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Canadian Closed – Snapshot Interim Report – After 7 Rds. (Aug. 14)

SwissSys Standings. 2009 Canadian Closed: 2009 Canadian Closed

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Tot
1	GM Mark Bluvshtein	2634	D15	W13	D6	W7	D2	W14	W5	~3	5.5
2	IM Jean Hebert	2442	W31	D3	D18	W15	D1	W4	W9	~5	5.5
3	IM Artiom Samsonkin	2584	W16	D2	W21	D4	D14	D7	W13	~1	5.0
4	IM Leonid Guerzhoy	2524	W27	W23	D7	D3	D9	L2	W17	~8	4.5
5	FM Raja Panjwani	2472	D9	W28	D15	D22	W24	W6	L1	~2	4.5
6	FM Jonathan Tayar	2436	D18	W17	D1	D8	W16	L5	W15	~7	4.5
7	Roman Sapozhnikov	2348	W19	W30	D4	L1	W22	D3	D10	~6	4.5
8	Victor Kaminski	2334	D25	D24	W19	D6	D13	D15	W14	~4	4.5
9	Louie Jiang	2252	D5	D14	W30	W11	D4	W21	L2	~10	4.5
10	IM Edward Porper	2556	D22	L15	D13	W23	D18	W24	D7	~9	4.0
11	IM Tomas Krnan	2534	D17	D22	D27	L9	D29	W31	W21	~12	4.0
12	FM Shiyam Thavandiran	2464	L23	W29	L22	L31	W20	W28	W25	~11	4.0
13	FM Hans Jung	2140	B---	L1	D10	W30	D8	W16	L3	~15	4.0
14	IM Ron Livshits	2416	D28	D9	W23	W18	D3	L1	L8	~---	3.5
15	Alex Martchenko	2300	D1	W10	D5	L2	W28	D8	L6	~13	3.5
16	Trevor Vincent	2290	L3	W31	D24	W27	L6	L13	W22	~18	3.5
17	FM Dale Haessel	2276	D11	L6	W25	L24	W27	W18	L4	~19	3.5
18	Aman Hambleton	2234	D6	W20	D2	L14	D10	L17	W29	~16	3.5
19	Michael Humphreys	2169	L7	B---	L8	L29	D30	W26	W27	~17	3.5
20	FM Igor Divljan	2412	D29	L18	L28	D26	L12	B---	W31	~25	3.0
21	Victor Plotkin	2366	D24	W25	L3	D28	W31	L9	L11	~23	3.0
22	Liam Henry	2280	D10	D11	W12	D5	L7	D25	L16	~24	3.0
23	Keith MacKinnon	2251	W12	L4	L14	L10	B---	D29	D24	~21	3.0
24	Thomas Kaminski	2183	D21	D8	D16	W17	L5	L10	D23	~22	3.0
25	Yves Morin	2160	D8	L21	L17	B---	W26	D22	L12	~20	3.0
26	Erwin Casareno	2264	L30	L27	W29	D20	L25	L19	B---	~28	2.5
27	Arthur Calugar	2262	L4	W26	D11	L16	L17	W30	L19	~29	2.5
28	Nicolas Arsenault	2229	D14	L5	W20	D21	L15	L12	D30	~26	2.5

29 Kevin Me 2188 D20 L12 L26 W19 D11 D23 L18 ~27 2.5
30 IM Nikolay Noritsyn 2534 W26 L7 L9 L13 D19 L27 D28 ~31 2.0
31 Joey Qin 2240 L2 L16 B--- W12 L21 L11 L20 ~30 2.0

Pairings for Round 8. 2009 Canadian Closed: 2009 Canadian Closed

Bd Res White Res Black

1 IM Artiom Samsonkin (2584 : WW : 5.0) GM Mark Bluvshstein (2634 : W : 5.5)
2 IM Jean Hebert (2442 : W : 5.5) FM Raja Panjwani (2472 : W : 4.5)
3 IM Leonid Guerzhoy (2524 : B : 4.5) Victor Kaminski (2334 : BB : 4.5)
4 FM Jonathan Tayar (2436 : B : 4.5) Roman Sapozhnikov (2348 : BB : 4.5)
5 IM Edward Porper (2556 : W : 4.0) Louie Jiang (2252 : B : 4.5)
6 IM Tomas Krnan (2534 : B : 4.0) FM Shiyam Thavandiran (2464 : B : 4.0)
7 Alex Martchenko (2300 : WW : 3.5) FM Hans Jung (2140 : b : 4.0)
8 Trevor Vincent (2290 : W : 3.5) Aman Hambleton (2234 : B : 3.5)
9 FM Dale Haessel (2276 : W : 3.5) Michael Humphreys (2169 : w : 3.5)
10 Yves Morin (2160 : w : 3.0) FM Igor Divljan (2412 : BB : 3.0)
11 Victor Plotkin (2366 : W : 3.0) Keith MacKinnon (2251 : w : 3.0)
12 Liam Henry (2280 : B : 3.0) Thomas Kaminski (2183 : B : 3.0)
13 Erwin Casareno (2264 : w : 2.5) Nicolas Arsenault (2229 : BB : 2.5)
14 Kevin Me (2188 : WW : 2.5) Arthur Calugar (2262 : W : 2.5)
15 IM Nikolay Noritsyn (2534 : W : 2.0) Joey Qin (2240 : w : 2.0)



Here is the Rd. 7 game from Bd. 1 – Canadian Open Champion vs Canadian Junior Champion (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Bluvshstein, Mark – Panjwani, Raja [E91]

Canadian Closed 2009 Hewlett-Packard (7), 14.08.2009

318MB, DFritz11.ctg, ADMIN-PC **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be3 Bg4?!±** Mark gets a " clear " advantage [6...Ng4 7.Bg5 f6 8.Bh4 Nc6±] **7.Be2?!±** [7.Qb3 Nc6 8.0-0-0 Na5 9.Qa3 b6±] **7...Nfd7 8.Rc1 c5 9.d5 Bxf3?!±** [9...Qb6 10.Qd2 Re8±] **10.Bxf3 Na6 11.Be2 Nc7 12.h4 e6 13.dxe6 Nxe6 14.Qxd6** Mark goes up a P **14...Ne5?!+-** Mark gets a " winning " advantage [14...Be5 15.Qd5 Bxc3+ 16.Rxc3 Qc7±] **15.Qxd8 Raxd8 16.f4** 1.47 [16.Nd5 Nc6 17.h5 f5+- 1.48] **16...Nc6** 1.54 [16...Nd3+ 17.Bxd3 Rxd3 18.Ke2 Rd6+- 1.58] **17.Kf2?!±** [17.g3?! Ned4 18.Kf2 Nxe2 19.Kxe2 Bxc3 20.Rxc3 Nd4+ 21.Kf2 Rfe8±; 17.Rb1 Bd4 18.Bxd4 Rxd4+-] **17...f5 18.exf5 gxf5 19.Bf3 Kh8 20.Rcd1 Ncd4 21.h5 Nc2 22.h6 Bf6 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Bxb7** Mark goes up 2 P's **24...Rd3?!+-** [24...Bd4 25.Bxd4+ cxd4 26.Na4 Rb8 27.Bd5 Nxf4±] **25.Bc1 Bd4+ 26.Ke2 Rg3 27.Bd5 Nc7 28.Bf3 Rg8 29.Nd5 Re8+** 3.20 [29...Nxd5 30.cxd5 Nb4 31.Bd2 Bxb2 32.Rh5 Nc2 33.Kd3 Na3+- 3.08] **30.Kd3?+-** 1.79 [30.Kd1 Nxd5 31.cxd5 Nb4 32.Rh5 c4

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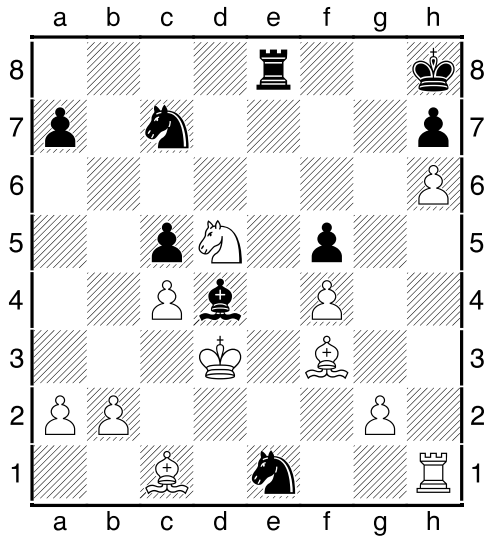
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33.Rxf5 Nxa2 34.Bd2 c3 35.bxc3 Nxc3+ 36.Kc2 Na4+- 4.84] **30...Ne1+** 2.05 [30...Nxd5? 31.cxd5 Ne1+ 32.Kc4 Nxf3 33.gxf3 Rb8+- 4.18]



31.Rxe1!+- 2.05 Mark sacs the exchange, since the c7N is hanging [31.Kd2 Nxf3+ 32.gxf3 Nxd5 33.cxd5 Rd8 34.Kd3 Rxd5 35.Kc4 Rd6+- 1.72] **31...Rxe1** Raja is temporarily up the exchange, but Mark has 2 P's compensation **32.Bd2 Nxd5** 2.07 [32...Ra1? 33.Nxc7 Bxb2+- 4.46 Mark would be up B + N + P vs R] **33.Bxe1 Nxf4+** Mark is up a P **34.Kc2 Kg8 35.Bc3 Bxc3 36.Kxc3 a5 37.Kb3 Nd3 38.Ka4?+-** 3.07 [38.Bd5+ Kf8 39.Ka4 Nxb2+ 40.Kxa5 Nd1+- 5.49] **38...Nxb2+** material equality **39.Kb5+-** 3.57 **1-0**

Canadian Women's Closed/Zonal – Kitchener - July 30 – August 3

(Posted by Chris Mallon on CFC Chess Forum)

Dina Kagramanov has won the Canadian Women's Championship with a score of 5.5/6, with a grueling 5-hour draw with Nava Starr in the final round. Nava finished second, and in third was Yuanling Yuan [Ed. – SCC junior].

Here are the final standings:

1. Dina Kagramanov – 5.5
2. Nava Starr – 4.5
3. Yuanling Yuan – 4.5
4. Iulia Lacau-Rodean – 2.5
5. Regina-Veronicka Kalaydina – 2.5
6. Natasa Serbanescu – 1
7. Dalia Kagramanov - .5

SCC Score Sheets/Database Policy – Due for a Change??

On Feb. 26, 2009 Scarborough CC started its 2008-9 club championship. The club championship was in 3 sections this past year.

The Championship Section is a 10-player round robin comprised of the top 8 rated players in the club registered (this past year was exceptionally strong with 6 masters , 3 experts and 1 “ A “ Class player [likely the strongest club championship in Canada] – master Liam Henry, WFM/master Yuanling Yuan, master David Krupka, master John Hall, master Bryan Lamb, master Karl Sellars, expert Hugh Siddeley, and expert Andrei Moffat, along with the two winners of last year’s Reserves Championship – expert Oscar Villalobos; A Class Kevin Wu).

The Reserves are split into two. There is an Open Section, and an U 1700 Section. In the top Reserves, 31 players registered, and the roster was headed by a master and 2 experts and a number of A Class players who were formerly experts. In the U 1700 Section, 31 players registered. The winner of the Open Reserves gains entry into the next year’s Championship Section, so there was something very worthwhile to play for in that section. The total of 76 players was the highest number we had had out since early in the millennium.

An important administrative controversy arose just before the start of Rd. 1 in the Championship section. SCC was using carbon score sheets for the Championship section

this past year, to facilitate the collecting of games for our SCC Database (we collect games handed in each week, enter them into our SCC Games Database, and then e-mail the week's games to each member. This is voluntary on the part of the members). Some of the players in the Championship section asked that their handing in of the carbons be " mandatory " – SCC has always previously maintained that handing in score sheets for the database is “ voluntary “. But it was argued that to make it voluntary was unfair in the top section. There the pairings are known in advance, since it is a round robin, and so a player can prepare for the opponent by looking up their games in the database. It was argued that it was unfair if some players handed in their games, thus allowing others to prepare against them, while others didn’t give opponents a chance to prepare, because they refused to hand in their carbons.

Out of this, three issues surfaced:

1. the handing in of game score sheets;
2. the entry of games handed in into the club games database;
3. the publication of some database games in the club newsletter.

Now I had requested of the executive that the Championship Section (not the Reserves) be " mandatory " two weeks before the start of the tournament, when I had suggested we use carbons this past year....and the executive had unanimously turned me down. Their

reasoning was that the emphasis at SCC was on friendship and members feeling comfortable playing there. To make it “ mandatory “ might make some championship section players unhappy – they might choose not to play or leave the club. Or at very least, they would be handing the carbons in under protest, and still be unhappy. The executive did not want to “ force “ members to do this if they didn’t want to. As well it seemed they didn’t want “ professionalization “ of the club to trump the “ friendly informality “.

However, it is also true, I noted, that with this position, other players may be unhappy. They feel they face unfair odds, if they comply with the wish of SCC that games be handed in, though voluntarily. And maybe one of them might quit the tournament in protest.

Legally, the organizers of a tournament “ own “ the score sheets:

CFC Handbook:

http://www.chess.ca/section_4.htm

Article 8,

" 8.3 The score sheets are the property of the organizers of the event. "

So SCC, as the organizer, has the right to demand that if someone plays in the championship section, then they must hand in their originals. But the executive did not want to follow this path.

The upshot was that the executive explained its position to the player raising the “ mandatory “ argument, and he initially withdrew his request (though he was still unconvinced of the executive position). At the end of the first round, 5 of the 10 players cooperated and handed in their carbons. Five did not. So two games were missing. We can only assume they refused, since it was announced that we were collecting the games if we could, and that was the reason for the carbons for the top section. And a number of the players in the section were around when the executive was explaining its position to one of the players. But these members were well within their rights to refuse to hand in the carbons, since this is the existing SCC policy.

But then the player in question came back with a request that his Rd. 1 game, handed in by his opponent, not be entered into the database (or at least, not until after the tournament was over). At this time, the policy was that a player could not block the opponent from “ sharing “ the game i.e. having it entered into the database, and distributed later that week. The policy was that each player (along with the club organizer) has an absolute ownership right to the game score. So if one opponent requests that a game go into the database, his opponent cannot block this. A player has the right to do what he wants with his game score – he does not need the permission of the opponent, nor the organizer (unless he has contracted away his right in an agreement with the organizer). So an SCC member can refuse to hand in the score sheet, but he may

fail in his intention to keep the game out of the database, if he cannot convince his opponent also to not hand in his score sheet. This could cause some tension in the championship where players have different views on putting games into the database. This at the time was the policy.

The player objecting then advised that if the game went into the database that week, he would have to withdraw from the tournament, because it was not then a level playing field for all players.

This caused the club executive to go into a deep huddle on this new development. They then decided to review everything. Three options were considered (I include my own commentary on the options, which admittedly is biased):

Option 1:

- a) Handing in of games - " Mandatory " - all games must be handed in.
- b) Database & Publication – all games will be entered into the database, and made available each week to all members. The club is free to publish such games as they see fit in the club newsletter. No objections to entry nor publication will be entertained from any players.

My Commentary: this is an absolutist position and is not practical. We would cause hard feelings if all games were mandatory, since some players are embarrassed by their games, and are private people, and do not want to be told what to do. Also, there is a possible problem of sufficient volunteer time to have time to enter all games. The club does, through a volunteer, free computer analysis of games handed in. With so many games requiring entry, all games could no longer be analyzed. Those hoping for the analysis , who's games did not get reached, will be unhappy at being left out.

(However there may be valid arguments that the Championship section of the Club Championship should be mandatory – a unique case - see option 3 below).

Option 2:

- a) The handing in of Games - will be " voluntary ". No one is forced to hand in their game (including the Club Championship – both sections).
- b) Database & Publication: Objection Based - Allow any individual to request that their games do not appear in the database or be published irrespective of whether their opponent wants the game entered and published (if suitable).
- c) Entry Delay: For the purposes of the Club Championship only, so that those players cooperating with the club, and handing in games, are not disadvantaged, by having their games available to opponents, games handed in without objection, will not immediately go into the database. They will be held back and only be entered upon the conclusion of the tournament, and only then be available for publishing.

My Commentary – again, in my view, an absolutist position. Games today are published from the top level down. Players of the caliber of our championship section are used to

mandatory handing in of games in top sections of tournaments they play in, and know their opponents cannot object to the organizer collecting all games. If one opponent could prohibit the collecting of games into databases, where would modern chess be? And I think the community of chess players has an interest in this decision. They want the games available, and they do not want players being allowed to keep their games hidden (I say this though, only with respect to the Championship, and making the Club Championship section mandatory).

It is argued that what happens at the highest levels does not imply what should happen at a small friendly club like SCC . Well, I think even at our club membership level, this is true. I get lots of positive feedback on the database and the enjoyment players get playing over other members games (it is about 20-25% of players who hand in their games, and they are keen, though the rest are rather neutral on the idea of the database - but they don't refuse to receive it each week !). If you asked the " submitting " membership, they would say they want to see their games in the database, and that they don't want a player to be able to hide the game, IF they want it in the database and published. A player can keep his own score sheet private, but he cannot force the opponent not to divulge the game. The principle must reflect community interest OVER individual interest/comfort. This would make SCC a chess island on its own - nowhere in the chess world is such an extreme right given to the objecting player of a chess game.

However, if the handing in is " voluntary ", then I agree with delaying the entry of games submitted into the database, to keep a level playing field (even though those handing in the games are effectively saying they don't care about this). The cooperators with the club, should not be penalized.

Option 3:

a) submission of game scores - " voluntary " (except a decision was outstanding on the proposal that next year the championship section of club championship will be the one case where collection is mandatory, as is done in top sections of weekend tournaments, etc. - it was too late to do this in mid-stream in this past year's championship);

My Commentary - this to some extent recognizes individual freedom – we will not generally force members to hand in their score sheets. And if 2 opponents both don't hand in the game, then that is OK – it will never see the light of day by their mutual agreement (the exception may become the club championship section).

b) Database & Publication - where a party wishes his game to go into the database , and be published, this shall be done, and the opponent cannot block either.

c) Entry Delay: In the Club Championship, so that those players cooperating with the club, and handing in games, are not disadvantaged, by having their games available to opponents, games handed in, will not immediately go into the database. They will be held back and only be entered upon the conclusion of the tournament, and only then be available for publishing.

My Commentary – the right of the chess community to enjoy and learn from games is

paramount. If one player wants to share with the community, which the community hopes will happen, then their good intentions will not be overridden by some feelings of embarrassment or uncomfortableness of the opponent, nor the opponent's desire to keep the game out of the database so others cannot use it to prepare against them. All top games are available now immediately in our chess culture, and players know their opponents will have the games to prepare against them. It is part of chess today. We cannot let those with negative intentions affect there being a benefit available to all. However, for the club championship this past year, we collected games from those willing to hand them in, but then we held them, and did not enter them into the database, nor publish them, until AFTER the tournament was over - that way it was a level playing field - the cooperative player was not at a disadvantage as to opponent preparation against them, because of their handing in their games .

The Executive had an extensive discussion of the three options.

They chose the second option - total voluntary - one opponent can block the entry and publication of the game by their opponent. But for the club championship, games handed in without objection would have entry into the database delayed, to keep a level playing field.

They also said that the total policy would be reviewed at the upcoming SCC AGM in September, to ascertain the decision of the members on this.

In my view, the main reason for the SCC Database is the " common good " of SCC members. What is being sought here is the enjoyment of members in being able to play over the games of other members and the chance to learn something. They may have seen part of the game in the evening and wanted to see how it turned out. Or they may have heard a member crowing about his win, and wanted to check it out. But, with respect to normal tournaments during the year, " voluntary " is sufficient. If members don't get to see a game between 2 1400 juniors, it is no great loss.

But I am concerned with the 20-25% who see value in " sharing " their games. They are leading edge in my view, and need to be supported. They see the collective right to see games as paramount. Now they are not demanding all hand in games. But what they do want is that their games get into the club database, and get distributed to all members (even the 75-80% who refuse to hand in their games !). Definitely, objectors should not be able to keep their games out. And my hope is that these leading edge players will slowly convince more and more of the " game-hiders " to come around, and share their games with other club members , who are interested in playing them over, warts and all.

But the Championship is different. These are strong players in the Championship Section, and the games are of top quality. SCC members have a right to demand that these games be made available to them to play over. They pay for the club, its venue, the equipment, the trophies, etc. with their membership fees, and they have a right to specify that in this one case, games collection should be mandatory, and that the games be made available to them to play over for their enjoyment and learning. This trumps the " private good " of an

individual player to protect his repertoire and keep his games private. Furthermore, making games mandatory ensures a level playing field – all games will be in the database for all players to see and use.

An additional reason for the database is club history – it is a historical record of players, ratings, tournaments, etc. for future members who are always given the full database when they become members. It should contain as many games as members wish to submit. As well, SCC is one of the largest clubs in Canada, and our championship is one of the strongest club championships (the strongest?) in Canada. There should be a preserved record of all of these games for all Canadians to play over (mandatory).

What do you think of our new Executive Policies? Write in and let us know – help SCC members with the debate. We'll publish your opinions next Issue, just before the AGM.

What do you do at your club or in your tournaments?

Motions may be brought at the SCC AGM on Thursday, September 3 to substitute option 3 for the current option 2. Which one do you want? If there are no motions brought, will you bring one on this topic? If you want your say, you have to come out and MAKE MOTIONS & VOTE. Let's have a good reasoned debate on this issue, and then let the majority of members decide.

Scarborough CC Response to Article by Maurice Smith, SCC President

[Ed. Although this was written by SCC President Maurice Smith in respect of the above article [slightly edited] being published in the Chess Canada Webzine in March, 2009, it also might still be relevant to publication in the newsletter, so I include it. I also would not want to be accused of excluding a relevant executive statement on the article.]

In answer to Bob Armstrong's article I wish to point out the following. The dispute {if it can even be called that} is an internal matter of the Scarborough Chess Club. Our Club is a unique Club and whatever they do in Vancouver or St. John's or all points in between is irrelevant to the Scarborough Chess Club. At present, any decision reached has been based on the perceived wishes of the majority of the Club. In any case, the matter will be reviewed at the Scarborough AGM in September. To repeat, this is an internal matter and will be handled amicably and efficiently by the members and Executive of the Scarborough Chess Club.

SCC 2009-10 AGM

This will be held on Thursday, Sept. 3 (please note that this year it is the Thursday BEFORE Labour Day), from 7:00 – 11:00 PM (will very likely end sooner). There will be the election of a new Executive – most important. There may also be a number of motions for members to decide – whether to change the club policy on handing in of score sheets, and entry of games into the database; what to do about our increasing membership and limited space, etc.

Come out and vote – it is your club – have your say in what it does.

[Note: our first Swiss of the year, the Howard Ridout Memorial Swiss, starts Thursday, September 10, the first Thursday AFTER Labour Day]

SCC Closed for July & August

As usual, SCC cannot get the community centre for July and August, and so closes for those months..

This newsletter will continue to be published, though, during the summer.

Have a great summer! See you at the club in September.

CFC AGM – July 13 & 14

(mea culpa on this one – it was meant to be in the August 1 Issue and got left out)

Outgoing Governors AGM - Posted by Bob Armstrong, on CFC Chess Forum:

Monday also was important for the fact that the outgoing CFC governors held their AGM in the morning. Well, important to some people - the CFC President was not there, although he called in and answered questions by speakerphone for a few minutes); the VP was not there (he was covering for his boss and couldn't get time off); the Treasurer and Secretary and Junior Coordinator were not there. There were a grand total of 8 out of 61 governors present - and there were only 17 proxies sent in - a grand total of 25 governors of 61 checking in at the main meeting of the year. Something seems wrong with this picture. There were also 4 CFC ordinary members who attended.

Reports of some of the executive were filed, but for some there was no report (not too good).

5 motions were dealt with:

Motion 2009-10 - passed - imposing a Canadian activity criteria and rating maintenance criteria on Canadians applying for FIDE titles - a good thing in my mind to keep the integrity of Canadian titles.

Motion 2009-11 & 12 - legitimizing the Ontario regional system of electing CFC Governors - passed with 2/3 majority (these motions were filed on my behalf).

Motion 2009 - 13 - instituting YCC qualifiers in the provinces for the CYCC which will no longer be open to everyone - passed with one amendment increasing those eligible for the CYCC - another good motion in my view.

Motion 2009 -14 - reducing the number of provincial representation governors by 50% (

this motion was filed on behalf of the CFC Constitutional Coalition, for whom I am the Coordinator) - failed (only got 8 votes, and needed 16 to get a 2/3 majority).

Motion 2009 - 15 - altering the roles of the officers of the CFC - got tabled because it was felt there were many amendments governors wanted to bring before it would be acceptable, and the meeting wanted all governors to be able to comment.

Subsequently added was:

Yesterday when reporting on the incoming governors AGM, I forgot to mention a very interesting point that got discussed late in the meeting. The 2009-10 budget has in it an allocation of \$ 10,000 for redevelopment of the webzine. The governors actually did their job and reviewed this. The feeling generally was that the webzine requires, to be good, more money than that, and more time, effort and person power than the CFC can afford. It was suggested strongly to the executive and governors not present, that it be replaced by a good electronic newsletter, with good and new Canadian content, that might go monthly directly to members. This will provide something to members, plus have CFC communicate what's happening monthly to the membership - an attempt at better communication. And when it comes to the national championships, it was felt that at the moment, CFC should not see them as a money-making opportunity. Rather the \$ 10,000 for the webzine should be reallocated as a fund to promote national championships, with a plan needing to be devised as to how the money might be best spent to help develop bids for these tournaments. This is a radical departure from past practice, and I think a good one. I hope we governors at the AGM can convince our absent or proxy fellow governors to move in this direction.

[Ed. – already new President Eric van Dusen is interviewing 2 potential editors for the new CFC e-newsletter, at a much lower honorarium than would have been the case with the webzine editor – fast action Eric !]

Incoming Governors AGM - Posted by Bob Armstrong on CFC Chess Forum:

There was some bad news from the CFC AGM of the incoming new governors. Only 10 governors of 61 were actually present - there were 19 proxies filed, but it still means the majority of governors elected not to participate at all in the most important and only CFC governors' meeting of the year.

The good news is that CFC has a new president - Eric van Dusen of Ottawa. There was in addition, much praise for past president David Lavin - he presided last year over the most radical surgery ever to the CFC, and with it, he stopped the financial bleeding (CFC has had an approximately \$ 30,000 deficit each year for the last five years). David has managed to present for 2009-10 a balanced (or surplus) budget (not sure when, if ever, CFC has had a budget to guide it in the year's spending). It is perhaps a good sign of CFC's recovering health that it was fortunate enough to have 2 good candidates for President - the governors were clearly divided - Eric won by the slimmest of margins, 13 votes to 12 votes.

So we have 2 new faces on the executive - Eric, and new treasurer, Maurice Smith, a past 3-term president (and President of the Scarborough CC). Returning to the same positions are Stijn de Kerpel as V-P, and Lyle Craver as Secretary. Changing positions are Hal Bond (from past president to FIDE rep), Michael Barron (from FIDE rep to Junior Coordinator) and David Lavin (from President to past President - we will be fortunate to retain David's skills and experience on the Executive). As to other officers who are not on the executive, Bela Kosoian remains as Women's Coordinator, and past president Bill Doubleday is the new rating auditor (replacing Pierre Denommee who had held the post for a number of years).

[Ed. – David Lavin has subsequently advised that he will not join the Executive this year as “ Past President “, a regrettable decision many feel.]

Americas Continental Championship

This swiss was held July 25 – August 2, in Brazil, and attracted 270 players. Six spots in the 2009 FIDE World Cup were at stake. The six top finishers were (from the Susan Polgar blog):

1^o/2 - GM Alexander Shabalov and GM Fidel Corrales, 9,0 pts.

3^o -GM Gilberto Milos(BRA-2589), 8,5 pts.

4^o - GM Diego Flores (ARG-2587), 8,5 pts.

5^o - GM Julio Granda (PER-2647), 8,5 pts.

6^o - MI Mauricio Flores Rios(CHI-2482), 8,5 pts.

The two Canadian representatives were:

IM Leonid Gerzhoy – 42nd – 7 pts.

IM Ron Livshits – 46th – 7 pts..

Biel International, Switzerland

The 42nd Biel International Chess Festival took place 18th-31st July 2009. There were around 10 different Tournaments (Open, Rapid, Blitz, Youth and for the first time Chess 960). The main Category IXX tournament saw Morozevich, Ivanchuk, Gelfand, Alekseev, Vachier-Lagrave and Caruana compete.

The winner was 18-year old French GM Maxime Vachier-Lagrave.



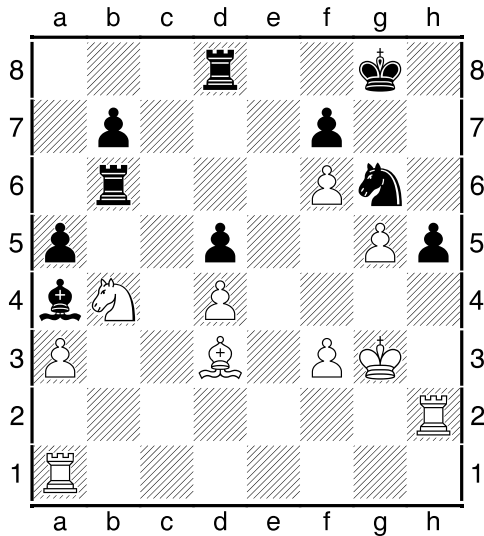
In Rd. 1 Morozevich, after a layoff of a few months, jumped solely into the lead by ½ pt. with his win against Alekseev. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morozevich, A (2751) – Alekseev, Evgeny (2714) [E32]

GM Biel SUI (1), 19.07.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.Qxc3 d5 7.cxd5 Ne4 8.Qc2 exd5 9.Bf4 Bf5?!± Alekseev unnecessarily gives up the P [9...Nc6 10.e3 Bf5=] **10.Qxc7** Morozevich goes up a P **10...Qxc7 11.Bxc7 Rc8 12.Bf4 Rc2?!±** Morozevich gets a " clear " advantage [12...Nc6 13.Rd1 Nf6 14.e3 Bc2 15.Rd2 Na5±] **13.f3 Nf6 14.g4 Bg6 15.h4** [15.Rc1 Nc6 (15...Rxb2?? 16.Rc8+ Ne8 17.Rxe8#) 16.Rxc2 Bxc2±] **15...Rxb2** material equality **16.h5 Bc2** [16...Bb1 17.e3 h6±] **17.e3 Ba4?!+-** Morozevich gets a " winning " advantage [17...Nc6 18.g5 Na5 19.e4 Nxe4 20.fxe4 Nb3 21.Bc1 Nxc1 22.Rxc1 Bxe4±] **18.Rh2?!±** [18.Bd3 Bb5 19.Bxb5 Rxb5+-] **18...Rb3 19.Ne2 Nbd7?!+-** [19...Nfd7 20.Rc1 Nb6±] **20.g5 Ne8 21.Nc1 Rb6** 1.67 [21...Rc3 22.Rb2 Nb6+- 1.88] **22.Na2?!±** [22.Nd3 Nf8 23.Nc5 Bb5+-] **22...Nf8 23.Nb4 Rd8 24.h6?!±** Morozevich is losing his advantage [24.Bh3 Bb5 25.Rb2 Bc4±] **24...Ne6 25.hxg7 Nxf4 26.exf4 Nxg7 27.Bd3** [27.Bh3 Nh5 28.Nd3 Re8+ 29.Kf2 Bc2±] **27...Ne6 28.f5 Nf4?!±** [28...Nxd4 29.Kf2 Bd7± (29...Bb5?!±)] **29.f6 h5?!+-** Morozevich has a " winning " advantage back again [29...Nxd3+ 30.Nxd3 Rb3±] **30.Kf2 a5 31.Kg3 Ng6** 3.63

Position after 31...Ng6



32.Rxh5! sacking his N; Morozevich goes up a P again **32...axb4** Alekseev is up N vs P **33.Rah1 bxa3??+–** mate in 9 moves [33...Rxf6 34.gxf6 Rd6 35.axb4 Rxf6 36.Rxd5 Kf8+– 3.84] **34.Rh7?+–** Morozevich misses the mate. But Alekseev resigned.[34.Bxg6 fxc6 35.Rh8+ Kf7 36.R1h7+ Ke6 37.Rxd8 Kf5 38.f7 Rf6 39.f8Q Rxf8 40.Rxf8+ Kxg5 41.f4#] **1-0**

In Rd. 2, Morozevich solidified his lead with a win over Gelfand, who blundered an N after a relatively even game, so that Moro led by a full point after 2 rounds ! Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

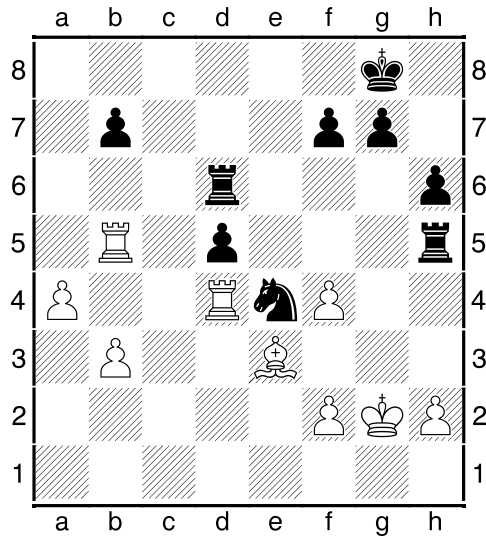
Morozevich, A (2751) – Gelfand, B (2755) [C24]

GM Biel SUI (2), 20.07.2009

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.e4= 0.20 **1...e5** the only equalizing move for Fritz **2.Bc4 Nf6 3.d3 c6 4.Nf3 d5 5.Bb3 Bd6 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Nd7?!±** [8...Bg4 9.Nbd2 Nd7 10.h3 Bh5 11.Ne4 Qc7=] **9.d4?!=** [9.Nbd2 Bc7 10.Nc4 Re8±] **9...exd4 10.Bxd5 cxd5 11.Qxd4 Bc5 12.Qd3 Qb6** [12...Re8=] **13.Re2 Nf6 14.Nc3 Bg4?!±** [14...Bd7 15.Be3 Bxe3 16.Qxe3 Qxe3 17.Rxe3 Rfe8=] **15.Na4 Qc6** [15...Qa5 16.Nxc5 Qxc5±] **16.Nxc5 Qxc5 17.Be3?!=** [17.Bg5 Rfe8 18.Bxf6 gxf6±] **17...Qc4 18.Rd2 Qxd3 19.Rxd3 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Rfe8 21.Rb3 Re7 22.Rd1 Rc8 23.Bxa7 Rxc2 24.Be3 Rd7 25.Rb5 h6 26.a4 Rc4?!±** [26...Kh7 27.a5 Kg6=] **27.b3 Rh4 28.f4 Rh5 29.Kg2 Ne4 30.Rd4** setting a " cheapo " **30...Rd6??+–** after a good game, Gelfand blunders his N; Morozevich gets a " winning " advantage [30...g6 31.f3 Nf6±]

Position after 30...Rd6??



31.Rxe4!+- 4.65 on recapturing, W wins the h5R **1-0**

In Rd. 3, Ivanchuk won over Caruana, leaving him alone in second place, ½ pt. behind Morozevich. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ivanchuk, V (2703) – Caruana, F (2670) [C48]

GM Biel SUI (3), 21.07.2009

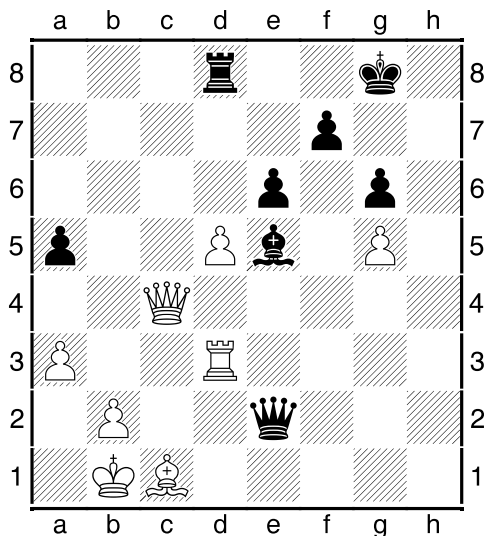
1.e4= 0.20 **1...e5** for Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Nd4 5.Ba4 c6 6.Nxe5** Ivanchuk goes up a P **6...d5** [6...d6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.d3 Bh5=] **7.d3** [7.exd5 Bd6 8.Nc4 b5 9.Nxd6+ Qxd6 10.Bb3 0-0=] **7...Bd6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Be3 Nxf3+?!±** [9...Bc5 10.exd5 Bxf3 11.gxf3 Nxd5 12.Bxd4 Bxd4 13.Nxd5 Qxd5=] **10.gxf3 Bh5 11.exd5** Ivanchuk goes up 2 P's **11...0-0 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.Rg1** [13.Bxc6 Rb8 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Bxe4 f5 16.Bd5+ Bf7±] **13...Nd5?!±** Ivanchuk gets a " clear " advantage [13...Qc7 14.Qe2 Bb4±] **14.Nxd5?!±** [14.Bd4 Bg6 15.Bxc6 Nxc3 16.Bxc3 Rc8±] **14...cxd5 15.Rg5 d4?!±** loses another P [15...Bg6 16.Qd2 Qb8 17.0-0-0 d4 18.Bxd4 Bf4 19.Be3 Bxg5 20.Bxg5 Qb7±] **16.Rxh5 dxe3 17.fxe3** Ivanchuk goes up 3 P's **17...g6 18.Rh3 Qb6?!+-** Ivanchuk gets a " winning " advantage [18...Qa5+ 19.c3 Rab8 20.Bb3 Qf5±] **19.Kf2 Qxb2** Ivanchuk is up 2 P's **20.d4 Rac8 21.Bb3?!±** [21.Qc1 Qxc1 22.Rxc1 Rc3 23.Rd1 Ra3+-] **21...Rxc2+** Ivanchuk is up a P **22.Qxc2** [22.Bxc2 Rc8 23.Rc1 Ba3 24.Rb1 Rxc2+ 25.Kg1 Qxa2±] **22...Qxa1 23.f4 Qh1 24.Qc4 a5 25.Qf1 Qxf1+ 26.Kxf1 Kg7 27.f5** [27.Ke2 f5 28.Rf3 h6±] **27...gxf5** material equality **28.Bc2?!±** [28.Rf3 f4 29.e4 Bb8±] **28...Rc8?!±** [28...Rb8 29.Bxf5 h6±] **29.Bxf5** Ivanchuk goes up a P again **29...Rc1+ 30.Ke2 h6 31.Be4 a4 32.Rh4 a3 33.Rg4+ Kf6 34.h3 Bc7?!+-** [34...Ke6 35.Bd3 Kd5±] **35.Bd5 Rc2+ 36.Kd3 Rf2** [36...Rh2 37.Bg2 Ke6+-] **37.Rg8 Bd6 38.Ra8 Kg7 39.Ra6?!±** [39.Ra7 Kf8 40.Ra6 Ke7+-] **39...Bb4 40.Ra7 Bf8?!+-** [40...Kf8 41.Rb7 Be7±] **41.e4 h5 42.Ke3 Rf6 43.e5 Rf5 44.Ke4 Rf2 45.Ke3 Rf5 46.Ke4 Rf2 47.e6 Kg6 48.Ke3 Rf1 49.Ke2+-** 3.46 **1-0**

In Rd. 6, Alekseev took advantage of Morozevich's misstep with an innocent e6 move, and Moro's loss let Ivanchuk sneak into first place alone, by ½ pt.. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Alekseev, Evgeny (2714) – Morozevich, A (2751) [B17]

GM Biel SUI (6), 25.07.2009

1.e4= 0.20 1...c6± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Caro-Kann, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Nxf6+ Nxf6 7.c3 [7.c4 Qc7 8.Be3 (8.Qa4?! Bf5=) 8...Bf5±] 7...Bg4 8.h3 [8.Be2 e6 9.Ne5 Bf5±] 8...Bh5 9.g4 Bg6 10.Ne5 Be4 [10...Qd5 11.f3 Nd7±] 11.f3 Bd5 12.Be3 g6 13.c4 Be6 14.Qd2 h5 15.Rg1 hxg4 16.hxg4 Nd7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.0-0-0 Rd8 19.Rg2 Bg7 20.Rh2 Qd6 21.Rxh8+ Bxh8 22.Qc2?!= [22.Kb1 b5 23.d5 Qg3±] 22...a6?!± [22...b5 23.d5 cxd5 24.cxd5 Bxd5 25.Bxb5+ Kf8=] 23.Be2?!= [23.Qf2?! b5 24.c5 Qd5 25.b3 Kd7=; 23.Qd2 b6 24.Be2 Kf8±] 23...b5 24.Kb1 [24.c5 Qd5 25.b3 a5=] 24...bxc4 25.Bxc4 Bd5 26.Qe2 Qe6 27.Bxd5 Rxd5 28.Qh2 Bf6 29.Bc1?!± for the first time in the game, Morozevich gets the advantage [29.Qb8+ Rd8 30.Qf4 Rd5=] 29...c5 30.Qb8+ Rd8 31.d5 Qe2 32.Qb3 c4 33.Qa4+ Kf8 34.Rd2 Qxf3 35.Qxc4 a5 36.a3 Qh1?!= [36...Be5 37.b3 a4 38.b4 Bf4±] 37.Qd3?!± [37.Qc7 Re8 38.Qc4 Bg5=] 37...Kg8 38.Rd1 Qg2 39.Qc4?!± Morozevich gets a " clear " advantage [39.g5 Bg7 40.Qd2 Qe4+ 41.Qd3 Qe5±] 39...Qf3 40.Rd3 [40.Rd2 Bg5 41.Qe2 Qxe2 42.Rxe2 Rxd5±] 40...Qf1?!± [40...Qe2 41.g5 Be5±] 41.Ka2 Qe2 42.g5?!± [42.Qc7 Ra8 43.Qc4 Rb8±] 42...Be5 43.Kb1 e6?!± now Alekseev gets a " clear " advantage [43...Qg2 44.Rb3 Qxd5 45.Qxd5 Rxd5±]



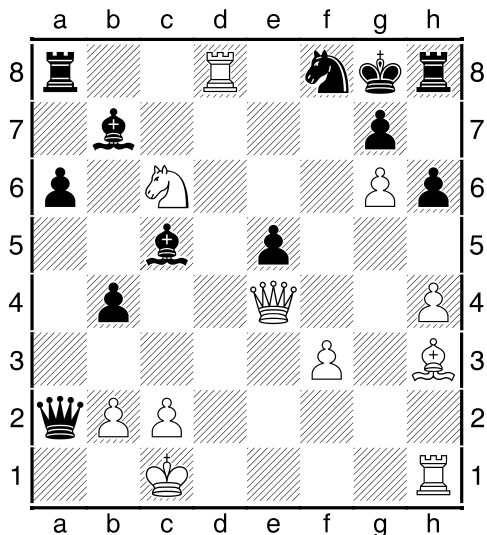
44.dxe6! Alekseev goes up a P 44...Kg7 [44...Rxd3?? 45.Qc8+ Kh7 46.exf7 Rd8 47.Qxd8 Qe4+ 48.Ka1 Bxb2+ 49.Bxb2 Qe1+ 50.Ka2 Qe6+- 6.09; 44...Qxd3+?? 45.Qxd3 Rxd3 46.e7 Rd5 47.e8Q+ Kg7+- 7.73] 45.e7 Re8 46.Qd5 Rxe7 material equality 47.Re3 Qh2 48.Bd2 f6 49.gxf6+ Kxf6?!+- Alekseev gets a " winning " advantage [49...Bxf6 50.Rxe7+ Bxe7 51.Bxa5 Qh5±] 50.Qf3+?+- 2.12 [50.Qd8 g5 51.Bc3 Qh7+ 52.Ka1 Kf7 53.Qd5+ Ke8 54.Bxe5 Qf5+- 9.45] 50...Kg7?+- 3.54 [50...Qf4 51.Qxf4+ Bxf4 52.Rxe7 Bxd2 53.Ra7 g5+- 2.73] 51.Bc3 Qg1+ 52.Ka2 Qg5 53.Rxe5! Rxe5 Morozevich is temporarily up the exchange, but the rook is pinned. 54.Qd5 Kf6 55.Qd6+- 4.32 the R is lost; Alekseev will be up a B; Morozevich resigned. 1-0

In Rd. 8, a truly wild game where a R hung forever, Vachier Lagrave defeated Morozevich, which allowed him to move into a tie for first with Ivanchuk. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morozevich, A (2751) – Vachier Lagrave, M (2703) [B90]

GM Biel SUI (8), 28.07.2009

1.e4= 0.20 1...c5± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Sicilian, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.]
2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f3 e6 7.Be3 b5?!± Morozevich gets a " clear " advantage [7...Nc6 8.Be2 d5±] **8.Qd2?!±** [8.Bd3 b4 9.Nce2 e5 10.Nb3 Be7±] **8...Nbd7 9.g4?!=** [9.Be2 Nb6 10.a4 Nc4 11.Bxc4 bxc4±] **9...h6 10.0-0-0 b4 11.Nce2 Qc7 12.h4 d5 13.Nf4?±** loses a minor piece; Vachier Lagrave (hereafter VL) gets a " clear " advantage [13.Rg1 e5 14.Nf5 dxe4 15.g5 hxg5 16.hxg5 g6 17.Nd6+ Bxd6 18.Qxd6 Qxd6 19.Rxd6 exf3 20.gxf6 fxe2 21.Bxe2 Rh3=] **13...e5?±** [13...dxe4 14.fxe4 e5 15.Nd5 Nxd5 16.exd5 exd4 17.Bxd4 Bd6± VL would be up N vs P] **14.Nfe6!±** [14.Nxd5 Nxd5 15.exd5 exd4 16.Qxd4 Bd6= VL would be up N vs 2P's] **14...fxe6 15.Nxe6 Qa5 16.exd5 Qxa2** VL is up N vs P **17.Qd3?!±** [17.c4 Qa1+ 18.Kc2 b3+ 19.Kd3 e4+ 20.Ke2 (20.fxe4?? Ne5+ 21.Ke2 Bxe6 22.dxe6 Qa4+) 20...Qa2±] **17...Kf7?±** [17...Qa1+ 18.Kd2 Qxb2 19.Qg6+ Ke7 20.Ke1 Kd6±] **18.g5 Nxd5?±** VL is up an N, but Morozevich has a " clear " advantage with his attack on the roaming K [18...Qa1+ 19.Kd2 Qxb2 20.gxf6 Nxf6 21.Nd8+ Ke8 22.Nc6 Bd6=] **19.Bh3 19...Nxe3** VL is up N + B [19...Bb7 20.g6+ Ke7 21.Nc7 Qa1+ 22.Kd2 Qa5 23.Nxa8 Bxa8±] **20.Nd8+ Ke7?!+±** Morozevich gets a " winning " advantage [20...Ke8 21.Bxd7+ Kxd8 22.Bxc8+ Nd5 23.Be6 Rb8±] **21.Nc6+ Kf7 22.g6+?!±** [22.Nd8+ Ke7 23.Nc6+ Kf7 24.Be6+ Qxe6 (24...Kxe6?? 25.Qg6+ Nf6 26.Nd8+ Ke7 27.gxf6+ gxf6 28.Nc6+ Ke6 29.Qe8+ Kf5 30.Nd4+ Kf4 31.Ne2+ Kf5 it is mate in 13 moves(31...Kxf3 32.Qc6+ Nd5 33.Rxd5 Qa1+ 34.Kd2 Kg4 35.Rd4+ Kf5 36.Ng3+ Kg6 37.Qe8+ Kh7 38.Qf7+ Bg7 39.Nh5 Qe1+ 40.Kxe1 Rg8 41.Nxf6+ Kh8 42.Qxg8#)) 25.Nd8+ Ke7 26.Nxe6 Kxe6 27.Qxe3 hxg5 28.Qb3+ Ke7+- 2.29; 22.Be6+ Qxe6 (22...Kxe6?? 23.Qg6+ Nf6 24.Nd8+ Ke7 25.gxf6+ gxf6 26.Nc6+ Ke6 27.Qe8+ Kf5+- and it is mate) 23.Nd8+ Ke7 24.Nxe6 Kxe6+- 2.49] **22...Kg8 23.Qxe3** VL is up a B **23...Bc5?!+±** [23...Qa1+ 24.Kd2 Qa2±] **24.Qe4 Nf8 25.Rd8 Bb7??+-** this allows mate ! [25...Bxb3 26.Rxa8 Be6 27.Qxe5 Qd5+- 3.35]



26.Rxa8?+- 1.78 Morozevich misses the rather lengthy mate [26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Qxe5 Rh7 28.Be6+ Qxe6 29.Qxe6+ Kh8+- it is mate in 12 moves.] **26...Bxa8 27.h5?±** Morozevich is losing his advantage [27.Bf1 Bxc6 28.Bc4+ Ne6 29.Qf5 Be3+ 30.Kd1 Bxf3+ 31.Qxf3 Qb1+ 32.Ke2 Qxc2+ 33.Kxe3 Qxg6+- 1.94] **27...Rh7** Morozevich is now poised to go up the exchange, but there is no rush to take the R [27...Bxc6 28.Qxc6 Rh7 29.gxh7+ Kxh7 30.Bf5+ Kg8±] **28.Re1?!=** Morozevich has lost his advantage [28.Kd2 Bxc6 29.gxh7+ Kh8 30.Qxc6 Be7±; 28.gxh7+?! Kh8 29.Qxe5 Qa1+ 30.Kd2 Qxh1 31.Qxc5 Qxf3 32.Bf5 Qg2+ 33.Kc1 Qf1+ 34.Kd2 Qg2+ 35.Kc1 Nxb7=] **28...Bxc6 29.Qxc6 Bd4 30.Kd2** [30.Bf5 Bxb2+ 31.Kd1 Bc3=] **30...Qxb2?±** VL is up N + P [30...Bxb2 31.Bf5 Kh8 32.Ke2 a5=] **31.Qc4+?!±** [31.Qd5+ Kh8 32.Bf5 Bf2 33.Ke2 Qd4±]

31...Kh8 32.Kd3? VL gets a " clear " advantage [32.Ke2 Qa3 33.Qf7 Bc5 34.Kf1 Qc3 35.gxh7 Kxh7 36.Qf5+ Kg8 37.Rxe5 Qc4+ 38.Qd3 Qxd3+ 39.cxd3 Bd4±] **32...a5?** [32...Qa3+ 33.Ke4 Qa5 (33...b3? 34.cxb3 Qa5 35.Re2 Qd8=)] **33.Qc8?** [33.f4 Bf2 34.Ke2 Qa3±] **33...Qa3+ 34.Ke4 b3 35.cxb3** VL is up an N **35...a4?** [35...Bc5 36.Kxe5 a4±] **36.Rb1?** VL gets a " winning " advantage [36.bxa4 Bf2 (36...Bc5?! 37.Bf5 Qxa4+ 38.Kd3 Qd4+ 39.Kc2 Qc4+ (39...Qf2+ 40.Kb3 Qxf3+ 41.Kc4 Ba3=) 40.Kb2 Qb4+ 41.Kc2 Qd4=) 37.Re2 Qxa4+ 38.Kd3 Qb3+±] **36...Qb4 37.Qc4 Qb7+** [37...Qd2 38.Qc8 Qe2+ 39.Kd5 Qb5+ 40.Ke4 Bc5+] **38.Qd5 Qb4 39.Qc4 Qd2 40.Bg4?** - 3.40 [40.Qc8 Qe2+ 41.Kd5 Qb5+ 42.Ke4 Bc5+ - 1.76] **40...a3 41.Qf7?** - 4.15 [41.gxh7 Kxh7 42.Qc8 Qe2+ 43.Kd5 Qb5+ 44.Ke4 Qb4+ - 2.82] **41...Qc2+ 42.Kd5 Qc5+ 43.Ke4 a2 44.Rc1 a1Q 45.Rxc5 Bxc5** VL is up N + R vs P (with the R hanging) **46.Qd5 Qe1+ 47.Kd3 Qd1?** - 2.63 [47...Qf1+ 48.Kc3 Qc1+ 49.Kd3 Bd4+ - 3.46] **48.Kc4 Qxd5+ 49.Kxd5 Ba3?** - 1.88 [49...Nxc6 50.hxc6 h5 51.Bh3 Rh6 52.Kxc5 Rxc6+ - 3.20] **50.Bf5 Kg8 51.Kxe5** - 2.69 [51.gxh7+ Nxh7 52.Bxh7+ Kxh7 53.Kxe5 Bb4+ - 2.27] **51...Rh8 52.Kd5 Nh7?** - 1.86 [52...Nxc6 53.Bxc6 Bf8+ - 2.71] **53.gxh7+** VL is up R vs P **53...Kf7 54.Bg6+ Kf6 55.f4 Bc1 56.f5 Bd2 57.Kd6 Be1 58.Kd7 Bb4 59.Kc7 Ke5 60.Kd7 Ba3 61.Kc6 Kd4 62.Kc7 Kc3 63.Kd7 Kb4 64.Kd6 Kxb3+ 65.Kd5 Bb2 66.Kd6 Bf6 67.Kc5 Kc3 68.Kd6 Kd4 69.Kc6 Rd8 70.Kb6 Kd5?** - 2.28 [70...Kd3 71.Kc5 Ke4 72.Kb4 Kf4+ - 3.23] **71.Kc7?** - 3.71 [71.Bf7+ Ke5 72.Bg8 g5 73.fxc6 Kf4 74.Kc7 Rd2+ - 2.34] **71...Kc5 72.Bf7 g5?** - 1.65 [72...Rh8 73.Bg8 Kd4 74.Kc6 Ke5+ - 4.47] **73.fxc6** - 2.97 [73.hxc6? Rd4 74.Be6 h5+ - 4.91] **73...Rd6 74.Be8 Be5 75.Kb7** - 6.53 [75.Kc8 Rd2 76.Kb7 Rb2+ 77.Ka7 Bf6+ - 6.68; 75.h8Q Bxh8 76.Bd7 Rd2+ - 6.53] **75...Rb6+ 76.Kc8 Kd6+** - 6.86 **0-1**

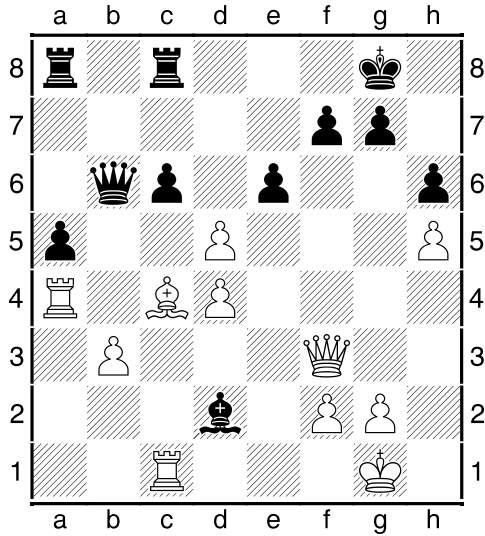
In Rd.9, Ivanchuk sacked his R but then followed it up wrongly and eventually succumbed. The loss to Morozevich allowed Vachier Lagrave to end the tournament alone in first place. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ivanchuk, V (2703) – Morozevich, A (2751) [D37]

GM Biel SUI (9), 29.07.2009

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 dxc4?!± Morozevich goes up a P [4...Be7?! 5.Bg5 0-0±; 4...Bb4 5.Bg5 c6 6.cxd5 exd5=] **5.e3 a6 6.a4 b6 7.Bxc4** material equality **7...Bb7 8.0-0 Bb4 9.Qb3 Nc6 10.Rd1 Bd6 11.Qc2** [11.Be2 Nb4 12.Ne5 0-0±] **11...Nb4 12.Qe2 Ne4** [12...Nbd5 13.Bd3 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Ne4±] **13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.Bd2 Bxf3?!±** Ivanchuk gets a " clear " advantage [14...a5 15.Ne5 0-0 16.Qh5 c5±] **15.Qxf3 0-0 16.a5 c6 17.axb6 Qxb6 18.h4 a5 19.h5 Be7** [19...h6 20.Bxb4 Bxb4±] **20.Rdc1** [20.h6 g6 21.Ra4 c5±] **20...Rfc8 21.b3 h6 22.Ra4 Nd5 23.e4 Bb4 24.exd5?**= Ivanchuk has lost his advantage [24.Rc2 Nf6 25.Be3 Qd8±] **24...Bxd2**

Position after 24...Bxd2



25.dxe6! Ivanchuk sacs his R [25.Rc2 cxd5 26.Rxd2 dxc4 27.bxc4 Rab8=] 25...Bxc1 26.Qxf7+? Ivanchuk misses the equalizing line; Morozevich is up R vs 2 P's; Morozevich gets a " clear " advantage [26.e7 Bg5 27.Qxf7+ Kh8= Morozevich would be up R vs 2 P's] 26...Kh8 27.Bd3 Qd8 28.Qg6?!-+ Morozevich gets a " winning " advantage [28.b4 Qf6 29.bxa5 Rf8 30.Qxf6 Rxf6] 28...Qg8 29.Rc4 Ba3 30.g3 Be7 31.d5?+- - 4.09 [31.Be4 Rab8 32.Bxc6 Rxb3+- - 2.61] 31...cxd5 Morozevich is up R vs P 32.Rf4 Bd6 33.Rf7 Rc7?+- - 3.41 [33...Rc1+ 34.Kg2 Re1 35.f4 Re3+- - 4.79] 34.Rd7 Be5?+- - 2.37 [34...Rxd7 35.exd7 Be5+- - 3.63] 35.Qf5?+- - 3.92 [35.Rxd5 Bf6 36.Kg2 Rc6+- - 2.46] 35...Rxd7 36.exd7 Bc7 37.Bb5 - 4.60 [37.Qg6 Rf8 38.Kf1 Rf7+- - 4.30] 37...Rf8 38.Qg6 Qf7+- - 5.35 Morozevich is up R vs P 0-1

The final standings were (from ChessBase):

Final standings GM Biel SUI 2009

	1	2	3	4	5	6			
1 Vachler, Lagrave, M	2703	+86	**	½½	½½	½½	½½	6.0 / 10	
2 Morozevich, A	2751	-7	½0	**	½½	1 0	1 1	0 ½	5.5 / 10
3 Ivanchuk, V	2703	+50	½½	½0	**	½½	½½	1 1	5.5 / 10
4 Alekseev, Evgeny	2714	+2	½½	0 1	½½	**	½½	½½	5.0 / 10
5 Gelfand, E	2755	-117	½½	0 0	½½	½½	**	½½	4.0 / 10
6 Caruana, F	2670	-15	½0	1 ½	0 0	½½	½½	**	4.0 / 10

Aronian World Rapid Champion (Unofficial)

(from ChessVibes)



Beating Ian Nepomniachtchi 3-1 in the final, Armenia's number one grandmaster Levon Aronian won the Grenkeleasing Rapid World Championship last night.

The Mainz Chess Classic, the big, annual festival of rapid chess (20 minutes for the game + 5 seconds increment per move), is held July 27-August 2 in the Rheingoldhalle of the Congress Centre, Hilton Hotel in Mainz, Germany. During the day many open events take place while at night two unofficial World Championships are held: Tue-Thu the 6th Rapid Chess960 Wch , which Nakamura won, and then Fri-Sun the 14th Grenkeleasing Rapid World Championship with Anand, Aronian, Nepomniachtchi and Naiditsch.

After World Champion Vishy Anand failed to qualify for the final of the Grenkeleasing Rapid World Championship Levon Aronian was clear favorite to win the title against the Ian Nepomniachtchi. And indeed, the Armenian had no trouble to become Rapid World Champion. In fact, the biggest surprise of the final might have been the smooth way in which Aronian won.

World Champion Anand, however, made his fans wonder. Apparently he did not manage to overcome the bad shape he had shown in the preliminaries and his play in the match for place three against Germany number one Arkadij Naiditsch was strangely uninspired and lacked punch. But maybe the explanation was much simpler. "Well, as there is not that much at stake in the match for third place, it is very difficult to motivate oneself", he later explained at the press conference.

Bilbao Masters: Topalov out, Aronian in

(from ChessBase)

08.08.2009 – Originally it was bigger, with the winners of six major tournaments invited to participate in the Basque town of Bilbao. A major financial crisis led to the down paring of the event to a four-player double round robin (six rounds) and the prize fund considerably reduced from last year's total of €400,000. Now one of the participants, Veselin Topalov, has opted out, and is replaced by Levon Aronian.

2009-10 FIDE Women's Grand Prix – 4 Tournaments

The first tournament in the series was held in Istanbul, Turkey in March 2009 and the next event is being organized in Nanjing, China between September 27th and October 9th 2009.

Armenia will organize one of the Women Grand Prix tournaments in 2010. The Republic of Kabardino Balkaria in Russia will also organize one of the Women Grand Prix in 2010. This now completes all tournaments.

Canadian Amateur – Kitchener – July 31 – August 3

(Posted by Chris Mallon on CFC Chess Forum)

The new Canadian Amateur champion is Roman Sapozhnikov with a score of 5.5/7. Tied for 2nd were Steve Demmery and Arthur Calugar.

In the other sections:

Under 2000: Three-way tie for 1st, Agastya Kalra, Alex Ferreira [Ed. – SCC member], James Fu (5/7).

Under 1700: 1st Nathan Farrant-Diaz (5.5/7) [Ed. – SCC junior], 2nd-3rd Kyle France, Orjan Hammarstrom (5/7).

Under 1400: 1st Jeffrey Casareno (5/7), 2nd-5th Kai Gauer, Sasha Chuchin, David DeForest, Derek Green (4.5/7).

SCC'ers at the Canadian Open

The 2009 Canadian Open was held in Edmonton, Alberta from July 11-19, and attracted 202 players. It was won on tie-break by Canadian GM Mark Bluvshstein.

In attendance were 7 players from SCC ! Here are their scores :

Mario Moran-Venegas – 4.5 pts

Sam Arfin – 4.5pts.

Tyler Longo – 4.5 pts.

Alex Ferreira – 4.5 pts.

Bob Armstrong – 4 pts.

Maurice Smith – 3.5 pts.

Dinesh Dattani – 3 pts.

Also attending were 3 former SCC'ers:

Omar Shah – 5.5 pts.

Liam Henry – 5.5 pts.

Phil Haley – 4 pts.

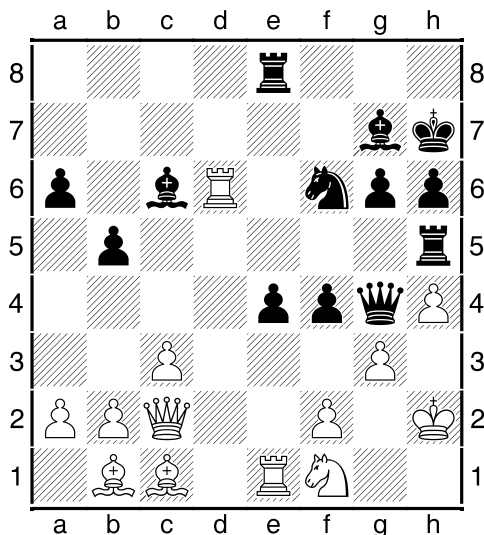
I asked everyone to give me their most interesting game: win , loss or draw. Of the responses, here are three of the games.

The first is from Maurice Smith, and the annotations are his:

Smith, Maurice (1635) – Tang, Edward (1999) [C93]

Canadian Open Edmonton, Alberta (2), 12.07.2009

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.Bc2 Re8 11.d4 h6 12.Nbd2 Bf8 13.d5 Nb8 14.Nf1 Nbd7 15.Ng3 c6 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.Be3 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 So there goes my centre. I was starting to regret my earlier d5. 19.Qd3 N7f6 20.Ne4 Qc7 21.Nxf6+ Nxf6 22.Qe2 My thought was to get the Queen off the d-file and put my queen rook there, anticipating that would be where his rook would go. 22...Qb7 This move now keeps my N on f3, and also threatens to capture and leave me with a double pawn on the f-file and an isolated pawn on the h-file. 23.Rad1 g6 24.Nh4 My thought with the N move was to try and get out of the problems on the long diagonal and also maybe later set up a sacrifice on g6 or even pin f7. 24...Bg7 25.Bb3 Kh7 26.Bc2 Rac8 27.Bb1 Nd5 28.Bc1 e4 I cannot take with the B because of f5 and I lose a piece. 29.Qc2 f5 oh oh – I can see the attack coming 30.g3 Re5 31.Ng2 Rce8 32.Ne3 Nf6 33.Rd2 f4 so do I take and open up the file in front of my K? Well, no. 34.Nf1 Qc8 35.Kh2 Rh5 If it is not one thing, it's another. 36.h4 Qg4 37.Rd6 I sense this is getting serious, so I try a little bit of counter-play



37...Rxh4+ 38.gxh4 Qxh4+ 39.Kg1 Re5 40.Bxf4 Well, I don't think I have time to take the B, but maybe I can give myself a little reprieve. 40...Rh5 41.Ng3 Qh2+ 42.Kf1 Bd5 43.Rxd5 Rxd5 44.Be3 Qh3+ 45.Kg1 h5 Here Edward offered me a draw. Even though I am a piece up, I was thinking he could still get a perpetual. Apart from that, having flown in only two hours earlier, I was getting really tired, so I accepted the draw. ½-½

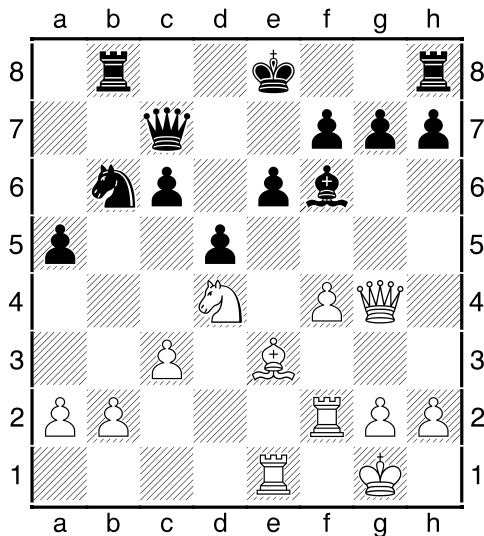
In this game against an expert, submitted by Mario Moran-Venegas, he sacks his N without any clear win in sight, but manages to hold on, then get his piece back, then go

up a P, and then get a draw. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Moran–Venegas, Mario (1738) – Oussedik, Elias (2052) [C11]

Canadian Open Edmonton, Alberta (3), 13.07.2009

1.e4= 0.20 **1...e6±** [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the French, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.] **2.Nc3?!=** [2.d4±] **2...d5** **3.Nf3 Nf6** [3...d4 4.Ne2 Nc6 5.Ng3 Bc5=] **4.e5 Nfd7** **5.d4 c5** **6.Be3** [6.Be2 Nc6 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Bxd4 Be7=] **6...Nc6** **7.dxc5 Ndx5?!±** [7...Bxc5 8.Bxc5 Nxc5 9.Bb5 0-0=] **8.Nxe5 Nxe5** **9.Bb5+?!=** [9.Qh5 Nd7 10.Bd4 a6 11.0-0-0 Bxc5±] **9...Bd7** **10.0-0 Be7** **11.f4 Bxb5** **12.Nxb5 Nd7** **13.c6?±** Mario wrongly sacs his P; Elias gets a " clear " advantage [13.b4 0-0 14.f5 a6 15.fxe6 fxe6 16.Nd4 Rxf1+ 17.Qxf1 Bf6=] **13...bxc6** Elias goes up a P **14.Nd4 Qc7** **15.Qg4 Bf6** **16.c3?!-+** Elias gets a " winning " advantage [16.Rad1 Nb6 17.c3 0-0±] **16...Rb8** **17.Rf2** – 1.49 [17.Nb3 0-0 18.Qe2 c5-+ – 1.73] **17...a5?!±** [17...Nc5?! 18.Nxe6! Nxe6 19.f5 Nd8 20.Bf4 Qb6 21.Bxb8 Qxb8 22.Re2+ Kd7±; 17...0-0 18.f5 e5 19.Nb3 c5-+] **18.Re1 Nb6?!±** setting up a sac for Mario. Elias is losing his advantage [18...0-0 19.Nf3 a4±]



19.Nxe6! a nice speculative sac by Mario, that Fritz chooses as well **19...fxe6** **20.Qxe6+?!±** Mario follows up the sac wrongly; Elias is up N vs P [20.Bc5 Rb7 21.Rxe6+ Kd8 22.Rfe2 Nd7±] **20...Kd8** **21.Bd4 Bxd4** **22.cxd4 Qd7** **23.Qe5 Rc8??+-** a blunder that should lose the Q; Mario gets a " winning " advantage [23...Kc8 24.Qg5 Re8±] **24.Rfe2??±** Mario misses the win of the Q; Elias gets back the advantage [24.Qg5+ Kc7 25.Re7 g6+-] **24...h6?!±** [24...Rf8 25.Qg5+ Rf6 26.Qg3 Rc7±] **25.b3?!±** [25.Qe3 Qd6 26.f5 Rf8±] **25...Rc7** **26.Qh5** [26.Qe3 Nc8 27.Qc3 Qd6 28.Qxa5 Qxf4±] **26...Qf7** **27.Qh4+ Qf6?!±** [27...Kc8 28.Qf2 (28.Qh3+?! Kb7-+) 28...Kb7±] **28.Qg4?-+** Mario doesn't protect his dP; Elias gets a " winning " advantage again [28.Qf2 Rf7 29.g3 Kd7±] **28...Qxd4+** Elias is up an N **29.Kh1 Rd7?-+** – 1.89 [29...Nd7 30.h3 Rf8-+ – 3.12] **30.Qe6?-+** – 3.03 [30.Re6 Qf2 31.Qd1 Kc7-+ – 1.88] **30...Qf6?-+** – 1.80 [30...Kc7 31.Qf5 Qf6-+ – 3.16] **31.Qe3 Kc7** **32.Qc5 Qxf4?±** Elias is up N + P [32...Qd6 33.Qxa5 Kb7-+ – 1.88] **33.Re6 Rd6?!=** Elias has lost his advantage [33...Qb4?! 34.Qxc6+ Kb8 35.Qxb6+ Qxb6 36.Rxb6+ Ka7 37.Rb5 Ka6=; 33...Nc8 34.Qxc6+ Kd8±] **34.Re7+ Rd7** **35.R7e6 Rd6** **36.Re7+ Rd7** **37.R7e6** this is actually a three–time repetition, but neither player called it **37...Qb4** **38.Qxc6+** Elias is up an N **38...Kd8** **39.Qxb6+** material equality **39...Qxb6** **40.Rxb6 Kc7** **41.Ra6 Kb7** **42.Rxa5** Mario goes up a P **42...d4** **43.Ree5** going for the draw **43...d3** **44.Reb5+ Kc6** **45.Rc5+ Kb6** **46.Rcb5+=** ½-½

In Rd. 2, Dinesh Dattani had an interesting game, though it was a loss. Here is the game (Annotations by Dinesh, using Fritz):

Dattani, Dinesh (1380) – Mackey, John (1700) [B18]

Canadian Open (2), 12.07.2009

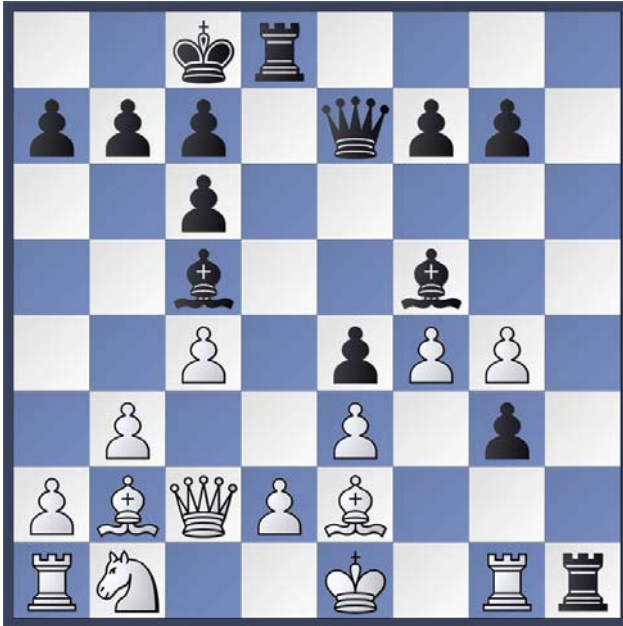
78MB, Fritz11.ctg, D6KVNN91 B18: Classical Caro-Kann: 4...Bf5 sidelines **1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.Bd3 e6 8.0-0 Ngf6 9.Re1 Qc7 10.c3** [10.a4 Bd6 11.c3 0-0 12.Bg5 c5 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Ne4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Rfe8 16.Qe2 cxd4 17.Rxd4 Bc5 18.Rh4 f6 19.Be3 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 e5 21.Qe4 Nf8 22.Qc4+ Qxc4 23.Rxc4 Ne6 24.Rd1 Red8 Holmsten,A (2420)-Rausis,I (2466)/Cairo 2002/CBM 087 ext/0-1 (37); 10.Ng5 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Be7 12.Bd2 Nf8 13.f4 h6 14.Nf3 g6 15.Ne5 N8d7 16.Nxg6 fxg6 17.Qxg6+ Kd8 18.Qf7 Qd6 19.Rxe6 Rh7 20.Qxh7 Nxh7 21.Rxd6 Bxd6 22.Re1 Nhf6 23.Nf5 Bf8 24.Re3 Kc7 Gonzalvez Perales,J (1960)-Diaz Vichi,F/Benidorm 2003/CBM 097 ext/1/2-1/2 (80)] **10...Bd6N** [10...Be7 11.Qe2 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 0-0-0 13.b4 h6 14.Nf5 Bf8 15.Ne3 g5 16.h3 Rg8 17.Nc4 g4 18.hxg4 Nxc4 19.Re4 Nxf2 20.Kxf2 Qg3+ 21.Ke2 Nf6 22.Be3 Nxe4 23.Qxe4 Rg4 24.Qd3 Qxg2+ 25.Bf2 Puiggros,G-Beninson,D/Quilmes 1959/MCL/1-0 (32); 10...0-0-0 11.Qe2 Bd6 12.a4 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 c5 14.a5 a6 15.Bd2 Kb8 16.Qe2 h5 17.Nf1 Nd5 18.c4 Nf4 19.Bxf4 Bxf4 20.dxc5 Nxc5 21.Ra3 g5 22.b4 Nd7 23.N3d2 Qe5 24.g3 Qxe2 25.Rxe2 Proehl,H (2386)-Kachiani Gersinska,K (2448)/Germany 2001/CBM 082 ext/0-1 (40)] **11.Nf1** [11.Nf5 Bxf5 12.Bxf5 0-0=] **11...0-0-0 12.h3** Controls g4 **12...e5** [12...Rde8 13.Bxg6 hxg6 14.Ne3=] **13.Ng5** [13.Bxg6 fxg6 14.Bg5 Rhe8=] **13...Rhf8** [13...Nf8 14.Ng3 exd4 15.cxd4 Bxg3 16.fxg3 Qxg3 17.Bc4=] **14.Bxg6= hxg6** [14...fxg6? 15.Ne6 Qa5 16.Be3+-] **15.Qb3** [15.a4 Rde8=] **15...exd4 16.cxd4 Nd5** A valuable piece **17.Bd2** White has an active position **17...N7f6** [17...Kb8 18.a4=] **18.a4 Bf4** [18...Qb6 19.Qxb6 axb6 20.g3=] **19.Bxf4 Qxf4 20.Nf3 g5** [20...Ne4 21.Ne3=] **21.a5 g4?** [Δ21...a6!?= is the best option Black has] **22.a6± b6** [22...bxa6 23.Ne5 Qxd4 24.Rxa6+-] **23.Ne5+- Kc7?** [Δ23...gxh3 24.Qxh3+ Kc7+-] **24.Rac1** [Δ24.Nxc6 keeps an even firmer grip 24...Ne4 25.Rac1+-] **24...Rd6** [24...Ne7 25.hxg4 (25.Nxf7?! Nfd5 26.Nxd8 Qxf2+ 27.Kh1 Kxd8±) 25...Nfd5 26.Ne3 Nxe3 27.fxe3+- (27.Qxe3?! Qxe3 28.fxe3 f6±)] **25.Qc4** [Δ25.Qa4!? might be the shorter path 25...Ne7 26.Nd3 Qxd4 27.Rxe7+ Kd8+-] **25...gxh3** [25...Ne4 does not save the day 26.Nd3 Qf5 27.hxg4 Qxg4 28.f3 Qxf3 29.Qc2+-] **26.Nxc6 Ng4** [26...Ne4 cannot change destiny 27.Rc2 hxg2 28.Ne7+ Kd7+-] **27.Ne5+** [27.Nd8+! Rc6 28.Qxc6+ Kxd8 29.Qc8#] **27...Kb8= 28.Nxg4 Qxg4** Black has a mate threat **29.Ne3** White threatens to win material: Ne3xg4 **29...Qd7** [Δ29...Qg6=] **30.Nf5??** throws away a nice position [Δ30.Nxd5 Rxd5 31.Re7 Qxe7 32.Qxd5±] **30...Qxf5+- 31.Re7** [31.Qc2 does not solve anything 31...Qg4 32.Qe4 Qxg2+ 33.Qxg2 hxg2 34.Kxg2 Nf4+ 35.Kf3 Nd3-+] **31...Rd7** [Δ31...Qg4 secures the point 32.g3 h2+ 33.Kxh2 Rh8+ 34.Kg1-+] **32.Re5** [32.Rxd7 is one last hope 32...Qxd7 33.Qb3-+] **32...Qg4 33.g3** [33.Qf1 what else? 33...f6 34.Re3 Nxe3 35.fxe3-+] **33...Qf3 34.Qf1** [34.Kf1 doesn't do any good 34...h2 35.Ke1 h1Q+ 36.Kd2 Qh6+ 37.Kc2 Rc7 38.Qxc7+ Nxc7 39.Re3 Qxf2+ 40.Kb3 Qhx3+ 41.Rc3 Qee2 42.Rc2 Qxc2+ 43.Ka3 Qxd4 44.b3 Nb5#] **34...h2+!** Mate attack. . . . [34...h2+ 35.Kxh2 Rh8+ 36.Rh5 Rxh5+ 37.Qh3 Qxf2+ 38.Kh1 Rxh3#] **0-1**

PwC Toronto Open Chess Trivia Contest

In this recent most successful Toronto tournament, the CMA Trivia Contest Winners were Omar Shah, IM Hans Jung, Liam Henry, FM Shiyam Thavandiran, Keith Wight - \$ 50 each

Here is the second of a set of four “ famous position “questions in the contest (the rest will be published over the course of the next few Issues). Can you answer who the players were?:

Position B



- a) Miles -Timman
- b) Kortchnoi - Gufeld
- c) Larsen - Spassky
- d) Donner – Keene

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, former SCC member, Orillia CC President)

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the **question**:

Who Am I? I was born in the middle of the 19th century, and studied engineering. It was during this time that I started to play at the top level. One of my earliest successes was to finish =1st with Chigorin in a tournament, against whom I lost the 2 game play-off match. I was at my most active from the mid-1880's up to the period before World War 1. My best tournament result was 1st at Munich, ahead of Rotlewi, Spielmann and Fahrni, and 5th at Monte Carlo. I defeated von Bardeleben in a match and also drew a match against Schlechter. I was an opening theoretician, and my name features on some unusual opening variations. I often illustrated my opening analyses with fictitious games between "Attakinsky" and "Defendarov". Who Am I?

The Answer:

Semyon Alapin (1856-1923)

No Winner ! : Rick stumped the readers with this question – not even any wild guesses this time. Better luck with this Issue's question !

Today's Trivia Question is:

Who were the Oldest and the Youngest to receive **the Grandmaster title** ?

You can use any resource available to answer the question ! Just find it fast and send it in as fast as you can, by e-mail, to Rick : rickgarel@gmail.com .

The first correct e-mail received wins, and gets bragging rights. Also, we will publish the honoured winner's name in the next newsletter, along with a few details they provide as to their chess experience (if they wish), along with Rick's researched answer.

Thanks for playing !!

Chess History is fun !!

Also write Rick if you have any chess trivia questions or presentations you'd like him to consider for his column. He will give credit to the author if he uses your suggestion. Write Rick Garel : rickgarel@gmail.com

SCC – Who Are We ??

This is a series, in each Issue, where we introduce to our subscribers, the members who make up SCC, the friendliest chess club in Canada ! Because we close for July and August, and the first tournament of next season doesn't start until Sept. 10, we are suspending this series for the summer, and it will begin again in the September 15 Issue.

SCC'ers "Blast from the Past"

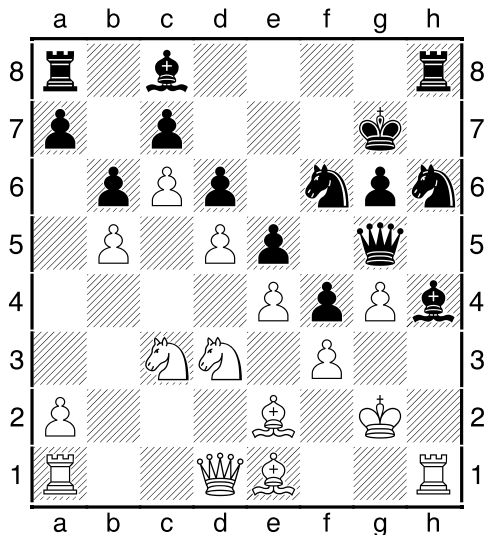
One evening at the club, Karl Sellars and Yuanling Yuan found themselves with some time, so they took on cleaning up the disastrous-looking SCC closet chess library. Karl discovered some old En Passant magazines, and started leafing through them. To his surprise he found a number of games of current SCC members from years gone by. So we are going to present some of them over the next few Issues. Thanks to Karl for his research skills !!

This game is from the 1994 Ontario Junior Championship. In the first round, our SCC member and current club champion, met the eventual winner, 15-year old Jonathan Parker (John was runner up – this loss made the difference). Jonathan executes a nice K-side sac-attack. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, John – Parker, Jonathan [E98]

Ontario Junior (1), 1994

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 Bg7 King's Indian Defence **4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 [6...c5 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Nc5±] 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Ne8 10.f3 f5 11.g4?!= [11.Nd3 f4 12.Bd2 h6± (12...g5 13.c5 dxc5±)] 11...f4 12.Kh1 [12.Nd3 a6 13.Bd2 h6=] 12...Bf6 13.Rg1 h6 14.Nd3 Kg7 15.Bd2 Rh8 16.c5 Ng8?±** John gets a " clear " advantage [16...dxc5 17.Nxc5 b6 18.Nb3 a5=] **17.Kg2?=-** John has lost his advantage [17.Rc1 Ne7 18.Be1 c6±] **17...h5 18.h3?!±** for the first time in the game, Jonathan gets the advantage [18.g5! Bxg5 19.Qb3 Bh4=] **18...Bh4 19.b4 [19.Qa4 Bg3 20.Rh1 Nh6±] 19...Qg5 [19...Bg3 20.Rh1 Qh4 21.b5 b6±] 20.b5 Nh6 21.c6 b6?!= [21...bxc6 22.bxc6 Rb8±] 22.Rh1?±** Jonathan gets a " clear " advantage [22.a4 Nf6 23.Kf1 hxg4 24.hxg4 a5= (24...Nh5!? 25.Rg2 Ng3+ 26.Kg1 a5=)] **22...Nf6 23.Be1?!-+ [23.Kf1 Bg3 24.Be1 hxg4 25.h4 Qh5 26.Bxg3 fxd3 27.Kg2 gxf3+ 28.Bxf3 Bg4±] 23...hxg4 24.hxg4?+- – 10.58 [24.Kf1 gxh3 25.Bxh4 Qg2+ 26.Ke1 Qxh1+ 27.Kd2 Qxd1+ 28.Rxd1 Nf7-+ – 5.05]**



24...Nhxg4! a sac-attack **25.fxd3 Nxd3** John is up N vs 2 P's **26.Bxg4?+-** it is now mate in all lines [26.Bxh4 Rxh4 27.Bf3 Ne3+ 28.Kf2 Nxd1+ 29.Raxd1 Rxh1 30.Rxh1 Qg3+ 31.Ke2 Bg4+- – 16.22] **26...Bxg4 27.Qd2??-+ leads to a quicker mate, but the position is lost anyways [27.Kf1 Bg3! 28.Qf3 Bxf3 29.Rg1 Rh2-+ – mate in 13 moves; 27.Bxh4 Rxh4 28.Qg1 Rxh1 29.Qxh1 Bh3+! 30.Kf2 Qg3+ 31.Ke2 Qe3+ 32.Kd1 Qxd3+ mate in 13 moves] 27...Be2++-** John resigned since it is mate **28.Bg3 Qxg3# 0-1**

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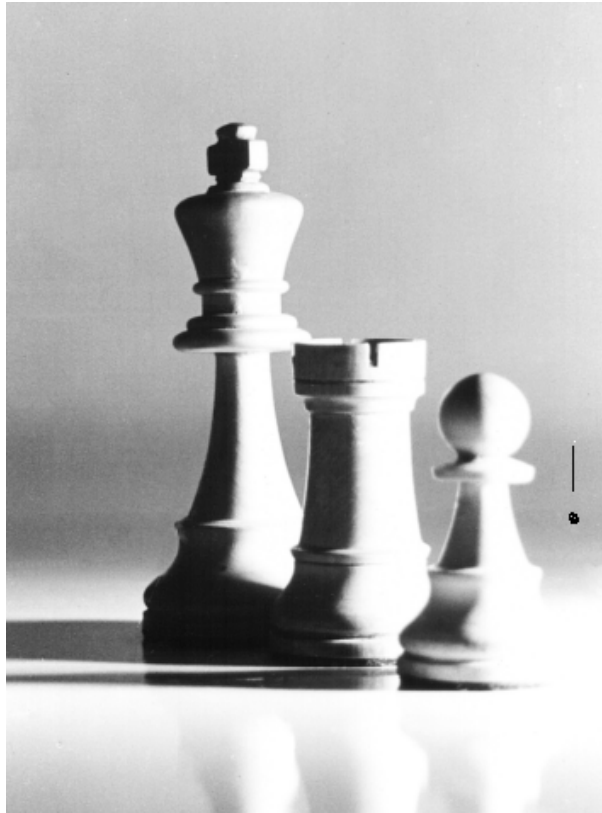
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