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**A Big “ Thank You “ to President Maurice Smith !**



On Thursday, Jan. 7, SCC started off its 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year by settling into its new home at the Birkdale Community Centre, 1299 Ellesmere Road, in Scarborough.

Everyone was impressed ! There was good lighting. The tables were spaced with lots of walking room between them. The tables are big enough for three boards, and still have lots of room to set your score sheet, coffee, etc.. It is expected that as we grow ( we have 79 so far out to our Jack Frost Swiss ), there is plenty of room to still set up more

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tables, without any significant crowding occurring ( at least 100 players seems possible ). We are able to put our chess supplies storage cupboard in a storage room, and wheel it out into the playing hall when the evening starts. The community centre staff have received a set-up diagram from the executive re tables, chairs, guest chairs, directors table, etc., and they both set up for us, and they put it all away. We have a half-hour set-up time from 7:00 PM to 7:30 PM, playing time from 7:30 PM to 10:30 PM, and a close-up period of 10:30 PM to 11:00 PM.. We have a counter space near a kitchenette to set up coffee, snacks, etc.. There is lots of free parking, and it is close to the Ellesmere LRT station and the Midland LRT station.

The club owes a very big “ thank you “ for all this to our President, Maurice Smith. For some time now, Maurice has spent time and effort, keeping in communication with city staff and councilors, letting them know that we were getting too crowded and needed a bigger location, but one which also was still affordable for us as a volunteer-run community organization. Maurice checked over the last while, a number of possible sites, but for one reason or another they didn’t suit. When this one did come up, and seemed to meet our needs, Maurice negotiated a somewhat better price with them than had originally been offered.

So thanks to Maurice,



and to all those who helped with moving the club to the new site. And thanks to all the Executive, who have been running the club so successfully for the last number of years. We all look forward to a long, pleasant stay in our new home !

## The World Team Championship 2009

( adapted from TWIC ) The World Team Championship took place in Bursa, Turkey 3rd-13th January 2010. The first round was on 5th January 2010. The event has taken place every 4 years since 1985. Even though the tournament is taking place in early 2010, the official title for the event is the World Team Championship 2009 as it should have taken place last year.

Teams: Russia, Brazil, Egypt, India, Armenia, Israel, USA, Turkey, Azerbaijan and Greece.

In the final Round 9, Russia beat Israel 3-1 to guarantee Gold. The USA drew 2-2 with Azerbaijan to guarantee the silver medal. India took the Bronze medal.

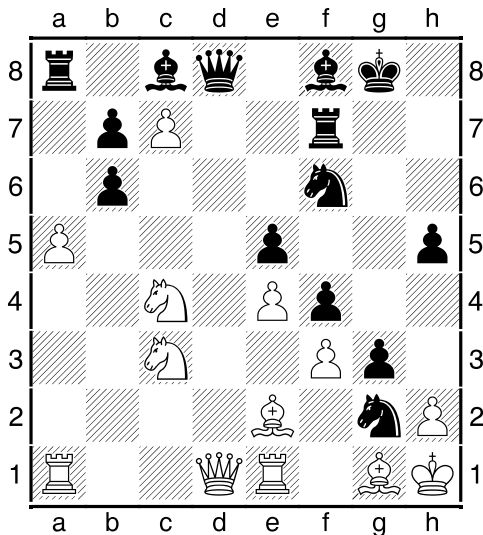
In Rd. 5, USA, with Hikaru Nakamura, current USA Champion, on board one, met Israel, with the World # 6, winner of the recent FIDE World Cup, Boris Gelfand, on board one. A great game by Nakamura, considered a brilliancy by many, followed. Nakamura played a King's Indian Defence, and attacked on the K-side, while Gelfand following theory tried to break through on the Q-side. Nakamura then sacked an N for his K-side attack, and then left his Q hanging for 4 moves, while he threatened mates. When he finally moved the Q, he again offered to sac it – which, if taken, led to a mate. Pieces got exchanged, and when the smoke cleared, Nakamura was ahead an N, and about to win a P, and end up with 2 connected, passed P's. Here is the exciting game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Gelfand, B (2761) – Nakamura, Hi (2708) [E97]**

7th World Team Championship Bursa TUR (5), 09.01.2010

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6±** [2...e6=] **3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5** [6...c5 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bf4 cxd4 10.Nxd4 Nc5±] **7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Nd2?!=** [9.Re1 h6 10.a4 Nh5±] **9...Ne8?!±** [9...Nd7 10.Nb3 f5=] **10.b4?!=** [10.Nb3 f5 11.f4 (11.Be3?! fxe4 12.Nxe4 Nf6 13.Nxf6+ Bxf6=; 11.f3 a5±) 11...exf4 12.Bxf4 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Bxb2 14.Rb1 Bg7±] **10...f5 11.c5 Nf6?!±** [11...Kh8?! 12.a3 a5±; 11...a5 12.cxd6 Nxd6 13.b5 Kh8=] **12.f3 f4?!±** Gelfand gets a " clear " advantage [12...a5 13.cxd6 cxd6 14.b5 fxe4 15.fxe4±] **13.Nc4 g5 14.a4 Ng6 15.Ba3 Rf7** [15...Ne8 16.b5 Rf7±] **16.b5** [16.cxd6 cxd6 17.b5 Bf8±] **16...dxc5 17.Bxc5 h5** Nakamura pursues his K-side attack **18.a5 g4 19.b6?=-** Gelfand has lost his advantage [19.Qe1 Nd7 20.Ba3 g3! 21.hxg3 fxg3 22.Qxg3 Nf4±] **19...g3 20.Kh1** [( 1 ) 20.h3? Bxh3! 21.gxh3 Qc8 22.Rf2 cxb6! (22...gxf2+? 23.Kh2 axb6 24.axb6 Rxa1 25.Qxa1 f1Q 26.Bxf1 cxb6 27.Bxb6 Bf8̄) 23.Ba3 a) 23.Bb4? Qxh3 24.Rg2 Nh4 25.Bf1 Nxe2 26.Bxe2 Qh2+ 27.Kf1 h4 28.Ra2 h3+- - 4.27; b) 23.Bd6 gxf2+ 24.Kh2 Ng4+! 25.fxg4 hxg4 26.Bxg4 (26.hxg4?? f3 27.Bxf3 Qxc4+- - -6.30) 26...Qxc4+- - 3.04 Nakamura would be up the exchange + 2 P's; 23...gxf2+ 24.Kh2 Ng4+! 25.fxg4 hxg4 26.Bxg4 (26.hxg4?? f3! 27.Bxf3 (27.Bf1?? Bh6 28.Kg3 Qd8+- - 20.71) 27...Qxc4+- - 7.07) 26...Qxc4+- - 2.52 Nakamura would be up the exchange + 2 P's; ( 2 ) 20.bxa7? Nd7 21.Ba3 (21.Bd6? cxd6 22.Nxd6 Nc5! 23.Nxf7 Qh4 24.h3 Bxh3+- - 2.86; 21.Bb4? Qh4 22.h3 Ndf8 23.Bd3 Bxh3 24.gxh3 Qxh3 25.Ra2 Nh4 26.Qe2 Bh6+- - 3.70) 21...Qh4 22.h3 Ndf8 23.Bd3 Bxh3+- - 1.42; ( 3 ) 20.Qd2 Nd7 21.Ba3 gxh2+ 22.Kh1 cxb6 23.Nd6 Rf6 24.Nxc8 Rxc8 25.d6 Nc5 26.axb6 axb6=; ( 4 ) 20.Qc2?! Nh7 (20...Nd7? 21.Ba3 gxh2+ 22.Kxh2 axb6 23.axb6 Bf8 24.Bxf8 Rxa1 25.Rxa1 Rxf8 26.bxc7 Qxc7 27.Nb5 Qc5±; 20...axb6? 21.axb6 Rxa1 22.Rxa1 Bf8 23.Bxf8 gxh2+ 24.Kh1 Rxf8±) 21.Bd3 Qh4 22.h3 Bxh3 23.gxh3 Qxh3̄] **20...Bf8** [20...Ne8 21.bxa7 Bf8 22.d6 Be6 23.Bg1 Bxd6=] **21.d6?!±** for the first time in the game, Nakamura gets the advantage [21.Bxf8?? Nxe4! 22.Bc5 (22.Nxe4??

Qh4 23.Nf6+ Rxf6 24.h3 Bxh3 25.Re1 Bf5+ 26.Kg1 Qh2+ 27.Kf1 Qh1#; 22.fxe4?? Qh4 23.h3 Bxh3 24.Be7 Bxg2+ 25.Kxg2 f3+ 26.Rxf3 Qh2+ 27.Kf1 Qh1#) 22...Nxc5-+; 21.bxc7 Rxc7 22.Bg1 gxh2 23.Bf2 Rh7 24.a6 (24.Qa4? h4 25.a6 Nh5-+) 24...b6=] **21...axb6 22.Bg1** [22.dxc7 Qxd1 23.Rfxd1 Bxc5 24.Nxb6 Bxb6 25.axb6 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Kg7] **22...Nh4??±** wrong attack; Gelfand gets a " clear " advantage [22...gxh2 23.Bf2 bxa5 24.Nb5 cxd6 25.Bb6 Qe7] **23.Re1??=** wrong defence; Gelfand loses his advantage [23.hxg3 fxg3 24.Be3 Bh3! 25.Rg1 Bxg2+ 26.Rxg2 Nxc2 27.Kxg2 Bxd6 28.Nxd6 Qxd6 29.axb6 Rxa1 30.Qxa1 Qb4±] **23...Nxc2!** a sound N-sac to continue the attack **24.dxc7?+** wrong defence again – wrongly refusing the sac, and wrongly anticipating Nakamura must defend against the attack on the Q; Nakamura gets a " winning " advantage [24.Kxg2 h4 25.hxg3 h3+ 26.Kh1 fxg3 27.dxc7 Qxc7=]

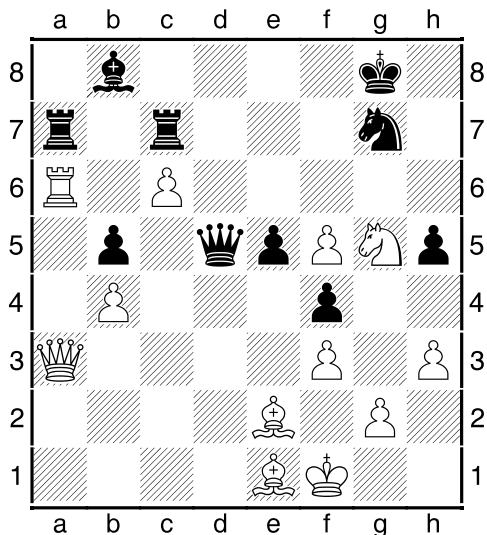


**24...Nxe1!** ignoring the attack on the Q, and threatening a P-mate **25.Qxe1** Nakamura is up the exchange + P **25...g2+!** again the Q hangs **26.Kxg2** Nakamura is up the exchange **26...Rg7+** the Q still hangs **27.Kh1 Bh3** again letting the Q hang, since Nakamura has another mate threat **28.Bf1 Qd3!** the Q moves from being attacked, to being attacked! **29.Nxe5?** – 2.72 Nakamura is up the exchange, but Gelfand has a P compensation [29.Bxd3?? Bg2#; 29.Ne3! Protecting g2 29...Qxf1 30.Qxf1 Bxf1 31.Nxf1 Bc5 32.Bxc5 bxc5-+ – 1.98] **29...Bxf1 30.Qxf1 Qxc3** Nakamura is up R vs P **31.Rc1 Qxe5** Nakamura is up R + N vs P ( passed and about to queen ) **32.c8Q Rxc8 33.Rxc8** Nakamura is up an N **33...Qe6-+** – 3.59 Gelfand resigned – he is now about to lose the aP, giving Nakamura 2 connected, passed P's, as well as the N. **0-1**

In the second last round, USA, which was leading, got defeated by Armenia, and knocked out of first place, with Russia taking the sole lead, USA being now second. On first board, Levon Aronian, # 5 in the world, defeated USA Champion, Hikaru Nakamura, who had been on a hot streak in this tournament, with a performance rating to then of over 3000 ! The game was relatively close until Nakamura accepted Aronian's exchange sac offer, and then wrongly sacked a P. But Aronian then gave Nakamura equality. However Nakamura missed a nice tactic, losing a B, and from then he was lost. Interestingly, Nakamura was still the best performer ( won the Gold Medal ) on board one ! Here is the game( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

**Aronian, L (2781) – Nakamura, Hi (2708) [E99]**  
 7th World Team Championship Bursa TUR (8), 12.01.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6± [2...e6=] 3.c4 [3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.Qd2 0-0±] 3...Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 King's Indian Defence 5...0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 [good ( but I don't like playing it as White ) is 7.dxe5 dxe5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bg5 Re8±; popular, but weaker, is 7.d5 Na6 8.0-0 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5=] 7...Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.Bd2?!= [11.f3 h6 12.Be3 c5 13.dxc6 bxc6±] 11...Nf6?!± [11...Nb6 12.b3 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Bf5=] 12.f3 f4 13.c5?!= a premature break [13.Be1 c5 14.Bf2 h6± (14...g5±) ] 13...g5?± though a natural KID strategy, Bl needs to blunt W on the Q-side first; Aronian gets a " clear " advantage [13...c6 14.dxc6 Nxc6 15.Be1 Be6 16.cxd6 Qxd6=] 14.cxd6 cxd6 15.Nf2?!± [15.Rc1 Ng6 16.Kh1 Rf7 17.Be1 Bh6±] 15...Ng6 16.Qc2 Rf7 [16...a6 17.Rac1 Bd7 18.a4 Qb6±] 17.Rfc1 Ne8 [17...a6 18.a4 Rc7±] 18.a4 [18.Qb3 h5 19.Nb5 a6 20.Na3 Nf6±] 18...h5 19.Ncd1?!= [19.Qd1 Nf6 20.Kh1 Nh4±] 19...Bf8?!± [19...Nh4 20.Kh1 Nf6 21.Ra3 g4=] 20.Ra3?!= [20.a5 a6 21.Nc3 g4±] 20...a6?!± Nakamura should continue with his K-side attack [20...Nf6 21.a5 g4 22.a6 bxa6 23.Ba5 Qe8 24.Be1 Nh4=] 21.Qc3 [21.a5 Nh4 22.Nc3 Bd7±] 21...Bd7 22.Qa5 b6 23.Qb4 Rg7 [23...Nh4 24.Rb3 g4±] 24.Rac3?!= [24.Rb3 b5 25.axb5 axb5 26.Bxb5 g4±] 24...Nh4?!± [24...Nf6 25.Rb3 Qe8 26.Qxb6 g4=] 25.h3?!= [25.g3 g4 26.fxg4 hxg4 27.Kh1 Qg5±] 25...Be7?!± [25...b5 26.axb5 axb5=] 26.Be1 Qb8 27.Kf1 Bd8 28.Rb3 Bc7 29.Qa3 Qd8 30.Rbc3 Bb8 31.b4 Ra7 32.Rc6?!= wrongly offering an exchange sac [32.Qb3 Nf6 33.b5 axb5 34.Bxb5 Bc7±] 32...b5?!± wrongly refusing the sac [32...Bxc6 33.dxc6 Kh8=] 33.axb5 axb5 34.Ra6 Rb7 35.Rcc6?!= [35.Ra8 Nc7 36.Ra5 Qf6±] 35...Bxc6?± now Nakamura should refuse the sac [35...Rf7 36.Qa2 Ba7 37.Nc3 g4=] 36.dxc6 Nakamura is up the exchange, but Aronian has a passed P on the 6th rank 36...Ra7 37.Nc3 d5?!+- this pawn sac is unsound; Aronian gets a " winning " advantage [37...Qc8 38.Bxb5 Ng6±] 38.Nxd5 Nakamura is up the exchange, but Aronian now has a P compensation ( passed and on the 6th rank ) 38...Nf5 39.exf5 1.59 [39.Bxb5 Ng3+ (39...Rxa6 40.Qxa6 (40.Bxa6?! Ng3+ 41.Kg1 g4±) 40...Ne3+ 41.Nxe3 fxe3 42.Nd1 Ba7+- 1.79(42...Qxd1? 43.Qc8 Re7 44.Qxb8 Qc1+- 2.83) ) 40.Kg1 Nd6+- 1.43] 39...Qxd5 40.Ne4 Rgc7 41.Nxg5??= Aronian now has 2 P's compensation for being down the exchange, but he has lost his advantage [41.Qa5 Rxa6 42.Qxa6 Qxc6 43.Qxc6 Rxc6 44.Bxb5 Rc8 45.Bxe8 Rxe8 46.Nf6+ Kf7 47.Nxe8 Kxe8+- Aronian would be up a passed P] 41...Ng7??+- Nakamura blunders, missing the Q-sac offer, and gives Aronian back the win



42.Rb6! letting his Q hang, but threatening mate 42...Nxf5 Nakamura needs to clear an escape square for his K 43.Rxb8+ Aronian is up 2 B's + P ( passed ) vs R 43...Kg7 44.Qb2 Ra2 45.Qb1 Rc2! 46.Rxb5 Aronian is up 2 B's + 2 P's ( connected and passed ) vs R [46.Qxc2?? Ne3+-+] 46...Qd6 47.Rb7?+- 1.86 [ ( 1 ) 47.Kg1? R7xc6 48.Bd1 Qd3 49.Bf2 (49.Bxc2?! Rxc2±) 49...Qd2 50.Rb7+ Kg6 51.Ne4 Qc1+- 1.94; ( 2 ) 47.Rc5 Rxc6 48.Bf2 (48.Rxc2?? Rxc2 49.Kg1

(49.Qxc2?? Ne3+-+) 49...Rxe2±) 48...Qd2 (48...R6xc5? 49.bxc5 Qd2+- 4.31) 49.Qxc2 Qxc2 50.Rxc2 Rxc2+- 2.90 Aronian would be up 2 B's + P ( passed ) vs R] **47...Kh6 48.Kg1 Qxc6?+-** 4.99 Aronian is up 2 B's + P ( passed ) vs R [48...Ne3 49.Rxc7 Qxc7 50.h4 Qxc6+- 3.38(50...Rxe2? 51.Bf2 Rxf2 52.Kxf2 Qa7+- 4.27) ] **49.Nf7+ Rxf7** 5.16 [49...Kg7? 50.Nd8 Qxb7 51.Nxb7 Rxe2 52.Qxf5 Rc1+- 8.95] **50.Rxf7** Aronian is up B + P ( passed ) **50...Ne3 51.Ra7 Qd5 52.Qa1 Nxg2** 9.16 [52...Rc6 53.Ra6 Rxa6 54.Qxa6+ Kg7+- 8.89] **53.Qa6+--** 9.16 **1-0**

### **China Tops the Country List of FIDE Women Players**

( Report by Chessdom.com on Susan Polgar Blog )

China is the [top women chess country](#) on the FIDE January rating list. Based on the average ranking of the top 10 players, China has average ELO 2481, which is 11 points ahead of the second Russia.

Only two other countries have rating averages above 2400 and these are Georgia with 2444 and Ukraine 2417.

#### *1. China 2481*

- 1 Hou, Yifan g CHN 2590 14 1994
- 2 Ju, Wenjun wg CHN 2512 4 1991
- 3 Zhao, Xue g CHN 2504 4 1985
- 4 Ruan, Lufei wg CHN 2479 2 1987
- 5 Xu, Yuhua g CHN 2478 3 1976
- 6 Qin, Kanying wg CHN 2466 0 1974
- 7 Tan, Zhongyi wg CHN 2464 3 1991
- 8 Shen, Yang wg CHN 2444 2 1989
- 9 Huang, Qian wg CHN 2439 3 1986
- 10 Zhang, Xiaowen wg CHN 2437 24 1989

#### *2. Russia 2470*

- 1 Kosintseva, Nadezhda m RUS 2533 9 1985
- 2 Kosteniuk, Alexandra g RUS 2523 10 1984
- 3 Kosintseva, Tatiana g RUS 2515 8 1986
- 4 Pogonina, Natalija wg RUS 2501 0 1985
- 5 Tairova, Elena m RUS 2455 0 1991
- 6 Gunina, Valentina wf RUS 2448 7 1989
- 6 Korbut, Ekaterina m RUS 2448 0 1985
- 8 Romanko, Marina m RUS 2433 6 1986
- 9 Kovalevskaya, Ekaterina m RUS 2428 4 1974
- 10 Ovod, Evgenija m RUS 2415 0 1982

### **SCC – Who Are We ??**

This is a series, in each Issue, where we introduce to our subscribers, the members who make up SCC, the friendliest chess club in Canada ! This Issue we introduce

## Steve Douglas

I first learned to play chess around the age of 8 when my father taught me. This would have been shortly before the Fischer-Spassky match, and hard as that may seem to believe today, that match was front-page news. Everybody knew the names Fischer and Spassky. I was mostly oblivious to of the socio-political significance. I just knew that I really liked the game itself. And Spassky was a nogoodnik. I was young.

Within a couple of years I was regularly challenging my teachers at school to play (they started to politely decline) and I struck up friendships at school with other students whom the teachers avoided if they saw a chess set anywhere about.

I sporadically tried over my grade-school years trying to get better but other than borrowing a few books from the local library (almost all by Reinfeld), and the general progression that comes from both “growing older” and regular play, I can’t say I got much better. I knew little if anything about openings and learned nothing about the endgame. Nothing that stuck anyway. Much of that was due to the practical circumstances. My play was typical: most of my games were decided by some tactical knock-out blow.

In High School things continued much as before but with some notable exceptions. Now there were more players to play against, and even though the better players (at first) were the ones that had followed me from grade school, with every new player there was the opportunity to learn something. Somehow they played “differently”. Some of them knew openings and the endgame. So over the course of several years the group of regulars expanded and we all learned from each other.

In my final year of High School we finally formed an official club. It was at the end of grade 13 that I first played in a “tournament”. It was the Ontario High School Chess Championship. I was (allegedly) our school’s best player, but I stunk. At the start of the fourth round I was deservedly on the lowest board. I fought back to achieve an even score by the end of the 6-round event but it was quite humbling, but also illuminating about how little I knew about the game, and how little I knew about how to play in a tournament (clock? what’s that? is it dinnertime?).

In the years that immediately followed I found it difficult to consistently play chess. I was quite busy, separated from my previous chess friends. I went from High School to University but then dropped out to pursue business interests. It was the beginning of the “home computer revolution”, as it was called at the time. I had written a best-selling word processor and in my last year of High School and now found myself busier than I had ever been developing that and other projects for years.

I did play sporadically and almost joined the Scarborough Chess Club in the mid-1980’s but it never happened. I followed the Kasparov/Karpov/Korchnoi events in the papers (chess was still news then), bought a few books, and tried to keep up.

I married in the late 1980's and my first child was born in 1992. It is because of him that I became involved in chess again. I taught him (please don't laugh) to play the game when he was young and he eventually became bitten by the same bug I was. He started to compete in tournaments when he was age 8 (CMA tournaments—How I wish those had been around when I was that age!)

My son progressed reasonably rapidly, doing well at tournaments, and it soon became apparent that if he were to continue he would need regular competition at a decent level. The local chess club at the time was the Durham Chess Club run by Larry Luiting. It was a mostly adult club with some juniors. And if my son were going to join ... well I wasn't just going to sit on the sidelines. After all, I **knew** how to play. He was just "learning". We joined.

Richard won his third game at the club. I finally managed to conjure up a win in my 13<sup>th</sup>.

Play at the club brought back to me all of the memories of play at the OHSCC. There is a huge difference between casual and "tournament" play, even if it is still friendly play. My weakness as a player has always been the outrageous blunder. I will throw away a piece for no obvious reason. I am the player who can calculate all kinds of nuances of things (or not calculate at all) but ignore the **big obvious threat** that any beginner will easily see ("but Daddy, can't he just take your queen?")

So while my son continued to get better (and continues to this day—he is now much better than I am), I essentially had to go back to square one. With the advent of computers, and with the number of good quality books available these days (it appears we are in another golden age), you have to get better every year just to maintain your rating.

In 2005 I moved back to Toronto and joined the Scarborough Chess Club. I have also played regularly in different events in the GTA, including the Dutton Chess Club and the Bayview Games Club. I have played in many SWOCL events and I have met many people in the general chess community. I have also run or helped run a couple of tournaments. When my son was still playing at CMA events I would regularly get pressed into service to help supervise sections.

Since I am now in my mid-forties I know that I'm not going to get much better. But hope springs eternal and fatalism doesn't mean one mustn't try. The one thing I've been trying to do in recent years is to reduce my inconsistency, both from game to game, and within a game. When Bob Armstrong asked me to write this profile he suggested that I include any games of mine which I felt were significant. I offer up the following "gem". It came after an extended period of tactics study for me. I was trying to eliminate my tendency to blunder. This is the game(commentary by Hiarc and yours truly):

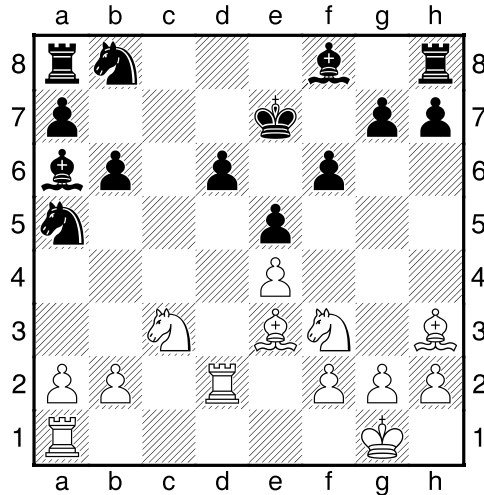


## Douglas, Steven – Gilchrist, Ray [B21]

Durham Club, 27.02.2003

[Hiarcs 8 (15s)]

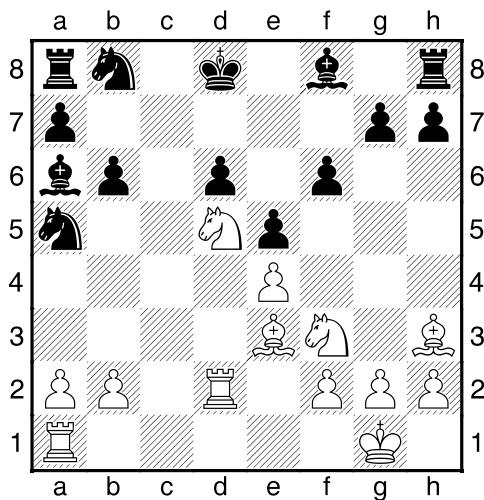
B21: Sicilian: 2 f4 and Morra Gambit 1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 e5 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 last book move 6...f6 7.0-0 Ne7 8.Qb3+- Qd7 9.Bf7+ Kd8 10.Rd1 Nec6 11.Be3 b6 12.Rd2 [Δ12.Bd5+- White missed this excellent chance] 12...Na5± 13.Qd5 Attacks the backward pawn on d6 13...Bb7 14.Qe6 Qxe6 15.Bxe6 Ke7 16.Bh3 Ba6??



releasing the pressure on the opponent [Δ16...Nc4 is the best chance 17.Rc2 Nxe3 18.fxe3 Na6±]

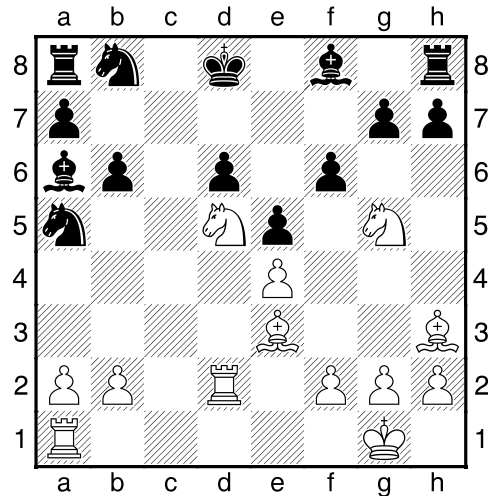
There was no question that I was better at this point and I immediately took advantage of it.

17.Nd5+- Kd8



This was the key position. I knew I was better but since the queens had been traded it wasn't entirely clear to me (I repeat: to **me**) how to continue. My king was safe, I had the open c-file and I clearly had better development. My opponent's position was a mess. I went into about a 10-minute think and finally came up with...

**18.Ng5!**



At first this looks silly. Whoops! Steve's just thrown away a knight.... Imagine that. But taking the knight leads to [18...fxg5 19.Bxg5+ Ke8 20.Nc7+ Kf7 21.Nxa8] or worse. The line given was what I had reasoned at the time. My opponent went into a deep think of his own and the game eventually finished:

**18...Bc8 19.Nf7+ Ke8 20.Nxh8 Bxh3 21.gxh3** [21.Nc7+!? seems even better 21...Kd7 22.Rc2 Nbc6 23.Nxa8 Be6+-] **21...Na6 22.Rc1 Nc5 1-0**

The actual game actually went several more moves but I've truncated it for simplicity. Why does this game stick in my mind? Why am I proud of it? Became 18. Ng5 is the best move but it's not an obvious move. It looks like a silly mistake. Even worse than the ones I normally make (but not outside the realm of possibility). Several other players asked after the game, why Ray hadn't just taken the knight? But I was most happy because of how much I had managed to see in that position. I had reasoned that I needed to get my dark-square bishop doing something and for that I needed open lines. And when I first thought of Ng5 as a pure sacrifice (N for pawn, open lines) I was then able to calculate deeper and realize that no matter what, I would pick off one rook or another and my opponent would **still** be in trouble. There is no way I could have seen that much several months before.

## Rick's Chess Trivia

( questions/presentations researched by Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, SCC member, Orillia CC President )

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the question:

At the interzonal at Palma de Mallorca 1970, Fischer was at the peak of his prime. He surprised two players in that tournament by varying from his usual 1 e4 (P-K4) as white. He won both games. What was his first move that he sprung?

**The Answer:** CFC Governor Ken Craft submitted the fastest correct answer and he gets this Issue's bragging rights. But getting honourable mention is Victor Trifan, who also got the right answer, but was a bit slower than Ken. Rick's answer is:

1 b3 (P-QN3).

Fischer trounced Filip and Mecking with 1 b3, outplaying both not in the opening, but in the middle game.

Victor added the following information in his answer:

1. The opening moves of the two games were:

Fischer - Mecking: 1. b3 d5 2. Bb2 c5 .... 1-0 (42)

Fischer - Filip: 1. b3 d5 2. Bb2 Nf6 ... 1-0 (40)

2. Fischer also played an exception to his normal opening, when he played in that same tournament, in the last game, 1.c4 against Oscar Panno ( 1-0 ). Fischer won that game by default because Panno refused to play.

**Today's Trivia Question** is:

A certain grandmaster in 1967, with black, quickly beat Fischer in two games, one in 25 moves and the other in 23 moves. Fischer, on the other hand, back in 1961 had defeated him in 22 moves. Who was this grandmaster?

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 Rick's 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. He will give credit to the author if he uses your suggestion. Write Rick Garel : [rickgarel@gmail.com](mailto:rickgarel@gmail.com)

**SCC Falling Leaves Swiss**

This second SCC Swiss of the season ran from Nov. 5 to Dec. 17. 43 players showed up for the Open section. It was headed by 7 masters ( ! ) and 6 experts, some of whom are former masters. 25 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of 68 players was lower than our average in 2008-9 of mid-70's per tournament. But the prior tournament this year, we had 82 players. The executive felt we could take 80 players at maximum ( though admittedly quite crowded ) at our old location, given byes, and so for then, the pressure on our maximum was relieved.

The winners were:

**Open Section:**

1<sup>st</sup> – 6 pts. – junior WIM Yuanling Yuan ( only gave up 2 draws ).



2<sup>nd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> – 5 pts. – Master Rune Pedersen; Master Andrei Moffat; Master Erwin Casareno

U 1700 section:

1<sup>st</sup> – 6 pts.- junior Magas Yusuf ( only gave up 2 draws )



2<sup>nd</sup> – 5.5 pts. – junior Yutong Luo

3<sup>rd</sup> – 5 pts. – Andrew Philip

Publication of games under the SCC Policy on the Games Database is delayed until the end of the tournament. So in this Issue, the last Issue, and the next 2 issues, we are presenting some of the more interesting games from various rounds. In this Issue, we see some games from rounds 3 & 4.

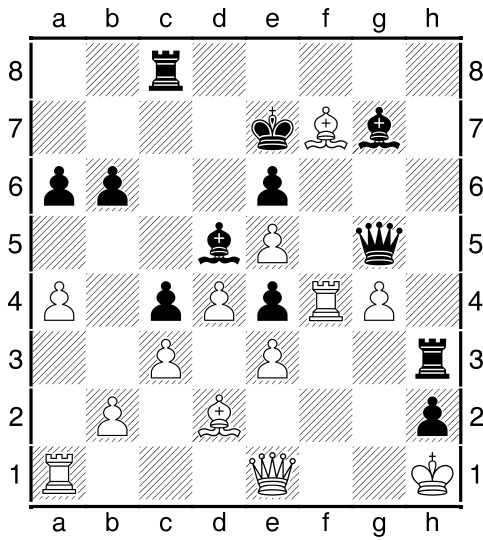
In Rd. 3, in the Open section, Alex Rapoport had the advantage for the first half of the game, but Mike Conte was trying to build a K-side attack. Fatefully, Alex weakened his K-side, and Mike got the advantage. Alex managed to go up a P, but the pressure on the K was too much. Mike finished it off with a nice Q-sac. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Rapoport, Alex (1870) – Conte, Mike (1802) [A45]**

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss (Open) Toronto (3), 19.11.2009

79MB, Fritz11.ctg, KENCOMPUTER **1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 e6 3.f4 b6** [3...Nc6 4.Nf3 d5=] **4.Nf3 Bb7 5.Bd3 c5 6.0-0 Nc6 7.c3 d5 8.Ne5 g6?!±** [8...Bd6 9.Rf3 Rc8=] **9.Nd2?!=** [9.Bb5 Qc7 10.Qa4 Rc8 11.Qxa7 Bd6±] **9...a6 10.Ndf3 h6?±** Alex gets a " clear " advantage [10...Bd6 11.Ng5 0-0=] **11.Qc2 Nxe5?!+-** Alex gets a " winning " advantage [11...Rg8 12.b3 Qc7±] **12.fxe5 Ne4 13.Nd2 Qh4?+-** 3.80 [13...Nxd2 14.Bxd2 c4 15.Be2 Bg7+- 1.61] **14.a4?!±** [14.Qa4+ Ke7 15.Bxe4 dxe4+-] **14...c4?!+-** [14...Be7 15.Qd1 Qh5 16.Qb3 Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Bd8±] **15.Be2?+-** 1.41 [15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Nxc4 Be7 17.Nxb6 Rd8+- 3.36 Alex would be up 2 P's.] **15...Rc8 16.Bf3?!±** [16.Nxe4 Qxe4 17.Qd1 g5+-] **16...Ng5?!+-** [16...Nxd2 17.Bxd2 Bg7±] **17.Be2** [17.Bd1!? Ne4±] **17...Ne4** 2.20 [17...h5+- 1.95] **18.Nf3?±** Alex is losing his advantage [18.Nxe4 Qxe4 19.Qd1 g5+-] **18...Qd8 19.g3** [19.Rb1 f5 (19...Bg7?! 20.Nd2 Nxd2 21.Bxd2 0-0±) 20.exf6 Bd6±] **19...g5?!±** [19...Be7 20.Nd2 Nxd2 21.Bxd2 0-0±] **20.Nd2 h5** Mike is trying to build a K-side

attack **21.Nxe4 dxe4 22.Bd2?!±** [22.b3 cxb3 23.Qxb3 g4±] **22...Bd5** [22...Bg7 23.Rab1 g4±] **23.Qd1?!=** Alex has lost his advantage [23.b3 cxb3 24.Qb1 Rc4! 25.Rxf7! (25.Bxc4 Bxc4 26.Qxe4 Qd5 27.Qb1! Qc6!±) 25...Kxf7 26.Qf1+ Kg7 27.Bxc4 b2 28.Rb1 Ba3±] **23...g4 24.h3?±** Alex weakens his K-side protection; for the first time in the game, Mike gets the advantage, a "clear" advantage [24.b4 Bg7 25.Bc1 f5 26.exf6 Bxf6=] **24...gxh3?!±** [24...h4 25.gxh4 gxh3±] **25.Bxh5?+-** Mike gets a "winning" advantage [25.b4? Qg5 26.Qe1 f5 27.Kh2 Kd7-+; 25.Kh2 h4 (25...Qg5?! 26.b3 cxb3 27.Bxa6 Rg8 28.Rg1 Rc7=) 26.g4 Qc7±] **25...Qg5 26.Bxf7+** Alex goes up a P **26...Ke7 27.Qe1 h2+ 28.Kh1 Bg7 29.Rf4?+-** - 4.09 [29.Qf2 Rh3 30.Be8! Rxe8 31.Qf7+ Kd8 32.Qa7 Rf8-+ - 1.60] **29...Rh3 30.g4?+-** - 12.25 [30.Bg6? Rxg3 31.Rf7+ Kd8 32.Rf2 Qxg6 33.Rxh2 Kc7-+ - 8.16; 30.Bh5! Qxh5 31.Qf2 Rh8-+ - 3.61]



**30...Qxf4!** nice Q-sac mate threat. Alex resigned. The Q cannot be taken **31.exf4?? e3# 0-1**

In Rd. 3 in the Open Section Stephen Bao



and Silvano Mesiti played a close game with the advantage going back and forth. Stephen rather single-mindedly tried to build a K-side attack, but at one point, Silvano had a "winning" advantage, as he tried to break the coming attack by getting control of the centre. Then Silvano went for the centre, when he had to defend, and Stephen broke

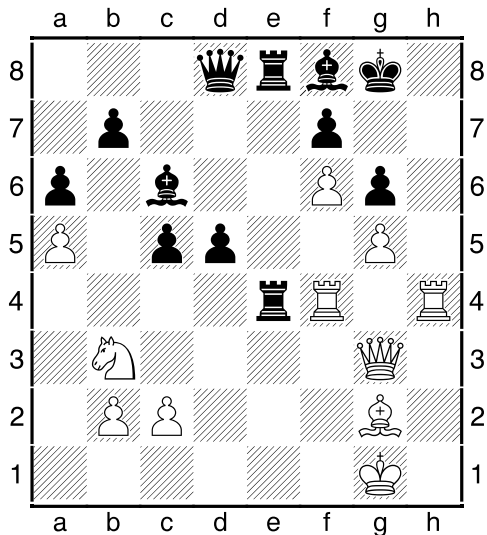
through and mated him – a significant upset given the 200 rating point difference. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### Bao, Stephen (1524) – Mesiti, Silvano (1730) [C41]

Scarborough CC Falling Leaves ( Open ) Toronto (3), 19.11.2009

[Armstrong, Robert]

1.e4= 0.20 1...e5 for Fritz, the only equalizing move 2.Nf3 d6?!± [2...Nc6=] 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bc4 0-0 7.h3?± [7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Re1 Ne5±] 7...a6?± [7...Nxe4 8.Nxe4 d5 9.0-0 dxc4±] 8.a4?± [8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Be3 c6±] 8...Bd7?± [8...Nxe4 9.Nxe4 d5 10.0-0 dxc4±] 9.0-0 Nc6 10.Be3 Ne5 11.Be2 Qc8 [11...c5 12.Nb3 Re8±] 12.f4 Nc6 13.f5?!= Stephen starts his attack [13.Qd2 Nb4 14.Bf3 c5±] 13...Ne5?!± [13...Re8 14.a5 Bf8=] 14.g4?!= [14.Qe1 Re8 15.Qg3 c6±] 14...c5?!± [14...h6 15.Qd2 Re8=] 15.Nb3?± [15.Nf3 Bc6 16.Nxe5 dxe5±] 15...Bc6 16.Nd5 Bd8 17.Nxf6+ Bxf6 18.g5 Stephen continues his attack 18...Be7 19.Bf3 Qd7 20.a5?!± Silvano gets a " clear " advantage [20.Na5 f6 21.h4 fxf5 22.hxg5 Qd8 23.Nxc6 bxc6±] 20...Rfe8?± Silvano loses his advantage [20...f6 21.g6 hxg6 22.Bg2 Qe8±] 21.Bg2 Bf8 22.Rf4 Nc4 23.Bc1 Re5?!± [23...Rad8 24.Qf1 Ne5=] 24.Rh4 bringing his R into an attacking position 24...g6 25.Bf4 Ree8 26.Qd3?± [26.Nd2 Nxb2 27.Qf3 Na4±] 26...Ne5 27.Qg3 [27.Bxe5 Rxe5 28.Rf4 gxf5 29.Rxf5 Rxf5 30.exf5 Bxg2 31.Kxg2 c4 32.Qxc4 Qxf5±] 27...Qc7?± Stephen gets a " clear " advantage [27...gxf5 28.Nxc5! Qd8 29.Bxe5 dxe5±] 28.Rf1?!± [28.Nd2 Qd7 29.f6 Qe6±] 28...Rad8 29.Bxe5 Rxe5 30.Rff4?± Silvano gets back his " clear " advantage [30.Nd2 gxf5 31.Nc4 Rxe4! 32.Bxe4 Bxe4±] 30...Rde8?!± [30...d5 31.Nd2 (31.exd5?! Bxd5 32.fxg6 hxg6-+) 31...dxe4 32.fxg6 hxg6 33.Nxe4 Bxe4 34.Rxe4 Rd1+ 35.Bf1 Bd6±] 31.Rhg4?!± [31.Nd2 gxf5 32.Rxf5 Rxf5 33.exf5 Bxg2 34.Qxg2 d5! 35.g6 (35.Qxd5?? Qg3+-) 35...hxg6 36.fxg6 Bg7±] 31...Qd8?!± [31...d5 32.exd5 Bxd5 33.Bxd5 Rxd5±] 32.h4?+- Stephen is single-minded about getting a K-side breakthrough, while Silvano is trying to break the attack by gaining control of the centre. But Silvano now gets a " winning " advantage [32.Nd2 d5 33.fxg6 hxg6 34.exd5 Bxd5±] 32...Bg7?± [32...gxf5 33.Rxf5 Bd7 34.Rf1 Bxg4 35.Qxg4 Qc7-+] 33.f6 Bf8?!= Silvano again loses his advantage [33...h5 34.gxh6 Bxf6 (34...Bxh6?? 35.Rxg6+! fxg6 36.Qxg6+ Kf8 37.Qxh6+ Kf7 38.Qg7+ Ke6 39.Bh3+ Rf5 40.Rxf5 Qxf6 41.Rxc5+ Qf5 42.exf5#) 35.h5 g5±] 34.h5 Stephen finally starts to pry open the position 34...d5??+- 5.20 Silvano must defend first, before trying to grab the centre; Stephen gets a " winning " advantage [34...gxh5 35.Rh4 c4 36.Nd4 Qxa5=] 35.hxg6 hxg6 36.Rh4 Rxe4??+- This exchange sac is not helpful. It leads to mate now. [36...Bg7 37.Qh2 Rxg5 38.fxg7 f5 39.exf5 Rxg2+ 40.Qxg2 Qf6+- 9.75]



37.Qh3! ignoring the sac and going for mate. 37...Re1+ leads to mate in 18 moves [37...Bg7 38.fxg7 f5 39.Rh8+ Kf7 40.Rxf5+! gxf5 41.Qxf5+ Ke7 42.Qf6+ Kd7 43.Nxc5+ Kc7 44.Bxe4 Qd6+-

it is mate in 17 moves.] **38.Kh2 Bg7 39.fxg7** Stephen is up N vs P **39...Qxg5??+-** leads to a quick mate [39...f5 40.gxf6 Rh1+ 41.Kxh1 Re1+ 42.Kh2 Kf7 43.Rh8 Re8 44.g8Q+ Rxc8 45.Rh7+ Kf8 46.Qe6 Qd7 47.Rf7+ Qxf7 48.Qd6+ Ke8 49.Qb8+ Kd7 50.Nxc5#] **40.Rh8+ Kxg7 41.Qh7# 1-0**

In Rd. 3, in the U 1700 section, Larissa Souchko came up with a nice sac to win a pawn, against Yasir al Ganabi, as well as a sac to win his Q. She also missed a few tactical shots, one of which also won Yasir's Q. The game has its mistakes, but the tactics, both played and not played, are interesting. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

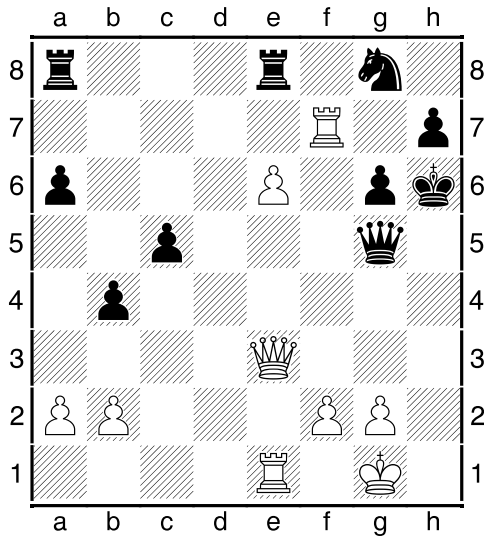
### **Souchko, Larissa (1248) – Alganabi, Yasir (1476) [C66]**

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss (U1700) Toronto (3), 19.11.2009

79MB, Fritz11.ctg, KENCOMPUTER 1.e4= 0.20 1...e5 For Fritz, the only equalizing move **2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 d6?!±** [3...a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7=] **4.c3 Bd7 5.0-0 a6 6.Ba4?!=** [6.Bc4 Be7 7.Qb3 Nh6±] **6...Nf6 7.Re1** [7.d4 Be7 8.d5 Nb8=] **7...b5?!±** [7...Be7 8.d4 0-0=] **8.Bc2 b4?!±** Larissa gets a " clear " advantage [8...Be7 9.d4 0-0±] **9.d4 exd4?!+-** Larissa gets a " winning " advantage [9...bxc3 10.Nxc3 Be7±] **10.cxd4 Be7 11.h3 0-0 12.e5 dxe5 13.dxe5 Ne8 14.Qd3 g6 15.Bh6 Ng7 16.Nbd2 Re8 17.Bb3?!±** [17.Qd5 Na7 18.Rad1 Be6+-] **17...Na5 18.Bxf7+!** a nice sac; Larissa goes up a P **18...Kxf7 19.Qd5+ Be6 20.Qxa5 c5 21.Qa4** allowing a nice little combination that wins a minor piece **21...Qd7?!+-** [21...Nf5 22.Bf4 Nd4±] **22.Qc2??+-** 1.71 Larissa misses winning the N [22.Qxd7 Bxd7 23.e6+ Bxe6 24.Bxg7 Bxh3 25.Bh6 Bf5+- 2.98 Larissa would be up N vs P] **22...Nf5 23.Rad1??±** Larissa misses that her B is hanging; for the first time in the game, Yasir gets the advantage, a " clear " advantage [23.Bg5 h6 24.Bxe7 Qxe7+-] **23...Nxe6** Yasir is up B vs P **24.h4?!-+** Yasir gets a " winning " advantage [24.Ne4 Qa7 (24...Qc8?! 25.Nfg5+ Kg7± (25...Kg8?! 26.Nd6 Bxd6 27.exd6 Bf7=) ) 25.Nd6+ Bxd6 26.exd6 Kg8±] **24...Bg4??+-** Yasir blunders – opening up a possible N–fork on the K & Q; Larissa gets a " winning " advantage again [24...Kg7 25.Ne4 Qb5+] **25.Ne4??-+** now Larissa errs, missing winning the Q, and gives Yasir back the " winning " advantage [25.e6+ Qxe6 (25...Bxe6?? 26.Ne5+ Kg7 27.Nxd7 Bxd7+- 4.25) 26.Rxe6 Kxe6+- 3.31] **25...Qc6 26.Rd3?-+** – 2.64 [26.Nd6+ Kg7 27.Nxe8+ Rxe8-+ – 1.99] **26...Bxf3 27.Rxf3+ Kg7 28.Rf4** – 3.18 [28.h5 Ng4 29.Nd2 Rad8-+ – 2.75] **28...Bf8?-+** – 1.83 [28...Rf8 29.Nf6 Bxf6 30.exf6+ Rxf6 31.Rxf6 Qxf6 32.Qxc5 Qxb2-+ – 3.22] **29.Ng5 Qd5?!±** [29...Rac8 30.Qc4 Qb5+] **30.e6?!-+** [30.Rd1 Qxe5 31.Rd7+ Re7 32.Re4 Qf6 33.Rdx7+ Bxe7±] **30...Be7??±** Yasir sets up a tactical combination, losing 2 minors for a R; Yasir is losing his advantage [30...Nf5 31.Rd1 Qe5 32.Re4 Qf6 33.Rd7+ Re7-+] **31.Qc1?-+** Larissa misses the combination; Yasir gets back a " winning " advantage [31.Rf7+! Nxf7 32.exf7 Red8 33.Rxe7±] **31...Bxg5?-+** – 2.32 [31...Nf5 32.a3 bxa3 33.bxa3 Bf6-+ – 3.35] **32.hxg5 Ng8?±** [32...Qxg5 33.Rxb4! Qxc1 34.Rb7+ Kf6 35.Rxc1 Rxe6-+] **33.Qe3?-+** [33.Rf7+ Kh8 34.Qf4 Rac8±] **33...Qxg5??+-** Yasir cannot win this P; a blunder losing the Q [33...Rf8 34.Rh4 Rf5 35.Qh3 h5 36.gxh6+ Kh7-+] **34.Rf7+ Kh6**



Position after 34...Kh6



**35.Rxh7+!** removing the defender **35...Kxh7 36.Qxg5** Larissa is up Q + P vs R + N **36...Rac8?+-** 10.14 [36...Re7 37.Re3 Rf8+- 7.44] **37.Re3 Ne7??+-** leads to mate [37...Kg7 38.f4 Rf8+- 13.48] **38.Rh3+ Kg7 39.Qe5+ Kg8 40.Qh8# 1-0**

In Rd. 4 in the Open Section on top board, surprising A-player Haqi al Ganabi played master Bryan Lamb

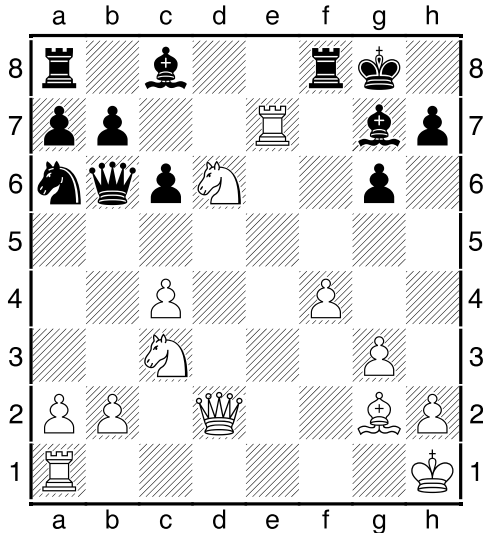


Bryan went up 2 pawns, and then executed a nice B sac, which forced Haqi immediately to return the sac, and then won Bryan the exchange. Later Bryan sacked back the exchange to simplify into an ending, up 2 P's, which he then won under time pressure. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

**Lamb, Bryan (2222) – al Ganabi, Haqi (1915) [E72]**  
Scarborough CC Falling Leaves ( Open ) Toronto (4), 26.11.2009

**1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6±** [2...e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 Bb4=] **3.g3=** [3.d4 d6 4.e4 Bg7±] **3...Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.d4 c6 6.e4 d6 7.Nge2 Ne8?!±** [7...c5 8.dxc5 dxc5 9.Qxd8 Rxd8 10.f4 Nc6=] **8.0-0 f5 9.Be3 Kh8 10.Qd2 Rg8?!±** Bryan gets a " clear " advantage [10...Nd7 11.f3 Nef6±] **11.f4 fxe4 12.Nxe4 Nf6**

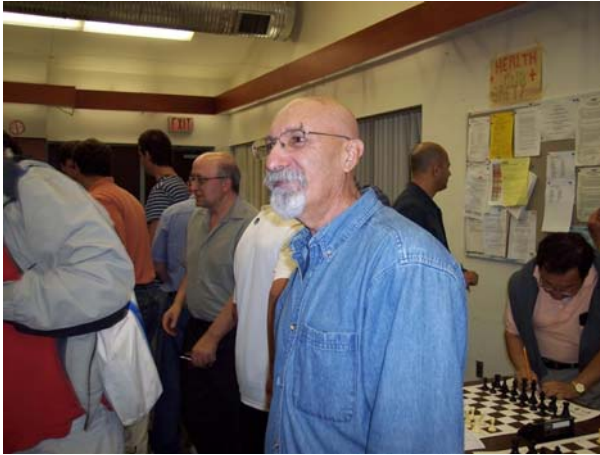
13.N2c3?!± [13.Ng5 Qe8 14.d5 h6 15.Ne6 Bxe6 16.dxe6 Na6±] 13...Ng4 14.Ng5 Rf8 15.Rfe1?!= [15.Kh1 h6 16.Nf3 Nxe3 17.Qxe3 Kh7±] 15...Nxe3?± [15...Qb6 16.Rad1 Na6±] 16.Rxe3 Qb6?!+- Haqi leaves his eP unprotected; Bryan gets a "winning" advantage [16...Na6 17.Rae1 h6 18.Ne6 Bxe6 19.Rxe6 Bf6±] 17.Rxe7 Bryan goes up a P 17...Bxd4+?+- 4.06 material equality [17...Qxd4+ 18.Qxd4 Bxd4+ 19.Kh1 Bf6 20.Rxh7+ Kg8 21.Nce4 Bxb2 22.Rd1 Nd7 23.Rxd6 Nf6+- 3.21] 18.Kh1 Bg7 19.Nf7+?+- 2.44 [19.Rae1 Qd8 20.Nxh7! Rg8+- 17.73(20...Kxh7?? 21.Qd4 Rg8 22.f5 gxf5 23.Qh4+ Kg6 24.Ne2 Be5 25.Nf4+ Bxf4 26.gxf4 Qxe7 27.Rxe7 Rg7 28.Qg5+ Kh7 29.Qxg7#) ] 19...Kg8 20.Nxd6 Bryan goes up 2 P's 20...Na6



21.Bd5+! 3.74 a nice far-seeing sac 21...cxd5?+- 6.73 the sac should not be accepted [21...Kh8 22.Rae1! cxd5 23.Rxg7! Bg4 (23...Kxg7?? 24.Re7+ Rf7 25.Rxf7+ Kg8 26.Nce4! Qxd6 (26...dxe4?? 27.Qc3 Qg1+ 28.Kxg1 e3 29.Qg7#) 27.Nxd6 Be6+- mate in 9 moves) 24.Qxd5 Bf3+ 25.Qxf3 Kxg7+- 4.48] 22.Qxd5+ Haqi is up B vs 2 P's 22...Be6! Haqi will now get his other R to defend [22...Kh8?? 23.Nf7+ Rxf7 (23...Kg8?? 24.Nh6+ Kh8 25.Qg8+ Rxg8 26.Nf7#) 24.Qxf7 Qc6+ 25.Nd5 Qxd5+ 26.cxd5 Bxb2 27.Qxh7#] 23.Qxe6+ Bryan is up 2 P's 23...Kh8 24.Nf7+ Rxf7 Haqi must sac the exchange [24...Kg8?? 25.Nh6+ Kh8 26.Qg8+ Rxg8 27.Nf7#] 25.Qxf7 Bryan is up the exchange + 2 P's 25...Rg8?+- 11.42 [25...Qf6 26.Rae1 h5+- 8.40] 26.Rae1?+- 8.97 [26.Nd5 Qd8 27.Nf6 Qf8 28.Qxg8+ Qxg8 29.Nxg8 Kxg8+- 12.47] 26...Qf2?+- 14.04 [26...Qf6 27.Nd5 Qxf7 28.Rxf7 Rf8 29.Rxb7 Nc5+- 9.93] 27.Qd5?+- 5.54 [27.Nd5 Nc7 28.Nf6 Qxe1+ 29.Rxe1 Rf8 30.Qxc7 Bxf6 31.Qxb7 h5+- 18.87] 27...Nb4 28.Qg2 Qc5 29.Qxb7 Bryan is up the exchange + 3 P's, but he was now starting to get into some mild time pressure. 29...Nd3?+- 10.18 [29...Qf2 30.R7e2 Qb6 31.Qxb6 axb6+- 8.42] 30.Rxg7! 12.55 an exchange sac to simplify, with a view to going into a winning ending [30.Ne4? Qb4 31.Qxb4 Nxb4 32.Nd6 Rf8 33.Rb7 Nc6 34.Rc7 Nd8+- 10.63] 30...Rxg7 Bryan is up 3 P's 31.Re8+ Rg8 32.Rxg8+?+- 3.57 a weak continuation [32.Re7 Qh5 33.Qxa7 Rd8+- 12.61] 32...Kxg8 33.Qd5+ now comes the further simplification by exchange of Q's 33...Qxd5+ 34.cxd5 Nxb2 Bryan is up 2 P's 35.Kg2 Kf7 36.Kf3 Nc4 37.Ke4 Ke7 38.Kd4 Nd6 39.Ne4 Nf7 40.Kc5 Kd7 41.Nf6+ Ke7 42.Nxh7 Bryan is up 3 P's 42...Nd6 7.12 [42...a6 43.h4 Nd6+- 7.25] 43.Ng5?+- 6.66 [43.g4 Nf7 44.h4 a6+- 8.73] 43...Nf5?+- 8.48 Bryan was now in some time trouble, and Haqi was playing to see if he'd flag [43...Kd7 44.g4 Nb7+ 45.Kc4 Nd6+ 46.Kd4 Ke7+- 7.41] 44.Ne4?+- 6.23 [44.Nf3 a6 45.Nh4 Ng7 46.Nxg6+ Kf6 47.Ne5 Kf5+- 13.57] 44...Kd7 45.d6 Ng7 8.46 [45...a5? 46.Nf6+ Ke6 47.d7! Nd6 48.Kc6 Nf7+- 15.29; 45...a6 46.Kd5 Ne3+ 47.Kd4 Ng4+- 8.49] 46.Kd5 Nf5 47.Nc5+ Kd8 48.Ke5 Ne3 15.88 [48...a5? 49.h4 Ke8+- 18.86; 48...Ke8? 49.g4 Nxd6 50.Kxd6 Kf7+- 21.00] 49.Ke6 Kc8 50.h3?+- 12.37 [50.d7+ Kc7 51.Nb7 g5 52.d8Q+ Kxb7+- 29.89] 50...a5 18.74 [50...Nf5? 51.g4 Nd4+ 52.Ke7 Kb8+- 19.92] 51.g4?+- 18.16 [51.d7+ Kd8 52.Nb7+ Kc7+- mate in 13 moves] 51...a4 52.a3?+- 19.28 [52.d7+ Kc7 53.Nb7 Kxb7+- 27.59] 52...g5?+- 33.21 [52...Nc4? 53.f5 gxf5 54.gxf5 Kb8+- mate in 12 moves; 52...Kb8 53.d7 Kc7+- 24.61] 53.f5?+-

25.55 [53.fxg5 Ng2 54.Ke7 Ne3+- mate in 15 moves] **53...Nc4 54.d7+?+-** 21.33 [54.f6 Kb8+- mate in 7 moves] **54...Kc7 55.Ke7+-** 30.26 **1-0**

In Rd. 4 in the Open Section, Pino Verde



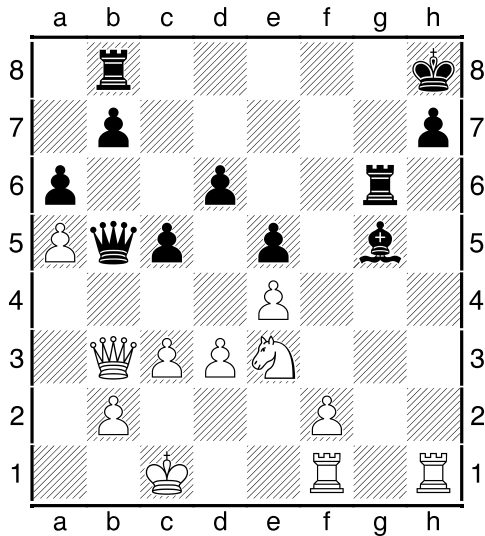
and Randy Moysoski had a rather close game going, though Pino had the advantage the whole time ( Randy never got the advantage the whole game ). Then Randy fatefully took his Q away from the K-side where it was helping to protect his K. Suddenly Pino uncorked a double R-sac mate – impressive ! Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

### **Verde, Pino (1830) – Moysoski, Randy (1958) [B30]**

Scarborough CC Falling Leaves ( Open ) Toronto (4), 26.11.2009

**1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d6 3.d3 c5 4.e4 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bg4 6.Nbd2 e5 7.a4 Be7 8.Nc4 Qd7 9.h3 Bh5 10.Ne3** the opening has been played dead equal to here **10...Nd4?!±** Pino gets the advantage [10...0-0-0 11.0-0 g5 12.c3 g4=] **11.c3 Nxf3+ 12.Bxf3 Bxf3 13.Qxf3 a6?!±** Pino gets a " clear " advantage [13...g6 14.Bd2 h6± (14...0-0-0?! 15.c4 h5±) ] **14.Nf5 Bf8 15.g4?!±** [15.Bg5 Ng8 16.Bd2 d5 17.exd5 0-0-0 18.c4 Re8±] **15...g6 16.Ne3 Bg7 17.g5 Nh5 18.Nd5 Qd8?!±** [18...Rd8 19.Qg2 0-0±] **19.a5 0-0 20.Nb6?!±** [20.Qg2 Kh8 21.f4 f5 22.gxf6 Nxf6 23.Nb6 Rb8±] **20...Rb8 21.Qg4 f5 22.gxf6 Nxf6 23.Qe6+ Rf7?!±** [23...Kh8 24.Be3 Qc7±] **24.Bg5 Qe7 25.Qb3?!±** [25.Qxe7 Rxe7 26.f4 exf4 27.Bxf4 Rd8±] **25...Kh8 26.Nd5?!=** Pino has lost his advantage [26.0-0-0 Rbf8 27.Rhg1 Qe8±] **26...Qe6 27.Bxf6** for the first time in the game, Randy gets the advantage [27.Be3 Rbf8 28.Qc4 Nxd5 29.Qxd5 Qxd5 30.exd5 Bf6=] **27...Bxf6 28.h4 Qg4 29.Ne3 Qd7?!±** [29...Qf3] **30.h5 Rg7 31.hxg6 Rxc6 32.0-0-0 Bg5 33.Rdf1?!±** [33.Kb1 Bxe3 34.fxe3 Rbg8±] **33...Qb5??+-** a blunder to take the Q away from defence. Pino gets a " winning " advantage [33...b6?! 34.Kb1 Qc7 35.axb6 Rxb6 36.Qd1 Bxe3 37.fxe3 Rb8±; 33...b5 34.Kb1 Bxe3 35.fxe3 c4 36.Qc2 (36.dxc4 Qb7 37.cxb5 Qxe4+ 38.Qc2 Qxc2+ 39.Kxc2 Rxb5±) 36...Rbg8±]

Position after 33...Qb5??



**34.Rxh7+!** an amazing double sac mate coming up **34...Kxh7** Randy is up R vs P **35.Qf7+ Rg7**  
**36.Rh1+ Bh6** **37.Rxh6+!** the " icing on the cake " sac **37...Kxh6** Randy is up 2 R's vs N + P  
**38.Nf5+-** it is mate in 4 moves. Randy resigns. The mate is **38...Kg5** **39.Qxg7+ Kh5** **40.f3**  
**Qxb2+ 41.Kxb2 b6 42.Qg4# 1-0**

In Rd. 4 in the U 1700 section veteran Ted Termeer, our oldest member, played a close game with higher rated junior Peter Xie for the opening and early middle game. Then he got the advantage when Peter blundered a P + B. But the position later got complicated as Ted attacked Peter's K, and Peter defended, using the open lines to go after Ted's K. In fact Ted ended up having to sac his Q for a few pieces. But he was still able to go on and win. Here is the game ( Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz ):

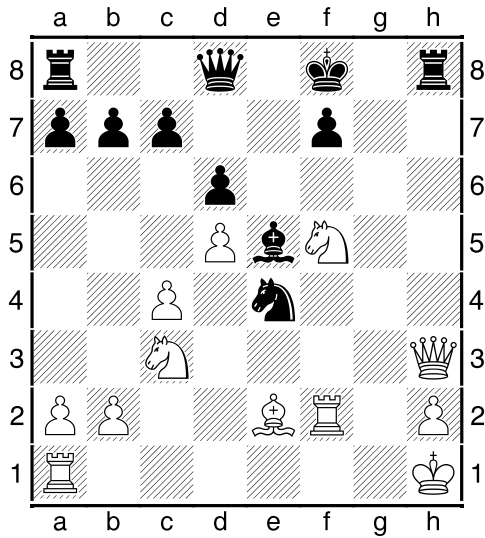
### Termeer, Ted (1430) – Xie, Peter (1514) [E61]

SCC Falling Leaves Swiss (U1700) Toronto (4), 26.11.2009

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79MB, Fritz11.ctg, KENCOMPUTER **1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6±** [2...e6=] **3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e3?!=** [5.e4 d6 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6±] **5...d6 6.Be2 Nbd7?!±** [6...c5 7.0-0 Bg4=] **7.Bd2?!=** [7.0-0 e5 8.b3 Re8±] **7...Re8 8.0-0 Nf8?!±** [8...e5 9.Qc2 Qe7 10.d5 a5=] **9.Ne1?!=** [9.Qc2?! e5 10.Qa4 N8d7=; 9.Qb3 Ne6 10.Bd3 c5±] **9...e5 10.d5 h6?!±** [10...e4 11.Nc2 N8d7=] **11.e4 N8h7 12.g3?!=** [12.Qc2 Ng5 13.Rc1 Bd7±] **12...Rf8** [12...Ng5 13.f3 Bh3 14.Ng2 a5=] **13.Ng2** [13.Qc1 Ng5 14.Bxg5 hxg5 15.Qxg5 Kh7=] **13...Ne8?!±** [13...Ng5 14.f3 Qe7=] **14.Qc1 g5 15.f4 exf4 16.gxf4 Bh3 17.fxg5 Bd4+?!±** Ted gets a " clear " advantage [17...Nxc5 18.Qe1 Qe7±] **18.Kh1?!±** [18.Be3 Qxg5 19.Rf2 Bxe3 20.Qxe3 Qxe3 21.Nxe3 Ng7±] **18...Nxc5 19.Bxc5?!=** [19.Qe1 Qe7 20.Qg3 Ng7±] **19...hxg5 20.Qd2 Be5 21.Rf2 Nf6??+-** blocking the Q-protector of the gP, and losing a B at the same time [21...Qe7 22.Ne3 Ng7=] **22.Qxg5+** Ted goes up a P **22...Kh7 23.Qh4+?+-** 5.20 [23.Ne3 Rg8 24.Qh4+ Kg7 25.Rg1+ Kf8 26.Rxg8+ Nxc5 27.Qxh3 Qe7+- 8.32 Ted would be up an N + P] **23...Kg7 24.Qxh3** Ted goes up N + P **24...Rh8 25.Nh4 Nxe4?** Ted is up an N but this leads to mate [25...Rh7 26.Nf5+ Kh8+- 5.13] **26.Nf5+?+-** 4.20 Ted misses the computer mate, and now he has to sac his Q for R + N [26.Rg1+ Ng5 27.Ne4 Kf8+- and it is mate for W in 13 moves] **26...Kf8**

Position after 26...Kf8



**27.Qxh8+!** Ted must sac [27.Qf3?? Nxf2+ 28.Qxf2 Rxf2+ 29.Qxh2 Bxh2 30.Kxh2 Qg5-+] **27...Bxh8 28.Nxe4 Bxb2+-** 9.41 Ted is up R + 2 N's vs Q + P **29.Rg1 Qd7??+-** leads to mate [29...Qe8 30.Ng5 Qe5 31.Nh7+ Ke8 32.Rg8+ Kd7 33.Rxa8 c6+- 12.59] **30.Nh6??+-** 10.94 Ted misses the computer mate[30.Bh5 Be5 31.Ng5 Bg7+- and it is mate in 11 moves ] **1-0**

### SCC Jack Frost Swiss

Open to SCC members only

No field limit

Two sections (Open and U1700)

January 7 – February 11

Entry Fee: None

Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb

Time control: G/90

Rounds: 6

Type: Swiss

58 players showed up Jan. 7 in our new location for Rd. 1 of the Open section – we were pleased to see a number of new members, including some new juniors, and some members from long past who were returning to the scene of the crime. The Open Section is headed by 8 masters ( ! ) and 4 experts. 21 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of 79 players is slightly higher than our average in 2008-9 of over 70 players per tournament ( though we had 82 players for the Howard Ridout at the start of this season ). Our new location has a maximum capacity of about 100 players, and so our former space problem is solved for the foreseeable future.

The leaders after 2 rds. are:

Open Section:

1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> – 2 pts. - Master Rune Pedersen; Master Bryan Lamb; Master Kevork Hacat; Expert David Southam; Haqi al Ganabi; Mario Moran-Venegas; Gabriel Azmitia.

U 1700 Section:

1<sup>st</sup> - 2<sup>nd</sup> – 2 pts. - Hassan Pishdad; Zaidun al Ganabi

Though original score sheets ( white copy ) are collected each week ( mandatory to hand them in ), there will be no games of this tournament sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament has concluded. This is because of the new policy adopted at the September 2009-10 SCC AGM concerning, score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If you are interested in finding out about this new policy, just e-mail me at [bobarm@sympatico.ca](mailto:bobarm@sympatico.ca) and I will forward to you the new policy. My thanks to SCC member Ken Kurkowski who is now volunteering to work with me on entering the SCC games each week into the tournament database, which will be sent out to members when the tournament is concluded.

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### **The TORONTO CLOSED CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP 2010**

Presented by the WILLOWDALE CHESS CLUB (A GTCL event)

**January 26 to March 9**

This will be an eight player round-robin tournament comprising of the eight highest rated players who apply.

**The deadline for entries will be 9 pm Tuesday, January 19** at the Willowdale Chess Club (4169 Bathurst St., inside Earl Bales Park), where the draw for position will take place. In addition there will be up to 5 reserve sections according to the CFC rating.

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

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

**TIME CONTROL:**

**Championship:** 60 minutes for the game with 30 seconds increment from the first move.

**Reserve sections:** 90 minutes for the game.

**ENTRY FEE:** \$80 payable by 9 pm, January 19, 2010.

**PRIZES:**

**Championship** (100% of EFs) 1st - \$320 & Trophy  
2nd - \$200  
3rd - \$120

**Reserve sections** – 75% of entry fees  
( \$20 admin costs could be paid by Chess Clubs for their representatives).

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

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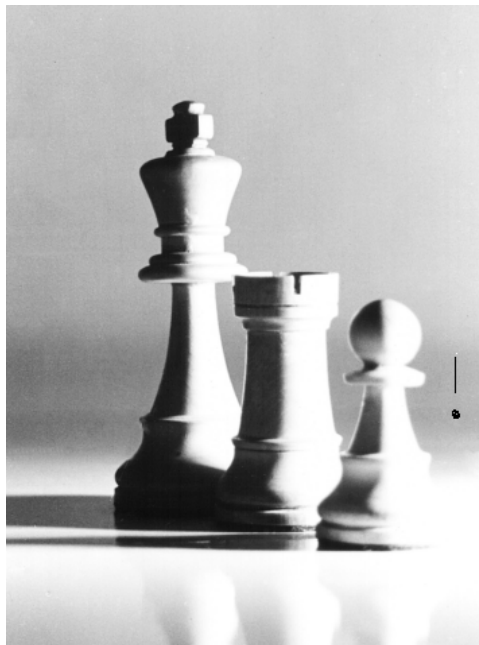
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Members enjoy an evening at SCC !



( thanks to Erik Malmsten for this picture, and a number of others he took for the club )

An Impressive Trio !





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