

“ S C C CHESS TALK ”

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

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ITEMS OF INTEREST TO CLUB MEMBERS

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DID YOU KNOW ?

SCC : Membership at Start of Millenium – Largest Canadian CC; Only Club Over 100 Members !!

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SCC membership stood at **103** fully paid-up, annual members (there were also a small number of part-year members). Many of these members are what might be referred to as “ core “ members : actively playing members, many of whom have been SCC members for many consecutive years; as well, a number of new members have proven to be regular SCC tournament players, as well as open weekend tournament players, whom it is anticipated will remain members for the immediate future, and hopefully longer. We start the millenium as the **LARGEST** Canadian Chess Club, and the only club with **OVER 100 MEMBERS** (confirmed with the CFC in December)!!

Current 1999/2000 Club Year to Date

SCC began the club year on September 1, 1999 with **118** fully paid up, annual members (we had no part-year members). We attracted 7 new members, and 6 renewals of former members , who had previously let their memberships lapse in the prior year and a half, and were no longer members as of Sept. 1 (this is a rate of new membership of approx. **3** per month in the first 4 months of this club year).

However this is offset by 28 members not yet renewing their memberships on their expiry dates between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31, 1999. For the moment, we must assume these are not intending to renew in the immediate future, though we hope a few will rejoin, as did the 6 in the previous 4 months. This is a non-renewal rate of 7 members per month in the first 4 months. But , as with all averages, they can emasculate trends, rather than confirming them, depending on the circumstances. The non-renewals have in fact been front-end loaded; non-renewals were as follows :

<u>Month – End</u>	<u>September 30 - 14</u>	<u>Total Members</u>	105
October 31 - 8			105
November 30 - 5			101
December 31 - 1			103

In Oct. - downward trend **stopped**; in Nov. - substantially **reduced** (Sept. – 13 ; Nov. – 4); in Dec. - **reversed !** This gives support to the club’s hoped for increase in the balance of the club year !

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