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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

Merry Christmas !!

16 Year-Old Wins USA Championship

GM Hikaru Nakamura of White Plains, NY is the new US Champion! The 16-year-old swept the playoff match against GM Alex Stripunsky 2-0.

Rusa Goletiani, also from NY State, won her playoff against Tatev Abrahamyan with the same 2-0 score to win the USA Women's Championship.

SCC Closes for Holidays – Club Championship in the New Year

The current SCC Late Fall Swiss is a 7 round affair with 24 players. It ends on Thursday, December 16. SCC will then close for Dec. 23 & 30 for the holiday season.

It will reopen on Thursday, January 6 with the start of the 2004-5 Club Championship. This is divided into 2 sections. The Championship section is a 10 person round – robin of the highest rated players registering. This year we will be charging an entry fee to this tournament, and all fees will be returned in prize money. You must become an SCC member to play – SCC has tournament memberships in addition to the normal annual membership. The second section is the “ Reserves “ section and is usually an 8 round swiss. There is no entry fee for members for this tournament, as is the case for all other SCC tournaments during the year. So see you in the New Year!

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GM Mark Bluvshtein Nominated 2004 Canadian Chess Player of the Year



Each year the chess journalists of Canada (including yours truly) are asked to vote on their top three choices for Canadian Chess Player of the Year. This year's choice is GTA Junior, 16 year old GM Mark Bluvshtein. Mark has had a very successful year, this year achieving his Grandmaster title. He was also a top scorer on this year's Canadian Olympiad team. He finished in 3rd place in the 2004 Canadian Chess Championship, and will represent Canada at the next Pan-American Chess Championship, a qualifying event for the World Chess Championship. Mark has been a top player ever since his first days in chess, as can be seen from his list of accomplishments so far :

- Grandmaster 2004
- Represented Canada at Olympiads (2002, 2004)
- 3rd place Canadian Championship (2001, 2004)
- Canadian Boys Under-14 Champion (2001, 2002)
- Canadian Grade 10 Champion 2004
- Canadian Grade 8 Champion 2002
- Canadian Grade 7 Champion 2001
- Israel Boys Under-12 Champion 1999
- Israel Boys Under-10 Champion 1998
- Represented Canada World Boys Under-14 Championship 2001 (8th place)
- Represented Israel World Boys Under-12 Championship 1999
- Represented Israel World Boys Under-10 Championship 1998

Congratulations Mark on your great year !!

Prague Unity Agreement Glitch

Under the agreement, Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), Classical World Champion, is to play the winner of the 2005 FIDE World Championship for the unified World Chess Champion title. This is a match between 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) and Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World

Champion, and highest rated player in the world. FIDE was in negotiations for this match with a candidate organizer from Dubai, the United Arab Emirates, and the match was to be held in January, 2005. But the match has now been cancelled for that venue by FIDE. Here is their press release :

PRESS RELEASE – 7 Dec 2004

World Chess Championship match 2005

FIDE terminates negotiations with candidate Dubai organiser of the Kasimdzhanov-Kasparov match

The World Chess Federation ([FIDE](#)) announces the termination of negotiations with the candidate organiser of the World Chess Championship match Kasimdzhanov-Kasparov, originally scheduled for January 2005 in Dubai. The organiser from Dubai did not supply FIDE with the required financial guarantees within the deadline set by the FIDE President.

.....The Kasimdzhanov-Kasparov match is now scheduled to be organised in spring 2005 and FIDE has already entered discussions with other candidate organisers and sponsors. Further information on the progress of these discussions will be officially announced until the end of this year.

The Holidays Open – Upcoming Toronto Tournament

This 6 round tournament will be held at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Ave., on Dec. 26 – 30 (2 rounds on Sunday Dec. 26, one round each other day). Entry fee is \$ 55 (\$ 25 extra for non-members of BGC); \$ 10 late fee on day of tournament. 100 % of entry fees will be returned as prizes. There is a maximum participation of 66 players. For more information, contact Vlad Dobrich at 416-722-9709.

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