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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

Happy Birthday SCTCN&V – 6 Years Old !!

Time flies when you're having fun !! It's hard to believe that our SCC newsletter, which started as a one page bulletin on our club bulletin board, is now starting its 7th year of publishing. We initially started adding pages, and then entered the modern era when we converted over to becoming an e-mail newsletter. Where initially we were simply an internal club newsletter, we grew to become a newsletter received by 12 GTA chess clubs and 150 chess players, not only in the GTA, but in other Ontario cities, other provinces and the USA and Australia ! We cover not only SCC tournament results, but local Toronto tournaments, major provincial and national tournaments and international tournaments. We try to cover breaking chess news, whether it be from SCC, GTCL, CFC or FIDE. We have published comments from our readers, and have had guest contributors of articles.

And we've had fun doing it. We hope you have enjoyed the SCC newsletter, and that you will stay with us as we move into our 7th year !

Lazaro Bruzon Wins the American Continental Championship

Under the FIDE regulations for the world championship cycle, each Continent is assigned a certain number of places in the 128 player knockout championship. The Americas (North, Central and South) form one continent, and have 19 places in total.

The continent is composed of 5 Zones. Each Zone is assigned a certain number of

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spaces. Canada is a Zone, and can qualify 1 candidate. The American Zones are assigned 12 candidate places in total. There are also 7 places assigned to the top 7 finishers in the American Continental Championship.

This year's Continental Championship was played in Buenos Aires, Argentina, from August 5 – 16. It attracted 152 players; three Canadians participated. The winner was Lazaro Bruzon of Cuba, with 8.5/ 11 pts.. 7 other players finished 2nd – 8th with 8 pts. : Julio Granda (Peru), Alexander Onischuk (U.S.A.), Gilberto Milos (Brazil), Gata Kamsky (U.S.A.), Reuben Felgaer (Argentina), Giovanni Vescovi (Brazil), Gaston Needleman (Argentina). To determine the six 2nd place players to qualify for the World Championship cycle, a tie break was used – round robin, with 15 min. + increment/game. Needleman was eliminated. Needleman caused quite a sensation in this tournament. He is 15 years old , and was rated only 2242 (ranked 99th out of 152). The round robin caused world-wide complaint, since a number of the GM's took short 4-5 move draws against each other, but played all out against Needleman. FIDE was so discouraged by the performance of the GM's that it has now awarded Needleman a free space into the world championship knockout. He is obviously a name to watch in future.

The three Canadians scored : GM Kevin Spraggett – 7.5 pts.; IM Igor Zugic – 6.5 pts.; IM Eric Lawson – 6.5 pts..

Montreal International

This 12 player round robin was played in Montreal from Aug. 3 – 14. The winner with 8 pts. was GM Victor Mikhalevski (Israel). In 2nd place with 7 pts. was GM Zahar Efimenko (Ukraine). GM Alexander Huzman (Israel) took 3rd place with 6.5 pts..

The results of the 4 Canadians were : GM Dimitri Tyomkin – 6 pts.; GM Mark Bluvshstein – 5 pts.; IM Pascal Charbonneau – 5 pts.; IM Thomas Roussel-Roozman – 2 pts..

Toronto August Open – Report

10 players registered for this 5 round swiss played at the Bayview Games Club from Aug. 26 – 28. It was won by IM Ron Livshits with 4.5 pts.. Second was Steve Laughlin with 4 pts.. The A Section was won by Danny Liu with 3.5 pts.. The B Section was won by Richard Douglas with 2.5 pts..

How Children Develop Math Skills with Chess

(this is Pt I of an article by David Cohen called “ How Children Develop Skills with Chess – future Issues will deal with Pts. II – IV)

Children develop **math** skills with chess because of a common requirement of chess and math: *visualization*. This usually occurs in Grade 2 (at age 7).

Chess develops visualization abilities as follows:

Chess board

The chess board is laid out in a checkered pattern of a large square comprised of 64 smaller squares arranged 8x8. Children can be taught their way around the board through its various patterns (ranks, files, diagonals, colouring of squares).

Moves of the chess pieces

The child first learns the movements of the chess pieces which travel in straight lines: pawn, rook, bishop, and queen. But then the child is introduced to a movement that is quite different from the others: the L-shaped jump of the knight. The movement is not only different from the child's previous chess experience, but is also likely an entirely new experience for the child. The child *must learn* to visualize the movement.

Moving chess pieces around on the chess board

Moving a chess piece from a starting square to an ending square forces the child to visualize the patterns and movements.

Toronto Macedonian Labour Day Open – Upcoming Tournament

SEPTEMBER 3, 4, 5 2005 (Sat, Sun, Mon)

**Macedonian Community Hall,
76 Overlea Blvd (near Don Mills Rd), Toronto**

Style: 6 round Swiss, 5 sections (Open (FIDE Rated), U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600(w/UNR))

Rounds: 11:00 am & 5:30 pm Saturday & Sunday, 10:00 am & 4:00 pm on Monday

Time Control: 40 moves in 2 hours, then 1 hour S/D

Registration: 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. (sharp) Saturday before the Tournament [only players registering before 10:30 a.m. are guaranteed to be paired for 11:00 a.m.], or in advance by mail. Make Cheques payable to "Macedonian Chess Club" and send to Randy Moysoski, 1580 Warden Ave., Scarborough, Ontario, M1R 2T2.

No Postdated Cheques and No Phone Registration.

Entry Fee: \$60 in advance, \$70 cash only on Saturday at the site. Amateur: \$20 (in U1800 & U1600 sections – not eligible for cash prizes). \$20 less for Jr (born after Sept 10, 1985, Sr (65 and older), Women and I.M.'s No discount for Amateur players and only one discount per player.

Byes: Maximum 2 – ½ point byes available in rounds 1-5 if requested in advance

Prizes: *** \$5,000 ***

(based on 130 Non-Amateur players or 75%)

1st place in OPEN section of \$1,000.00 GUARANTEED!

Open U2350 U2200 U2000 U1800 U1600 UNR

1st \$1,000 \$250 \$200 \$200 \$200 \$150 \$50

2nd \$500 \$150 \$150 \$150 \$150 \$100

3rd \$200 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$100 \$50

4th \$100

Open Prizes based on entire tournament, Unrated players eligible only for Unrated prizes in U1600 section or open prizes in Open section

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

Website: <http://webhome.idirect.com/~blamb/MLD.htm>

or <http://www.torontochess.org/2005MacedonianToronto%20Labour%20Day.htm>

Organizer: Macedonian Chess Club, Randy Moysoski [416-449-1447 after 5pm]

Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb blamb@idirect.com

(416) 446-5938 OR (416) 904-5938 Cellular

Entry Form Macedonian Open 2005

Name _____ Rating _____

Section _____ CFC# _____

Address _____ Entry Fee _____

City _____ Postal Code _____

Email _____ CFC Fee _____

Phone _____ CFC exp. date _____ Jr.

DOB _____ Total Fee _____

Byes Requested: Round 1 2 3 4 5 (circle round of bye request)

SCC Closed for the Summer

SCC was closed for July and August. It re-opens on Thursday, September 8, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., when it will be holding its 2005-6 Annual General Meeting. There will be reports on the past year from the executive, election of the new executive, and planning for the new year. It is open to all SCC members – you have a say and a vote – come out and use it.

The first Swiss tournament will start the following week, on Thursday, September 15 – doors open at 7:00 PM.

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