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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

SCC Re-opens For a New Season

SCC has been closed for the summer (July & August). It will re-open on Thursday, September 7 at 7:00 pm, when it holds it 2006-7 Annual General Meeting. All are invited. There will be reports from the old executive, the election of new officers, and planning for the next year.

Then the first swiss of the season starts on Thursday, September 14. So come on out and meet old and new friends, and play over-the-board chess at the friendliest (but still competitive) club in Canada!

<u>Happy Birthday SCTCN&V! – Starting Our 8th Year of Publication!</u>

Who would have believed! SCTCN&V started out as a one page bulletin posted on the club bulletin board – it only dealt with club issues. Then it increased to a few pages, started to cover international and Canadian events, and copies were made available to club members free. Next it started to cover chess politics (FIDE, CFC, OCA, GTCL), and started to include games as part of its content. Finally it went on-line, and became the electronic newsletter it now is, twice monthly, with board diagrams and some pictures, and anywhere from 3 to 10 pages (and sometimes more). Also it started to be sent to past SCC members, other local chess clubs, and non-members in the GTA, free. Now it goes to 12 GTA and area chess clubs, and to about 150 individual SCC members, past

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members and non-members in the GTA, Ontario, other provinces and even to a few other countries. And it still covers as well, SCC events, activities of members, and presents members games.

We have had positive feedback from many of our subscribers over the years, and thank you all for your support. SCC is pleased to publish the newsletter, and believes it adds something to the Canadian chess culture. Let's hope for many more years!

Zugic New Canadian Champion!

The Belzberg Invitation Canadian Closed & Zonal was a 9 round swiss played at Tartu College in Toronto on Aug. 18 – 27. 65 players participated from across Canada. 24 year old IM Igor Zugic from Toronto finished first with 7.0 pts., undefeated. He becomes Canadian Champion and wins the right to represent Canada in the next FIDE World Cup. Igor had 2 GM norms to his credit going into the tournament. He needs a third GM norm, and then a FIDE rating of 2500, to become a GM. Here is some more info on Igor (thanks to Erik Malmsten for sending it on to us):

Igor Zugic had a CFC performance rating of 2612. He drew the next top three players and a FM, and defeated two IMs. He had 4.5-.5 as White. His win over Roussel-Roozmon and draw with Charbonneau were voted Game of the Day while his favourite games were his wins over Krnan and Hamilton. He will represent Canada at the next World Championship.

IM Igor Zugic, 24, from Toronto, is the top-CFC-rated player, 2524, above the two Grandmasters. In 2004 he tied for third with Mark Bluvshtein and Tomas Krnan with 6.5. He has been on three Olympiad teams. He won the 2005 Guelph ProAm International. He had his second GM norm in 2003 Chess 'n Math Futurity with a 2663 performance rating. His first GM norm was at the Jack Collins International in New York in 2000. In the 1998 Toronto International he defeated GM Shamkovich and drew three other GMs. He has also won the Toronto Blitz Championship several times.

GM Mark Bluvshtein (still a Junior), from Toronto, finished 2nd on tie break, with 6.5 pts. and wins the right to be one of Canada's representatives in the upcoming Americas Continental Championship. Here is some more info on Mark:

Mark Bluvshtein had a performance rating of 2546, the second highest in the tournament and better than he had in previous Championships. Undefeated, he drew 4 IMs and 1 FM. He played the third most moves in the tournament, 463, an average of 51 moves per game. His win over Krnan was voted Game of the Day and his wins over Huber and Reeve was also popular. He can represent Canada at the Continentals.

GM Mark Bluvshtein, 18 from Toronto, is the top FIDE-rated player, 2541, and is Canada's top rated under 20. In 2004 he tied for third with Igor Zugic and Tomas Krnan with 6.5. He has been a steady force on three Olympiad teams and in 2004 had a performance rating of 2638, getting his GM title. In 2004 he received GM norms at the

Canadian Open and Montreal International. In 2005 he was the co-winner of the Canadian Open. He obtained his IM title finishing third at the 2001 Canadian Closed.

In third place was GM Pascal Charbonneau, twice Canadian Champion, also with 6.5 pts. He also will represent Canada in the Americas Continental Championship. Here is more info on Pascal:

Pascal Charbonneau was upset by Goran Milicevic and had three draws. His win over Panjwani was popular. He can represent Canada at the Continentals.

GM Pascal Charbonneau, 23 from Outremont, the top FQE-rated player, is the defending Champion, having won in 2004 and 2002, both times with performance ratings over 2600. Canada's Board 1 at the Olympiads, in May he defeated GM Anand. He recently finished university and won the Winter Chicago Invitational to get his final GM norm. In 2003 he had a 2620 performance rating in the Montreal International and defeated 2 GMs in the Lindsborg Open.

Also finishing with 6.5 pts. were IM Leonid Gerzhoy (who won the Brilliancy Prize – see below), and Vicente Lee Jr., who qualified for the IM title with his result. Shiyam Thavandiran and Jonathan Tayar (performance rating of 2496!) won their FIDE Master titles on a tie-break playoff.

Round 3 saw GM Bluvshtein win a nice game with Black, with first a sac of a P to open lines for an attack on the King on the Queenside, and then the sac of a B. Here is the game:

Reeve, J (2252) - Bluvshtein, M (2541)

Canadian Closed and Zonal Chess Champion Toronto Canada (3), 20.08.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 Nbd7 9.g4 Nb6 10.g5 Nfd7 11.Qd2 Be7 12.0-0-0 0-0 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.h4 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 Rxf3 18.Qe4 Rf8 19.Qxb7 Qc7 20.Qxa6 d5 21.Nxd5 Qxc2+ 22.Ka1 Ra8 23.Nxe7+ Kh8 24.Qb5 Nc4 25.Rd2 Nxd2 26.Bxd2 Rfb8 27.Qd5 Nc5 0-1

In Rd 4, Bluvshtein won, lifting him into a 4-way tie for first, with IM Tomas Krnan, IM Thomas Roussel-Roozman, and IM Igor Zugic. Huber won a P, and then sacked an N for 2 more P's. But though he struggled valiantly, he couldn't get one of the P's in, and eventually succumbed. Here is their game:

Bluvshtein, M (2541) - Huber, G (2245)

Canadian Closed and Zonal Chess Champion Toronto Canada (4), 21.08.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 b6 5.Nge2 c5 6.a3 Ba5 7.Rb1 Na6 8.d5 Bb7 9.g3 exd5 10.Bg2 Rb8 11.cxd5 b5 12.0-0 b4 13.axb4 Nxb4 14.e4 0-0 15.e5 Ng4 16.f4 c4 17.Nd4 Bb6 18.h3 Nd3 19.Qxg4 Bxd4+ 20.Kh2 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Bxd5 22.Ba3 h5 23.Qe2 Bxg2 24.Qxg2 Re8 25.Qd5 Rxb1 26.Rxb1 h4 27.Bd6 hxg3+ 28.Kxg3 Nxf4 29.Kxf4 Qh4+ 30.Ke3 Qxh3+ 31.Qf3 Qh6+ 32.Kf2 Qd2+ 33.Kf1 Qc2 34.Re1 Re6 35.Qa8+ Kh7 36.Qe4+ Qxe4 37.Rxe4 f6 38.Bb8 fxe5 39.Rxc4 Kg6 40.Rg4+ Kf5 41.Rxg7 Rc6 42.Rg3 Kf4 43.Rd3 a5 44.Ke2 a4 45.Kd2 a3 46.Rd4+ Kf5 47.Rd5 d6 48.Ra5 Rb6 49.Bc7 Rc6 50.Bd8 d5 51.Kd3 e4+ 52.Kd4 a2 53.Kxd5 Rc8 54.Kd4+ Kf4 55.Bg5+ Kg4 56.Bc1 Kf3 57.c4 Rd8+ 58.Kc3 e3 59.Rxa2 Rd1 60.Bxe3 Kxe3 61.Rc2 Rd3+ 62.Kb4 Kd4

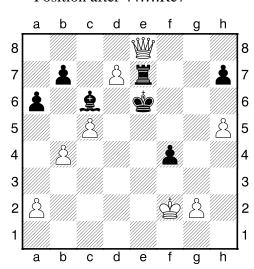
63.c5 Rd1 64.c6 Rb1+ 65.Ka5 Ra1+ 66.Kb6 Rb1+ 67.Ka6 Ra1+ 68.Kb7 Rb1+ 69.Kc8 Kd5 70.c7 Rh1 71.Kd8 Rh8+ 72.Ke7 1-0

Rd. 5 saw IM Igor Zugic defeat IM Tomas Krnan in a wild game (with a flourishing winning Knight promotion), where both had been tied for the lead. With this win, Zugic took sole possession of first place, which he never relinquished thereafter. Here is their game:

Zugic, I (2467) - Krnan, T (2399)

Canadian Closed and Zonal Chess Champion Toronto Canada (5), 22.08.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Be3 c6 9.d5 c5 10.Ne1 Ne8 11.Nd3 f5 12.f3 Bf6 13.exf5 gxf5 14.f4 Qe7 15.Qd2 Bg7 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Nxc5 Ndf6 18.Nb3 Nd6 19.c5 Nde4 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qc2 Nf6 22.d6 Qf7 23.Bc4 Nd5 24.Qd2 Be6 25.Bh6 f4 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Rae1 Ne3 28.Rxe3 Bxc4 29.Rxe5 Bxf1 30.Re7 Bb5 31.Nd4 Bd7 32.Nf3 Rae8 33.Qd4+ Kg8 34.Rxf7 Rxf7 35.Ne5 Rxe5 36.Qxe5 Bc6 37.Qg5+ Kf8 38.Kf2 a6 39.b4 Bd7 40.h4 Bc6 41.h5 Rg7 42.Qd8+ Kf7 43.d7 Ke6 44.Qe8+ Re7



Position after 44....Re7

45.d8N+ 1-0

In Rd. 7, Zugic, ½ pt. ahead of 8 players, defeated one of them, Roussel-Roozman, to maintain his ½ pt. lead. Here is their game:

Zugic, I (2467) - Roussel Roozmon, T (2430)

Canadian Closed and Zonal Chess Champion Toronto Canada (7), 24.08.2006
1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0-0 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c5 8.Bd3 Nc6 9.0-0 dxc4
10.Bxc4 Qc7 11.Be2 Rd8 12.Qc2 e5 13.h3 e4 14.Nd2 Bf5 15.Nb3 cxd4 16.cxd4 Rac8 17.Qb2
Nd5 18.Bd2 Rd6 19.f4 exf3 20.Bxf3 Re8 21.Nc5 b6 22.e4 Nxd4 23.Na6 Qc4 24.exd5 Bd3 25.Qb4
Bxf1 26.Rxf1 Nxf3+ 27.Rxf3 Qxb4 28.axb4 Rxd5 29.Nc7 Rxd2 30.Nxe8 a5 31.bxa5 bxa5 32.Nc7
Ra2 33.Nb5 a4 34.Rf4 g6 35.Nc3 Ra1+ 36.Kh2 a3 37.Ra4 h5 38.Nb5 a2 39.Nc3 Kg7 40.Rxa2

Rc1 41.Ne4 Rc4 42.Re2 h4 43.Nd6 Rc6 44.Rd2 f5 45.Rd4 Kf6 46.Nc4 g5 47.Rd6+ Rxd6 48.Nxd6 g4 49.Nc4 Kg5 50.Kg1 f4 51.Ne5 1-0

In Rd. 8, Krnan was tied for second place, and was defeated by Bluvshtein, who then pulled into a 2nd/4th tie with Charbonneau and Gerzhoy, ½ pt. behind Zugic. Here is their game:

Bluvshtein, M (2541) - Krnan, T (2399)

Canadian Closed and Zonal Chess Champion Toronto Canada (8), 26.08.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.c3 Nge7 7.g3 d5 8.Bg2 Bxd4 9.cxd4 dxe4 10.0-0 0-0 11.Nc3 Qg6 12.Bxe4 Bf5 13.Bg2 Nb4 14.d5 Nc2 15.Rc1 Nxe3 16.fxe3 Qb6 17.Qd2 Bd7 18.Ne4 Rad8 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.e4 Ng6 21.Kh1 Rfe8 22.Rf3 Qd6 23.Rb3 b6 24.Nd3 c5 25.dxc6 Ne5 26.c7 Rd7 27.Bh3 Rxc7 28.Rxc7 Qxc7 29.Rc3 Qb7 30.Bxc8 Qxe4+ 31.Qg2 Nxd3 32.Qxe4 Nf2+ 33.Kg2 Nxe4 34.Rc7 g6 35.Ba6 Re5 36.Rxa7 Ra5 37.Ra8+ Kg7 38.Bb7 Nd6 39.Rxa5 bxa5 40.Ba6 Kf6 41.Kf3 Ke5 42.Ke3 f5 [] = 43.Bd3 g5 44.a3 Nc8 45.Kf3 Nb6 46.g4 fxg4+ 47.Kxg4 Kf6 48.Bxh7 Nc4 49.b3 Ne5+ 50.Kg3 Ke6 51.Be4 Kd6 52.b4 axb4 53.axb4 Ke6 54.b5 Nd7 55.Bf3 Nb6 56.Kg4 Kf6 57.Kh5 Kf5 58.Kh6 Kf4 59.Bg2 g4 60.Kg6 Nd7 61.Kh5 Nb6 62.Kh4 Nc4 63.Bd5 Nd6 64.b6 Ke5 65.Bc6 Kd4 66.Kxg4 Nf7 67.Kf5 1-0

Rd. 9 saw Zugic, the leader, playing Charbonneau who was a ½ pt. back. Zugic sacrificed a Knight for a P, and then developed what might have been a winning attack. But Bluvshtein-Gerzhoy, who were also ½ pt. back, finished first in a draw. So Zugic was able to offer a draw, which Charbonneau accepted, and take clear first. Here is the Zugic-Charbonneau game:

Zugic, I (2467) - Charbonneau, P (2501)

Canadian Closed and Zonal Chess Champion Toronto Canada (9), 27.08.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Nf3 a6 8.h3 b5 9.Bd3 Bg7 10.0-0 0-0 11.a3 Re8 12.Re1 Nh5 13.Bg5 Qb6 14.Qd2 Nd7 15.b4 Bb7 16.Rac1 Rac8 17.Ne2 Qc7 18.g4 Nhf6 19.Ng3 c4 20.Bc2 Nb6 21.Bh6 Bh8 22.Nf5 Nfd7 23.N3d4 c3 24.Qf4 Be5 25.Qf3 gxf5 26.Nxf5 Nf8 27.Qg2 Ng6 28.h4 Kh8 29.h5 Ne7 30.Nh4 Rg8 31.Kh1 Qd8 32.Nf3 Nd7 33.Nxe5 Nxe5 34.f3 f5 35.g5 Qe8 36.g6 hxg6 37.f4 Nf7 38.Bg5 Nxg5 39.Qxg5 Qf7 40.Re3 gxh5 41.Qh6+ Qh7 42.Qxd6 Qg7 43.Rg3 Qf8 44.Qe5+ Kh7 45.Rh3 Qf7 46.Bd1 Rg6 47.Bxh5 Kg8 48.Bxg6 Nxg6 49.Rg1 Kf8 50.Qd6+ Kg7 51.Qe5+ [] ½-½

ChessTalk readers voted for their favourite game of the day. We have chosen some of those above. Other games of interest (can be found on the MonRoi website) chosen were:

Rd. 1 - Tayar 1 - 0 Noritsyn

Rd. 2 – Ochkoos 1 – 0 Livshits Findlay 0 – 1 Jiang

Rd. 3 - Lopez Linares 0 - 1 Haynes

Rd. 4 - Tayar 1 - 0 Livshits

Rd. 5 – Panjwani 1 – 0 Arsenault

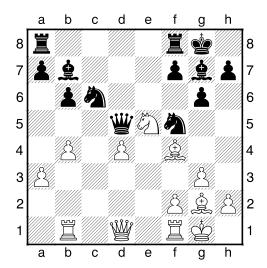
Rd. 6 – Noritsyn 1 – 0 Thavandiran

The Bryon Nickoloff Brilliancy Prize went to the following game of Gerzhoy's:

Haessel, D (2195) - Gerzhoy, L (2386)

Canadian Closed & Zonal Chess Championship Toronto Canada (1), 18.08.2006

1.c4 c5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.a3 e6 6.Rb1 Nge7 7.b4 d6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.0-0 b6 10.e3 Bb7 11.d4 cxd4 12.exd4 d5 13.cxd5 exd5 14.Bf4 Nf5 15.Nxd5 Qxd5 16.Ne5



Qxg2+ 17.Kxg2 Nxe5+ 18.f3 Nxf3 19.Rxf3 Nxd4 20.Rbb3 Rad8 21.Qb1 Rfe8 22.Kf2 Re2+ 23.Kf1 Rxh2 24.Kg1 Nxf3+ 0-1

Montreal International – Result

This tournament was held Aug. 8 – 16, and was a 10-player round robin, in two groups. It provides an opportunity for young Canadian players to try for IM and GM norms. Some Canadian participants were GM Pascal Charbonneau, 2-time Canadian Champion, IM Tomas Krnan, Can. Olympic team member, IM Thomas Roussel-Roozman, Can. Olympic Team member, Nikolay Noritsyn, who just obtained his third IM norm at the Canadian Open in July, IM Eric Lawson, 2005 Canadian Championship runner-up, and others. Here are the final standings of the two groups:

Rang	NOM, PRÉNOM	TITRE	COTE	FÉD	Pts
1	Eljanov, Pavel	GM	2651	UKR	6.5
2	Miton, Kamil	GM	2638	POL	6.0
3	Timofeev, Artyom	GM	2657	RUS	5.5
4	Sutovsky, Emil	GM	2607	ISR	5.0
5	Gulko, Boris	GM	2570	USA	4.5

7-9	Charbonneau, Pascal	GM	2501	CAN	3.5
7-9	Mikhalevski, Victor	GM	2571	ISR	3.5
7-9	Korneev, Oleg	GM	2638	RUS	3.5
10	Ibragimov, Ildar	GM	2624	USA	3.0

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Rang	NOM, PRÉNOM	TITRE	COTE	FÉD	Pts
1	Huzman, Alexander	GM	2585	ISR	6.5
2	Krnan, Tomas	M	2399	CAN	6.0
3	Arencibia, Walter	GM	2535	CUB	5.5
4	Likavsky, Tomas	GM	2498	SVK	5.0
5-7	Roussel Roozmon, Thomas	M	2430	CAN	4.5
5-7	Krush, Irina	M	2436	USA	4.5
5-7	Mitkov, Nikola	GM	2563	MKD	4.5
8-9	Lawson, Eric	M	2393	CAN	3.5
8-9	Barbeau, Sylvain	FM	2398	CAN	3.5

Round 6 in Group B saw a wild game where Krush sacked 3 pieces for a K-side attack, and then Lawson sacked his Queen for a R to stop it. Krush ended up with Q+3 P's against Lawson's R+N+N. In the end, Krush got into time pressure, and sacked her Queen for a R, and took a draw. Here is the game:

Krush, I (2436) - Lawson, E (2393)

Montreal International Tournament Empres Montreal Canada (6), 13.08.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 b6 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.e4 e5 9.Ne2 h6 10.0-0 d6 11.f4 Ba6 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.d5 Na5 14.Ng3 Bxc4 15.Nf5 Kh7 16.Rb1 Rh8 17.Qf3 Bxd3 18.Qxd3 Kg8 19.Bxh6 Rxh6 20.Nxh6+ gxh6 21.Qg3+ Kf8 22.Qxe5 Ng8 23.Rxf7+ Kxf7 24.Rf1+ Nf6 25.Qe6+ Kg7 26.e5 Nh7 27.Rf7+ Kh8 28.Qxh6 Qg8 29.e6 Qxf7 30.exf7 Rf8 31.Qg6 b5 32.Qa6 Nc4 33.Qxb5 Nd6 34.Qc5 Rxf7 35.Qxa7 Nf6 36.Qd4 Kg7 37.Qe5 Rf8 38.Qe7+ Rf7 39.Qe5 Rf8 40.c4 Re8 41.Qg3+ Kf7 42.c5 Rb8 43.h3 Rb1+ 44.Kh2 Nde8 45.Qd3 Rb8 46.a4 Rd8 47.d6 cxd6 48.cxd6 Rxd6 49.Qc4+ Nd5 50.g4 Nec7 51.g5 Rb6 52.Kg3 Rb4 53.Qc2 Kg7 54.h4 Rg4+ 55.Kh3 Rg1 56.Qf2 Rd1 57.Qb2+ Kf7 58.Kg4 Rg1+ 59.Kf5 Rg2 60.Qb3 Rf2+ 61.Ke5 Re2+ 62.Kd6 Re6+ 63.Kc5 Re3 64.Qb1 Ke6 65.Qg6+ Ke5 66.Qg7+ Kf5 67.Kc6 Rc3+ 68.Kb7 Ne6 69.Qh8 Rc7+ 70.Kb8 Nc5 71.Qf6+ Nxf6 72.Kxc7 Ne8+ 73.Kd8 Ng7 74.Ke7 Nxa4 75.Kf7 Nh5 76.g6 Kg4 77.g7 Nxg7 ½-½

Scarborough Members at the Canadian Open

Seven players from SCC played in the C.O., held July 15-23. There was a team prize at the C.O., for 4 player teams from a club; 17 teams registered. Scarborough team players were Jim Paterson (U 2000), Bob Armstrong (U 2000), Steve Karpik (U 1600), and Michael Perez (U 1600). We would have liked to have a second team as

well, but there were only 2 other SCC players at the Open, John Hall (Open) and Petar Zlatanov (U 1600), who qualified for a team. Rick Garel also played (U 2000) , but he could not play on a team because he had to withdraw after round 7. Maybe next year we'll be able to enter two teams if it's again held in Kitchener, as is presently expected. The Scarborough team finished with a plus score - 18.5/36, and came 6^{th} (quite respectable).



Bob Armstrong and Jim Paterson at the Canadian Open



Rick Garel

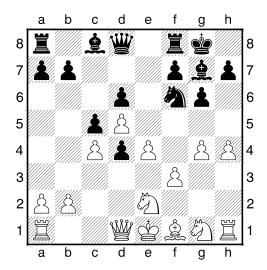
There were many hard-fought, good games played by the SCC members (we published 6 of them in the prior 2 Issues). Your intrepid editor lost a very interesting

game in Round 4 to Florian Bergeron, who eventually went on to tie $2^{nd}/8^{th}$. He sacked a B for 3 P's, and then went on to win. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Armstrong, R (1711) - BERGERON, F (1814) [E83]

2006 Can. Open Kitchener, Ontario (4), 18.07.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6**± 3.Nc3** Bg7 **4.e4** d6 **5.f3?=** [5.Nf3**±**] **5...0-0 6.Be3** Nc6 **7.g4** e5 **8.d5** [8.Nge2 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nd7 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Be2 Qh4+ 12.Bf2 Qf6 13.Be3 Ne5 14.0-0 Qe6=] **8...Nd4** [the move I expected was (though I've seen the game move played) 8...Ne7? 9.h4 c6 10.h5 cxd5 11.cxd5 a6 12.Rc1 b5 13.Nh3 b4 14.Ne2 a5**±**] **9.Bxd4?** According to the chess database of ChessBase, this is a novelty (of course − it's bad !). The previously played moves were Bg2, Be2, h4 and h3. [9.Bg2 c5 10.Nge2 Nd7 11.0-0 b6=; 9.Nce2 Nxe2 10.Qxe2 c6 11.Qd2 cxd5 12.cxd5 b6=] **9...exd4 10.Nce2** [10.Nb5 c5 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Nxd4 Qa5+ (12...Bxg4! 13.Nxc6 Qb6 14.Ne7+ Kh8 15.Qd2 Bh5∓) 13.Kf2 Qb6 14.Nge2 Qxb2 15.Rc1 Qb6∓] **10...c5 11.h4??-+** [11.dxc6 Qa5+ 12.Kf2 bxc6 13.Nxd4 Qb6 14.Nge2 Qxb2 15.Rc1 Qb6 16.Kg2 h6∓]



11...Bxg4! I did look briefly at this sac. I had seen it in some lines in analysis, and once had it played against me (I won). So I wasn't worried about it (mistake !). [11...Qb6?? 12.g5 Nh5 13.Qd2 d3 14.Nc3 Ng3 15.Rh2 Nxf1 16.Kxf1 Bd4=] 12.fxg4 Nxe4 13.Bg2 [13.Rb1 Qa5+ 14.b4 cxb4 15.Rb3 Qxa2 16.Rxb4 Rfe8-+] 13...Qa5+ 14.Kf1 Nd2+ 15.Kf2 Nxc4 [15...f5 16.gxf5 Rxf5+ 17.Kg3 Be5+ 18.Kh3 Qd8 19.Ng3 Rf4 20.Nf3 Nxf3 21.Bxf3 Rxh4+ 22.Kg2 Qg5-+] 16.Qb3 [16.Nf3 Ne3 17.Qd2 Nxg4+ 18.Kg3 Qxd2 19.Nxd2 Ne3-+] 16...Nxb2 17.Rb1 d3 18.Rxb2 dxe2??= Florian didn't even think on this move and made it automatically – and put me right back in the game ! [18...Bxb2 19.Qxb2 dxe2 20.Nxe2 Rae8-+] 19.Rxe2 b5 20.Nf3 c4 21.Qc2?‡ [21.Qe3 b4 22.Nd4 Bxd4 23.Qxd4 c3=] 21...Rac8 22.h5 b4 23.hxg6 fxg6 24.Rd2??-+ A hard decision on which R to use to protect the dP. I choose wrongly, fatally. [24.Rd1 Rc5 25.Kg3 Qa3 26.Qe4 Be5+ 27.Kh4 Rf4 28.Qe3 Qxe3 29.Rxe3 Bg7‡] 24...Qb6+ 25.Ke2 b3 [25...Rce8+ 26.Kd1 b3 27.axb3 cxb3 28.Qb1 b2-+] 26.axb3 [26.Qb1 Bc3 27.Rhd1 (27.Rdd1 Rce8+ 28.Kf1 Qe3 29.Rh3 bxa2 30.Qc1 a1Q 31.Qxa1 Bxa1 32.Rxa1 Qd4 33.Re1 Rb8-+) 27...Bxd2 28.Rxd2-+] 26...cxb3 27.Qb1 Rce8+ 28.Kd1 [28.Kf1 b2 29.Rd1 Qe3 30.Rd3 Qe1+ 31.Qxe1 Rxe1+ 32.Kxe1 b1Q+ 33.Rd1 Qc2 34.Rd2 Bc3-+] 28...b2 29.Ng5?-+ [29.Rd3 Rc8 30.Nd2 Rc1+ 31.Qxc1 bxc1Q+

32.Kxc1 Rf2 33.Rb3 Qa5 34.Rd1 (34.Be4 Qxd2+ 35.Kb1 Qa2+ 36.Kc1 Bb2+ 37.Rxb2 Qxb2+ 38.Kd1 Qd2#) 34...Rxg2-+] **29...Qb3+** I resigned since mate follows **30.Rc2 Qd3+ 31.Rd2 Qxb1#** A great game by Florian, except for his one blunder. Florian finished in the money, tying for 2nd/8th in the U 2000, with 6.5 pts.. I finished with 5 pts.. **0-1**

Also in Round 4, Rick Garel won a nice game. Here it is (Annotations by Garel):

Garel, R (1904) - Cashin, K (1699) [B80]

Canadian Open CC SCC, Toronto (4), 18.07.2006 [Fritz 8 (60s)]

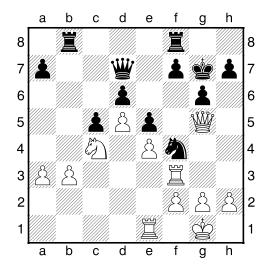
B80: Sicilian Scheveningen: 6 g3 and 6 Be3, including English Attack 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Be7 7.Be2 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 [8...a6 9.f4 Qc7 10.q4 b5 11.a3 Bb7 12.Bf3 Nc6 13.g5 Nd7 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.h4 a5 16.h5 Rfe8 17.0-0 Bf8 18.Ne2 Qb7 19.Ng3 Nb6 20.b3 a4 21.Qf2 Ra6 22.Bg2 axb3 23.cxb3 Kristjansson,S-Agdestein,S/Cappelle la Grande 2001/CBM 80 ext/0-1 (52)] 9.Nb3N [9.0-0-0 a6 (9...Bd7 10.Rdg1 a6 11.g4 b5 12.g5 Ne8 13.h4 b4 14.Nd1 Nxd4 15.Bxd4 e5 16.Be3 a5 17.h5 a4 18.g6 b3 19.a3 bxc2 20.Nc3 Be6 21.Bh6 Bf6 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.Qxd5 Nc7 24.Qd2 Bravo Lutz,S-Henneberg,I/Bad Zwesten 1998/EXT 2000/1/2-1/2 (29)) 10.f3 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 e5 12.Be3 Be6 13.Nd5 Nxd5 14.exd5 Bf5 15.Bd3 Bxd3 16.Qxd3 f5 17.Rhg1 b5 18.g3 Rc8 19.Rg2 Bf6 20.Qxf5 Rc4 21.Qd3 Qa5 22.Kb1 Rfc8 23.Rc1 e4 Da Luz,M-Cooper, D/Manila 1992/TD/0-1 (23)] 9...a6 10.a4 Qc7 11.a5 Ne5 12.Bb6 Qc6 13.Nd4 Qe8 14.f4 Ng6 15.Nb3 Bd7 16.0-0 Rc8 17.Rad1 Rxc3 18.Qxc3 Nxe4 19.Qe3 Bc6 20.Bf3 f5 21.Bc7 e5 22.Bxe4 exf4 23.Bxc6 Qxc6 24.Qe6+ Kh8 25.Bb6 Qxc2 26.Rd2 Qe4 27.Re1 Qb4 28.Rd4 Qb5 29.Qc4 [29.Rdd1 makes it even easier for White 29...Rf6+-] 29...Qd7?! offers little resistance [29...Bf6 30.Qxb5 Bxd4+ 31.Nxd4 axb5 32.Nxb5 d5+-] 30.Nc5 Qe8 [30...Qc6 hoping against hope 31.Ne6 Rc8+-1 **31.Nxb7 Ne5 32.Qd5** [32.Qxa6!? might be the shorter path 32...f3 33.Ra1 Qc6+-] 32...f3 [32...Rf6+- doesn't improve anything] 33.Rxe5 [△33.Nxd6 finishes off the opponent 33...Qg6 34.Rd2 Bxd6 35.Qxd6 (35.Rxe5?! is the weaker alternative 35...Bxe5 36.Qxe5 Re8+-) 35...Qxd6 36.Rxd6+-] **33...dxe5± 34.Qxe5 Qg6** [□34...Bc5 35.Qxe8 Bxd4+ (35...Rxe8?? 36.Nxc5 Kg8 37.gxf3+-) 36.Bxd4 Rxe8+-] 35.Qg3 Bg5?! not the bravest move [35...Bf6 36.Rd1 Qxq3 37.hxq3 fxq2 38.Kxq2 Ra8+-] **36.Qxf3 Re8 37.Rd1 f4** [37...Be7 a fruitless try to alter the course of the game 38.Nc5 Bxc5+ 39.Bxc5+-] 38.Nd6 Rf8 39.Ne4 Bh6 [39...Be7 cannot change what is in store for ? 40.Nc5 Bxc5+ 41.Bxc5+-] **40.Rd6 Qf5 41.Rd8** [△41.Bc5 keeps an even firmer grip 41...Re8 42.Rxa6 Bg5+-] 41...Rxd8 42.Bxd8 Qd5 [42...Qc8 is not the saving move 43.Bb6 Qc1+ 44.Qf1+-] 43.Bb6 Qd1+ [43...Qf5+- praying for a miracle] 44.Qxd1 [44.Qxd1 g6 45.Qd8+ Kg7 46.Qe7+ Kh8 47.Qe8+ Bf8 48.Qxf8#] 1-0

In Round 8, Steve Karpik had a tactically interesting game, and got lucky, salvaging a draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Geley, S (1562) - Karpik, S (1535) [E90]

Canadian Open Championships Kitchener, ON (8), 22.07.2006

1.e4 d6\(\frac{1}{2}\) 2.d4 Nf6 3.Bd3?=\([3\).Nf3\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 3...g6?\(\frac{1}{2}\) [3...e5=\([4\).Nf3\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 4...Bg7 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 c5?\(\frac{1}{2}\) [6...Nc6=\([7\).d5 Na6 8.a3 Nc7 9.0-0 e6 10.Re1 e5 11.Bg5 Qe8 12.Qd2 Bd7?\(\frac{1}{2}\) [12...b6\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 13..Bh6?\(\frac{1}{2}\) [13..b4 Bg4 14.Qe3 Nd7 15.h3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 b6\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 13...b5?\(\frac{1}{2}\) [13...a5 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.b3 Nh5 16.Rab1 Nf4\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 14.Bxg7?\(\frac{1}{2}\) [14.cxb5 Nxb5 15.Bxg7 Kxg7 16.Bxb5 Bxb5\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 14...Kxg7 15.Qg5 [15.cxb5 Nxb5 16.Bxb5 Bxb5 17.b4 Rc8\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 15...bxc4 16.Bxc4 Rb8 17.b3 Nb5 18.Nxb5 Bxb5 19.Nd2 Qd8 20.Re3?=\([20\).Qe3 Nd7 21.Qd3 Qb6 22.Reb1 f5\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 20...Qa5?\(\frac{1}{2}\) [20...h6 21.Qh4 Nh5 22.Qxd8 Rfxd8=\([21\).Rf3 Nh5 22.Bxb5 Qxb5?\(\frac{1}{2}\) [22...Rxb5\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 23.Nc4??=\([23\).Qe7 Qe2 24.Nc4 Qxe4 25.Rxf7+\([24\).Rf3 Pxf7 26.Qxf7+ Kxf7 27.Nxd6+ Kg8 28.Nxe4 Rxb3\(\frac{1}{2}\)] 23...Qd7 24.Re1 [24.Rd1 h6 25.Qd2 Nf4 26.Rxf4 exf4 27.Qxf4 Rxb3 28.Nxd6 Qa4=\([24\).Nf4??+-\) Steve misses W's tactical shot, winning 2 P's [24...f6 25.Qd2 Nf4 26.Kh1 f5 27.exf5 Rxf5 28.g3 Nh3 29.Rxf5 Qxf5 30.Kg2 Ng5=\([24\).Nf42?\([24\).Rf5 \)]



25.Nxe5! dxe5 26.Qxe5+ f6 27.Qxf4 Rbe8 28.Rc3?± now Shawn misses the tactic [28.Rh3 Re5 29.Qh6+ Kg8+-] 28...Qxd5! 29.Qc1 Rxe4 30.Rxe4 Qxe4 31.Rxc5 Rf7 32.h3 Qd3 33.b4 Rd7 34.Rc7 Qd5 35.Rxd7+ [35.Qf4 g5 36.Qf3 Qd2 37.Rxd7+ Qxd7±] 35...Qxd7 36.Qc5 a6 37.Qa5± here, for some reason, Shawn offered Steve a draw !!?? Steve came over to me after the game and said that he just got lucky. I'd say so, since he never got the advantage the whole game, yet salvaged a draw. ½-½

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