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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

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DO YOU KNOW ? / SAVEZ-VOUS ?

SCC Swiss Tournaments (Follow – up on Issue # 14)

In the prior Issue # 14, we started to answer new members two most often asked questions : How strong is the tournament ? How many play ? We there used the 1998/9 club year statistics. There is also an SCC handout pamphlet on statistics on both our Swiss and Round-Robin tournaments this year.

This years’ swiss tournaments to date will now be compared to last years’ [note the significantly higher membership last club year (130 vs 103, a drop of about 20 %)].

Average Turnout

This year we have had a turnout of 30 players per tournament. This is better than last year, when adjusted to take into account the drop in membership. (The 45 players for the club championship swiss has not been counted because there was no comparable 1998/9 swiss – that championship had been a set of Round-Robins; also, the last summer tournament has been eliminated as an aberration - unusually low). Thus, though our current membership is lower (as are all clubs across Canada), we are more active – a greater percentage of our members currently play in our swiss tournaments !

Class Turnout

The two largest classes represented had the following number of players : “ B “ – 10; “ A “ – 7. Together they constituted 57 % of the players (1998/9 – 57 %). 10% were Masters/Experts, similar to last year. 33 % were “ C & Under/ Unrated “. (Actual statistics are posted on the SCC bulletin board).

It is interesting to note that while the A & B class players are 57 % of swiss tournament players, they form only 45 % of the total membership – our A & B players are avid tournament players. On the other hand, these 1-section swisses are not attractive to our Experts/Masters – they form only 10 % of players, but 22 % of the membership !??

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