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From the President's Perspective

By Maurice Smith, SCC President

We are now nicely into the new season and we are off to a good start. We have seventy five entries in the first tournament, the Howard Ridout Memorial Tournament. On the down side we seem to have lost a few members from last year. However to offset this, we have welcomed several new members. It is good to note that the ratings of these new members vary from masters to near beginners. This enforces the realism that we are a Club for all chess players.

Last season I played in the under 1700 Section and now I am playing in the top Section. I do notice a difference. That is the players in the top Section take the game a little more seriously than those in the under 1700 Section. This would seem natural and I notice that the games are still played in a friendly atmosphere, so all is well. This reminds me of the "Good Old Days" when we played at Porter Collegiate. On Sundays we had the CFC tournament in the afternoon, a speed tournament in the evening and a fifteen minute tournament at night. Generally speaking the only disputes arose in the speed tournament where we always had very high rated players. The late Bryan Nickoloff plus Ron Livshits, Stephen Glinert, Ian Findlay, Michael Schleifer and the speed whiz kid Eduardo Teodoro dropped in for this tournament quite often. Along with Toronto's other high rated players this always made for a very competitive tournament. My policy for dealing with disputes was to know the rules, understand the circumstances, then make your decision believing it was the right one and then walk away from it. No second guessing

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or staying around with the players to argue about it. Just move on. That way it was usually soon forgotten. The situation at the Club now is very mellow compared to those days.

On another matter, our success is creating its own problem and that is trying to find enough space every night. I have already contacted my councilor and I had a reply this week that his

office will have the City look for another location for us. As I have indicated in the past, it is extremely difficult to get exactly what we need. That is a location suitable for a hundred or so players on a TTC line with ample free parking on a Thursday night in Western Scarborough and not paying much more than we are now.

The Administrator I deal with says simply that there is nothing available and another organization wants our time slot at Goodlad. So let's see what the City comes up with.

In the meantime there are three things that will keep us at Goodlad until we get something else. Pay the rent on time {I do that}, leave the place clean and tidy {we do that}, and be out by 11.00 p.m. We usually are, and we better be as I have seen a Security Officer on more than one occasion at the Club as we are closing.

So other than the space problem which we are working on, the Club is in very good shape. We are strong financially, have a large group of core members and players from young to old and from near beginners to masters. The games are competitive and enjoyable, making Thursday a night to look forward to. Looks like a great year for the Club!

Pearl Spring Tournament, Nanjing, China

(Adapted from ChessBase): “ This event, organized by the Municipal People’s Government of Nanjing, took place from 27th September to 9th October 2009 in Nanjing, China. Time control was 90 minutes for 40 moves and 60 minutes for the rest of the game, with no increment. The tournament ,like last year, was held at the Mingfa Pearl Spring Hotel in the Pukou District of Nanjing, China. The city of Nanjing (literally meaning “southern capital”) is the capital of China’s Jiangsu Province, located 300 km northwest of Shanghai.



The participants were, sorted according to rating, from left to right, are: Veselin Topalov (2813), Magnus Carlsen (2772), Peter Leko (2762), Teimour Radjabov (2757), Dmitry Jakovenko (2742), Wang Yue (2736). The average rating is 2763, which made the event a category 21 tournament. “ It was a 10-round double round robin. It is the first of the 4 2009-10 Grand Slam tournaments (along with Wijk an Zee; Linares and Sofia in 2010).

The winner was Magnus Carlsen



with 8/10 pts., a full 2.5 pts. ahead of 2nd place Veselin Topalov. He scored 5/5 with White; on the live rating list (it will be the same on the next Oct. FIDE rating list) he broke 2800 for the first time (5th person to do this, and the youngest player in history to do this – prior to this it was Vladimir Kramnik, 14th World Champion); his performance rating was over 3000 ! What can one say – next is the World Championship!

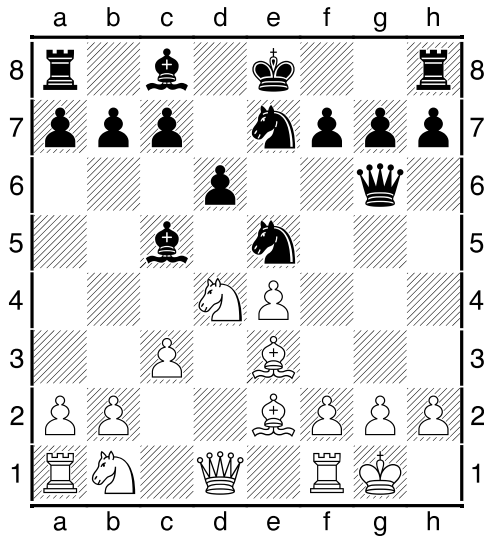
In Rd. 1, Carlsen started of with a gambit against Peter Leko. He then got the P back, and went up a P, and then an N, and then an N + P. The win put him in first place, all alone, where he stayed 'til the end. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2772) – Leko, P (2762) [C45]

2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (1), 28.09.2009

1.e4= 0.20 1...e5 for Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.c3 Nge7 7.Bc4** [7.Qd3 Bb6 8.Nd2 0-0=] **7...Ne5 8.Be2 Qg6?+-** Carlsen gets an early " winning " advantage [8...0-0 9.0-0 d5=] **9.0-0?=-** Carlsen has lost his advantage [9.Nb5 Bxe3 10.Nxc7+ Kf8 11.fxe3 Rb8 12.0-0 Qxe4+- material equality] **9...d6** [9...0-0 10.Nd2 d5=; 9...Qxe4?? 10.Nb5 Bxe3 11.Nxc7+ Kf8 12.Nxa8 Bf4+-]

Position after 9...d6



10.f4! Carlsen gambits a P **10...Qxe4** Leko goes up a P **11.Bf2 Bxd4 12.cxd4 N5g6 13.g3?!±** [13.Nc3 Qe6 14.Bb5+ c6 15.d5 Qd7 16.Bd4 0-0=] **13...0-0?!=** [13...Qe6 14.h4 c6±] **14.Nc3 Qf5 15.d5 a6** [15...Bd7 16.Rc1 a6=] **16.Re1 Kh8** [16...Bd7 17.Rc1 Rae8=] **17.Rc1 Bd7 18.Bf3 Rac8 19.Qb3 b5 20.Ne2 Qh3?!±** [20...c5 21.dxc6 Nxc6 22.Rcd1 Be6=] **21.Nd4 Bg4 22.Bg2 Qh5 23.h4?!=** [23.Nc6 Nxc6 24.Rxc6 a5±] **23...Ng8?!±** Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [23...Kg8 24.Rc3 Rfd8 25.Rec1 Rd7=] **24.Rc6 Nf6 25.Rxa6** material equality **25...Bd7?!+-** [25...Rfe8 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Rc6 b4 28.Rxc7 Ne7±] **26.Nxb5** Carlsen goes up a P **26...Rb8** 1.46 [26...Ng4 27.Nd4 Nxf2 28.Kxf2 Rfe8+- 1.81] **27.a4 Ng4 28.Bf3?!±** [28.Ra7 Nxf2 29.Kxf2 Rfc8+-] **28...Qh6?!+-** [28...Bxb5 29.axb5 Qf5±] **29.Qc4 Nxh4?+-** 3.18 in desperation, Leko tries an unsound sac [29...Nxf2 30.Kxf2 Rfc8+- 2.49] **30.Bxg4 Bxg4 31.gxh4** Carlsen is up an N **31...Bf3 32.f5 Qh5 33.Qf4 Bxd5 34.Nxc7 Bb7 35.Rb6 f6 36.Bd4 Qf7 37.Ne6 Rg8 38.Kf2?+-** 4.81 [38.b4 Rbc8 39.Qxd6 Rc2+- 5.49] **38...Rbc8 39.Bc3 Bd5 40.a5 Rc4 41.Nd4 Ba8 42.Qxd6** Carlsen is up N + P **42...Qh5 43.Qf4 Rcc8 44.Rbe6+-** 5.39 1-0

In Rd. 2, Carlsen played against a Topalov King's Indian and the game was close for quite a while. Then Carlsen went up a P, and later 2 P's, and went on to have an attack on Topalov's K, and won. This gave Carlsen a full point lead. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2772) – Topalov, V (2813) [E90]

2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (2), 29.09.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 King's Indian Defence **5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3** [6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Ne5±] **6...Na6** [6...c5 7.Be3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6±] **7.Be3 e5 8.d5?!=** [8.dxe5 dxe5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.Rd1 Rxd1+ 11.Kxd1 b6±] **8...c6?!±** [8...Nd7 9.Qd2 Ndc5=] **9.g4** aggressive [9.Be2 Nh5 10.g3 (10.Qd2?! Nf4 11.Bxf4 exf4 12.Rd1 (12.Qxf4 Qb6=) 12...Nc5=) 10...Nc5±] **9...Nc5** [9...Rb8?! 10.Be2 Ne8±] **10.Nd2 a5 11.a3?!=** [11.Be2 Nfd7 12.h4 Qe7±] **11...Nfd7?!±** [11...a4 12.Qc2 Bd7=] **12.Rg1?!=** [12.h4 a4 13.Qc2 (13.g5?! Qb6 14.Nxa4 Rxa4 15.Qxa4 Nxa4 16.Bxb6 Ndx6=; 13.Qe2?! h6=) 13...Nf6±] **12...a4?!±** [12...Nb6 13.Be2 Bd7=] **13.Qc2 Nb6 14.0-0-0 Bd7 15.Kb1 cxd5** [15...Rc8 16.Rc1 Qe7±] **16.cxd5** [16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.exd5 (17.cxd5?! Nc8=) 17...f5±] **16...Rc8 17.Bb5 Bxb5 18.Nxb5 Qd7 19.Nc3 Bf6?!±** Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [19...Qd8 20.Rc1 Bh8±] **20.g5 Bd8 21.h4 Na8?!+-** Carlsen gets a " winning " advantage [21...Nb3±] **22.Bxc5 Rxc5 23.Qxa4** Carlsen goes up a P **23...Qc8 24.Rc1 Nb6 25.Qd1?!±** [25.Qb4?! Qh3 26.Nb3 Rc7±; 25.Qc2 Qh3 26.Rh1 Qg4 27.Qd3 Be7+-] **25...Qh3 26.Qf3 Qd7?!+-** [26...Qxf3 27.Nxf3 f5 28.gxf6 Rxf6±] **27.Qd3 Kg7?+-** 2.18 [27...f6 28.gxf6 Bxf6

1.48] **28.Rc2 f6 29.gxf6+ 29...Rxf6 30.h5 Rxf2?+-** 2.75 material equality [30...Qf7 31.Qh3 Qd7+- 1.88] **31.hxg6** Carlsen goes up a P again **31...h6 32.Nd1 Rxc2 33.Nxf2 Rc8 34.Ng4 Bg5 35.Nf3 Nc4?+-** 4.99 [35...Rc1+ 36.Rxc1 Bxc1 37.Ngxe5 dxe5 38.Kxc1 Qe7+- 3.35] **36.Nxg5 hxg5 37.Ne3?** 2.99 [37.Qh3 Nd2+ 38.Ka2 Rh8 39.Qxh8+ Kxh8 40.Rh1+ Kg7 41.Rh7+ Kxg6 42.Rxd7 Nxe4+- 5.76] **37...Nxe3 38.Qxe3 Qa4?+-** 5.05 [38...g4 39.Qg5 Rf8+- 4.12] **39.Qxg5?+-** 3.88 Carlsen goes up 2 P's [39.Rf1 Rc7 40.Ka1 Qe8 41.Qh3 Qxg6+- 9.05 material equality, but Topyy is lost] **39...Qxe4?+-** 8.43 Carlsen is up 1 P [39...Qc2+ 40.Ka1 Qc7 41.Rh1 Rh8 42.Rxh8 Kxh8+- 7.46] **40.Ka1 Re8 41.Rc1+-** 8.46 **1-0**

In Rd. 4, Jakovenko had the advantage against Carlsen for much of the game. But Carlsen outplayed him in the ending and went into a 1.5 pt. lead. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Jakovenko, Dmitry (2742) – Carlsen, Magnus (2772) [B92]

Pearl Spring Nanjing, China (4), 01.10.2009

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.Be2 e5?!±** Fritz dislikes this line of the Sicilian; Jakovenko gets an early " clear " advantage [6...g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bf3 Nbd7±] **7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3?!±** [9.Qd3 Nc6 10.Nd5 Be6±] **9...Be6 10.Qd2** [10.Nd5! Nxe4 (10...Nbd7?! 11.Qd3 Bxd5 12.exd5 b5±) 11.Bb6 Qd7 12.Nc7 Nc6 13.Nxa8 Rxa8±] **10...Nbd7** [10...d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.Nxd5 Qxd5±] **11.a4?!=** [11.f4 Nb6 12.Na5 exf4 13.Rxf4 Qc7±] **11...Nb6 12.a5 Nc4 13.Bxc4 Bxc4 14.Rfd1 Rc8 15.f3 Rc6 16.Kh1 Qc8 17.Rac1 Rd8?!±** [17...d5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.exd5 Rd8 20.dxc6 Rxd2 21.Nxd2 Be6 22.cxb7 Qxb7=] **18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.exd5 Rc4 20.Qd3 e4** [20...Rh4 21.c4 Nh5±] **21.fxe4 Rxe4** [21...Ng4 22.Rf1 Ne5 23.Qe2 Rxe4±] **22.c4 Re8 23.Bg1?!=** [23.Nd2 Rh4 24.Nf3 Re4± (24...Rg4±)] **23...Bf8?!±** [23...Bd8 24.Nd2 Re2=] **24.Nd4 g6 25.Rf1?!=** [25.Qf3 Bg7 26.b4 h6±] **25...Bh6 26.Qf3** [26.Rc3 Ng4 27.h3 Be3 28.Ne6! Bxg1 29.Qxe4 Nf2+ 30.Rxf2 Bxf2 31.Qf4 (31.Qf3? Ba7 32.Nf4 Re1+ 33.Kh2 Bg1+ 34.Kg3 Qf5+) 31...Bc5 32.Ng5 Qf5 33.Qxf5 gxf5=] **26...Rf4** [26...Bxc1?! 27.Qxf6 Bxb2 28.Qxf7+ Kh8 29.Ne6 R8xe6 30.dxe6 Rxe6 31.Rb1 Rf6 32.Qd5 Rf5 33.Qxd6 Bg7 34.c5 Rf7±] **27.Qd3** [27.Qa3 Rh4 28.Rc2 Ne4=] **27...Ng4?!±** [27...Rfe4 28.Rc3 Ng4=] **28.Nf3?!=** [28.Rxf4 Bxf4 29.Rf1 Be3 30.b3 Qd8±] **28...Rfe4 29.Rc3 Ne3 30.Re1 Qg4 31.Re2 Qh5** [31...Bf4 32.h3 Qd7=] **32.Bxe3 Rxe3 33.Rxe3 Bxe3?!±** [33...Rxe3 34.Qd1 (34.Qb1?! Rxc3 35.bxc3 Qg4±) 34...Rxc3 35.bxc3 Qg4=] **34.Qe2 Qh6 35.c5** temporarily sacking the P to advance the dP **35...dxc5** Carlsen goes up a P **36.d6 Re6 37.d7 Bg5 38.Qd1 Bd8 39.Rxc5** material equality **39...Qf8 40.Rd5?!=** [40.Qd4 Rd6 41.Rd5 Rxd5 42.Qxd5 Qb4±] **40...Qb4 41.b3 Re3 42.Nd2?!±** for the first time in the game, Carlsen gets the advantage [42.Rd3 Rxd3 43.Qxd3 Qxa5=] **42...Qc3 43.Nf3 Qb4?!=** [43...Qxb3 44.h4 Kg7±] **44.Nd2 Qf4 45.Nf3 Rc3 46.Qe2 Qe3 47.Qxe3 Rxe3 48.Rd4?!±** [48.Kg1 Kf8 49.b4 Ke7=] **48...Kf8 49.Rb4?!±** Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [49.Kg1 Ke7 50.b4 f5±] **49...Rd3 50.Rxb7** Jakovenko goes up a P **50...Rd1+ 51.Ng1 Bxa5** material equality **52.g4?!-+** Carlsen gets a " winning " advantage [52.b4 Bd8 53.g3 Ke7±] **52...Ke7 53.Kg2** [53.d8Q+ Kxd8-+] **53...Rxd7** Carlsen goes up a P **54.Rxd7+ Kxd7 55.Kf3** [55.Nf3 f6 56.g5 Ke6-+] **55...Kd6 56.Ke4** - 1.54 [56.Nh3 h6 57.Nf4 Ke5-+ - 1.51] **56...Kc5 57.Kd3 Kd5 58.Nf3 Bd8 59.h3 h6 60.h4 h5 61.gxh5?!-+** - 2.28 [61.g5-+ - 1.84] **61...gxh5 62.Ke3 Kc5 63.Kd3 Kb4-+** - 2.69 **0-1**

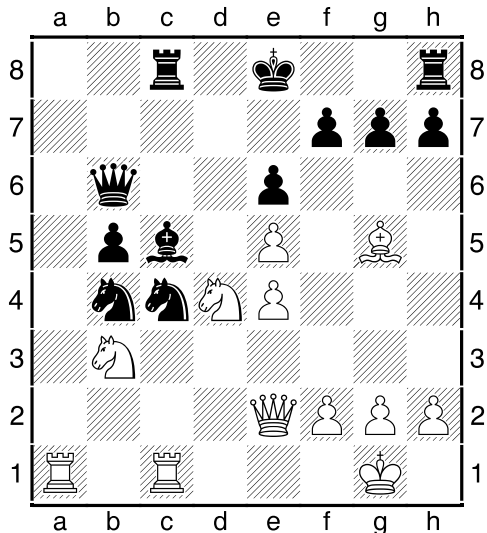
In Rd. 5, Carlsen went up a P, then a B against Radjabov. It gave Carlsen a 2 pt. lead. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2772) – Radjabov, T (2757) [B30]

2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (5), 02.10.2009

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 Nc6 3.Bb5 e6 4.0-0 Nge7 5.c3 a6 6.Ba4 b5 7.Bc2 Bb7 8.Qe2 d5 9.e5?!= [9.d4 cxd4 10.Rd1 dxc3 11.Nxc3 d4±] 9...d4 10.Be4 Qb6?!± [10...Rb8 11.d3 Ng6=] 11.d3 Rd8 12.a4 Nd5 13.axb5 axb5 14.cxd4 cxd4 15.Nbd2 Nf4 16.Qd1 Nb4?!± Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [16...Ng6 17.Re1 Bb4±] 17.Nb3 Bxe4 18.dxe4 Nfd3 19.Bg5 Rc8 20.Nfxd4 Carlsen goes up a P 20...Nxb2 material equality, but he may pay for his K being left in the centre 21.Qe2 Nc4 22.Rfc1 Bc5?!+- Carlsen gets a " winning " advantage [22...Nc6 23.Nxc6 Qxc6±]



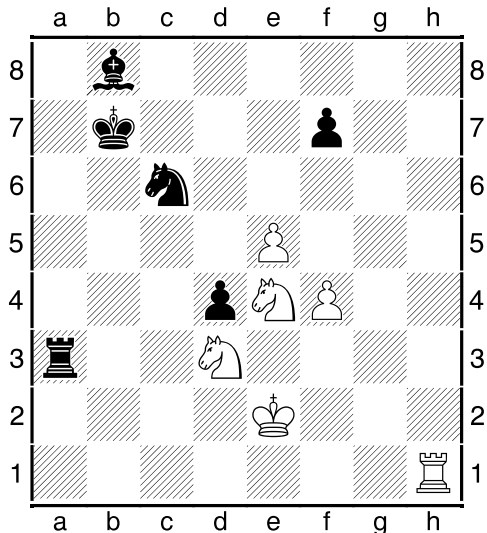
23.Nxb5?!± Carlsen is up a P [23.Nxc5 Qxc5 24.Be3 0-0 25.Nxe6 Qxe5 26.Nxf8 Rxf8+-] 23...0-0?!+- [23...Bxf2+ 24.Qxf2 Qxb5 25.Qe2 0-0±] 24.Nxc5 Carlsen is up B + P 24...Nxe5?+- 4.53 Carlsen is up a B [24...Rxc5 25.Be7 Qxb5 26.Bxc5 Qxc5 27.Qxc4 Qxc4 28.Rxc4 Nd3+- 2.88] 25.Be7+- 4.70 1-0

In Rd. 8 , the game was very close for a long time between Carlsen and Wang. Then Wang sacked in the ending and Carlsen was up an N vs 2 P's, but the position was equal. Then Wang blundered, giving Carlsen a " winning " advantage; later Wang blundered an N. Carlsen maintained his 2 pt. lead over Topalov. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2772) – Wang Yue (2736) [D17]
2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (8), 06.10.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 Nbd7 7.Nxc4 Qc7 8.g3 e5 9.dxe5 Nxe5 10.Bf4 Nfd7 11.Bg2 g5?!± [11...f6 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.Ne3 Be6=] 12.Ne3?!= [12.Bxe5?! Nxe5 13.Qd4 f6=; 12.Nxe5 gxf4 13.Nxd7 Qxd7 14.Qxd7+ Bxd7 15.gxf4 Rg8 16.Be4 h6±] 12...gxf4 13.Nxf5 0-0-0 14.Qc2 Ng6 [14...Nf6 15.0-0 fvg3 16.hxg3 h5=] 15.0-0 Kb8 16.Rfc1?!± [16.e3 fxg3 17.fxg3 h5=] 16...a5?!= [16...h5 17.Nb5 Qb6±] 17.b4! Carlsen sacks a P 17...axb4 Wang goes up a P 18.Nb5 Qe5 19.Nbd4 Bc5 20.Nb3?!± [20.Nf3 Qe6 21.Rab1 Ne7=] 20...h5 21.Rab1?!± Wang gets a " clear " advantage [21.a5 fxg3 22.hxg3 h4±] 21...Ba7 22.Bxc6 [22.e3 fxe3 23.Nxe3 h4±] 22...fxg3 23.hxg3 [23.Bxb7?! gxf2+ 24.Kh1 f1Q+ 25.Rxf1 Kxb7+- - 1.79] 23...Rc8?= [23...Ne7 24.Nbd4 Bxd4 25.Rxb4 Nxc6 (25...Bb6?! 26.Nxe7 Qxe7 27.Rcb1 Rc8±) 26.Qxc6 Bb6±] 24.Qd3 bxc6?!± [24...Rxc6 25.Qxd7 Nh4! (25...Ne7 26.Qxe7 Qxf5±) 26.Nfd4 (26.Nxh4?? Qxg3+ 27.Ng2 Bxf2+ 28.Kh1 Rg8-+) 26...Rxc1+ 27.Rxc1 Qe4=] 25.Qxd7 Rc7 [25...Rcd8? 26.Qxc6 Bxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Qxf5+±] 26.Qd3 h4 27.Nbd4 hxg3?!± Carlsen gets a " clear " advantage [27...c5 28.Nf3 Qe6±] 28.Rxb4+ Ka8 29.Nxg3 Carlsen goes up a P 29...Rd8 30.e3 Nh4 31.Kf1 Qa5?!+- Carlsen gets a " winning " advantage [31...Qd5 32.Qe4 Qxe4 33.Nxe4 Bxd4 34.Rxd4 Rxd4 35.exd4 Nf5±] 32.Rcb1?!± [32.Rxc6! Rxd4 33.Rxd4 Rxc6 34.Rxh4 Bb8+- 2.44] 32...Nf3?!±

[32...Qd5 33.Qe4 Qxe4 34.Nxe4 Bxd4 35.Rxd4 Rxd4 36.exd4 Nf3±] **33.Nb3 Qd5 34.Qxd5 cxd5 35.Rd1 Rc2 36.Rf4 Ne5 37.Nd4 Rc4 38.Nde2 Rxf4 39.Nxf4 d4 40.Nge2 Nc6 41.e4 Rb8 42.Nd5 Rb2 43.Nef4 Kb7 44.Nd3 Rb3 45.Ke2 Ra3 46.f4 Rxa4** material equality **47.Rb1+ Kc8 48.Rc1 Kb7 49.e5 Ra3 50.Rh1 Ra5 51.Nf6 Bb8 52.Rb1+ Kc8 53.Rc1 Kb7 54.Ne4 Ra3 55.Rh1?±** Carlsen is losing his advantage [55.Rc5 Ra2+ 56.Kd1 Ra3±]



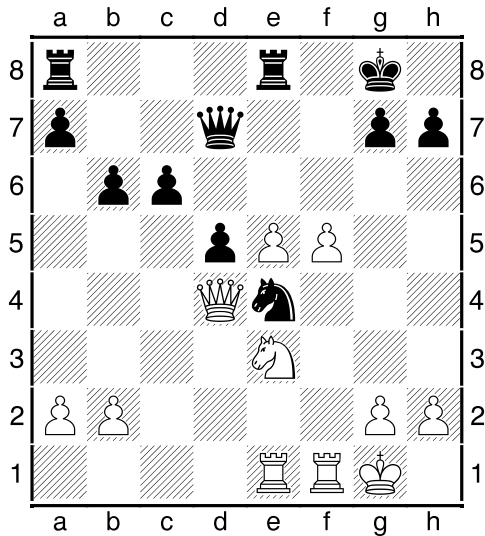
55...Bxe5! a sound sac of 2 pieces to eliminate Carlsen's P's [55...Nxe5! 56.fxe5 Bxe5 57.Nxe5 Re3+ 58.Kd2 Rxe4 59.Nxf7 Re3±] **56.fxe5 Nxe5** Carlsen is temporarily up N vs 2 P's **57.Nd6+** [57.Nxe5 Carlsen would be up 2 N's vs 2 P's 57...Re3+ 58.Kd2 Rxe4 59.Nxf7 Re3± Carlsen would be up N vs P] **57...Ka6 58.Nb4+?!=** Carlsen has lost his advantage [58.Nxe5 Re3+ 59.Kd2 Rxe5 60.Kd3 Re3+ 61.Kxd4 Rf3± Carlsen would be up N vs P] **58...Kb6 59.Rc1 Re3+?!±** [59...Rb3 60.Nd5+ Ka7 61.Ra1+ Kb8=] **60.Kd1 Rb3?+-** Carlsen gets back a "winning" advantage [60...Ka5 61.Nd5 Re1+ 62.Kxe1 Nd3+ 63.Kd2 Nxc1 64.Kxc1 f5± sometimes 2 N's can mate when the opponent still has a P; I don't know if that is the case here.] **61.Nd5+ Ka7 62.Ra1+ Kb8 63.Kc2 Rh3?+-** 4.64 this loses the N; better to give up the exchange [63...Rb7 64.Nxb7 Kxb7+- 3.25] **64.Rb1+ Ka7 65.Rb7+ Ka6 66.Rb6+ Ka5 67.Rb5+ Ka4 68.Nb6+ Ka3 69.Rxe5+-** 5.16 1-0

Even though Carlsen had already won the tournament, he still went on to beat Jakovenko in the last round, going up a P, and then getting it into conversion range. He won the tournament by 2.5 pts.. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2772) – Jakovenko, D (2742) [D31]
2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (10), 09.10.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bf4 c6 6.Qc2 Bd6?!± [6...Na6 7.a3 Qa5=] 7.Bxd6 Qxd6 8.e3 Ne7 9.Bd3 b6 10.Nf3 Ba6 11.0-0?!= [11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.0-0 0-0±] 11...Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Nd7 13.e4 0-0 14.e5 Qe6 15.Rae1 Rfe8 16.Nh4 Ng6?!± [16...Nf8 17.Qg3 Nf5=] 17.Nxg6 Qxg6 18.Qd2 Nf8 [18...Qf5 19.Ne2 a5±] 19.f4 Qf5 20.Nd1 f6?!± Carlsen gets a "clear" advantage [20...Ne6 21.Ne3 Qe4±] 21.Ne3 Qd7 22.Qd3 fxe5 23.dxe5 Ne6 [23...Kh8 24.Nc2 Ng6±] 24.f5 Nc5 25.Qd4 Ne4?!+- 1.50 this loses a P; Carlsen gets a "winning" advantage [25...Qc7? 26.f6 Re6+- 2.48; 25...Rad8 26.e6 Qc7±]

Position after 25...Ne4?!



26.Nxd5! nice sac 26...Qxd5 [26...cxd5?! 27.Rxe4 Qb5+- (27...dxe4?? 28.Qxd7+-)] 27.Qxe4 Carlsen is up a P 27...Rad8 1.51 [27...Qxe4 28.Rxe4 Rad8+- 1.50] 28.e6?!± [28.Qe2 Qd3 29.f6 Rf8+-] 28...Qxe4 29.Rxe4 Rd6?!+- [29...Rd2 30.g4 Rxb2 31.g5 Kf8±] 30.g4 Kf8 31.g5 Ke7 32.Kg2 Rd5 33.Kg3 Kd6 34.h4 c5 35.f6 gxf6 36.gxf6 Rd3+ 37.Kh2 Rd2+ 38.Kh1+- 7.35 1-0

The final standings were (from ChessBase):

2nd Pearl Spring 2009

				1	2	3	4	5	6		
1		Carlsen,M	2772	+230	--	1 ½	½ 1	1 ½	1 ½	1 1	8.0 / 10
2		Topalov,V	2813	-24	0 ½	--	½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	½ 1	5.5 / 10
3		Wang Yuo	2736	-1	½ 0	½ ½	--	½ ½	½ ½	½ ½	4.5 / 10
4		Radjabov.T	2757	-62	0 ½	½ ½	½ ½	--	½ ½	½ ½	4.0 / 10 21.00
6		Leko,P	2762	-68	0 ½	½ 0	½ ½	½ ½	--	½ ½	4.0 / 10 13.25
6		Jakovenko,D	2742	-44	0 0	½ 0	½ ½	½ 1	½ ½	--	4.0 / 10 17.25

FIDE 2009-10 Women Grand Prix # 2 (Nanjing)

The Second Fide Women Grand Prix series 2009-2010 took place in Nanjing, China, from 27th September to 9th October 2009. It included 12 top women players and had a total prize fund of 50,000 Euros. The players were:

#	Player	Title	Nat.	Rating
1	Zhao Xue	GM	CHN	2542
2	Nana Dzagnidze	IM	GEO	2535
3	Marie Sebag	GM	FRA	2519
4	Zhu Chen	GM	QAT	2488
5	Xu Yuhua	GM	CHN	2485
6	Lilit Mkrtchian	IM	ARM	2469

7	Shen Yang	WGM	CHN	2453
8	Ju Wenjun		CHN	2443
9	Batkhuuyag Munguntuul	WGM	MGL	2418
10	Baira Kovanova	WGM	RUS	2408
11	Martha Fierro Baquero	IM	ECU	2386
12	Betul Cemre Yildiz	WIM	TUR	2224

FIDE has also now posted the final four Grand Prix tournaments for 2010:

Nalchik, Russia 23rd April - 6th May 2010

Jermuk, Armenia 23rd June- 6th July 2010

Ulanbaatar, Mongolia 29 July - 12 August 2010

Santiago, Chile 27th October- 9th November 2010

The winner of Grand Prix # 2 was former Women's World Champion Xu Yuhua of China,



who won in rounds 7-10, to win the Women's Grand Prix by 1/2 point with 8/11 pts..

[International Championship of French-Speaking Countries](#)

(from chessdom.com)

27th September until 4th October in Arvier, Aosta Valley, Italy.

Winner of the Canadian Closed Championship and World Cup participant, IM Jean Hebert, claimed the first place with 6.5 points from nine rounds and best tiebreak score. GM Joseph Sanchez from Philippines and IM Anthony Wirig from France also finished with 6.5 points. IM Fred Berend (LUX) and IM Petar Arnaudov (BUL) are sharing the 4th place with 6.0 points each.

U.S. Women's Championship

Played in October in St. Louis, this 12-player round robin was won by last year's champion, Anna Zatonskih. In second was Camilla Baginskaite. Zatonskih & Baginskaite also earned qualification for the next Women's World Championship, to be held in Istanbul, Turkey. The final standings were:

2009 U.S. Women's Championship Standings

#	Name	USCF	FIDE	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	Score
1	Anna Zatonskih	2492	2462		$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	8½
2	Camilla Baginskaite	2356	2317	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	1	6½
3	Alisa Melekhina	2253	2220	0	$\frac{1}{2}$		$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	1	1	5½
4	Irina Krush	2490	2458	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$		0	1	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	5½
5	Tatev Abrahamyan	2342	2275	0	0	0	1		$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	4
6	Sabina Foisor	2379	2320	0	0	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$		1	1	0	1	3½
7	Rusudan Goletiani	2437	2391	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	0		1	1	0	3½
8	Iryna Zenyuk	2271	2285	0	0	1	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0		$\frac{1}{2}$	1	3

9	Battsetseg Tsagaan	2265	2258	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	½	1	2½
10	Yun Fan	2134	1935	0	0	0	½	1	0	1	0	0	2½

Ray Robson is the new youngest GM

(from ChessVibes)

Anish Giri could enjoy the title for about eight months, but now there's a new *youngest grandmaster in the world*: Ray Robson from the USA. By winning the Pan-American Junior Championship in Montevideo, Uruguay Robson clinched his 3rd GM norm, just 14 years 11 months and 16 days old.

In 2007 Robson earned his three IM norms in only six weeks: the first at the 6th North American FIDE Invitational on November 3, 2007, in Chicago, Illinois; the second on November 27 at the World Youth Chess Championship in Antalya, Turkey, and the third and final norm on (December 10) at the University of Texas GM Invitational in Dallas, Texas, making him the [youngest IM-elect](#) in the United States.



On July 16, 2009, Robson became the youngest player ever [to win](#) the U.S. Junior Chess Championship and soon afterwards, just like his IM norms, the three GM norms were scored in a very short time frame. In August he tied for first at the Arctic Chess Challenge in Tromso, Norway, and in the same month Robson earned his second GM norm by winning the 23rd North American FIDE Invitational in Skokie, Illinois.

Since Ray Robson's rating is already over 2500, he's now officially "GM-elect", and soon officially the youngest GM in the world.

Here is the ChessVibes list of when some famous GM's got the title:

No.	Player	Nat.	Years	Months	Days	Year
1	Sergey Karjakin	UKR	12	7	0	2002
2	Parimarjan Negi	IND	13	3	22	2006
3	Magnus Carlsen	NOR	13	3	27	2004
4	Bu Xiangzhi	CHN	13	10	13	1999
5	Teimour Radjabov	AZE	14	0	14	2001
6	Ruslan Ponomarev	UKR	14	0	17	1997
7	Wesley So	PHI	14	1	28	2007
8	Etienne Bacrot	FRA	14	2	0	1997
9	Maxime Vachier-Lagrave	FRA	14	4	0	2005
10	Peter Leko	HUN	14	4	22	1994
11	Hou Yifan	CHN	14	6	2	2008
12	Anish Giri	RUS	14	7	2	2009
13	Yuri Kuzubov	UKR	14	7	12	2004
14	Nguyen Ngoc Truong Son	VIE	14	10	0	2004
15	Fabiano Caruana	ITA	14	11	15	2007
16	Ray Robson	USA	14	11	16	2009
17	Koneru Humpy	IND	15	1	27	2002
18	Hikaru Nakamura	USA	15	2	19	2003
19	Pentala Harikrishna	IND	15	3	5	2001
20	Judit Polgar	HUN	15	4	28	1991
21	Alejandro Ramirez	CRI	15	5	14	2003
22	Bobby Fischer	USA	15	6	1	1958

North American Youth CC

This youth tournament was recently played this month in Mexico: Canada, USA & Mexico. The Canadians who attended did very well:

Under 12

- 1 USA TROFF Kayden W USA 2174 6,5
- 2 CAN FU James CAN 0 5,5**
- 3 MEX VALENZUELA MARTINEZ Herme MEX 1770 5,0

Under 10

- 1 CAN AWATRAMAMI Janak CAN 0 6,5 27,5** (won the FIDE Candidate Master

Title)

2 MEX TELLO CHAVEZ Isaac Valent MEX 0 6,0 25,0

3 MEX ALCANTARA Guillermo MEX 0 5,0 18,0

Under 8

1 USA ZENG Winston USA 0 7,0

2 CAN ZHANG Yuanchen CAN 0 5,5 (an SCC Junior member – Congratulations Yuanchen !)

3 USA TAGHIZADEH Rayan USA 0 5,0

Under 8 girls

1 CAN LIU Jiaxin CAN 0 4,0 17,0

2 MEX HERNANDEZ GUTIERREZ Ashl MEX 0 4,0 14,0

3 USA NGUYEN Emily USA 0 3,5

Toronto Thanksgiving Day Open

Played October 10-12, it drew a record 139 players. SCC Members Randy Moysoski & Bryan Lamb were Organizers, and Bryan was TD. The top players of the various sections were:

OPEN

1st	GM Bator Sambuev	5/6	\$750.00
&			
2nd	IM Nikolay Noritsyn	5/6	\$750.00
3rd	IM Leonid Gerzhoy	4.5/6	\$300.00
	IM Artiom Samsonkin	4/6	\$67.00
4th	Alexander Martchenko	4/6	\$67.00
	David Cummings	4/6	\$67.00

U2300

1st	Yuriy Kryvoshlyk	3.5/6	\$200.00
2nd	Karl Sellars (SCC member)	3/6	\$67.00
&	Pavel Rakov	3/6	\$67.00
3rd	Nikita Gusev	3/6	\$67.00

U2200

1st	Ruperto Frilles	5/6	\$170.00
&			
2nd	Iliia Bluvshstein	5/6	\$170.00
3rd	Mavros Whissell	4.5/6	\$80.00

Important Note: Your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong (1804), played up in this section, ranked last of 20 players – finished tied 11th/12th with 3/6 pts. – 1 win; 4

draws; 1 loss!

U2000

1st	Konstantin Semianiuk	5.5/6	\$220.00
2nd	Dennis Khaiter	4.5/6	\$100.00
&			
3rd	Uwe Hahnewald (SCC member)	4.5/6	\$100.00

U1800

1st	Ferdinand Supsup	5.5/6	\$170.00
&			
2nd	Michael Song	5.5/6	\$170.00
	Nathan Farrant-Diaz (SCC Junior)	4.5/6	\$20.00
	Chris Takov	4.5/6	\$20.00
3rd	Mike Ivanov	4.5/6	\$20.00
	Richard Wing	4.5/6	\$20.00

U1600

1st	Magas Yusuf (SCC Junior)	5.5/6	\$200.00
2nd	Michael Rogers (SCC Member)	5/6	\$100.00
	Steve Karpik (SCC Member)	4.5/6	\$40.00
3rd	Yinshi Li	4.5/6	\$40.00

U1400

1st	Qiang Li	5/6	\$200.00
2nd	Wayne Siu	4.5/6	\$100.00
3rd	Zhanna Sametova	4/6	\$40.00
	Derek Green	4/6	\$40.00

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1st	Eric Song	3.5/6	\$80.00
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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 ! This Issue we introduce

Pino Verde



Growing up in Sicily, Checkers was the game played in my family, and with friends. Many times, playing with my father, we would lose our sense of time, and were called "ad infinitum" by my mother that dinner was ready, and dinner was cold, and dinner was in the garbage bin!

When I was about eight or nine, something happened that scarred my "fragile psyche" very badly.

One day my mother got so exasperated by my spending every moment, after school, playing Checkers with friends or by myself, that she took the hammer, and reduced the "64" little squares, in "500" very little, all shaped, and jagged, pieces of wood....now, I collect chessboards and chessmen!!!.....which brings me to my "passione" for the Royal Game!

I learned the moves in my early twenties, from a relative, back in Sicily, after spending many years in Boston, USA.

The "Bug" bit me immediately, and the many hundred of games that I lost, did not deter me, from trying to learn more!

One day, at my local book store, I found a chess book with the title "il Mio Sistema", (My System) by Nimzovich. I do not have to tell you that it became my Bible, but I do, just in case!

I must say that, just because I was in possession of "My System" and played and studied all the games and the principles expounded by the Master, did not mean I became a strong player, but just enough to win games from my relative-teacher, and a couple more of my friends! What I, mostly, got from the book, was the love for the game, and the fun to play all sort of strange and, very often, unsound openings set-up, that have been with me to this day! Fun is what I get on Thursday nights at the club, and fun is what I get at the occasional tournament I play in! Many times one hears the phrase: "Winning is not everything; it is the fun you get that is more important", and I have appreciated this for a long time, but, please, let me tell you: "Winning, is always better than losing"!!!

Soon after I came to Canada, in 1977, I became a member of the Canadian Correspondence Chess Association, and, since I could not play OTB Chess, but sporadically, "Postal Chess" was my other outlet for fun: many opponents just play the moves, and apart from the greetings at the beginning of the game, they stay silent, until the end, a couple of years later. Fortunately, many others become friends, and exchange correspondence, or send pictures of family members, even years after the game is over! I am one of the second group, but respect those players who prefer not to be derailed away from the seriousness of tough correspondence play. Of course, this is very understandable when one plays 50 or more games at the same time!
A warning: If you think that OTB Chess is addictive, "you haven't seen nothing yet" until you try Correspondence Chess!
It's your move, now!

SCC'ers at the Toronto Labour Day Open

(second in a three-part series)

The TLDO was a 6-round tournament, organized by Bryan Lamb and Randy Moysoski (both SCC members), and TD'd by Bryan, was held September 5-7 in 5 section swisses. 176 players showed, a new record for this millennium. 28 SCC members competed, and there were 8 former SCC members.

I did my regular " begging routine " with all the members and former members to try to put together a series of articles on " interesting " games at the tournament by these players. Here is the second installment of games so far – I hope some more may yet dribble in, and I'll be able to do a third article in the series.

In Rd. 5, your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong,



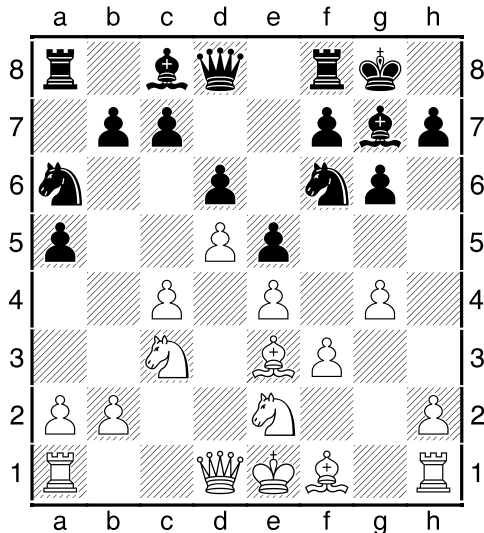
met expert Steve Laughlin, who has played only a little recently – but from this game, you'd never know it. Steve executed a thematic sac in the KID-Samisch, and then proceeded to roll me (though I did help him out a bit with one lemon of a move). The game has many tactical themes. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Armstrong, Robert (1814) – Laughlin, Steve (2046) [E87]

Toronto Labour Day Open Toronto (5), 07.09.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± [2...e6=] 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 King's Indian Defence **5.f3?!=** Samisch Variation [5.Nf3=] **5...0-0 6.Be3 e5?!±** the most popular move, but not best [6...Nfd7 7.h4 c5 8.h5 cxd4 9.Bxd4 g5 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.h6+ Kh8=] **7.d5** [7.Nge2?! Nfd7 (7...exd4?! 8.Nxd4 Nc6 9.Qd2 Qe7±) 8.Qd2 Nb6=] **7...a5** [7...Nfd7 8.Qd2 f5 9.exf5 gxf5 10.0-0-0 Na6±] **8.Nge2 Na6 9.g4** I play this move to invite Bl to sac – leads to an exciting game [Best is 9.Qd2 a4 (9...Nc5?! 10.h4 a4 (10...Ra6 11.h5 Nxb5 12.g4 Nf4 13.Nxf4 exf4 14.Bxf4 Rb6 15.0-0-0 Re8±; 10...h5 11.0-0-0 Bd7±) 11.0-0-0 h5±) 10.h4 h5 11.0-0-0 Qe7±]

Position after 9.g4



9...Bxg4! the sac is sound, and is hard to meet over the board [9...h5 10.h3 Nd7 11.gxh5 Qh4+ 12.Bf2 Qxh5±] **10.fxg4 Nxg4** I am up B vs 2 P, and have a " slight " advantage **11.Qd2** [11.Bf2?! Nxf2 (11...Qf6 12.Bg1 Qh4+ 13.Ng3 f5=) 12.Kxf2 f5 13.exf5 Qh4+ 14.Ng3 Rxf5+ 15.Kg2 Raf8=] **11...Qh4+ 12.Kd1?!=** I choose the wrong defence [12.Ng3 Nxe3 (12...f5?? 13.Bg5 Nxb2 14.Bxb4 Nf3+ 15.Kd1 Nxd2 16.Kxd2 f4+- 3.69) 13.Qxe3 Bh6 14.Qf2 Nc5 15.Rg1 Kh8±] **12...f5 13.a3??-+** a losing blunder; at the beginning of my analysis, I saw the danger of the fP push. But then I went on to analyze how to run my K, and I forgot about the push – go figure. [13.exf5 Nxe3+ 14.Qxe3 gxf5 15.Rg1 Qxc4 16.Qg5 Rf7=] **13...f4 14.Bg1** – 2.45 [14.Nxf4? exf4 15.Bg1 f3 16.Be3 Rae8+- 4.31] **14...f3 15.Kc2?+-** – 3.32 [15.Be3 Nf2+ 16.Bxf2 fxe2+ 17.Bxe2 Rxf2 18.Qe3 Nc5 19.Qg3 Qf4 – 2.56] **15...f2 16.h3?+-** – 6.19 [16.Bxf2 Rxf2 17.Rg1 Nc5+- 4.83] **16...Bh6 17.Qd3?+-** – 8.38 [17.hxg4 Qxh1 18.Bg2 Qxg2 19.Qxh6 f1Q 20.Rxf1 Rxf1+- 7.53] **17...Ne3+ 18.Kb1 fxg1Q?+-** – 8.64 [18...Nc5 19.Qxe3 Bxe3 20.Bh2 Nxe4 21.Kc2 Nd2+- 13.12] **19.Rxg1 Nxf1** Steve is up B + P **20.Ka2?+-** – 11.67 walking right into a nice tactic [20.Qd1 Nd2+ 21.Kc2 Rf2+- 8.35] **20...Nb4+!! 21.axb4 axb4+** Steve is only up 2 P, but more material is about to come his way **22.Kb1** – 21.71 I'm a bit shell-shocked by now [22.Kb3 Rxa1 23.Kxb4 Qf2 24.Kb3 Rf3 25.Qxf3 Qxf3+- 21.36] **22...Nd2+-** – 21.70 I resigned. I must lose more material and it is mate

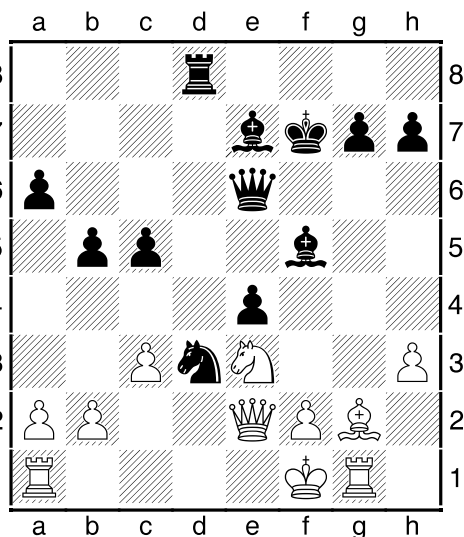
23.Qxd2 [23.Kc2 b3+ 24.Kd1 Rxa1+ 25.Nc1 Qf2 26.Rxg6+ hxg6 27.Qe2 Qg1+ 28.Qe1 Rf1 29.Ke2 Qe3+ 30.Kd1 Rxe1#] **23...Bxd2 24.Kc2 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Bxc3 26.Nxc3 bxc3 27.Kxc3+** it is mate in 8 moves **0-1**

In Rd. 2, member Hassan Pishdad met his match with junior girl, Rebecca Giblon – she is the 2009 U 12 yrs Canadian Champion, and finished in a tie for third in the U 1600 section. However Hassan was winning most of the game. Rebecca did go up the exchange, but Hassan had a P compensation. But Hassan got impatient and blundered a B and Rebecca then finished with a nice K-side attack. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Giblon, Rebecca (1530) – Pishdad, Hassan (1376) [B56]

Toronto Labour Day Open (U 2200) Toronto (2), 05.09.2009

1.e4 0.20 **1...c5** Sicilian Defence [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 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6 5.Nc3 Bd7** [5...Nf6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7] **6.Be3 Nf6 7.h3** [7.Be2 g6 8.f4 Bg7] **7...e5?!±** Rebecca gets a " clear " advantage (Fritz dislikes this line of the Sicilian) [7...e6 8.f4 (8.Bd3?! Be7=) 8...Be7] **8.Ndb5 Be6 9.Qd2?** Hassan gets a " clear " advantage [9.Nd5 Bxd5 10.exd5 Ne7] **9...a6 10.Na3 b5 11.Nd5?!-+** Hassan gets an early " winning " advantage [11.Nab1 b4 12.Nd5 Nxe4 13.Qd3 Nc5 14.Qd1 Qa5] **11...Nxe4** Hassan goes up a P **12.Qd3 f5?!?** [12...Nc5 13.Qd2 Ne7+] **13.Bb6 Nc5?!?** [13...Qc8 14.Nc7+ Kf7 15.Nxa8 Qxa8] **14.Qd1?!?** [14.Qe3?! Qb8 15.Nc7+ Kf7 16.Nxa8 f4 17.Qd2 Ne4 18.Qe2 d5; 14.Qg3 Qb8 15.Nc7+ Kf7 16.Nxa8 d5] **14...Qb8 15.Nc7+ Kf7 16.Nxa8 Qxa8** Rebecca is up the exchange, but Hassan has a P compensation **17.Bxc5 dxc5 18.c3 Be7** [18...e4 19.Be2 Be7 20.0-0 Ne5] **19.g4?!-+** [19.Qh5+ g6 20.Qf3 (20.Qh6?! f4+) 20...Rd8] **19...Nb8?=-** Hassan has lost his advantage [19...Nd4! 20.cxd4 Qxh1 21.gxf5 Bxf5 22.dxc5 Rd8+] **20.Rg1 Rd8** [20...Qe4+ 21.Qe2 Qf4=] **21.Qe2 Qd5 22.gxf5 Bxf5 23.Bg2 Qe6 24.Qf3?** Hassan gets back a " clear " advantage [24.Be4 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Qxh3=] **24...e4 25.Qe2?!-+** Hassan gets a " winning " advantage again [25.Qh5+ Bg6 26.Qg4 Qxg4 27.hxg4 Nc6] **25...Nc6 26.Nc2 Ne5 27.Ne3 Nd3+ 28.Kf1**



Bxh3??+- blunder – Hassan gets too impatient and goes for the hP; it needs a preparatory move; Rebecca gets a " winning " advantage [28...Nf4 29.Qc2 Bxh3 30.c4 Nxg2 31.Rxg2 Rd4-+] **29.Qh5+** what Hassan missed **29...Kg8 30.Bxh3** Rebecca is up R vs 2 P's **30...Qf6 31.Ng4?+-**

1.41 [31.Bf5 g6 32.Rd1 Kg7+- 2.50] **31...Qg5?+-** 7.16 [31...Qf4 32.Qf5! Rf8 33.Qxf4 Rxf4+- 1.86] **32.Nh6!** **gxf6** **33.Rxg5+ hxg5?+-** Mate in 18 moves ! (Isn't Fritz wonderful !) [33...Bxg5 34.Be6+ Kh8 35.Qf7 Ne5 36.Qa7 Ng6+- 8.22] **34.Bf5?+-** 8.26 Rebecca misses the long computer mate. But Hassan resigned[34.Be6+ Kg7 35.Qf7+ Kh6+- it is mate in 14 moves] **1-0**

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, SCC member, Orillia CC President)

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the question:

Which opening attack or defense did Fischer NOT play regularly?

The Answer (We had no winner): **French Defense**

Today's Trivia Question is:

I played Black in the following game. Who am/was I?

1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. e3 O-O 6. Nf3 Nbd7

7. Rc1 c6 8. Qc2 a6 9. c5 e5 10. dxe5 Ng4 11. Bxe7 Qxe7

12. Na4 Re8 13. Bd3 h6 14. Nd4 Ndx5 15. Nb6 Nxf2 16. Bh7+ Kh8

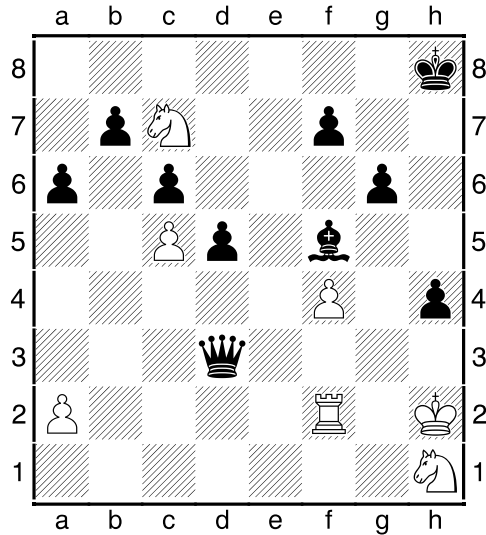
17. O-O Nfg4 18. Nxa8 Nxe3 19. Qe2 Nxf1 20. Bb1 Nxb2 21. Nb6

Nef3+ 22. gxf3 Qg5+ 23. Kxh2 Rxe2+ 24. Nxe2 Qe5+ 25. Ng3 Qxb2+

26. Rc2 Qxb1 27. Re2 Be6 28. f4 g6 29. Na8 h5 30. Nc7 h4

31. Nh1 Qd3 32. Rf2 Bf5

Final Position



0-1

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.

Here is an addendum to our trivia issue of who was the oldest person to receive the GM title. We had rejected Enrico Paoli, as only receiving an "honourary" GM title. We had accepted Jaanis Klovans – age 62. But it seems we were wrong to accept Michael Perez's answer. There are older persons than him – many. Here is the research from our subscriber Egis Zeromskis, who we will have to now declare our new winner (sorry Michael):

BYEA	GMYE	RE#	OLD	Name
1908	1996	616	88	Paoli, Enrico
1865	1950	18	85	Mieses, Jacques
1903	1988	333	85	Koltanowski, George
1902	1985	275	83	Monticelli, Mario
1904	1987	310	83	Makogonov, Vladimir
1896	1977	172	81	Canal, Esteban
1870	1950	17	80	Maroczy, Geza
1923	2003	980	80	Zemgalis, Elmārs

1904	1983	246	79	Lundin, Erik
1910	1987	312	77	Mikênas, Vladas
1910	1986	289	76	Dake, Arthur
1909	1983	240	74	Alatortsev, Vladimir
1910	1984	250	74	Book, Eero
1911	1985	272	74	Golombek, Harry
1910	1983	245	73	Konstantinopolsky, Alexander
1905	1977	185	72	Torre Repetto, Carlos
1922	1992	452	70	Teschner, Rudolf
1913	1982	235	69	Prins, Lodewijk
1882	1950	2	68	Bernstein, Ossip
1882	1950	7	68	Duras, Oldřich
1882	1950	22	68	Rubinstein, Akiba
1914	1981	223	67	Denker, Arnold
1937	2004	1037	67	Shabanov, Yuri
1885	1950	28	65	Vidmar, Milan
1922	1987	317	65	Sliwa, Bogdan
1933	1998	711	65	Penrose, Jonathan
1934	1999	740	65	Dely, Péter
1921	1985	279	64	Sajtar, Jaroslav
1936	2000	779	64	Chernikov, Oleg
1887	1950	13	63	Kostic, Boris
1887	1950	27	63	Tartakower, Savielly
1921	1984	259	63	Puc, Stojan
1889	1951	29	62	Bogoljubov, Efim
1935	1997	651	62	Klovans, Janis

Resource http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_chess_grandmasters (years maybe +-1 for rounding)

But I still have a question – I believe when FIDE instituted the formal GM title, they gave the title to some persons of the past who had been of GM strength – was this in 1950? Were the persons on the list from 1950 in this group? If so, I don't think they also should count, since they were GM strength much earlier in their life than when they obtained the title. Would that make American George Koltanowski the oldest GM then (who actually obtained the title while playing at an old age)? Let us know what you think !!

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 Howard Ridout Memorial Swiss

Open to SCC members only
No field limit
Two sections (Open and U1700)
September 10, 17, 24, October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Entry Fee: None
Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb
Time control: G/90
Rounds: 8
Type: Swiss

46 players have shown up for the Open section. It is headed by 7 masters (!) and 5 experts, some of whom are former masters. 31 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of 77 players is a bit higher than our average last year of mid-70's per tournament. The executive feels we can take 80 players at maximum (though admittedly quite crowded), and so we are starting to feel the pressure on our maximum.

The leaders after 5 rds. are:

Open Section:

1st – 4.5 pts. – Master Andrei Moffat
2nd / 5th – 4 pts. – Master John Hall, Master Michael Humphreys, Expert David Southam, Expert Rune Pedersen

U 1700 Section:

1st – 4.5 pts. – Ian Mahoney
2nd – 4 pts. – John Walker
3rd / 6th – 3.5 pts. – Andrew Philip; Scott Huston; Magas Yusuf; Samir Hossain

There will be no games of this tournament either sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament has concluded. This is because of the new policy adopted at the recent 2009-10 SCC AGM concerning, score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If you are interested in finding out about this new policy, just e-mail me at bobarm@sympatico.ca and I will forward to you the new policy. My thanks to SCC member Ken Kurkowski who is now volunteering to work with me on entering the SCC games each week into the Howard Ridout Swiss Database, which will be sent out to members when the tournament is concluded.

Express Your INNER Self !!

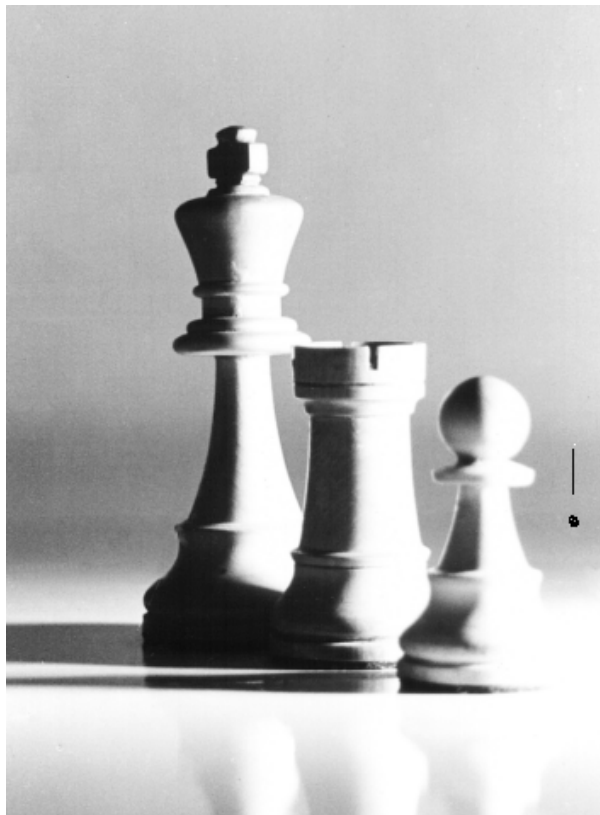
Got a chess issue that has been bothering you for a while? Got a favourite chess topic that you've always wanted to share with other chess players? Read something in SCTCN&V that you profoundly agreed with, or maybe (surely not !) disagreed with?

SCTCN&V may be for you. We are very open to publishing freelance articles from our readers – David Cohen and Erik Malmsten have presented us with material in the past. Now we have a new columnist, Rick Garel. Maybe there's a writer inside just waiting to get going !

Also, if you would like us to cover some topic, send us your idea, and we'll see if we can write something up on it.

This may be the chance you've been waiting for ! Want to express your inner self???

An Impressive Trio !



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