

# “ S C C CHESS TALK ”

The Newsletter of the **SCARBOROUGH CHESS CLUB**  
( **LARGEST** Chess Club in Canada; Only Club **OVER 100 Members** )

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## ***ITEMS OF INTEREST TO CLUB MEMBERS***

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### **DID YOU KNOW ?**

#### **S C C “New Millenium” January 1, 2000 Membership**

Issue #5 of “ S C C Chess Talk ” confirmed that SCC starts the millenium as the **LARGEST** Canadian Chess club ( and the **ONLY** Canadian chess club with **OVER 100** members : January 1 – **103** fully paid-up, annual members; in addition there were a few part-year members ). Due to 28 members not yet having renewed their memberships between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 1999, there was a decrease in members, somewhat offset by the acquisition of new members. But the trend was mitigated in Oct. and Nov., and **reversed in Dec. : Sept. 1 – 118; Sept. 30 – 105; Oct. 31 – 105; Nov. 30 – 101; Dec. 31 – 103.** A hopeful year end statistic! It supports our expectation that membership will now continue to increase !

But when did this trend of decreasing memberships begin, and how severe has it been ?

#### **Early-Nineties**

Although S C C records are not clear on this, it is recollected that in the early and mid-nineties, membership was over **200** , and S C C was clearly the largest club in Canada. Ottawa R. A. Chess Club, which appears to have been the second biggest Canadian club, at this time was well over 100 members.

#### **January 1, 1998** ( 1/3 through the 1997-1998 club year )

Both clubs suffered significant member decrease to this point, though Ottawa at a much slower rate than S C C. By this date, Ottawa had dropped to approximately 90 members. But S C C had dropped to **138** members ! Still, we remained the largest Canadian club.

#### **Jan. 1, 1998 to August 31, 1998** ( the latter 2/3 of the 1997/98 club year )

**22** members failed to renew their memberships ( av. non-renewal of approx 3/mo.). But with new members, membership at Aug. 31, 1998 rose to **144.** We maintained our place as the largest club.

#### **Last Club Year** ( Sept. 1, 1998 – Aug. 31, 1999 )

See Issue #10 of “ S C C Chess Talk ” : this information will be reviewed. **Better or Worse ?**

NOTE : “ **SCC Chess Talk** “ is available to all SCC members to provide information, comment & criticism ( constructive, if possible ) that you’d like to include in a future issue of the newsletter ( Non-members as well can provide items).

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