 10%, with BC and Toronto splitting most of the balance. For 2005, Toronto was the clear choice. You can see the results here:
<http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/FameVote2003.html>

Pierre Denomee: Motion 2003-06. This motion should be made consistent with FIDE Laws of Chess. A 'blitz game' is one where all the moves must be made in a fixed time less than 15 minutes assuming the game will last 60 moves.

FQE Info (September 20th AGM)

The July AGM has been cancelled by the president for reasons that are not considered valid by all FQE members. The AGM has been rescheduled for September 20th.

The FQE has lost 21 077\$ for the last financial year. Despite that, all the members of the FQE executive seeking re-election have been re-elected. Only 32 voting members (but still a record for all the FQE AGM that I have seen) were present at the AGM and the former president managed to get 19 votes.

The FQE board has declared out of order all attempts to modify the FQE bylaws. Despite this despicable behaviour being legal in Quebec, this is highly antidemocratic. There is a continued struggle between the board and the membership on the issue of giving voting right to all the members instead of a small minority that is easily controlled by those in place.

Motion for GL2: That the latest FIDE title regulations are added to the CFC handbook. Those rules have been changed effective July 1st 2003. Every arbiter should be aware of the changes.

Alvah Mayo: I received word from Jonathan Berry that he has posted a technical report on the 2003 CYCC at <http://www.islandnet.com/~jberry/cyr.htm>. My hat goes off to Mr. Berry for performing his job under some trying circumstances.

I would like to see more governor input in the GL. This is after all the vehicle by which we can conduct business. Mr. Denomee (a new governor at that!) is a shining example in this regard.

Cecil Rosner: The Abe Yanofsky Memorial Tournament was extremely successful. You, as governors, voted to support this event financially (in bringing Canadian grandmasters to the tournament) and I would like to provide some details of the value this garnered.

We had five grandmasters and 95 players in total, including people from BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, Ontario, Minnesota, North Dakota, Florida

and Iceland.

We had extraordinarily good publicity for the MCA and CFC: stories in the Winnipeg Free Press (2), Winnipeg Sun (front page), CBC Radio (local and national), CBC Television (national, on Newsworld), CKY Television (CTV-affiliate), A-Channel TV, community newspapers, and others. Several thousand people passed by and looked at chess literature as Dmitry Tyomkin played twenty-eight people in a simultaneous at Portage Place mall.

The lieutenant-governor of Manitoba, Peter Liba, was our guest at the Thursday reception and he spoke highly of chess in Manitoba and Canada. In his speech he quoted from Tartakower and FIDE and he praised the Manitoba Chess Association's efforts in bringing the tournament to fruition. I believe many of you have seen the greetings which came from Federal Heritage Minister Sheila Copps, Premier Gary Doer and Winnipeg Mayor Glen Murray (they are posted at www.chess.ca/yanofsky).

We also had financial support from the province of Manitoba, and from some Manitoba companies, as well as support from our partners at the University of Winnipeg. In short, this has garnered an exceptional amount of good publicity and goodwill for chess. Thanks once again for supporting the resolution to assist in this event, which honoured the memory of our first grandmaster.

Below is a press release we sent out today:

Grandmaster Arthur Bisguier of New York won the Abe Yanofsky Memorial in Winnipeg today with a last round win to give him clear first place at 5-1. The six-round Swiss System ran Aug. 29-Sept. 1.

Bisguier's career spans more than five decades, and though he's not as active in tournament chess as he once was, he wanted to play in Winnipeg in honour of his old-time friend, Abe Yanofsky. Grandmasters Kevin Spraggett, Helgi Olafsson, John Fedorowicz and Dmitry Tyomkin were next at 4.5, along with Master Jason Drake of Minnesota.

It's fitting that one of Yanofsky's long-time friends and colleagues won the event. The two players were four years apart in age and competed in many events together. They were both in the 1962 Stockholm Interzonal and Arthur recounted how he celebrated with Abe in Tel Aviv in 1964 following Yanofsky's grandmaster title-winning performance.

While his higher-ranked grandmaster colleagues were busy drawing with each other, Bisguier slipped through the middle to snatch first place - especially impressive when the player is in his 70's and still bold enough to challenge opponents young enough to be his great grand-children.

Yanofsky, the first grandmaster in Canada and the British Commonwealth, died three years ago at the age of 74. He won the Canadian championship eight times.

Score table and games at www.jackschess.com

Yanofsky memorial website: www.chess.ca/yanofsky

Michael Barron: Dear CFC Governors and Executive! I am a new CFC Governor and I just received my first Governors' Letter. I would like to share with you my impression

from this Governors' Letter. I hope that my fresh viewpoint could help us to improve CFC activity.

1) **Governors' Letter format:** It's better to format text of the Governors' Letter with 1 column on page – it will be more convenient to read.

2) **More resources for CFC:** The Chess Federation of Canada is a charitable organization whose mandate is to promote and encourage the knowledge, study and play of the game of chess in Canada. The CFC needs more resources to organize chess competitions in Canada. But the opposite is wrong! To organize chess competitions for collecting more money – it's a wrong idea that cannot bring good results.

How can CFC get more resources? Like every charitable organization – from the governmental and corporate sponsorship. And the main CFC efforts should be in this direction. Chess is enjoyable life-long activity for whole family that could improve life quality, human resources development and image of Canada on international arena.

CFC should increase popularity of chess in Canada and for this purpose should make playing chess more affordable for people. It means make playing chess less expensive and less time-consuming activity. It means not increase various fees, but decrease them – only this way can we get more chess players in Canada!

3) **Cost saving suggestions:** Sure, CFC should perform some saving efforts. For example, it could reduce administrative expenses by switching to calendar year membership: every CFC member who pay membership fee in 2003 year, regardless of month, receive CFC membership for whole 2004 year, until December 31st 2004. In the future, CFC membership should be sold for whole calendar year: 2005, 2006, and so on. Another possibility for administrative expenses saving: perform rating calculation once per month – in the first working day every month. It cannot reduce CFC rating accuracy, but can substantially reduce rating calculation cost.

4) **CFC Governors' participation:** As far Canada is a great country and all CFC Governors are volunteers, it's impossible to expect that all CFC Governors can attend any CFC meeting in any certain place and time. But all CFC Governors have right and duty to express their viewpoints and opinions on all CFC matters. So, they can and must for participation in discussion and votes use all available communication channels: mail, fax or e-mail.

5) **The Awarding of the Canadian Open at the AGM:** The Awarding of the Canadian Open at the AGM is illegal, because all CFC Governors have right and duty to express their viewpoints and opinions.

6) **The Canadian Open bids:** The main purpose of the Canadian Open should be to attract as many as possible Canadian players. Therefore, each bid for Canadian Open should include answers to following questions:

1. How much costs this event for ordinary Canadian player who don't win any prize (travel cost, accommodation cost, entry fee)?
2. How many local players are expected to participate in the event ("local" means can live at home during event, so, don't need accommodation)?

3. What kind of local governmental and corporate support organizers expect for the event?

I suggest giving the interesting organizers possibility to resubmit bids for Canadian Open, including answers to these questions, and call all CFC Governors to vote on Canadian Open 2004 bids.

7) **Women's Coordinator:** I would like to nominate Andrei Gulko (CFC# 127505) for CFC Women's Coordinator position. He is a strong chess player, he was a Canadian student Champion, he is well-known person in Quebec and Ontario chess community, he speaks fluently French and English and he has excellent communication skills.

8) The Olympiad Regulations: This is excerpt from FIDE Handbook

(<http://fide.com/official/handbook.asp?level=DD207>):

“D.II. Cycle for Competitions for Men's and Women's National Teams

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07. Chess Olympiad

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1.1.7 Participants

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1.1.7.2 Players

The national teams of federations affiliated to FIDE.

Men: 4 players, 2 reserves

Women: 3 players, 1 reserve

1.1.7.3 Captains

Each team shall have a captain, who may also be one of the players (or reserve).

Duties:

Leadership of the team matches

Liaison with the Chief Arbiter

1.1.7.4 Chiefs of delegations

The Federations take full responsibility for the conduct of their players. Every Federation shall be represented by a Chief of delegation; it may either appoint a person exclusively to this office, or entrust the team captain, or one of the players or reserves, with this function.

Duties:

Administrative supervision of the team

Liaison with the organizing authorities and Tournament Director. “

I believe that we should use the same terminology. The approved revision of the Section 12 of the CFC Handbook leave impression that only Men's team is a National Team, and Women's team is something not necessary.

I would like to propose the corrected revision of the Section 12 of the CFC Handbook attached in Appendix A.

9) **En Passant improvement:** Is one full page in En Passant written in French really serving French speaking people? What should be written on this page? Local news from Quebec? Is this page really reducing the magazine cost? Maybe there is a better solution: to translate whole magazine to French and give the subscribers right to choose between English and French versions?

10) **Canadian Closed:** I cannot understand why we have at least two more years before the next Closed is necessary? I believe that every chess organization needs its own Championship every year, only to prove that it is alive and functioning.

11) **Joe Oszvald/John Niksic motion:** I support this motion and believe that the decision of the AGM about awarding of the 2004 CYCC and CO to Kapuskasing should be reconsidered, because of:

- this decision is really hasty and ill-advised action,
- it's impossible to understand from the AGM Report, who voted with the prevailing side in the awarding of the 2004 CYCC and CO,
- it's obvious that 12 present on the AGM Governors cannot make such important decision,
- every CFC Governor has right and duty to express their viewpoint and opinion on this subject, regardless of his attendance on the AGM.

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
2004 Canadian Closed Chess Championship Bid

Organizing Body	The Ontario Chess Association
Chief Organizer	S. Barry Thorvardson President, OCA
Organizing Committee	The OCA 2004 Closed Committee
Advertising	4 – issues of CFC En Passant WCN, Newspapers, Magazines
Publicity	EXTENSIVE PUBLIC RELATIONS –Pre-Event Starting October – Onsite Live Coverage -- Post Event Updates Complimentary Awards Banquet at 7:30 PM Sunday August 29
Internet Site/ Coverage	High-speed Internet Access at site Will have Live and Daily Internet Updates
City	Toronto
Address	Tartu College (Conference Centre) 310 Bloor Street West Madison and Bloor (1 blk east of Spadina)
Location Description	Downtown Toronto Location Over 1 dozen restaurants in 5 minute walk, plus Second Cup & Tim Hortons Cafeteria in building with breakfasts at \$3.75 and lunches at \$5.25
Tournament Rooms	Deluxe well lighted meeting room Top 4 Boards will have updated Presentation Boards showing games
Analysis Rooms	2 separate analysis rooms, plus lounge and separate Media Area

CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA
2003 Canadian Closed Chess Championship Bid

Registration	<p>Advance Registration, prior to 15 August 2003, Late registration 9:00-10:30 on Friday 20, August subject to availability.</p> <p>The OCA reserves the right to limit participants to 50 players, and to guarantee space for last years Canadian Champion, last years' runner-up and for each province (and the Territories) up to 3 representatives including their provincial champion, and up to 4 additional players at the discretion of the OCA.</p>
Dates	August 20-29, 2004
Format	9 Round Swiss
Time Controls	40/100, 20/50, 10/SD plus 30 seconds per move (or as prescribed by the CFC)
Rounds	9 rounds, 1 game per day starting at 11am, Friday 20 August to Sunday 29 August with rest day and no game Friday 27 August
Playoffs	Monday, August 30 th if required
Rated By	CFC and FIDE
Equipment Provided	All equipment including clocks provided by the OCA.

Prize Fund	Guaranteed \$21,000 Prize Fund 1 st - \$5 000 plus \$2 500 fare to FIDE World Championship 2 nd – \$2 000 plus \$2 000 fare to FIDE Americas Championship 3 rd - \$1 500 plus \$2 000 fare to FIDE Americas Championship 4 th – \$1 500 5 th – \$1 000 6 th - \$900 7 th - \$800 8 th - \$700 9 th - \$600 10 th - \$500 (All travel fares are paid to the CFC for their reimbursement to Canada’s Champions above or their respective substitutes if they do not attend)
Entry Fees	\$200 advance registration, \$300 on-site late registration
TDs	Mark S. Dutton- Senior Adjudicator. Second TD Assistant to be determined by 1 Dec.
Side Events	Simultaneous Exhibition and Open 5 Minute Speed event on the rest day, Friday 27 August.
Accommodation	Special Tartu College Residence Accommodation which is in same building with private room with linen for only \$300 (taxes included) for entire period, assuming arrival Thursday, 19 August and departure Monday 30 August. The Quality Inn is 1 block away at \$95.00 per night, and numerous downtown hotels are available from \$80 - \$240 per night.

Budget	<p>Revenues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Entry fees (50x\$200) \$10 000 - Sponsors \$23 000 Total Revenues \$33 000 <p>Expenses</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prizes \$21 500 - Advertising \$ 3 500 - TD Fees \$ 2 500 - Rating Fees \$ 300 - Banquet \$ 2 000 - Meeting Space \$ 1 000 - Special Events \$ 1 000 - Lodging for 2003 Champion and runner-up \$ 600 - Miscellaneous \$ 600 Total Expenses \$33 000 <p>The OCA reserves the right to :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertise our main sponsor as part of the event title, i.e. ABCDEFG Invitational Canadian Closed Championship - Advertise a sponsor as part of all or any prize award i.e. The Tim Horton Award - Advertise sponsors in all our advertising
Date Submitted:	15 September, 2003
Submitted by:	S. Barry Thorvardson
Accepted by:	

Kapuskasing 2004 CYCC Championship Bid Budget

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Income	Account	2003	Budget	Committed	Actual
		Actual	\$	\$	\$
	Entry Fees	21,000.00	22,500.00		150 participi
	Sponsor Government Federal				
	Sponsor Government Provincial				
	Sponsor Government Municipal				
	Sponsor(s) Business				
	Sponsor(s) Private				
	Chess Sponsor(s)				
	Commission				
	Other Income				
	Concessions				
	TOTAL INCOME		\$ 22,500.00	\$ -	\$ -
Expenses	Account				
	WYCC Travel Fund		\$ 17,325.00		
	Trophies & Medals by CFC		\$ -		CFC
	Rent		\$ 2,800.00		analysis roo
	Advertising by CFC		\$ -		
	TD Fees by CFC				Bilingual
	Arbiters fees by CFC		\$ -		
	Equipment		\$ 550.00		DGT Clocks
	Web Expenses by CFC				
	Appearance Fees		\$ 1,000.00		GM analysis
	Local Organizer fee @\$5 per player		\$ 750.00		
	Strong Player Accomodation		\$ -		
	CFC Rating Fee		\$ 75.00		
	FIDE Rating Fee		\$ -		
	Reception(s)		\$ -		Reception/V
	Rental				Tableclothe:
	Miscellaneous				Souvenir t-s
	Other				
	TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 22,500.00	\$ -	

**** Chess Championship Organizing Committee already has the following available for promotion/marketing of the event:**

Flags

Stationery/Scoresheets

Venue site materials already on hand eg: (carpeting

Banners (2)

Highway signage for community welcome

Staffing for Welcome Centre along with amenities for

Internet update upon final confirmation of championship

Location has internet availability

Bilingual

venue

Credit card, interac availability for registration or payment

Community factors:

Proximity to all tours and busing to venue

Campground availability

Accommodation: Availability of billed

price ranges for accommodation

Motions for Discussion: none.

Motions for Vote: none.

Deadline for Submissions to GL #3: November 15, 2003