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Prague Unity Agreement Hits Another Snag

The impressive agreement reached last May to reunify the world chess championship is continuing to unravel. The FIDE side of the draw is scheduled – Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine), 2002 FIDE world champion is to play Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE world champion, and highest rated player in the world, in early September this year in Yalta, Ukraine (though Ruslan is claiming compensation from FIDE of \$ 150,000 (U.S.) for the match having been rescheduled from its original start date of last month).

The other side of the draw features classical world champion, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), against Peter Leko (Hungary). But the problem is that a corporation, Einstein TV , holds the rights to this challenge match of Kramnik’s. And it previously announced that it had been unable to find a sponsor for the full prize fund for the match. But now things seem to have gotten worse. On July 1, Einstein Group (the holding company) petitioned the British High Court for the “ appointment of administrators “. This usually means the company is insolvent. Where will this leave the holding of the Kramnik match ? Stay tuned, since this saga is clearly far from over.

Canadians Play in World Junior

The world junior championships were played recently in Nakhcivan, Ajerbaijan. Shakhriyar Mamedyarov of Azerbaijan won the title, with 10/13 pts. The women’s section was won by Nana Dzagidzne of Georgia, with 9.5/11 pts..

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Canadians who played were :
Hao Yuan Wang, a GTA junior, and Can. Junior Champion – ranked 37th, he finished 28th with 6.5/13 pts.;
Hughes Masse – ranked 42nd, he finished 43rd with 5/13 pts.;
Anne-Marie Charbonneau (Women's Section) – ranked 22nd, she finished 24th with 3.5/11 pts..

Bluvshstein Tries for Second GM Norm

IM Mark Bluvshstein, a GTA Junior, recently gained his first GM norm in a grandmaster tournament in Hungary last month. This month, starting July 23 in Montreal, he will go hunting for his second norm in the Montreal International tournament, a 12-player round robin tournament, being a FIDE Category 11 event. Good luck Mark.

GTA Juniors Win in 2003 Canadian Youth Chess Championships

This tournament was held in Kapuskasing July 7 – 10. It is run in 10 categories (5 mixed & 5 female) : U10, U12, U14, U16, U18. Here are some of the top results of GTA juniors :

U 12 Mixed – Nikolay Noritsyn – 1st ;
U 12 Girls – Hazel Smith – 1st ; second was Alina Sviridovitch;
U 18 Mixed – Liam Henry (an SCC junior) – 2nd (he was playing for 1st place on Board 1 in the last round, but lost)
U 18 Girls – Dina Kagramanov – 1st .

John Cherriman Memorial Masters Tournament – Toronto

This is a one section only tournament, being a 6 player round robin. It will be played Friday, July 25 – Sunday, July 27. It will be played at the Bayview Games Club, 2nd floor, 1681 Bayview Avenue, Toronto. Entry fee \$ 115 (\$ 100 for BGC members). This is the 18th Toronto Masters tournament here in Toronto, and is organized by David Cohen. IM Yan Teplitsky is one of the confirmed players. More information can be obtained from the owner/manager of the BGC, Vlad Dobrich at 416-722-9709.

SCC Closes for the Summer

Sunday, July 13 is the final round of the current Sunday Swiss. This will be the last Sunday meeting until after Labour Day in September.

Thursday, July 17 (yes, we're playing this third Thursday when normally we're closed) is the last round of the Thursday swiss. This will be the last Thursday meeting until after Labour Day in September.

The 2003-2004 Annual General Meeting of SCC will be held the first Thursday after Labour Day, which is Thursday Sept. 4.

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