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Canadian Open New Format

The 2011 Pinnacle Canadian Open starts Sat., July 9, and runs at one round per day to Sunday, July 17. There has been a long historical debate whether the CO should be “ one large swiss “ (sometimes with accelerated pairings; sometimes not) OR in sections, with an Open section (with a rating floor) for top players, increasing the chances of norm qualifications. Each side has its supporters, but in discussions over the years with organizers and players it seemed to me the majority liked the one section, which until recent years has been the predominant choice – the argument was that the majority wanted to have the chance to play a GM !!. But this anecdotal perception does not seem borne out – see below.

This year, the organizers have tried a new format, which I have not seen before. For those who prefer the “ one large swiss “, they get what they want – anyone can play in the Open section, and there is no “ playing up fee “. But for those who prefer to avoid the pairings “ yo-yo effect “ of this one section format (especially where there are no accelerated pairings), and to play in sections of players close to their own rating, the 2011 organizers offer this as well – U 2000 & U 1600 sections. Again there is no playing up fee – someone under 1600 is free to play in the U 2000 section. However, in our opinion, if you are going to make it true sections, then the U 2000 should have a rating floor, say within 100 pts. of 1600 to play up.

As I said, I have not seen this format before – is anyone aware of a previous CO

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where it has been tried? Let me know if there is a precedent. I personally like it (with the one reservation above) – I have seen little discussion of this new format on the discussion boards. What do you think of it? Let us know, and we'll publish the debate views we get.

But a statistical analysis done by our SCC Secretary, Steve Karpik, seems to show that the majority of class players (U 2000) prefer sections, contrary to the popular myth of preference for one big swiss! He did an analysis of the 140 pre-registered players as of May 24, and he found that in all there were 73 U 2000 players registered. And the majority of them – 55 – preferred the sections (29 in the U 2000; 26 in the U 1600). Only 18 class players (25 %) chose to play in the one big swiss Open section! As of the June 14 stats, this figure has increased to 33%, still quite a minority. This goes against the generalized statement, held up until now, that CO players prefer the “ one big swiss “! The class players are voting with their feet for “ sections “, since they are entirely free to play wherever they choose.

I've chosen the U 2000 (I'm rated 1740). I like to play up a section when given a chance, and so for me right now, playing in the U 2000 is like playing up, since normally I would be assigned to an U 1800 group, if there had been one. Also, I will play in the Open section where it is one big swiss, but much prefer it when there are accelerated pairings – I always find I get stronger opponents on average in this situation, over the regular pairings, which are being used here. I find the “ yo-yo effect “ in normal pairings a bit discouraging, and so have opted for the section. However, if there is only a minority of class players playing up in the Open Section, then this “ yo-yo effect “ is not nearly so severe in that section. Those playing up according to the June 14 stats are now 28% of the Open section (30/107) – we'll see how the pairings go.

:The CO is now less than a month away – July 9 -17 – pre-registration ends June 30! As of June 14, the current stats are

Titled Players = 11 GM's (2 Canadians: Bluvshstein, Sambuev), 11 IM's, 11 FM's.
Women: 1 WGM, 2 WIM's, 3 WCM's.

Total Players & Breakdown = 168 players

Open – 107 (30 U 2000/Unr.)

U 2000- 35

U 1600 – 26

Sections

Female - 16 (12/2/2)

Under 14 - 24 (11/8/5)

Under 18 - 13 (12/1/0)

Senior - 42 (22/12/8)

.Also, the Canadian Open has a children's day camp Monday, July 11 – Fri., July 15, for either ½ day (chess only) or a full day (chess and other activities). Chess includes simuls by GM Rozentalis, IM Jean Hébert, IM Nikolay Noritsyn and WCM Liza Orlova.

There are over 20 kids registered already. The website is:
http://www.canadianchess.info/2011canadianopen/day_camp

Best of luck to the 2011 organizers! Will they break last year's total of 265? See you all there!

New Attendance Record for 2011 CYCC!

The 2011 CYCC takes place in Richmond Hill from July 6-9.

As of June 9, 218 players have registered for the 2011 CYCC. See CYCC website:
<http://www.2011cycc.ca/>

Seems to us that the YCC system has proven itself viable in its initial year, despite the inaction of some provincial affiliates. I believe the 5 year average for CYCC's has been about 160. Larry Bevand of CMA seems to have checked the historical records, and he says the organizers have set a new record already for CYCC attendance, assuming all pre-registered's show up. Congratulations to the Richmond Hill Organizing Committee !

For next year, there must be more interaction by CFC with the absentee provincial affiliates to try to support them in holding a YCC.

Also, it seems that many juniors have played across the country in the YCC system, more than the total playing under the previous " open " system.

Do CFC Governors Want to Govern??

In the past, the CFC Governors were criticized severely for their general apathy towards their responsibility to govern. In the days of the Governors' Letters, few voted on motions, and almost none ever contributed general comments. Few were willing to run for CFC Executive, and those who did, did so at the last minute, sometimes during the very AGM itself, and often only after arm-twisting.

Then came the era of the On-line Governors' Meetings in the Spring of 2010. Governor decision-making entered the 21st century. And governors seemed to take to it like ducks to water – the implementation of the On-line Meetings passed with a 2/3 majority at the 2010 AGM (the vote needed for a constitutional amendment)! And at the 2010 Fall and 2011 Winter Meetings, a record 70% of the governors came out and participated – there was extensive lively debate, and a very high percentage of governors voted on the motions. Also, between meetings, there was substantial debate on the confidential Governors' Discussion Board. Governance of the CFC was back on track!

But it was not to last. The first indications were the drop in use of the Governors' Discussion Board for issue debate after the 2011 Winter On-line Meeting in January – it virtually died. Then came the disastrous 2011 Spring On-line Meeting – barely 50 % (31/60 - a drop from 70%) of the governors showed up to do the business of running the

CFC. And debate hardly happened – posts were very light. And the voting on motions was even lighter. And the Minutes of the Meeting, which were to have been posted on the members' CFC Chess Chat Forum, have not yet seen the light of day - after 2 months! And no governor has publicly inquired about this.

Then came the 2011-2 CFC Budget debacle. The new fiscal year started on May 1 without CFC having a legitimate budget. And not one governor raised a peep beforehand. In the prior year, Maurice Smith, then Treasurer, presented his budget to the governors, had it debated, answered questions, and got it passed, all before the fiscal year ended on April 30. This year, all governors were asleep at the switch – aren't they supposed to be supervising their Executive?

Then came the governor vs Executive “ administrative power “ issue, where again there was a deafening silence from all 60 governors. The issue was **CFC Office Outsourcing vs Office Staffing**: was a decision on these items a “ major administrative “ decision, or a “ routine “ administrative decision? The former is for the governors to decide, and the latter for the Executive to decide. In 2009, President David Lavin terminated the CFC “ staff “ , and entered into an outsourcing contract for 2 years with EKG for all CFC Office functions. This was never pre-approved by the governors – only a few governors complained about this over-stepping of Presidential authority at the time.

Now the EKG outsourcing contract is completed and was not to be renewed (ended April 29). President Bob Gillanders only made one short post on this initially, and some understood that he had changed the structure of CFC office back into an “ employee contract “ arrangement (he posted that details would be forthcoming) and hired the new E.D.. Again, this was not pre-approved by the governors. However, on further clarification from the Treasurer, Fred McKim, it appears that CFC has found a new outsourcing company, who happens to now employ Gerry. And they have been supplying him for our E.D. position under a new outsourcing contract since May 1. Since the fundamental structure of the office has not changed, then it appears that this is a legitimate Executive decision.

But the issue re the governors is that there was not a peep from the governors trying to clarify this issue, until it was raised by the Cooperative Chess Coalition (CCC). The situation was murky as to whether this was an area of Executive decision-making. The governors seemed not to care.

Also, since the 2011 Spring meeting, the Governors' Discussion Board has all but died. No Minutes of the meeting have been posted (the Meeting Procedures call for this), and not a governor has commented, as is noted above. Few governors post on the members' CFC Chess Chat Forum. Few governors even visit the CFC Discussion Boards. There are no e-mails between governors on issues. And though the July AGM Executive elections are less than one month away, only three candidates for an executive position have come forward – Treasurer Fred McKim, who said he'd run for Treasurer again, or whatever other position, other than President, the CFC might think best; IA Serge

Archambault for President (not a governor); and IA Pierre Denommee for President (not a governor); and President Bob Gillanders declared that he was not running again.

This is too bad – the CFC is being left by Bob Gillanders in pretty good shape. This will likely be the second straight year that CFC will be in the black. The CFC is on the verge of launching a new CFC website, after years of floundering around on it. Though it was discouraging for CFC to lose its charitable status, it does not seem to have very negatively affected the situation, and CFC has some hopes in future of getting the right to again issue tax receipts if they can become a registered athletic association. There has been some loss of membership, but this has been a continuing downward trend, and it has not been catastrophic. A new management outsourcing contract is in place now for 2 more years

The old governors will meet at the Monday, July 11 AGM at the Harbour Castle in Toronto – we'll see how many show up, and whether they accomplish anything.

The new CFC Governors, and new CFC Executive, are to be confirmed at the Incoming Governors AGM on Tuesday, July 12. Let's hope for some new blood, to reinvigorate the governance of the CFC and good attendance.

New Grassroots Chess Community Group Appears!

In February, the new grassroots members' group, the Cooperative Chess Coalition (CCC) appeared on the scene. The CCC motto is: “ Competition OverTB; Cooperation OffTB “. The CCC goals are stated to be:

1. chess member development at all levels of Canadian chess;
2. greater member participation;
3. “ a kinder, gentler Canadian chess culture “.

There have been 2 precedents for this grassroots group. One was the “ Grassroots Campaign “, which had as its goal radical restructuring of the CFC to save it from losing all its assets, due to substantial annual deficits of \$30,000/yr over the previous 5 years (effectively going bankrupt). It was successful in that subsequent CFC Executive implemented all of their platform, and CFC returned to the black. A second precedent was the CFC Constitutional Coalition, which sought to improve CFC administrative operation, by:

1. trying to bring in a CFC Governor activity rule – don't participate as a governor, and you're gone (motion failed);
2. reducing provincial representation governors by 50% (motion failed); and
3. removing life governors (motion failed).

So grassroots groups have a divided success track record. But they have both been successful in that they raised important issues, and brought them to governor debate,

when the governors themselves were doing nothing, or nothing constructive, on the issues.

Currently, the group is small, having 14 members, and 8 “ supporters “ (people who strongly support the goals and actions of the CCC, but for various reasons cannot become formal “ Members “). But it states that it expects to grow, as more CFC members become aware of its program and reform actions. One current initiative it has already taken is a motion on the Toronto July CFC AGM to “ clarify CFC member rights “. It is seeking to repeal section 14 of the Handbook, which legally gives no access to CFC to members! It is also now raising issues that the governors seem to have let slip by.

In the long run, it hopes for a more active CFC membership, and one where more members volunteer for administrative/political roles in the Canadian chess structures.

CCC can be contacted at cooperativechesscoalition@gmail.com .

Chess in the Library Chess Festival, June 25, 2011

Press Release

June 7, 2011

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STUDENT-RUN CHESS PROGRAM IN CANADIAN LIBRARIES HOSTS 2nd ANNUAL FESTIVAL

Chess in the Library's SECOND ANNUAL CHESS FESTIVAL will take place on Saturday, June 25th, 2011 from 11:45am to 4:30pm, in the auditorium of the North York Central Library, to celebrate the organization's 2 year anniversary. CITL, run by student volunteers, is an organization that promotes chess by running weekly chess programs in Canadian libraries. The organization was founded in June 2009 by Canada's number one ranked women chess player—WIM (Woman International Master) Yuanling Yuan, age 16.

Over the two years the organization has been running, 20 public libraries have joined the network, 13 of which are in Toronto, including the initial branches Brookbanks, Fairview, Maria A. Shchuka, and Deer Park. Nationwide branches exist in Barrie, Ottawa, Calgary, and Victoria. The program is expected to spread to Hamilton, Brantford and Saskatchewan in the next few months.

The festival comprises of a team tournament, a puzzle competition and activities with a giant chess set. The best players from each participating CITL library in Ontario (Toronto, Ottawa and Barrie) will be invited to the exclusive main event – a free tournament (a rare occurrence in Canadian chess). 3 sections of tournament play will be in place: Grade 3 & Under, Grade 6 & Under and Open (for everyone & students Grade 12 and Under). Each section will have individual and team trophies,

medallions, and chess books given out, including a huge annual trophy for the top team in the Open section. Many speakers will be present for the opening ceremony (12:15pm-1:00pm), including a special guest speaker, GM (Grandmaster) Mark Bluvshstein, Canada's leading active chess player and one of the greatest chess talents the country has seen. Also present will be Founder and President Yuanling Yuan, Vice-President Michael Kleinman, Executive Director Kevin Wu, as well as many of the dozens of branch leaders and volunteers that make the program possible. Awards will be given out as well for the organization's Volunteer of the Year, who will be voted for on-site among several nominees.

This is the second installation of the yearly festival. Last year's event was highly successful, with over 100 participants coming for a day of chess festivities. Even more participants are expected this year with the expansion of the program and opening of new libraries.

For more information on the Chess in the Library organization, please visit our official website: www.chessinthelibrary.com

Flyer

Chess in the library 2nd Annual Chess Festival

Chess tournament & side activities for students

When: Saturday, June 25th, 2011 from 11:45am – 4:30 pm

Where: North York Central Library, Auditorium (5120 Yonge St, Toronto, ON)

Style: Individual & team competition: you will be representing team <<your local library>>. To form a team in a given section, there must be a minimum of 3 players representing the same library.

Rating: Unrated players are all welcome. All games will be CMA rated.

Sections: Grade 3 & Under, Grade 6 & Under, Open (for everyone & students Grade 12 and Under)

Event Schedule: 11:45am – 12:15 pm Check-in

12:15 pm – 1:00 pm Opening Ceremony

1:00 pm– 4:00 pm Tournament Games

4:00 pm – 4:30 pm Closing Ceremony & Awards

Entry Fee: Based on donations (see * below)

Registration: Submit completed entry forms (attached) to your local librarian by June 11th (deadline)

Info: Contact your local librarian first, and then email info@chessinthelibrary.com if necessary. Also check out our website www.chessinthelibrary.com for information on side events

Prizes: There will be trophies, medallions and chess books given out to top three individuals and top three teams in each section. A large annual trophy will be awarded to the top team in the Open section.

***PLEASE NOTE** – Chess in the Library is a non-profit organization that operates based on donations and volunteers. Without them, this program wouldn't have been possible, let alone this wonderful festival that we are now hosting. All prizes and rating fees come from generous donations from people who care.

Although it is not mandatory, we ask you to please make a donation on site if you like what our organization is doing. Even a small donation such as \$5 will make a big difference! Thank you!! ☺

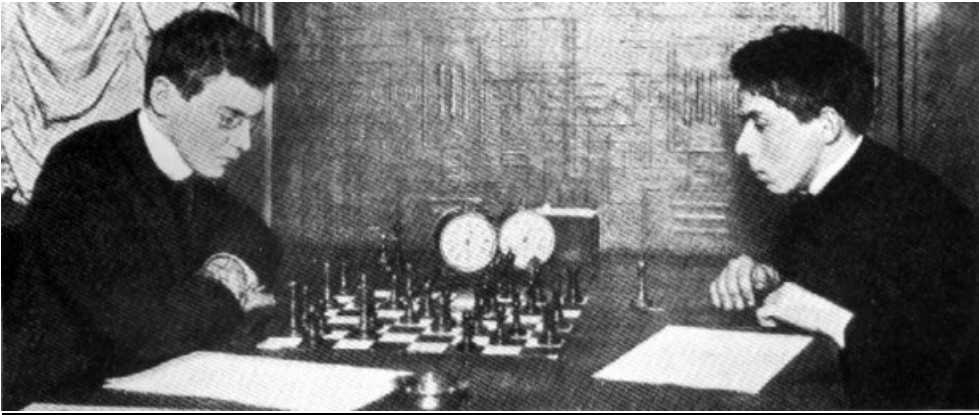
Rick's Chess Trivia

(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 are these players?

Answer :

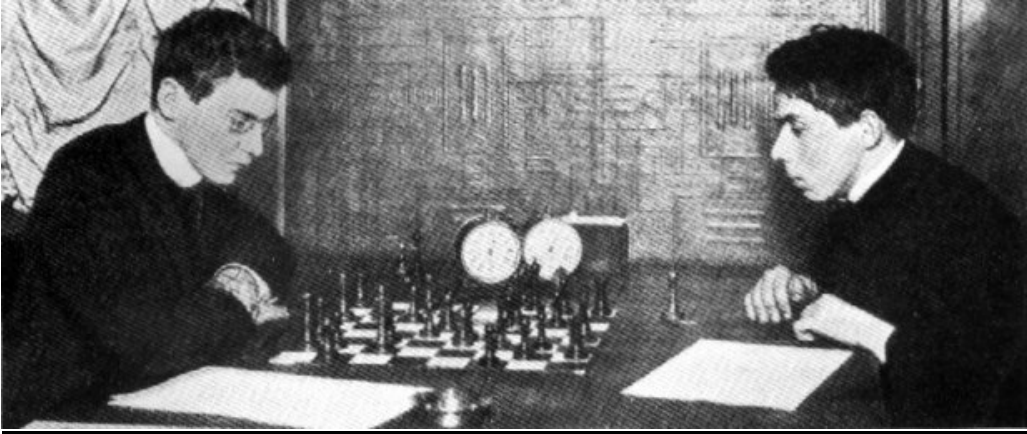
The pictured players are Alekhine and Romanovsky, taken at the St. Petersburg Tournament 1909.

Bragging Rights Winner :

We had no winner to last Issue's Question.

Today's Trivia Question is:

Same picture as last Issue:



This picture of Alekhine and Romanovsky was taken during the St. Petersburg Tournament of 1909. Who organized the St. Petersburg 1909 tournament?

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 !!

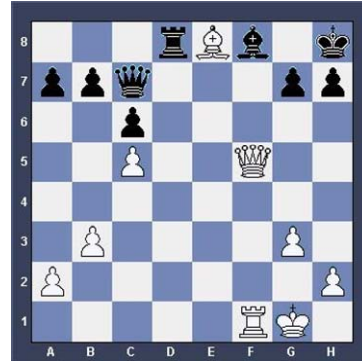
Chess History is fun !!

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)

22. This position is from;

- a) Reti – Bogolyubov
- b) Fischer – Spassky
- c) Kramnik – Shabalov
- d) Bond – Lamb



2010-11 SCC Club Championship

There are three sections to the SCC Club Championship.

The Championship Section is a 10-player round robin of the 9 highest rated club members registering, plus the winner of the prior year's Open Reserves Section (or the next place finisher in case the winner qualifies by rating or is not playing). Here are the players this year (Unfortunately, WIM Yuanling Yuan (2352), last year's champion, was unable to play this tournament, to defend her title) :

1. Master Rune **Pedersen** (2303)
2. Master Andrei **Moffat** (2248) – past club champion
3. Master Josh **Guo** (2240)
4. Master Michael **Song** (2228)
5. Master John **Hall** (2200) – past club champion
6. Andrew **Picana** (2182)
7. Erwin **Casareno** (2165) – past club champion
8. Ilyas **Nasirov** (2142)
9. Dave **Southam** (2102)
10. Pepin **Manalo** (1762) – Reserves Qualifier

9 players were over 2100 – the top section included 5 Masters! The current average rating of the 9 by rating was 2201! This may well be the strongest club championship in Canada.

The rest of the club played in 2 swiss sections – the 1700+ Reserves; the U 1700 Reserves. In the Reserves, members could play up a section if they were within 100 points of the higher section rating floor.

41 members registered for the Open Reserves – it was headed by 4 experts – Bryan **Lamb** (2145 – past club champion); Alex **Ferreira** (2081), Kevin **Wu** (2080) and David **Krupka** (2035).

50 members registered for the U 1700 Reserves. Over 60% of them were juniors.

It is interesting to note that the mid-line for the club is 1600. We have 51 players over 1600, and 50 under 1600 (note that all the 1600's elected to play up).

The total registrants was 101!!! This was the **first time since the 90's** that we had cracked the 100 barrier for a swiss tournament !!! (our first 3 tournaments of this 2010-11 season averaged 91 players).

After the final 9 rounds, the winners were:

Championship Section:

1./2. 2010-2 Club Champion – 7 pts. - Master Josh **Guo** (Champion on tie-break); Master Rune **Pedersen**.



Josh Guo

3. 5.5 pts. – Master Michael **Song**

1700+ Reserves:

1. – 7 pts. – junior Tony Lin – wins the right to play in the 2011-2 Championship Section
2./ 4. – 6.5 pts. – junior Expert Kevin Wu; Expert Alex Ferreira; Josh Sherman.

U 1700 Reserves:

1./2. – 7 pts. – Maurice Smith (first on tie-break); junior Tan Guo.

3./4. – 6.5 pts. – junior Kajan Thanabalachandran (3rd on tie-break); junior Derick Aghamalian.

Games were collected each week (the handing in of the white score sheet is mandatory, and members keep the yellow carbon sheet), but no games of this tournament could be sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament had concluded (due to the policy adopted at the September 2009-10 SCC AGM concerning, score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If you are interested in finding out about this policy, just e-mail me at bobarm@sympatico.ca and I will forward it to you.).

I and SCC member Ken Kurkowski volunteer to enter the SCC games each week into the tournament database, which has now been sent out to members, since the tournament has now concluded (it does not contain the games we will be publishing over the next number of Issues in the newsletter). I analyze or partly analyze a number of the games, and Ken does a few also from time to time.

Here are my choices for the best games from each section for Rds. 5 & 6; games can be found in accompanying databases, to play over:

Round 5

Championship Section:

Picana, Andrew (2182) – Hall, John (2200) [A15]

SCC Championship Round Robin Toronto (5), 24.03.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.Nf3 b6 2.g3 Bb7 3.Bg2 e6 4.c4 Nf6 5.b3 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.Bb2 d5 8.0-0 d4 9.Nb5 c5 10.d3 a6 11.Na3 Nbd7 12.Nc2 e5 13.e4 Ne8 14.Bh3 Bf6 15.b4 cxb4 16.Nxb4 Nc5 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Nd6 19.Ne1 b5 20.f4 Na4 21.Ba3 Re8 22.fxe5 Bxe5 23.Qf3 Ra7 24.Rc1 Nc3 25.Bc5 Rb7 26.Rxc3 dxc3 27.d4 Nxe4 28.Qxe4 Bxg3 29.Qb1 Bd6 30.Qf5 g6 31.Qf2 Qe7 32.Bg2 Qc7 33.Nf3 Rc8 34.Bxd6 Qxd6 35.Ne5 f6 36.Nc6 b4 37.Qe2 b3 38.axb3 Ra8 39.Qc4 a5 40.Qxc3 Re8 41.Nxa5 Rbe7 42.Qc5 Qa6 43.d6 Re2 44.Qc4+ Qxc4 45.Nxc4 Ra2 46.d7 Rd8 47.Bd5+ Kg7 48.Be6 Ra6 49.d5 f5 50.Re1 Kf6 51.Ne5 Rd6 52.b4 f4 53.Kg2 g5 54.Kf3 h5 55.h3 Rh8 56.Nc6 Ra8 57.d8Q+ Rdx8 58.Nxd8 Ra3+ 59.Kf2 Rxh3 White won. 1-0

Manalo, Pepin (1762) – Song, Michael (2228) [C50]

Scarborough CC Champ. (2000+) Toronto (5), 24.03.2011

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Be7 4.c3 Nc6 5.b4 Bg4 6.Qb3 Nh6 7.d3 Bxf3 8.Bxh6 Bh5 9.Be3 Bg5 10.0-0 0-0 11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Bxf4 13.Rxf4 Qg5 14.Rf1 Qe3+ 15.Kh1 Ne5 16.Na3 Be2 17.Nc2 Qh6 18.Rf5 g6 19.Rff1 Bxf1 20.Rxf1 Kh8 21.h3 Qd2 22.Nd4 c6 23.Bxf7 Qxd3 24.Rd1 Qxe4 25.Bc4 Rf2 26.Bf1 Raf8 27.Ne6 Rxf1+ 28.Rxf1 Rxf1+ 29.Kh2 Nf3+ 30.gxf3 Qe2+ 31.Kg3 Rg1+ 0-1

1700+ Reserves

Ward, Dean (1811) – Moran–Venegas, Mario (1773) [D80]

SCC Championship Open Reserves Toronto (5), 24.03.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.Qa4+ Nd7 7.e3 Bg7 8.Ne2 0-0 9.Nc3 h6 10.Bh4 g5 11.Bg3 Nf6 12.Qc2 Bf5 13.f3 Bg6 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.fxe4 c5 16.d5 Qa5+ 17.Kf2 f5 18.e5 f4 19.Qxg6 fxg3+ 20.Kxg3 Qd2 21.Qe4 Qf2+ 22.Kh3 h5 23.g3 Rf5 24.Bd3 g4+ 25.Kh4 Rxe5 26.Qh7+ Kf8 27.Bf5 Rxf5 28.Qxf5+ Qxf5 29.Raf1 Bf6# 0-1

Paterson, Jim (1825) – Xie, Peter (1681) [C46]

Scarborough CC Champ. (1700+ Reserve) Toronto (5), 24.03.2011

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 g6 3.Bc4 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.d3 h6 6.Be3 d6 7.h3 Nd4 8.Bxd4 exd4 9.Ne2 c5 10.Qd2 Ne7 11.Nf4 a6 12.a4 g5 13.Nh5 0-0 14.Nxg5! hxg5 15.Qxg5 Ng6 16.Qxg6 1-0

U 1700 Reserves

Moffat, Anthony (1240) – Kaneshalingam, Mathanhe (862) [C66]

SCC Championship U1700 Reserves Toronto (5), 24.03.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 d6 5.d4 Bd7 6.0-0 g6 7.Bg5 Bg7 8.Nd5 h6 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Nxf6+ Bxf6 12.Qxd8+ Rxd8 13.Bxf6 Bb5 14.Rfd1 Rxd1+ 15.Rxd1 0-0 16.Nxe5 Re8 17.c4 Bc6 18.b4 Bxe4 19.Rd7 Bc6 20.Rxf7 Rf8 21.Rg7+ Kh8 22.Nxg6# 1-0

Smith, Maurice (1533) – Veacock, Carl (1360) [E11]

SCC Championship U1700 Reserves Toronto (5), 24.03.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Bxd2+ 5.Nbxd2 0-0 6.e3 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 Nc6 9.Rc1 Rb8 10.a3 Ne7 11.Qc2 d5 12.cxd5 Nexd5 13.Ne5 Rc8 14.Nc6 Bxc6 15.Qxc6 Qd6 16.Nf3 Qxc6 17.Rxc6 Ne7 18.Rc2 c5 19.Ba6 Rb8 20.Rfc1 cxd4 21.Nxd4 h5 22.Rc7 Nf5 23.Nxf5 exf5 24.Rxa7 g5 25.Bd3 f4 26.exf4 gxf4 27.f3 Nd5 28.Rd7 Ne3 29.Rd4 Rbd8 30.Rxd8 Rxd8 31.Rc3 b5 32.g3 Nd1 33.Rb3 Nxb2 34.Bf1 Nc4 35.Rxb5 Nxa3 36.Rxh5 fxg3 37.hxg3 Rd1 38.Kf2 Nc2 39.Re5 Rd8 40.Re2 Nb4 41.Re4 Nd3+ 42.Bxd3 Rxd3 43.g4 Kg7 44.Re3 Rd2+ 45.Kg3 Kg6 46.f4 Rd1 47.Kf2 Rd2+ 48.Kf3 Rd1 49.Ke4 Rg1 50.g5 f6 51.gxf6 Kxf6 52.Rd3 Re1+ 53.Re3 Rf1 54.Rh3 Re1+ 55.Kd5 Kf5 56.Rh4 Re4 57.Rh5+ Kxf4 58.Rh4+ Black resigns. 1-0

Round 6

Championship Section:

Song, Michael (2228) – Moffat, Andrei (2248) [D00]

SCC Championship Round Robin Toronto (6), 31.03.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.d4 d5 2.e4 dxe4 3.Nc3 e5 4.dxe5 Qxd1+ 5.Kxd1 Nc6 6.Nd5 Bg4+ 7.f3 0-0-0 8.c4 exf3 9.gxf3 Be6 10.Kc2 Nxe5 11.Bf4 Bd6 12.Bxe5 Bxe5 13.Re1 Bd6 14.Bh3 Bxh3 15.Nxh3 c6 16.Ne3 h6 17.Nf5 g6 18.Nxd6+ Rxd6 19.Nf2 Nf6 20.Nd3 Rhd8 21.Re3 Ne8 22.Ne5 Rf6 23.Ng4 Rf4 24.Nxh6 Rxc4+ 25.Kb3 Rf4 26.Rhe1 Nc7 27.a3 Nd5 28.Rd3 Rh8 29.Ng4 Rh3 30.Ne5 Rxh2 31.Rc1 Kd8 32.Nxc6+ bxc6 33.Rxc6 Ke7 34.Rxd5 Rxf3+ 35.Ka2 Rff2 36.Rb5 Draw agreed. ½-½

1700+ Reserves

Zotkin, Daniel (1681) – Rutherford, Will (1676) [C53]

SCC Championship Open Reserves Toronto (6), 31.03.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.0-0 d6 5.c3 Qe7 6.d4 exd4 7.cxd4 Bb6 8.Ng5 Nh6 9.Nf3 Bg4 10.d5 Ne5 11.Be2 Bxf3 12.Bxf3 0-0-0 13.Nc3 Qh4 14.h3 g5 15.Na4 g4 16.Nxb6+ axb6 17.Bxg4+ Nhxg4 18.hxg4 Nxg4 19.Bf4 Rhg8 20.Bg3 Qe7 21.Qf3 Rde8 22.Rfe1 h5 23.Qf5+ Kb8 24.Qxh5 Qf6 25.Rab1 Rg5 26.Qh3 Rh8 27.e5 dxe5 28.Bh4 Nxf2 29.Qh2 Qf5 30.Rf1 Qf4 White resigns. 0-1

Wu, Kevin (2080) – Wiebe, Daniel (1936) [B99]

SCC Championship Open Reserves Toronto (6), 31.03.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7 10.Bd3 b5 11.Kb1 Bb7 12.a3 Qb6 13.Nb3 b4 14.axb4 Qxb4 15.Rhe1 0-0 16.Qh3 e5 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.g4 a5 19.fxe5 dxe5 20.g5 Bc8 21.Qf1 Nh5 22.Nd5 Qb7 23.Qe2 g6 24.Qe3 Be6 25.Bc4 Rfc8 26.Nxe7+ Qxe7 27.Bxe6 Qxe6 28.Nc5 Qc6 29.Rd5 Nf4 30.Rd2 Qxc5 31.Rd8+ Kg7 32.Qxc5 Rxc5 33.Rxa8 Nh3 34.Rd1 Nxg5 35.Rd5 Nxe4 36.Rxc5 Nxc5 37.Rxa5 Nd7 38.Rd5 Nf6 39.Rxe5 Ng4 40.Re2 h5 41.b4 f5 42.b5 f4 43.b6 f3 44.Rd2 f2 45.Rxf2 Nxf2 46.b7 Ng4 47.b8Q Black resigns. 1-0

U 1700 Reserves

Smith, Maurice (1533) – Yie, Kevin (1395) [E10]

SCC Championship (U 1700 Reserves) Toronto (6), 31.03.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.Bg5 d5 5.e3 b6 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.a3 h6 10.Bh4 Qd7 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Rc1 Rae8 13.Qc2 a6 14.h3 Nd8 15.Ne5 Qc8 16.Bf5 Ne6 17.Ne2 c5 18.Qb1 Nd7 19.Bxe7 Rxe7 20.Nxd7 Rxd7 21.Nf4 Rc7 22.Rfd1 Qe8 23.dxc5 Nxf4 24.exf4 bxc5 25.Re1 Qb8 26.Re5 g6 27.Bg4 Re8 28.Rce1 Rxe5 29.Rxe5 Qf8 30.Qe1 Kh7 31.f5 g5 32.f6 d4 33.Bf5+ Kg8 34.Re8 Bc6 35.Bh7+ Kxh7 36.Rxf8 Bd5 37.Qb1+ d3 38.Qxd3+ Be4 39.Qxe4# 1-0

Xiao, Jerry (908) – Kaneshalingam, Mathanhe (862) [C44]

SCC Championship U1700 Reserves Toronto (6), 31.03.2011

599MB, Fritz11.ctg, My Computer 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d4 d6 5.d5 Ne7 6.Bd3 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.0-0 Qd7 9.Qe2 a6 10.b4 0-0-0 11.b5 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 axb5 13.Bc2 Rg8 14.a4 c6 15.axb5 cxb5 16.c4 Qc7 17.h4 bxc4 18.Ra8+ Kd7 19.Ba4+ Nc6 20.dxc6+ bxc6 21.Qh3+ Ke7 22.Ra6 Qb7 23.Rxc6 Nxe4 24.Ba3 Nc5 25.Bxc5 dxc5 26.Qf5 Rd6 27.Qxe5+ Re6 28.Rxe6+ fxe6 29.Re1 Qb6 30.Qg5+ Kd6 31.Qf4+ Ke7 32.Qg5+ Kd6 33.Rd1+ Kc7 34.Qd8+ Kb7 35.Rd7+ Ka6 36.Qa8+ Qa7 37.Qxa7# 1-0

SCC Spring Into Summer Swiss – Final Tournament of the 2010-11 Season

This 9 round swiss runs from April 28 to June 30 (was no meeting on May 5 – closed). The registration was:

Over 2000 – 18

U 2000 (players in the 1900's have the option to play up a section) – 29

U 1700 (players in the 1600's have the option to play up a section) – 56

This total of 103 is our highest swiss total this season, and is the second time we have cracked 100 players!! The first 3 tournaments of the season averaged 91 players,

and the club championship totaled 101. We continue to grow! It is also interesting to note that the mid-point in club ratings is about 1600 (47 above; 56 below [note: all the 1600's, except one, are playing up in the middle section])

After 6 rounds, the leaders are:

2000 + Section:

1. 4.5 pts – Master Josh Guo (Club Champion)
- 2./3. – 4 pts. – Alex Ferreira; Erwin Casareno

U 2000 Section:

- 1./4. 4.5 pts. – junior Lin Song; junior John Zhang; junior Daniel Zotkin; Pepin Manalo

U 1700 Section:

- 1./3. 5 pts. – junior Derick Aghamalian; Ken Kurkowski; junior Kevin Yie

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E-mail: 2011cycc@gmail.com

Qualification: through provincial YCC's required (except the Pre-Qualified players).

2011 Canadian Open Chess Championship

NOTE: Registration Fee is \$ 195 .



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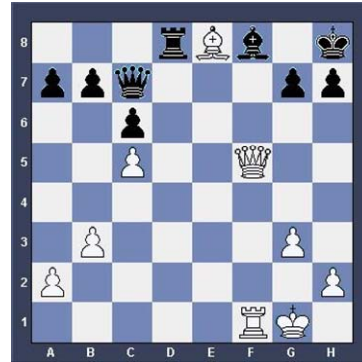
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March 31**

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Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open – Answer

22. This position is from;

- a) **Reti – Bogolyubov**
- b) Fischer – Spassky
- c) Kramnik – Shabalov
- d) Bond – Lamb

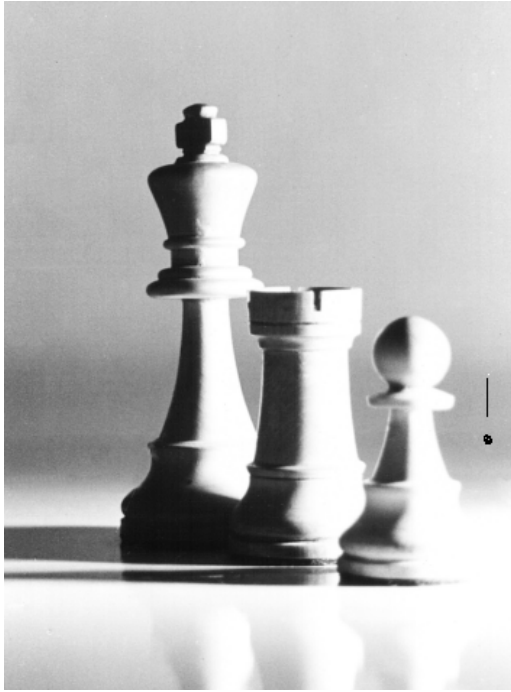


Members enjoy an evening at SCC !



(picture by Erik Malmsten)

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