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Do You Know ? / Savez-Vous ?

**SCC Holds Successful Open Active Tournament**

21 players showed up at the SCC premises on Sat., April 24, for a one section swiss, with section prizes. Here is the report on the winners from Maurice Smith, SCC Vice – President :

“ We made a prize fund consisting of Open - first, second and third. Under 1800- first and second. Under 1600 - first and second. The problem was that there were five players with three points that were in the top two sections.

So anyway, it was broken down like this. Imtiaz Husain was clear first overall. Bryan Lamb was clear second overall. The under 1600 was won by Sadiq Juma, Kevin Xiang was second.

Then the five who shared third place overall and best under 1800 were Andrew Picana, Nikola Brajkovic, Mann Ki Le, Pepin Manalo and Pino Verde. They each received \$36. Imtiaz received \$100, Bryan received \$40, Sadiq received \$70, Kevin received \$40. “

The SCC is now located in the Canadian Legion Hall, Branch # 42. SCC was most fortunate to have the Ladies Auxiliary of the Legion support our tournament with refreshments. Maurice wrote :

“The Ladies Auxiliary was extremely helpful. When I arrived at 9.00 a.m. there was already a pot of coffee waiting for us along with a plate of cookies At 12.00 they came up with plates of egg salad, salmon and ham sandwiches along with mustard and pickles. One of the ladies also brought up a pot of tea. Unfortunately there were not enough players to do justice to all of this. In the end the ladies partitioned off the left over sandwiches and cellophane wrapped them in order that they could be taken home. They

looked after us extremely well. On Monday I called the Manager Susan James and advised her how appreciative we were of the ladies help.

I thought it was a very relaxing fun tournament.”

### **FIDE April Rating List**

There is still only one player over 2800 : # 1 : Garry Kasparov ( Russia ), 13<sup>th</sup> FIDE World Champion - 2817 ( down 14 pts. from the January list ).

There are now only 15 players in the 2700's ( down from 17 ). But the big surprise this list is that Viswanathan Anand ( India ), 2000 FIDE World Champion, has now moved up into second place, with a rating of 2774, ahead of now # 3, Vladimir Kramnik ( Russia ), 2000 BrainGamesNetwork World Champion, who has 2764. Back up at # 4 ( from # 10 ) is Peter Leko ( Hungary ), the challenger to Kramnik in their semi-final Prague Unity match later this year, with 2741; at # 5 is Veselin Topalov ( Bulgaria ) with 2737; at # 9 is Judit Polgar ( Hungary ), the strongest women's player in the world, with 2728; at # 10 is Ruslan Ponomarev ( Russia ), 2002 FIDE World Champion, at 2722.

12<sup>th</sup> FIDE World Champion, Anatoly Karpov ( Russia ) is # 22 – 2682; 1999 FIDE World Champion, Alexander Khalifman ( Russia ) is now down to # 32 – 2668.

Here are a number of the younger players we're watching : Alexander Grischuk ( Russia ) is #11 – 2719; Etienne Bacrot ( France ) is # 27 ( up from # 32 ) – 2675; Teimour Radjabov ( Azerbaijan ) is # 31 ( up from # 35 ) – 2670; Francisco Vallejo Pons ( Spain ) is # 35 – 2666.

The two highest Canadians with FIDE ratings are : GM Kevin Spraggett, former Canadian Champion, at 2564; GM Alexandre Le Siege, 2001 Canadian Champion, at 2497.

### **World Championship – Prague Unity Agreement**

Moammar Al Qaddafi has now clarified that Israeli players will be granted entry visas to come to Libya to play in this year's FIDE knockout championship, and so the tournament does not have to be played in 2 different simultaneous locations.

Also, the sponsor of the Kramnik – Leko side of the draw, which is to be played Sept. 25 – Oct. 18, Swiss tobacco manufacturer's Dannemann, has announced the location of the match – Brissago, Switzerland.

### **2nd Annual Hospital for Sick Children Fundraiser – Toronto**

Simultaneous Chess Exhibition - Play Canadian Junior Champion Zhe Quan!

Prizes: Thanks to Toronto Star chess columnist International Master Lawrence Day, who will be dropping by to give autographed chess magazines to some of the lucky participants!

Sunday, May 9, 1 - 4 pm

Boards and a limited number of chess sets will be provided by the Brampton Chess Club  
- please help by bringing your own chess sets.

Playing site provided by Greater Toronto Chess League: Tartu College, 310 Bloor St. W.,  
Toronto (just east of Spadina Subway Station)

Cost: \$10

All proceeds go to The Hospital for Sick Children Foundation (Charitable Number 10808  
4419 RR0001)

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### **Canadian Chess History**

( submitted by David Cohen )

#### Canadians from Hungary (Part 3/4)

#### **Laszlo (Leslie) Witt**

International Master 1969

Canadian Open Champion 1962 with perfect score 9/9

Quebec Open Champion 1962, 1963, 1965, 1967

Represented Canada at Olympiads (1964, 1966, 1970)

Played Canadian Championship 1963, 1969, 1972

These days you'll more likely find IM Witt playing backgammon than chess. Here's a  
battle, recorded in the tournament book edited by Ron F. Rodgers, from the 1962  
Canadian Open Championship which Witt won by accomplishing the rare feat of a  
perfect score.

George Danilov - Laszlo Witt

4th Canadian Open Championship, Ottawa, Ontario, Round  
1, 1962.08.26

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Nc3 a6 4. g3 Nc6 5. Bg2 Nf6 6. O-O Bg4 7. h3 Bd7 8. d3 g6 9. Be3  
Bg7 10. Qd2 h6 11. Kh2 g5 12. Ng1 e5 13. f4 exf4 14. gxf4 g4 15. Rae1 gxh3 16. Bf3  
Ng4+ 17. Bxg4 Bxg4 18. Bf2 Qa5 19. Bh4 Kd7 20. Nf3 Rae8 21. Nd5 Qxd2+ 22. Nxd2  
b5 23. Nf6+ Bxf6 24. Bxf6 Rhg8 25. c3 Rg6 26. Bh4 f5 27. Rg1 Reg8 28. Rg3 Rf8 29.  
Reg1 h5 30. Rf1 Re6 31. Re1 fxe4 32. Nxe4 Rxf4 33. Rge3 Rf8 34. Ng5 Rxe3 35. Rxe3  
Re8 36. Ne4 Re6 37. Nf6+ Rxf6 38. Bxf6 b4 39. d4 bxc3 40. bxc3 cxd4 41. cxd4 Be6 42.  
a3 a5 43. Rd3 Bf5 44. Re3 Be6 45. Kg3 a4 46. Rd3 Bf5 47. Rd2 Na5 48. Rf2 Be6 49.  
Rf3 Nc4 50. Bg5 Kc6 51. Bc1 Kd5 52. Rf4 Bg4 53. Kh2 Na5 54. Bb2 Nb3 55. Kg3 Nd2  
56. Kh2 Kc4 57. Bc1 Nb3 58. Bb2 d5 59. Kg3 Nd2 60. Rf7 Kd3 61. Rf4 Nc4 62. Bc1  
Kc2 63. Rf1 Kb3 64. Re1 Kc3 65. Re8 Kc2 66. Bg5 Nxa3 67. Re5 Nc4 68. Rxd5 a3 69.  
Rd8 a2 70. Ra8 Kb1 71. d5 a1(Q) 72. Rxa1+ Kxa1 73. Bf4 Kb2 74. d6 Kc3 75. Kh4  
Kd4 76. Kg3 Ke4 77. Bc1 Nxd6 78. Bd2 Kd3 79. Ba5 Ke2 80. Bb6 Kf1 81. Kh2 Ne4 82.  
Bd8 Nd2 83. Be7 Nf3+ 84. Kh1 h2 0-1

( sent out with this newsletter is a database with 2 more of Witt's games )

### **Canada Day Chess Festival ( July 1-4 )**

Martin Jaeger is organizing Premier, Reserves, an Active and junior tournaments for the Canada Day weekend. He may be contacted for details and entry forms at [m\\_jaeger@look.ca](mailto:m_jaeger@look.ca) .

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