

## Toronto Chess News

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Covering Toronto Chess News, and Beyond!

*"Chess IS Life! – GM Bobby Fischer"*

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### TCN – A New Player on the Block!

As some of you may know, I, Bob Armstrong,



founded the Scarborough Chess Club Newsletter in its current form in Sept. 1999. I have been the sole editor for the last 13 years of The Scarborough Community of Toronto Chess News & Views. I enjoyed the job. I feel the newsletter was an asset to Scarborough Chess Club.

But I decided it was time to move on to new challenges. So I handed in my resignation as SCC Newsletter Editor to the SCC Executive at the end of August.

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One of the new challenges I decided to take on, was to found, publish and edit a new “ independent “ electronic newsletter, called the “ Toronto Chess News “.- and ... presto!..... here it is!! It is being published by my chess services company, Canadian Chess

Consulting Service. It is providing me as the new Editor.

TCN will cover chess news at all levels: international/FIDE; national/CFC; provincial/OCA; regional/GTCL, and will cover the activities of local Toronto and GTA chess clubs and local GTA tournaments. I will continue to write original articles, as I did in the Scarborough CC newsletter, as well as republishing interesting information from various chess websites. It is my hope that local chess clubs and tournaments will soon submit games to this new newsletter, and I will annotate them as I have done over the years with respect to SCC Member games.

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Thanks to all those who supported the SCC newsletter, over the years, and me as SCC Newsletter Editor.

I hope that I will get similar support as editor of Toronto Chess News.

On into a bright future!

### **World Junior Chess Championship, Greece**

This 13 round swiss was played in Athens, Greece from Aug. 2 – 15. Canada sent an “ Official Representative “. FM Shiyam Thavandiran, twice Canadian Junior Champion ( 2005;2010 ), former SCC junior, who finished third in the 2012 Canadian Junior, was the highest finisher willing to attend the WJCC. As such, he is awarded plane travel cost by the organizers of the Can. Junior, and gets free WYCC registration and room and board from the WJCC organizers.

Alexander Ipatov of Turkey and Richard Rapport of Hungary tied for 1<sup>st</sup>. Ipatov won on tie-break. Shiyam scored 6/13 pts. He achieved an IM Norm! This is his third norm, but he needs his rating to get to 2400 to be awarded the title. His rating at the start of the WJC was 2301. Congratulations Shiyam.

Toronto player Jack Maguire also drew attention on Chess Talk to a new young ( 13 years old ) Chinese junior playing ( the article is just before Rd. 12 ):

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“ Wei Yi, the Chinese wunderkind, seems to be the real deal. He won the U12 WYCC in

Athens in 2010 in his junior year (he has an April 15, 1999 birth date), an impressive feat in itself but nothing compared to his performance at the ongoing World Junior Championship. Despite spotting most of the top rated GM juniors 7 years in age, he earned a 9 round GM norm for his 2600+ TPR. Not resting on those laurels, he's won both his R10 and R11 games to now sport a 2666 TPR. He'll be on board # 2 later this morning in the penultimate round against one of the two co-leaders (he's already beaten the other co-leader) with an outside chance of still winning this event. These are pretty much uncharted waters for a kid his age. “

Wei Yi finished at 8.5/13 pts., losing his Rd. 13 game.

In addition, CFC authorized 4 other Canadian Juniors to attend, at their own expense. Here are their results:

IM Eric Hansen – 2012 Canadian Open winner - 9/13 pts.- tied 5<sup>th</sup>/10<sup>th</sup>!!



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FM Aman Hambleton ( former SCC junior ) - 7/13 pts. – despite losing his final game, earned a full 13-game IM norm.

FM Michael Kleinman - 6/13 pts.

Kevin Wu ( SCC Junior ) - 4/13 pts

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### **World Junior Girls Chess Championship, Greece**

This took place at the same time and place as the World Junior.

The 2012 Canadian Junior Girls Champion, Veronicka Kalaydina, was the “official rep. “ to the girls tournament, and got the same benefits as Shiyam, for the World Junior..

The winner was WGM Guo Qi of China, with 9.5/13 pts., on a 3-way tie-break. Veronicka scored 6.5/13 pts.

### **IM Eric Hansen – 1<sup>st</sup> GM Norm!**

( partly adapted from Susan Polgar blog ) Canadian IM Eric Hansen continued the string of excellent results after recently sharing the 5th place in the World Junior Championship in Athens. Possibly encouraged with the presence of his trainer IM Miodrag Perunovic, Eric performed splendidly at the Isthmia tournament in Greece ( playing there as a tune-up for the Olympiad ), beating the strong GM Ioannis Nikolaidis in the last round with black pieces, to finish equal first (2nd on tie-break) and claim his first GM norm. He played 5 GM's.

Congratulations Eric!! GM title coming up soon!

### **World Chess Olympiad, Turkey – Open Section**

( partly adapted from ChessVibes ) On Monday, August 27, the World Chess Olympiad started in Istanbul, Turkey. It runs to September 9. 159 countries registered a team for the open section.

The first unofficial Olympiad was held in 1924 in Paris and on its closing day, July 20th, 1924 FIDE was founded. Since 1950 the Olympiad is being held every two years. The 2010 Olympiad was held in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia while the 2014 Olympiad will be in Tromsø, Norway.

The teams in both the open and the women's sections consist of four players, one reserve player and a team captain who may also be one of the players (or reserve). Each federation may also be represented by a chief of delegation

In the open section, the top favourites are:

**Russia.** Their last victory was in Bled in 2002. Their line-up this year: Vladimir Kramnik, Sergey Karjakin, Alexander Grischuk, Evgeny Tomashevsky and Dmitry Jakovenko.

**Armenia.** They won gold in 2006 and 2008. They played with the strongest possible line-up: Levon Aronian, Sergei Movsesian, Vladimir Akopian, Gabriel Sargissian and Tigran

Petrosian.

**Ukraine.** Defending their 2010 title : impressive line-up: Vassily Ivanchuk, Ruslan Ponomariov, Alexander Moiseenko, Andrei Volokitin and Pavel Eljanov.

**China** is among the top favorites again with Wang Hao, Li Chao, Wang Yue, Ding Liren and Bu Xiangzhi.

**USA.** Won the bronze medal both in 2006 in Turin and in 2008 in Dresden. Their line-up: Hikaru Nakamura, Gata Kamsky, Alexander Onischuk, Varuzhan Akobian and Ray Robson.

Canada is ranked # 53, with average rating 2497. Here is the team:

- 1 GM Sambuev Bator 2523 CAN
- 2 IM Gerzhoy Leonid 2448 CAN
- 3 IM Noritsyn Nikolay 2472 CAN
- 4 IM Hansen Eric 2472 CAN
- 5 IM Porper Edward 2418 CAN

Here are Canada's scores in the first 4 rounds:

Rd. 1 – Haiti 0 – 4 Canada

Rd. 2 – Canada 3 – 1 Turkmenistan

Rd. 3 – Argentina 2 – 2 Canada

Rd. 4 – Canada 2 ½ - 1 ½ Mongolia

### **World Chess Olympiad, Turkey – Women's Section**

( adapted from ChessVibes ) 131 countries registered a team for the women's section. The 2 favourites are:

**China.** Had Hou Yifan ( Women's World Champion ), Zhao Xue, Ju Wenjun, Huang Qian and Ding Yixin.

**Russia.** Won in 2010. They have: Tatiana and Nadezhda Kosintseva, Valentina Gunina, Alexandra Kosteniuk and national champ Natalija Pogonina.

40th World Olympiad teams rank (women)

- 1 CHN China 2531
- 2 RUS Russia 2513
  
- 3 GEO Georgia 2490
- 4 UKR Ukraine 2471
- 5 USA United States of America 2419
- 6 IND India 2412
- 7 POL Poland 2408
- 8 ARM Armenia 2404
- 9 GER Germany 2391
- 10 ROU Romania 2377

Canada is # **59** , rated 2044. Here is the team:

- 1 WIM Khoudgarian Natalia 2158 CAN
- 2 WCM Peng Jackie 2009 CAN
- 3 WCM Orlova Yelizaveta 1947 CAN
- 4 WCM Botez Alexandra 2009 CAN
- 5 Lacau-Rodean Iulia 1999 CAN

Here are Canada's scores in the first 4 rounds:

Rd. 1 – Canada 4 – 0 Aruba

Rd. 2 – Kazakhstan 4 – 0 Canada

Rd. 3 – Canada ½ - 3 ½ Croatia

Rd. 4 – South Korea ½ - 3 ½ Canada

### **French Championships**

( from TWIC – Mark Crowther ) The French Chess Championships for men and women took place in Pau 13th to 25th August 2012. Romain Edouard, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave,

Etienne Bacrot and Christian Bauer all had 7/10 going into the final round. However then there was the shock news of the death of Christian Bauer's 4 month old child. On the proposal of the players the 11th and final round was cancelled. Edouard, Vachier and Bacrot were to play off for the title on Saturday but on further reflection it was decided that all 4 players should share the title.

GM Almira Skripchenko won the Women's title. Here are their final results:

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2.	Milliet, Sophie	m	FRA	2411	0	½	*	*	½	0	½	1	½	1	1	½	5½	2343
3.	Collas, Silvia	m	FRA	2261	½	0	½	1	*	*	1	½	0	1	0	½	5	2337
4.	Maisuradze, Nino	wg	FRA	2284	1	½	½	0	0	½	*	*	0	½	1	½	4½	2297
5.	Safranska, Anda	wg	FRA	2298	½	0	½	0	1	0	1	½	*	*	½	½	4½	2294
6.	Bollengier, Andreea	wm	FRA	2253	0	0	0	½	1	½	0	½	½	½	*	*	3½	2229

### **FIDE September 1 Regular Rating List**

We had intended to publish our full rating list of top 10, and top 10 women, along with the Canadian top 6, and top 6 women, with pictures. But the FIDE September rating lists are a mess – duplicate numbering, duplicate names with different ratings, inactive players ( like Garry Kasparov ) mixed in, Canadian players who haven't played for years in the “ active “ list, etc.

So we will wait 'til FIDE corrects the mess, and publish it in the Sept. 15 Issue.

## **Rick's Chess Trivia**

( questions/presentations researched by columnist Rick Garel )



### **Today's Trivia Question is:**

What famous chess player had a cat name " Chess "?

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](mailto: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 the 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. We will give credit to the author if we use your suggestion.

### **GTA Club & Tournament News**

TCN hopes, as it develops, to establish liaisons with chess clubs in Toronto and the GTA. whereby one member at each club will take responsibility for submitting their club news to TCN on a regular basis for this section. It will take time for this

administrative arrangement to take effect, but in the meantime, we do have some material on GTCL, Scarborough CC, Annex CC and Willowdale CC for this very first Issue. We, of course, for this rushed first Issue, do not have yet any submitted games from clubs or recent local tournaments.

### **From the GTCL Perspective**

Dear chess friends,

First of all, I would like to thank Bob Armstrong for his tireless work on popularization of chess.

He was the editor of the Scarborough Chess Club Newsletter for the last 13 years! And now Bob is starting a new independent electronic newsletter - Toronto Chess News. We wish Bob success with his new venture!

Now about GTCL news:

We are starting a new chess season!

As usual, the first tournament of the new season is Labour Day Open - this year at Hart House:

**When:** September 1st, 2nd, 3rd (Sat, Sun, Mon)

**Where:** Hart House, University of Toronto, 2nd Floor

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

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

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

But we start the new season with recognition of the past season's winners:

[http://www.torontochess.org/drupal/page/award\\_ceremony\\_2012\\_september](http://www.torontochess.org/drupal/page/award_ceremony_2012_september)

GTCL awards ceremony will take place at Toronto Labour Day Open at Hart House just before round 2 - at 3:50 pm on Saturday, September 1.

The recipients are:

**Chess Academy of Canada** Team - winner of GTCL Team Competition and GTCL Cup:

Nikolay Noritsyn, Roman Sapozhnikov, Michael Song, Nikita Gusev, Konstantin Semianiuk, David Itkin;

**CCC Commandos** Team - winner of GTCL Cup under 1800 competition:

Erwin Casareno, Bob Armstrong, Ken Kurkowski, Steve Karpik.

Until the end of this year we're planning 3 Toronto Championships:

Toronto Senior, Toronto Junior and Toronto Women's Championships.

GTCL Executive approved Willowdale Chess Club bid for Toronto Senior

Championship:

[http://www.torontochess.org/drupal/chesstournament/2012\\_toronto\\_senior\\_chess\\_championship](http://www.torontochess.org/drupal/chesstournament/2012_toronto_senior_chess_championship)

**Dates:** October 16 - November 27, 2012.

This will be an eight player round-robin tournament comprising of the eight highest rated players born in 1962 or earlier who apply.

Annex Chess Club expressed its interest to organize Toronto Junior and Toronto Women's Championships.

We hope it will be successful season for chess in Toronto!

Michael Barron,  
GTCL President

### **Scarborough Chess Club News**

**SCC E – mail :** [info@scarboroughchessclub.ca](mailto:info@scarboroughchessclub.ca)

**SCC Website :** [www.scarboroughchessclub.ca](http://www.scarboroughchessclub.ca)

**SCC Location :** Birkdale Community Ctre, 1299 Ellesmere Road ( between Midland Ave. and Brimley Road )

### **SCC Re-opens for 2012-3 Season with AGM!**

The first meeting of the Scarborough Chess Club, after its summer break, will be on Thursday, September 6, when it will hold its Annual General Meeting ( no chess that night ). There will be reports from the old executive on the past year, election of the new Executive Committee, and planning for the coming year. All members are invited to attend.

The first tournament of the year begins on Thursday, Sept. 13, with Rd. 1 of the Howard Ridout Memorial Swiss.

### **SCC – A Significant Canadian Chess Club**

SCC believes it is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest chess club in Canada. It appears that the title of largest chess club goes to the Mississauga CC. But they do achieve this by adding to the adult members, all juniors in their “ junior club “, even if they don't play in the regular, CFC-rated swisses, and don't pay the full junior membership fee of those juniors who do play in the regular weekly swisses.( Bob Gillanders can correct SCC if its got any of its calculation facts wrong ).

SCC does not have a “ junior club “. Rather all juniors pay the regular junior membership fee, and all are fully integrated into their weekly, CFC-

rated swiss tournaments, with the adults. SCC's fully-paid-up membership, as of Sept. 1/12, is 107 members. As well, as of Sept. 1, SCC had 9 expired SCC memberships, but of players whom they reasonably expect to return to play in the 2012-3 season, and who will be renewing. This gives SCC a total effective membership of 116 members. The breakdown of their regular swisses ( from the last tournament of 2011-2 ) is: adult male - 55 %; adult female - 2 %; junior male - 40 %; junior female - 3 %. The club boasts members from many ethnic backgrounds.

SCC meets approximately 40 times/year ( they are closed in July and August, and between Christmas and New Years, and there are a few other days where the Centre is unavailable ). There are 6 regular, CFC-rated tournaments per year, including the Club Championship. To play in the top section of the championship, a player must have played at least 10 rated tournament games since Sept. 1 ( start of the new season ). This assures that the eventual champion has some significant connection to the club prior to the championship. Tournaments are divided into 3 sections generally – 1800+ ( 1700's have the right to play up ); U 1800 ( to 1400; 1300's have the right to play up ); U 1400. There is a club champion for each section ( the club championship is divided slightly differently ). The winner of the middle section in the Club Championship wins the right to play in the following year's top section, even if they might not qualify by rating. If the spot is not filled by the winner, then the prize trickles down to the next available finisher. New this year may be a one-evening, one-section SCC " quick chess " Club Championship.

SCC juniors have achieved good results both internationally and nationally:

World Youth Chess Championship – U 12 Open – 2011 – bronze medal – Michael Song;  
 Pan-American YCC – U 8 Girls – 2011 – gold medal – Jiaxin ( Dora ) Liu  
 2012 Canadian YCC – U 10 Open – tied 2<sup>nd</sup> / 3<sup>rd</sup> – Thomas Guo; Wenyang Ming  
     U 12 Open – 2<sup>nd</sup> ( lost tie break ) – Joe Bellissimo  
     U 14 Open – tied 3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – Yinshi ( John ) Li; Kajan  
     Thanabalachandran

SCC has a good website, giving all the relevant club information in a simple, user-friendly format. This August, SCC also implemented an alternative format website, specifically tailored to smart-phone accessing of the website. SCC finds most new members find them via the internet, and phones are being used more and more to get access.

SCC is looking forward to an exciting 2012-3 season!!

### **Annex Chess Club News**

**ACC E-mail :** [infor@annexchessclub.ca](mailto:infor@annexchessclub.ca)

**ACC Website:** [www.annexchessclub.com](http://www.annexchessclub.com)

**ACC Location:** 918 Bathurst St., Toronto ( north of the Bathurst Subway Station )

( submitted by Marcus Wilker, TCN Liaison for ACC )

Annex Chess Club (ACC) was founded by Ted Winick, president of the Chess Institute of Canada (CIC). "Bringing chess to life," CIC teaches life skills through chess programs in Toronto schools and neighbourhoods. The new club, temporarily named the "New Toronto Chess Club," was announced at the 2010 Toronto Labour Day Open. The next few Monday nights at 918 Bathurst, where Ted's Spirit of Math school operates, a small group of supporters and early members met to shape the club we now have.

Although the club has benefitted from the guidance and support of older and wiser members of the Toronto chess establishment, Ted drew together a group of relatively inexperienced organizers to run the club. And while CIC has always backed the club, ACC has run in and under its own direction since the beginning, with the dedicated support of its members and the energetic work of its executive.

The first round of the first ACC Swiss started Monday October 25, 2010 (the week after an opening-night lecture and simul by Mark Bluvshstein) with just eight players, all in a single section. Now, almost two years later, we usually have about forty players in our club Swisses, divided into three sections. We've run weekend Opens and GTCL championships, we teach children as well as adult beginners, and we've had lectures and simuls from several international grandmasters.

This fall, as our two-year anniversary approaches, we're learning from our mistakes, clarifying the roles of our executive, solidifying our relationship to CIC, streamlining our accounting and procedures, and hopefully putting the club on a solid foundation for a long and healthy future.

We wish Bob Armstrong well with Toronto Chess News - he does amazing work for Toronto chess already, and we at ACC firmly believe in the spirit of cooperation Bob stands for: we're excited to see this new venture of his take off. At the same time, we invite the experienced and the curious, young and old, masters and beginners, to join us on Monday nights at Annex Chess Club. We offer "chess for everyone" at Bathurst and Bloor, in the heart of downtown Toronto.

### **Willowdale Chess Club News**

**Location:** Earl Bales Park Community Centre ( Bathurst St./Sheppard Ave. )

**Meeting:** Tuesday, 7:00 – 10:00 PM

Willowdale CC bid for the Toronto Seniors Championship, and it was accepted. Hosting details are:

Date:

2012/10/16 - 2012/11/27

This will be an eight player round-robin tournament comprising of the eight highest rated players born in 1962 or earlier who apply.

The deadline for entries will be 9pm Tuesday, October 9 at the Willowdale Chess Club (4169 Bathurst St., inside Earl Bales Park), where the draw for position will take place.

A reserve section will be available if 6 or more additional players enter.

The event will be CFC rated, and the rating fees will be paid by the GTCL.  
CFC membership is required.

**Schedule:** Games will be played on consecutive Tuesdays at 7pm at the Willowdale Chess Club (Earl Bales Community Centre at the Earl Bales Park near Bathurst and Sheppard intersection)

**Time control:** 90 minutes for the game.

**Entry fee:** \$20;

for players born in 1952 or earlier - \$15,

for players born in 1942 or earlier - \$10.

**Prizes:** Chess books for top 3 finishers & Trophy for the winner.

Chess sets and boards are provided.

Entries & Info: Fred Kormendi (416) 223-0126      FREE (416) 223-0126

*Location*

Earl Bales Park

4169 Bathurst Street

Toronto, ON

Canada

Organizer :

Fred Kormendi

Phone for Organizer:

(416) 223-0126      FREE (416) 223-0126

**:TCN Readers Have Questions**

This column invites readers to submit to TCN any type of chess question they wish ( e.g. What does FIDE stand for? ), and TCN will try to find the answer.

**TCN Readers' Opinions**

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 TCN that you profoundly agreed with, or maybe ( surely not ! ) disagreed with?

We are very open to publishing freelance articles from our readers. Drop us a line, and we'll read it over, and let you know if we'd like to use it.

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.

**Tournament Notices****2012 Toronto Labour Day Open**September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> (Sat, Sun, Mon)Debates & Music Rooms, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, Hart House, University of Toronto

7 Hart House Circle

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

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

**Time Control:**            120 mins + 30 sec increment for Open & U2200 Sections; 30  
moves in 90 minutes, with 1 hr added after move 30 for U1900  
& U1600 Sections

- Registration:** In advance by August 30<sup>th</sup> by cheque or email.  
Registrants after August 30<sup>th</sup> are not guaranteed to be paired  
Round 1.  
In advance (arrival by August 30<sup>th</sup>) 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](mailto:hhchess@utoronto.ca) (by August 30<sup>th</sup> –  
otherwise considered late). Email registrants must arrive onsite  
before 9:30am  
September 1<sup>st</sup> 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 \$20 to play up  
each section.
- Discounts:** FREE for players new to CFC rated tournaments  
\$10 less for juniors (born after Sept 1<sup>st</sup>, 1994), seniors (60+),  
women, FM's and University of Toronto students (show ID  
card). One discount per player.  
FREE for IMs & WGM's before August 25<sup>th</sup>, \$60 afterwards, \$80  
on-site.
- Byes:** Maximum of 2 in rounds 1-4 if requested in advance.
- Hart House:** 10 minute walk Southeast from St. George subway station or 5  
minute walk  
Southwest from Museum subway station.

PRIZES: \$7,000  
(Based on 140 players)

**1<sup>st</sup> place in Open Section - \$1000 minimum Guaranteed!**

**Prize distribution**

	<b>Open</b>	<b>U2300</b>	<b>U2200</b>	<b>U1900</b>	<b>U1600</b>	<b>Team</b>
<b>1</b>	\$1400	\$350	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$400
<b>2</b>	\$1000		\$350	\$350	\$350	
<b>3</b>	\$700		\$200	\$200	\$200	

- Other Info:** Please bring chess sets and clocks.  
For parking and access information please visit our website.
- Website:** <http://hhchess.sa.utoronto.ca/hhopen>
- Organizer:** Alex Ferreira, Hart House Chess Club
- Arbiters:** Chief Arbiter: Geordie Derraugh, Deputy Arbiter: Bryan Lamb

## **THE BATTLE OF TORONTO INVITATIONAL**

- **an 8-player FIDE Rating Round Robin Chess Tournament**
- organizer: **Canadian Chess Consulting Service ( CCCS )** ( Bob Armstrong )
- tournament director: **Alex Ferreira**

**Day/Dates:** Mondays –

- October 15, 22, 29;
- November 5, 12, 19, 26; December 3 ( one of these nights will be unavailable – to be confirmed )
- Make-Up Dates: December 10, 17

**Location:** Annex CC, 918 Bathurst St. ( north of the Bathurst Subway Station )

**Round Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Time Control:** Game/90 ( this restricts our registrations to FIDE players under 2200 )

**Prize Fund:** 1<sup>st</sup> - \$ 150; 2<sup>nd</sup> - \$ 80; 3<sup>rd</sup> - \$ 60.

**Registration Fee:** \$ 60 ( payable by Sept 15; no refunds )

Breakdown:	Prize Fund -	\$ 30
	FIDE Rating Fee -	\$ 13
	Annex Site/Equipment Fee	\$ 10
	CFC Rating Fee -	\$ 3
	Tournament Director -	\$ 4
	Tournament organizer -	\$ 0

**Tie-Break:** Head-to-head; Sonneborn-Berger

**Pre-registrations:**

**1. Pre-registrations already accepted:**

FIDE-rated Players: Alex Ferreira – 1985 ( FIDE ) ; 2051 ( CFC )

Non-FIDE-rated Players: Mario Moran-Venegas – 1778; Bob Armstrong – 1642 ( has a FIDE Rating “ part result “ of 5 games )

## 2. Pre-registrants in the “ Pools “:

FIDE-rated Players: Master Michael Dougherty : 2149 ( FIDE ); 2275 ( CFC ); Master Mike Ivanov - 2050 ( FIDE ); 2270 ( CFC ); Tyler Longo - 1956( FIDE ); 2065 ( CFC );

Non-FIDE-rated Players: Marcus Wilker - 1639

( if more entries than places in the pool, entries to be allotted on basis of making tournament most competitive and allowing best chance for non-FIDE-rated players to get a FIDE “ Part Result “ - registration closes Monday, Sept. 3 – allotments, if required, will be decided as soon as possible after Sept. 3 )

**One more player needed** – can be either FIDE-rated, or non-FIDE-rated

**Registration:** contact

**Canadian Chess Consulting Service ( CCCS ) –**  
[canadianchessconsultingservice@gmail.com](mailto:canadianchessconsultingservice@gmail.com); or  
**Bob Armstrong –** [bobarm@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobarm@sympatico.ca)

**Sponsors:** Canadian Chess Consulting Service – contribution to prize fund ( \$ 50 ), and subsidizing TO fee ( \$ 100 )  
 Annex Chess Club – site/equipment fee subsidy ( \$ 270 )  
 Alex Ferreira – subsidizing TD fee ( \$ 218 )

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### NOTES:

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