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FIDE July 1 Rating List

There is still only one player over 2800 : # 1 : Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World Champion – 2812. Although he is now retired, he will be shown on the active rating list for one year after his last game, and then be removed for inactivity.

There are now 18 players in the 2700's. Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, is in second with a rating of 2788; tied with Anand, and in the # 3 spot, is Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), also rated 2788 ; Peter Leko (Hungary), the challenger to Kramnik in the 2004 World Championship match, is in the # 4 spot with 2763; Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine) has now moved ahead of Kramnik, and holds the # 5 spot, with 2752; Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), current Classical World Champion, has now fallen to # 6 and has 2744 (drop of 9 pts. since the April list) ; Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2735, is in the # 8 spot. Entering the top 10 for the first time is Levon Aronian (Armenia), # 10, with 2744.

At # 17 (up from # 20) is Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine), 2002 FIDE World Champion, at 2704 (up 9 pts.); 12th FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) is # 33 (down from # 27) – 2672; 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustan Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) is # 35 at 2670; 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) is # 49 – 2653;

Here are a number of the younger players we're watching : Etienne Bacrot (France) is # 9 – 2729; Alexander Grischuk (Russia) is #12– 2720 ; Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan) is # 23 (up from # 29) – 2682; Francisco Vallejo Pons (Spain) is # 24 (up from # 28) – 2681;

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The three highest FIDE rated Canadians are : GM Kevin Spraggett, former Canadian Champion, at 2592; GM Alexandre Le Siege, 2001 Canadian Champion, at 2528; GM Mark Bluvshstein at 2525.

The July Open – Toronto - Upcoming Tournament

This 5 round swiss will be held at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, on July 22 – 24. Time control will be Game/150 min.. Rounds are : Friday – 6:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. – 11:00 am & 5:30 pm. Entry Fee is \$55 (payable in cash by July 21). Late Fee - \$ 10. Non-members of BGC - \$ 15 extra. This is a CFC – rated tournament – membership required or \$ 10 tournament membership. There is also a draw for an early bird door prize, for those who register by July 15 – full entry fee rebate (\$ 55). For further information : Vlad Dobrich 416-722-9709.

Canada Day Open – Toronto – Report

This tournament was played July 2 – 3 at Tartu College, sponsored by the GTCL, and directed and organized by Brian Lamb (SCC President). The winner with 4.5/5 pts. was GTA junior, Nickolay Noritsyn.

CFC Annual General Meeting

This was held during the Canadian Open in Edmonton, which is currently going on. The new CFC Executive that was elected were :

President Christopher Mallon
Vice-President Joshua Henson
Treasurer Pierre Dénomée
Secretary Lyle Craver
Youth Co-ordinator Patrick McDonald
FIDE Rep Nathan Divinsky

How to Lobby for a Canadian Chess Stamp

(Submitted by David Cohen)

If you would like to see a Canadian stamp on the theme of chess, here's how to go about lobbying for it. Write to the post office at the following address:

Chairperson of the Stamp Advisory Committee
CANADA POST CORPORATION
2701 RIVERSIDE DRIVE SUITE N1070
OTTAWA ON K1A 0B1

It's up to you if you want to suggest a stamp in memory of Abe Yanofsky, or just a stamp on the general theme of chess. You will, however, need to justify your suggestion. The committee's requirements are listed on Canada Post's web site, under Personal - Collecting - Stamp Selection Policy:

<http://www.canadapost.ca/personal/collecting/default-e.asp?stamp=stamppolicy>

Here are three points for you to make to the Committee:

1. Other Countries with Chess Stamps

82 countries issued 423 chess stamps from 1947-89.

Reference:

Chess and Stamps web site by Colin Rose

<http://www.tri.org.au/chess/>

2. History of Chess in Canada

Chess players have been in Canada at least as far back as the 17th century, when Alexandre de Chaumont, aide-de-camp of de Tracy (Lt.-Gen. of the armies of the King of France in America), and one of the best chess players in France in 1665, spent two years in the French colony (now Quebec). Organized chess in Canada goes back to at least 1787, when Richard Bulkeley, a high-ranking civil servant, was president of a 'chess, pencil, and brush club' in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Reference:

Canadian Chess history web site by David Cohen:

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

3. Popularity of Chess in Canada

The last survey taken on the popularity of chess in Canada showed that over 10% of the population plays at least one game of chess per year. This ranks chess behind only swimming as the most popular recreational/sporting activity in Canada. (Other sports, such as hockey, are more watched, but are less participated in.) Chess has become even more popular recently, as more schools adopt chess either in their curriculum, or as a lunch-time or after-school activity.

SCC Closed for the Summer

SCC is closed for July and August. It re-opens on Thursday, September 8, 2005.

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