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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH MEMBERS & NON-MEMBERS

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OCA & CFC Threatened with Lawsuit

Introduction

This is a matter that has been simmering since the start of 2005. We are trying to assemble the facts and allegations on all sides of the issue insofar as they relate to current chess structures in respect of ethics disputes. We feel that members of the OCA and the CFC must be aware of what is currently happening, and the risks now arising in relation to both organizations.

Background – Dixon Suspension

Facts

- a dispute between the Kingston Chess Club (Wayne Coppin, president) and former KCC member, Frank Dixon.
- KCC alleged Dixon's conduct at the club was unacceptable.
- Dixon declares that he always acted as a good member of the KCC.
- in early 2005 the executive suspended Dixon with a right to reapply for reinstatement in Sept. 2005.
- Dixon disagreed with the decision and the penalty.

Hearing Process Concerns

- it has not been disclosed in detail what the specific items of allegation were

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- against Dixon. Did any of the allegations involve Dixon's complaints that Coppin cheated in some KCC tournaments? Did any involve Dixon's allegations of impropriety by the Executive itself?
- if so, should Coppin have sat in on and had a vote on Dixon's suspension (conflict of interest?) ?
- similarly, for the executive itself, should they have been deciding if they are in conflict?
- a problem - who should determine this issue of suspension if the executive cannot ? - a special hearing committee of neutral members? - another body e.g. the OCA? It appears that there is nothing in place currently to give guidance on such an issue.
- Dixon was not invited to the " hearing " which determined his fate – the Executive met by telephone (though he had been involved in prior hearings concerning his conduct). This seems strange, regardless of whether " everyone knew everyone else's side of the matter " .

Appeal from Discipline Decision by KCC Executive

- in general cases of discipline decisions by the executive, to whom/where does a member appeal? One logical place for an Ontario club would be the OCA. Presently there seems to be no structure in place for any appeal nor an OCA willingness to receive an appeal from an aggrieved member.
- Frank Dixon advised that he never brought an appeal before the OCA, regarding his suspension by the KCC/Coppin.
- does the OCA claim to have jurisdiction regarding appeals? Is this a deficiency in the OCA structure? We ask the OCA to seriously consider instituting an appeals procedure.

Libel Allegation

Allegations by Coppin/KCC & by Dixon

What leads to the threatened lawsuit against the OCA and CFC? The issue seems to arise because Dixon, after being suspended, went onto ChessTalk & the Ottawa Chess Club Message Board , and made public allegations against the KCC. Later he made allegations of " cheating " against Coppin, although Dixon had not brought a complaint to any TD in any of the CFC tournaments where he alleges Coppin cheated. Coppin responded that he was being libeled, and that Dixon should cease and desist. The KCC also says it is being libeled. Dixon continued his public allegations.

Remedial Steps by Dixon

1) OCA " Complaint "

- Dixon in Sept. 2005 wrote to the OCA inquiring about bringing a " complaint " against Coppin, for cheating in a CFC tournament.
- Dixon has publicly stated that Barry Thorvardson, OCA President, "wrote to me that he agreed with my presentation ".
- Thorvardson advised the SCTCN&V :
 - " Dixon discussed a complaint but did not formally initiate one. I advised him that it was over 1 year old at that time, now over two years old, and that the CFC had a disciplinary board, and procedures and burden of proof issues that he could review. "
 - (there is no confirmation of Thorvardson's statement that " the CFC had a disciplinary board, and procedures and burden of proof issues that he could review " ; what CFC has is a National Appeals Committee to hear appeals from decisions of TD's)
- OCA and Dixon have refused Coppin's request for the submitted documentation against him.
- to our knowledge, Dixon did not ever formalize his complaint to the OAC.

2) CFC Complaint

- Did Dixon bring a complaint against Coppin before the CFC, under the prior CFC President, when Chris Mallon was Vice-President, as Coppin alleges [now Mallon is President]? If so, what was the result? We have no information on this.

Remedial Steps Taken by Coppin

1) CFC Legislation

- Coppin brought a motion before CFC to amend their legislation to include an Ethics Package, which would deal with unacceptable conduct by a member. We inquired of President Mallon what the disposition of this matter was, and he replied:
 - " The rules state that for a constitutional mail vote, a 2/3rds majority with at least 50% voting governors is required. It does not specify that this is a quorum and while we commonly call it that, it would not automatically invoke any quorum rules.
- In any case it was discussed at the AGM and agreed that the Ethics committee as set up in that motion would not be the ideal way to do it, rather an advisory committee for the executive would be better, but no formal motion was made.
- If the package had been passed, and Dixon ceased his allegations, KCC/Coppin

were willing to take no further action.

2) OCA Complaint Hearing

- Coppin's complaint to the OCA alleges that since he and Dixon are both members of the OCA, and since Dixon's actions are unbecoming a member of the OCA, it has jurisdiction to hold a hearing, and depending on a successful outcome, to discipline Dixon.
- the OCA by-law states in article 4:

“ Powers of the Board of Governors

4.4 Discipline – The Board shall establish policies and procedures relating to the discipline of Members.....and shall have the authority to discipline Members.....in accordance with such policies and procedures.

Powers of the Executive Committee

4.34 – In addition to any other powers that may be delegated by the Board, the Executive Committee shall have authority to make decisions relating to :

- d) resolving disputes, problems, or grievances brought to the attention of the Corporation;
- e) adjudicating disputes or complaints brought to the attention of the Corporation by members or directors arising from the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation, Regional Affiliates or any member. “

(When we requested the OCA send us the “ policies and procedures “ on this issue, Thorvardson replied that no policies had been voted on nor passed by OCA Governors)

- the OCA Executive did meet on the complaint, and did issue Coppin a decision. It appears they did not hold a formal hearing with both parties present. In the end, the OCA decided they would take no action. [But it appears at some point, Thorvardson, did request Dixon to cease his allegations, while the Dixon inquiry was in process].
- though no formal decision on this complaint has been released by the OCA, Thorvardson did respond to an inquiry by SCTCNV with the following summary of the essential decision as follows :

“ Coppin has complained about writings on internet bulletin boards, which I advised him that the OCA has no jurisdiction on free speech, and is only a vehicle if related to OCA/CFC events, but not related to conduct outside of events.”

- Coppin was dissatisfied with this decision, and felt that the OCA was ducking its responsibility to OCA members by failing to intervene. He alleged that the OCA had a legal obligation to act. Their failure to act, in his view (he has a legal opinion on this), makes them liable, should he take them to court. He has threatened he will do this as a last resort, if no other solution comes forward.

- our concern here is that the guidelines/policies as to how to proceed with an ethics complaint against another OCA member are non-existent. As well there is no clear statement of when the OAC will take jurisdiction, outside of the private statement made to us by Thorvardson. The OCA must pass and publish their procedures on this, so members know what steps to take, and when they will be heard.

3) CFC Complaint Hearing

- Coppin filed a formal complaint against Dixon with the CFC. [Coppin has also publicly alleged that this “ complaint “ was also an “ appeal “ of the unfavourable ruling of the OCA. This is not apparent in the formal “ Complaint “ document we reviewed, nor in the decision of the CFC. If that was Coppin’s intention, it raises a whole new issue in this debate, of the CFC jurisdiction to review/hear appeals on ethical decisions of a provincial organization.] Again there is nothing specific in the CFC regulations about such a matter. In reply to an SCTCN&V inquiry, CFC President, Mallon stated:

“ When Wayne [Coppin]submitted his complaint, since we lacked an actual Ethics Committee, the Executive evaluated it to determine what our best course of action would be. So there weren’t any formal procedures for us to follow. “

- CFC President, Chris Mallon, did deal with the complaint. The Executive did not deal with the issue of their jurisdiction in such a matter directly, but did issue a decision saying on the facts of the case alleged, CFC had no jurisdiction to hear the complaint. (However, Alex Lambruschini, CFC Governor for the Kingston area, did at one point, on his own initiative, ask Dixon to cease his allegations).
- again, Coppin was dissatisfied. He alleged they did have jurisdiction regarding a dispute between two members as to “ conduct unbecoming a CFC member “ . And they had jurisdiction on the facts of this case (a matter within the Canadian chess community). So again, based on his legal opinion, he claimed the CFC was legally liable for failure to act. Once again he threatened that as a last resort he would sue the CFC if no other solution arose.
- we feel the CFC must be clear on this issue – whether they do or do not have jurisdiction. And if they do, then there must be regulations put in place for the guidance of members.

4) A FIDE Complaint Hearing

- Coppin has initiated an ethics complaint to FIDE against the CFC, claiming that CFC, as a member of FIDE, has failed to comply with the FIDE code of conduct, by failing to act on the Coppin complaint.

Recommendations

Action Needed by OCA/CFC

It is our belief that the matters raised in this issue are not frivolous. They strike at the core of what it means to be a club member, an OCA member or a CFC member. It is not sufficient in our view to say the answer is to go to court.

The OCA needs to pass and publicize its procedures on this.

The CFC must make clear decisions in public about whether they are going to take jurisdiction on these issues. And the CFC must make regulation changes if they are going to take jurisdiction here (or if they legally must), so that they have clear “ policies and procedures “.

Raising the Profile of These Issues in the Public at Large

It is also important to recognize that Coppin has also stated his intention to wage a public campaign against the OCA and the CFC if they do not change their current positions. This does not sound good for Canadian chess. It behooves the OCA and the CFC to deal with these issues clearly, quickly and publicly, so that they are in a good position to respond to any such publicity campaign.

Cap d' Agde, France, Rapid Tournament

This was an interesting rapid tournament from Oct. 26 to Nov. 7 that brought together a number of top young male and female players, as well as the 12th World Champion, Anatoly Karpov. The 16 players were divided into 2 groups for a preliminary round robin. The top 4 from each group then went into knock out matches to determine the champion. Here were the standings of the initial 2 groups:

Group A Final Standings

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Karjakin,Sergey	2672	+69	*	1	½	1	½	½	1	½	5.0 / 7
2	Radjabov,T	2729	-52	0	*	1	½	1	½	1	½	4.5 / 7 14.25
3	Fressinet,L	2640	+48	½	0	*	½	1	½	1	1	4.5 / 7 13.00
4	Harikrishna,P	2674	-42	0	½	½	*	0	1	1	1	4.0 / 7
5	Stefanova,A	2489	+119	½	0	0	1	*	1	½	½	3.5 / 7
6	Negi,P	2538	+13	½	½	½	0	0	*	½	1	3.0 / 7
7	Sebag,M	2471	-19	0	0	0	0	½	½	*	1	2.0 / 7
8	Kosteniuk,A	2534	-157	½	½	0	0	½	0	0	*	1.5 / 7

Group B Final Standings

			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Volokitin,And	2645	+164	*	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	5.5 / 7
2	Carlsen,M	2698	-19	½	*	½	1	½	½	1	½	4.5 / 7
3	Koneru,H	2545	+53	½	½	*	0	½	1	1	0	3.5 / 7 12.75
4	Zhao Xue	2467	+142	½	0	1	*	0	1	0	1	3.5 / 7 11.25
5	Bacrot,E	2705	-129	0	½	½	1	*	0	½	1	3.5 / 7 10.25
6	Karpov,Ana	2668	-87	0	½	0	0	1	*	1	1	3.5 / 7 9.75
7	Vachier Lagrave,M	2579	-87	0	0	0	1	½	0	*	1	2.5 / 7
8	Skripchenko,A	2427	-37	0	½	1	0	0	0	0	*	1.5 / 7

There had to be a tie-break double round robin for the B group for 3rd/4th place. The surprise of the tournament was the elimination of Karpov ! Zhao and Bacrot advanced with the first two.

An interesting game was Carlsen's win over Vachier Lagrave, where he offers an unsound exchange sac that gets into a wild tactical position, and wins. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Carlsen, M (2698) – Vachier Lagrave, M (2579) [B48]

GpB Cap d'Agde FRA (4), 28.10.2006

1.e4 c5± 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.d4?=[4.Bb5 Nd4 5.0-0 a6 6.Bd3 d6 7.Nxd4 cxd4 8.Ne2 d5 9.e5 Qc7 10.f4 Ne7±] 4...cxd4 5.Nxd4 Qc7 6.Be3 [6.Ndb5 Qb8 7.Be3 a6 8.Nd4 Bb4=] 6...a6 7.Bd3 [7.a3 Nf6 8.Bd3 Bd6=] 7...Nf6 8.0-0 [8.a3 Bd6 9.Be2 Be5=] 8...Ne5 9.h3 [9.Bf4 d6 10.Bg5 b5=] 9...Bc5 10.Kh1 d6 11.f4 Ng6 12.Qe1 0-0 [12...Bd7 13.Nb3 Bxe3 14.Qxe3 Bc6=] 13.f5 Carlsen launches his attack 13...Ne5 14.Qh4 [14.Qg3 b5 15.Nce2 exf5 16.exf5 Qd8=] 14...b5 15.Rf3?? Carlsen decides to sac the exchange for an attack, but it is unsound if rejected [15.Nce2 Nxd3 16.cxd3 e5 17.Bg5 Nxe4 18.dxe4 f6 19.Nf3 fxe5 20.Nxe5 h6 21.Ne6 Bxe6 22.fxe6 Rae8=] 15...exf5! [15...Nxf3?? 16.gxf3 Qb6 17.Rg1 Qd8 18.e5 dxe5 19.Qh6 g6 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Bxe6 Kh8 22.Bxe7 Qc7 23.Bg6+ Nh7+-] 16.exf5 Carlsen decides to leave the exchange sac in place, but now it can be accepted by Bl. [16.Rff1 b4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.exd5 Nxd3 19.cxd3 Qb7±] 16...Nxf3 17.gxf3 Bb7 18.Rg1 Bxf3+ 19.Nxf3 Bxe3 20.Qxf6 Bxe3 21.Qg5 Qc6 22.Ne4 f6 [22...Be3 23.Qxe3 d5 24.Ne5 Qe8 25.Nc5 f6 26.Ng4 h5 27.Qxe8 Rxe8 28.Nf2 Re1+ 29.Kg2 Rb1±; 22...Bc5?? 23.f6 g6 24.Qh6 Qxe4 25.Qg7#] 23.Qxe3 Carlsen now has 2N's+B vs 2 R's 23...Rae8?? [23...Qd5 24.Nd4 Rf7 25.Ne6 Rfa7±] 24.Qd4 d5 [24...Rd8?? 25.Qb4 Rfe8 26.a4 bxa4 27.Nd4 Qa8 28.Ne6 Rxe6 29.fxe6 f5 30.e7 Re8 31.Qxd6 Kh8±] 25.Nc5 Re7 26.Kg2 g6??± VL has let his advantage slip away [26...Kh8 27.Ne6 Rfe8 28.Qb4 Qd7±] 27.Ne6 Rxe6 [27...Rff7? 28.Nd8 Qd6 29.Nxf7 Kxf7±] 28.fxe6 Qxe6 now Carlsen has B+N vs. R+2P's 29.a4 bxa4 30.Qxa4 Rb8 31.b3 Rb6 32.Qa5 Kg7 [32...Qc6 33.Nd4 Qb7 34.Be2 Rd6 35.Bf3 Qf7±] 33.Nd4 Qd6 34.c3 h5 35.h4 Kh6 36.b4?=[36.Be2 Rb8 37.Qxa6 Qxa6 38.Bxa6 g5±] 36...Rb8??± VL now starts to get himself into trouble [36...Kh7 37.Be2 Rb7 38.Qxa6 Qxa6 39.Bxa6 Ra7 40.b5 g5 41.Nc6 Rc7 42.Nb4 Rxc3 43.Nxd5 Rc2+ 44.Kf3 Kg7 45.b6 gxe4 46.b7 Rb2 47.Nf4 Kf8 48.Ng6+ Ke8 49.Nxe4 Kd7=] 37.Qxa6 Qf4??+- VL misses the tactical shot [37...Qxa6 38.Bxa6 Kg7 39.Ne6+ Kf7 40.Nc7 Rd8 41.c4 dxc4 42.Bxc4+ Ke7±] 38.Nf5+ VL resigned. The game could have continued 38...gxf5 39.Qxf6+ Kh7 40.Bxf5+ Kg8 41.Be6+ Kh7 42.Qxf4+- 1-0

The eventual winner of the knockout phase and the tournament was Teimour Radjabov, the highest rated player in the tournament, defeating Karjakin. Karjakin had defeated Carlsen in one of the semi-finals.

Guelph Pro Am Report

This swiss in multi-sections was played the weekend of Nov. 4-5. Here is the Organizer/TD report by Hal Bond (from ChessTalk):

A total of 57 players played this year, up from 51 last fall. Hopefully this bodes well for the Winter Pro-am in early February.

The distribution of players was unique. In general the pro section continues to be the smallest section. This year we met 3 strong players from Montreal at the door, making the Pro Section 10 players. The U2000 absorbed the U1700 contingent of just 5 players to become the largest group at 24. Last year the U17's was the biggest group , with 16 players. No fewer that 23 players played in the U1400, versus 9 last year.

Aman Hambleton scored 3.5 to take clear first (\$225) in the levellest Pro section I have ever seen. Marius Zubac, Kevin Chung and the Montreal 3 - Mario Cloutier, Eric Beaulieu and Eric Bannon split the remaining \$250.

Don Gareau won on tiebreak over Roman Sapozhnikov in the U2000. They drew each other eventually and destroyed all else. Remorselessly. John Jordan finished 3rd at 3.5.

Artur Wojtas, Jaime Solis and Gerry Litchfield were the top 3 finishers for U1700.

Jerry ZS Wang posted a perfect result in the U1400, followed by Michael Prysiazny at 4.0. Keith Cober, Mei Chen Lee and Nathan Farrant-Diaz tied for third with 3.5.

Some the games were covered on the Mon Roi site, and several PCM's were used. Some games will be viewable at www.chessexpress.ca

Congratulations to our champions and thanks to all who played.

Toronto Bantam Championship (U 16)

This was played on Sunday afternoons at the Bayview Games Club from Sept. 17 – Nov. 5 . The winner was Roman Sapozhnikov.

Toronto Junior Championship (U 19)

This was played as well at the BGC from Sept. 17 – Nov. 5. The winner was David Peng.

The Friends of Zoltan Sarosy Active Tournament – Report

(Report by Vlad Dobrich on ChessTalk)

This active one-section swiss was played at the Bayview Games Club on Sunday, Nov. 12. 25 players registered. IM Leonid Gerzhoy handily clinched top prize with 4 1/2 points in five games. The key games were the wins against Noritsyn (round 4) and Barron in round 5. Clear second in the tournament was Nikolay Noritsyn with 4-0. Tied for third were Victor Plotkin, Michael Barron and Brett Campbell all with 3 1/2 - 1 1/2. Zugic was in poor form and lost two in a row - to Noritsyn (rd 3) and Brett Campbell (rd4).

In best form of all was centenarian Zoltan Sarosy who didn't play but appeared spry and in good humour in his brief appearance at the start of the tournament. May he have many more birthdays! Special thanks to Canadian Champion Igor Zugic for taking part.

SCC Late Fall Swiss

On Thursday, Nov. 2, a new one-section, 7 round swiss began. 38 players registered. After 2 rounds, there are 7 players with 2 pts : John Hall, second highest rated player in the club, junior Aman Hambleton, Randy Moysoski, Donal Deiseach, one of last year's club co-champions, Alex Rapoport, another co-champion, Jim Paterson, the third co-champion and Joe Bellomo.

Round 1, as in all swisses, exhibited a fair disparity in the ratings of the opponents. Most of the higher rated opponents were successful in Rd. 1. Here is a sampling of 3 interesting games from Rd. 1.

This first game was on Bd. 3, where Steve Karpik put up some initial good resistance to strong, returning junior Aman Hambleton (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hambleton, A (1995) – Karpik, S (1488) [E83]

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1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3?=- oh boy – I love these King's Indian Samisches. [5.Nf3±] **5...0-0 6.Be3 a6 7.Qd2 Nc6?±** [7...b6 8.0-0-0 Nbd7 9.g4 c5=] **8.0-0-0 e5 9.d5** [9.dxe5? dxe5 10.Qf2 Qe8 11.g4 Nd4 12.g5 (12.Bxd4? exd4 13.Rxd4 Bxg4 14.Qe3 (14.fxg4? Nxcg4 15.Qe2 Bxd4 16.Qxg4 Bxc3 17.bxc3 f5 18.exf5 Qe1+ 19.Qd1 Qxc3+ 20.Qc2 Qa1+ 21.Qb1 Qe5 22.Bd3 Rad8±) 14...Be6±) 12...Nd7=] **9...Na7** [9...Nd4 10.Bxd4 exd4 11.Qxd4 Re8 12.Qd2 Qe7±] **10.h4?=-** [10.g4 b5 11.c5 b4 12.Na4 b3 13.a3 (13.axb3 Nb5 14.c6 Rb8 15.h4 h5 16.gxh5 Nxh5±) 13...Nb5±] **10...Nh5?±** [10...b5 11.g4 bxc4 12.Bxc4 Nb5=] **11.Qf2?=-** [11.Bd3 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Qc2 b5 14.c5 h6±] **11...b6?±** Steve needs an active defence [11...f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Nge2 c5=] **12.g4 Nf4 13.Nge2 Qf6** [13...Nxe2+ 14.Bxe2 Bb7 15.g5 f5 16.gxf6 Bxf6 17.Rdg1 Kf7±] **14.Qh2 Nxe2+ 15.Bxe2 Qe7 16.Rdg1?±** [16.g5 Bh8 17.h5 Bb7 18.Rdg1 Bc8±] **16...Bd7?±** [16...b5 17.g5 bxc4 18.h5 Bh8 19.Bxc4 Nb5 20.Ne2 Rb8±] **17.g5 b5 18.Qf2 c5 19.dxc6** [19.h5 bxc4 20.Qh4 Rfb8 21.hxg6 hxg6 22.Qh7+ Kf8 23.Rh2 Nb5±] **19...Nxc6?+-** Steve takes with the wrong piece; given the rating differential, Steve has done pretty well to here; material is still equal, but Aman's attack will prove too strong [19...Bxc6 20.h5 Rfc8 21.Kd1 b4 22.Nd5 Bxd5 23.exd5 b3 24.axb3 Rcb8 25.hxg6 fxg6±] **20.Nd5 Qd8 21.h5** this attack is looking dangerous **21...Nd4** [21...Qa5 22.Kb1 Be6 23.Bb6 Qd2 24.hxg6 fxg6+-] **22.Bxd4 exd4 23.hxg6** [23.Qh4 Re8 24.Nf6+ Kf8 25.Nxh7+ Ke7 26.Nf6 Rh8 27.Nd5+ Ke8 28.h6 Be5 29.f4 d3 30.fxe5 dxe2 31.exd6 Be6+-] **23...fxg6 24.Qh2 Kf7 25.Qxd6** Steve goes down a P, but he gamely fights on **25...Be6 26.Qf4+** [26.Qxd8 Rfxd8 27.Kd1 Rh8 28.Rh4 Rab8 29.Rgh1 Kf8 30.b3 Bg8 31.f4 bxc4 32.Bxc4 Re8 33.e5 a5+-] **26...Ke8** [26...Kg8 27.Qh2 Kf7 28.f4 Rh8 29.f5 Bxd5 30.cxd5 Qe7+-] **27.Qg3** [27.Nc7+ Kd7 28.Nxe6 Kxe6 29.Qg4+ Kf7 30.Rd1 Kg8+-] **27...Rh8?+-** Steve decides to suffer giving up the exchange; dubious [defending against the fork 27...Rf7 28.Rxh7 Rc8 29.Rxg7 Rxc7 30.Qe5 Kf7 31.Rd1 d3 32.Rxd3 Rh7+- (32...Rxc4+? 33.Kd2 Rg8 34.Ne3 Qe7 35.Nxc4 Bxc4 36.Qxe7+ Kxe7 37.Ra3 Rd8+ 38.Ke3 Bxe2 39.Kxe2 Rd6+-) ; trying to get out of the fork this way doesn't help, but is likely better than what Steve played. 27...Rc8 28.Rxh7 Rf7 29.Rxg7 Rxc7 30.Qe5 Kf7 31.Rd1 d3 32.Rxd3 Rh7 33.Nf4 Rxc4+ 34.Kd2 Qa5+ 35.Rc3 Qd8+ 36.Bd3 Rh2+ 37.Ke1 Rh1+ 38.Ke2 Rh2+ 39.Kf1 Qe7 40.Nxg6 (40.Nxe6? Rxc3 41.bxc3 Rh1+ 42.Kg2 Rd1 43.Be2 Ra1±) 40...Rxc3 41.bxc3 Qd8 (41...Kxg6? 42.Qxh2 Qxg5+-) 42.Nf4 (42.Qxh2?? Qxd3+ 43.Kg2 Qd2+ 44.Kh1 Qxh2+ 45.Kxh2 Kxg6±) 42...Bxa2 43.g6+ Kg8+-] **28.Nc7+ Ke7?+-** [28...Kd7 29.Nxa8 Qxa8 30.cxb5 Bxa2 31.Kd1 Bb3+ 32.Ke1 a5+-] **29.Nxa8 Qxa8** Steve is now down the exchange + P **30.Qc7+ Bd7 31.Kb1** [31.Qc5+ Kf7 32.e5 Qc8 33.Qxd4 Be6+-]

31...Rc8 32.Qb6 Rc6 33.Qa5 bxc4 34.Rxh7 Kf8 [34...Qg8 35.Rgh1 Ke8 36.Bd1 Qf8 37.Ba4 Re6 38.Bxd7+ Kxd7 39.Qd5+ Ke7 40.Qb7+ Kd6 41.Rxg7+-] **35.Qb4+ Kg8 36.Bxc4+! Kxh7??+-** there are no free pieces; but Steve giving up another exchange doesn't really help [36...Rxc4 37.Qxc4+ Kf8 38.Rxg7 Kxg7 39.Qxd4+ Kh7 40.Rh1+ Bh3 41.Rxh3+ Kg8 42.Rh8+ Kf7 43.Qf6#] **37.Rh1+ Bh6 38.Rxh6+ Kg7 39.Qe7# 1-0**

A second sample from Rd. 1 is a miniature where Lui Morra was up 2 pawns, but on move 15, made a far from obvious losing move, giving John Hall the win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Morra, L (1516) – Hall, J (2037) [C86]

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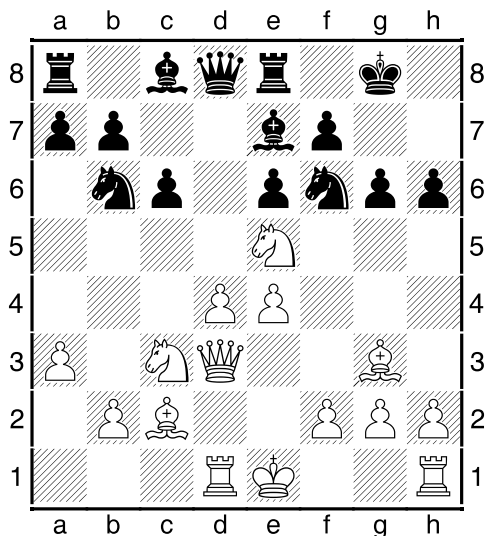
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Qe2 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d5?± [8...Re8 9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4 d5 11.e5 Ne4=] **9.exd5 e4** [9...Nxd5 10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Qxe5 Bb7±] **10.dxc6 exf3** [10...Bg4 11.Re1 Bd6 12.d4 exf3 13.gxf3 Re8 14.Be3 Bf5±] **11.Qxf3** Lui is up 2 P's, but his Q-side is totally undeveloped **11...Bg4 12.Qg3 Bd6 13.Qh4 Be2 14.Re1 Bd3 15.Qh3??+-** amazingly, this is the losing move [15.Qd4 Re8 16.Re3 Be4 17.d3 Bxc6 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8±] **15...Re8 16.Rxe8+?** this should lead to the loss of a B [16.Re3 Bf4 17.a4 Qd6 18.axb5 Bxe3 19.fxe3 Bxb1 20.bxa6 (20.Rxb1 Qd3 21.Ra1 axb5 22.Rxa8 Rxa8-+) 20...Bd3 21.a7 Qc5-+] **16...Qxe8 17.Qe3?+-** this should lead to the loss of Lui's Q [17.Be6! Qxe6 18.Qxe6 fxe6-+ Lui would have 2P's vs B] **17...Bc5?+-** But John doesn't see the correct line [17...Ng4! 18.h3 (18.Qxe8+ Rxe8 19.g3 Re1+ 20.Kg2 Bf1+ 21.Kf3 Nxb2#) 18...Nxe3-+] **18.Qxd3?+-** this leads to mate [18.Qxe8+ Rxe8 19.g4 Re1+ 20.Kg2 Rxc1-+] **18...Qe1+ 19.Qf1 Bxf2+-+** and mate next move **0-1**

The last Rd. 1 sample is also a miniature, with a nice K-side attack sac by Michael (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Perez, M (1577) – Zhao, R (unr.) [D51]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.a3 dxc4 7.e4 h6 8.Bh4??± [8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Bxc4 Be7=] **8...Be7??±** [8...Qa5 9.Bxf6 Nxf6 10.e5 Nd5 11.Bxc4 Nxc3 12.Qd2 b5 13.Bd3 b4 14.Qc1 b3 15.bxc3 Rb8±] **9.Bxc4??±** [9.e5 Nd5 10.Bxe7 Qxe7 11.Bxc4 0-0 12.0-0 N7b6 13.Bd3 Rd8±] **9...0-0??±** [9...Nxe4 10.Nxe4 (10.Bxe7 Nxc3 11.bxc3 Qxe7±) 10...Bxh4 11.Nd6+ Kf8 12.Nxh4 Qxh4 13.Qe2 Qf4 14.Ne4 Nb6 15.Bd3 Ke7±] **10.Qd3 Re8 11.Rd1 Nb6** [11...Nh5 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Qe3 e5 14.d5 Nf4±] **12.Bb3 Qc7?±** [12...Nfd7 13.Bg3 Nf6 14.Ne5 Nbd7±] **13.Bg3** [13.Bc2 Nfd7 14.Bg3 Qd8 15.0-0 Nf8±] **13...Qd7?+-** this gives Michael a tactical attack when the N can attack the Q from e5. [13...Qd8 14.Ne5 Nbd7 15.0-0 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Nd7 17.Bf4 Qa5±] **14.Bc2 g6** [14...Nh5 15.Ne5 Qd8 16.Nxf7! Kxf7 17.e5 Nf6 18.Qg6+ Kf8 19.exf6 Bxf6+-] **15.Ne5 Qd8**



16.Nxf7?!± Michael sacks in the wrong place [16.Nxg6! fxg6 17.e5 Nbd5 18.Qxg6+ Kf8 19.Qxh6+ Kf7 20.Bg6+ Kg8 21.exf6 Nxf6+--] **16...Kxf7 17.e5 Rg8 18.Qf3** [18.exf6 Bxf6 19.Ne4 Be7 20.Bf4 Qf8 21.Be5 Ke8±] **18...Kg7 19.exf6+ Bxf6 20.h4± 1-0**

Round 2 also saw a number of good games, with no upsets on the top boards this round. Interesting was a Benko gambit (Benoni) played by Maurice Smith against Hall on Bd. 1. Maurice never did get his P back and eventually lost. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, J (2037) – Smith, M (1678) [A59]

SCC Late Fall Swiss Scarborough Chess Club (2), 09.11.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5± [2...d5 3.cxd5 Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qa5 5.Nf3 e6=] **3.d5 b5** [3...e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 Bd6 (5...d6±) 6.e4 Be5 7.Bd3 0-0±; 3...g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 d6±] **4.cxb5 a6?±** John now hangs on to this gambit advantage tenaciously for quite a while [4...Bb7? 5.Nc3 e6 6.e4 exd5 7.exd5 Bd6 8.Nf3±; 4...e6 5.dxe6 fxe6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bf4 0-0±] **5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.e4 Bxf1 8.Kxf1 g6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Kg2 0-0 11.Nf3 Nbd7 12.Re1 Ne8 13.Bf4** [13.Bg5 Nef6 14.Qd3 Qb6 15.Re2 h6 16.Bxf6 Nxf6±] **13...Qb6 14.Qc2 Nc7 15.e5** [15.Re2? Ra6 16.Qd3 Rfa8 17.e5 Qb7 18.exd6 exd6±] **15...dxe5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5** [16...Qb7 17.Rad1 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Bxe5 19.Rxe5 e6±] **17.Bxe5 e6 18.Bxc7 Qxc7 19.dxe6 Qc6+ 20.Qe4 Qxe4+ 21.Rxe4 fxe6 22.Na4??±** John blunders [22.Rxe6 Rfb8 23.Nd1 (23.Re2 Rxb2 24.Rxb2 Bxc3 25.Rab1 Bxb2 26.Rxb2±) 23...Bxb2 24.Nxb2 Rxb2 25.a4 Rf8 26.Rf1 Ra8 27.Re4 Ra2 28.Rc4 R8xa4 29.Rxc5 Ra7±; 22.a4 Rfb8 23.Ra2 Kf7 24.a5 Bd4±] **22...Ra5??±** But Maurice misses the correct tactical shot [22...Bd4 23.Rxd4 (23.Nc3? Rxf2+ 24.Kh3 Rxb2 25.Rc1 Ra3 26.Nd1 Rd2 27.Rxe6 Raxa2 28.Kg4 Rxh2-+) 23...cxd4 24.Nb6 Ra6 25.Nc4 Rc8 26.b3 Rb8 27.Nd2 Ra3 28.Nc4 Raa8 29.Nd2 e5±] **23.Rf1 Bd4 24.b3 e5 25.f4 exf4 26.Rxf4 Raa8** [26...Rxf4 27.Rxf4 Ra7 28.Re4 h6±] **27.Rxf8+ Rxf8 28.Re2 Rb8 29.Rc2 Rb5 30.Kf3 Kf7 31.Ke4 Ke6 32.Kd3 Kd5?+-** [32...Kd6 33.Nb2 Rb8 34.Nc4+ Kd5 35.Re2 Rf8±] **33.Nc3+ Bxc3 34.Kxc3 Rb4** [34...Rb8 35.Rd2+ Kc6 36.Re2 Kd5 37.Re7 Ra8 38.a4 Rh8+-] **35.Rd2+ Ke6** [35...Kc6 36.Re2 Rb7 37.a4 Rd7 38.Re8 Kd5+-] **36.Re2+ Kd6 37.Re8 h5 38.Rd8+ Kc6 39.Rf8 Rg4 40.Rf4 Rg5 41.Kc4 Kd6 42.a4 Ke7 43.a5 Re5 44.a6 Re2** [44...Kd6 45.a7 Re8 46.Rf6+ Kc7 47.Rxg6 Kb7 48.Rg7+ Kb6 49.Rh7 Re4+ 50.Kd5 Re8+-]

45.Kxc5 now John is up 2 connected passed P's; Maurice is finished **45...Re5+ 46.Kb6 Re6+ 47.Kb7 Rd6 48.Rc4+- 1-0**

By coincidence on Bd. 2, Hambleton played a Benko gambit as well. Your intrepid editor hung on for a long time, but eventually succumbed in time trouble. Interestingly, I played an almost identical initial set-up as white, as Hall on Bd. 1 ! Here is our game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Armstrong, R (1672) - Hambleton, A (2031) [A59]
SCC Late Fall Swiss Toronto (2), 09.11.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5?± [3...g6 4.Nc3 Bg7 5.e4 0-0 6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Qd2 d6 8.Be2 a6=] **4.cxb5 a6?±** [4...e6 5.dxe6 fxe6 6.Nc3 Bb7 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bf4 0-0±] **5.Nc3?±** [5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 Qa5 7.Nf3 Bb7 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.e4 e6± (9...Qxb2?? 10.Rb1 Qa3 11.Rxb7+-)] **5...axb5 6.Nxb5 Ba6?±** [6...Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Bb7 8.Bd2 Qb6 9.e4 e6±] **7.Nc3 d6 8.Nf3 g6 9.e4 Bxf1 10.Kxf1 Nbd7 11.g3 Bg7 12.Kg2 0-0 13.Re1?±** [13.Qc2 Qb6 14.Bf4 e6 15.dxe6 fxe6±] **13...Ra6 14.Bf4** [14.h3 Qa8 15.g4 Rb8 16.g5 Ne8±] **14...Qa8 15.Qd2 Rb8 16.e5?±** this ends up losing the P back [16.h3 c4 17.Qe2 Nc5 18.Qxc4 Rxb2 19.e5 Nfd7±] **16...dxe5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5 18.Bxe5 Rd8 19.Bxf6** [19.Kg1 Nxd5 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Nxd5 Rxd5 22.Qc3+ Kg8 23.Rxe7 Rxa2 24.Rae1 Ra1 25.Rxa1 Qxa1+ 26.Kg2 Qa4=] **19...Bxf6** Aman and I played the opening quite quickly. He had used 23 min. **20.Kg1** to here, I had used only 13 min. **20...e6** Aman then thought for 32 min. on this move. **21.Ne4** and I thought for 26 min. on this move. [21.Red1 c4 22.Rac1 Kg7 23.Ne4 Rxd5 24.Qe2 Qd8=] **21...Bg7?±** [21...Bd4 22.Nc3 exd5 23.Nb5 Ra4 24.Nxd4 Rxd4 25.Qc3 Rc4 26.Qf6 Re4=] **22.a3???** for the first time in the game, Aman gets the advantage [22.d6 c4 23.Rac1 f5 24.Nc5 Raxd6 25.Qe2 Rc8 26.Nxe6 Bf6±] **22...Rxd5** [22...c4 23.d6 f5 24.Nc3 Raxd6 25.Qe2 Qa6#] **23.Qc2 Bd4 24.Rac1 Rb6 25.Nc3 Rd8 26.Na4 Rb5 27.Nc3 Ra5 28.Red1 Rb8 29.Qd2 Ra6 30.Rc2 Rab6 31.Rb1 Rb3 32.Qc1??-+** this is not the way to hold the position static [32.Ne2 Bf6 33.Nc3 Bh8 34.Ra1 Bg7#] **32...Qf3 33.Na4** [33.Ra1 h5 34.Qd1 Qf6 35.Qc1 h4 36.Ra2 h3-+] **33...R8b5?#** [the best tactical line is 33...Qf5 34.Kg2 Rf3 35.Qd1 Rbb3 36.Rbc1 Qe4 37.Kg1 Rxc3+! 38.hxg3 Rxc3+ 39.Kf1 Qg2+ 40.Ke1 Qg1+ 41.Kd2 Qxf2+ 42.Qe2 Be3+ 43.Kd3 Bf4+ 44.Kc4 Qd4+ 45.Kb5 Rb3+ 46.Ka5 Qd8+ 47.Nb6 Qxb6+ 48.Ka4 Rb4+ 49.axb4 Qxb4#] **34.Qg5 Kg7 35.Qc1** I now had only 5 min. left, and so did Aman **35...e5 36.Qf1?+-** the big difference in our ratings now begins to show in the time pressure; I become inaccurate [36.Qd1 Qf5 37.Rbc1 Ra5 38.Nxc5 Rxb2 39.g4 Qf6 40.Rxb2 Bxb2 41.Qd2 Qb6 42.Rb1 Qxc5 43.Qxb2 Qxa3 44.Qxa3 Rxa3#] **36...e4 37.Qg2** [37.Qd1 Qf5 38.g4 Qe5 39.Kh1 Qf4-+] **37...Qd3 38.Rcc1** [38.Rbc1 e3 39.fxe3 Bxe3+ 40.Kh1 Bxc1 41.Rxc1 Qd4 42.Nc3 Qe3-+] **38...e3 39.Rd1** [39.fxe3 Bxe3+ 40.Kh1 Bxc1 41.Rxc1 Qd4-+] **39...Qc4 40.Nxc5** there is no longer a good way out of this [40.Qa8 exf2+ 41.Kg2 f1Q+ 42.Rxf1 Qe2+ 43.Kh1 Rxb2 44.Nxb2 Rxb2-+] **40...exf2+** [better seems 40...Rxb2 41.Rxb2 Rxb2 42.Nd3 Rd2 43.Qf1 exf2+ 44.Nxf2 Bxf2+ 45.Kh1 Qe4+ 46.Qg2 Rxd1#] **41.Kh1 Qxc5 42.Qe4** I now had only 1 min. left (though I'm lost at this point anyway); Aman had 2 min. **42...Rxb2** [pretty is 42...Re3 43.Qg2 Rxb2 44.Rbc1 Rc2 45.Rb1 Rxc3!-+] **43.Rf1 Bf6?+-** Aman misses the mate in the time scramble [43...Rxb1 44.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 45.Qxb1 Qc6+ 46.Qe4 Qxe4#] **44.Kg2 Qxa3 45.Rxf2 Rxf2+ 46.Kxf2 Qa2+-+** and my flag fell --- before my R ! **0-1**

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