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*ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS*

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**Grassroots Group Proposes CFC Restructuring Package**

( To be posted on ChessTalk, June 15, 2008 )

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CFC PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN PLAN OF ACTION

- 1. Core Roles:** CFC will continue its role re FIDE, international and national events, a national rating system, and a website with membership info, ratings, membership sales, tournament announcements, chess club lists, and news submitted by members (highlights of recent tournament, etc.). Maintenance of these functions will be the responsibility of the Executive Director.
- 2. CFC Revenue:** CFC revenues to come from memberships, rating fees, investments and donations. With the reduced scope of operation, costs for the organization should be less, and it may be possible to reduce annual membership fees and/or rating fees.
- 3. CFC Membership:** CFC to eliminate tournament memberships – if you want to play in a CFC tournament, you must purchase an annual membership. To encourage individuals to become members, first time CFC members will be given a 40% fee reduction for their first year.

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( ½ way between Eglinton Ave. and Lawrence Ave. )

**4. Chess Canada:** CFC will terminate the magazine contract with TKS immediately (with the May 2008 issue being the last issue of the magazine).

**5. Retail Business:** Sell off the inventory of the retail business; it will be closed entirely. An alternative but small source of revenue, if requiring minimum labour, could be through a commission arrangement, such as the Amazon affiliate program ( <http://affiliate-program.amazon.com/gp/associates/join/links.html> ).

**6. CFC Condominium Office:** The current CFC office would be placed for sale. The office would then be run out of either a small rental space or a home office.

**7. CFC Staffing:** In light of the reduced business activities of the CFC office (no retail sales and no print magazine), the Executive Committee would undertake a review of the Executive Director and Assistant positions and would recommend appropriate staffing changes if required. The Executive will consider eliminating the part-time staff, and cutting back the Executive Director position to part-time.

Revision 4B, June 2, 2008

List of Endorsers ( as of June 15 )

Bob Armstrong – CFC Life Member/former chess club executive

Chris Mallon – past CFC President/ former OCA Director

Steve Karpik – CFC member/chess club executive

Rick Garel – CFC member/chess club executive

Caesar Posylek – CFC Governor/ chess club executive

Kerry Liles – incoming CFC Governor/ chess club executive

Jerry Kitich – CFC member/former chess club executive

Dave Broughton – former CFC Governor and Executive / former OCA Director/ former CFC member

Ken Kurkowski – CFC member

Frank Dixon – former CFC Governor/ tournament director/tournament organizer/ former chess club executive.

John Brown – CFC member/ tournament organizer/ chess club executive

Vlad Dobrich – tournament director/ tournament organizer/ chess club executive/ former CFC member

Doug Gillis – CFC Member

This platform was developed by myself, Bob Armstrong, with assistance from Steve Karpik and Chris Mallon. It then went through a number of redrafts as we responded to community input. It is now in its final form.

This platform does not seek to cover all things CFC should be doing. Many things can be fine-tuned at a later date. It is a bare-bones platform that attempts to address the essential restructuring issues. We feel it is practical, financially responsible, doable, and will put CFC back in the black.

We recognize that everyone may not agree with every item in the platform. What we are asking is that people endorse the platform as a whole, despite some reservation, in order to get some package of reforms moving. You can always fight for your own personal view on a particular item when it eventually comes up for implementation.

There has been no attempt yet to try to recruit a presidential candidate to adopt this platform. We are running no candidates and have endorsed no candidates. It is, in a sense, a platform in search of a candidate. We feel that the PLATFORM is equally important to WHO may be running. We hope one of the candidates will adopt this platform, or someone who endorses it will come forward and run. At that time we will determine whether to support as well a particular candidate..

If you have any questions or comments on this platform, don't hesitate to e-mail me ( [bobarm@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobarm@sympatico.ca) ), or post here on either ChessTalk. We ask you to take a careful read of our prescription for restructuring CFC and seriously consider endorsing it, to show that it has broad community support. You can post here if you endorse it, or e-mail me privately. We will add you to our growing list of endorsers. Could you please as well advise if you have been involved with the chess establishment – CFC Executive, CFC Governor, Incoming CFC Governor, Provincial Executive or Governor, chess club executive, tournament organizer, etc., either past or present, and whether you are a current or former CFC member or are a non-member?

We hope, if this platform gets support, to bring it to the Governors as well for a “ straw “ vote, though not as a package, take it or leave it ( we saw the disaster that happened the last time this was tried ), but as 7 separate motions. This will show whether any of the items has majority support, though there may be division on others. We are looking for further Governors who would lend their support to this “ process “, whether or not they are endorsing the whole platform – let me know if we can count on you for the bringing of the motion.

Thanks for taking the time to review this letter and the platform, and for your interest in saving the CFC.

### **OCA AGM – June 7**

Prior to the meeting, three candidates had declared for the presidency : Barry Thorvardson, the incumbent president, Chris Mallon, a former OCA Executive, and John Brown, President of the Peel Chess Club. The gloves came off early, as Chris, on June 3, after some prior correspondence between them, published a letter sent to Barry concerning events that had transpired under his watch. It is as follows:

“HelloBarry,

You pretty much ignored every question I asked or point I raised and went off on a tangent, so I will ask very clearly. Please respond point-by-point so that all OCA Governors and interested parties may know your answers to these important questions. I have even numbered them for your convenience.

We'll start with the AGM.

1. As Gary pointed out it was specifically decided that these constitutional changes should NOT be done at the AGM last year but by email vote and discussion by all Governors. HAS THAT HAPPENED?

2. Why was proper notice of the AGM not given? By-law 4.20 was broken requiring 15 days advance written notice to all Governors. By-law 5.1 was broken requiring an AGM within 60 days of the end of the fiscal year, which would have meant holding the meeting by May 30th.

3. Where are the financial statements? It is impossible for someone to come up with a clear plan forward for the OCA (which you ask me for) when these are not available. I do note that this has violated By-law 4.32 d) which requires financial statements to be disclosed at least 30 days in advance of the AGM.

As for the leagues...

4. When was the last time any fees were rebated to any league? How about an actual date of the cheque sent to each of the four leagues? I know SWOCL has not received money since 2006.

5. At what point were you planning to disclose to the OCA Governors that due to mismanaged finances at the 2006 Canadian Closed and the CFC getting stuck with a \$2500 bill that it never took money in for, that the OCA was not receiving any money from the CFC until that bill is paid via provincial membership portions?

As for Trillium...

6. Is it not true that, in hiring yourself as York Region Coordinator, you violated By-law 4.6 of the OCA Constitution whereby the authority over hiring of or engaging under contract of individuals is specifically given to the Board of Governors, not to the President himself or even the Executive?

7. Is it not true that, in hiring yourself as York Region Coordinator, you violated By-law 4.38 of the OCA Constitution whereby any Governor or Officer who has any interest in a proposed contract or transaction will disclose such interest, and shall not vote or speak in debate?

8. Is it not true that, in hiring yourself as York Region Coordinator, you committed a serious breach of ethics, serious enough that Trillium actually investigated, and you were in fact asked by at least one member of the Executive to resign, which you elected not to do?

You want my plan for the OCA? Simply to make it work, and properly, and to actually follow the rules, or change them if they don't make sense rather than ignoring them. You

have all these fancy ideas and you have allowed the basic functions and obligations of the OCA to flounder. Without knowing the financial picture I can make few concrete promises, however your cancelling of the Ontario Open was a bad idea and I will undo this. **Within two weeks of being elected I will announce a date and location for the 2008 Ontario Open.** That is my first promise. And it will likely occur even sooner.

I look forward to hearing your answers, Barry. I'm also happy to answer any questions anyone else may have.

Thanks,

Christopher Mallon “

Barry responded on ChessTalk the same day, June 3, as follows:

“ Hi Chris,

Constitutional changes should be done at an AGM were personal debate and discussion can be heard. Rather than rush a decision, it has been scheduled for the next AGM.

Notice of the AGM was given in early April and has been on the website since, giving more than 60 days notice.

We are still awaiting financial information from the CFC so can not conclude the financials without confirming the fees that are owed to us.

No funds were received from the CFC in the last year and therefore no funds have been issued to the Leagues.

The CFC has many challenges and is stalling on payments. It is a CFC not a OCA mismanaged issue.

The OCA at its AGM approved the submission and carry through of a Trillium Grant and the Executive had every authority to carry that out. This will all be discussed at the AGM.

The Ontario Open was not held this year as SWOCL was unable to arrange it in their turn. Why did you not help them in time for a normal May event, as you are in that League area?

I look forward to hearing your ideas at the AGM on Saturday.

Barry “

Chris then responded as follows on June 3:

“ Hi Barry,

Why do you refuse to provide a straight answer?

Your whole sentence about constitutional changes is moot, because you attempted these motions at the LAST AGM and decided there that the AGM was not the proper place because not enough Governors were present to discuss them. Now, suddenly it is?

"Notice" was posted on the website of an AGM to be held somewhere in Brampton (we'll assume Ontario!) at some undisclosed location and time on June 7th. First of all, that is NOT a legal notice (not enough information) and second, a message on the website is NOT how notice is prescribed by the OCA Constitution. If you are saying that that was your notice, it just changes which by-laws were broken, not the fact that some were broken.

Your third line is the closest you come to a straight answer, however it is still not acceptable. Financials should be put together to the best ability of the OCA given incomplete information, to be revised in the future if new information contradicts them. All financial details should NOT be kept hidden simply due to a single dispute with another party!

I'm glad to hear your explanation of why no funds have been issued to the Leagues for the past year. Now can you please explain why it's been TWO years for SWOCL?

I did not ask you whose fault it was that there is a dispute between the OCA and CFC. I asked when you were going to disclose this as the reason the Leagues were not receiving their rebates?

The OCA at its AGM did not approve your hiring as the York Region Coordinator, nor did it give you sole power to hire anyone (including yourself).

I, in fact, did try to get an Ontario Open in Kitchener this year. We had this little problem called the Memorial Cup the same weekend keeping everything booked solid. I also had an issue in that I was applying for a job that would have kept me in Ottawa all summer from mid-April so I couldn't be the sole organizer. Still, I showed more leadership here than you. All you publicly did for the Ontario Open was cancel it, rather than perhaps opening up additional dates for the event?

I would still like specific yes or no answers to all my previous questions. I didn't think that would be so hard to provide.

Thank you,

Christopher Mallon “

John Brown made no public comment on these matters to our knowledge. On June 5, he withdrew and threw his support to Chris Mallon. These matters then went to the AGM proper on June 7.

We had asked one of our subscribers to send us a short report of the meeting ( I was on holidays the last 10 days, and just got back today, the day this Issue had to go out ). But it has not appeared in my e-mail. So we will have to get a report next week from someone, and then we'll report on it next Issue.

### **Topalov – Kamsky Challengers' Match – Lvov, Ukraine**

( from ChessBase )

After a great deal of international bickering the matter is now settled: the special Challengers Match between Gata Kamsky and Veselin Topalov will take place between November 26th and December 14th 2008 in Lvov, Ukraine. This has just been announced by FIDE, with President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov guaranteeing the organizer's offer of US \$750,000 with his personal finances.

### **Zalakarossi Chess Festival, Hungary**

Canadian GM Mark Bluvshtein finished 1/2 point behind 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> place finishers, Hungarian GM's Medvegy and Groszpeter, with 6.5/9. He tied for 3<sup>rd</sup>/8<sup>th</sup>. There were 102 players including 12 GM's. Congratulations Mark – how to come out of retirement !

### **Eastern Ontario Open – Report**

( from ChessTalk – by TD Ari Margehtis )

For the last weekend in May, the forecast called for lots of rain, and that seemed to help turnout, as over 60 players from the Toronto-Montreal corridor congregated in Ottawa for the 2008 Eastern Ontario Open. This event is the final one, and traditionally the biggest, in the annual Grand Prix series run by the EOCA (Eastern Ontario Chess Association).

This growing number of players represents an increase of about 30% from last year's edition, and served to guarantee some chunky cash prizes. In addition, the median rating of the players was high enough for us to consider FIDE rating the top section next event!

Back to the results for this tournament, the top Section A was completely dominated by GM Bator Sambuev, who scored a perfect 5-0 en route to claiming the \$500 first prize!

After that, Nicolas Arsenaault, who lost only to Bator, scored 4-1 for clear second place, and claimed the \$300 second prize. Rounding out the top Section A, Armando Valdizon won both games on Sunday, and leapfrogged several competitors on his way to a score of 3.5-1.5, earning himself the \$125 third prize. Of note, Egidijus Zeromskis also scored 3.5-1.5, but was playing as an Amateur. He also enjoyed my manual pairing by cards! 😊

Section B (1999-1600) included class prizes for rating ranges 1999-1800 & 1799-1600.

For 1999-1800, there were many players tied for top spot heading into the 4th round, but then Christopher Pace and Sonja Xiong, who had drawn each other in Round 3, had very successful Sundays, to finish as undefeated co-winners with scores of 4-1, splitting \$300.

For 1799-1600, Gordon Ritchie and Philippe Leveillee both finished with the impressive scores of 3-2, but as Philippe was playing as an Amateur, Gordon won the \$200 prize.

Section C (1599-UNR) was a very friendly section with many family groupings, and most of the players in the section played as Amateur. As had been advertized though, there was still a \$200 prize up for grabs, and young Anthony Pace, brother of Section B co-winner Christopher, finished the tournament with 4 straight wins, for a score of 4-1, and won the cash. Impressively, Stuart Brammall also scored 4-1, but he was playing as an Amateur.

### **GTCL Cup**

( report by Michael Barron )

Chess Academy of Canada team won GTCL Cup Final !

The GTCL Cup Final match between Chess Academy of Canada and Willowdale Chess Club teams took place on Tuesday, June 3, 2008, at Willowdale Chess Club.

The result is 13 - 2 in favour of Chess Academy of Canada team (draws doesn't count):

Nikolay Noritsyn 1 0 Michael Kimelman

Michael Barron 1 0 Ruperto Frilles

Roman Sapozhnikov 1 0 Oleg Tseluiko

Nikita Gusev 1 0 Mickey Stein

Nikolay Noritsyn 1 0 Ruperto Frilles

Michael Barron 0 1 Oleg Tseluiko

Roman Sapozhnikov 1 0 Mickey Stein

Nikita Gusev 1/2 1/2 Michael Kimelman

Nikolay Noritsyn 1 0 Oleg Tseluiko

Michael Barron 1 0 Mickey Stein

Roman Sapozhnikov 1 0 Michael Kimelman

Nikita Gusev 0 1 Ruperto Frilles

Nikolay Noritsyn 1 0 Mickey Stein

Michael Barron 1 0 Michael Kimelman

Roman Sapozhnikov 1 0 Ruperto Frilles

Nikita Gusev 1 0 Oleg Tseluiko

### **SCC Early Summer Swiss ( Last tournament of this 2007-8 season )**

On May 8, an 8-round swiss started, the SCC Early Summer Swiss. It is in 2 sections as is now the practice at SCC ( 1700 & Over; U 1700 ). 30 players registered for the top



section. 22 players registered for the second section ( this is consistent with the 50 player average we've been having over the past couple of years ).

After five rounds ( we weren't sent the standings after the 6<sup>th</sup> round by the time of publication ), the following players led:

#### Open Section

1<sup>st</sup> – 4.5 pts. – Erwin Casareno, current club champion

2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 pts – John Hall

Bryan Lamb

#### U 1700 Section

1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> – 4 pts. – David Farrant

Steve Douglas

Dean Ward

In Rd. 5 in the open section, on Bd. 2 , John Hall, winner of the last SCC Spring Open, first sacked the exchange against junior girl expert Yuanling Yuan, but had a good attack. He finished off with a nice further exchange sac to bust the K-side position open and win.

Here is their game:

#### **Yuan, Yuanling (2218) – Hall, John (2196) [C92]**

SCC Early Summer Swiss ( 1700 & Over ) Toronto (5), 05.06.2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Bb7 10.d4 Qd7 11.Nbd2 Rae8 12.Nf1 exd4 13.cxd4 Na5 14.Bc2 d5 15.e5 Ne4 16.Bf4 f5 17.Qc1 c5 18.Ng3 Nc6 19.Ne2 Rc8 20.Rd1 cxd4 21.Nexd4 Nb4 22.Qb1 Nxc2 23.Nxc2 g5 24.Be3 g4 25.hxg4 fxg4 26.Nfd4 Bh4 27.Rf1 Qf7 28.Qe1 Qh5 29.g3 Rxc2 30.Nxc2 d4 31.Bf4 Bg5 32.Nxd4 Rxf4 33.f3 Rxf3 34.Nxf3 gxf3 35.Rd1 f2+ 0-1

In Rd. 5, in the Open Section, B-class player Pino Verde upset expert Alex Ferreira. Though he was down 2 pawns to 1 in the ending, Pino's pawn was faster and threatened to queen, and Alex resigned. Here is their game:

#### **Verde, Pino (1754) – Ferreira, Alex (2023) [B07]**

SCC Early Summer Swiss ( 1700 & Over ) Toronto (5), 05.06.2008

1.e4 d6 2.Bc4 g6 3.c3 Nf6 4.d3 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.Bb3 e5 8.Nf1 Nc5 9.Bc2 d5 10.b4 dxe4 11.bxc5 exf3 12.Qxf3 Qd5 13.Qxd5 Nxd5 14.Bd2 e4 15.d4 b6 16.Ne3 Nxe3 17.fxe3 bxc5 18.Bxe4 Rb8 19.Rb1 Ba6 20.Kf2 cxd4 21.cxd4 f5 22.Bd5+ Kh8 23.h4 f4 24.Bf3 Bd3 25.Rxb8 Rxb8 26.Rc1 Bf6 27.exf4 Bxd4+ 28.Kg3 c5 29.Bc3 Bxc3 30.Rxc3 c4 31.Bd5 Rb2 32.a3 Kg7 33.Bxc4 Bxc4 34.Rxc4 Rb3+ 35.Kf2 Rxa3 36.Rc7+ Kf6 37.g4 h5 38.Rc6+ Kg7 39.Rc7+ Kf8 40.Rc8+ Ke7 41.Rc7+ Kd8 42.Rc6 hxg4 43.Rxg6 Rf3+ 44.Kg2 Rxf4 45.h5 Ke8 46.h6 Rf7 47.Kg8 Rf1 48.h7 Kf7 49.Rg8 1-0

## Hart House Open Chess Tournament

Canada Day Open at Hart House  
June 27th, 28th, 29th (Fri, Sat, Sun)

Debates Room, 2nd Floor, Hart House, University of Toronto  
7 Hart House Circle, Toronto

**Style:** 5 round Swiss in 3 sections: Open (w/ U2200 prizes), U2000, U1700/UNR

**Rounds:** 6:30pm Friday evening, 10:30am & 4pm Saturday & Sunday

**Time Control:** Friday evening SD/120, Saturday & Sunday 30/90, SD/60

**Byes:** Maximum of 2 in rounds 1-4 if requested in advance.

**Other Info:** No Smoking. Please bring sets and clocks.

**TD:** Bryan Lamb [416.446.5938 or 416.904.5938]

bryan.lamb@rogers.com

**Organizer:** Hart House Chess Club - [alex.ferreira@utoronto.ca](mailto:alex.ferreira@utoronto.ca) to register by e-mail.

## 2008 Canadian Open – Montreal – July 19 – 27

- Bourse garantie en totalité: 25 000\$
  - Dates : 19 au 27 juillet 2008.
  - Endroit : Cégep du Vieux-Montréal, 255 Ontario est, Montréal
  - 5 sections : Open, - 2400, -2000, -1700, -1400 et sc.
  - Tournoi Coté FQE et FCE. Membership requis : FQE pour les Québécois, CFC pour les autres. La FQE prend en charge les frais de membership tournoi FCE pour les Québécois lorsque requis.
  - Information : 514-252-3034
- *Absolutely Guaranteed prizes : 25 000\$*
  - *Dates : July 19-27, 2008*
  - *Place : Cégep du Vieux-Montréal, 255 Ontario st. east, Montreal*
  - *5 sections : Open, U2400, U2000, U1700, U1400 +UR*
  - *Rated CFC and FQE. Membership required : CFC and FQE (Quebec only).*
  - *Information : 514-252-3034*
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## An Impressive Trio !



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