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Grassroots' Campaign – Withdrawing 3 Motions on CFC Fees

(posted on CFC Chess Forum on November 5)

GL # 2 contains three motions by the Grassroots' Campaign for Governors' first discussion. They seek to :

1. eliminate tournament playing fee (" tournament membership ");
2. grant 40% discount on annual membership to first time CFC'ers; and
3. lower the junior rating fee to \$ 1 from the projected \$ 5.

However, the Executive have now brought motion 2009-06, which we were not aware of when we submitted our motions, which seeks to rescind the July AGM motion on CFC Fees (lowered annual membership; raised rating fees ; etc.). The reason given is that the Executive wants to do a comprehensive review of CFC Fees in the light of current CFC Finances. The Grassroots' campaign supports this initiative, and so has decided to support motion 2009-06. This then makes the three Grassroots' Campaign motions redundant, since they will be seeking to amend a motion we are at the same time seeking to rescind.

Therefore, the 3 Grassroots' Campaign motions are now being **withdrawn**, for the time being.

Should the motion fail (not expected), then we can renew our 3 motions.

Should the motion succeed, we can then make our three submissions to the Executive in the context of their comprehensive review. If thereafter, we are

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dissatisfied with the Executive position, we can again renew our motions, this time to amend the CFC Handbook.

Below is the letter to Lyle Craver, CFC Secretary, giving notice of the withdrawal of the three motions:

Hi Lyle:

The Grassroots' Campaign, through the assistance of four governors, brought Motions 2009-07, 2009-08 and 2009-09 before the Governors, and they were placed in GL # 2 for first discussion.

On behalf of the movers of the 3 motions, and with their consent, I am advising that Barry Thorvardson and Nikolay Noritsyn are now withdrawing all three motions, for the time being. Would you please so note this in the next GL # 3.

When these motions were submitted, we were not aware of the existence of Motion 2009-06, which seeks to rescind the July AGM motion on CFC fees. Our motions seek to amend this very AGM motion. We have decided to support the executive initiative with this motion, to do a comprehensive review of CFC fees in the light of current CFC finances. Since we are now supporting Motion 2009-06, our three motions at this time are redundant – we would be amending something that is going to be rescinded. Therefore, it makes sense for us to withdraw the 3 motions to await the outcome of the vote on Motion 2009-06. Once we know the outcome of that vote, we can determine whether to renew our motions, if the July Motion stands, or to work with the Executive on a comprehensive review, making our submissions, if the AGM motion is rescinded.

Thank you for your assistance.

Bob Armstrong, Grassroots' Campaign Coordinator

Subsequently, Robert's Rules of Order was invoked by some Governors, claiming that motions could not be withdrawn, and that entirely new motions were required moving to withdraw the existing motions – jeez ! I wrote to the CFC Secretary Lyle Craver again to ask if what we had done to date was effective to "withdraw" the motions. I have yet to hear back from him. We'll keep you posted.

CFC Retail Business Sale

Posted by Larry Bevand of Chess'n Math Association on October 29 on ChessTalk :

“ The contract was awarded to FEN (Formation Echecs Nadeau) in Kapuskasing, Ontario. This is a company which belongs to François Nadeau the son of Ellen Nadeau (CFC Junior Coordinator) and Denis Nadeau. To the best of my knowledge, his sales to-date have been mainly to the school board that the Nadeau's work for (both Ellen and Denis are school teachers) as well as the tournaments which the Nadeau's organize in the region.

David Lavin contacted the CMA initially. At the end of the day, our offer on the table was the same as the one we had made to the previous CFC President, Hal Bond. I assume that David then asked around and FEN came forward with an offer which was better than the CMA offer. Did the Nadeau's know what the CMA offer was...before they made their offer...I have no idea.

Since then, I have simply indicated to David that the CMA is still interested in handling the CFC book & equipment sales, should for any reason the deal with FEN falls through in the near or distant future.

The CMA made what I consider to be a fair offer, based on our knowledge of the market. That David wanted more and was capable of getting more...I say more power to him.

The only caveat I have: When the USCF outsourced their book & equipment business a number of years ago, a newcomer to the table outbid everyone else. A year later, he was unable to respect his contract....and the USCF ended up renegotiating for less than what established vendors had offered a year earlier.

Obviously I have pointed this fact out to David. “

Earlier, in GL # 2, CFC President David Lavin had only said about the deal:

“We have nearly finalized a deal with FEN for the management of the CFC's book and equipment business. While the principle's negotiated quickly and fairly, the lawyers took their time!! We are all hopeful that the deal will be concluded by October 13th. “

Then on November 10, CFC Executive Director, Bob Gillanders posted on the CFC Chess Forum:

“ The CFC has a new bookstore in association with Amazon. You will find it on the CFC website under "Books & Equipment".

The CFC associate store has a great selection of titles at great prices. Shop at our new store and support the CFC, we get a kickback ! “

There has been no further official word from CFC on the completion of this new deal, or any of its details. We will keep you posted.

CFC Condominium Office Sale

I posted on the CFC Chess Forum on November 7 :

“ There has been no information on this, though the Governors authorized the President to sell the building back in September in GL # 1.

I know the amount of any rejected offers would not be disclosed at this time. But can the

membership be advised whether any offers at all have yet been received on the condominium? Just wondering how hard it is to sell in this dropping real estate market? Certainly seems it would be better to take less and get rid of it early, rather than holding onto it, and seeing the value continue to drop. “

Subsequently I also asked what the list price for the condominium was. CFC Executive Director, Bob Gillanders, advised it was \$ 149,900. Then on Nov. 8, CFC VP Stijn de Kerpel posted on the CFC Chess Forum:

“ I signed the contract for the listing of the building this week - we have not received/rejected any offers as of yet (we have had a couple of viewings already). “

We'll let you know if we hear anything more.

CFC Interim Financial Statement

For the CFC fiscal year 2008-9, the first 6 months have now concluded (May1, 2008 - October 31, 2008). Usually, I believe, the CFC issues a 6-month interim financial statement covering this period. CFC Executive Director, Bob Gillanders, has advised one is in the works, with a target date of December 15 for having it ready.

I expect another loss (we've had 4 substantial consecutive annual losses) for the first 6 months, but I am interested to see how much the new executive has been able to pare it down. A substantial decrease would be good progress.

World Championship Challengers' Match : Topalov – Kamsky

(by Mark Crowther of TWIC) “ FIDE have given everyone involved until 14 November 2008 to agree to hold the match with a prize fund of 250,000 USD (an increase) plus 50,000 USD as contribution to FIDE in Bulgaria. The dates will remain 29th November - 12th December 2008 after a bid from Lviv organized by Gata Kamsky's (USA) manager Alexander Chernenko fell through.

If the Bulgarian Chess Federation can't raise this money then bid for the match will reopen. If Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria) refuses to play then Kamsky goes through to play world champion Anand, if Kamsky refuses then he will be replaced by Shirov. “

Subsequently Kamsky wrote an open letter to the President of the USCF advising that he was unhappy with the way FIDE was handling this match, and that there had been favouritism towards Topalov right from the start.

Then on Nov. 14, ChessBase reported:

The Bulgarian Chess Federation confirmed that it wishes to host the match, but is "extremely surprised why the financial arrangements have been changed" [from \$150,000 to \$250,000]. Now Gata Kamsky's manager Oleksandr Chernenko tells us that his US

\$935,000 bid will be transferred to FIDE the moment he sees the contracts and knows what he is paying for.”

We'll see if this match ever goes ahead.

World Blitz Champion - Morozevich

The World Blitz Chess Championship took place 7-8 November 2008 in Almaty, Republic of Kazakhstan. The games were played with a classical time control of 5 minutes for the whole game for each opponent, without increment.

The tournament was a round robin of 16 players. The first five players of the World Blitz Championships in 2006 and 2007, as well as the continental blitz champions for 2008 receive the right to be seeded automatically. Right of participation is also granted to the 15th Asian Games champion and the nominee of the Organizing committee.

Participants

Alexander Morozevich (Russia)
Leinier Domiguez Perez (Cuba)
Rafael Vaganian (Armenia)
Sergey Rublevsky (Russia)
Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan)
Vladislav Tkachiev (France)
Peter Svidler (Russia)
Alexander Grischuk (Russia)
Boris Gelfand (Israel)
Judith Polgar (Hungary)
Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine)
Murtas Kazhgaleev (Kazakhstan)

















Krishnan Sasikiran (India)

Gata Kamsky (USA)

The winner with a score of 11.5/15 pts. was Dominguez Perez. The final standings were (from ChessBase):

Final standings

IV World Blitz 2008

				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	 Dominguez, L	2719	+188	*	½	½	L	½	L	L	1	½	L	½	L	½	L	½	1	11.5/15
2	 Ianchuk, V	2786	+85	½	*	½	L	L	0	L	½	0	L	½	L	L	L	L	1	11.0/15
3	 Svidler, P	2727	+93	½	½	*	½	½	0	L	½	L	L	L	0	L	L	L	½	10.0/15
4	 Grischuk, A	2719	+102	n	n	½	*	1	1	½	1	1	1	½	½	1	n	1	1	10.0/15
5	 Radjabov, T	2751	+42	½	0	½	0	*	½	½	1	L	½	L	L	0	L	L	1	9.5/15
6	 Mamedyarov, S	2751	+83	0	L	L	0	½	*	L	0	0	L	L	L	L	L	0	1	9.5/15
7	 Kozhageyev, M	2640	+89	0	0	0	½	½	0	*	1	L	0	L	½	L	L	½	1	8.0/15
8	 Mazurek, A	2787	-90	0	½	½	0	0	L	0	*	0	L	½	0	L	L	L	1	7.5/15
9	 Kramnik, C	2720	52	½	L	0	0	0	L	0	1	*	½	0	½	½	0	L	1	7.0/15
10	 Golikof, B	2719	-41	0	0	0	0	½	0	L	0	½	*	½	½	L	L	L	1	7.0/15
11	 Khabarov, S	2402	-46	½	½	0	½	0	0	0	½	L	½	*	½	0	½	L	1	6.5/15
12	 Tkachiev, V	2664	-6	0	0	L	½	0	0	½	1	½	½	½	*	½	0	L	½	6.5/15
13	 Vaganian, R	2590	+24	½	0	0	0	L	0	0	0	½	0	L	½	*	L	L	0	5.5/15
14	 Anish, D	2560	14	0	0	0	L	0	0	0	0	L	0	½	L	0	*	0	1	4.5/15
15	 Serikhan, K	2694	-198	½	0	0	0	0	L	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	L	*	½	3.5/15
16	 Polgar, Ju	2711	-289	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	½	L	0	½	*	2.5/15

Pan-American Continental Championship

Played in Florida, USA, from Nov. 1-7, 63 players registered, though there were no Canadians. One place in the 2009 FIDE World Cup was at stake. The final standings were:

#	Name/Rtng/ID	St/Tm	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Rd 6	Rd 7	Rd 8	Rd 9
1	GM JAAN EHLVEST	USA	W 62	B 21	W 13	B 6	W 8	B 3	W 2	B 5	W 12
	2581 4500016		1.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.5	6.0	7.0
2	GM ALEXANDER IVANOV	USA	W 36	B 11	W 9	B 8	W 6	W 4	B 1	B 17	W 13
	2546 2000202		1.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	4.5	5.5	6.5
3	IM JOSHUA ED FRIEDEL	USA	W 32	B 58	W 25	B 17	W 12	W 1	B 8	W 14	B 4
	2498 2017199		0.5	1.5	2.5	3.0	4.0	4.5	5.0	6.0	6.5

World Youth Chess Championships - Oct. 20 -30

(Posted by Larry Bevand on ChessTalk)

Here are the final results. After the country you have their score out of 11 followed by how they finished in their section. Eric Hansen tied for 2nd place!, Kelly Wang tied for 3rd place! and Jonah Lee tied for 6th place! The final rank given below is how they finished after the tie-break.

I believe this was the Best overall performance for Canada at this event ever!

39 Graif William 0 CAN 5,5 44 Open 10
8 Qin Joey 2137 CAN 5,0 60 Open 12
79 Li Chang He 0 CAN 6,0 31 Open 12
90 Sohal Tanraj 0 CAN 6,5 27 Open 12
41 Calugar Arthur 2044 CAN 5,5 47 Open 14
12 Hansen Eric 2362 CAN 8,0 5 Open 16
13 FM Thavandiran Shiyam 2338 CAN 5,0 46 Open 16
35 Mai Lloyd 2150 CAN 6,0 24 Open 16
48 Martchenko Alexander 2039 CAN 5,5 43 Open 16
47 Ye Ling Feng 2188 CAN 5,0 48 Open 18
75 Xu Haizhou 0 CAN 4,5 66 Open 18
5 Bilodeau-Savaria Cendrina 0 CAN 5,5 32 Girls 08
30 Peng Janet 0 CAN 3,0 51 Girls 08
51 Wang Kelly 0 CAN 8,0 4 Girls 08
54 Peng Jackie 0 CAN 6,0 24 Girls 10
49 Kalaydina Regina Veronicka 0 CAN 6,5 23 Girls 12
62 Powell Ashley 0 CAN 4,0 65 Girls 12
37 Orlova Yelizaveta 1863 CAN 7,0 14 Girls 14
69 Powell Samantha 0 CAN 4,0 69 Girls 14
58 Kagramanov Dalia 0 CAN 5,5 35 Girls 16
62 Yang Marguerite 0 CAN 4,0 54 Girls 16
43 Du Jasmine 0 CAN 5,0 34 Girls 18
13 Bellissimo Joseph F. 0 CAN 4,5 58 Open 08
35 Lee Jonah 0 CAN 7,5 7 Open 08



SCC/Women's Canadian Olympiad Team Member Finishes High - Yuan

The 12th Open International Bavarian Chess Championship in Germany is a one section, 9 rds. swiss tournament. Time control is 2 hrs for 40 moves+ rest of the game in one hour. They have 15 GMs and 15 IMs in the championship amongst the 355 players.

The starting line-up of the tourney gave her position 102 with a FIDE of 2157.

In the 7th round, junior WFM Yuanling Yuan was 5/6pts., tied with a number of others ½ pt. out of first. She played the 5th ranked GM, Vereslav Eingorn (Ukraine – 2557) on Bd. 4. She drew after a long very even game where she had the advantage a lot of the time. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yuan, Yuanling (2157) – Eindgorn, Vereslav (2557) [A00]

12th International Bavarian Open Bavaria, Germany (7), 07.11.2008

1.e4± Fritz evaluation not generally accepted **1...c5 2.Nf3 a6** [2...e6±] **3.c3** [3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e6±] **3...d5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.d4 Nf6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Be3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 10.Nc3 Qa5 11.Nd2?!=** [11.Rc1 0-0 12.Qb3 Bd6±] **11...Qd8?!±** [11...0-0 12.Nc4 Qc7=] **12.Nc4 Nd5?!±** Yuanling gets a " clear " advantage [12...Rb8 13.Rc1 0-0±] **13.Nxd5** [13.Bf3?! Rb8 14.Rc1 0-0 15.Qe2 Bb4±] **13...exd5 14.Ne5 0-0 15.Rc1 Qb6 16.Qd2?=-** Yuanling has lost her advantage [16.Bd3 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Qxb2 18.Bd4 Qa3 19.Rc7 g6±] **16...Bb4?!±** [16...Bf5 17.Nd3 Nxd4 18.Kh1 Qf6 19.Nf4 Nxe2 20.Nxd5 Qh4 21.Nxe7+ Qxe7 22.Qxe2 Rac8=] **17.Qd1** [17.Qd3?! Ne7 18.Qb3 Ba5 19.Qa4 Qxb2 20.Qxa5 Qxe2=] **17...Bd6** [17...Be7 18.Bd3 Qxb2 19.Nxc6 bxc6 20.Qh5 f5 21.Rxc6 Qxa2±] **18.Nxc6?!=** [18.Bd3 Bxe5 19.dxe5 d4 20.Bf4 Qxb2±] **18...bxc6 19.Qc2** [19.Bd3 f5 20.Rc2 Ra7=] **19...Bd7 20.Bd3 f5 21.Kh1 a5 22.f4 g6 23.Bg1 Rfb8 24.Rb1 Re8 25.Qf2 Bf8 26.Rfe1 Rxe1 27.Rxe1 Re8 28.Rxe8 Bxe8 29.Qe3** [29.h3 Bd7 30.h4 Bd6=] **29...Bd7 30.b3 Bd6 31.g3 Kf7 32.Be2 Bc8 33.Qd3 Bb7 34.Kg2 Be7** a very close-fought game **35.Kh3?!±** for the first time in the game, Eindgorn gets the advantage [35.h3 Qb4 36.g4 Bc8 37.g5 a4=] **35...Qb4 36.Qe3 Bf6 37.Bf2 Qb6?!=** back to equality [37...h6 38.a4 Bc8 39.Kg2 Be6±] **38.Qd3 h6 39.Kg2 Bc8** [39...c5 40.h4 Bxd4 41.Bxd4 cxd4 42.h5 Bc8=; 39...Qb4 40.Kg1 (40.h4 h5 41.Bxh5! gxh5 42.Qxf5 Ke7 43.Qxh5 Qd2=) 40...a4=] **40.Kg1 Qb4 41.h3 h5 42.Kh2 Ke7 43.Qe3+ Kf7 44.Qd3 Ke8 45.Qd1** ½-½

The pairing for round 8 was:

13	102	Yuan, Yuanling	WFM	(5½)	-	16.	Schneider, Ilja	(5½)	-
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Schneider is an untitled German player with a 2486 rating, ranked # 16 at the start of the tournament. She lost this round. So she had 5.5/8 pts..

The pairing in the final 9th round was:

24	37.	Köpke,Christian	FM	(5½)	-	102	Yuan,Yuanling	WFM	(5½)	-
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Kopke is a German FIDE Master with a 2356 rating, ranked # 37. Unfortunately, she was unable to continue her strong showing in the early part of the tournament, and lost the final game, to end with a decent 5.5/9 pts.. She finished # 54 (after being initially ranked # 102).

Chess Olympiad, Dresden , Germany

This country team swiss started Nov. 13. There are 152 teams in the Open section and 114 teams in the Women's section. Canada's national team is ranked # 48 and the women's team # 53. The national team is composed of GM Mark Bluvshstein, GM Pascal Charbonneau, IM Igor Zugic, IM Thomas Roussel-Roozman and IM Nikolay Noritsyn. The women's team is WIM Natalia Khoudgarian, WFM Yuanling Yuan (an SCC junior !), WFM Dina Kagramanov, WFM Hazel Smith and Irina Barron.

The results to date are:

Open

Women's

Rd. 1 Bd. 13 India (# 13) 2.5 – 1.5 Can. Rd. 1 Bd. 25 Cuba (# 25) 3.5 - .5 Can.

Rd. 2 Bd. 30 Can. 3.5 - .5 Bolivia (# 87) Rd. 2 Bd. 36 Can. 3.5 -.5 Costa Rica (# 80)

Pairings for today's Rd. 3 :

Bd. 37 Jamaica (# 105)

Bd. 40 Fiji (# 98)

SCC Fall Swiss

This 8 Rd. swiss started Thursday, October 30 and runs to the Thursday before Christmas. It is held in 2 sections: Open Section; U 1700 section. 37 players registered for the Open section. As with our first tournament this year, it is very strong at the top, with 4 masters and 5 experts . 21 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of almost 60 players continues the highest numbers we have had out since early in the millennium.

The leaders after 3 rounds are:

Open Section:

1st – 3rd - 3 pts. – Bryan Lamb
Karl Sellars
Oscar Villalobos

U 1700 Section:

1st – 4th – 2.5 pts. – Dean Ward
Nathan Farrant-Diaz
Linda Xia
Jim Roe

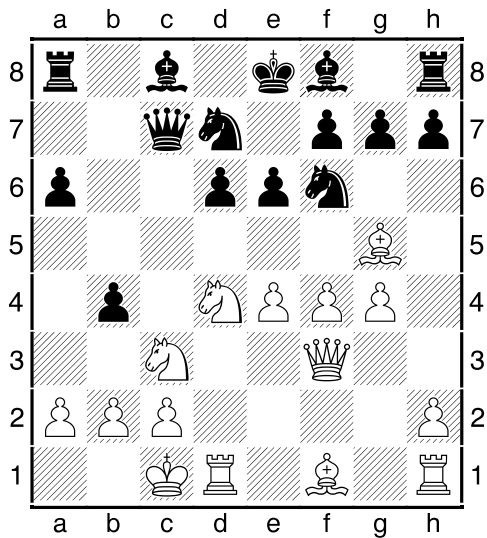
In Rd. 1 in the Open Section on Bd. 2, there was a 415 rating point difference. Ignoring this, low A player Greg Beal sacked his N, with master Kyle Morrison's King in the centre (Kyle just won the prior SCC Howard Ridout Memorial Swiss). But Greg followed it up wrong, and Kyle just ended up with a “ winning “ advantage. But then Kyle grabbed a pawn when he shouldn't have, and suddenly Greg had an attack and a “ winning “ advantage. Greg maintained his winning advantage right down to the last minutes of the game. But in the time pressure, he decided to agree to a draw, though winning. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Beal, Greg (1829) – Morrison, Kyle (2244) [B96]

Scarb. CC Fall Swiss (Over 1700) Toronto (1), 30.10.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 1...c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0?!= [9.f5 Ne5 10.Qh3 Nc6 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.0-0-0 Nxd4

13.Rxd4 Qc5 14.Rd2 b5±] **9...b5 10.g4?!±** [10.a3 Be7 11.f5 Ne5 12.Qg3 0-0=] **10...b4** [10...Bb7?!
11.a3 Rc8 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.g5 Nd7=]



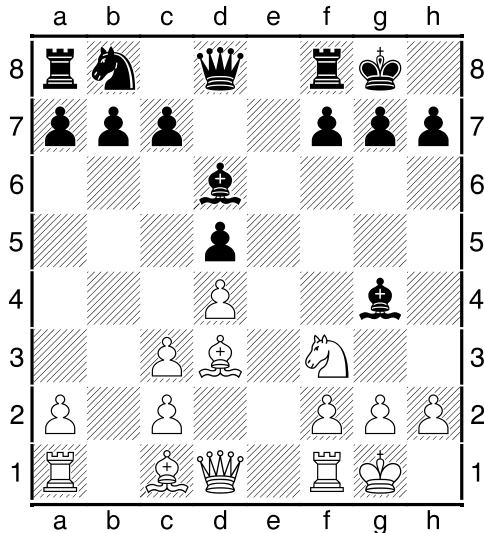
11.Nd5! an enterprising sac ! (Fritz' first choice) **11...exd5 12.exd5** Kyle is up N vs P
12...Bb7?!= wrong B [12...Be7 13.Re1 Kf8 14.Nc6 Bd8±] **13.Re1+** [13.Qe2+ Kd8 14.Nc6+ Bxc6
15.dxc6 Nb6 16.Bg2 d5=] **13...Kd8 14.Qe2?+-** Kyle gets a " winning " advantage [14.Nc6+ Bxc6
15.dxc6 Nb6 16.Bxf6+ gxf6=] **14...Qa5?±=** [14...Qc5 15.Nb3 Qxd5 16.Rg1 Kc7-+] **15.Nc6+ Bxc6**
16.dxc6 b3 17.a3?± [17.axb3 Qa1+ 18.Kd2 Qa5+ 19.Kc1 (19.c3?! Qd5+ 20.Kc2 Qxc6±)
19...Qa1+=] **17...Nc5?±=** [17...Rc8 18.Bg2 d5 19.Qe8+ Kc7 20.Qxf7 Qc5±] **18.Bxf6+ gxf6**
19.Qe8+ Kc7 20.Qxf7+ Greg has 2 P's for his N **20...Kb6 21.Bg2** [21.Bc4 d5 22.Qxd5 Bh6
23.cxb3 (23.Qf5?! Rae8±) 23...Rhd8 24.Qg2 Bxf4+ 25.Kb1 Qd2=] **21...bxc2?+-** Kyle is up N vs
P, but Greg gets the advantage for the first time in the game, a " winning " advantage [21...Bh6
22.cxb3 Bxf4+ 23.Kb1 Qd2=] **22.Re3 Ra7?+-** 4.98 [22...Bh6 23.b4 Qb5 24.g5 (24.bxc5+?! Qxc5
25.Qb3+ (25.Rb3+?! Ka5±) 25...Qb5 26.Kxc2 Rae8+- 3.54) 24...Rab8 25.bxc5+ Qxc5 26.Rb3+
Ka5+- 3.55] **23.Qd5?+-** 2.05 [23.Qxf6 Bg7 24.Qxd6 Bxb2+ 25.Kxb2 Rg7+- 6.21] **23...Qa4 24.b4**
Rc7+- 1.54 [24...Nb3+? 25.Rxb3 Kc7 26.Re3 Kd8+- 19.31] **25.bxc5+?!±** Greg is up a P [25.h4
Ka7 26.g5 f5+-] **25...Ka7?!+-** 7.71 [25...dxc5 26.Qb3+ Qb5±] **26.cxd6 Qxf4 27.Qc5+ Ka8**
28.Qb6 Bxd6 material equality **29.Qxa6+** Greg goes up a P again **29...Kb8 30.Qb6+?+-** 2.29
[30.Rhe1 Re8 31.Kxc2 Qf2+ 32.R1e2 Qxe3 33.Rxe3 Rxe3+- 9.67] **30...Kc8?+-** 6.57 [30...Ka8
31.Rhe1 Bxa3+ 32.Kxc2 Qc4+ 33.Kb1 Qb4+ 34.Qxb4 Bxb4+- 4.72] **31.Qa6+??±=** Greg, under
time pressure, though clearly winning, goes for a draw by repetition [31.Be4 Kd8 32.Bf5 Qxe3+
33.Qxe3 Re8+- 9.24] **31...Kd8?+-** Kyle wrongly declines the offer of a draw by repetition
[31...Kb8=] **32.Qa8+ Rc8+-** 2.86 both players were short of time at this point, and agreed to a
draw. The game could have continued, with Greg winning **33.Qa7 Rc7 34.Qb8+ Rc8 35.Qb6+**
Bc7 36.Qb3 Re8 37.Rhe1 Rxe3 38.Rxe3 Be5 39.Kxc2 Qf2+ 40.Kc1 Qg1+ 41.Qd1+ Qxd1+
42.Kxd1 Bxh2+- 1.98 Greg would be up a P ½-½

Also in the Open section in Rd. 1, Mario Moran-Venegas played junior Kevin Wu, a 193 pt. rating difference. Kevin got into an unsound sac, which Mario flashingly exposed, and then fell into a sac by Mario, which launched a devastating attack on Kevin's King. Mario won. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

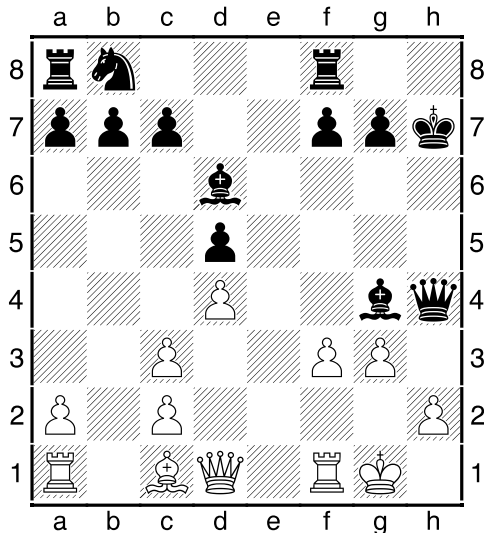
Wu, Kevin (1917) – Moran–Venegas, Mario (1724) [C42]

Scarb. CC Fall Swiss (Over 1700) Toronto (1), 30.10.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted 1...e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 [5.Nc3?! Nf6 6.Be2 c6 7.d4 Be7=; 5.Qe2 Qe7 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.dxc3 Nc6±] 5...d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3?!= [8.c4 Bg4 9.cxd5 Nf6±] 8...Nxc3 9.bxc3 Bg4



10.Bxh7+??-+ a blunder sacrifice – Mario shows why – Mario gets a "winning" advantage 10...Kxh7 11.Ng5+?+- 3.41 [11.Qd3+ Kg8 12.Ng5 g6-+ - 2.32] 11...Qxg5!! Mario is up B + N vs P 12.f3?+- 6.73 this makes things worse; better to just exchange Q's and be down the sac. [12.Bxg5 Bxd1 13.Raxd1 Kg6 14.Bh4 Nd7-+ - 3.45] 12...Qh4 13.g3?!-+ - 8.24 [13.Qd3+ g6 14.f4 Nd7-+ - 7.74]



13...Bxg3! Mario's sac is sound ! Mario is up B + N 14.hxg3?+- 24.46 Kevin cannot accept the sacrifice [14.Qd2 Bh3 15.f4 Kg8 16.Rf3 Bxh2+ 17.Kxh2 Bg4+ 18.Kg2 Bxf3+ 19.Kxf3 Qh3+ 20.Kf2 Re8-+ - 12.70] 14...Qxg3+ Mario is up N + P 15.Kh1 Kg6?+- 16.33 Mario misses a rather lengthy mate [the better way to get at the W K 15...Rh8 16.Qd2 Bxf3+ 17.Rxf3 Kg8+ 18.Qh6 Qxf3+ 19.Kg1 gxh6-+ and it is mate in 6 moves] 16.Qd3+ Bf5-+ - 24.81 Mario is up N vs P with

attacking threats. Kevin has had enough and gives up. The game could have continued **17.Bh6 Rh8 18.Qd2 Rxb6+ 19.Qxb6+ Kxb6+-** – 28.97 Mario would be up Q + B + N + P vs R **0-1**

In Rd. 1 in the U 1700 section, Ted Termeer tried to build a K-side attack, and Dean Ward countered on the Q-side. Dean stalled Ted's attack and then went up a P on the Q-side. Ted tried to continue his attack, but could get nowhere and ended up mated.

Termeer, Ted (1426) – Ward, Dean (1614) [D02]

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1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c6± [2...Nf6=] **3.Bf4 Qb6 4.b3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.Bxb8?±** a bad exchange; Dean gets the advantage [6.e3 Nf6 7.Bd3 e6±] **6...Rxb8 7.e3 e6** [7...Nf6 8.Bd3 e6±] **8.Be2 Qa5+ 9.c3?!±** Dean gets a " clear " advantage [9.Nbd2 Bxf3 10.Bxf3 Qc3±] **9...Bg6?!±** [9...Nf6 10.0-0 Bd6 11.Ne5 Bxe2 12.Qxe2 0-0±] **10.Bd3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nf6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.b4 Qc7?!=** [13...Qb5 14.Qc2 a5 15.a3 Ra8±] **14.Nfd2?!±** [14.Nbd2 0-0 15.e4 Be7=] **14...0-0 15.f4?!±** [15.Nf3 Ne4 16.a3 g5±] **15...Rfd8 16.g4** Ted launches a K-side attack **16...h6 17.Qe2 b6 18.g5 hxg5 19.fxg5 Nh7 20.Nf3 c5** [20...e5 21.Nbd2 e4 22.g6 fxg6 23.Nh4 g5±] **21.bxc5** [21.g6 fxg6 22.e4 Bf4±] **21...bxc5 22.h4** Ted is still trying to build a K-side attack [22.g6 fxg6 23.c4 Nf6±] **22...g6** [22...e5 23.h5 Qe7 24.g6 Ng5±] **23.Kg2** [23.Nbd2 Rb2 24.a3 e5 25.Rab1 Rxb1 26.Nxb1 (26.Rxb1?! e4 27.Nh2 Bg3-+) 26...e4 27.Nfd2 c4±] **23...Rb7 24.Rh1 Rdb8 25.h5?!-+** continuing the attack, but Dean gets a " winning " advantage [25.Nbd2 Rb2 26.h5 Nf8±] **25...Rb2?!±** Dean counters the attack by becoming active on the Q-side [25...Qd8 26.Nbd2 Nxb5-+] **26.Nbd2 cxd4?±** [26...Nf8 27.a4 Qa5±] **27.hxg6?±** [27.cxd4 Bb4 28.Rad1 Rxa2±] **27...fxg6 28.Qd3?!-+** [28.exd4 Nf8 29.Qd3 Bf4±] **28...Nf8?!±** [28...Qf7 29.cxd4 Qf5 30.Qxf5 exf5-+] **29.Qxd4 Qg7 30.Qxg7+** Ted should not exchange Q's. His attack is now finished [30.Rhb1 Rc2 31.Rxb8 Bxb8±] **30...Kxg7 31.Rh6?!-+** – 3.05 Ted tries to continue his attack [31.Kh3 Nd7 32.Rhb1 Ne5±] **31...e5 32.Rd1 Rxa2** Dean goes up a P **33.Nh4?-+** – 5.08 [33.Kh3 e4 34.Nd4 Be7-+ – 2.79] **33...Be7 34.Nhf3 e4 35.Nd4?-+** – 6.74 [35.Kg3 Rbb2 36.Rhh1 exf3 37.Nxf3 Rg2+ 38.Kh3 Bxg5-+ – 5.46] **35...Rbb2 36.Rdh1?-+** – 11.49 There is nothing on the K-side for Ted [36.Nc6 Rxd2+ 37.Rxd2 Rxd2+ 38.Kf1 Bxg5-+ – 7.83] **36...Rxd2+** Dean goes up B + P **37.Kg3?-+** – 15.68 [37.Kh3 Bxg5 38.Rh4 Bxe3-+ – 12.92] **37...Rg2+ 38.Kh3 Bxg5?-+** – 15.86 Dean goes up B + 2 P's [38...Rxb5 39.Rh2 Rxb2+ 40.Kxb2 Bd6+ 41.Kh1 Kxb2-+ – 17.96 Dean would be up R + B + 2 P's] **39.Nf5+** must sac the N to save the R, but it is now mate **39...gxf5** Dean is up B + N + 2 P's **40.Rd6** leads to a quicker mate [40.Ra6 Rae2 41.Rxa7+ Kg8 42.Rb7 Rgf2 43.Rg1 Rh2+ 44.Kg3 Ref2 45.Rh7 Kxb7 46.Rh1 Rfg2#] **40...Rge2 41.Rg1 Rh2+ 42.Kg3 Bxe3?-+** this mate takes a bit longer [42...Raf2 43.Rd7+ Nxd7 44.Rg2 Rfxg2#] **43.Rf1?-+** gives an immediate mate [43.Rxd5 Ne6 44.Rxf5 Bxg1 45.Rg5+ Kf6 46.Rg6+ Kxg6 47.Kg4 Rag2#] **43...Rag2# 0-1**

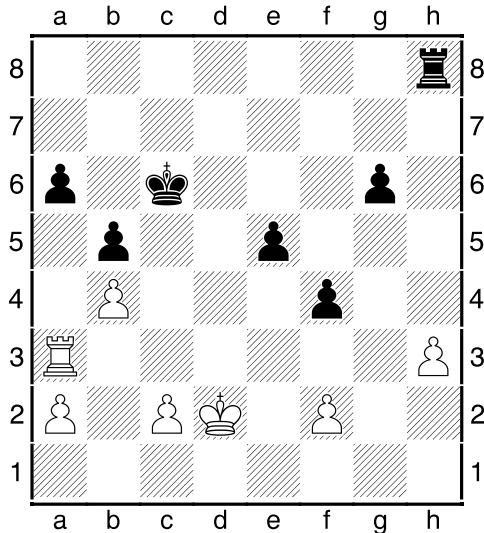
In Round 2 in the Open section on Bd. 1, Josh Sherman had a slight advantage against last year's club champion, master Erwin Casareno, for the first third of the game. But then Erwin got the advantage, eventually sacking a pawn to promote one of his connected centre pawns. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sherman, Josh (1895) – Casareno, Erwin (2214) [B01]

Scarb. CC Fall Swiss (Over 1700) Toronto (2), 06.11.2008

1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **1...d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.h3 Bh5 7.g4 Bg6 8.Ne5 c6?!±** Josh gets a " clear " advantage [8...Nbd7 9.Nxg6 hxg6 10.Bd2 e5=] **9.Nxg6?!±** [9.h4 e6 10.h5 Be4 11.Nc4 Qd8±] **9...hxg6 10.Bc4?!=** Josh loses his advantage [10.Bd2 e6 11.Qf3 Nd5±] **10...e6 11.Qe2 Bb4 12.Bd2 Nbd7 13.0-0-0 Kf8?±** Josh gets a " clear " advantage again [13...Nb6 14.Bb3 Nbd5=] **14.Kb1** [14.a3 b5 15.Bb3 Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Qc7±] **14...b5 15.Bb3 Qb6** [15...Bxc3 16.Bxc3 Qb6±] **16.Ne4?!±** [16.d5 Bxc3 17.dxe6 Bxd2 18.Qxd2 c5 (18...Nc5?! 19.Qd6+ Kg8 20.exf7+ Kh7 21.Qg3 g5 22.h4 Nce4 23.hxg5+ Kg6 24.Rxb8 Rxb8+- 3.72) 19.exd7 Rd8±] **16...Bxd2 17.Rxd2 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Nf6** [18...a5 19.c3 a4

20.Bd1 Nf6 21.Qf3 a3±] **19.Qf3 Rd8** [19...Kg8 20.h4 a5±] **20.Bxe6** a nice sac [20.h4 Rxd4 21.Rxd4 Qxd4±] **20...fxe6** Erwin is temporarily up an N vs P **21.g5 Rxd4** Erwin is up an N **22.Rxd4 Qxd4 23.gxf6 gxf6 24.Qxc6** material equality **24...Qd5 25.Qc8+ Ke7 26.Qc7+ Qd7** [26...Ke8 27.Qb8+ Kd7 28.Qxa7+ Kd6 29.Re1 Rxh3±] **27.Qxd7+?♞** for the first time in the game, Erwin gets the advantage [27.Qg3 Kf7 28.Rc1 g5±] **27...Kxd7 28.Rd1+ Kc6 29.Rd3 e5 30.Kc1 f5 31.Kd2 f4 32.b4?!♞** Erwin gets a " clear " advantage [32.Rc3+ Kb6 33.Rd3 Kc5 34.Rc3+ Kd5♞] **32...a6?!♞** [32...g5 33.Ke2 a6♞] **33.Ra3**



Kd5! Erwin decides to sac a P to try to promote one of his connected centre pawns [33...Kb7 34.Rd3 Rh5 35.Ke2 Kc6♞] **34.Rxa6 Rxh3 35.Rxg6** Josh goes up a P **35...Rh2 36.Ke2 e4?!=** Erwin has lost his advantage [36...Ke4 37.Rf6 Rh3 38.Rg6 (38.a4?! bxa4 39.Rc6 (39.b5?! f3+ 40.Kd2 Rh2 41.Kc1 (41.Ke1 Rh1+ 42.Kd2 Rf1-+) 41...Rxf2-+) 39...a3 40.Rc4+ Kd5 41.Rc5+ Kd6 42.Rc8 Kd7 43.Ra8 Rc3 44.Kd2 Rf3 45.Ke2 e4♞) 38...f3+ 39.Kd2 Rh2 40.Ke1 Rh1+ 41.Kd2 Rf1♞] **37.Rg1?+-** Erwin gets a " winning " advantage [37.Rg5+ Kd4 38.Kf1 e3 39.fxe3+ fxe3 40.Rc5 Ke4=] **37...e3 38.Rf1?!-+ - 3.82** [38.Kd3 Rxf2-+ - 3.29] **38...Ke4 39.Ke1 f3 40.fxe3 Rxc2 41.Rf2 Rc1+ 42.Kd2 Ra1+ - 4.22** Josh resigns. The game could have continued **43.Kc3 Kxe3 44.Rxf3+ Kxf3 45.Kb2 Re1+ - 6.37 0-1**

In Rd. 2 on second board in the U 1700 section, two juniors, Pete Xie and Nathan Farrant-Diaz, had a fairly equal opening and early middle game. But on move 17, Peter blundered a pawn. He then fought gamely trying to draw it, but eventually lost a second pawn and it was over. This put Nathan into a 2-way tie for first. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Xie, Peter (1442) – Farrant-Diaz, Nathan (1590) [B00]

Scarb. CC Fall Swiss (Under 1700) Toronto (2), 06.11.2008

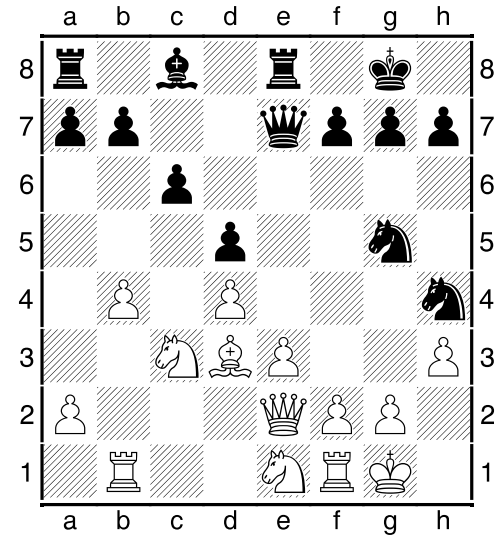
1.e4± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **1...b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Nc3 e6 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.Bg5 h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.e5?!=** [8.Qd2 0-0 9.e5 Bxc3 10.Qxc3 Qf4±] **8...Qe7?!±** [8...Qf4 9.Qd2 Qg4=] **9.a3?!=** [9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 d6±] **9...Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0 11.0-0 d6 12.exd6 Qxd6 13.Re1 Nd7 14.Be4?!♞** [14.a4 Nf6 15.a5 c5=] **14...Bxe4 15.Rxe4 Rad8 16.Qd3** [16.Rh4 c5 17.a4 e5♞; 16.a4 c5 17.Rh4 e5♞] **16...c5 17.Ne5?+-** a blunder – the N is needed on f3 to protect the dP; Nathan gets a " winning " advantage [17.Rg4 f5 18.Rg3 e5♞; 17.Rd1?! c4 18.Qxc4 Rc8 19.Qd3 Nf6 20.Re5 Qc7♞; 17.Rh4 Qc6 18.Kf1 (18.Rh3 Nf6 19.Ne5 (19.Rg3?! cxd4 20.cxd4 Rc8♞) 19...Qa4♞) 18...Nf6 19.a4 cxd4 20.cxd4 Rc8♞; 17.a4 Qc7 18.Ree1 Rfe8♞] **17...Nxe5 18.Rxe5**

cxd4 Nathan goes up a P **19.Re4+** - 1.57 [19.cxd4 Qxd4 20.Qxd4 Rxd4+ - 1.48] **19...dxc3**
20.Qxc3 Rd7 - 1.45 [20...Rc8 21.Qd3 Rfd8 22.Qxd6 Rxd6 23.Re2 a6+ - 1.58] **21.Re3** - 1.65
 [21.h3 Rfd8 22.Rg4 g6+ - 1.48] **21...Qd2 22.a4 Rfd8 23.g3 Qxc3?!?** [23...Qd5 24.Rd3 Qb7
 25.Rad1 Kh7+] **24.Rxc3 Rd1+ 25.Rxd1 Rxd1+ 26.Kg2 Rd7 27.Ra3?!+** [27.Rc8+ Kh7 28.c4
 Kg6?] **27...Rc7 28.c3 a6** - 1.43 [28...Rc5 29.Kf1 e5+ - 1.69] **29.Kf3 Kf8 30.Rb3 Rc6 31.a5** -
 2.17 [31.Ke4 Ke7 32.f4 Kd6+ - 1.55] **31...b5 32.Ke3 Rc4 33.Ra3 Ke7 34.f3 Kd6 35.Kd3 Kc5**
36.Ke3?!+ - 4.48 [36.Ra1 Ra4 37.Re1 Rxa5+ - 3.10] **36...Ra4 37.Rb3 Rxa5** Nathan goes up 2
 P's **38.Rb1 Ra3 39.Kd3?+** - 6.21 [39.Kd2 Ra2+ 40.Kd3 a5+ - 5.54] **39...a5 40.Kc2** - 8.10
 [40.f4 b4 41.Rc1 Rxc3+-+ - 7.88] **40...Ra2+?-+** - 6.37 [40...Kc4 41.Kd2 Ra2+ 42.Ke3 Rc2+ -
 8.69] **41.Rb2??+** - 12.00 an error - without the rook, Peter can put up no resistance [41.Kd3
 Rxh2 42.Re1 Rh3+ - 7.13] **41...Rxb2+ 42.Kxb2 Kc4 43.h4 a4 44.h5 a3+?-+** - 14.25 [44...Kd3
 45.f4 f5 46.c4 Kxc4+ - 24.05] **45.Kc2?+** - 21.55 [45.Ka2 e5 46.Kxa3 Kxc3 47.g4 f6+ - 20.45]
45...a2?+ - 12.32 [45...e5 46.g4 f6+ - 23.57] **46.Kb2 a1Q+ 47.Kxa1 Kxc3+ - 20.50 0-1**

In Rd. 3 on the second board in the Open Section, expert Karl Sellars upset master John Hall to go into a three-way tie for first. John went into an unsound sac for a K-side attack. Karl resisted well, and built a counter-attack. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sellars, Karl (2154) – Hall, John (2208) [D36]
 Scarb. CC Fall Swiss (Over 1700) Toronto (3), 13.11.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Nbd7?!± [4...Nc6] **5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 c6 7.e3 Be7 8.Bd3 0-0**
9.Qc2 Re8 10.0-0 Nf8 11.h3?!= [11.a4 Ng6 12.a5 Ne4 13.Bxe7 Qxe7±] **11...Ng6 12.Rab1 Ne4**
13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.b4 Nh4 [14...Ng5 15.Nxg5 Qxg5=] **15.Ne1?!?** John gets the advantage for the
 first time [15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.Bxe4 (16.b5? Nxc3 17.Qxc3 Bxh3! 18.Rfe1 Re6+) 16...dxe4=]
15...Ng5 16.Qe2



Nxg2?!= John goes for an unsound sac, for a K-side attack [16...a6 17.a4 Ne4?] **17.Nxg2**
Nxh3+ Karl is up N vs 2 P's **18.Kh2 Qd6+ 19.f4 Qh6?±** Karl gets a " clear " advantage [19...Re6
 20.Nh4 Rh6=] **20.Kg3** will the K become too exposed? **20...g5?!+-** John tries to continue his
 attack, but Karl gets a " winning " advantage [20...Kh8 21.Qc2 Rg8±] **21.f5 g4** 2.77 John now
 sacs a P to open the g-file [somewhat better is 21...Nf4 22.Nxf4 gxf4+ 23.Rxf4 Kh8 24.Kf2
 Rg8+- 2.43] **22.Qxg4+** Karl is up N vs P **22...Ng5 23.Kf2 Kh8 24.Rh1** Karl is diffusing the attack
24...Qf6?+- 6.79 [24...Qg7 25.Nf4 f6+- 4.47] **25.Rh5 Rg8 26.Rbh1** now Karl is developing his

own K-side attack **26...Bd7 27.Qf4 Rg7?+-** 8.84 [27...Bxf5? 28.Nh4 a5+- 11.50(28...Rae8 29.Nxf5 Rg6+- 11.69) ; 27...Raf8 28.Rh6 Rg6 29.fxg6 fxg6 30.Bxg6 Kg7+- 7.61] **28.Qe5?+-** 4.12 [28.Rh6 Bxf5 29.Rxf6 Bxd3+- 9.71] **28...Qd8?+-** 18.23 [28...Qxe5 29.dxe5 Bxf5 30.Bxf5 Re8+- 4.50] **29.f6 Nh3+ 30.R1xh3 Rxg2+ 31.Kxg2** Karl is up R + N vs P at the moment. John can win back the exchange, but it will still be mate in 8 moves. John resigned. **1-0**

Going into Rd. 3 in the U 1700 section, the 2 co-leaders met on Bd. 1 : junior Linda Xia and junior Nathan Farrant-Diaz. Linda went up a pawn, but then Nathan got it back. Linda then had a "winning" advantage later on, and went up a pawn again, but couldn't win it and it ended in a draw. This left both of them in a 4-way tie for first. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Xia, Linda (1576) – Farrant-Diaz, Nathan (1590) [E51]

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[Armstrong, Robert]

1.d4 e6± [1...Nf6=] **2.c4=** [2.e4±] **2...Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd2 0-0 5.Nf3 b6 6.e3 Bb7?!±** [6...d5 7.Bd3 Ba6 8.b3 Be7=] **7.Be2?!=** [7.Bd3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4 9.Bxe4 Bxe4±] **7...d5?!±** [7...Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4 9.Qc2 d6=] **8.0-0 Nbd7?!±** setting up a nice little tactic for Linda, who now gets a "clear" advantage [8...dxc4 9.Bxc4 Be7±] **9.cxd5?!±** Linda fails to win the P [9.Nxd5! Bd6 10.Nc3 a6] **9...Nxd5?!±** [9...exd5 10.Rc1 a6±] **10.Nxd5 Bxd2 11.Nxc7** Linda goes up a P **11...Qxc7** [11...Bb4?? 12.Nxa8 Bxa8+-] **12.Qxd2 Nf6?!+-** Linda gets a "winning" advantage [12...Rac8 13.Rac1 Qd6 14.Rxc8 Rxc8±] **13.Rac1 Qd7 14.Ne5 Qe7 15.Bf3 Bxf3 16.Nxf3 Rac8 17.Ne5 Qb7 18.Rc2?!±** [18.f3 Nd7 19.Nxd7 Qxd7+-] **18...Rxc2 19.Qxc2 Rc8 20.Qd3 Rc7 21.Rd1 Qc8 22.h3 Rc2 23.Rd2 Rxb2?!+-** material equality [23...Rc1+ 24.Kh2 Qc7±] **24.Kh2?=[** [24.Rxb2 Qc1+ 25.Kh2 Qxb2 26.Qa6 h6 27.Qc8+ Kh7 28.Nxf7 Kg6 29.Qxe6 Qxf2+- 2.45] **24...Rxd2 25.Qxd2 Ne4 26.Qe2 Qc7?!±** [26...f6 27.Nd3 Qc4 28.f3 Nc3 29.Qc2 b5=] **27.Qf3 f5 28.Qh5 Nf6?!±** [28...g6 29.Qe2 Nd6±] **29.Qf3?!±** [29.Qd1 Kf8 30.Qb3 Ke7±] **29...Nd7?!±** [29...Ne4 30.Qe2 g6±] **30.Qa8+ Qb8 31.Qxb8+ Nxb8 32.Kg1 a5 33.Kf1?!±** [33.a4] **33...b5 34.Ke2 Kf8 35.Kd3 Ke7 36.Kc3?!=** Linda has lost her advantage [36.a4 bxa4 37.Kc3 Nd7 38.Nc4 Nf6±] **36...Kd6 37.Kb3** [37.a4 Nd7 38.Nd3 b4+ 39.Kc4 e5=] **37...Kd5** [37...Nc6 38.Nf3 Kd5=] **38.f3?!±** for the first time in the game, Nathan gets the advantage [38.a4 b4 39.Nc4 Nc6=] **38...h6?!=** [38...f4 39.exf4 Kxd4 40.Nf7 Na6±] **39.a3?!±** [39.a4 f4 40.exf4 b4 41.f5 exf5 42.Nc4 Nc6=] **39...Nc6 40.Nd3 g5 41.g3 h5?!=** [41...e5 42.Nxe5 Nxe5 43.dxe5 Kxe5±] **42.h4 gxh4 43.Nf4+ Kd6 44.gxh4 a4+?!±** Linda gets back a "clear" advantage [44...Ne7 45.Ka2 e5 46.dxe5+ Kxe5=] **45.Kc3 b4+** [45...e5 46.Nxh5 exd4+ 47.exd4 b4+ 48.axb4 a3±] **46.axb4** Linda goes up a P **46...a3?!+-** Linda again gets a "winning" advantage [46...e5 47.Ne2 a3±] **47.Nd3?=[** [47.b5 e5 48.Ne2 Nb4! 49.dxe5+ Kxe5+-] **47...Kd5?+-** [47...Ne7 48.Kb3 Ng6 49.Kxa3 Nxh4=] **48.Kb3 a2 49.Kxa2** Linda is up 2 P's **49...Kc4 50.b5 Kxb5** Linda is up 1 P **51.Nf4?!±** [51.Kb3 Na5+ 52.Kc3 Nc4+-] **51...Nb4+?!+-** 3.39 [51...e5 52.Nxh5 exd4 53.exd4 Nxd4±] **52.Kb3 Nd5?+-** 5.75 Linda has a significant winning advantage [52...e5 53.dxe5 Nc6 54.e6 Kc5+- 3.64] **53.Nxe6?±** [53.Nxd5 exd5 54.Kc3 Kb6 55.Kd2 Kc6+-] **53...Nxe3 54.Kc3** [54.Ng7?! f4 55.Kc3 Kc6 56.Kd2 Ng2±; 54.Nf4 Nf1 55.Kc3 Nh2 56.Kd3 Nxf3 57.Ng2 Nh2±] **54...Ng2±** ½-½

Grand Prix

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Back in Volume 10, Issue 2 (Sept. 15, 2008), the report on the SCC's AGM mentioned that there would be a SCC Grand Prix. In chess, a Grand Prix totals a player's tournament scores over the course of a calendar year or chess season (Fall-Spring). Internationally, FIDE recently launched its own Grand Prix series. Locally, the Toronto Grand Prix was launched in 2005 and covered a limited number of major weekend tournaments. Nikolay Noritsyn won or shared first all three years it has been held so far. Two more Canadians

have had amazing success playing these circuits: then IM Igor Ivanov won the United States Grand Prix an amazing 9 times, and IM Deen Hergott duplicated this feat at the Eastern Ontario Chess Association (EOCA) Grand Prix.

How did auto racing terminology get adapted for chess? Way back in 1981, (current CFC Governor) Herb Langer had just moved to the Ottawa Valley town of Arnprior and was helping to run local club tournaments. By 1982, he was looking to attract Ottawa players to a local tournament. Langer had just seen the movie 'Grand Prix' (now available on DVD!) which followed the events of the 1966 auto racing season across Europe and around the world. He suggested adopting this format for the local chess scene. Players from around Eastern Ontario would naturally come to Ottawa for the big weekend tournaments. But by holding some events outside Ottawa, small markets such as Arnprior, Belleville and Smiths Falls would benefit. Players trying to win the season's Grand Prix title could not skip these events, or they would risk falling behind. Langer's suggestion was adopted for 1982-83, and Arnprior held its first Open tournament in the spring of 1983. Amazingly, both the Arnprior Open and the EOCA Grand Prix are still going after 26 consecutive years! As for Langer's idea of a chess Grand Prix, it spread quickly, as the U.S.A. soon adopted the name for its circuit.

2009 PWC TORONTO OPEN CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Normally we do not give notice of tournaments until 1 or 2 Issues before the tournament. But Brian Fiedler is going all out to make this tournament a truly grand one, and is hoping to draw numbers like we used to get in Toronto in the 1970's to 90's. So we are giving an advance notice of this one, so you can slot it into your 2009 schedule (note it is the weekend AFTER Easter, since some survey feedback Brian got said players didn't like to have the tournament compete with the family holiday time):

APRIL 17TH to 19TH, 2009

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IN ASSOCIATION WITH: **THE GREATER TORONTO CHESS LEAGUE**

LOCATION: The Suites at 1 King West, Grand Banking Hall.

Financial District, **Downtown Toronto**. See overleaf for map.

STYLE: 5 Round Swiss System, 3 Sections (Open, < 2000, <1600), CFC rated.

TIME CONTROL: Round 1 30 moves in 90 minutes, 1 hour for remainder (SD)

Rounds 2 to 5 40 moves in 2 hours, 1 hour for remainder (SD)

SCHEDULE: Friday April 17th 7pm Sharp!

Saturday April 18th 11am and 5pm

Sunday April 19th 10am and 4pm

Sunday April 19th Awards Presentation 10:45pm

PRIZE FUND: \$16,000+ Guaranteed! Including \$3,000 1st prize, prizes for top 5 in each section, class prizes within each section, top senior, junior and female in each section, plus individual game prizes for biggest upset, brilliancy prize and best defensive effort, as well as special prizes for winner of chess trivia

contest, best dressed and more! See tournament rules for full details.

ENTRY FEE: \$90 per person.

All participants must be, or become, CFC members.

To enter see details overleaf.

ACCOMMODATION: Special Chess Rate of **\$169.00** is being offered by The Suites at 1 King West. Book early; a limited number of rooms are available at this rate.

BYES: Maximum of 2 available through rounds 1-4

EQUIPMENT: **Bring your own chess sets and clocks.** None will be provided.

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ORGANIZER: Brian Fiedler 416 733-3199, 416 480-8801 fiedlerbrian@yahoo.com.au

HOW TO ENTER:

By Mail to:

Brian Fiedler
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2300 Yonge St.,
Toronto, Ontario
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Make cheques payable to: "2009 Toronto Open Chess"

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NO entries will be accepted at the site on the day of the tournament!

LOCATION:

THE SUITES AT 1 KING WEST

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RATING(est) _____
ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ #S _____
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Please Check the Applicable Box: Junior (16 and Under) Senior (50 and Over)

Male Female

SECTION _____ ENTRY FEE ENCLOSED \$ _____ CFC DUES ENCLOSED*
\$ _____

BYES REQUESTED (IF APPLICABLE) _____

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