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Happy New Year to All !!!

Who Should Be Allowed to Go to the World Youth Chess Championships ?

Currently, we have the national CYCC to determine Canada's representatives to the World Youth Chess Championships. This tournament is generally held immediately prior to, and in the same location as, the Canadian Open each summer. The 2003 CYCC was held in Kapuskasing, Ontario. The 2004 CYCC has also been awarded to Kapuskasing. Under the CFC regulation, the first place finisher has his/her registration and transportation paid by the CFC. The second and third place finishers (including ties) can attend the WYCC at their own expense.

But an issue has long been simmering about this arrangement, and it is now bubbling to the surface. We have not always sent our best team, because high rated players who decide not to go to the CYCC, forfeit any right to be included on the team. It is pointed out that Canada is a large country, and sometimes airfare, accommodations and meals, registration, etc., make it too expensive for some of our top youth players to attend the CYCC. So it has been argued that the rules should be changed so that the CYCC is not the ONLY way to qualify to be on the team. An alternate of some type is put forward that will allow representatives with high ratings to be chosen off the section rating list.

The argument against this is often that it will weaken the quality of the CYCC, if top-ranked youth players skip the tournament, intending to use their ratings to qualify. Though this may be true, it should be noted that if a player wants a free trip to the WYCC, s/he will have to attend the tournament, and come first.

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What do you think on this issue ? E-mail us and let us know – we’ll publish some of your comments.

The matter has now been formally raised in the recent CFC Governors’ Letter # 3. Governors Stephen Wright/ Lyle Craver submitted a motion to include qualification by rating list. Specifically they proposed :

“ Any player rated as high or higher than the lowest rated qualifier from the CYCC, taken from the most recently published rating list prior to the CYCC, may attend the WYCC at his or her own expense. “

Unfortunately, the CFC President took the position that as far as he was aware, all countries qualified for FIDE championships by having a national championship. He therefore ruled the motion out of order. This is truly unfortunate. In our view, he has confused procedure with arguments on the substance of the motion. He is arguing against the motion, not ruling on it as procedurally correct. There have been some criticisms that the motion was incomplete, and needed to amend some other parts of the CFC Handbook section in order to be consistent. But that could have been taken care of by simple amendment of the motion. This is a substantive question on which the Governors should have the opportunity to pass judgment.

If possible, a motion should be brought challenging the President’s ruling on the motion, trying to have it overturned, and the motion brought back for discussion and voting.

Bayview Games Club November Masters (Oct. 27 - Dec. 24, 2003)

#	Title Name	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	Total							
1	Yaaqov Vaingorten	X	1	=	1	1	1	1
	= 6							
2	IM Ron Livshits	0	X	1	1	0	1	1
	1 5							
3	David Filipovich	=	0	X	1	=	=	=
	= 3.5							
4	Ted Kret	0	0	0	X	=	1	1
	1 3.5							
5	Eddie Urquhart	0	1	=	=	X	0	=
	1 3.5							
6	Shiyam Thavandiran	0	0	=	0	1	X	0
	1 2.5							
7	FM Zhe Quan	0	0	=	0	=	1	X
	- 2							
8	Yevhen Molchanov	=	0	=	0	0	0	-
	X 1							

This is the third Masters Round Robin that Vlad Dobrich has organized this year at his Bayview Games Club. He was also TD for the event. Yaaqov Vaingorten won the first; Ron Livshits won the second; and the two battled it out in the third. As you can see from the cross-table, Yaaqov won their game and the event. Congratulations to both players for an excellent tournament and an excellent year in Toronto chess.

The tournament booklet with all of the games and selected diagrams is available from Vlad. You can also get the booklet with all of the games from the previous Masters RR; as well as the book by David Cohen with over 90 selected historical Canadian and Bayview site chess games with diagrams.

Here is the decisive encounter between Vaingorten and Livshits:

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[Event "November Bayview Games Club Masters"]
[Site "Toronto, Ontario"]
[Date "2003.12.15"]
[Round "3"]
[Result "1-0"]
[White "Vaingorten, Yaaqov"]
[Black "Livshits, Ron"]
[BlackTitle "IM"]
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1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. d4 cxd4 4. Nxd4 Nf6 5. Nc3 a6 6. Rg1 e5 7. Nb3 b5
8. g4 Bb7 9. Qd3 b4 10. Nd5 Nxd5 11. exd5 Nd7 12. Be3 Be7 13. O-O-O a5
14. Nd2 Ba6 15. Qf5 a4 16. g5 Qc7 17. Kbl O-O 18. Bxa6 Rxa6 19. Rg4 Ra5
20. Rxb4 Rxd5 21. Qe4 Rc8 22. Rxa4 Nc5 23. Qxd5 Nxa4 24. c4 Rb8 25. Nb3
Qc8 26. c5 dxc5 27. Qd7 Qxd7 28. Rxd7 Kf8 29. Ra7 Nxb2 30. Kxb2 c4 31.
Kc3 cxb3 32. axb3 f5 33. gxf6 gxf6 34. Kc4 Rb4+ 35. Kd5 Rxb3 36. Ke6
Ra3 37. Bh6+ 1-0
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2003 Year-End Canadian Chess Rankings

(submitted by David Cohen)

For a record 21st time, the number one ranked Canadian chess player at the year-end is Kevin Spraggett. 2003 is the second year in a row that GM Spraggett has held the year-end ranking as top Canadian; the 11th year out of the past 12 years; and the 21st year in the 24 years since his debut atop the year-end ranking list in 1980.

The number one ranked Canadian female chess player at the end of 2003 is Natalia Khoudgarian of Toronto, Ontario. This is the 8th year in a row that WIM Khoudgarian has held the year-end ranking as top female Canadian. Prior to her reign, WIM Nava Starr of Toronto, Ontario held the top spot at the year-end ranking of Canadian female chess players for 20 consecutive years, from 1976-95.

Top Rated Canadian (at year-end)

Year Name Rating

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2003 Kevin Spraggett 2624
2002 Kevin Spraggett 2629
2001 Alexandre Lesiege 2660
2000 Kevin Spraggett 2633
1999 Kevin Spraggett 2653
1998 Kevin Spraggett 2645
1997 Kevin Spraggett 2633
1996 Kevin Spraggett 2617
1995 Kevin Spraggett 2600
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1994 Kevin Spraggett 2591
1993 Kevin Spraggett 2589
1992 Kevin Spraggett 2589
1991 Deen Hergott 2520
1990 Kevin Spraggett 2592
1989 Kevin Spraggett 2592
1988 Kevin Spraggett 2577
1987 Kevin Spraggett 2581
1986 Kevin Spraggett 2584
1985 Kevin Spraggett 2592
1984 Kevin Spraggett 2584
1983 Kevin Spraggett 2593
1982 Kevin Spraggett 2558
1981 Duncan Suttles 2550
1980 Kevin Spraggett 2503
1979 Lawrence Day 2400
1978 Peter Biyiasas 2450
1977 Duncan Suttles 2458
1976 Duncan Suttles 2458
1975 Duncan Suttles 2458
1974 Duncan Suttles 2492
1973 Duncan Suttles 2464

Top Rated Female Canadian (at year-end)

Year Name Rating

2003 Natalia Khoudgarian 2304
2002 Natalia Khoudgarian 2304
2001 Natalia Khoudgarian 2304
2000 Natalia Khoudgarian 2304
1999 Natalia Khoudgarian 2304
1998 Natalia Khoudgarian 2304
1997 Natalia Khoudgarian 2299
1996 Natalia Khoudgarian 2251
1995 Nava Starr 2270
1994 Nava Starr 2248
1993 Nava Starr 2223
1992 Nava Starr 2223
1991 Nava Starr 2200
1990 Nava Starr 2193
1989 Nava Starr 2193
1988 Nava Shterenberg 2193
1987 Nava Shterenberg 2139
1986 Nava Shterenberg 2139
1985 Nava Shterenberg 2135
1984 Nava Shterenberg 2135
1983 Nava Shterenberg 2141
1982 Nava Shterenberg 2152
1981 Nava Shterenberg 2177
1980 Nava Shterenberg 2207
1979 Nava Shterenberg 2125
1978 Nava Shterenberg 1983
1977 Nava Shterenberg 2011

1976 Nava Shterenberg 2062
1975 Smilja Vujosevic 1683
1974 Smilja Vujosevic 1680
1973 Smilja Vujosevic 1680

Note

Highest Canadian rating ever achieved by a Canadian: Kevin Spraggett, rated 2665 in 1999.

Highest Canadian rating ever achieved by a female Canadian: Natalia Khoudgarian, rated 2306 in 1998.

Holidays Open Swiss – Bayview Games Club – Dec. 27 – 29.

42 players turned out for this swiss, a substantially larger turnout than for the last few BGC open swiss tournaments. First place was taken by GM Dimitri Tyomkin, with 5 ½ / 6 pts.. In second, with 5 pts., was Yuri Ochkoos. Third place was taken by Slava Rek, with 5 pts..

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