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Scarborough CC – Very Strong 2010-11 Club Championship !

Scarborough Chess Club starts its 2010-11 Club Championship in a little over a week – on Thursday, February 24.

The feature attraction is the very strong Championship Section 10-player round robin of the 9 highest rated club members registering, plus the winner of the 2009-10 Reserves Top Section (or the next place finisher in case the winner qualifies by rating or is not playing). 8 players will be over 2100, the ninth player will be just shy of 2100, while the Reserves Qualifier will be significantly lower-rated – the top section will include 5 Masters! The current average rating of the 9 by rating is 2200! This may well be the strongest club championship in Canada. Unfortunately, last year’s champion, WIM Yuanling Yuan (2352), is unable to return to defend her title. So it’s wide open !

As of today’s rating and activity criteria, the top section looks to be:

1. Master Rune **Pedersen** (2311)
2. Master Andrei **Moffat** (2255)
3. Master Josh **Guo** (2244)
4. Master John **Hall** (2226)
5. Master Andrew **Picana** (2206)
6. Michael **Song** (2187)
7. Bryan **Lamb** (2156)
8. Erwin **Casareno** (2136)
9. Ilyas **Nasirov** (2095)

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The Replacements List – in case anyone of # 1- # 9 should cancel:

10	David Southam	2083
11	Alex T Ferreira	2037
12	Robert Bzikot	2027
13	Kevin Wu	2011
14	David Krupka	1981
15	Tony [juntao] Lin	1967

10. 2009-10 Reserves Top Section Qualifier

The winner of the prior year's Open Reserves Section is the Reserves Qualifier and gets the 10th spot.:

Here was the situation, based on last year's Open Reserves Championship:

2009-10 Scarborough CC Championship

.....Tie-Break

Andrew Picana 7.5 - now qualifies by rating
Randy Moysoski 7 - doesn't meet activity criteria
Mike Conte 6 - doesn't meet activity criteria
Kevin Wu (2011) 6.....32
Pepin Manalo (1817) 6.....32
Robert Bzikot 6.....29.5

So the issue was whether Kevin Wu or Pepin Manalo got the Reserves Qualifier position in this year's club championship. **Pepin Manalo** got the best secondary tie-break, and so he is the Reserves Qualifier this year. Should he decline to play , then Kevin is next in line (but Kevin needs to play in Rd. 7 of the Jack Frost Swiss to make the activity criteria)..After Kevin, the next qualifier would be Robert Bzikot.

It has always been a live issue at SCC whether we have decided on the correct system here. Some argue that the championship would be stronger if, where the Reserves winner doesn't need their prize, or doesn't use it, we should pick the 10th highest rated player to fill the vacancy, rather than go down the list of placers in the Reserves. This year we were down to the 4th and 5th place finishers. Doesn't this weaken the championship?.

Well, the club decision made was that SCC's priority here was to entice more players into the " Open Reserves ". Entry into the next year's club championship section has proved an attractive prize - we have had numbers of experts playing, for a chance to get into the championship section, where it might not be possible for them by rating. It is felt that the enticement is even greater if the prize is a " trickle down " one - if the winner doesn't make use of the prize, then it goes to the runner-up, etc.. So even one of our good " class " players might get in – the prize of a lifetime !! And this year it could have been

either the 4th or 5th place finisher ! The chance of getting in can be won, even if not winning the tournament ! It was felt that the club could accept one player being slightly lower rated in the championship section, in order to promote the Open Reserves.

Congratulations to Pepin on winning a place in the 2010-11 SCC Club Championship.

(Note: this preliminary list is subject to change depending on whether ratings change by Wed., Feb. 23)

The balance of the players play in the Reserves – it has a top Open Section 1700 & over, and a lower U 1700 section (a player U 1700 has the right to play in the higher section if within 100 points of the higher section rating floor). As was said, the winner of the Reserves Open Section qualifies into the 2011-12 Championship Section. So there is definitely a prize to play for in playing in the top Reserves section !

This year we have averaged 93 players in our 3 swisses. And the club championship is usually our largest tournament.

Though our top section is now almost determined, there will be stiff competition in the top Reserves section, which will be headed up by a number of experts this year. This section and our U 1700 section provide good competitive games to the average club player. So come on out, join one of the Reserves sections, and enjoy 9 weeks of SCC's competitive, but friendly, tournament chess.

Help us break the 100 registrants mark for the first time since back in the 90's !

Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival 2011

This year this 10-round swiss tournament received more grandmasters than ever before and was the strongest tournament yet. It was played over 11 days - 24 January to Thursday 3 February. The new primary sponsors, Tradewise Insurance Company Ltd, have enabled the prize fund to be increased to £126,000, with £17,500 going to the winner of the Gibraltar Masters, £10,000 to the top woman scorer and two extra rating prizes (of £2,000 and £1,000) being awarded to each of two further rating bands (2000-2099 and under 2000) in the Masters. The tournament is powered by previous primary sponsors, Gibtelecom. There were 233 participants in the Masters tournament, and it used hyper-accelerated pairings..

Vassily Ivanchuk, Michael Adams, Fabiano Caruana, Francisco Vallejo Pons, Viktor Bologan, Krishnan Sasikiran, Alexander Onischuk, Liviu-Dieter Nisipeanu, Kiril Georgiev, Pentala Harikrishna and Nigel Short were the top players competing.

The winner was Ivanchuk with 9/10 pts.. After this win, he moved up into the # 5 spot in the world “ live “ ratings !

Here are the top finishers:

Rk. Name FED Rtg Pts. TB1

1 GM **Ivanchuk** Vassily UKR 2764 **9.0** 2968



2 GM Short Nigel D ENG 2658 8.5 2883

3 GM Kulaots Kaido EST 2577 7.5 2750

4 GM Roiz Michael ISR 2649 7.5 2743

In Rd. 5, the two co-leaders, with perfect scores, played a tough positional struggle on Bd. 1. Eventually Nigel Short (England) went up a P against Russian Nadezhda Kosintseva, and then went on to win. This left him alone in first. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):



Nigel Short vs Nadezhda Kosintseva

Short, N (2658) – Kosintseva, N (2552) [D38]

Gibraltar Masters Caleta ENG (5), 29.01.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7?!± [6...h6 7.Bh4 c6=] 7.Rc1?!= [7.e3 c5 8.Be2 h6±] 7...h6 8.Bf4 [8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 c6=] 8...c6 9.a3 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 0-0 11.e3 Qe7

12.a4 Nh5?!± [12...Nb6 13.a5 Nc4 14.Bxc4 dxc4=] **13.Be5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Nf6 15.Bd3 Nd7 16.Nf3?!=** [16.Nxd7 Bxd7 17.0-0 Be6±] **16...Nf6 17.Qc2 c5 18.Qb2 Ne4 19.0-0 Bf5?!±** [19...c4 20.Bxe4 Qxe4=] **20.dxc5** Short goes up a P [20.c4?! dxc4 21.Bxc4 Rac8=] **20...Bd7 21.Bxe4?!=** [21.Qxb7 Nxc5 22.Qb4 Bxa4±] **21...dxe4 22.Nd4 Bxa4** material equality **23.Ra1 Bc6 24.Ra5 Rac8?!±** [24...Qf6 25.c4 Rfe8=] **25.Rxa7?!=** [25.Qb4 Ra8 26.Rfa1 a6±] **25...Qxc5 26.Rfa1 Rfd8?!±** [26...Qc4 27.Nf5 Qe6=] **27.R7a5?!=** [27.c4 Kh7 28.R7a5 (28.Qe2?! Rc7=) 28...Qd6±] **27...Qe7** [27...Qc4 28.Qb4 Bd5=] **28.h3** [28.Qb3 Rc7 29.c4 Bd7=] **28...Rd5?!±** [28...Bd5 29.Rb5 Rc4=] **29.Rxd5?!=** [29.Qb4 Qxb4 30.cxb4 Rxa5 31.Rxa5 Kf8±] **29...Bxd5 30.Ra5 Bc4 31.Nf5 Qc7 32.Qa3 Rd8 33.Ra8 Kh7?±** Short gets a " clear " advantage [33...Rxa8 34.Qxa8+ Kh7=] **34.Rxd8 Qxd8 35.Nd6 Be6 36.Qb4 b6?!+-** Short gets a " winning " advantage [36...f5 37.Nxe4! Qd1+ 38.Kh2 Bd5 39.Ng3 Qd3±] **37.Qxe4+** Short goes up a P again **37...Kg8 38.Qd4 Qg5 39.h4 Qe7 40.Kh2 Qc7 41.f4 Qe7 42.Kg3 Qd8 43.e4 Qb8 44.f5 Bb3 45.e5** Short nurses his P's forward **45...Qc7 46.Kh2 Qc6 47.f6 Be6 48.Qe3 gxf6 49.Qg3+ Kh7 50.exf6 Bg4 51.Kh1 Qd7 52.Nc4?+-** 1.56 [52.Qd3+ Kg8 53.Qe3! Qxd6 54.Qxh6 Qf8 55.Qg5+ Kh8 56.Qxg4 Qh6+- 6.00] **52...Qe6** 4.09 [52...Qd1+ 53.Kh2 h5+- 3.72] **53.Ne3 h5 54.Qf4 Qa2** 6.30 [54...Qe8? 55.Qg5 Qf8 56.Nxg4 hxg4 57.Qh5+ Kg8 58.Qxg4+ Kh8+- 10.18] **55.Qe4+-** 6.54 Short is going to win another P; Kosintseva resigned. The game could have continued **55...Kh8 56.Nxg4 hxg4** [56...Qe6 57.Qxe6 fxe6 58.Ne5+- 17.52 Short would be up N + P] **57.Kh2 Qe6 58.Qxe6 fxe6 59.Kg3 e5 60.Kxg4+-** 17.08 Short would be up 2 P's **1-0**

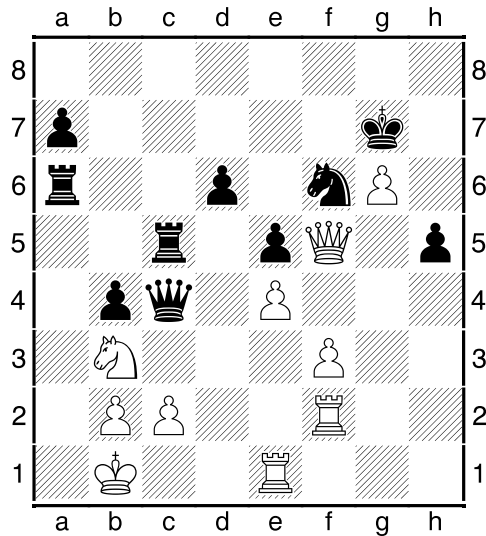
In Rd. 5, GM Vassily Ivanchuk (Ukraine - 2764) got a nice mate against Vasilios Kotronias (Greece - 2599). But he was worse all game, until he finally got his attack going. The win put him into a 2-way tie for second, ½ pt. behind the leader, Nigel Short (England). Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kotronias, V (2599) – Ivanchuk, V (2764) [B78]

Gibraltar Masters Caleta ENG (5), 29.01.2011

1.e4= 0.16 **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 g6** [2...Nc6±] **3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4** [4.Qxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6±] **4...Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0?!=** [10.0-0 Ne5 11.Bb3 Rc8±] **10...Rb8?!±** [10...Qc7 11.Be2 a6=] **11.Bb3?!=** [11.h4 h5 12.Rhe1 (12.Kb1?! b5=) 12...b5±] **11...Na5 12.Bh6 Bxh6 13.Qxh6 b5 14.g4** launching a K-side pawn storm [14.Nd5 e5 15.Nxf6+ Qxf6 16.Ne2 Nxb3+ 17.axb3 Rb6=] **14...b4 15.Nd5 Nxb3+ 16.Nxb3 e5?!±** [16...Nxd5 17.exd5 e5 18.dxe6 Bxe6=] **17.Ne3 Be6 18.h4** another P gets thrown up **18...Kh8 19.Qg5 Rb6** Ivanchuk starts to set up his own Q-side attack **20.Na5?!=** [20.h5 Nd7 21.Qxd8 Rxd8±] **20...Kg7** [20...Ra6? 21.Nb7 Qe7 22.Rxd6 Rxa2±] **21.Nf5+ Bxf5 22.gxf5** the pawn attack is closing in **22...Qc7?±** Kotronias gets a " clear " advantage [22...Ra6 23.Nb3 h6=] **23.fxg6 fxg6** [23...hxg6 24.h5 Rc8±] **24.h5 Rc8** Ivanchuk continues to build his own attack **25.Rd2 Ra6 26.hxg6** Kotronias goes up a P **26...h5** Ivanchuk will hide behind the W P [26...Rxa5?? 27.gxh7+ Kf7+- mate in 14 moves(27...Kh8+- mate in 8 moves)] **27.Nb3 Rxa2** material equality **28.Kb1 Ra6 29.Qf5?=-** [29.Rdh2 Qc4 30.Rg2 Qe6±] **29...Qc4?±** [29...Rc6 30.Rhh2 a5=] **30.Re1 Rc5!** an offer that has to be refused **31.Rf2?=-** Kotronias loses his advantage [31.Red1 Rc7 32.Qg5 Rcc6±; 31.Nxc5?? Qa2+ 32.Kc1 Qa1#]

Position after 31.Rf2?



31...Rca5! can Ivanchuk make something out of this? **32.Re3??-+** a blunder under the attack pressure; allows a skewer with a mate threat; Ivanchuk gets a win [32.Rd1 Ra1+ 33.Nxa1 Qa2+ 34.Kc1 Qxa1+ 35.Kd2 Qxb2=; 32.Nxa5 Rxa5 33.Rg2 Qa2+ 34.Kc1 Rc5 35.Rd1 Qa1+ 36.Kd2 Qxb2 37.Ke1 Rxc2 38.Rxc2 Qxc2 39.Rxd6 Qc1+ 40.Ke2 Qc2+ 41.Kf1 Qc4+ 42.Ke1 Qc1+ 43.Ke2 Qc2+ 44.Ke1= (44.Rd2 Qc4+ 45.Kf2 Qc3 46.Ra2 a5 47.Rxa5 Qd2+ 48.Kf1 Qd3+ 49.Kg2 Qe2+ 50.Kh3 Qf1+ 51.Kh2 b3=)] **32...Qd4** neither R can get to the back rank to protect, without losing the other one **33.Nxa5** [33.Nxd4?? Ra1#] **33...Qd1+ 34.Ka2 Rxa5+** Kotronias is up the exchange, but is lost **35.Kb3 Qa1 36.c3??-+** leads to mate in 12 moves [36.Kc4 Qxb2 37.Rd2 Qc1 38.Kd3 Qf1+ 39.Rde2 Qd1+ 40.Rd2 Ra3+ 41.Kc4 Qxd2+- - 23.14] **36...Qa4+ 37.Kc4 bxc3+-+** Kotronias resigned. It is mate in 10 moves **38.Kd3 cxb2 39.Qxf6+ Kxf6 40.Rxb2 Qd1+ 41.Rd2 Ra3+ 42.Kc4 Qc1+ 43.Rc2 Qxc2+ 44.Rc3 Qxc3+ 45.Kd5 Qc5# 0-1**

In Rd. 6, Short, alone in first, played Ivanchuk, who was in a 2-way tie for second. Ivanchuk managed to go up 2 P's, and despite Nigel's valiant effort, he couldn't stop the pawns. So Ivanchuk moved into first place alone. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ivanchuk, V (2764) – Short, N (2658) [A40]

Gibraltar Masters Caleta ENG (6), 30.01.2011

1.d4 e6± [1...Nf6=] **2.c4=** [2.e4±] **2...Bb4+ 3.Nd2 d5 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Qa4+ Nc6 6.a3 Bxd2+?!±** [6...Be7 7.e3 0-0=] **7.Bxd2 Ne4** [7...0-0 8.Bg5 h6±] **8.Bf4 g5 9.Be3 f5 10.g3 0-0** [10...Qf6?! 11.cxd5 exd5±; 10...Rf8 11.h4 f4 12.gxf4 gxf4 13.Bc1 Qf6±] **11.Rd1 Kh8?!±** [11...Qf6 12.Qc2 g4±] **12.Bg2?!±** [12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Qc1 Rg8±] **12...f4 13.Bc1** [13.gxf4 gxf4 14.Bc1 Qf6±] **13...g4 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Ne5 f3?±** Ivanchuk gets a " clear " advantage [15...fxg3 16.hxg3 Nxf2 17.Ng6+ Kg7 18.Nxf8 Nxh1 19.Bxh1 Kxf8± (19...Qxf8 20.Bxd5 Qd6±)] **16.exf3 gxf3 17.Bxf3** Ivanchuk goes up a P **17...Nxe5 18.dxe5 Nc5 19.Qd4 Rxf3 20.Qxc5 c6 21.0-0 Be6 22.Qd6 Qe8 23.Bg5 Qf7?!+-** Ivanchuk gets a " winning " advantage [23...Kg8 24.Bf6 Bh3±] **24.Bf6+ Kg8 25.Kg2?!±** [25.Rd4 Bf5 26.Qb4 Be4+-] **25...Rb3 26.Rd2 Re8 27.f3 Qg6?!+-** [27...Qh5 28.h4 a6±] **28.Rff2 Qh6 29.g4 Re3 30.h4 Qf4 31.Qb4?!±** [31.Qc7 Bf7 32.Rde2 Rxe2 33.Rxe2 Qc4+-] **31...Qxb4 32.axb4 Rb3 33.Rd4 a5?!+-** [33...b6 34.h5 Rc8±] **34.bxa5** Ivanchuk goes up 2 P's **34...c5 35.Ra4 Ra8 36.Be7 Rb5 37.Rf4 d4 38.Rf6 Bd5 39.Rd6 c4 40.Bd8 c3 41.bxc3 dxc3 42.e6** [42.Rf1 Rc8 43.Rc1 c2+-] **42...Bxe6** Ivanchuk is up a P **43.Bf6 Ra6?+-** 2.31 [43...Rc8 44.Rc2 Kf7+- 1.48] **44.Rd8+ Kf7 45.Bxc3** Ivanchuk is up 2 P's again **45...h5 46.Rd4 Rc6 47.Rf4+ Kg8**

48.Bd2 Kg7 49.Re2 Kg6 50.Kg3 Rd5 51.Rfe4 Kf7 52.Rb4 Bc8 53.Be1 Rc1 54.Rbe4 Rcc5
 55.R2e3 Kg6 56.Bc3 Rc6 57.Re7 hxg4 58.fxc4 2 connected, passed P's – unstoppable
 58...Rc4?+- 19.46 [58...Kh6 59.Rf3 Rg6+- 5.88] 59.Rg7+ Kh6 60.g5+ Kh5??+- leads to mate
 [60...Rxc5+ 61.hxc5+ Kh5+- 20.64] 61.Rh7+ Kg6 62.Rh6+ Kf5 [62...Kf7 63.g6+ Kg8 (63...Kf8
 64.Rh8#) 64.Re8#] 63.Rf6# 1-0

In Rd. 7, Michael Roiz (Israel)



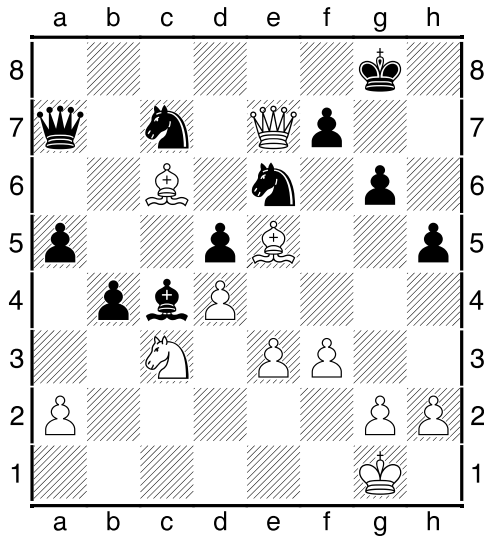
had a tough struggle with the # 5 woman player in the world, Nadezhda Kosintseva. Eventually he did go up a P, and then threatened her with loss of more material and she resigned. This put Roiz into a 6-way tie for second, and catapulted him onto first board in Rd. 8 against the leader, Ivanchuk. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Roiz, M (2649) – Kosintseva, N (2552) [D38]

Gibraltar Masters Caleta ENG (7), 31.01.2011

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7?!± [6...h6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6=]
 7.Nd2?!= [7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 c5±] 7...Bxc3?!± [7...c6 8.e3 0-0=] 8.bxc3 c5 9.Qc2 Qa5 [9...Qc7
 10.Rc1 0-0±] 10.e3 0-0 11.Rb1 cxd4?!± Roiz gets a " clear " advantage [11...Re8 12.Be2 cxd4
 13.cxd4 Ne4±] 12.cxd4 b6 13.Rb5 Qa3 14.Rb3 Qd6 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.0-0 Rac8 17.Qb1?!±
 [17.Qb2 h6 18.Bh4 Rfe8±] 17...Rfe8 18.Bf4 Qe7 19.Rc1 Ne4 20.Nf1 Rxc1?!± [20...g5 21.Bg3
 Ndf6±] 21.Qxc1 Rc8 22.Qb2 [22.Qa3 Qxa3 23.Rxa3 a5±] 22...Nf8 [22...g5 23.Bg3 Ndf6±] 23.f3
 Nf6 24.Ra3 a5 25.Rb3 N6d7 26.Bg3 h5?!+- Roiz gets a " winning " advantage [26...Qe6 27.Rc3
 Rxc3 28.Qxc3 Bc6±] 27.Be1 Ra8 28.Rc3 Ne6 29.Bb5?!± [29.Qb5 Qd8 30.Ng3 (30.Bf5?! Rc8±)
 30...g6+- 1.43] 29...Ndf8 30.Bf2 [30.Rb3 a4 31.Ra3 h4±] 30...Rc8?!+- [30...h4 31.h3 Qd8±]
 31.Rxc8 Bxc8 32.Ng3?!± [32.Qb3 Bb7 33.Ng3 h4+-] 32...g6?!+- [32...Nc7 33.Bf1 h4±] 33.Ne2
 Qa7 34.Nc3 Nc7 35.Bg3 Nfe6 36.Be5 Ba6 37.Bc6 Bc4?+- 4.54 [37...Bb7 38.Bd7 Qa6+- 2.30]
 38.Qa3 b5 39.Qe7 b4?+- 13.18 [39...Qb6? 40.Bd7 Qa6+- 7.18; 39...Qa6 40.Bd7 a4+- 5.61]

Position after 39...B4?



40.Nxd5?+- 6.92 a nice tactic winning a P, but there was a much stronger move [40.Qf6 Kf8 41.Qh8+ Ke7 42.Qc8 f6 43.Nxd5+ Bxd5 44.Qd7+ Kf8 45.Bd6+ Kg8 46.Bxd5 Nxd5 47.Qxa7 Nxe3+- 17.59] **40...Bxd5 41.Bxd5 Qb6** 6.20 [41...Nxd5?? 42.Qxa7+- 17.52] **42.Qf6 Kf8 43.Bxc7+-** 6.20 1-0

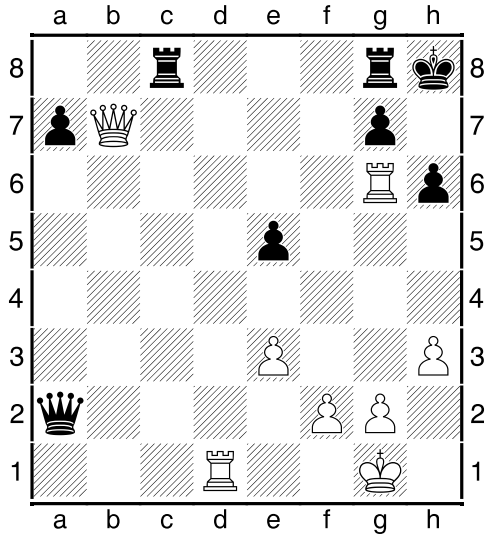
In the final 10th round, Ivanchuk put a lock on first with a win over German Daniel Fridman. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Ivanchuk, Vassily (2764) – Fridman, Daniel (2655) [D30]

Gibraltar Masters Caleta ENG (10.1), 03.02.2011

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d4 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7?!± [4...dxc4 5.Qa4+ Nbd7=] **5.e3 h6 6.Bh4 Ne4** [6...0-0 7.Nc3 Nbd7±] **7.Bxe7 Qxe7 8.Bd3 c5 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Ne5?!=** [10.Nc3 Nxc3 11.bxc3 0-0±] **10...Nf6?±** Ivanchuk gets a " clear " advantage [10...0-0 11.Qe2 Rb8=] **11.cxd5 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Nxd5 13.Nd2 0-0 14.Ne4 Qc7 15.Nd6 f6 16.Qg4?!±** [16.Qf3 Nb4 17.Bb1 Nc6±] **16...fxe5** Fridman goes up a P **17.Nxc8 Qxc8 18.Qe4 Rf5 19.Bc4 Kh8 20.Bxd5 exd5 21.Qxd5** material equality **21...Qc7 22.Rfd1** [22.f4?! Qb6 23.g4 Rff8= (23...Rd8?! 24.Qe4 Rf7±) ; 22.Rac1 Rc8 23.f3 Rff8±] **22...Rc8** [22...Raf8 23.f3 c4±] **23.Rd2 c4 24.Rad1 Rff8 25.h3 Rfe8?!±** [25...Qe7 26.Qe4 b5 27.Rd7 Qf6±] **26.Qe4 Qc6 27.Qc2 c3 28.Rd6 Qc4 29.bxc3 Qxc3 30.Qe4 Qc4?!+-** [30...b5 31.Rd7 Qc2 32.Qg4 Rg8±] **31.Qxb7 Qxa2?!+-** 2.24 Ivanchuk gets a " winning " advantage [31...Rc7 32.Qb1 e4+- 1.50] **32.Rg6 Rg8??+-** 12.95 a blunder allowing a deadly attack; Ivanchuk gets a " winning " advantage [32...Qg8 33.Rd7 (33.Rdd6?! Qf8± Rxh6 is now prevented) 33...Rb8+- 2.49]

Position after 32...Rg8??



33.Rxg7?+- 3.73 Ivanchuk goes up a P , but misses the strongest continuation [33.Rdd6 Rc7 34.Qxc7 Qb1+ 35.Kh2 Qxg6 36.Rxg6+- 20.02] **33...Qc2 34.Rxg8+ Rxg8 35.Rd6 Qh7 36.Qc6 Qb1+ 37.Kh2 Qf5 38.Rf6?+-** 3.13 [38.Rxh6+ Kg7 39.Rh4 Rf8 40.Rg4+ Kh7 41.Qc7+ Rf7 42.Qd8 Rg7 43.Rh4+ Kg6+- 9.25] **38...Qg5 39.Rxh6+ Kg7 40.Rd6+-** 3.50 **1-0**

4 Canadians played:

1. IM David Cummings 2366 (# 79)



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2. **IM Leon Piasetski** 2303 (# 95)



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3. **FM David Doherty** 2183 (# 122)

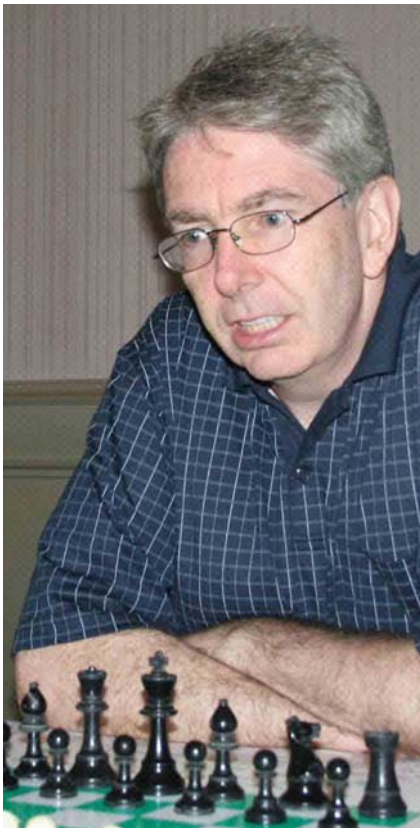


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4. **Stephen Fairbairn** 2058 (# 158)
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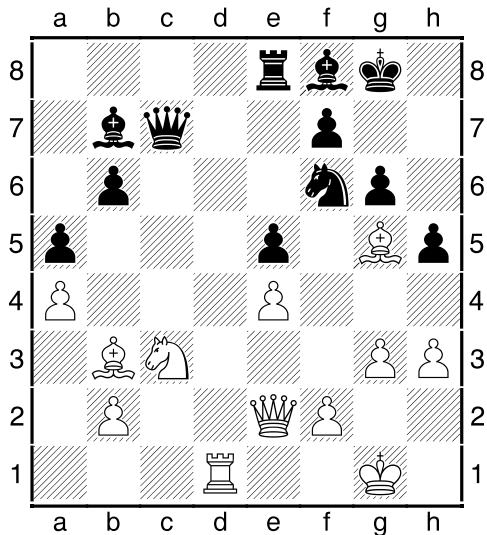
- David - 5/10 pts.
- Michael - 5/10 pts.
- Stephen - 5/10 pts.
- Leon - 3.5/8 pts.(withdrew after Rd. 8)

Here is David's loss to a GM when he made an innocuous, but ill-fated N move
 (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Kacheishvili, G (2585) – Cummings, D (2366) [D31]

Gibraltar Masters Caleta ENG (4), 28.01.2011

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.e3 0-0 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 c5 8.0-0 a6 [8...cxd4 9.exd4 Nc6=] 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.a4 b6 11.Qe2 Bb7 12.Rd1 Qb8 13.Bc2?! [13.Bd2 Re8 14.dxc5 bxc5=] 13...Re8?!= [13...Rd8 14.Bd2 Bd6=] 14.h3 [14.e4 cxd4 15.Rxd4 Bc5=] 14...cxd4 15.Nxd4 g6?!± [15...Qc7 16.Bd2 Rac8=] 16.e4 Bd6 17.g3?!= [17.Qf3 Qc7 18.Bh6 Red8±] 17...h5?!± [17...Rc8 18.Bd2 Bc5=] 18.Nf3 Qc7 19.Bg5 Nh7 20.Be3 Bc5?!± Kacheishvili gets a " clear " advantage [20...Nhf6 21.a5 b5±] 21.Bf4?!± [21.a5 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 bxa5±] 21...e5 22.Bh6 Ndf6 23.Bb3 [23.Bd3 Qc6 24.Kg2 Rad8±] 23...Rad8 24.Rac1 [24.Ng5 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Nxc5 26.Bxc5 Nh7±] 24...Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Bf8?!± [25...Bb4 26.Rd3 Qc6±] 26.Bc1?!= [26.Bxf8 Kxf8 27.Kg2 Qc5±] 26...a5?!± [26...Bb4 27.Na2] 27.Ng5 Nxc5 28.Bxc5



Nd7?!+- becomes an indefensible target; Kacheishvili gets a " winning " advantage [28...Kg7 29.Bxf6+ Kxf6±] 29.Nb5 Qc6 30.Na7 Qc7 31.Qb5 Bd6 32.Qc4 Qxc4 33.Bxc4 Rc8?+- 11.50 David blunders the R in the pressure [33...Bxe4 34.Rxd6 Nc5 35.b3 Ne6 36.Be3 Nd4+- 5.04] 34.Nxc8+- 11.66 1-0

In Rd. 8, Michael defeated a GM who has played in Canada from time to time – here is his win (it appears Juan flagged), where Michael was up a P at the end
 (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Dougherty, Michael (2183) – Bellon Lopez, Juan Manuel (2404) [A04]

Gibraltar Masters Caleta ENG (8.49), 01.02.2011

1.Nf3 e6± [1...Nf6=] 2.d4= [2.e4±] 2...c5?!± [2...Nf6 3.e3 d5=] 3.e3?!= [3.e4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 d6±] 3...Nf6 4.Bd3 b6?!± [4...d5 5.0-0 Nc6 6.Nc3 c4 7.Be2 Bb4=] 5.0-0 Bb7 [5...d5 6.Nc3 Be7±] 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 d6 8.b3 Nbd7 9.Bb2 a6 10.Qe2 0-0 11.Rad1 Re8 12.e4 [12.d5 exd5 13.cxd5 b5±] 12...cxd4 13.Nxd4 Qc7 14.f4 Bf8 [14...Qc5 15.Na4 Qh5 16.e5 dxe5 (16...Qxe2?! 17.Bxe2 dxe5 (17...Ne4?!±) 18.fxe5 Nxe5 19.Nxe6 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 fxe6 21.Nxb6 Bc5+±) 17.Qxh5 Nxh5 18.fxe5 Rad8±] 15.Kh1 g6 [15...Rac8 16.a3 Nc5±] 16.Nf3 [16.e5?! dxe5 17.fxe5 Qxe5±] 16...Nh5 17.Ng5?!= [17.Qd2 Nc5 18.f5 Nf6±] 17...Bg7 18.Bb1 Rad8 19.Qf2 [19.Qd2 h6 20.Nf3 f5=] 19...h6 20.Nh3?!± For the first time in the game, Juan gets the advantage [20.Nf3?! f5 21.Nd4 Ndf6±; 20.Nxf7! Kxf7 21.e5 Nf8=] 20...Nhf6?!= [20...f5 21.Qd2 Nc5±] 21.Qh4 Nc5 22.Nf2 Qe7 23.e5 dxe5 24.fxe5 Rxd1 25.Nfxd1?± Juan gets a " clear " advantage [25.Ncxd1 Nfd7 26.Qf4 g5±] 25...Nfe4?± [25...Nh5 26.Qe1 Nd7±] 26.Qxe7 Rxe7 27.Nxe4 Bxe4 28.Bxe4 Nxe4 29.Bd4?± [29.Nf2 Nxf2+ 30.Rxf2 Rd7=] 29...Rd7 30.Bxb6± David goes up a P 1-0

World Championship 2011 Candidates' Matches Finalized

The first round of 8 matches is to be held in Kazan, Russia, from May 3rd to 27th. Matches will be 4 games, with the final being 6 games. There will be numbers of tie-break games. There will be a 2-day rest between rounds. The match-ups are:

First bracket

Topalov (BUL) - Kamsky (USA)

Gelfand (ISR) - Mamedyarov (AZE)

Second Bracket

Kramnik (RUS) - Radjabov (AZE)

Aronian (ARM) - Grischuk (RUS)

Who do you pick to win and pass through to the quarter-finals? Let us know and we'll tally up the votes, and see what our readers have chosen next Issue.

The winner will play 15th and current World Champion Viswanathan Anand (India)



in a title match in 2012. The Indian Chess Federation has offered to organize this match, though details and bidding are still to come.

Scarborough Juniors Continue to be Tops !

From the Rating Lists of top players in the January 2011 Canadian Chess News:

Top Female

- 1 **Yuan, Yuanling** ON **2352**
- 2 Gansvind, Valeria BC 2318
- 3 Kagramanov, Dina ON 2142
- 4 Starr, Nava ON 2138
- 5 Khaziyeva, Dinara QC 2110

Top Under 18 years

- 1 Sapozhnikov, Roman 17 ON 2428
- 2 Martchenko, Alexander 18 ON 2395
- 3 Szalay, Karoly 18 ON 2390
- 4 Calugar, Arthur 17 ON 2364
- 5 **Yuan, Yuanling** 17 ON **2352**

Top Under 14 years

- 1 Wang, Richard 13 AB 2264
- 2 Fu, James 14 ON 2017
- 3 **Lin, Tony (Juntao)** 13 ON **1967**
- 4 Song, Guannan Terry 13 ON 1938
- 5 Kalra, Agastya 14 ON 1937
- 6 **Posaratnanathan, Juliaan** 14 ON **1920**

Top Under 12 years

- 1 **Song, Michael** 12 ON **2187**
- 2 Kong, Dezheng 12 BC 2089
- 3 Preotu, Razvan 12 ON 2014
- 4 Cao, Jason 11 BC 1921
- 5 **Bellissimo, Joseph** 11 ON **1918**

Top Under 10 years

- 1 **Zhang, Yuanchen** 10 ON **1890**
- 2 Wan, Kevin 10 ON 1745
- 3 **Zotkin, Daniel** 10 ON **1698**
- 4 Gugel, Brett 10 ON 1506
- 5 Noritsyn, Sergey 8 ON 1462
- 6 Doknjas, Joshua 9 BC 1433
- 7 Zhao, Yue Tong (Davy) 9 ON 1425
- 8 Liu, Jiaxin 10 ON 1415
- 9 **Yie, Kevin Yi-Xiao** 9 ON **1303**

Scarborough CC – Who Are We??

The SCC Newsletter Needs You – the SCC Member !!

The SCC newsletter has an ongoing series published from time to time as we get volunteers called **Scarborough CC – Who Are We ??**, where we introduce to our subscribers, the members who make up SCC, the friendliest chess club in Canada !

We are looking for members who will **volunteer** to do a short chess profile of themselves for our newsletter series on SCC members. Many members have already volunteered – response to the series has been excellent by readers – they are interested in who makes up our club. And even for members, it is great since we do not all get to know each other, given the time available in the evening, and the number of members we now have. You will also find that other members will approach you to discuss things they found interesting in your article – a great way to get to know some of the other members better.

. The profile article can be as short or as long as you like. We have a “ help sheet “ for you, that sets out a whole number of questions that will help you determine what you might write. We are looking for any members – seniors, juniors (parents can help), and the in-between adult members. We are a multi-cultural club reflecting Scarborough, and we have interesting stories to tell each other.

Just speak to Bob Armstrong, newsletter editor, at the club, or email me (bobarm@sympatico.ca) if you are willing to help out the club in this way.

We look forward to continuing to publish the chess background and experiences of many more of our members. Look for our next installment !

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by columnist Rick Garel,



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

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

Who am I?

I qualified as an International Master at Hastings, 1979-80 at the age of 14 (I was born on 1 June 1965), and my title was ratified by FIDE at its Congress in Malta at the end of 1980.

Answer :

Nigel Short [Ed. - English GM and World Championship Challenger – 2nd place finisher in the recent Tradewise Gibraltar Masters, reported on earlier in this Issue]

Bragging Rights Winner :

Rick had no winner for this Issue's bragging rights !

Today's Trivia Question is:

When was the first official or authenticated correspondence chess game played ?

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

Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open
(Answer will be given at end of this Issue)

14. Which country broke the Soviet Union's hegemony at the Chess Olympiads in 1978?

- a) Hungary
- b) Yugoslavia
- c) USA
- d) Netherlands



SCC Jack Frost Swiss – First Tournament of 2011 !

The first swiss of the New Year began on Thursday, January 6, 2011.- the Jack Frost Swiss. It is 7 rounds: January 6, 13, 20, 27, February 3, 10, 17, 2011.

The registration for this tournament is:

2000+ Section – 21

U 2000 Section – 32

U 1700 Section – 42

(NOTE: members have the right to play up a section if within 100 points of the higher section rating floor)

This total of 95 is a bit higher than the attendance in our first two tournaments of this season, in 2010 (Howard Ridout – 91 players; Falling Leaves Swiss – 92 players). Our 2010-11 SCC Club Championship starts on Feb. 24, and it has always been the highest turnout tournament. Will we crack the 100 player swiss mark for the first time since late in the last millennium ?

After 6 rounds, the leaders are (it's a logjam at the top in all the sections – very competitive chess, with our new 3-section format !):

2000+ section – 1/5 - 4 pts. - .Master Josh Guo; Master Andrew Picana; Expert Erwin Casareno; Expert Alex Ferreira; Expert Michael Song.

U 2000 section – 1/3. – 4.5 pts – Scott Huston; Yakos Spiliotopoulos; Josh Sherman

U 1700 section – 1/5. - 4.5 pts. – Leonid Aghamalian; Doug Gillis; Maurice Smith; junior Derick Aghamalian; Hamid Azizi

Games are collected each week (the white score sheet is handed in; the player gets the yellow carbon) – this is mandatory on all members. But there will be no games of this tournament sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament has concluded (this is the SCC policy concerning score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If anyone is interested in getting a copy of this policy, just e-mail me at bobarm@sympatico.ca .)

SCC member Ken Kurkowski and I, as club volunteers, enter the SCC games each week into the tournament database, which, as was said, will be sent out to members when the tournament is concluded (it does not contain the games we will be publishing in our coverage of the tournament in the newsletter – these are the best games, and they have been held back for the newsletter).I analyze or partly analyze a substantial number of the games, and, from time to time, Ken also analyzes a few games for the newsletter and/or the database.

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, Erwin Casareno and Erik Malmsten, among others, have presented us with material in the past. We have a 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???

Hart House Reading Week Open

February 19th, 20th, 21st (Sat, Sun, Mon)
Debates & Music Rooms, 2nd floor, Hart House, University of Toronto
7 Hart House Circle, Toronto

Style: 6 round Swiss in 4 sections: Open (FIDE Rated), U2200, U1900 & U1600

Rounds: 10am & 4pm Saturday, Sunday & Monday

Time Control: 120 mins + 30 sec inc for Open Section, 30/90, SD/60 for other sections

Registration: In advance by February 17th by cheque or email.

Registrants after February 17th are not guaranteed to be paired Round 1.

In advance (arrival by February 17th) by mail to:

Hart House Chess Club – 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 3H3

Make cheque payable to Hart House Chess Club. No postdated cheques please.

Email registration to hhchess@utoronto.ca (by February 17th – otherwise considered late). Email registrants must arrive onsite by 9:30am February 19th to pay or will be charged onsite fee.

Membership: Registrants must be current CFC members or bring payment prior to playing.

Entry Fees: \$70 in advance, \$90 cash only on site. Extra \$10 to play up each section.

Discounts: \$20 less for juniors (born after Feb. 19th, 1993), seniors (60+), women and

University of Toronto students (show ID card). Only one discount per player.

Free for IMs before February 12th, \$50 afterwards, \$70 on-site.

Byes: Maximum of 2 in rounds 1-5.

Hart House: 10 minute walk Southeast from St. George subway station or 5 minute walk

Southwest from Museum subway station.

PRIZES: \$5,000

(Based on 120 players)

1st place in Open Section - \$800 minimum Guaranteed!

Prize distribution depending on turn-out

	Open	U2300	U2200	U1900	U1600	Team
1	\$1000	\$250	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$400
2	\$600		\$200	\$200	\$200	
3	\$400		\$150	\$150	\$150	

Open section prizes based on entire tournament.

Other Info: No Smoking. Please bring Chess Sets and Clocks.

For parking and access information please visit our website.

Website: <http://hhchess.sa.utoronto.ca/hhopen>

Organizer: Hart House Chess Club

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Members enjoy an evening at SCC !



(picture by Erik Malmsten)

An Impressive Trio !



A - Members/ non-members may contact Bob Armstrong, ed. , directly, at bobarm@sympatico.ca or through SCC e-mail, to :

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