

# CHESS FEDERATION OF CANADA GOVERNOR'S LETTER SIX 2000-2001



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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

This is my last President's Message as I will not be seeking re-election for a fourth term. In the last decade no previous President has served for more than two years, and I feel that after three years it is time to move on and allow another person to take over. During my term in Office, there were many positive initiatives taken. The Canadian Youth Chess Championships came into being, rating fees were cut for Junior events, an agreement was reached with the Internet Chess Club, some sponsorship was found for two Olympic years, sound financial management was achieved, and membership in the Canadian Olympic Association became a reality. Those were the main items in what were many changes during that time span. I would like to comment on three that I feel are most significant.

It was always my strongest belief that the CFC should be strongly involved in Junior chess. My insistence helped bring about our school program and the CYCC. We did not have the school program before, and we were not directly involved in the CYCC. Now children of all ages are becoming aware of the CFC and our National programs. This helps our youth and is of course beneficial to the CFC in the years ahead.

The year before I became President, there was a substantial financial loss. I have managed to turn that around, with figures of \$12,000 plus for the first year, a loss of \$460 the second year and a \$5,000 plus this last year. This was achieved in spite of extremely difficult times. However, we must continue to have strong financial management to allow us to use our resources where they are most needed.

As many of you will have already noticed, I received word this month that my application for the CFC to become a member of the Canadian Olympic Association had been approved. This can have many benefits for chess in the future. Just being part of that organization gives us more exposure and respect than we have had in the past. Possible financial benefits from this membership are in the future, but this is definitely a step in the right direction.

On the downside, there is concern about the

continuous erosion of our membership due primarily to the alternative of playing strictly on the internet. We must somehow find ways to make the CFC more attractive to the casual players and then be able to reach them and sell the CFC to them.

In addition to myself, both Phil Haley our FIDE representative and Joshua Keshet our Junior Coordinator will not be seeking re-election. Therefore anyone interested in giving his time and energy to the CFC may seek to be nominated for these positions.

Although there have been peaks and valleys during the last three years, altogether I am happy to have been able to serve our members, and I am pleased with the progress we have made in many areas. I am sure that with the motivated people we have in our organization, the CFC will expand and continue as a strong force for chess in Canada in the years ahead.

Best Wishes to the Executive, Governors and all CFC Members.

Maurice Smith  
President  
Chess Federation Of Canada

## **KEEPING GOVERNORS INFORMED**

The Executive voted unanimously to accept the Manitoba bid to host the 2002 Canadian Junior.

The Manitoba Chess Association is pleased to formally apply to the Chess Federation of Canada for permission to host the Canadian Junior Championship, 2002, in Winnipeg. It is our plan to utilize the Boardroom of University of Winnipeg from Wednesday - Sunday, Jan. 2-6, 2002, as the playing site. Permission from the University has been granted. The Boardroom has space for fifty players, and has internal telephone and washroom facilities. This is convenient, as the University will be in session on the Thursday and Friday, and if need be, one can control the number of spectators, and the noise level. We expect the tournament to be run according to the Swiss system, completed in five days, with the number of rounds depending upon the number of entries, and adhering to the stipulations set down by the Chess Federation of Canada.

Furthermore, the Manitoba Chess Association expects to billet the Provincial Champions in homes where children and parents are chess enthusiasts. In all ways, we wish to make this a positive and memorable experience for all young players that take part in the championship.

It is difficult to submit a budget, as we do not know how many youth may wish to play. We intend to do some fund-raising, possibly via an events calendar, for which we will need digital pictures of all provincial champions ahead of time. In any case, we do not see this as a money-making venture. We think it is fair to comment that although the playing schedule will be compressed, we feel that time needs to be allocated also for the young people to socialize, and to experience cultural events of Winnipeg.

On behalf of the Manitoba Chess Association,

Ole Hellsten, Junior Co-ordinator,  
Ron Moffat, President.

The Executive voted unanimously in favour of the Keshet/Palsson Motion - Set the CFC fees at \$7 per participant at the 2001 B.C. Provincial Final for the CYCC.

The Executive voted unanimously in favour of the Haley/Smith Motion - That Kevin Spraggett and Alexandre Lesiege be our two official entrants to the Continental Championships.

Maurice Smith  
President  
Chess Federation Of Canada

#### MOTIONS VOTED ON IN GL#5

**Motion 01-4:** (Richard Bowes / Ken Craft)  
Whereas the rules for the selection of the Olympic Team were not followed when choosing replacements for the resignations of Yan Teplitsky and Ron Livshits from the Canadian Olympic Team; and Whereas the President of the CFC has a clear and direct responsibility to ensure that the rules are correctly applied for the selection of players. The New Brunswick Governors request the resignation of Maurice Smith as President of the Chess Federation of Canada.

#### FAILED

Yes - 4                      No - 13                      Abstain - 1

**Yes:** K.Craft, G.Taylor, R.Bowes, M.Jaeger

**No:** T.Ficzere, P.Stockhausen, M.Barnes, B.Lamb, K.Spraggett, L.Craver, H.Brodie, A.Mendrinis, D.Kirton, W.Ferner, H.Palsson, Robert Webb, Lynn Stringer

**Abstain:** F.McKim

**T.Ficzere:** Let the record show that I vote NO on this motion. Drink beer and multiply.

**L.Craver:** Nothing new to add re 01-04 except that I'm astonished there is no mention of motion 97-9 in the whole discussion concerning the non-confidence motion. Do the supporters of 01-04 feel the president is the only person to be called to account?

#### CFC WOMENS CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP

The following bids from a) the CFC Business Office and b) David Cohen for the 2001 Canadian Women's Closed were presented to the Board of Governors for a vote.

a) **Bid - CFC Office (Serge Archambault, Chris Collins)**

**Date:** June 21st to June 27th (Thursday to Wednesday) **Rounds:** Nine, two of the days would be double round **Time Control:** 40 moves/ 75 minutes + 15 minutes for the rest of the game (with 30 second per move increments starting from move 1) **Entry Fee:** \$150 **Prize fund:** at least 37.5% of entry fees (depending on whether a hall is rented), the event will also be compliant with section 1.56 of the FIDE handbook. This will allow for some FIDE titles to be awarded. **TD:** Serge Archambault **Playing hall:** will be dependent on number of entries. If there are more than fifteen players a hall will be rented. Otherwise, the top level of the CFC office will be used. Accommodation will be provided to the Canadian Champion.

b) **Bid - David Cohen (Women's Coordinator)**

I bid for the 2001 Canadian Women's Championship as per CFC Handbook Section 11.

**Dates:** August 4,5,6, 2001. **Location:** Toronto, Ontario **Time Control:** Determined by the Board of Directors. I suggest 40 moves/2 hours, followed by game/1 hour.

David Cohen  
CFC Governor and Women's Coordinator  
CFC National Tournament Director

### Results

Toronto - 16    Ottawa – 5    Neither/Abstain - 4

**Toronto (Cohen Bid)** - R.Bowes, J.Keshet, R.Webb, D.Cohen, F.Cabanas, A.Mendrinis, L.Stringer, M.Dutton, P.Haley, P.Boross-Harmer, J.Niksic, G.Taylor, H.Brodie, W.Ferner, D.Allan, K.Spraggett

**Ottawa (CFC Office Bid)** - S.Ball, G.Groleau, A.Tsui, H.Palsson, H.Langer

**Neither/Abstain** - B.Campbell, K.Craft, B.Lamb, P.Stockhausen

**R.Bowes:** I vote for David Cohen's bid. His time control is much more sensible. Better schedule too.

**D.Cohen:** A reminder to everyone that you have the right to reject both bids, should you not wish to commit the CFC to spend the funds to send the winner of the Canadian Women's Championship to the Women's World Championship, according to CFC Handbook Section 1112.

**J.Keshet:** Both bids have some information that may make it less attractive.

1. The Ottawa bid seems to be spread over too many days and thus may attract (ironically) fewer players. It also is so imminent and so close to the CYCC and the Open that it may discourage some of our top girls/women.

2. Toronto bid may be too late by the FIDE rule (allegedly). However, I have full trust with the Women Coordinator.

Thus:

1. I vote in favour of the David Cohen bid.
2. I abstain at the moment from voting on the Office bid.

**R.Webb:** I find that the two Bids have some deficiencies when looked at from the viewpoint "Would I want to enter?"

Toronto [Cohen] # of rounds, site, location are necessary, nay VITAL, facts. Each is missing. \$\$ for entry fee, prizes, expenses also missing. And accommodations in Toronto in June? Per night cost would restrict choices greatly. Or has David arranged for B&B in local player's homes for the out-of-towners?

I have known David Cohen and would play in an event for which he is TD. --- but IS he the TD? More missing information!

Stated TC is non-FIDE compliant. I don't like the new FIDE regs for TC., but if we are to ensure that Titles can be played for, then this has to change.

Ottawa [Archambault/Collins] 7 Days are allocated; this is tough to handle, but for those serious about the tournament is a deficiency that MIGHT be lived with ~ I am just not sure. The financial details are a mite skimpy here too, though somewhat better than in the Cohen bid.

The use of the second floor at CFC offices obviously has a positive impact when it comes to cost control. There is a severe negative as far as proper atmosphere to produce good chess, however. Not the best choice for a National Championship!

I also have concerns about spectators --- overcrowding may seem a bit far-fetched but if we consider, say twelve players, six seconds/family/cheering section[!] the TD and spectator's gallery [I for one would want to view some of the games] the facilities may be stretched to the limit. The bidders say that, if warranted, a room would be rented --- where? a Hotel? the RA Center? Has something been tentatively chosen? [The 1998 Canadian Open with all kinds of notice and hard work was left with the hall at Christ Church Cathedral. A lovely building but an environmental disaster in the warmer months. Accommodations? Same query as Toronto.

I find both bids unworthy of the event, unless either one or both Organizer's can answer my points above with some information I can chew on.

For now, both Bids stand to be rejected by me.

**B.Campbell:** I am being asked to vote for one of these 2 bids, but I really can't pretend to say I know which is better, so I will not vote for either one.

**H.Palsson:** You have been asked to vote on two bids for the Canadian Women's Championship and Zonal by [DATE]. I am writing to you to explain why the CFC Office bid for this event.

In the last month or so the CFC Executive rejected two bids from David Cohen for the tournament because they did not conform to the rules. After the CFC Executive rejected the Women's Coordinators bid to make the Canadian Women's Championship and Zonal a one day active event I asked the CFC Office to run the tournament. Myself and other members of the RA Chess Club are behind the bid.

I insisted that the CFC Office bid use the minimums to be eligible for FIDE titles on the same basis as the last men's Zonal. I think the CFC should use our status as a zone when we run our championships.

The Canadian Women's Championship and Zonal has not been held for 5 years. It is only proper that the CFC put some effort into the event to discharge our responsibilities as a FIDE zone.

I ask governors to consult with women eligible or aspiring to play in the Canadian Women's Championship and Zonal before voting for one of the bids. I cannot accept that it is worth holding a Canadian Women's Championship and Zonal that falls below the bid from the CFC Office.

**F.Cabanas:** Am I missing something here? This is a copy of the Toronto bid by David Cohen sent to me on April 21st.

"From: David Cohen  
<rookknightrook@yahoo.com>  
To: Maurice Smith <m-smith@home.com>;  
<info@chess.ca>  
Sent: Saturday, April 21, 2001 11:10 AM  
Subject: Bid for 2001 Canadian Women's Championship  
I bid for the 2001 Canadian Women's

Championship as per CFC Handbook Section 11.

Dates: August 4,5,6, 2001.

Location: Toronto, Ontario

Time Control: Determined by the Board of Directors. I suggest 40 moves/2 hours, followed by game/1 hour.

David Cohen  
CFC Governor and Women's Coordinator  
CFC National Tournament Director"

This does not look to me like a "one day active event" in violation of the CFC rules. Both of these bids should be considered on their merits. In my opinion one can get the impression from Mr. Palsson's email that the Toronto bid does not meet the requirements of the CFC handbook, while this is not the case.

**R.Webb (part 2):** I posed some questions/comments about the bids to David Cohen and the CFC office bidders. David Cohen replied with answers to all my questions. The CFC office bidders did not even bother to reply. How serious are they? It appears not as serious as Halldor Palsson would have me believe.

So be it. My vote goes to David Cohen's bid.

**P.Haley:** I vote in favour of the David Cohen bid for the Women's Closed and Zonal championship.

In general, I do not believe our office staff should be running tournaments if bids are available from others. I also believe that we should support the Women's coordinator. Finally, the Ottawa proposal as it does not go from Saturday to Saturday might require some potential participants to take two weeks vacation off which might be very difficult for them. It would be desirable to have input from the potential participants but without this information, we have to make the best decision we can based on the limited information available.

**W.Ferner:** Please register my vote in favour of David Cohen's bid. I assume that the CFC Executive will assure that the Championship will produce a Canadian Champion that is fully qualified to participate in the FIDE World Championship.

**D.Allan:** I vote for David Cohen's bid as I believe the Ottawa bid would eliminate our

whole Olympic team. Johanne Charest, Daniella Belc and Marina Bryskine had to use this year's vacation time to go to Istanbul. Stefanie Chu has already made travel arrangements with her mother for June. I would prefer if the event, even if only six rounds, be over more than three days. I have not spoken to any potential player who finds the Ottawa bid convenient. Natalia Khoudgarian is expecting her second child in August and would be available for either of the bid dates.

**B.Lamb:** It appears to me that as far as the prospective participants in the Women's event goes, that there is a preference for holding the event in Toronto. However I was not presented with enough details of the content of the Cohen bid that I can support it. So I shall abstain from the vote. Rather than be apathetic, I prefer to state that I have considered both bids from my own perspective and I do not feel in a position to support either one.

#### **CURRENT MOTIONS (to be voted on at the AGM)**

**Moved 01-6:** (David Cohen/ David Gebhardt) That the CFC policy on rating events be that a tournament, which is otherwise qualified to be rated, cannot be prevented from being rated on the grounds that its dates conflict, whether directly or indirectly, with those of another event.

**David Cohen:** We are a free enterprise society. Events which cannot survive on their own in a competitive environment should not be propped up by regulation.

It is the CFC's job to promote chess across Canada. Preventing an event from being rated by the CFC MIGHT be helping an event that cannot survive on its own. However, it would DEFINITELY be hurting the second event, which could be run successfully in another location.

In the best situation, we would have many tournaments across Canada every weekend. North Bay and Toronto could run events on the same weekend or one after the other. In a competitive environment, players will choose one or the other. In a cooperative environment, the organizers will arrange for players to play in both! There no need to prevent one event from coming into being.

Furthermore, there is no need to place an

organizer in the position of being threatened with not having an event rated. This situation has occurred twice within the past year to the CFC's largest customer. I do not think that we should treat our best customer and our most prolific organizer in this fashion. This motion will ensure that no organizer will be placed in this position.

**Moved 01-7 (Amendment to 01-6):** (Martin Jaeger / Wolfgang Ferner) That 01-6 be amended by adding the following: subject to the right of affiliated provinces / territories to reserve three periods / calendar year, giving six months notice, for all or part of its territory.

**Martin Jaeger:** 01-6 Has been put forward in the wake of the OCA attempt (in accordance with the OCA constitution) to protect the dates of the Ontario Open. The CFC decided not to collaborate in the protection. The question of what are the terms of the unwritten affiliation agreement between the CFC and affiliated provincial / territorial authorities is therefore raised and should be addressed by formalizing agreements. The motion Cohen/Gebhardt seeks to pre-establish a term that the CFC would seek in such an agreement.

In the discussion which has swirled around the subject, Mr Craver stated that he would be willing to support a provincial authority having the right to protect up to three tournaments a year. The amendment to 01-6 follows Mr Craver's notion.

The amended motion would provide affiliates with a reasonable ability to organize the affairs consistent with a reasonable right of all organizers to organize.

#### **MOTIONS UNDER DISCUSSION**

##### **Final Discussion of Motion 01-6 (and amendment 01-7)**

Refer to previous comments by D.Gebhardt, R.Langen, GL#3, T.Ficzere. R.Langen, L.Craver, A.Mendrinis, P.Haley, B.Campbell, GL#4

**L.Craver:** 01-06 While fearful of the ability of big city organizers to impact events in smaller towns I do think using the rating system as a weapon to enforce regional policies is wrong-

headed. Mr. Jaeger correctly notes that I've changed my mind on this issue - discussions, e-mails and even reading the GL can do this and I make no apology for doing so. I think we should be in the business of promoting as much activity as possible and where possible should coordinate events and help local organizers to stay in touch with each other.

I consider private e-mails confidential and not to be disclosed to third parties without the consent of the author(s). As such I do not welcome Mr. Jaeger's offer to disclose his and Mr. Smith's private mail made in the expectation of privacy. He should know better. I'm not sure what Martin considers intrusion into OCA matters but it is certainly germane to the discussion to note that Maurice Smith is an OCA Past President.

Essentially I believe that the OCA & GTCL has the ability to both co-exist and co-operate with Mr. Dutton without the CFC's 'assistance' particularly with respect to Mr. Dutton's changed circumstances regarding the Primrose Hotel. Now's the time to bury the hatchet once and for all.

As for 01-07, if it's necessary to 'reserve' dates it needs to be specified how long in advance each date must be reserved. I'd say a period of not less than 6 months would be required. But in any case, I now think the whole idea is a bad one so I'll be voting no to this one.

**M.Jaeger:** In Mr Craver's discussion of 01-6 Mr Craver posits some hidden motive on the part of Jaeger/Langen in the handling of the Ontario Open. There was nothing of the sort. The OCA Executive simply carried out the will of a generation of OCA directors embodied in the rules of the organization. (Objectives 4g and motions with continuing force i and j (the OCA will not sanction tournaments conflicting with the Ontario Open and the OCA has the power to enact sanctions against conflicting tournaments by requesting the CFC not rate said tournaments, with due recognition of OCA Power-of-Discretion over these tournaments and the CFC not to advertise any such tournament.)) The executive would have to come under justified attack if it did not uphold the OCA rules.

Does anybody seriously believe the FQE would advertise or rate an event competitive to the Quebec Open? Does anyone seriously believe that the FQE, if affiliated with the CFC would

remain affiliated if the CFC chose to advertise and rate an event held within Quebec against the will of the FQE? Micro management of the sort practised by the current CFC executive with respect to the Ontario Open would not have been tolerated by an affiliated FQE and is intolerable with respect to the OCA.

The CFC executive decided to substitute its judgement for that of the OCA and the CFC could make that decision stick because the OCA is affiliated and there is no affiliate agreement.

The OCA can remedy the situation by engendering its own publicity / rating system (disaffiliation) or by engendering an affiliation agreement. For the moment the OCA Executive prefers the latter route and passed the following resolution on April 22, "The OCA executive favours the negotiation and signing of an affiliation agreement with the CFC under which the OCA would recognise the prime role of the CFC in the conduct of national chess affairs and would agree to co-operate in the management of national affairs by the CFC and the CFC would recognise the prime role of the OCA in conduct of provincial chess affairs and would agree to co-operate in the management of provincial affairs by the OCA." I anticipate that the OCA AGM will support this direction and a request for renegotiation will be transmitted to the CFC soon after the May 19 AGM.

In the interests of engendering a reasonable affiliation agreement I would request that all governors and particularly those from Ontario vote for the amendment to 01-6.

There has been a good deal of disinformation circulated on the allocation of the Ontario Open. Charges made by Mr Dutton and email circulated are baseless. They were refuted on a point by point basis by Mr Lamb. Ontario governors should read this exchange (email me at martin.jaeger@utoronto.ca) and governors from other provinces can get it too even though I see no valid reason for governors from outside Ontario to delve into internal Ontario matters.

In GL 4 President Smith argued that Dutton should have been allowed to run the 2001 event and SWOCL awarded 2002. This was a weird suggestion from Mr Smith given that 2002 is scheduled to go to Thunder Bay. Strange also because if 2001 were to have gone to Toronto it would not necessarily have gone to Dutton. Mr

Smith was made aware of his howlers before GL 5 went to press. He did not help matters by refusing to correct the false information he provided governors.

In support of 01-6 Mr Cohen wrote that we have a free enterprise society. He should go to a library and discover the Revised Regs of Ontario (1990) run to more than 7000 pages. And this is not to mention the regulatory affects of the Ontario and Canadian Statutes, the Canadian regs or the municipal bylaws. He should consult a lawyer to discover the legitimacy of associations regulating their affairs is well established. While Mr Cohen and others might like to believe that they are as free as a bird, this is not the case. Governments and organizations are entitled to, can and do manage affairs. The national organization and governors outside a province should respect jurisdiction. Mr Cohen (and Messrs Smith and Dutton) are directors of the OCA. To this point none of them have taken an initiative to change the rules of the OCA.

The desire of the OCA to manage its own affairs is fully legitimate. The OCA going the FQE route is not in the interest of Canadian Chess even though it could well be in the interest of the OCA in the face of refusal by the CFC to co-operate by letting the OCA manage provincial matters. The CFC should proceed to negotiate a reasonable affiliation agreement and to that end 01-7 should pass.

Mr Craver makes hearty weather of the fact that Ontario governors did not vote to protect the dates of the North Bay Open. Ontarians are, in my view legitimately, uncomfortable with the notion of retroactive action. If an affiliation agreement of the sort foreseen in 01-7 had been in place the Ontarians would have been comfortable in giving North Bay the protection it wanted. The presence of local sponsorship and reasonably priced accommodation made North Bay a world class event and the riches continuing event in Canada for a number of years. I regret its passing as should everyone else. I would hope that should provision for attractive tournament protection be established the tournament may be revived. I believe that the presence in North Bay of a terrific tournament induced many players to maintain their membership and that many players have let their memberships lapse because the tournament disappeared. I would suggest that the CFC run its computer and let us know in

GL6 how many players who played in the last North Bay have since allowed their membership to lapse. Ontario governors should vote to uphold the jurisdiction of the OCA by voting for 01-7 and if they don't like OCA rules, work to change them. Governors from outside Ontario should also respect jurisdiction by voting for 01-7. Your province could be the next to suffer intrusion by the CFC.

#### **REPORT FROM THE FIDE REPRESENTATIVE ON THE NEW CONTINENTAL CHAMPIONSHIP**

Starting this year the World Championship Cycle will include Continental Championship tournaments in addition to Zonal Championship tournaments. FIDE divides the world into four continents...Europe, Africa, Asia and the Americas. The Americas consists of North America, Central America and South America.

The World Championship Cycle Committee, chaired by Willy Iclicki planned to replace the previous right for Zonal qualifiers to proceed directly to the first round of the World Championship by the inauguration of yearly Continental championships which would be the sole source of geographical qualifiers to the World Championship. It is intended that the Continental Championships be major events with large prize funds. The Americas and Asia both wanted to retain the rights of Zonal qualifiers and only allow additional qualifiers to come from the Continental events. It was finally agreed that the Americas and Asia would proceed in this manner whereas Europe and Africa would use the Continentals to provide all their geographical qualifiers to the World Championship. All Zonal tournaments were supposed to be concluded prior to July and all Continental Championships were to be concluded in July. This caused problems for Canada in that our Zonal tournament had already been scheduled for Montreal, August 21-29 and it was not possible to change these dates. After considerable debate, the Canadian Zonal winner will be allowed to qualify directly to the first round of the World Championship this year. In future years our Zonal championship should be concluded before July for our Zonal winner to qualify directly to the first round of the World Championship. I would suggest that we aim to hold our Zonal 2002 events in May or earlier.



Canada is entitled to enter two official participants into the Continental Championship and at the present time the intent is that these two players would be provided with meals, accommodations and entry fee by the organizer. In addition, the Continental would be open to any player who pays all his or her own expenses and entry fee.

The Continental for the Americas is planned to be a 10 round Swiss event with the seven top finishing players to qualify for the first round of the world championship. Players who have already qualified for the World Championship from their Zonal tournaments can participate in the Continental as well but if they do so, the present rules are that they would then have to first renounce their already won right to play in the first round of the World Championship. This hardly seems to be a fair arrangement for Zonal qualifiers and the point is under discussion. It should be noted that this regulation will not affect Canada this year as our Zonal winner will not be determined until August.

FIDE were very late in announcing details of the new World Championship cycle and this has caused the Americas difficulty in finalizing arrangements. The president of the Americas, Dr. Pedro Barrera of El Salvador and the General Secretary, Mr. Jorge Vega of Mexico have been working hard to draw up regulations and to seek organizers for the event but as of this writing there is no information as to the actual dates or the location of the Continental Championship. I have pointed out a number of times that this lack of information makes it very difficult for potential participants, who, apart from other problems, may have conflicting tournaments or tournament commitments. It is also planned that the Women's World Championship cycle be run along similar lines but with only one entry having free entry fee, accommodation and meals. As of this minute the dates and location of this event are not known.

It would appear that the Continental administration has not been inundated with offers to organize the Continental Championship. I have suggested a number of times that a statement from the Continental administration would be desirable even if no organizer has yet been found as July is fast approaching. The reader should consider all information above to be subject to change after

an agreement has been concluded with an organizer. I would suggest that any player who might be interested in participating in the Continental Championships should leave his or her name with the CFC business office. As soon as final details are available, they will be published on the CFC web site so that the information is quickly available to anyone contemplating participation

Phil Haley, May 23, 2001

### **LETTERS FROM EXECUTIVE MEMBERS to the GOVERNORS**

Dear CFC Governors,

We are fast approaching the 2001 Annual meeting and the time to elect members to the Board for the CFC.

I would like to thank you all for electing me as the Junior Coordinator for the CFC in the last three years and for electing me to serve on the CFC Executive for the past two years.

Anyway, it is time to move on. I strongly believe that, for a democratic non-profit organization like the CFC, if it is to survive and stay on track to prosperity, it is essential that new people step in to serve the organization and to be elected to the board every few years. Please be advised that any qualified individual who is a member of the CFC can serve on its board. Any such person does not even have to be a CFC Governor. Any interested and motivated person only needs to have the desire to devote the time to do the job and pursue their own vision and agenda. I served as a Local Junior Organizer for British Columbia chess since 1993 and since 1995 I also served as a Junior Coordinator for the province of BC. Thus, I think that it is now time for me to move on to pursue other initiatives.

I, hereby, ask each one of my colleagues on the Board of Governors, to lobby all chess organizers that they know and to seriously consider themselves to serve on the CFC Executive. In particular, I ask any person involved in junior chess organizing to consider running for the CFC Junior Coordinator position. This is my formal announcement that I will not put my candidacy for one more year on the

Executive. I can assure you all that I will certainly not compete for the CFC Junior Coordinator job against any one who may be interested in serving on the Executive at this capacity. Moreover, even in the case that no one is found to run and be elected for this position at the upcoming annual meeting, I will only agree to stay at my CFC Executive position for another 6 months. Even in this case, I will retire from my Executive position On January 15, 2002. In any case, until that date (15/1/2002), I am willing to assist any elected or nominated CFC Junior Coordinator to pursue their agenda to the best interests of our Canadian junior chess players.

Sincerely, Yours,

Joshua Keshet  
CFC Junior Coordinator

#### Election of FIDE Representative

I announced at last year's annual meeting in Edmonton that I would only be filling the FIDE position until the 2001 annual meeting and that I would not be running for re-election at that time. I am reminding everyone of this fact now to ensure a smooth transition to the new FIDE representative at our annual meeting.

I have been the Zonal President and FIDE representative since 1993 and have participated in FIDE meetings in Brazil, Russia, France, Holland, Armenia, Moldova and Turkey. Apart from the annual meetings, I have been active in offering constructive input to FIDE on most issues under debate. I will miss the yearly meetings with many long time friends that I have made through my FIDE associations both during the past seven years and earlier when I acted as a counsellor to John Prentice, served on the FIDE Rules Commission for many years and was Chairman of the Pairings Committee for the Chess Olympiads in Israel, Argentina, Switzerland and Malta.

The Chess Federation of Canada will be electing my replacement at the annual meeting in Sackville, New Brunswick in July. It is time for those interested in this position to make their intentions known. Canada is held in high regard in FIDE and I am sure that my successor will be warmly welcomed

For those interested in this position, it should be

noted that the Canadian FIDE representative pays his own expenses. As the FIDE representative is in frequent discussion with other FIDE members and more recently with the Continental Association, having a computer and e-mail ability is essential.

As of this date, I am not aware of anyone running for either president or FIDE representative in our forthcoming election. Anyone who reads this message and who intends to run for CFC president should also keep in mind the need to fill the FIDE representative position and should be taking steps to ensure that one or more candidates will be presenting themselves for consideration and vote at our forthcoming annual meeting. Those running for election as FIDE representative should be aware that they would be expected to attend the FIDE Congress in Kallithea, Halkidiki, Greece from September 4-10, 2001.

Phil Haley  
FIDE Representative  
May 13, 2001

#### PROPOSALS for the AGM

The following are 7 notices of motions that are planning to be brought forward at the AGM as submitted by John Rutherford. J. Keshet & F. McKim have agreed to ensure these proposals get a full hearing at the AGM.

**Notice of Motion #1:** That when Junior members pay the CFC participating fee, they receive a plastic CFC member card + 1 En Passant magazine + invitation to pay the difference for full membership.

**Notice of Motion #2:** That Juniors in CFC Rated events have ratings for 6 consecutive EP magazines.

**Notice of Motion #3:** That the "xxxx" designation never be assigned to Junior players.

**Notice of Motion #4:** That single tournament fee players never be assigned "xxxx".

**Notice of Motion #5:** That NOCL be given permanent provincial status for CYCC series.

**Notice of Motion #6:** That NOCL CYCC fees be Regional - \$2/player and Finals - \$7/player.

**Notice of Motion #7:** That the revised CYCC

fee structure be applied retroactively to the 2000 season.

**Discussion:** #1 - Participating CFC "membership" fees run from \$10 - \$13. Surely those Juniors can be invited to pay the full fee: the plastic card + 1 magazine = tangible incentives that back up the invitation!

#2 - A very wise decision - membership not required at CFC Junior events. One step further requires that Juniors' ratings "be seen" in En Passant to further entice them to join the CFC.

#3 - If Juniors don't have to be members, why is "xxxx" used for them? How ware we to convince a Junior to join when they've seen this beside their names for multiple issues of the magazine?

#4 - Example: I pay the single tournament fee at all CFC tournaments plus a \$2 rating fee. After 4 tournaments, the CFC has received \$48 and has not had to send me a single issue of En Passant.

#5 - The CFC is not being fair to 600+ Junior players in Northern Ontario in leaving "provincial" status on a year to year basis! The CYCC 2001 Nationals in Sackville are not here yet, but I've already mailed my next CYCC Regional schedule to all schools in Northern Ontario. Whether or not my group does well in Sackville, the mere fact the opportunity exists for Juniors to qualify directly from Northern Ontario creates a new sense of excitement throughout this vast Region.

#6 - If Northern Ontario Juniors lived in Southern Ontario, they'd all be CFC members; but for most of them, the only Chess they personally experience is the series I run each year in Sept-Oct for the CYCC. Plus if I didn't take 2 months to schedule & advertise & run the series (8000 km in just over a month's time to reach 22 sites), the CFC would have absolutely no exposure to more than 600 players in Northern Ontario. This series gets more expensive to run each year especially with rising fuel costs. Is there another TD in Canada that does this? Can anyone else relate to what I do each year? The proposed fees represent 20% of entry fees at each level of

competition.

#7 - After last year's series, over \$4,500 was owed to the CFC. So far, despite grand fund raising efforts, only \$500 has been paid. I simply ask - if the CFC fee structure is revised for NOCL - that it be retroactive to lower the debt that exists now. Then, for my upcoming series in Sept/Oct, approx 40% of entry fees would be allocated to pay last year's debt and next year's CYCC fees.

## **GENERAL REMARKS on CFC BUSINESS**

### **a) Re SV-01**

**M.Jaeger:** I regret that SV1 failed to pass. The CFC did not stage Canadian Closed in 1995, 1997, 1998 and 2000. A 2001 event should have been awarded many months ago. As a group we are burying our heads in the sand by refusing to cut the suit to fit the cloth. It would have been better had the masters among the governors (Spraggett and Taylor) taken part in the discussion. By the way, if we don't stage a Closed this year who would go to a 2001 world championship. Should not the executive have already dealt with this and let the rest of us know?

### **b) Re 01-2**

**M.Jaeger:** Taylor alluded to cost as a reason for strong players not to participate in the Closed. Well, why don't we run the Closed by internet so as to eliminate travel, lodging, and restaurant expense? Clearly security regulations would need to be put into place but we are already rating internet games. This question will be visited at the AGM and I would request that all who plan to attend give the matter some advance thought.

### **c) Olympic Team comments in GL#5**

**M.Jaeger:** Mr Ficzer's comments on the team are interesting. He suggests (implicitly) that the team should be set up in a fashion that allows some players to blackball others. Do we really want to tolerate blackballing? I think not.

**COMMENTS ON GL #6 SHOULD BE RECEIVED BY JUNE 25<sup>TH</sup> 2001.**