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SCC Reopens !

Our 2007-8 season will commence on the first Thursday after Labour Day, September 6, with our Annual General Meeting – doors open at 7:00 pm. Come out and set the agenda for the new season. Then our first tournament of the new season, the Fall Swiss, will start the following Thursday, September 13. Come out and renew acquaintances and get involved in some friendly, but competitive, over-the-board chess!

SCTCN&V Starts 9th Consecutive Year of Publication !

We believe we are the longest-running twice monthly/bi-weekly chess publication in the country ! It all started as a one-page bulletin on the SCC bulletin board, informing members of SCC matters. Then it started to introduce reports on results of major international competitions. It progressed to reporting on chess politics, international (FIDE), national (CFC), Ontario (OCA) and local (GTCL). It became longer than 1 page, and we started making hard copies to hand out to members.

Eventually it progressed to an electronic newsletter. This then allowed us to start distributing beyond our current SCC membership. First we put together a mailing group of past SCC members, and started mailing to them as well, free. Next we offered free subscriptions to non-members, and got a very favourable response. So now SCTCN&V goes to over 150 chess players in the GTCL, elsewhere in Ontario and Canada, and we even have some subscribers in USA.

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We then introduced board diagrams and pictures. The newsletter continued to get longer, sometimes going to 5 pages. Next SCTCN&V created its own newsletter website : <http://scarboroughchess.webhop.net>. This was linked to the SCC website, so now people visiting the SCC website could crossover to the newsletter website and see not only the latest newsletter, but also the previous 25 Issues. But the newsletter kept getting longer as we introduced more games, and started providing analysis of the games, using the Fritz computer chess program. As the newsletter sometimes reached 15-20 pages, there was insufficient space on your editor's personal website which was being used, and we had to restrict the number of past Issues we could display. Some of the games we introduced were those of members from SCC tournaments, where previously, we had actually carried few SCC members' games.

The final major improvement was the creation of a ChessBase/Fritz database to accompany the newsletter, containing all the games/analysis in the newsletter. So now a reader could just click on the database and play over all the games (no longer having to copy the games and transfer them to the readers own program).

SCTCN&V has enjoyed serving SCC, the GTA and beyond! We look forward to many more years of reporting on great chess!

First Grandmaster in Scarborough

(submitted by Erik Malmsten)

Grandmaster Pal Benko was probably the first Grandmaster to play chess in Scarborough, back in 1964.

Scarborough's Alexander Knox was the President of the Metropolitan Toronto Chess League and he took on the task of organizing and directing the fifth Canadian Open, assisted by Howard Ridout (who lived just west of Scarborough). The tournament was held in the Cedarbrae Community Centre at Markham and Lawrence. The prize fund was around \$2,000, entry fee \$12, and time control 50 in 2-1/2 hours.

All the top Toronto players, except for Hamilton Spectator chess columnist Frank Anderson entered, including past Toronto Closed champions Zoltan Sarosy, Geza Fuster, Zvonko Vranesic, and Peter Avery. There was a large group from Montreal, including 1961 Canadian Closed champion Lionel Joyner and the defending Canadian Open champion Leslie Witt.

Top finishers in the field of 76 players:

1	Pal Benko	USA	2560	8.5
2	Zvonko Vranesic	Tor	2352	8.0
3	Duncan Suttles	Van/ Nevada	2140	7.5
4	Leslie Witt	Mont	2274	7.5
5	Denis Allan	Mont/ Sask	1971	7.5
6	Lionel Joyner	Mont	2358	7.0

7	Geza Fuster	Tor	2154	7.0
8	Jack Patty	Tor	2104	7.0
9	David Grimshaw	Tor	2176	7.0
10	Ivan Theodorovich	Tor	2212	7.0

Benko lost to Vranesic (who later had a GM norm in 1970), and drew with Witt. Vranesic had no losses but four draws. Future GM Eighteen-year-old Suttles lost to Benko and Vranesic, but defeated Witt and Fuster. Eighteen-year old Denis Allan snuck up. Another junior Lawrence Day was in the middle; he later won, in Scarborough, the Canadian Open in 1988 and Canadian Closed 1991.

Benko also won the Canadian Open Speed Championship and in the next week the US Open.

Hugh Brodie has uploaded the games that were in Canadian Chess Chat into his Canadian database. Published in several chess columns were Fuster's win over Joyner and Angela Foot's win over George Simeonoff.

Here is the Vranesic - Benko game (Annotations by Erik Malmsten):

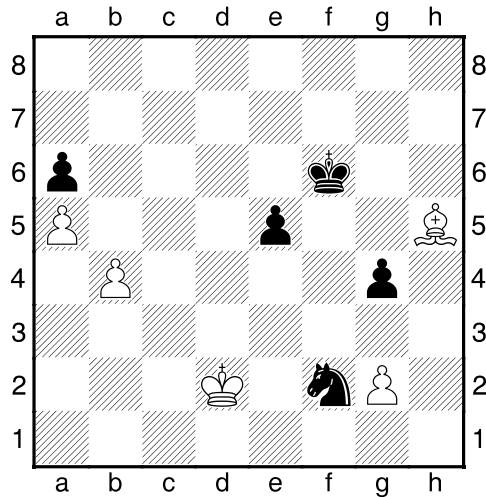
Vranesic, Z – Benko, P [E80]

CAN-op Toronto CAN (7), 08.1964

[Malmsten,Erik]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 c6 [5...Nc6 6.Be3 0-0 7.Qd2 a6 8.Nge2 Rb8 9.Bh6 Vranesic – Spraggett, 1981 Canadian Closed 1-0, 29 moves; 5...0-0 6.Be3 e5 is a more common line.] **6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3** [7.a4 a5 8.Bd3 e5 9.Nge2 Na6 Bronstein – Evans 1964 Interzonal, 1-0, 57 moves; 7.Qd2 b5 8.0-0-0 Qa5 9.Kb1 Nbd7 10.g4 Kavalak–Benko, Sarajevo 1967, 1-0, 32 moves] **7...b5 8.Qd2** [8.cxb5 axb5 9.Nge2 0-0 10.b4 Geller–Fischer, Havana 1965, 1-0, 65 moves.] **8...bxc4 9.Bxc4 d5 10.Bb3 dxe4** last book move **11.fxe4** [11.Nxe4 0-0 Botvinnik – Smyslov, World Ch 1958, 1-0, 49 moves.] **11...Ng4 12.Nf3 Nxe3 13.Qxe3 0-0 14.h4 Bg4** Diagram # **15.h5!**? [Hiarc8 8: 1) 15.e5 c5 16.dxc5 Nc6 17.Rd1 Qa5 18.0-0 e6±; Hiarc8 8: 2) 15.0-0-0 Nd7 16.Qg5 Bxf3 17.gxf3 e6±; Hiarc8 8: 3) 15.Rd1 Nd7 16.Qf4 h5 17.0-0 Rc8 18.Rd2 c5=] **15...Bxh5 16.0-0-0 Nd7 17.Rd2 Nf6 18.Ne5 c5** [0.48 Hiarc8 8: computer likes 18...Ng4 19.Nxg4 Bxg4 20.e5 h5 21.Rf1 Bf5 but 22.Rxf5! gxf5 23.Qg5 e6 24.Qxh5 is winning.] **19.dxc5 Qc7** Diagram # **20.Qf4** [-0.77 Hiarc8 8: 20.Nxf7 Hiarc8 8: 1) 20...Rab8 21.e5 Rxb3 22.exf6 Rxc3+ 23.bxc3 exf6 24.Nd6 f5±] **20...Bh6** [0.00 Hiarc8 8: 20...Rac8 21.g4 Bxg4 22.Qh2 Be6 23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Nd3 Qxh2 25.Rdx2 Nd7 26.Na4 Rf3 27.Kc2 h5 28.Rg2 Kf7± [%eval -87,13]] **21.Qxh6 Qxe5 22.Qe3 Rac8 23.Nd5 Ng4 24.Qd4 Rfe8 25.Qxe5 Nxe5 26.Ba4 Rxc5+ 27.Kb1 Rb8 28.Nxe7+ Kf8 29.Nd5 Kg7 30.Rc1?!** Diagram # [-1.22 Hiarc8 8: 30.Bb3=] **30...Rxc1+** [-0.41 Hiarc8 8: 30...Nc4 31.Ka1 Nxd2 32.Rxc5 Nxe4±] **31.Kxc1 Bg4 32.b4 Be6 33.a3 g5** [-0.08 Hiarc8 8: 33...Rc8+ 34.Rc2 Nc4 35.Rc3 Nxa3=] **34.Bd1 Nc4 35.Rd3 Nd6** [0.38 Hiarc8 8: 35...Rc8 36.Bc2 Ne5 37.Rc3 Rxc3 38.Nxc3 Bc4 39.a4 h5 40.Nd5 h4 41.Ne3 Be6 42.b5 axb5 43.axb5 Nd7 44.Kd2 g4 45.Ke1 Kf6 46.Nf5 h3 47.gxh3 gxh3 48.Kf2 Ke5 [%eval -45,17] 49.Kg3 Bc4=] **36.Nc7 Nxe4 37.Nxe6+ fxe6 38.Re3 Nf2** Diagram # [1.34 Hiarc8 8: 38...Rc8+ 39.Kb2 Nf2 40.Be2 Rc6 41.Kb3 g4 42.Ka4 h5 43.g3 Kg6 44.Ka5+–] **39.Be2** [39.Rxe6± Hiarc8 8: 1) 39...Nxd1 (Hiarc8 8: 2) 39...Nd3+ 40.Kc2 Nf4; Hiarc8 8: 3) 39...a5 40.bxa5 Nxd1 41.Kxd1 Rb3) 40.Kxd1 Ra8 41.Ke2 h5 42.Ke3 Kf7 43.Rh6 h4 44.Ke4 Kg7 45.Re6 g4 46.Kf5 h3 47.Rg6+ Kf7 48.Rxg4 hxg2 49.Rxg2 Rb8 50.Ke5 a5 51.Rg4 axb4 52.axb4 Ke7 53.Kd5+– Mate in 35 in endgame database] **39...Rb6 40.Kd2 h5** [Black wants to get his knight out. 40...Rc6 41.g4 h6 42.Ke1 Nh1 43.Kf1 Rc1+ 44.Kg2 Re1 45.Rxe6] **41.Bxh5 Rd6+ 42.Ke2 Nd1 43.Rd3 Rxd3 44.Kxd3 g4 45.Ke2** [1.26 Hiarc8 8: 45.Kd4 Nf2 46.Ke5 Nd3+ 47.Kxe6? Nf4+ 48.Kd6 Nxh5 49.a4 Nf4 50.b5 axb5 51.axb5 Nd3 52.b6 Nb4 53.b7 Na6=] **45...Nc3+ 46.Kd3** [0.00 Hiarc8 8: 46.Ke1 g3 47.Be2 Nb5 48.a4 Nc7 49.Kd2 Kf6 50.Bc4 Ke5 51.Ke3 Na8 52.Bxa6 Nb6 53.Kf3 Nxa4

54.Kxg3 [%eval 126,17]] 46...Nd1 47.Kd4 Nf2 48.a4 Kf6 49.a5 e5+ 50.Ke3 Nd1+ 51.Kd2 Nf2
 Diagram #



52.Bxg4! [Also winning is 52.b5 Ne4+ 53.Kd3 Nd6 54.bxa6 Nb5 55.Kc4 Na7 56.Bxg4] 52...Ne4+
 [52...Nxg4 53.b5 Nc Ne5. 53...axb5 54.a6] 53.Ke3 Nc3 54.Bf3 Nb5 55.Be2 Nc7 56.Ke4 Ke6
 57.Bc4+ Kd6 58.g4 Ne8 59.g5 Time control reached. 1-0



SCC Goes to the Canadian Open

(last in a series of three articles)

SCC sent a strong contingent of 2 juniors and 10 adults to this year's Canadian Open in Ottawa in July. The players and their results are :

5.5 pts. – Junior Girl Yuanling Yuan

Your editor, Bob Armstrong (in a 5-way tie for 3rd in the U 1800)

Tom Muir (third place in the U 1600)

5 pts. – Junior Aman Hambleton

4.5 pts. – Maurice Smith (SCC Vice-President)

4 pts. – Petar Zlatanov

Josh Sherman

Oscar Villalobos

Phil Haley (former CFC President)

Doug Gillis

3.5 pts. – Michael Perez

Mario Moran-Venegas

A number of SCC alumni were also present: Wilf Ferner, Peter Bokhout, Josh Guo, Danny Aniag.

SCTCN&V asked each SCC member playing to provide us with their most interesting game. We published some games in the last 2 Issues, and here is the last installment .

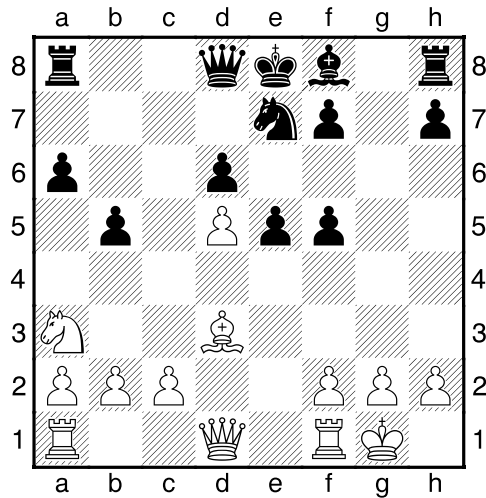
Michael Perez defeated an “ A “ player with a number of nice tactical shots. Here is his game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Perez , M (1643) – Selnes, H (1818) [B33]

2007 Canadian Open Ottawa, 07.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5± Michael gets an " early " clear advantage [5...e6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 Be7±] **6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5?!±** [7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.Bd3 Nd7 10.0-0 a6 11.Nc3 Nc5±] **7...a6 8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 f5?!±** [10...Bg7 11.Bd3 Ne7 12.Nxe7 Qxe7±] **11.Bd3?!±** [11.exf5 Nd4 12.Bd3 Bb7 13.Be4 b4 14.Nb1 Rc8±] **11...Be6 12.0-0 Bxd5!** [12...Bg7 13.c3 h6 14.Nc2 0-0±] **13.exd5 Ne7**

Position after 13...Ne7



14.Nxb5! Michael goes up a P **14...Bg7** [14...axb5?? 15.Bxb5+ Nc6 16.Bxc6+ Ke7 17.Bxa8 Qxa8+-] **15.Nc3 e4 16.Be2 Ng6?!±** [16...Rb8 17.Qc1 0-0 18.a4 Qa5±] **17.g3?!±** [17.Qd2 0-0 18.a4 Be5 19.Kh1 Qf6 20.f4 Bd4±] **17...Bxc3?!±** somewhat better for Hamish to start an attack [17...h5 18.Qd2 Be5 19.Rae1 Rb8±] **18.bxc3 Qf6?!+-** Michael gets a "winning" advantage [18...h5 19.Kh1 h4 20.g4 Qf6 21.gxf5 Qxf5±] **19.Qd4 Ne5** 1.46 [19...Qxd4 20.cxd4 Ne7 21.c4 f4+- 1.88] **20.Qa4+?!±** [20.f3 Nxf3+ 21.Bxf3 Qxd4+ 22.cxd4 exf3 23.Rxf3 Rc8+-] **20...Kf8 21.f4 exf3 22.Bxf3 Qg5 23.Rae1 Kg7 24.Bg2 Rhc8 25.Rf4?=-** Michael loses his advantage [25.Qb4 Qg6 26.Rf4 a5 27.Qa3 Rc5±] **25...Rxc3** material equality **26.Ref1 Qd8?+-** Hamish gives Michael back a "winning" advantage [26...Rac8 27.Qxa6 (27.Rxf5?! Qh6 28.R5f2 R8c7 29.a3 R3c4 30.Qe8 Rxc2 31.Rf4 Rc1 32.Qa4 R7c4 33.Rxc4 Rxc4 34.Qb3 Qd2̄) 27...Qh6 28.Rxf5 Rxc2 29.Qb7 Rc1 30.Qb2 R8c2 31.Rxf7+ Kg8 32.Qb8+ Rc8 33.Qb7 Nxf7 34.Qxf7+ Kh8 35.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 36.Bf1 Qe3+ 37.Kh1 Qe4+ 38.Kg1 Qe3+ 39.Kh1=] **27.Rxf5** Michael goes up a P again **27...Rc4?!** 2.26 Bl now has an "overworked" N [27...Qb6+ 28.R1f2 Rc4 29.Qb3 Rb4 30.Qc3 Qd4+- 1.70] **28.Rxf7+!** Michael goes up 2 P's **28...Kg6??+-** leads to mate [28...Kh8 29.Qb3 Rac8 30.Rf8+ Qxf8 31.Rxf8+ Rxf8+-] **29.Be4+ Kg5 30.h4+ Kh5 31.Rxh7+ Kg4 32.Bf5+** Hamish resigned. The mate is coming - **32...Kxg3 33.Qa3+ Rc3 34.Qxc3+ Nd3 35.Qxd3# 1-0**

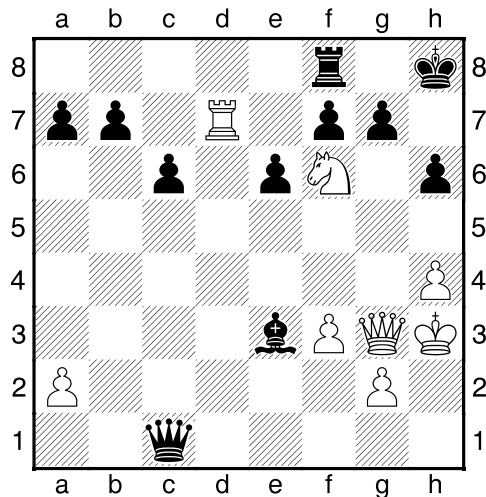
Mario Moran submitted as his most interesting game, a loss he suffered to Jerome Chyurlia, one of the members of the Ottawa organizing committee volunteers. He was up 3 P's at one point, but Jerome found a creative attack, and eventually Mario erred. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Chyurlia, J (1663) – Moran-Venegas, M (1793) [B19]

2007 Canadian Open Ottawa (7), 13.07.2007

1.e4 c6± 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 [3.exd5 cxd5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 e6±] **3...dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3** [7.h5?! Bh7 8.Nf3 e6 9.Bf4 Nf6=; 7.Bc4?! e6 8.Nf3 Bd6 9.0-0 Nf6=] **7...e6 8.Bd3?!=** [8.Ne5 Bh7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Nd7±] **8...Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Qc7** [9...Nf6 10.Bd2 Nbd7 11.0-0-0 Be7 12.Kb1 0-0=] **10.Ne5** [10.Ne2 Nf6 11.Bf4 Bd6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6=] **10...Nf6 11.0-0 Nbd7 12.c4?±** Jerome misses the simple double attack on the e5N [12.f4 Bd6 13.Qf3 0-0 14.Be3 Rad8=] **12...Nxe5 13.dxe5 Qxe5** Mario goes up a P **14.Rd1 Bc5 15.Qf3 0-0 16.Rb1 Rad8 17.Bd2 Rd7 18.Bf4?!+-** will end up leaving the bP unprotected [18.b4 Rfd8 19.Re1 Qc7 20.Bxh6! Rd3 21.Be3

Bxe3 22.Rxe3 Rd2⌘] **18...Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Qxb2** Mario goes up 2 P's **20.Rd2?!-+** this leaves the cP hanging [20.Qe2 Qxe2 21.Nxe2 Re8 22.Nc3 e5 23.Be3 Bxe3 24.fxe3 Kh7-+] **20...Qc1+ 21.Kh2?+-** - 4.10 [21.Rd1 Qxc4 22.Rc1 Qd5 23.Bxh6 Qxf3 24.gxf3 Bxf2+ 25.Kxf2 gxh6-+ - 3.83] **21...Qxc4** Mario goes up 3 P's **22.Kh3 Nd5 23.Ne4?+-** - 6.91 [23.Ne2 Rd8 24.Be5 Bd6 25.Bg3 a5-+ - 5.09] **23...Nxf4+?+-** - 4.05 [23...Bb4 24.Rb2 f5 25.Bd6 Bxd6 26.Nxd6 Qc1 27.Qb3 Qh1+ 28.Kg3 f4+ 29.Kf3 Qxh4 30.Nxb7 Rf5-+ - 10.90] **24.Qxf4 Qb4?!-+** - 3.67 [24...b5 25.Rd7 Bb6 26.a3 Qb3+ 27.g3 Qxa3-+ - 4.99 Mario would be up 4 P's - it is hard to believe Mario lost this game.] **25.Rd7 Qa3+?+-** - 2.55 [25...Be7 26.g3 a5 27.Qe3 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8-+ - 4.77] **26.f3?+-** - 3.68 [26.Qg3 Qxg3+ 27.Kxg3 Bb6-+ - 2.55] **26...Be3 27.Qg3 Qc1?+-** - 2.15 Mario is slowly losing his advantage, though up 3 P's [27...Qb2 28.Qe1 Bf4 29.g3 Bb8 30.Qf2 Qb1 - 3.89] **28.Nf6+ Kh8**



29.Rxf7! Mario is up 2 P's, but is in danger **29...Qh1+** [29...Rxf7?? 30.Qb8+ Rf8 31.Qxf8#] **30.Kg4 gxf6??+-** Mario blunders the exchange, giving Jerome a "winning" advantage [still winning is 30...Bc5 31.Rxf8+ Bxf8 32.Ne4 b5 33.Kh5 Qd1 34.Qb8 Kg8 35.Qxa7 Qd5+ 36.Kg4 b4-+ - 2.92] **31.Rxf8+ Kg7 32.Rb8 Kg6 33.Rg8+ Kf7 34.Kh5 Bg5 35.Rb8 e5** 5.98 [35...f5? 36.Rxb7+ Kf6 37.Rc7 c5 38.Rxc5 f4 39.Qg4 a5+- 11.86] **36.Qg4 Ke7??+-** leads to mate [36...Qxh4+ 37.Qxh4 Bxh4 38.Rxb7+ Ke6 39.Kxh4 a5+- 6.06] **37.Rxb7+-** Mario resigned. Coming is **37...Kd6 38.Qb4+ c5 39.Qb5 Qxh4+ 40.Kg6 Qh5+ 41.Kxh5 e4 42.Rd7+ Ke5 43.Qxc5+ Kf4 44.Qd6+ Ke3 45.Qd2# 1-0**

Petar Zlatanov and Oscar Villalobos went all the way to Ottawa to face each other in Rd. 7. Petar, the underdog, comes up with a nice win. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Villalobos, O (1650) – Zlatanov, P (1504) [B20]

2007 Canadian Open Ottawa (7), 12.07.2007

1.e4 c5± 2.d3= [2.Nf3±] **2...Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 g6?!±** [4...Nf6 5.Ne2 Be7 6.Nd2 d5=] **5.f4** [5.Nd2 Bg7 6.f4 Nge7 7.Ngf3 0-0±] **5...Bg7 6.Nf3 Nge7 7.c3 0-0 8.Be3?!=** [8.0-0 d5 9.Qe2 b6 10.e5 Bb7 11.g4 h6±] **8...b6 9.0-0** [9.Qa4 a6 10.Nbd2 d5=] **9...Ba6 10.Re1 d5 11.e5 Rc8 12.a4?!⌘** this should lose a P [12.Na3 h6 13.Nc2 Nf5 14.Bf2 g5=] **12...c4?±** Petar misses the win

of the P and gives Oscar a " clear " advantage [12...d4 13.Bf2 dxc3 14.Nxc3 Qxd3#] **13.d4 Na5** [13...f6 14.g4 h6 15.h4 Rf7 16.Nbd2 h5 17.Nh2 hxg4 18.Nxg4 Nf5±; 13...h6 14.g4 f6 15.Na3 Na5±; 13...Bb7 14.g4 h6 15.Nbd2 f6 16.exf6 Rxf6 17.Ne5 Qd6 18.Rf1 Rcf8±] **14.Nbd2?!±** [14.Qe2?! Bb7 15.g4 Qc7±; 14.g4 Bb7 15.Qe2 Qc7 16.Nbd2 f5 17.exf6 Rxf6±] **14...Qd7 15.h4?!=** [15.g4 Bb7 16.Qe2 f5±] **15...b5?±** [15...h5 16.Ng5 Nf5 17.Bf2 Nh6 18.Bh3 Rce8=] **16.h5 Rb8 17.Nh2?=** [17.hxg6 fxg6 18.axb5 Qxb5 19.Ra3 Bc8±] **17...b4 18.hxg6 fxg6 19.Bh3 Rb6?!±** [19...Nf5?! 20.Bf2 h6 21.g4 Ne7 22.Be3 Rf7±; 19...bxc3 20.bxc3 Nb3 21.Rb1 Nf5 22.Bf2 h5=] **20.Ng4?!=** [20.g4 bxc3 21.bxc3 Nb3 22.Ra2 h6 23.Kg2 Bb7±] **20...Bc8 21.Qc2 Qb7 22.Reb1 Nb3?!±** [22...h5 23.Nh2 Nf5 24.Bf2 Bd7 25.Qd1 Bh6 26.Nhf3 Bc6=] **23.Nxb3 cxb3 24.Qxb3 bxc3 25.Qxc3** Oscar goes up a P **25...Rb3** [25...Nf5 26.Bf2 Rb3 27.Qc2 Bd7 28.Ra3 Rb4±] **26.Qd2?!=** [26.Qc2 Bd7 27.Ra3 Rb4 28.Bd2 Rxd4 29.Bc3 Rc4 30.Bf1 Rc7±] **26...Nf5 27.Nf6+?#** Petar gets a " clear " advantage [27.Rc1 Kh8 (27...Rxb2?! 28.Qe1 Qb3 29.Rc7 Qb8 30.Rac1 Ba6 31.Bf2 Bc4 32.Qa5 Qb3 33.Rxa7 Rxf2 34.Rc3 Qd1+ 35.Kxf2 g5 36.Qc7 Qd2+ 37.Kg1 Qxc3 38.Nh6+ Kh8 39.Nxf5 Rg8 40.Ra8 exf5 41.Rxg8+ Kxg8 42.Qc8+ Bf8 43.Qe6+ Kh8 44.Qf6+ Kg8 45.Qxg5+ Bg7 46.Qd8+ Bf8 47.Qg5+=) 28.Rc3 Rxc3 29.bxc3 Nxg3 30.Kh2 Ne4 31.Qc2 Qc6=] **27...Bxf6 28.Bxf5 exf5 29.exf6 Rxf6** material is equal **30.Rc1 Bd7 31.Ra2 Rfb6 32.Rc2 R6b4 33.a5 Qb5?±** [33...Rc4?! 34.Rc1 h6 35.Bf2 Rxc1+ 36.Qxc1 a6#; 33...Bb5?! 34.Ra3 Bc4 35.Rxb3 Rxb3 36.Bf2 h6#; 33...Be8 34.Bf2 Bf7 35.Qd1 Rc4 36.Re2 Qb5 37.a6 Rc1 38.Qxc1 Qxe2#] **34.Qf2?!#** [34.a6 h6 35.Bf2 Rc4 36.Ra5 Qb6 37.Rxc4 Rxb2 38.Qc1 dxc4 39.Qxc4+ Be6 40.Qc5=] **34...Rc4** [34...Qd3 35.Ra3 Rxa3 36.bxa3 Rb1+ 37.Rc1 Rxc1+ 38.Bxc1 Qd1+ 39.Qf1 Qxd4+ 40.Kh2 Qc3#] **35.Re2 Rd3?!#** [35...Rc8 36.Re1 Rc6 37.Qd2 Rd3 38.Qf2 h6#] **36.Kg2?!#** [36.Ra1?! Rc6 37.Kh2 Re6 38.Rc1 Qxa5#; 36.Qf1 Ra4 37.Rxa4 Qxa4 38.Re1 Bb5 39.Qg2 Bc4#] **36...Ra4?±** [36...Rc8 37.Re1 Rb3 38.Qd2 h6 39.Bf2 Rd3 40.Qe2 Re8 41.Qf1 Re4#] **37.Rxa4 Qxa4 38.Bd2 Rxd4** Petar goes up a P this time **39.Bc3 Re4 40.Rd2 Bc6 41.Rd4 Qb5 42.Rxe4 dxe4 43.Kg1?#** giving Petar a " clear " advantage [43.Qd4 Kf7 44.Qxa7+ Ke6 45.Qxh7 Qe2+ 46.Kh3 Qf1+ 47.Kh2 Qe2+ 48.Kh3 Qf1+=] **43...Qd3 44.Bd4?±** - 19.12 Oscar gives Petar a " winning " advantage [44.Bd2 a6 45.b4 Qb3 46.Qe3 Qd1+ 47.Be1 Kg7#] **44...Qd1+** Oscar resigned. Coming is **45.Kh2** [45.Kg2 e3+ 46.Qf3 Bxf3+ 47.Kh3 Qh1#; 45.Qf1 Qxd4+ 46.Kh2 e3 (46...Qd2+ 47.Kh3 e3 48.Qc4+ Qd5 49.Qxd5+ Bxd5 50.g4 e2 51.gxf5 e1Q 52.f6 Qe3+ 53.Kh4 Qf2+ 54.Kg4 Bf3+ 55.Kh3 (55.Kg5 Qg3+ 56.Kh6 Qxf4#) 55...Qg2+ 56.Kh4 Qg4#) 47.Qe2 Qe4 48.Qf1 e2 49.Qg1 e1Q 50.Kh3 Qf3 51.Qxe1 Qh5#] **45...e3 46.Qg1 Qh5# 0-1**

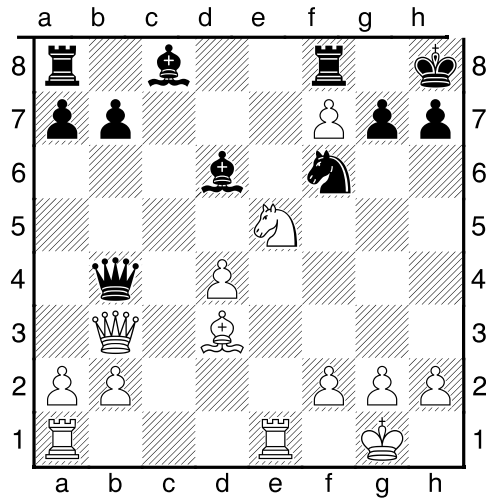
The final game of our series is one submitted by Aman Hambleton, where he lost to a GM, but put up an interesting tactical battle ! Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hambleton, A (2086) – Vul, A (2324) [D52]

2007 Canadian Open Ottawa, 07.2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.e3 Qa5 7.Bxf6 [7.Rc1 dxc4 8.Bxc4 Ne4 9.Bh4 Nxc3 10.bxc3 Nb6 11.Bd3 Ba3 12.Rc2 Nd5 13.Nd2 Nxc3 14.Qg4 Nb1 15.Qxg7 Rf8 16.Qf6 Nxd2 17.Rxd2 Bd7=] **7...Nxf6 8.Bd3 Bb4 9.Qb3 c5** [9...dxc4 10.Bxc4 Be7 11.0-0 Qh5=] **10.0-0 cxd4 11.exd4** [11.Nxd4 dxc4 12.Qxc4 Bd7 13.Nb3 Qb6=] **11...0-0?!±** [11...dxc4 12.Qxc4 0-0 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Nxf6+ Bxf6 15.Rfe1 Rd8=] **12.cxd5 Bxc3 13.dxe6?!=** [13.bxc3 exd5 14.Rfe1 Bg4 15.Ne5 Be6 16.a3 Rac8±] **13...Bb4** [13...Bd2 14.Nxd2 Qxd2 15.exf7+ Kh8 16.Rad1 Qg5=] **14.exf7+ Kh8 15.Ne5 Bd6 16.Rfe1?!#** Arkady finally gets the advantage [16.f4 Qb6 17.Qxb6 axb6 18.Bc2 Be6 19.Bb3 Bxb3 20.axb3 g6=] **16...Qb4?!=** [16...Ng4 17.Nf3 Bf5 18.Bxf5 (18.h3?! Bxd3 19.Re6 Nxf2 20.Rxd6 Qc7 21.Kxf2 Qxd6 22.Qxd3 Rxf7#) 18...Qxf5#]

Position after 16...Qb4



17.Bxh7?+ Aman comes up with an unsound exchange, though the tactic is interesting, getting a R + P for N + B [17.Qxb4 Bxb4 18.Re2 Be6 19.a3 Ba5 20.Bc4 Bxc4 21.Nxc4 Bc7=] **17...Qxb3** **18.Ng6+ Kxh7** **19.Nxf8+ Bxf8** **20.axb3** Arkady now has 2 B's + N vs R + 4 P's **20...Bd7** **21.Re5** **Kg6** **22.h3** **Kxf7** Now Arkady has 2 B's + N vs R + 3 P's **23.g4** **Bd6** **24.f4?!+** - 4.32 the exchange sac by Aman is good [24.Re2 Nd5 25.b4 Rc8 26.Ree1 a6-+ - 5.49; 24.Rea5 a6 25.b4 Re8 26.g5 Nh5-+ - 5.01] **24...Bxe5** **25.dxe5** - 4.72 Arkady has now B + N vs 3 P's **25...Nxg4?!+** - 2.69 an inferior move, but Arkady wishes to just simplify into a won ending, and limit Aman's counter play chances with the pawns. [25...Ne4 26.Rd1 Bc6 27.f5 Re8 28.e6+ Kf6-+ - 5.03] **26.hxg4** **Bxg4** Arkady now has B vs P **27.Kf2** **a6** **28.Rc1** **Rc8** **29.Rxc8** **Bxc8** **30.Ke3** **Be6-+** - 4.51 **0-1**

Canadian Closed - Addendum

In our article 2 issues ago on the Canadian Closed in August, we thought the winning game in the semi-final tie break between Artem Samsonkin and Ron Livshits had not been broadcast by Mon Roi – but it had and we'd missed it. So here now is that interesting game, where Artem comes back from being down the exchange plus 3 pawns to win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Samsonkin, A (2404) – Livshits, R (2406) [B17]

2007 Canadian Closed Championship Kitchener (2), 2007

1.e4 c6± **2.d4 d5** **3.Nc3 dxe4** **4.Nxe4 Nd7** **5.Bc4 Ngf6** **6.Ng5?!=** [6.Nxf6+ exf6 7.Bb3 a5 8.c3 Nb6±] **6...e6** **7.Qe2 Nb6** **8.Bd3 h6** [8...Nbd5 9.c3 Qa5 10.Qe5 c5±; 8...Qxd4 9.N1f3 Qc5 (9...Qa4±) 10.Ne5 Be7 11.Ngxf7 0-0 12.Ng5 Nbd5±] **9.N5f3** [9.Ne4 Qxd4 10.Nf3 Qd8 11.0-0 Qc7=] **9...c5** **10.dxc5 Bxc5** **11.Ne5 Qc7** **12.Ngf3 Bb4+** **13.c3?±** an unusual decision by Artem [13.Bd2 Bxd2+ 14.Qxd2 Nbd7 15.0-0-0 0-0=] **13...Bxc3+** **14.bxc3** **Qxc3+** **15.Qd2** **Qxa1** Ron is now up the exchange + 2 P **16.0-0** **Nfd5** **17.Bb2** **Qxa2** Ron is now up the exchange + 3 P, but Fritz evaluates the position as = **18.Bb5+** **Bd7?±** Ron defends the wrong way; Artem has the advantage, though down the exchange + 3 P [18...Nd7 19.Qd4 N5f6 20.Rd1 0-0 21.Bxd7 Rd8 22.Qc3 Bxd7 23.Nxd7 Rac8 24.Qe5 Qa4 25.Nxf6+ gxf6 26.Qg3+ Kh7 27.Re1 e5±] **19.Nxd7**

Nxd7 20.Nd4?+- Artem gives Ron a " winning " advantage [20.Ne5 0-0 21.Nxd7 Rfc8 22.Qd4 f6±] **20...a6 21.Be2?!+-** - 3.08 [21.Bxd7+ Kxd7 22.Ra1 Qc4 - 2.54] **21...Qa4?+-** - 2.39 [21...Ne5 22.Ra1 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Qxc4 24.Nf5 exf5 25.Bxg7 Rg8 26.Re1+ Kd7 27.Bxh6 Rae8-+ - 4.41] **22.Nf5 exf5 23.Qxd5 Qe4 24.Qd2 0-0 25.Bf3 Qa4 26.Ra1+-** - 2.80 [26.Bxb7 Rab8 27.Bd5 Rbc8 28.Qe3 Qb5 29.Bb3 f4 30.Qd4 Nf6+- - 3.39] **26...Qb5 27.Ra5 Qb6 28.Rxf5** Artem is down the exchange + 2 P **28...Rac8 29.h3 Rc5 30.Bd5?** - 4.23 [30.Rxc5 Nxc5 31.Qd4 Qf6 32.Qb4 Qg5+- - 3.03] **30...Rb5?±** [30...Nf6 31.Rxf6 gxf6 32.Ba3 Qa5 33.Qxa5 Rxa5 34.Bxf8 Rxd5 35.Be7 a5+- - 6.36] **31.Bc3?!+-** - 2.70 [31.Rxf7 Rxb2 32.Qf4 Qxf2+ 33.Qxf2 Rxf2 34.Rxf2+ Kh7 35.Be4+ Kh8 36.Rxf8+ Nxf8 37.Bxb7 a5±] **31...Qg6 32.Rf3 Rc5?±** Ron is letting his advantage slip away [32...Qg5 33.Rxf7 Rxf7 34.Bxf7+ Kxf7 35.Qxd7+ Kg8 36.Qd4 Rd5 37.Qe4 Qf5 38.Qxf5 Rxf5+- - 5.32] **33.Rg3 Qb1+ 34.Kh2 Rxc3 35.Qxc3** Ron is now up 2 connected, passed P, and has a " slight " advantage **35...Qh7?!±** unbelievably, Artem now has the advantage for only the second time in the game [35...g6 36.Qd4 a5 37.Qg4 Rd8 38.Qxg6+ Qxg6 39.Rxg6+ Kf8 40.Rxh6 b5±] **36.Be4 f5 37.Bxb7** Artem is down a P, but has a " slight " advantage **37...f4 38.Rg4 a5?+-** Artem has a " winning " advantage ! [38...Kh8 39.Qd4 Nf6 40.Rxf4 a5±] **39.Be4 Qh8?+-** leads to mate [39...Nf6 40.Bxh7+ Kxh7 41.Qc2+ Kg8 42.Rxf4 Kh8 Artem would be up Q vs N] **40.Bd5+?!+-** the slower mate [40.Qb3+ Rf7 41.Bg6 Ne5 42.Qb8+ Rf8 43.Qxe5 Rf6 44.Qe8+ Rf8 45.Qe6+ Rf7 46.Qxf7#] **40...Rf7 41.Rxf4?+-** Artem misses the mate, but his position is winning anyways[41.Qc8+ Kh7 42.Be4+ g6 43.Bxg6+ Kg7 44.Bxf7+ Kxf7 45.Qxd7+ Kf8 46.Rxf4+ Qf6 47.Rxf6+ Kg8 48.Qf7+ Kh8 49.Rxh6#] **1-0**

Hamilton Open – Report

This 5 round one-section swiss was played Aug. 18 – 19. Here is Bob Gillanders report on ChessTalk:

On behalf of the tournament organizers, Joe Ellis, Garvin Nunes, and myself, I would like to thank the participants of the Hamilton Open 2007 concluded this evening. We exceeded expectations with 30 players and a total prize fund of \$ 800.00. Players received a greeting from Hal Bond, SWOCL and CFC President, to start the 1st round and the new SWOCL grand prix season.

Prize fund

1st \$ 300, 2nd \$ 150, 3rd \$ 100

Under 2000, 1st \$ 100, 2nd \$ 50

Under 1700, 1st \$ 100

Youri Ochkoos, Doug Bailey, Kyle Morrison, and Keith Wight all tied for 1st with 4 points. \$ 137.50 each.

Ferdinand Supsup, Joe Ellis, John Erickson, and Garvin Nunes all tied for 1st for the under 2000 prize with 3 points. \$ 37.50 each.

Steven Douglas (Ed. – an SCC member !) took the under 1700 prize with 2.5 points after crushing yours truly in the final round. Ivan Kudelka threatened to split this prize, but was unable to beat Ian Finley in the final round.

York Region August Active Chess Championship - Report

This 3 section 5 round swiss attracted 29 players and was held in Richmond Hill on Aug. 18. The winners were:

Open – Michael Barron - 4 pts. (undefeated)
U 2000 – Randy Moysoski (SCC member) – 5 pts. (all wins)
U 1600 – Mikhail Veprinskiy – 4.5 pts. (undefeated)

“ The Mayhem on Midland “ Active – Report

30 players came out on Aug. 25-26 for this 5 round, 2 section swiss, organized by 2 SCC'ers, Michael Perez and Petar Zlatanov. The winners were:

Open –Johnannas Hatzi
U 2000 – Hugh Siddley
U 1800 – Jamison Pryor
U 1600 – Jim Roe / Maurice Smith (both SCC members)
Unrated – Zack Sayed / James Marila

Toronto August Active Championship - Report

This one section 5 round swiss was played Sunday, August 26 at the Bayview Games Club. Here is Vlad Dobrich's report from ChessTalk:

“ Michael Barron 4 1/2 - 1/2 clear first include a key win vs Artem Samsonkin in round 3. The latter claimed clear 2nd with 3 1/2. Tied for 3rd were Roman Sapozhnikov, Irena Barron and Haonan Zhou all with 3 - 2 scores. Only 9 players competed.”

Promoting Chess in Toronto – Some Thoughts

Erik Malmsten, GTCL Secretary, held a chess exhibit at Toronto City Hall, Friday, August 10, to mark the 50th anniversary of Canada holding the World Junior Championship. Here are his after-thoughts on it and chess promotion in general:

“ I had wanted to do something to honour the 50th anniversary of the World Junior in Toronto and suggested a display at city hall in conjunction with the Chess'n Math tournament being held in the hotel behind city hall (on Chessnut). Lindsey of Chess'n Math worked with Nadira to get the space, which was only available for the Friday. Thanks to Lindsey and Mike Sutton for all their work on this project.

I had completed 11 2x3 feet posters and stuck up regular size paper on 6 other display boards to cover the history of chess in Toronto. Lindsey had blown up colour photos from recent youth tournaments on another six display boards. My 2x3 posters costs \$6 each to make at Kinkos, and perhaps I will complete the project to make a 20 poster display on the history of chess in Toronto that can be posted at chess events. The display at city hall was only looked at by a dozen people. At the chess tables I played chess with two adults who hadn't played in a long time and a couple of kids. There was little traffic flow into the middle of city

hall, mainly wedding parties. Would have been seen by more people being just outside of the entrance.

The most interested people were the cultural secretary who gave us the space, and Mike Sutton, our city hall contact. The secretary took photos and liked the photo of then Mayor Nathan Phillips with the World Junior players. Mike was great, he stayed to the end giving me a chance for food breaks and we played close games. He notes that it's a foot in the door to being involved in the city's cultural events. He also suggested we needed an entrance banner at the start of the display to attract people from far away. (I also needed a ruler to line them up straight.) Mike also likes the idea of a corporate team match event. The option of using City Hall rotunda again only makes sense if there is a reception/press release from a politician for an international event.

Only a couple of kids from the tournament in the hotel behind city hall came by, partly as there was little advance notice of the display. The tournament itself had a poor local turnout. An advertised bughouse event never happened and I gave out two problem books as prizes to kids who played me or tried to solve one of the problems on the demo boards. If we ever attempt to have a chess festival at some place like Dundas Square, the only way to fill it is with heavy advance promotion and confirmation of entries. It won't fill up with passersby on the street the way a concert does. And these kind of events need teams of volunteers. There's only so much Lindsey and I can do by ourselves.

There wasn't Chess'n Math staff available for the display because they were also doing a display at the Taste of Danforth festival. Now that's a great event to promote chess at, attended by a million people who aren't on their way somewhere. This is the biggest chess promotion in years. They had set up the large pieces and had masters Henry and Tayar giving simulms (Samsonkin lives nearby). They also had a literature table and it never clicked in my head they would have one, so we missed the chance to put out a flyer for the Labour Day Open and the Scarborough Chess Club, and the Active at BGC. The GTCL no longer has a flyer; there used to be one which listed the clubs in the area. Not all the people who stopped were interested in their kids playing, but some adults were also looking for chess. The booth could have used volunteers from the GTCL. There was also a colourful poster on the history of Greek chess, mentioning GM Peter Biyiasas, and I would have added the three Greek masters who have lived in Toronto (Sam Haziprodromu, Greg Mastrokoukos, and IM Ilias Kourkounakis) if I had known about that project.

On Sunday Ted also has a chess display around Eglinton and Avenue Road. although it would have been affected by the rain.

This weekend's chess promotion is great. It would be expensive and time-consuming to have a chess booth at the CNE (Aug 17 -Labour Day). I hope we can crack the Word on the Street book festival at Queen's Park in September 2008, as it's likely too late to get in for this year's. Also in September is the all-night Blanc Nuit, maybe have an all-night speed

tournament, 7 pm to 7 am. “

Toronto Labour Day Tournament

Date : September 1 –3 (Sat. – Mon.)

NEW Location : Metamorphosis Greek Orthodox School, 30 Scarsdale Road (1 block east of Leslie, 2 blocks south of York Mills Rd.)

Style : 6 round Swiss in 5 sections: Open/Fide rated, including U 2300 section; U 2200; U 2000; U 1800; U 1600/Unr.

Rounds : 11:00 AM & 4:30 PM Saturday; 10 AM & 4 PM Sun. & Mon.

Time Control : 30/90 min., SD/1 hr.

Registration: 9:00 – 10:30 AM on Sat., Sept. 1 (registrants after 10:30 are not guaranteed to be paired by 11:00 AM)

In advance by mail to: Bryan Lamb, 1903-13460 York Mills Rd., North York., Ontario. M3A 2A3. Make cheque payable to Bryan Lamb. No postdated cheques.

E-mail registration to: bryan.lamb@rogers.com. E-mail registrants must arrive onsite before 10:30 to pay or will be charged the onsite late fee.

Entry Fees : \$ 70 advance, \$ 80 cash only onsite.

Amateur: \$ 25 (U 1800 & U 1600 sections – not eligible for cash prizes)

Discounts : \$ 20 less for juniors (born after Sept. 10, 1986), Seniors (60 & older), Women, and IM's. No discount for Amateurs; only one discount per player.

Byes : Maximum of 2 in rounds 1-5.

Prizes : \$ 4000 (based on 100 non-amateur players); 1st place in Open Section \$ 750 Guaranteed.

Equipment: please bring sets and clocks.

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