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FIDE January 1 Rating List

There is still only one player over 2800 : # 1 : Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th FIDE World Champion – 2804 (down from 2813 last rating list).

There are 14 players in the 2700's. In the April /04 list Viswanathan Anand (India), 2000 FIDE World Champion, moved up into second place ahead of Vladimir Kramnik , and he remains there, with a rating of 2786; now Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) has also moved ahead of Kramnik to the #3 spot, with 2757; Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), current Classical World Champion, is now # 4 and has 2754; # 5 is Peter Leko (Hungary), the challenger to Kramnik in the recent World Championship match, with 2749; Alexander Morozevich (Russia), with 2741 is # 6; Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2728, has now been left off the top 100 list for inactivity in the past year, due to caring for her new baby, but she would otherwise be in the # 9 spot; at # 15 is Ruslan Ponomariov (Ukraine), 2002 FIDE World Champion, at 2700.

2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustan Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) is # 25 at 2678; 12th FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) is # 29 – 2674; 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) is # 40 – 2662;

Here are a number of the younger players we're watching : Etienne Bacrot (France) is # 9 (up from # 11) – 2715; Alexander Grischuk (Russia) is #12– 2710; Francisco Vallejo Pons (Spain) is # 18 (up from # 26) – 2686; Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan) is # 36 – 2667.

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The three highest FIDE rated Canadians are : GM Kevin Spraggett, former Canadian Champion, at 2589; GM Alexandre Le Siege, 2001 Canadian Champion, at 2528; GM Mark Bluvshstein at 2523.

Hastings, England Grandmaster Tournament

Two GTA juniors played in this tournament over the holidays. In the Premiere Section, which was a knockout format, GM Mark Bluvshstein made it through to the quarter finals before being defeated by Alexei Barsov (2471), who later went on in the Challengers Swiss Section to tie for 1st-3rd . Christian Stevens made an excellent showing as well. From Rd 2 – 7 in the Challengers Section, he had 2 wins and 5 draws, for a performance rating to that point of 2505 ! Congratulations to both players !

Holidays Open Report – Toronto

This tournament was held at the Bayview Games Club between Dec. 26 – 30. It was a 6 round Swiss in one section and attracted 36 players.

The Open section was one by Ilya Bluvshstein (Mark Bluvshstein's father) with 5/6 pts.. The rest of the players were divided equally into 5 sections (not by class) with the following winners :

A – Steve Laughlin and Martin Veltman – 3.5/6

B – Sam Haziprodromu – 3.5/6

C – Oleg Shugurov and Aquino Inigo – 4/6

D – Pino Verde – 2.5/6

E – Jesse Wong – 3/6.

Upcoming 2005 Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Championship - Toronto

(submitted by David Cohen)

Congratulations to Morgon Mills, organizer of the 2005 Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Championship, for attracting 23 teams of 4 students each to this CFC rated event in Toronto! This is exactly what we need to convince juniors to take out an adult CFC membership, or just to keep on playing the game.

The tournament continues all weekend, Jan. 14 – 16, with 13 teams in the Championship section, and 10 teams in the second group. Overall, 9 schools are represented, coming from Toronto (U. Toronto, York), Ottawa (U. Ottawa), London (Western), Hamilton (McMaster), Kingston (Queen's), Waterloo (U. Waterloo) and Montreal (McGill, UQAM).

Some notable individual players: Canadian Championship participants IM Stephen Glinert, Andrei Moskvitch, Hugues Masses, Olivier Tessier-Desrosiers; Canadian Women's Championship participants: Bojana Mitrovic, Anne-Marie Charbonneau.

Toronto Senior Active Champion William (Bill) Oaker's Theoretical Novelties

(Submitted by David Cohen)

Here's a look back at the younger days of 2004 Toronto Senior Active Champion William (Bill) Oaker, winner of the 1949 Toronto Junior Championship!

In the first game, Bill "noveltates" in the Alekhine's Defence - Four Pawns Attack with 13...exd5; book had been 13...Ne5.

[Event "Junior League"]
[Site "Toronto, Ontario"]
[Date "1947.???.?"]
[Round "?"]
[Result "0-1"]
[White "Preston, B"]
[Black "Oaker, William (Bill)"]
[ECO "B03"]
[Source "Chess Review 1947.09"]

1. e4 Nf6 2. e5 Nd5 3. c4 Nb6 4. d4 d6 5. f4 dxe5 6. fxe5 Nc6 7. Be3 Bf5 8. Nc3 e6 9. Nf3 Qd7 10. Be2 O-O-O 11. O-O f6 12. exf6 gxf6 13. d5 exd5 14. Bxb6 axb6 15. cxd5 Ne7 16. Nh4 Rg8 17. Nxf5 Nxf5 18. Qd3 Ne3 19. Rf2 Qh3 20. g3 Rxc3+ 21. hxg3 Qxc3+ 22. Kh1 Qxf2 0-1

In the second game, Bill responds to a novelty in the Ruy Lopez (Open: Keres Variation) - Adam Variation (12... Nb4) with an innovation of his own.

[Event "US Junior Ch"]
[Site "Omaha, Nebraska, USA"]
[Date "1952.???.?"]
[Round "?"]
[Result "1-0"]
[White "Oaker, William (Bill)"]
[Black "Burdick, Don"]
[ECO "C81"]
[Source "Chess Review 1952.11"]

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. O-O Nxe4 6. d4 b5 7. Bb3 d5 8. dxe5 Be6 9. Qe2 Nc5 10. Rd1 Be7 11. Bxd5 Bxd5 12. Nc3 Nb4 13. Ne1 c6 14. a3 Nxc2 15. Nxc2 Nb3 16. Rb1 Nxc1 17. Rbxc1 Bc5 18. Nxd5 cxd5 19. Qf3 Qb6 20. b4 Be7 21. Ne3 Qa7 22. Nxd5 Bd8 23. Nc7+ 1-0

"Chess CHECK!" on CablePulse24

(submitted by David Cohen)

SUN Jan 16 11:00am (Toronto Cable Channel 24)

The 1/2 hour documentary film "Chess CHECK!", filmed at the 2004 Canadian Chess Championship, will be re-broadcast! It's an excellent look at our world, done by CHUM CITY-TV Sports Director Perry Gray. It features interviews with Lawrence Day, Hans Jung, Pascal Charbonneau, Eric Lawson, Nava Starr, Natalia Khoudgarian, Mark Bluvshstein, Dimitri Tyomkin, Barry Thorvardson, Mark S. Dutton, Vladimir Dobrich, and ahem me. You can also spot all of your favourite players as the camera pans or focusses around the Championship playing hall.

Upcoming 2005 Toronto Closed / Reserves Chess Championship

This will be a 12-player round-robin tournament played at the Bayview Games Club at the rate of 2 games per week, starting Sunday Jan. 23, 3:00 p.m.. It will be both FIDE and CFC rated, with a time control of game in 2 hours with a bonus increment of 30 seconds per move.

To run concurrently with the Closed, will be up to three Reserves Section, the winner of the first to qualify into next year's Closed. The First Reserve will be both FIDE and CFC rated. The second and third Reserves will be CFC rated only. Time control in the Reserves is Game / 150 min..

Entries close Wednesday, Jan. 19. For info on entry fee, etc., call Vlad Dobrich at 416-722-9709.

Feb. 18-20, Tournament Complex, Tartu College, Toronto

(submitted by Organizer Martin Jaeger)

The following complex of tournaments will be staged at Tartu College (one block east of Bloor and Spadina) over the Feb 18-20 weekend in conjunction with the Ontario Women's Championship and the Ontario Senior Championship which are being staged by organiser/director Martin Jaeger on behalf of the Ontario Chess Association. The intention of staging a complex of tournaments is to make good use of rented space. The aggregate prize funds for the 5 tourneys are aggregate EF – (out of pocket expenses plus \$1/player). A copy of this form is available at the GTCL, CFC and OCA website or by email from Jaeger at M.Jaeger@look.ca. Info from Jaeger @416 4459293. Mail cheques payable to Jaeger at #1201-755 York Mills Rd., Toronto M3B 1X5. The entry fees stated are for on time entries. On time entries also accepted Feb.13, 1pm-3pm at City Chess Club, 530 Yonge St. Late entries pay \$10 higher EF. Moderately price parking available Friday night, Saturday and Sunday near the tournament site and the site is within one minute's walk from the Spadina and Bloor subway station. Bring boards, sets and clocks.

Ontario Women's Championship—Rounds at 6:30 pm, 10am, 4pm, 10am, 4pm. 50/2, 50/.5. PF- Total EF minus \$4/player. The OCA will in addition provide a \$250 bursary available only for travel to the Ontario Closed. Entry fee \$40. On time entries are

postmarked by Feb. 11 or received at site by 4 pm Feb.18. Half point byes are available in round 1 only.

Ontario Seniors' Championship (born before Feb .1,1954). EF general \$50, rated<2000-\$30. Other conditions (including bursary) are identical to the Women's Championship.

Premier- Rounds, time control bye availability and on time entry deadlines as for Women's. EF \$45. Prizefund –Total EF minus \$5/player.

Reserves -limited to<2000 and unrated, 5 rounds-Feb19 9am, 2pm, 7pm, Feb.20 10 am, 3pm. Time control 40/90min., game/30. Entry fee \$30 Players born after Feb.18, 1988 may enter for EF \$15 and will compete for trophy only. Prize fund-entry fees minus (hall rental (a maximum of \$400 thanks to an OCA subsidy) +\$4/player.) On time entries are postmarked by Feb.11 or received at site by 8pm Feb.18. Last round pairings by prize class. Spectating of a family member's game is strictly prohibited.

Active, Feb 18. 5 rounds. Round 1 at 10 am. Enter at site, \$20. PF-EF minus \$5/player.

SCC Club Championship Off and Running

This tournament started on Thurs., Jan. 6. It involves the Championship Section which is a 12 player round robin, with an entry fee of \$ 40. All entry fees are returned in prize money. The Reserves Section is an 8 round Swiss and has 18 players and is free to members. We are pleased to welcome a number of new members to the Reserves Section – this bodes well for the future of SCC. It is shaping up as a great tournament this year !

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