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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

Toronto Closed

This tournament was an 8 player round robin played in January and February, and is now completed. The winner is Sami Ademi, with 5/7 pts.. In 2nd-4th with 4 pts. were Imtiaz Husain (SCC member), Liam Henry (former SCC junior) and Yevhen Molchanov. (We reported on the Reserves winners in our last Issue.)

Ontario Senior's Championship

9 players registered for this tournament, endorsed by the GTCL and OCA, held at Tartu College, Toronto, Feb 18-20. and organized by Martin Jaeger. The winner was expert Wolf Ferner, with 4/5 pts.. This win qualifies him to the next Ontario Closed tournament.

Premier Open & Reserves Open Tournaments

These tournaments were also played Feb. 18-20 at Tartu College, also organized by Martin Jaeger. The winner of the Premier was GTA Junior, Master Nikolay Noritsyn, with 4.5/5 pts.. The co-winners of the Reserves were Michael and Robert Kleinman, each with 4/5 pts..

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K-W Winter Open

(Report by Patrick McDonald on ChessTalk)

This tournament was played at Kitchener City Hall on Feb. 18-20. 66 players participated. Robert Hamilton won the Open Section, while Hal Bond, Wylon Wong, Justin McDonald and Geordie Derraugh all tied at 4/5 to share First place in the U 2000 section. Jamie Singleton and James Lehman shared top spot in the U 1600 section.

The Guelph Team dominated to win the team prize. Robert Hamilton, Hal Bond and Mark Brauer all worked together to push their team past the KW Juniors, St. Catherines, Peel, and Waterloo U. teams.

Aeroflot Open, Moscow

This is the strongest Open in the world, a 9-round swiss and was played Feb. 15 – 23 at the Rossja Hotel, Europe's largest hotel. There were 515 participants in four sections, including 123 GM's. There was a five-way tie for 1st, with Emil Sutovsky winning on tie-break in the top section.

Cappelle La Grande, France

This also is one of the largest swiss opens in the world. It was played Feb. 12 –19 and is 9 rounds. There were 590 players from 52 countries, including 78 GM's and 62 IM's. The co-winners were IM David Shengelia and GM Michail Brodsky.

Will Bobby Fischer's Problems End Now ?

Bobby Fischer has been languishing in a detention center in Japan now for about ½ a year. He was detained because he was trying to leave Japan on his American passport, which had previously been cancelled by the US government. His crime was to have played Boris Spassky in Yugoslavia in 1992, when the US had a ban on any activities in Yugoslavia. He appealed to Iceland for citizenship, and Iceland has gone part way so far – they have granted him an Icelandic ID, a residency permit and a passport. They are now appealing for Fischer's release to travel to Iceland based on this documentation. If this does not work, the Icelandic parliament will then go on to consider granting him formal citizenship.

History of the Canadian Chess Web Site

(Submitted by David Cohen)

This article explains the origin of my 'Canadian Chess' web site (which is linked from the web site of The Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) - <http://www.chess.ca>):

<http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/canchess.html>

Biographies

In 1999, I started my second term as a CFC Governor, having served previously from 1982-7. The CFC was in financial difficulties. A great deal of time and money went to paying for the CFC's international program: paying the expenses of our representatives at FIDE events, such as the Olympiad and the various World Championships. I thought that these pressures could be relieved by obtaining sponsors. I gave some thought to how to obtain a sponsor for our chess events, especially our national championships. My idea was that if we could publicize chess in Canada, then we could attract a sponsor. The theory that I evolved was that if we gathered our history together in one place, then we could present it to the public in general, and to potential sponsors in particular. I thought that we would have better chances with a potential sponsor if we showed that we were an experienced organization (created 1872, organized 77 national championships). So, history, leading to publicity, leading to sponsorship.

Unfortunately, there was a complete lack of effort in this area on the part of the CFC. Certainly this was due in part to their limited staff resources. But it was also due to a failure on the part of CFC staff to recognize the importance of how these simple tasks could help raise awareness of (and, ultimately, money for) chess in Canada. To this day, you still cannot visit the CFC web site and find a listing of our reigning Champions, let alone obtain their photos and some biographical data on the players and their achievements.

This was an obvious gap in my intended efforts to present chess as an attraction to sponsors. We were lacking in media stars, yet we had no shortage of talented players. So, how could I correct this by presenting them to the media? Even simpler, if a reporter, chess or otherwise, wanted a quick biography of a Canadian chess player, there was none available. So, this was my first task: compile a list of important Canadian chess players, along with their most important accomplishments.

After my initial compilation, my web site expanded in three directions: more historical background; direct publicity; and covering for more of the CFC's failures.

Expansion of Historical Background

To complement each player's biographical data, I decided to include the player's best or most memorable game. Many of the players contributed by selecting their own best game. In fact, they were more helpful here than with their biographical data, which was either forgotten or not important to them. Here's the game that gave me this idea: Abe Yanofsky's most famous game, and perhaps the most famous game played by a Canadian.

[Event "Olympiad, Preliminaries, Board 1"]

[Site "Buenos Aires, Argentina"]

[Date "1939.08.30"]

[Round "7"]

[Result "1-0"]

[White "Yanofsky, D. Abraham"]

[Black "Dulanto, A.I."]

[WhiteTeam "Canada"]

[BlackTeam "Peru"]

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 dxe4 5. Nxe4 Nbd7 6. Nf3 Be7 7. Nxf6+ Nxf6 8. Bd3 c5 9. dxc5 Qa5+ 10. c3 Qxc5 11. O-O O-O 12. Re1 Rd8 13. Ne5 b6 14. Bxf6 Bxf6 15. Bxh7+ Kf8 16. Qh5 Bxe5 17. Rxe5 Qc7 18. Be4 Bb7 19. Bxb7 Qxb7 20. Qh8+ Ke7 21. Qxg7 Rg8 22. Rxe6+ Kxe6 23. Re1+ Kd6 24. Qf6+ Kc5 25. Re5+ Kc4 26. b3+ Kd3 27. Qd6+ Kc2 28. Re2+ 1-0

I continued to expand the web site with player photos; topics, such as important events that took place in Canada; listings of Canadian chess books and other publications; and polls for feedback from (and involvement of) readers.

Publicity

To obtain direct publicity for us, I thought that chess in Canada could learn from (and be like) other sports. So, I created the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame; the Canadian Chess Player of the Year; and the Canadian Chess Player Top Ranked at Year-end.

CFC Failures

Continued lack of effort by the CFC forced me to compile lists that I thought they should have on their own web site: Canadian Champions; FIDE titles awarded to Canadians; a schedule of major Canadian chess events (to notify journalists well in advance); biographies, accomplishments and photos of members of the CFC Board of Governors; and a list of CFC Certified Tournament Directors.

Future Direction

There's much work still to do: search for more historical information, such as the first references to chess in Canada; search for more biographical information; complete the lists of our Champions; obtain photos which can be published; and find missing cross-tables and games. If you can help, please e-mail me at bw998@freenet.carleton.ca.

2005 Toronto Class Chess Championship

March 12-13 2005 (Sat, Sun)

Tartu College Conference Centre, 310 Spadina (Enter on West Side door entrance), Toronto

Style: 5 round Swiss, 5 sections (Open (FIDE Rated), U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600(w/UNR))
Rounds: 10:30 am, 3:00pm, & 7:00 pm Saturday & Sunday, 11:00 am & 3:00 pm
Time Control: Game/90
Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. (sharp) Saturday before the Tournament [only players registering before 10:00 a.m. are guaranteed to be paired for 10:30 a.m.], or in advance by mail. Make Cheques payable to "Barry Thorvardson" and send to Barry Thorvardson, 3 Peel Avenue, Brampton, Ontario L6W1X1

EMAIL REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED until 11pm Thursday, March 10.

Entry Fee: \$60 in advance, \$70 cash only on Saturday at the site \$10 less for Jr (born after Sept 10, 1984,

Sr (65 and older), Women

Byes: Maximum 2 – ½ point byes available in rounds 1-4 if requested in advance

Prizes: * \$5,560 *****

(based on only 80 players and Lotto Bonuses)

| | <u>Open</u> | <u>U2200</u> | <u>U2000</u> | <u>U1800</u> | <u>U1600</u> | <u>UNR</u> | |
|---------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| 1st with bonus* | \$1,900 | \$750 | \$750 | \$250 | \$510 | ----- | |
| 1 st | \$400 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$250 | \$60 | |
| 2 nd | \$200 | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 | \$150 | \$40 | |
| 3 rd | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | \$100 | | |
| Totals (no bonus) | \$700 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$100 | <u>\$2,800</u> |
| (Lotto Bonus | 1,500 | \$500 | \$500 | \$0 | \$260) | | |
| Totals with Bonus | \$2,200 | \$1,000 | \$1,000 | \$500 | \$760 | \$100 | <u>\$5,560</u> |

Prize Fund Clarification:

GTCL Lotto Bonus events carry over unwon bonus prizes to the next event, and once won will continue. The next GTCL Lotto Bonus/Grand Priz events are July 1-3, Macedonian Labour Day and Thanksgiving. The U1800 bonus was won in November so no further Lotto Bonuses will apply to this section.*Lotto Bonus for GTCL – sanctioned events: player wins bonus prize if (s)he plays and wins every game.

GTCL Grand Priz Prizes

The players with the most points in each class over the four Grand Priz tournaments will win the 2005 GTCL Grand Priz Prizes. Five per cent of the entry fees will go to the Grand Priz prize pool. The guaranteed minimum prizes are:

Open \$250
<2200 200
<2000 150
<1800 150
<1600 100

Open Prizes based on entire tournament, Unrated players eligible only for Unrated prizes in U1600 section or open prizes in Open section. Based on 40 Adults at \$60 and 40 players at \$50. for revenues of \$4,400, with \$400 towards Grand Priz prizes and prizes (\$2,800) plus Lotto Bonus potential of \$2,760 = \$5,560)

Other Information: No Smoking in the Building. Bring Chess Sets and Clocks.

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