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April 2003 FIDE Rating List

A dramatic shift has occurred with the release of this new rating list. For the first time since July 2001, there is now only one player over 2800 : # 1 : Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13 th FIDE World Champion – 2830 (note that this is a drop of 17 pts. since the last January rating list).

There are now 15 players in the 2700's , up from only 12 last list. # 2 is still Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 2000 BrainGamesNetwork World Champion, but who has dropped out of the 2800's for the first time in almost 2 years – 2789 (a drop of 18 pts.); # 3 spot is still held by Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion – 2764 (up 11 pts.); # 4 (up from # 5 last list) is Peter Leko (Hungary), the challenger of Kramnik in their semi-final match coming up later this year – 2746 (up 10 pts.); # 5 sees the return to the top 5 of Alexei Shirov (Spain) – 2735; # 9 (down from # 7) is Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine), 2002 FIDE World Champion – 2718; # 10 (up from # 13) is the strongest women's player in the world , Judit Polgar (Hungary), who is playing some of her best chess ever – 2715.

1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) is # 14 – 2702; 12th FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) is # 19 – 2686.

Here are a number of the younger players we've been watching : Alexander Grischuk (Russia) is #15 (down from # 10) – 2701; Etienne Bacrot (France) is # 37 (down from # 27) – 2654; Francisco Vallejo Pons (Spain) is # 45 (up from # 59) – 2645; Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan) is # 46 (up from # 68) – 2644; the # 100 player is rated 2600.

The two highest Canadians with FIDE ratings are : GM Alexandre Le Siege, 2001

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Stan Wadlow Park Clubhouse, 373 Cedarvale Ave.
(one block east of Woodbine Ave./Cosburn Ave. intersection, in former East York)

Canadian Champion, at 2528; GM Kevin Spraggett, former Canadian Champion, at 2526.

2003 Canadian Chess Challenge – Ontario Championships

356 kids played in the Canadian Chess Challenge - Ontario Championship held April 13 in Toronto, out of 6,500 kids who played in 23 preliminary Regional Challenges.

One student from each of Grades 1-12 advances to the Canadian Chess Challenge - National Finals in Montreal, May 18-19.

Here are the champions:

Grade 12 - Evgeni Miller
Grade 11 - Haoyuan Wang
Grade 10 - Michael Buscar
Grade 9 - Tomas Krnan
Grade 8 - Geordie Derraugh
Grade 7 - Raja Panjwani
Grade 6 - Nikolay Noritsyn
Grade 5 - Shiyam Thavandiran
Grade 4 - Lloyd Mai
Grade 3 - Michael Kleinman
Grade 2 - Simon Gladstone
Grade 1 - Alex Chan
Kindergarden - Christopher Knox

2nd place:

Grade 12 - Josef Lentini
Grade 11 - Zhooran Li
Grade 10 - Ryan Laming
Grade 9 - Jonathan Tayar
Grade 8 - Konstantin Khayutin
Grade 7 - Irakli Vadachkoriya
Grade 6 - Justin McDonald
Grade 5 - Alina Sviridovitch
Grade 4 - Alex Norris-Roozman
Grade 3 - Arthur Calugar
Grade 2 - Nikita Gusev
Grade 1 - Elliot Kaufman
Kindergarden - Anoop Manjunath

3rd place:

Grade 12 - Wojtek Fulmyk
Grade 11 - Amir Banhashemi

Grade 10 - Ronald Leblanc
Grade 9 - Robert Hawley
Grade 8 - Jonathan Yu
Grade 7 - Timothy Tam
Grade 6 - Kevin Chung
Grade 5 - Zak Hutsul
Grade 4 - Prasanna Suresh
Grade 3 - Yuanling Yuan
Grade 2 - Kyle Belaiche
Grade 1 - Nathan Farrant-Diaz
Kindergarten - Jonathan Lai

Upcoming John Morrison Memorial FIDE –rated Round Robin Tournament

April 18 - 20, 2003

Site: Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Ave., Toronto

FIDE rated Round Robin, sections of 6 players, 5 games

Games FRI 10,16:30 / SAT 10,16:30 / SUN 10

Time control: Game/180

Entry fee: \$60 (free for Igor Divljan, Zhe Quan)

FREE for FMs, IMs, GMs who register in advance!

Entry is limited to FIDE rated players. We need 4 FIDE rated players per section. Most of the non-FIDE rated players have already been invited (Shiyam Thavandiran, Charlie Tang, Alina Sviridovitch; need one more).

First prize: if only 1 section \$150; if 2 sections \$200 prize in each section; if 3 sections \$220 prize in each section; plus free entry to organizer's next event; less \$60 from the total prize fund for each titled player that enters.

Send your entry to CMA, c/o Chess Shop, 1685 Bayview, Toronto and specify "FIDE rated".

Organizer and Tournament Director: David Cohen

Upcoming 2003 Toronto Open Chess Championship

Dates: April 18-20, 2003

(during Passover/Good Friday weekend)

Site: Bayview Games Club, 2nd Floor, 1681 Bayview

Avenue, Toronto, Ontario

Format:

Limited to 60 players.

CFC rated.

1 Open Section run on the Swiss system. 6 rounds.

2 games Friday, 2 games Saturday, 2 games Sunday.

Time Control: Game/180.

Times: Fri., Sat., Sun. - 10:00am, 4:30pm

Tournament Director: David Cohen, CFC National
Tournament Director

Entry fee:\$60. May be paid in advance to CMA, c/o
Chess Shop, 1685 Bayview Avenue, Toronto, Ontario M4G
3C1. If using credit card, add 2% surcharge (not
considered part of the entry fee).

Prizes (Based on 60 players; minimum 70% entry fees):

1st, 2nd, 3rd (open to all players): \$1,000, \$250,
\$170

Class prize: \$200 in each of Under 2200, Under 2000,
Under 1800, Under 1600, Under 1400.

Peak rating used to determine a player's class.

Unrated and provisional rated players are not eligible
for class prizes, and compete for a separate prize:
\$100.

When a player is eligible for more than one prize,
then the prizes are combined and divided equally among
all players affected.

All players must register from 9:00am-9:30am.

Registration includes showing a CFC Membership card
with expiry date 2003.04.20 or later (or joining CFC
or renewing CFC Membership). Players not registered by
9:30am will not receive a Swiss pairing for Round 1.
Cash only, largest bill accepted: \$20.

Byes: zero points. Please tell the Tournament Director
before the end of a round, if you cannot play in the
next round. If you forfeit a game, it will be rated
and you will be removed from the tournament.

\$1/player will be donated to the Greater Toronto Chess
League Scholarship Fund

Tournament is sanctioned by the Greater Toronto Chess
League

Organizer: David Cohen

Greater Toronto Chess League 2003 Annual General Meeting – April 21

The GTCL is responsible for the coordination of chess activity in Toronto, and is made up of representatives of all the GTA chess clubs and other chess organizations. Individuals who are interested, but are not representatives, are also able to attend, and can participate in discussion on recognition by the chairperson.

The agenda has a number of important items on it. The outgoing executive will report on the past year. There will be election of the Executive Committee for the coming year. And the GTA will nominate its nominees for the positions of Ontario Chess Association directors, and CFC Governors from the GTA.

The meeting will be held at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue (just south of Eglinton Ave. E., at the site of the old Dutton Chess Club), starting at 7:00 PM. Come out and participate and have your say in GTA chess.

SCC Winter Swiss Finishes

33 players contested this tournament which concluded on Thursday, April 3. Finishing 1 / 2 were Jim **Paterson** and Joe **Bellomo** at 5 ½ / 7 pts.. In 3 / 4 place, at 4 ½ / 7 pts., were Imtiaz **Husain** and Fred **Henderson**.

A new swiss tournament started on Thursday, April 10. There will be no round on Thursday, April 17, since the club closes on the third Thursday of each month. So round 2 is on Thursday, April 24. If you missed the first round, and want to play, just come out and register, and you'll be given a "bye" for the round missed.

2003 Toronto Secondary School Individual Championships

For Grades 7 - OAC CFC Rated

Sponsor: Toronto Secondary School Chess League (T.S.S.C.L.)

**WHERE: Catholic Education Centre ENTRY FEE: \$10.00 early registration
80 Sheppard Ave E. (By post or board mail –**

[Catholic Teachers' Centre, 3rd floor] NO ON-SITE REGISTRATIONS!)

DEADLINE: Wed Apr 16, 2003

PRIZES: PAYABLE TO: Stephen Leacock CI

**1st, 2nd, 3rd Trophy PLUS ENTRY FEE TO MAIL TO: Stephen Leacock CI
Chess Club**

Ontario HS Championship 2450 Birchmount Rd,

Grade Prizes 1st-3rd Gr.7-13 Agincourt, Ont M1T 2M5

CASH PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!!! E-mail: chris.field@tel.tdsb.on.ca

Swiss System Tournament

In this system there are no knock-outs (eliminations). It is expected that every player will play five (5)

rounds unless a bye is requested. The player will usually meet another player with the same score after each round. Tie-break system: The cumulative system will be used if needed (add cumulative scores).

Thursday April 24 9:00 - 10:00 AM Round 1

10:15AM - 11:15 PM Round 2

11:30 - 12:30 PM Round 3

12:30 - 1:00 PM Lunch Break

1:00 - 2:00 PM Round 4

2:15 - 3:15 PM Round 5

3:30 PM Awards Presentation

All rounds are 30 minutes per player. The tournament will be CFC active-rated.

T.S.S.C.L. INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIP

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Player Information:

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Address _____ School Grade _____

City _____ Postal Code _____ Phone _____

School _____ Teacher _____

CFC No. _____ Active Rating _____ Chess 'n Math Rating _____

E-Mail _____

NOTE: Paper chess boards will be provided. Each player should bring a chess set and, if

possible, a clock. Also bring your own food and drink for lunch.

Equipment: Boards are supplied. Each player is asked to bring a set and clock.

Start: Please arrive between 8:30 and 8:45 to set up for round 1.

The Catholic Education Centre is a 5-10 minute walk from the Sheppard-Yonge Subway station.

We cannot promise that any parking will be available at the site.

There are municipal lots at and near the Sheppard Centre across the street.

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