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Chess on Stage in Toronto's History

(submitted by Erik Malmsten)

It has been claimed that there were living chess games, i.e. games in which people are the pieces, in the court of the Shah of Persia 6,000 years ago and in the Taj Mahal in the 1500s . In London around 1850 it cost five shillings to play, one shilling to watch. In 1877 chessmen were in a Viennese comic opera. Living chess pieces have also been seen on stage in Toronto.

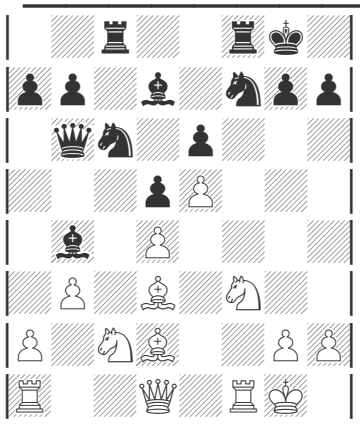
The *Globe* chess column reported on a living chess game played at the Grand Opera House on November 5, 1879. Notre Dame Institute students acted as the pieces, girls were the white pawns, boys the red pawns, armed with swords and shields. The two chess players had to move as many of their pieces as possible. The first game was a French Defence:

1. e4 e6 2. f4 d5 3. e5 c5 4. c3 Nc6 5. Nf3 f6

Used successfully in the A. McDonnell- L. De Labourdonnals match, 1834.

**6. Na3 Nh6 7. Nc2 Bd7 8. d4 Qb6 9. b3 Rc8 10. Bd3 Nf7 11. Be3 cxd4 12. cxd4 fxe5
13. fxe5 Bb4+ 14. Bd2 0-0 15. 0-0**

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15... Nfxe5?

Black should have exchanged Bxd2 first as White now has 16. Nxe5 Nxe5 17. Bxb4 Rxf1+ 18. Bxf1 Rxc2 19. Ba5! Qxa5 20. Qxc2 +/- . But White wants to take advantage of the hanging piece:

16. Bxh7+!? Kxh7 17. Ng5+ Kg6 18. Be3 Rxf1+ 19. Qxf1 Rf8?

Missing the sharp 19... Bd2! 20. Bxd2 Nxd4 21. Be3 Rxc2 -+.

20. Qe2 Nf7?

20... Bc3 would try to keep up the pressure 21. dxe5 Qa6 22. Qg4 Nxe5 23. Qg4 Bxa1 24. Nxe6+ Kf7 25. Nxf8 Qxa2 26. Nxd7.

21. Qd3+ Kh5??

Perhaps afraid of losing the exchange with 21... Kf6 22. Nh7+. Maybe the director was telling them to finish it up.

22. g4+

Faster is 22. Nxf7 Rxf7 23. Qh7+ Kg4 24. Qh3#. But the move played uses two more actors!

22... Kxg4 23. Qg6 Nh8 24. h3+ Kh4 25. Nf3+ Rxf3

25... Kxh3 26. Qg2#

26. Qg4#

On Aug 14, 1918, 8:30 pm, a "Living Chess Pageant" was played at Scarboro Beach Park and watched by 2,000 spectators. The park was south of Queen St.. Every time a piece was captured Miss Dorothy MacGregor of the Girl Guides would blow a bugle. A photo of the costumed players appeared in the *Toronto Daily Star*,



where the organizer Hector DeMers was the chess columnist. The moves were replayed from the “Immortal Game” by Paul Morphy over the Duke of Brunswick. The game was followed by a Sam Lloyd living chess problem and an East versus West team match for the Scarboro Chess Shield, won by the East.

In September 1923 at the Oakville Fair there was an “animated” chess game, dancers in chess costumes moving across a chess board. They also had a bull fight.

On Aug 18, 1931, 9 pm (rain delay), a living chess game was played in the Hanlan’s Point Stadium between George Eastman of the Toronto C.C. and Boris Blumin of the Judean C.C. The game was front page news. After two hours, the result was a stalemate. They planned to have a rematch at the CNE. The Queens were Miss Toby Goldberg and Miss Celia Chapruch.

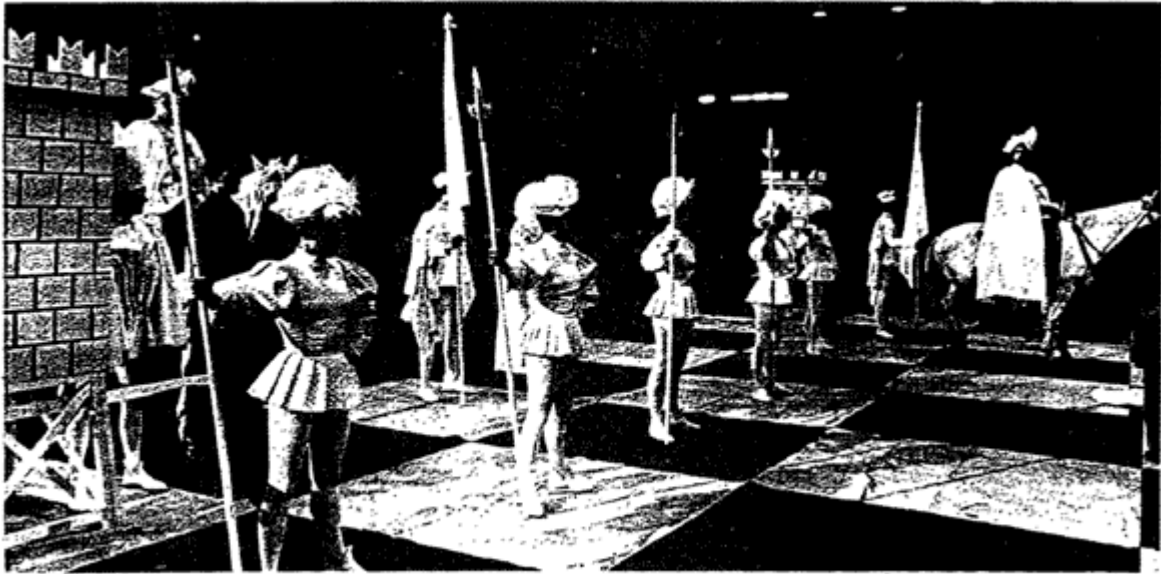
In July 1933 it was reported that World Champion Alexander Alekhine and Edward Lasker would play a living chess game in Chicago.

In 1956-57 the *Toronto Star*’s daily comic strip Mandrake the Magician had a living chess game in a giant stadium. The players are two small countries’ kings, the winner gets the other’s country.

In February 1962 it was reported that there was a living game between World Champion Mikhail Botvinnik and Vasily Smyslov in Moscow, the living pieces being ballerinas.

At the CNE Coliseum in September, 1966 a living chess game was part of the Festa Italiana, with knights on real horses. There were recreating the annual living chess game

that takes place in Marostica, Italy. The *Star's* reviewer said that it looked like mate in three, but he couldn't tell because the commentary was in Italian.



CHECKMATE: Every year in the Italian town of Marostica, natives stage a pageant in the town square

reliving an actual medieval chess game played by two nobles for the hand in marriage of an indecisive prin-

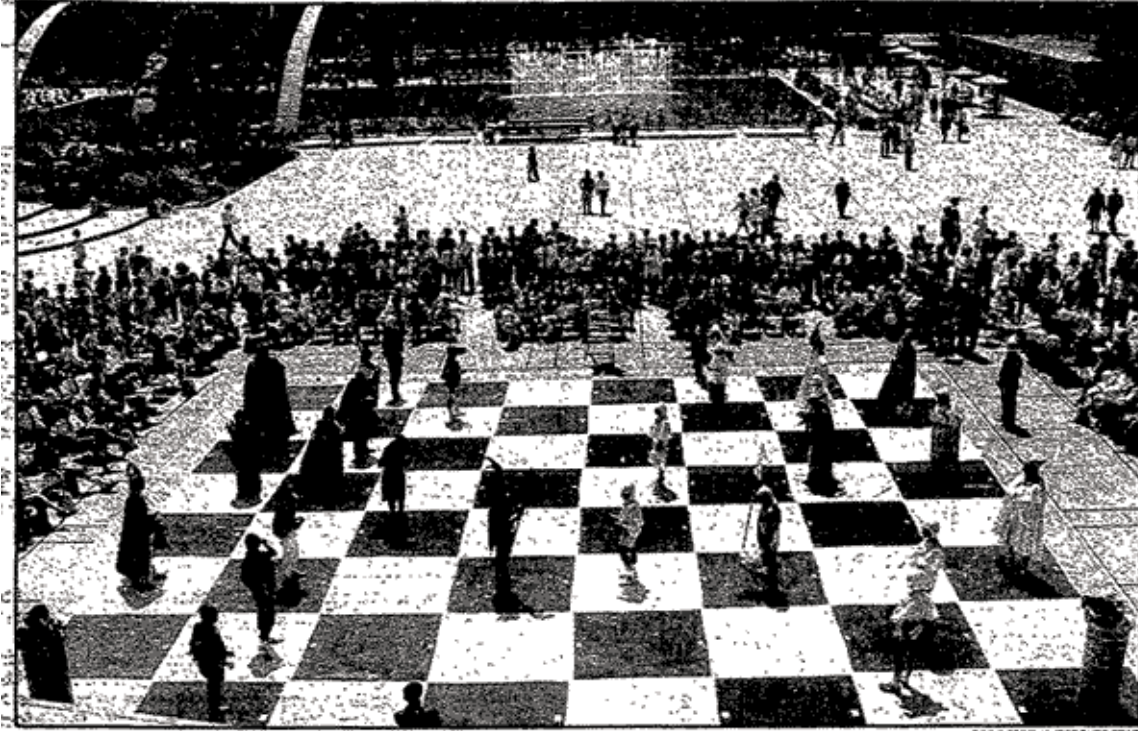
—*Star* photos by Boris Spremo and Mario Geocess. Festa's costumes exactly duplicate those of the living "pieces" in original game hundreds of years ago.

In Spring Thaw 1968, at the Royal Alexandra, the cast performed as chess pieces in a skit called Chess is Hell.

On March 5, 1968 a strange chess on stage event was a "concert" at Ryerson. Famous artist Marcel Duchamp and John Cage played on a board wired so that every move was amplified and processed by the electronic musicians in a four-hour musical piece called Reunion. Why? "Cage answers that the purpose of creative activity is purposeless play... to wake up to the very life we're living." Although a recording is available, no final score was given.

On April 21 1984 a living chess game was played at Harbourfront. The players were the best in Toronto, IMs Lawrence Day and Bryon Nickoloff (with Robert Morrison on standby). The pieces were played by rowdy members of Theatresports, comedic improv actors. I imagine that the actors would shout comments like "Move me," "I'm afraid of leaving home," "I'm going to take you off," "quit horsing around," "Go back to your side of the board," "I'll sacrifice myself for my noble king." The pawns were members of the audience and Nickoloff's mother was his g-pawn. Day remembers playing the King's Gambit and he thinks the game ended in a perpetual check.

On July 22, 1985, The Toronto Junior and Canadian Junior Champions, Vinny Puri and Todd Southam, played in Nathan Phillips Square with over 1,000 spectators.



Big chess board: Celebrities and politicians took part yesterday in Canada's first life-sized speed chess tournament at Nathan Phillips Square. Among the players were Alderman Anne

Johnston and John Kruger. Johnston was the queen and Kruger the king. Kruger said he felt "terribly threatened" by the black queen, but added he felt comfortable dressed as king.

Alderman Anne Johnson was the Black Queen, CAO John Kruger was the victorious White King. Metro Ambulance crews removed the captured pieces on stretchers. Dr. Puri remembers, "We had a real board that we played quick chess on. The move would be called down to the live board and it was funny to see the politicians scrambling around to try to make the right move. Nice to tell them where to go once in a while." Southam won the three game match and \$100.

In January 1995 the play Chess, with music by ABBA, played in Toronto.

In recent years anime conventions in Toronto have had Wizard Chess or Battle Chess, where living pieces have a sword fight to decide which piece stays on the board. This was also demonstrated at the 2006 Canadian Open in Kitchener. The Virgin Music Festival on Centre Island had a game with bicycles versus cardboard hummers.

Maybe if all chess championships were living chess games they could qualify for government sports funding as the teams require the use of a major muscle group.

April 1, 2008 FIDE Rating List

There is once again a player over 2800 : Viswanathan Anand, (India), 15th and current World Champion. [Garry Kasparov (Russia), 13th World Champion, now retired, was the first player to break 2800 (highest rating ever in July 1999 – 2851); Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 14th World Champion, was the second player; Veselin

Topalov (Bulgaria), the 2005 FIDE World Champion, was the third; Viswanathan Anand, was the fourth player in history to break the 2800 barrier).

There are 23 players in the 2700's. Some of the top players are (birth date of younger players in brackets, after country) :

1 : Viswanathan Anand (India), 15th and current World Champion, rated 2803;



2 : Vladimir Kramnik (Russia), 14th World Champion, rated 2788 (down 11 pts.);



4 : Alexander Morozevich (Russia), rated 2774;



4 : Veselin Topalov (Bulgaria), 2005 FIDE World Champion, 2006 World Championship Challenger, and 2008 Challengers' Match participant, at 2767 (down 13 pts.);

Topalov



- # 5 : Magnus Carlsen (Norway – 1990) – 2765 (up from # 13) ;
- # 6 : Levon Aronian (Armenia), rated 2763 (up from # 10) ;
- # 7 : Shakhriyar Mamedyarov (Azerbaijan – 1985) – 2752 ;
- # 8 : Teimour Radjabov (Azerbaijan – 1987) – 2751 (up from # 12) ;
- # 9 : Peter Svidler (Russia), rated 2746 (down from # 5) ;
- # 10 : Peter Leko (Hungary), 2004 World Championship Challenger, at 2741 ;
- # 21 : Judit Polgar (Hungary), the strongest women’s player in the world, with 2709.

Some other past World Champions/FIDE World Champions and their current ratings are :

- # 17 : 2002 FIDE World Champion, Ruslan Ponomarev (Ukraine) at 2719 ;
- # 39 : 2004 FIDE World Champion, Rustam Kasimdzhanov (Uzbekistan) at 2681 ;
- # 65 : 12th World Champion, Anatoly Karpov (Russia) – 2655 ;
- # 99 : 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman (Russia) – 2628 ;

Here are a number of the younger players we’re watching (birth date in brackets):

- # 13 : Sergey Karjakin (Ukraine – 1990) – 2732 ;
- # 20 : Evgeny Alekseev (Russia – 1985) – 2711 ;
- # 21 : Xiangzhi Bu (China – 1985) – 2708 - won the 2007 Canadian Open (up from # 28) ;
- # 26 : Ivan Cheparinov (Bulgaria – 1986) – 2695 (down from # 19) ;
- # 30 : Yue Wang (China – 1987) – 2689 ;
- # 33 : Hikaru Nakamura (USA – 1987) – 2686 ;
- # 34 : Hao Wang (China – 1989) – 2684 ;
- # 35 : Ernesto Inarkiev (Russia – 1985) – 2684 ;

The 6 highest FIDE rated Canadians (active in the last 24 months, internationally or in Canada) are:

- # 1 : GM Kevin **Spraggett**, 5 times Canadian Champion (last in 1996), at 2591 ;

Spraggett



2 : GM Mark **Bluvshtein** at 2544;



(from David Cohen's Canadian Chess website)

3 : GM Pascal **Charbonneau**, 2002 & 2004 Canadian Champion, at 2496;

4 : IM Thomas **Roussel-Roozman** at 2489 (up 47 pts. !).

5 : IM Igor **Zugic**, 2006 Canadian Champion, at 2472.

6 : IM Tomas **Krnan** at 2439.

The current 2007 Canadian Champion, 16 year old IM Nikolay **Noritsyn**, is rated 2367 .

Canada has 3 inactive GM's : Alexander **Le Siege**; Duncan **Suttles**; Dmitry **Tyomkin**.

The top 5 women in the world are :

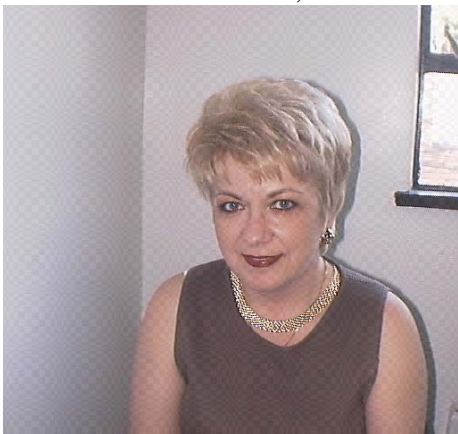
1 : GM Judit Polgar (Hungary) – 2709 (first woman player in history to break 2700);



- # 2 : GM Humpy Koneru (India – 1987) – 2603 (second woman over 2600);
- # 3 : WGM Yifan Hou (China – 1994) – 2549 (14 years old !; up 22 pts.)
- # 4 : GM Pia Cramling (Sweden) – 2539;
- # 5 : GM Antoaneta Stefanova (Bulgaria) – 2538 – former Women’s World Champion;

The top 5 FIDE rated Canadian women players are (active in the last 24 months, internationally or in Canada) :

- # 1 : WIM Nava **Starr**, 8 time Canadian Women’s Champion (last in 2001), at 2173.



(from David Cohen’s Canadian Chess website)

- # 2 : WIM Natalia **Khoudgarian**, 2006 & 2007 Canadian Women’s Champion, at 2151.
- # 3 : WFM Yuanling **Yuan** (SCC member !) at 2119 (up 37 pts. !).



- # 4 : WFM Dina **Kagramanov**, 2006 & 2007 Canadian Women’s Championship Runner-Up, at 2111.
- # 5 : WIM Dinara **Khaziyeva**, 2004 Canadian Women’s Champion, at 2111.

Susan Polgar Quits USCF, USA

(Chessville Weekly article, April 1)

Shocking is not an adequate word for this announcement from Lubbock Texas, home of Susan Polgar, that she is resigning all her chessic positions in the USA - the Chairmanship of the USCF has already been stripped from her by President Bill Goichberg, and now she exits from the board too.... Polgar will elect to represent Hungary in future Olympiads, and possibly as soon as the Dresden event.... Questioned on why this absolute change, [Paul]Truong [Polgar's husband] replied, "she is so fed up with dirty politicians within the USCF that she intends to lead from the front again, by actually demonstrating the qualities which chess has, and that has become impossible at USCF, and therefore in this country."... Leaving the country with her new husband she will re-settle in Hungary, at the relatively remote township of Hodmezovasarhely in the southeast of the country, where land and property is still relatively inexpensive and therefore, where a first-rate international chess school for girls may be an economic possibility.

He added that both his wife's sisters (Judit: left; Sofia: centre) had encouraged the move, and that they also intended to teach in Hodmezovasarhely as resident grandmasters, though Judit is still a very active chess player in the world.



[This was a great April Fools' Joke collaborated on by Susan and Chessville Weekly !]

2008 GTCL Annual General Meeting

2008 GTCL Annual General Meeting will be held on Saturday April 19, at 13:00h, at Greek Orthodox Metropolis of Toronto (GOMT): 86 Overlea Blvd., between Don Mills and Thorncliffe Park Drive, turn North at William Morgan Drive, turn East and through gates.

All chess players and organizers are welcome!

Please confirm your attendance to our host Nicholas Varmazis by e-mail:
varmazisn@hotmail.com

Noritsyn – Toronto Closed Champion

This 10-player round robin started Jan. 22 and finished in early April. The winner was 2007 Canadian Champion, 16-year old IM Nikolay Noritsyn with a perfect 9-0 record. IM Artem Samsonkin, Victor Plotkin and FM Michael Barron tied for second with 6 pts..

The final standings were :

1st – 9 pts. – IM Nikolay Noritsyn
2nd/4th – 6 pts. – IM Artem Samsonkin
 FM Michael Barron
 Victor Plotkin
5th/6th – 4.5 pts. – Michael Kimelman
 WFM Yuanling Yuan (SCC Member)
7th – 4 pts. – Erwin Casareno (SCC Member)
8th – 2.5 pts. – Irina Barron
9th – 1.5 pts. – Roman Sapozhnikov
10th – 1 pts. – WIM Nava Starr

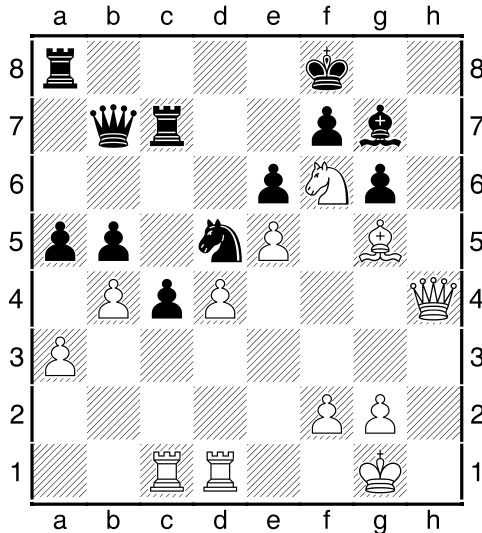
One very interesting game pitted up and coming SCC junior girl, Yuanling, against 8 time Canadian Women's Champion, Nava. Yuanling won. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yuan, Yuanling (2194) – Starr, Nava (2135) [B15]

Toronto Closed Championship Willowdale Chess Club (2), 29.01.2008

1.e4 g6± 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 d5?!± Yuanling gets an early " clear " advantage [4...Nf6 5.e5 Nd5 6.Nxd5 cxd5±] **5.e5 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3** [6...Bf5 7.Be2 Nd7 8.g4 Be6±] **7.Qxf3 e6 8.Bd3 Nd7 9.0-0 a6 10.Ne2 c5 11.c3 Rc8 12.Bf4?!±** [12.Re1 Ne7 13.Bg5 0-0±] **12...Ne7 13.Bg5 0-0 14.Qe3 Re8 15.Rfe1** [15.a4 cxd4 16.cxd4 Qb6 17.Bxe7 Rxe7±] **15...Qb6 16.Rab1** [16.b3? cxd4 17.cxd4 f6 18.exf6 Nxf6 19.Rac1 Nf5 20.Qf4 Nh5 21.Rxc8 Rxc8 22.Qg4 Qa5±; 16.Rac1 Nf5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.b3 Kh8 19.Ng3 Qc7±] **16...Nc6** [16...cxd4 17.cxd4 Nf5 18.Bxf5 gxf5 19.Ng3 Kh8±; 16...Nf5 17.Bxf5 gxf5 18.Bh6 Bxh6 19.Qxh6 Kh8±] **17.b4 cxd4 18.cxd4 Qa7 19.a3** [19.b5 axb5 20.Rxb5 Rb8 21.Reb1 f6±] **19...b5** [19...f6 20.exf6 Nxf6 21.Rbc1 Qb6±] **20.Rbc1 Nb6?!±** [20...f6 21.exf6 Nxf6 22.Qd2 Nxd4 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Nxd4 Qxd4 25.Rxe6 Rf8 (25...Ne4?! 26.Bxe4 Qxd2 27.Bxd2 dxe4 28.Rxa6 Bd4±) 26.Bb1 Qa1 27.Bxf6 Bxf6 28.Qxd5! Kh8 29.Qd3 Qb2±; 20...f5 21.h4 Nb6±] **21.h4?!±** Yuanling launches a K-side attack [21.Red1?! Qb8 22.Qf3 Nc4 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.Rb1 Qb6 25.Qf4 Na7±; 21.Rcd1 Nd7 22.Bh6 Bxh6 23.Qxh6 f5 24.Qf4 Nb6±] **21...Ne7?!±** [21...Nc4 22.Bxc4 dxc4 23.h5 (23.a4? Nxb4 24.Qa3 Nd3 25.axb5 Ra8 26.bxa6 Nxe1 27.Rxe1 Qxa6-+) 23...Ne7 24.Qe4 Nd5±] **22.h5?!±** [22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bf6 Nc4 24.Qf3 Nc6±] **22...Nc4 23.Bxc4 dxc4 24.hxg6 hxg6 25.Qh3** Yuanling is still looking for a K-side attack [25.Nc3 Nd5 26.Nxd5 exd5 27.Qd2 Rf8±] **25...Nd5?!±** [25...Ra8 26.Bf6 Nd5 27.Qh4 a5 28.Nc3 Qb6 29.bxa5 Rxa5 30.Nxd5 exd5±] **26.Red1?±** Yuanling has lost her advantage [26.Qh4 a5 27.Nc3 axb4 28.axb4 Nxb4 29.Nxb5 Qd7 30.Nd6 Nd3±] **26...Rc7?!±** [26...f6 27.exf6 Nxf6 28.Bxf6 Bxf6 29.Qg4 Qf7=]

27.Ng3 [27.Nc3 Nxc3 28.Rxc3 Rd7±] **27...Qb7?+-** Yuanling gets a "winning" advantage [27...a5 28.Ne4 axb4 29.axb4 Ra8±] **28.Qh4?±** Yuanling misses the best line [28.Ne4 Nf4 29.Qf3 Nd3 30.Nf6+ Bxf6 31.Qxf6 Kh7+-] **28...Ra8?+-** the losing move [28...Bf8 29.Ne4 f5 30.exf6 Rh7 31.Qg3 Qc7 32.Re1 Qxg3 33.fxg3 a5 34.bxa5 Bxa3±] **29.Ne4 a5?+-** 6.24 allowing Yuanling to execute her K-side attack [29...f5 30.exf6 Bf8 31.Qg3 Rh7+- 1.55] **30.Nf6+ Kf8** 9.13 [30...Nxf6? 31.exf6 Qd5 32.fxg7 f5 33.Qh8+ Kf7 34.g8Q+ Rxg8 35.Qf6+ Ke8 36.Re1 Rh7+- and mate in 15 moves]



31.Qh7 Bxf6 32.Bxf6 Ke8?+- allows a quick mate [32...Nxf6 33.exf6 Ke8 34.d5 exd5 35.Re1+ Re7 36.Qg8+ Kd7 37.Rxe7+ Kc6 38.Qxf7 Qxe7 39.Qxe7 Rc8 and it is mate in 7 moves] **33.Qg8+ Kd7 34.Qxf7+ Kc8 35.Qe8# 1-0**

In a game between two SCC members, 2007-8 SCC Club Champion Erwin Casareno defeated Yuanling. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Casareno, Erwin – Yuan, Yuanling [B76]

Toronto Closed Championship Willowdale Chess Club (1), 11.03.2008

1.e4 c5± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.g4** [9.0-0-0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6±] **9...Nxd4** [9...Nd7 10.h4 Qa5 11.Be2 Nc5±] **10.Bxd4 Be6 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.a3 Rfc8 13.h4 Rab8 14.h5 b5 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.Qg5?±** Yuanling gets the advantage [16.Nd5?! Qxd2+ 17.Rxd2 Nxd5 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Bxg7 Bxf3 20.Rh3 Bxg4 21.Rg3 Kxg7 22.Rxg4 f5=; 16.g5 Nh5 17.Bxg7 Kxg7±] **16...Qc7?+-** This loses the exchange (Q & R on same diagonal). Erwin gets a "winning" advantage [16...d5 17.exd5 b4 18.axb4 Rxb4±] **17.e5 dxe5+-** 1.86 [17...Ne4 18.fxe4 dxe5 19.Be3 b4+- 3.54 Erwin would be up N vs P] **18.Bxe5 Qc6 19.Bxb8 Rxb8** Erwin goes up the exchange **20.Qf4 Qb6 21.Bd3?!±** [21.Rh2 g5 22.Qg3 (22.Qxg5? b4 23.axb4 Qxb4 24.Bb5 Nh7 25.Qh5 (25.Qh4? Nf8±) 25...Nf8±) 22...Bd7+-] **21...Rc8 22.Rde1?±** [22.Qb4 Qe3+ 23.Kb1 Qxf3±] **22...Rc6?+-** [22...Rxc3! 23.bxc3 Nd5 24.Qh2 Nxc3 25.g5 b4 26.Rxe6! fxe6 27.axb4 Qxb4=] **23.Qb4 Qc7 24.Nxb5** Erwin is up the exchange + P **24...Qb7 25.Qd4 Nd5 26.Qxa7** Erwin goes up the exchange + 2 P's **26...Qc8 27.Qa4 Rb6 28.Qe4** [28.Qc4 Rc6 29.Qe4 Qb8 30.a4 Rc8+-] **28...Qb8?+-** 3.43 [28...Rxb5! 29.Bxb5 Bxb2+! 30.Kd2 Qd8+- 1.62] **29.a4 Nf4 30.Bc4 Bf6 31.Bxe6 Nxe6 32.Qc4 Qe8 33.b3 Rc6 34.Qe4 Nc5 35.Qe3 Ne6 36.f4 Qb8 37.g5 Bg7 38.Rh4 Qc8 39.Re2 Rc5 40.Reh2 f5 41.Re2 Kf7?+-** 7.57 [41...Nf8 42.Rd2 e6+- 5.20] **42.Rh7 Kg8 43.Rh1?+-** 5.20 [43.Na7 Qd7 44.Qxe6+ Qxe6 45.Rxg7+ Kxg7 46.Rxe6 Kf7 47.Ra6 e5+- 11.37] **43...Kf7?+-** 9.19 [43...Nf8 44.Rd1 Rxb5

45.axb5 Qa8 46.Qc5 e6+- 6.77] **44.Rhe1 Nf8 45.Qxe7+?** 10.98 Erwin is up the exchange + 3 P's [45.Qd3 Rc7 46.Nxc7 Qxc7 47.Qd5+ Ke8 48.Rxe7+ Qxe7 49.Rxe7+ Kxe7+- 15.40] **45...Kg8 46.Nd6 Qc6?+-** leads to mate in 5 moves [46...Qd7 47.Ne8 Qd4 48.Qxg7+ Qxg7 49.Nxg7 Kxg7 50.Re7+ Kg8+- 12.72] **47.Qf7+ Kh8 48.Rh2+ Nh7 49.Re8+-** Yuanling resigned. It is mate **49...Qxe8 50.Qxe8+ Bf8 51.Qxf8# 1-0**

Nikolay won a nice game against Irina Barron. The game was close to move 30. Then Irina wrongly repositioned her Bishop away from defense of the King. Nikolay used the opportunity to slowly build a K-side attack. She resigned when it was going to be mate. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Barron, Irina – Noritsyn, Nikolay [E90]

Toronto Closed Championship Willowdale Chess Club (7), 04.03.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5± Benoni Defence [2...e6=] **3.d5 d6** [3...g6 4.Nc3 Qa5 5.Bd2 Bg7±] **4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.h3** [6.f4 0-0 7.Nf3 Na6 8.Be2 Re8±] **6...0-0** [6...Qa5 7.Bd2 Na6 8.a3 Qc7±] **7.Nf3 Na6** [7...Re8 8.Be3 Na6 9.Bd3 Qb6±] **8.Bd3 Nc7** [8...Nb4 9.Be2 Nd7±] **9.0-0 e5 10.dxe6 Nxe6** [10...fxe6 11.e5 dxe5 12.Qe2 e4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Bxe4 Ne8±] **11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.exd5 Nd4 13.Rb1 Re8 14.Be3 Nf5 15.Bd2 Bd7 16.a3 b6 17.Re1** [17.b4?! Rc8 18.Bg5 Bf6 19.Bf4 cxb4 20.axb4 b5=; 17.Bg5 Qc7 18.g4 Nd4 19.Nxd4 Bxd4 20.Qf3 Rab8±] **17...Rxe1+ 18.Qxe1 Nd4** [18...h6 19.Qe4 a6 20.b4 cxb4 21.axb4 a5±] **19.Ng5?!=** [19.Qe3 b5 20.cxb5 Bxb5 21.b4 a6 22.Nxd4 Bxd4 23.Qf3 Qd7±] **19...Qf8** [19...h6 20.Ne4 Bxh3! 21.Bf4 Bf5=] **20.b4 h6 21.Ne4 Re8 22.Qd1 Bf5 23.f3 Be5 24.g4?!#** for the first time in the game, Nikolay gets the advantage [24.Qa4 Re7 25.Re1 g5=] **24...Bd7 25.f4 Bg7 26.Nf2 f5 27.Kg2 Qf6 28.g5 hxg5 29.fxg5 Qe5 30.Bc3?+-** - 2.56 the dark-squared B is taken away from its defensive job; Nikolay gets a "winning" advantage [30.Qe1 Qxe1 31.Bxe1 Ba4#] **30...Qf4 31.Bd2 Qh4 32.bxc5 dxc5?+-** - 4.83 [32...f4 33.Bxf4 Qxf4 34.Bxg6 (34.Be4 Rxe4 35.c6 (35.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 36.Kf2 Qh4+ 37.Ke3 Qg3+ 38.Kd2 Qf4+ 39.Kd3 Bf5+ 40.Kc3 Nc2+ 41.Kb3 Qe3+ 42.Ka4 Qxa3+ 43.Kb5 Bd7+ 44.c6 Qa5#) 35...Bc8 36.Qd3 (36.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 37.Kf2 Qh4+ 38.Ke3 Qxg5+ 39.Kf2 Qh4+ 40.Kg1 Qg3+ 41.Kh1 Nf3 42.Qxf3 Qxf3+ 43.Kg1 Bxh3 44.Rb2 Qf1+ 45.Kh2 Be5#) 36...Re3 37.Qxe3 Qxe3 and it is mate in 10 moves) 34...Re2 35.Qxe2 Nxe2+- - 12.68] **33.a4?** - 10.73 [33.Qf1? f4 34.Kh1 Nf3 35.Rd1 Bd4+- - 22.48; 33.Qh1 f4 34.Re1 Qg3+ 35.Kf1 Nf3 36.Rxe8+ Bxe8 37.Bxf4 Qxf4+- - 7.25] **33...f4+-** - 10.73 Irina resigned. The attack is deadly. Coming is **34.Bxf4** [34.Qf1? Nf3 35.Kh1 (35.Be1?? Qg3+ 36.Kh1 Qh2#; 35.Bxf4? Qxf4 36.Be4 Rxe4 and it is mate in 7 moves) 35...Nxd2 36.Qg1 Bd4 - 29.82] **34...Qxf4 35.Bxg6 Re3 36.Bf7+ Kf8 37.Rb3 Nxb3 38.Be6 Rg3+ 39.Kf1 Bd4 40.Qxd4 cxd4 41.Bg4 Qe3 42.Be2 Nd2+ 43.Ke1 Rg1# 0-1**

GTCL Club Team League (U 2000)

On Tuesday, April 1, SCC played Brampton "A" (four member teams).Here is the result :

<u>Scarborough</u>	<u>Brampton "A"</u>
Oscar Villalobos	1 Barry Thorvardson 0
Jim Roe	0 Nicholas Giurgiu 1
Maurice Smith	0 Ravi Venaturaman 1
Dinesh Dattani	0 Alice Laimer 1
Scarborough	1 Brampton "A" 3

Here is Dinesh's (on left) loss (Annotations by Fritz):



Laimer (Brampton), Alice (1530) – Dattani (SCC), Dinesh (1386) [C50]

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[Fritz 11 (60s)]

C50: Hungarian Defence and Giuoco Pianissimo **1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Be7 5.c3 Nf6 6.e5 Ng4 7.cxd4 d5** [7...d6 8.h3 Nh6 9.Bxh6 (9.Bf4 dxe5 10.Bxe5 Bf6 11.Qa4 Bd7 12.Qb3 Na5 13.Qb4 Nxc4 14.Qxc4 Bc6 15.Nbd2 0-0 16.0-0 Nf5 17.Rfe1 Nd6 18.Qc5 Re8 19.a4 Bxf3 20.Nxf3 Bxe5 21.dxe5 Nf5 22.Rad1 Qe7 23.Qd5 c6 Bogen,F (1580)–Alonso,A (1770)/Le Grand Bornand 2007/CBM 118 ext/0-1 (46)) 9...gxh6 10.e6 d5 11.exf7+ Kxf7 12.Bb3 Bf6 13.Nc3 Re8+ 14.Kf1 Be6 15.Qd3 Kg7 16.h4 Kh8 17.Rd1 a6 18.a3 Re7 19.Ne2 Qd6 20.Ng3 Na5 21.Ba2 Nc4 22.Bxc4 Hansen,T (2305)–Fyllingen,R (2366)/Fredrikstad 2003/CBM 095 ext/0-1 (41)] **8.exd6N** [8.Bd3 h5 9.a3 h4 10.h3 Nh6 11.Nc3 g5 12.Qb3 Na5 13.Qxd5 Qxd5 14.Nxd5 Nb3 15.Rb1 Kd8 16.Nxe7 Kxe7 17.Bxg5+ Ke6 18.Bc4+ 1-0 Dlauchy,P (2040)–Jungkunz,F/Balatonbereny 1995/CBM 049 ext; 8.Bb3 Be6 9.0-0 h5 10.Ba4 Nh6 11.Qc2 Qd7 12.Be3 Nf5 13.Rc1 Nh4 14.Nxh4 Bxh4 15.Nd2 Be7 16.Nb3 0-0 17.Na5 Nb4 18.Bxd7 Nxc2 19.Rxc2 Bxd7 20.Rxc7 Bd8 21.Rxd7 Bxa5 22.Rxd5 Bb6 Norris,D (2170)–Mohd,S/Genting 1995/CBM 047 ext/1-0; 8.Bb5 0-0 9.h3 Nh6 10.Bxh6 gxh6 11.Nc3 a6 12.Ba4 Be6 13.Bxc6 bxc6 14.h4 Bg4 15.Qd3 Bxf3 16.Qxf3 Bxh4 17.Qg4+ Bg5 18.f4 f5 19.Qg3 1-0 Casado,M–Pino Cueto,C/Buenos Aires 2002/CBM 090 ext; 8.Bb3!?±] **8...Qxd6** [8...Bxd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.h3=] **9.h3** White threatens to win material: h3xg4 [9.0-0 Be6 10.d5 Nce5±] **9...Nf6** [9...Be6 10.b3 Nf6 11.Ba3=] **10.0-0** White castles and improves king safety [10.Nc3 0-0±] **10...0-0** Black castles and improves king safety [10...Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Nc3=] **11.Nc3± Bf5 12.Re1 Rad8** [12...Rae8 13.Nb5 Qd8 14.Bf4±] **13.Be3** [13.d5 Qc5 14.Qe2 Na5 15.Qxe7 Qxc4±] **13...Qb4** [13...h6 14.a3 Ne4 15.Bd3 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3±] **14.Bb3 Qd6** [14...Rfe8 15.a3 Qd6 16.d5±] **15.Qd2** [15.Rc1 Na5±] **15...Ne4** [15...Qb4 16.d5 Na5 17.Qe2=] **16.Qe2± Qg6** [16...Rfe8 17.Nd5±] **17.Kh1** [17.Nd5 Rfe8±] **17...Qh5** [17...Rfe8 18.Qb5 Nxc3 19.bxc3±] **18.Ng1** [18.Bc1 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Bxh3 20.gxh3 Qxh3+ 21.Nh2 Bd6= (≤21...Qxc3 22.Bb2 Qh3 23.Qg4 Qxg4 24.Nxg4±)] **18...Qg6** [18...Qxe2 19.Ngxe2 (≤19.Ncxe2 Rfe8±) 19...Nb4 20.g4 Nxc3 21.Nxc3±] **19.Rad1** [19.Nf3!? Qh5 20.d5=] **19...Bb4±** Black threatens to win material: Bb4xc3 **20.Rc1 Nxd4** [20...Rxd4 21.Nf3 Bxc3 22.bxc3±] **21.Bxd4 Rxd4 22.g4 Nxc3** [22...Qc6!? is noteworthy 23.Nd5 Qh6 24.gxf5 Bxe1 25.Rxe1 Qh4±] **23.bxc3=** Black has an active position **23...Re4??** [△23...Bxg4 would hold out 24.f3 Bxc3 25.Rxc3 Bxh3=] **24.gxf5+– Rxe2 25.fxg6 Rxe1 26.gxf7+** [26.Rxe1 makes it even easier for White 26...Bd6 27.gxf7+ Kh8+–] **26...Kh8 27.Rxe1 Bxc3** [27...Bd6 does not help much 28.Kg2+–] **28.Re8** [28.Re7 might be the shorter path 28...Bb4 29.Rxc7 Rb8+–] **28...Bb4 29.Nf3 g6 30.Ne5** [△30.Nd4!? keeps an even firmer grip 30...Kg7 31.Re4 a5+–] **30...Kg7 31.Nd7 Rh8** [31...Rxf7 desperation 32.Bxf7 Kxf7+–] **32.h4** [32.Rg8+ Kh6 33.Rxh8 Bd6 34.f8Q+ Bxf8 35.Rxf8 a5 36.Rf7 a4 37.Nf8 Kh5 38.Rxh7+ Kg5 39.Rf7 axb3 40.f4+ Kh4 41.Kh2 bxa2 42.Rh7#] **32...c5** [32...Rf8 is still a small chance 33.Nxf8 Bxf8+–] **33.Rxh8** [33.Rg8+ Rxg8 34.fxg8Q+ Kh6 35.Nf6 c4 36.Qxh7#] **33...Kxh8 34.f8Q# 1-0**

Then on Thursday, April 10, SCC played Brampton " B " at SCC. The teams and results were:

<u>SCC</u>		<u>Brampton " B "</u>
1. Josh Sherman	1-0	Glenda Baylon
2. Martin Maister	.5-.5	Ravi Venkataraman
3. Marc Ben-Avraham	1-0	Alice Laimer
4. Dinesh Dattani	0-1	Jose Cabioc

2.5 – 1.5

Josh's game was a tough positional battle coming down to minor pieces and pawns, and he eventually prevailed. Here is his game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Baylon (Brampton " B "), Glenda (1772) – Sherman (SCC), Josh (1880) [D45]

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1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 e6 5.Nc3 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.h3?!? [8.0-0 0-0 9.Re1 Re8 10.Qc2 Nb6=] 8...0-0 9.0-0 Qe7?!= [9...Re8 10.Qc2 Qe7 11.Nd2 Nf8?] 10.e4?? this just loses the P; Josh gets a " clear " advantage [10.Nd2 Nb6 11.e4 Nxe4 12.Ncxe4 dxe4 13.Nxe4 Bc7=] **10...Nxe4** Josh goes up a P **11.Re1 f5 12.Ng5 Qf6 13.Qh5?!-+** Josh gets a " winning " advantage [13.Nf3 Nb6 14.a4 Be6?] **13...h6?!?** [13...Nxc5 14.Bxc5 Qxd4 15.Rad1 Nf6 16.Qf3 Qc5 17.Bxf5 Qb6-+] **14.Nf3 Qf7 15.Qxf7+ Rxf7 16.Nd2 Ndf6 17.f3?!-+** [17.Nf3 g5 18.Na4 Re7?] **17...Nxc3?!?** [17...Ng3 18.Nb3 f4 19.Ne2 Nfh5 20.Bd2 g5-+] **18.bxc3 Bd7 19.Nb3 b6 20.Be3?!-+** [20.a4 c5 21.dxc5 bxc5 22.Ba3 Rc8?] **20...Re7 21.Bf2 Rae8 22.Kf1 Rxe1+ 23.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 24.Kxe1 Nh5 25.Bf1 f4 26.Bd3 Kf7 27.Kd2 g5 28.a4 Ng7 29.Ba6 Ne6 30.Be2 c5 31.dxc5 bxc5 32.a5 c4 33.Nd4 Nc5 34.Bd1 a6 35.Bc2 Bc7 36.Nf5 Bxf5 37.Bxf5 Nb3+ 38.Kc2 Bxa5** Josh goes up 2 P's **39.Bc8 Bc7 40.Bxa6** Josh is up 1 P **40...Be5 41.Bb5 Bd6 42.Ba4 Bc5 43.Bxc5 Nxc5 44.Bc6 Ke6 45.Be8 Nd3 46.Kd2 Ke5 47.Bg6 Nc5 48.Bh7 Ne6 49.Bg8 Ng7 50.Ke2 50...Nf5 51.Bf7 Ne3?** – 2.62 [51...Ng3+ 52.Kd1 h5 53.Bg6 h4 54.Bf7 Nf5 55.Kd2 Ne3-+ – 3.84] **52.g3 d4 53.cxd4+ Kxd4 54.gxf4 gxf4 55.Bg6?+-** – 5.15 [55.Kd2 c3+ 56.Ke2 Kc5 57.Bg8 Kb4-+ – 4.32] **55...c3?+-** – 4.16 [55...Kc3 56.Kf2 Kd2 57.Bb1 Nc2 58.Ba2 c3 59.h4 Na3 60.Bb3 c2 61.Bxc2 Nxc2-+ – 12.84] **56.Bh7 c2?+-** – 2.32 [56...Kc4 57.h4 Ng2 58.Bg8+ Kb4 59.Bd5 Ka3 60.Be4 Kb2 61.Kf2 Ne3 62.Bg6 Nd1+ 63.Ke2 c2 64.Bxc2 Kxc2 -13.29] **57.Kd2 Nc4+ 58.Kxc2** material equality, but Glenda is lost **58...Ke3 59.Be4 Ne5 60.Kd1 Nxf3** Josh goes up a P **61.Bb7 h5 62.Bc6 h4 63.Bd7 Kf2 64.Bc8 Ng1-+** – 10.84 0-1

SCC Spring Swiss – New Tournament Started

On March 13, the 8-round SCC Spring Swiss started. It is in 2 sections as is now the practice at SCC (1700 & Over; U 1700). 31 players registered for the top section. 24 players registered for the second section (this is consistent with the 50 player average we've been having over the past year or so).

After 5 rounds, the following players lead:

Open Section : 1st – 4.5 pts. – John Hall (on left)



2nd/4th – 4 pts. – Alex Ferreira
Randy Moysoski
Yuanling Yuan

U 1700 Section : 1st/3rd – 4 pts. – Jim Roe



Maurice Smith (far side of table)



Nathan Farrant-Diaz



4th/6th – 3.5 pts. – David Farrant
Dean Ward
Andrew Philip

In Rd. 4 in the A section, expert John Hall, and A player Randy Moysoski were tied for the lead with perfect scores. John managed to win a pawn, and then went up the exchange. He won a second pawn, and eventually Randy resigned. This left John in sole possession of first place, with a perfect record. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hall, John (2115) – Moysoski, Randy (1845) [A42]

SCC Spring Swiss (1700 & Over) Scarborough Chess Club (4), 03.04.2008

1.d4 g6± 2.c4 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.Nc3 Na6 5.f4 c5 6.d5 Nc7?!± John gets an early " clear " advantage [6...Nh6 Suttles would be pleased 7.Nf3 0-0 8.Be2 Qb6±] **7.Nf3 a6** [7...Nh6 8.Be2 a5 9.0-0 0-0±] **8.a4?!±** [8.Bd3 Rb8 9.0-0 Nh6 10.Qe1 b5±] **8...Bd7?!±** [8...Nf6?! 9.Bd2 Ng4 10.Bd3 0-0±; 8...Nh6 9.Bd2 0-0 10.Bd3 a5 11.0-0 Na6±] **9.a5?!±** [9.Bd3 Nh6 10.0-0 0-0±] **9...Rb8?!±** [9...Nh6 10.Bd2 0-0±] **10.Bd3 e6?+-** John gets a " winning " advantage [10...Nh6 11.0-0 b5 12.axb6 Rxb6±] **11.0-0 Ne7 12.e5 Nf5?+-** 3.71 [12...Nc8 13.Be3 exd5 14.exd6 Ne6 15.cxd5 Nd4+- 1.82] **13.Bxf5 gxf5 14.exd6** John goes up a P **14...Na8 15.Ne5 0-0 16.Re1?+-** 3.37 [16.Be3 b5 17.Bxc5 bxc4 18.Nc6 Bxc6 19.dxc6 Rxb2+- 4.45] **16...exd5?** 4.50 [16...b5 17.cxb5 axb5 18.Be3 Rc8+- 3.83] **17.Nxd5 Be6 18.Be3 Bxd5 19.Qxd5 b6** 6.66 [19...Nc7 20.dxc7 Qxc7 21.Qxc5 Rbc8 22.Qxc7 Rxc7+- 6.37] **20.Nc6 Qd7** 7.96 [20...Qf6? 21.Rad1 Rb7 22.d7 Rxd7 23.Qxd7 Qxb2 24.Bxc5! bxc5 25.Re8 Nb6 26.axb6 Qc2+- 22.69] **21.Nxb8?+-** 9.56 [21.Bxc5 bxc5 (21...Rbc8 22.Ne7+ Kh8 23.Bd4 bxa5 24.Bxg7+ Kxg7 25.Nxc8 Qxc8+- and it is mate in 14 moves(25...Rxc8+- mate in 14 moves)) 22.Nxb8 Qd8 23.Nc6 Qh4+- 13.33] **21...Rxb8** John is up the exchange + P **22.Bf2?+-** 7.16 [22.Bxc5! Qd8 23.Re7 Qf8 24.axb6 Nxb6 25.Bxb6 Bf6 26.Bc7 Ra8 27.Ra3 Bh4+- 20.30] **22...Bf6 23.axb6?+-** 7.78 [23.Ra3 h6 24.Rb3 Kg7+- 13.12] **23...Nxb6 24.Qxc5** John is up the exchange + 2 P's **24...Qb7?+-** 12.25 [24...Bxb2 25.Rxa6 Na4 26.Qa7 Qxa7 27.Rxa7 Bc3+- 10.04] **25.Qxb6?+-** 7.54 John should win the 3rd P [25.Qxf5 Nd7 26.Ra3 Qxb2 27.Rg3+ Kh8+- 35.27] **25...Qxb6 26.Bxb6 Rxb6 27.d7 Rd6** 9.70 [27...Rc6 28.Rac1 Rc7 29.Re8+ Kg7 30.d8Q Bxd8 31.Rxd8+- 10.25] **28.Rad1+-** 9.70 **1-0**

In Rd. 4 in the A section, Josh Sherman (on left)



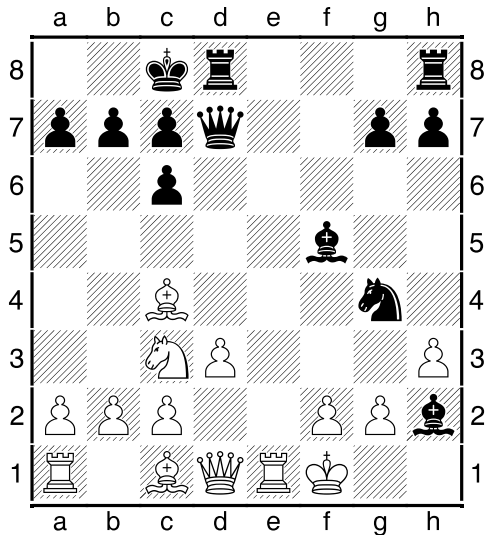
executed a gambit that eventually led to a nice N-sac, which led to swarming Aaron Wu's K. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Wu, Aaron (1690) – Sherman, Josh (1849) [C40]

SCC Spring Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (4), 03.04.2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 [2...Nc3 Nc6 (2...Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6=) 3.Nf3 Nf6=] 2...f5?± Fritz is not impressed with this gambit. Aaron gets an early " clear " advantage [2...Nf6=; 2...Nc6=] 3.Nxe5 Aaron goes up a P 3...Nc6 4.Nxc6 dxc6 5.exf5?!± this exchange of P's is inferior – helps BI develop [5.Nc3 Qd4 6.d3 Bb4 7.a3 Bxc3+ 8.bxc3 Qxc3+ 9.Bd2 Qf6 10.Rb1 Ne7± material equality] 5...Bxf5 6.Bc4 [6.d4 Qh4 7.Bd3 Bg4 8.Be2 Bf5±] 6...Qd7?!± [6...Qe7+ 7.Be2 Nf6 8.d3 Qf7±] 7.0-0?!± [7.Qh5+ g6 8.Qe2+ Qe7 9.Qxe7+ Nxe7±] 7...0-0-0 8.d3 Nf6 9.Nc3 [9.Be3 Kb8 10.Nd2 Bd6±] 9...Bd6 10.Re1?± the N must be contained; there are K-side threats. Josh gets a " clear " advantage, despite being down a P still [10.Bg5 Rde8 11.f3 Nd5±] 10...Ng4 11.h3?!-+ – 4.03 [11.Re2?! Bxh2+ 12.Kh1 Be5 13.f3 h5! 14.Bg5 Qd6 (14...Bf6? 15.Qd2 Ne5±; 14...Rdf8? 15.Qd2 Qd6±) 15.f4 (15.Bxd8?? Bd4 16.Qg1 Bxg1 17.g3 Nf2+ 18.Rxf2 Bxf2-+ – 14.15) 15...Bf6-+ – 1.81(15...Bxf4 16.Be7 Qh6 17.Qg1 Be3 18.Qf1 g6-+ – 1.60) ; 11.g3 Ne5 12.f3 Rhf8 13.Kh1 Rde8±] 11...Bh2+ 12.Kf1

Position after 12.Kf1



Nxf2! a nice sac **13.Kxf2?+-** – 4.82 Aaron is up an N [13.Qf3 Nxf3! 14.Re3 (14.gxh3?? Bxh3+ 15.Kf2 Rdf8 16.Re4 Rxf3+ 17.Kxf3 Rf8+ 18.Ke3 Qd6+) 14...Rdf8 15.Ke1 Ng5 16.Qh5 Bf4+- – 4.10] **13...Rh8 14.g4?+-** – 10.92 leads to mate [14.Ne2 Bxh3+ 15.Ke3 Qe7+ 16.Kd2 Qb4+ 17.c3 Qxc4 18.Kc2 Bf5+- 5.11] **14...Be4+ 15.Ke3 Qd4+--** – 14.54 Aaron resigns, though still up an N. Coming is **16.Kd2 Bf4+ 17.Ke2 Bf3+! 18.Kf1** [18.Kxf3?? Bg3+ 19.Kg2 Qf2+ 20.Kh1 Qh2#] **18...Bd5 19.Qf3** the only move to slow down the mate **19...Bg3 20.Be3 Rxf3+ 21.Kg2 Rf2+ 22.Kxg3 Rg2+ 23.Kh4 Qf6+ 24.Bg5 Qf2+ 25.Kh5 g6+ 26.Kh6 Qf8+ 27.Kxh7 Qf7+ 28.Kh6 Rh8# 0-1**

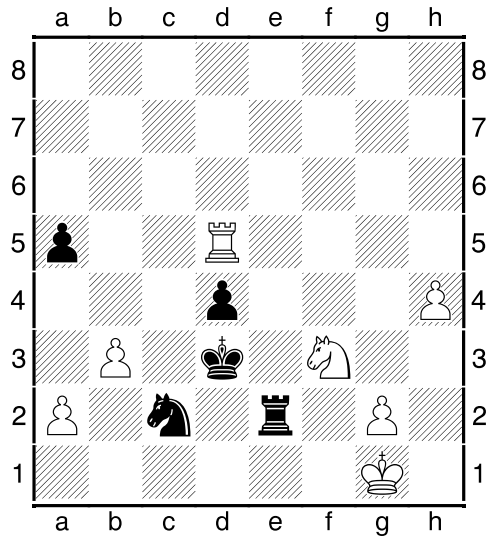
In the section B, a battle royal took place between one of the clubs lowest rated players, Hassan Pishdad, and B Class player, Masoud Jizan. The game was very close, and the advantage went back and forth like a ping pong ball. In the end there was a pawn race, with Hassan trying to get down 2 centre pawns and Masoud going for an hP queen. Masoud managed to sac to stop Hassan's pawn, and then Hassan couldn't get back to stop the hP. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Jizan, Masoud (1622) – Pishdad, Hassan (1174) [C34]

SCC Spring Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (4), 03.04.2008

1.e4 e5 2.f4 Fritz is never fond of gambits, here the King's Gambit [2.Nf3=] **2...exf4** Hassan goes up the gambitted P **3.Nf3 Nf6?!=** [3...g5 4.h4 g4 5.Ne5 Nc6 6.d4 Nxe5 7.dxe5 f3] **4.Bc4?** Masoud leaves the eP unprotected. Hassan gets a " clear " advantage [4.e5 Nh5 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 g5=] **4...Nxe4** Hassan goes up 2 P's **5.Qe2 Qe7?!=** [5...d5 6.Bb3 Be7 7.d3 Nc5 8.Bxf4 0-0] **6.0-0?!=** [6.d4 g5 7.0-0 c6 8.d5 Kd8] **6...Nd6?** Hassan has lost his advantage [6...c6 7.Re1 Nc5 8.Nc3 Qxe2 9.Nxe2 (9.Rxe2+ Ne6) 9...d5 10.Nxf4+ Ne6 11.Bf1 Bd6 12.g3 0-0] **7.Nc3?!=** [7.d4 Nxc4 8.Qxc4 d5 9.Qxd5 Nc6 10.Qb3 Qd6=] **7...Nxc4 8.Qxc4 Qc5+ 9.Qxc5 Bxc5+ 10.d4 Bd6?** Masoud gets a " clear " advantage, though still down 2 P's [10...Bb6 11.Bxf4 d6 12.Rae1+ Be6 13.Be3 Ba5] **11.Re1+ Kf8** [11...Kd8 12.Ng5 Rf8 13.Nxh7 Rh8 14.Ng5 Rf8] **12.Nd5?** now Masoud has lost his advantage [12.Nb5 h6 13.Nxd6 cxd6 14.Bxf4 d5] **12...c6 13.Bxf4** Hassan is up a P [13.Nxf4 f6 14.Nd3 Kf7] **13...Bxf4 14.Nxf4 d5 15.Re3 Bf5?** Masoud regains his " clear " advantage [15...Nd7 16.Rae1 Nf6] **16.Rae1 Be4 17.Nd2** [17.Ng5 Nd7 18.Nxe4 dxe4 19.Rxe4 Nf6 20.Re7 Re8 21.Rxe8+ Nxe8] **17...g5 18.Nh5 f5 19.Nxe4?** Hassan gets back to equality again. It's been a bit of a rollercoaster. [19.Rf1 Kg8 20.c4 Na6 21.cxd5 cxd5 22.Nxe4 fxe4] **19...fxe4 20.c4?!=** Hassan gets the advantage [20.Rg3 h6 21.h4 Nd7 22.hxg5 hxg5 23.Rxg5 Ke7=] **20...Nd7 21.cxd5 cxd5 22.Rc3?!=** Hassan gets the advantage – he is still up a passed P on the 4th rank [22.Rf1+ Ke7 23.Rf5 Kd6 24.Rxg5 Rhf8] **22...Nb6?+-** an error – Masoud can penetrate effectively – Masoud gets a " winning " advantage [22...Ke7 23.Rec1 Rhf8 24.g4 a6] **23.Rf1+?** Masoud is losing his advantage again [23.Rc7 Rc8 24.Rf1+ Ke8 25.Ng7+ Kd8 26.Ne6+ Ke8 27.Rxb7 Rc6 28.Rf5 Rxe6 29.Rb8+ Kd7 30.Rxh8 h6+- 3.44 Masoud would be up the exchange] **23...Ke7** Hassan is going now to take his K on a long walk – the attacking K **24.Rc7+ Kd6 25.Rxb7** material equality **25...Kc6 26.Rff7 Kb5 27.b3 Kb4 28.Nf6?** Hassan gets the advantage [28.Kf2 Rac8 29.Rxa7 Rhe8 30.Rfc7 h6] **28...Kc3 29.Nxh7** [29.a4 e3 30.Rbe7 Kxd4 31.a5 Rac8! 32.Ng4 (32.axb6?? Rc1#) 32...Rc1+ 33.Rf1 Nc8 34.Rxc1 Nxe7 35.Nxe3 Kxe3 36.Re1+ Kd3 37.Rxe7 a6] **29...Kxd4 30.Nxg5** Masoud goes up a P, but Hassan has the advantage with his advanced, connected, passed centre pawns. **30...Kd3 31.Rf2?!=** Hassan gets a " clear " advantage [31.Rxa7 d4 32.Rxa8 Rxa8 33.a4 Nd5] **31...e3 32.Rf3?!+-** Hassan gets a " winning " advantage [32.Rf1 Rhe8 33.Re1 Rad8] **32...Rhc8?!=** Hassan must try to advance the P's together [32...d4 33.Rf1 e2 34.Re1 Nd5+] **33.Rf1 e2?** Hassan has lost his advantage [33...d4 34.Nf3 e2 35.Ne1+ Kd2 36.Nf3+ Kc3 37.Rc1+ Kb2 38.Rxc8 Rxc8 39.Kf2 d3] **34.Re1 d4** [34...Rg8 35.Nf3 Rge8 36.a4 d4=] **35.Re7 Re8?+-** this not only loses the eP, but gives Masoud now a " winning " advantage [35...Rc2 36.Nh3 Nd5 37.Nf2+ Kc3 38.R7xe2 Rxe2 39.Rxe2 Ne3=] **36.R1xe2** Masoud is up 2 P's **36...Rxe7 37.Rxe7 Nd5 38.Rd7 Ne3** [38...Nf6 39.Rf7 Ng4 40.Rf4 Ne5+-] **39.Nf3 Nc2 40.h4 a5 41.Kf2 Re8 42.Rd5?** allows Hassan a nice little tactic [42.h5 Rh8 43.g4 Kc3 44.Rd5 d3 45.Rc5+ Kb2 46.Rxa5 Nb4+-] **42...Re2+ 43.Kg1**

Position after 43.Kg1



Kc3?+- Hassan misses the win of the gP [43...Rxc2+! 44.Kxc2 Ne3+ 45.Kf2 Nxd5 46.Ke1 Nf4±]
44.h5?+- Leaving the tactical shot still in place [44.Rc5+ Kb2 45.Rxa5 d3 46.Rd5 Kc3+-]
44...d3?+- again Hassan misses winning the gP [44...Rxc2+! now it is not sufficient, even though best 45.Kxc2 Ne3+ 46.Kg3 Nxd5 47.h6 Nf6 48.Kf4 d3 49.Kg5 Nh7+ 50.Kg6 Nf8+ 51.Kf7 Nd7 52.Ke7 Ne5 53.h7 Nxf3 54.h8Q+ Kc2+-] **45.h6 d2?+-** 6.13 it is premature to push the P [45...Ne1 46.Ng5 Rxc2+ 47.Kf1 Rh2 48.Kxe1 d2+ 49.Rxd2 Rxh6+- 4.18] **46.Nxd2?+-** 5.00 Masoud is up 3 P's [46.Rxd2 Re7 47.Rd5 Nb4 48.Rxa5 Rh7 49.Rc5+ Kb2 50.Rh5 Kxa2 51.g4 Nd3 52.g5 Nf4 53.Rh4 Ng6 54.Rb4 Kb2+- 6.43] **46...Rxd2??+-** Hassan cannot afford to win material. He needs to stop the hP. He now has N vs 3 P's [46...Re1+ 47.Kh2 Re7 48.Nc4 Rh7 49.Rh5 a4+- 6.11] **47.Rxd2 Kxd2 48.h7+-** 11.53 despite a substantial rating difference, Hassan put up quite a battle. **1-0**

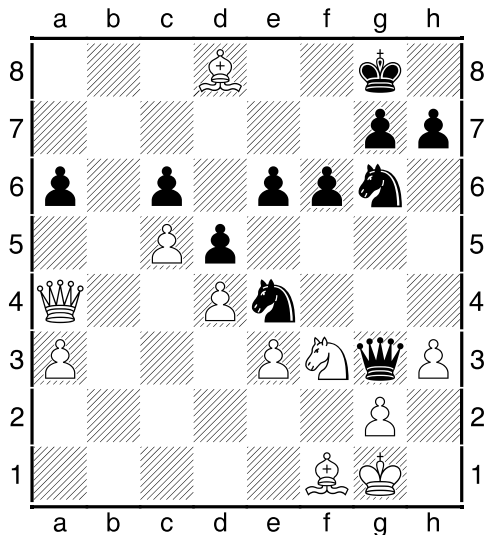
In the lower section in Rd. 4, two of our younger juniors went at it. Junior girl Linda Xia took the advantage against Nathan Farrant-Diaz, and held it for most of the game, getting a winning advantage. But then near the end, Nathan had a potential draw by repetition, and Linda failed to block it. But then Nathan refused to take the draw and played for a win, when he was down a Bishop vs pawn ! This happened a couple of times. And when Nathan would refuse the draw, he'd hand Linda back a winning game again. Then Linda had a chance to force a draw when the position was equal, and she refused it, and her move gave Nathan the advantage for the first time in the game, a "winning" advantage for him ! Quite a saga. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Xia, Linda (1371) – Farrant-Diaz, Nathan (1525) [E21]

SCC Spring Swiss (U 1700) Toronto (4), 03.04.2008

1.d4 b6± 2.c4 Bb7 3.e3?!= [3.Nf3±] **3...e6 4.Nf3 Nf6?!±** [4...f5 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Be2 Bd6=] **5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Be2?!=** [6.Bd2 0-0 7.Bd3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4 9.Bxe4 Bxe4±] **6...0-0 7.Bd2 Nc6?!±** [7...Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Ne4 9.Qc2 d6=] **8.0-0?!=** [8.Qc2 Ne7 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.Bxc3 Ne4±] **8...Bxc3 9.Bxc3 Ne4 10.Be1 d5?±** Linda gets a " clear " advantage [10...f5 11.Nd2 Nd6=] **11.a3?!±** [11.Qc2 Rc8 12.b4 a6±] **11...Ne7 12.b4 Re8 13.c5 bxc5 14.bxc5 c6?!±** [14...Rb8 15.Bd3 f6 16.Nd2 Bc6±] **15.Rb1 Rb8?!+-** Linda gets a " winning " advantage [15...Qc7 16.Ne5 f6 17.Ng4 e5 18.f3 Ng5±] **16.Qa4**

a6 17.Ba5 Qc8 18.Rb6 Qd7?!+- 3.62 [18...Ba8 19.Bxa6 Qd7 20.Ne5 Qa7+- 2.94] 19.Ne5 Qc8 20.Rfb1 f6 21.Nf3 Rd8?+- 5.59 [21...Ng6 22.Qb4 Qd8 23.Rxb7 Rxb7 24.Qxb7 Qxa5+- 3.60 material equality] 22.Rxb7?+- 4.35 [22.Qb4 Rf8 23.Rxb7 Rxb7 24.Qxb7 Qe8+- 6.50 Linda would be up a B] 22...Rxb7 23.Rxb7 Qxb7 24.Bxd8 Linda is up a B 24...Qb1+ 25.Bf1?-= Linda blocks with the wrong piece. Nathan can now regain some material.. Linda has lost her advantage [25.Qd1 Qb2 26.Qd3 (26.Bxe7? Nc3 27.Qd2 Qxd2 28.Nxd2 Nxe2+ 29.Kf1 Nc3+- 4.61) 26...Ng6 27.Ba5 Qb5+- 5.75] 25...Qb2 26.h3 Qxf2+ Linda is up B vs P 27.Kh2 Qg3+ 28.Kg1 Ng6?+- though down material, Nathan refuses to get a draw by repetition, and decides to try for a win. But he gives Linda back a "winning" advantage [28...Qf2+ 29.Kh2 Qg3+=]



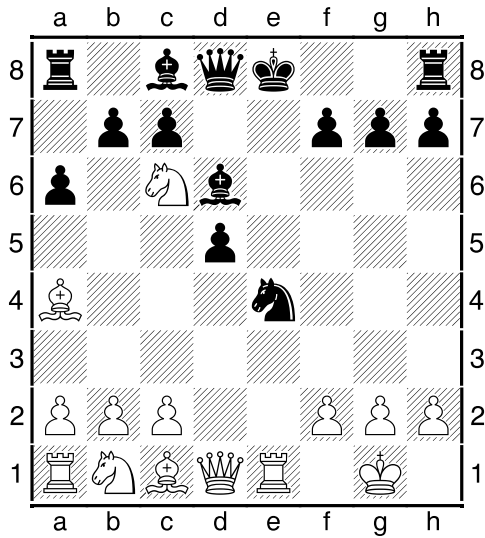
29.Qxc6?-= Linda again allows the draw by repetition; she only needs to stop the checks.. Linda is up a B [29.Qc2 Nh4 30.Qe2 Nxf3+ 31.Qxf3 Qe1+- 1.92] 29...Nf8?± at least Nathan is consistent; he again refuses to take the draw, and plays to win, down material. [29...Qf2+ 30.Kh2 Qg3+=] 30.Be7?-= again allowing a draw. Is Linda indicating she'd be satisfied to take a draw? [30.Qc7 Qf2+ 31.Kh2 Qxe3±] 30...Qf2+ Has Nathan now decided to take the draw? 31.Kh2 Ng3?+- Nathan is still refusing the draw and playing for a win [31...Qg3+ 32.Kh1 Nf2+ 33.Kg1 Nxf3+ 34.Kh1 Nf2+=] 32.Bxf8?-= Linda again fails to block the repetition draw [32.Bd3 Kf7 33.Bxf8 Qxe3 34.Qd6 Nh5 35.c6 Qxd3 36.c7 Qc3 37.Qd7+ Kg6 38.c8Q Qxc8 39.Qxc8 h6 40.g4 Kf7 41.Qd8 Kg6 42.Qe8+ Kh7 43.gxh5 Kh8 44.Qg6 e5 45.Qxg7#] 32...Nxf1+ Linda is still up a B 33.Kh1 Nxe3 34.Qxe6+ Kxf8 material equality 35.Qd6+ Kf7 36.Qd7+??-+ a blunder – now Linda fails to force the draw, and gives Nathan the advantage for the first time in the whole game, and it is a "winning" advantage [36.Qc7+ Kg6 37.Qh2 Kf7 38.Qc7+ Kg6=] 36...Kg6 37.Qe8+?-+ – 12.13 [37.Nh4+ Kh6 38.Qe7 g6 39.Kh2 a5-+ – 3.94] 37...Kh6 38.Nh4 [38.Qxe3+ best to sac, since the Q is lost. 38...Qxe3-+] 38...Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Nf1+-+ – 12.68 Linda resigned . The Q is lost. 40.Kg1 Qxe8 41.Kxf1 Qa4-+ Nathan is up Q vs N 0-1

In Rd. 5, in the Open Section, on top board, expert John Hall, leading, played junior girl expert, Yuanling Yuan. John sacked material, and was able to force a perpetual for a draw. Here is their game (Annotation by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Yuan, Yuanling (2170) – Hall, John (2128) [C80]
 SCC Spring Swiss (1700 & Over) Toronto (5), 10.04.2008

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6?!± [4...Bc5 5.0-0 Qf6=] 5.0-0 Nxe4 [5...Bc5 6.c3 0-0 7.d4 Bb6±] 6.d4 exd4 7.Re1 d5 8.Nxd4?!= [8.Nbd2 b5 9.Bb3 Be7=] 8...Bd6 9.Nxc6

Position after 9.Nxc6



Bxh2+! a sac leading to draw **10.Kxh2** Yuanling goes up B vs P, but John is seeking a draw now **10...Qh4+ 11.Kg1 Qxf2+ Yuanling** is up B vs 2 P **12.Kh2 Qh4+ 13.Kg1 Qf2+ ½-½**

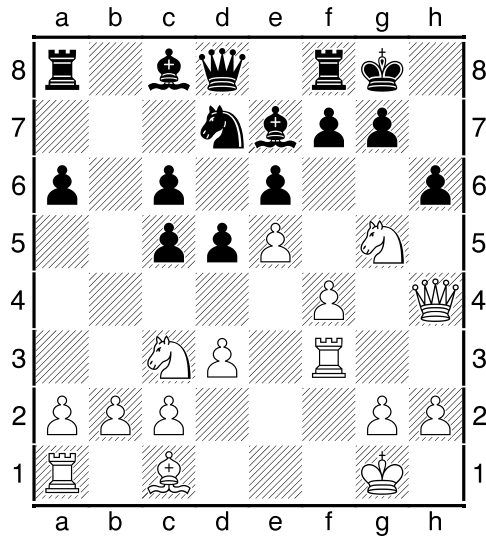
In Rd. 5 in Section B, Steve Douglas and SCC Treasurer Andrew Philip threw caution to the wind. First Steve attacked and wrongly offered a knight sac – there was no mate. Then Andrew wrongly refused the sac....and instead offered a sac of his own ! Wrongly, Steve then refused Andrew’s sac offer, and gave Andrew back a “ winning “ advantage. Andrew then went up the exchange, and eventually got a good K-side counter-attack against Steve’s king. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Douglas, Steve (1522) – Philip, Andrew (1563) [B23]

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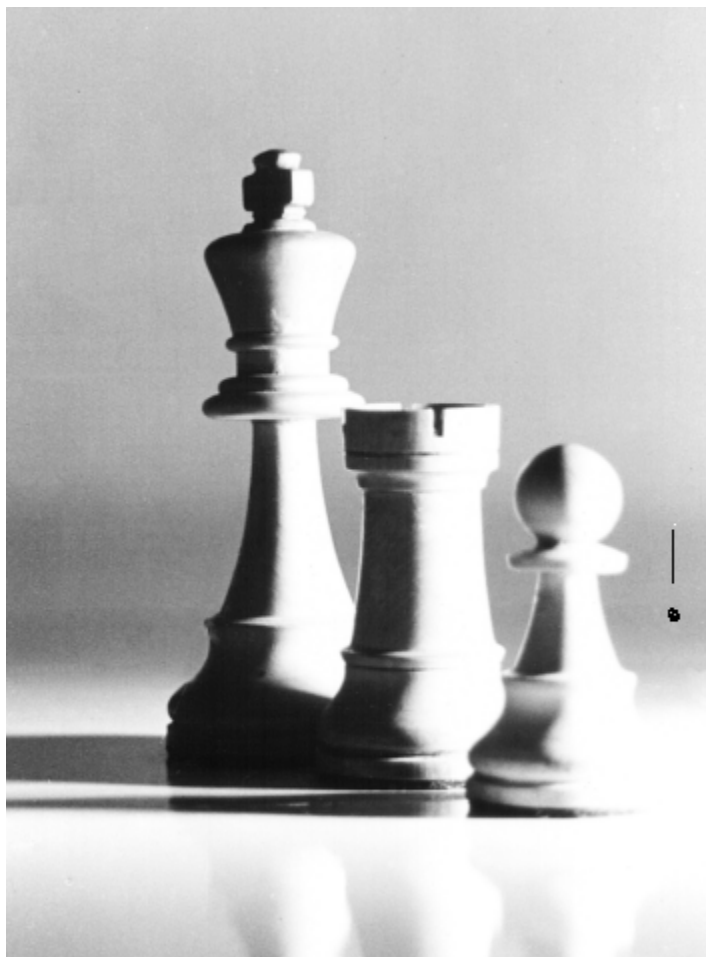
1.e4 c5± Fritz' evaluation not generally accepted **2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 d6 4.Bb5 a6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.d3 Be7?!±** Steve gets an early " clear " advantage [8...d5 9.Qe1 Be7 10.e5 Ng8±] **9.Qe1?!±** [9.e5 Ng4 10.exd6 Qxd6±] **9...0-0 10.Ng5?!=** Steve plays aggressively [10.e5 Ng4 11.exd6 Qxd6 12.Ne4 Qd5±] **10...d5 11.e5 Nd7 12.Rf3** Steve sets up his attack **12...h6 13.Qh4?-+** Steve wrongly offers to sac his N; there is no mate here [13.Nh3 Bh4 14.Nf2 Rb8 15.Rh3 Bxf2+ 16.Qxf2 f6=]

Position after 13.Qh4?



13...Nxe5?= Andrew wrongly refuses the sac, and offers a sac of his own. Andrew goes up a P. [13...hxc5 14.Qh5 g4 15.Qxc4 g6 16.Ne2 Kg7 17.Be3 Rh8-+ - 1.96] **14.Rh3?+** Steve wrongly refuses Andrew's sac, and gives Andrew back a "winning" advantage [14.fxe5 Bxc5 15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Qxc5 hxc5 17.Na4 c4 18.dxc4 f6=] **14...Ng6 15.Qh5 e5 16.Nxf7!** a worthwhile sac [16.Rg3 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 exf4 18.Nxf7 Rxf7 19.Rg6 Bf6-+ - 6.84 Andrew would be up B + P] **16...Rxf7 17.Qxc6** Material equality **17...Rf6?+** - 2.24 [17...Bxh3 18.gxh3 Bd6 19.Qg2 exf4-+ - 4.71 Andrew would be up the exchange + P] **18.Qg3** - 3.43 [18.Qh5 exf4 19.Rf3 Rf5 20.Qg4 Bd6 21.Rf1 Rg5 22.Qd1 Bg4 23.Qe1 Qf6-+ - 3.47] **18...exf4 19.Bxf4 Bxh3 20.gxh3** Andrew goes up the exchange **20...Qe8 21.Kh1 Qf7 22.Ne2 Rg6 23.Qf3** - 6.71 [23.Qf2? Bd6 24.Bg3 Rf6 25.Qg2 Bxc3 26.Qxc3 Re8 27.Ng1 Rg6 28.Qh4 Re2-+ - 19.91] **23...Rf8 24.Qe3 Re6 25.Qd2 Qh5?+** - 4.84 [25...Bd6 26.Rf1 Bxf4 27.Nxf4 Rf6 28.b3 g5 29.Qe1 Rxf4 30.Rxf4 Qxf4-+ - 14.14] **26.Ng1 Qf5?+** - 3.85 [26...Bh4 27.a3 Ref6 28.Bg3 Bxc3 29.hxc3 Rf2 30.Qe3 Rxc2 31.Rc1 Rxb2-+ - 11.42 Andrew would be up the exchange + 2 P's] **27.Bg3 d4 28.Ne2??+** - 17.43 leads to mate in 13 moves - piece of cake for Andrew to calculate ! [28.Qg2 Qd5 29.Rc1 Bd6-+ - 4.02] **28...Qf3++** Steve resigns. Coming is **29.Kg1 Rxe2 30.Qxe2 Qxe2 31.Re1 Qf3 32.h4 Bd6 33.c4 Bxc3 34.hxc3 Qf2+ 35.Kh1 Qxe1+ 36.Kh2 Rf2+ 37.Kh3 Qe6+ 38.g4 Qe3# 0-1**

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