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DO YOU KNOW ? / SAVEZ-VOUS ?

And They're Off ! – SCC Club/Class Championship Begins

SCC experimented again this year as it adopted a hybrid format for the club championship. It continued the format of last year in having 2 sections. But it returned to the format of the prior year in making the top section back into a 10-player, 9-round round robin. The class champions will still be determined in the 2nd section swiss.

This year's Thurs., Nov. 3 championship start has attracted a relatively strong field of 4 experts and 6 “ A ” players: Bryan LAMB (2150); Joachim HENTSCHEL (2104); Andrew PICANA (2055); Allan CAI (2030); Jim PATERSON (1967); Ismail IBRAHIM (1946); Jack TRIEFELDT (1869); Klaus KEKKI (1849); Andre ROLAVS (1844); Bob ARMSTRONG (1831).

The final round 9 will be played on Thurs., Jan. 11/01.

Spotlight on SCC's Newest Expert – Allan Cai

Every club likes to see its players progress. But for many of us veterans, the “ plateauing ” phenomenon has struck – our game has leveled off, and our play generally remains as is, with our rating moving within a band of about 100 rating points.

But for juniors, the sky is the limit from their starting point – we often see rapid improvement, though the rise may from time to time slow a bit. Allan CAI, one of our new juniors who joined the club last club year, certainly fits this description of the fast-improving junior.

Allan is 15 years old (on Fri., Nov. 10 – Happy Birthday!), and in Grade 9. He was born in Beijing, China. With his father and mother, he came to Canada in Feb. 1999. Allan learned to play chess in China, and played in junior tournaments there.

His family initially settled in Vancouver, British Columbia. He did not play any organized chess while there. But in Sept./99 he and his family moved to Kitchener, Ontario. There he played on his elementary school team, and in some non-CFC youth tournaments.

In February, 2000, Allan and his family moved to Toronto. He and his father set about finding a chess club for him to join. They had learned about the Scarborough Chess Club through the organizers of one of the Kitchener tournaments he played in. After a visit or two, Allan joined the club. He had played in the Agincourt Canadian Youth Chess Championship Qualifier (U 16), and so he obtained an initial “ B “ Class CFC provisional rating of 1771 on Feb. 26/00, his first Canadian rating.

His first SCC tournament was the Millenium Swiss '00, and he did well enough to move his rating into the “ A “ class (1829) on March 26. By May, with school and SCC tournaments, he had moved his rating to 1897. As a result of his play in the SCC Summer (Thurs.) Swiss '00, he went to the top of the “ A “ class – 1996 on Aug. 28/00.

Then in this club year, after his result in the Fall (Thurs.) Swiss '00, he moved up into the Expert Class – 2026 on Oct. 19/00. Currently, his rating stands at 2030, his all-time high. He is now competing in the 2000/01 club championship top section round robin, and is rated fourth.

Allan's steady improvement has brought him up through the ranks of Candian juniors. In the Under 16 section, Allan now is ranked # 16 (and in the Under 18 section, he stands # 26).

Amazingly, Allan has achieved all this without the assistance of a regular chess coach. However, he does have a few strong adult players who review chess with him from time to time. We all congratulate Allan on the work he has done on his chess, and the contribution he is making to SCC. We look forward to his moving up through the expert class, and increasing his ranking in the top Canadian Junior lists !!

We Have Winners ! (SCC's First Two 2000/01 Multi-week Tournaments)

Fall (Thurs.) Swiss '00 : Champion – Andrew PICANA (1988); U 1800 – Patrick DOUCETTE (1630) / Andrew PHILIP (1799); U 1600 – Henryk STALA (1598) / Gary TEBBS (1598) / Ted TERMEER (1463); U 1400 – Ben HARRIGAN (1232).

Autumn (Sun.) Swiss '00 : Champion – Sergio QUESADA (2010); U 1800 – Frank J. TEBBS, Jr. (1700); U 1600 – Gaja SRINIVASAN (1502)/ Frank A. TEBBS, Sr. (1524); U 1400 – Chris FIELD (1356).

GTCL “ Club Team League “ Update

On Nov. 7, SCC A lost to Mississauga Polonia A (3:1). This puts them tied for 3rd/7th (2 pts.). Polonia A and DCC B lead (4 pts.). On Nov. 14, SCC B lost to Toronto Macedonian CC and now share last place with one other team (0 pts.).

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