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**77th Canadian Chess Championship 2004**

( Submitted by Assistant Tournament Director David Cohen, IA )

IM Pascal Charbonneau, 21, and FM Eric Lawson, 20, tied for first place in the 77th Canadian Chess Championship, which took place August 20-29 in Toronto. 69 players from across Canada competed for \$21,000 in prizes. The tournament was organized by the Ontario Chess Association, and sponsored by Sid & Alicia Belzberg.

A couple of notes on the organization of the event. I had the original idea for involving Mr. Belzberg in the Closed Championship. I invited him to sponsor the Championship, and suggested that he play in it himself (CFC rules allow for the organizer to choose one player). He agreed, and the process was initiated. I dropped out as organizer, and OCA President Barry Thorvardson stepped in with his organization to do a fabulous job. His son Craig did all of the web site work. Erik Malmsten was a super-volunteer. IA Mark S. Dutton was hired as tournament director. He, in turn, hired me as his assistant. We were both thrilled to be involved in the one event neither of us had yet directed in our careers: our Canadian Championship.

The event was supposed to be called the Belzberg Technologies Invitational. Unfortunately, FIDE had problems with its World Championship, regarding the issuing of visas to Libya for the entourage of Jewish players. As a result, the firm will not sponsor any event involving FIDE. However, Mr. Belzberg remained committed to the sponsorship of Canadian chess. Sid and his wife Alicia personally sponsored the event. It was renamed the Belzberg Invitational.

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As the Championship is also a FIDE Zonal Championship (Zone 2.2 is Canada by itself), Eric Lawson obtained the IM title for his first place finish in the tournament. An additional IM title should be available for FM Tomas Krnan, as he had the highest score amongst non-GMs/IM's. Christian Stevens obtained the FM title, as he was the highest scorer amongst untitled players. Mark Bluvshtein may have obtained his GM title in this event. He needed to raise his rating to 2500. I

understand that this does not need to be published, and may even be achieved at any time during a tournament. This will likely prove to be the case here. He started the Championship rated just under 2500, and then performed well over the first 6 rounds.

There were three playoffs on Monday, August 30. They were originally intended to be held according to the regulations in the CFC Handbook.

For first place, and the right to advance to the World Championship, as well as for a place on the Olympiad National Team, Charbonneau, Lawson, and the organizer agreed to change the format to a 2 game play-off (at Game/30 with 10 second increments). Charbonneau won 2-0. Lawson will advance to the Pan-American Championship.

For third place, and the right to advance to the Pan-American Championship, Mark Bluvshtein, Tomas Krnan, Dmitri Tyomkin, Igor Zugic, and the organizer agreed to change the format to a double-round robin at Game/15 with 5 second increments. Tomas Krnan nicked Zugic for a draw. This left Zugic 0.5 points behind Bluvshtein in their last round encounter. They drew, enabling Bluvshtein to win 3rd place. Tyomkin had a bad day and was not a factor, topping only Krnan. Although all of the games were broadcast live on the internet, the DGT boards were not able to keep up with these fast games.

For the second FM title, 6 players held a single Round-Robin at Game/30 with 10 second increments. There was no format in the Handbook for this number of players. However, the CFC President had authorized the organizer before the Championship to choose the tie-break method. The organizer selected the method already in place for a 5 player case. As the starting time was announced as 1pm, Roman Jiganchine was forced to drop out; he would not have been able to complete all of his games and still catch his evening flight home. Dmitri Feoktistov got off to a poor start and dropped out after he was eliminated. Nikolay Noritsyn was also eliminated early, but completed his schedule. Going into the final game, Sebastian Predescu (thanks to Feoktistov's forfeit) was tied for first with Gregory Huber. David Filipovich was one point back, and so needed to win with Black against Huber to force a 3 player second round of playoffs. Unfortunately for David, and fortunately for the exhausted organizers and directors, David lost and Greg Huber received the FM title with 3.5/4 in the round-robin.

Some historical notes:

The first tournament in 1872 was never completed, as the players were more interested in the concurrent (Ontario) Exhibition.

2004 Championship has the largest number of players, 69, breaking the old record of 36 (2002).

2004 Championship is the first Canadian Championship to have female players - four! All qualified by the same rules as were established for the male competitors (CFC rating, FIDE rating, Provincial nomination).

A record was set for the longest time between appearances in a Canadian Championship: FM John MacPhail, 32 years from 1972 - 2004.

The record for appearances in the Championship in consecutive decades is held by GM Daniel Abraham Yanofsky, who appeared in each of six consecutive decades from 1937 - 1986. IM Lawrence Day becomes the first player to appear in the Championship in each of the most recent five consecutive decades: 1960s, 1970s, 1980s, 1990s, 2000s. Only three other players can match his achievement: FM Denis Allan, IM Leon Piasetski and IM Zvonko Vranesic.

GM Yanofsky and Maurice Fox each finished first in our Championship eight times. GM Kevin Spraggett, top ranked in this Championship, has finished first seven times.

The following game, chosen by me and approved by our selection committee, won the Brilliancy Prize of \$250, donated by a spectator in memory of Bryon Nickoloff.

[Event "CAN Ch"]  
[Site "Toronto, CAN"]  
[Date "2004.08.26"]  
[Round "7.5"]  
[White "Milicevic, Goran"]  
[Black "Bluvshtein, Mark"]  
[Result "1-0"]  
[ECO "B50"]  
[PlyCount "69"]  
[EventDate "2004.08.20"]

1. e4 c5 2. Nf3 d6 3. Bc4 Nc6 4. c3 Nf6 5. Qe2 e6 6. Bb3 Be7 7. d4 cxd4  
8. cxd4 d5 9. e5 Ne4 10. O-O O-O 11. Nbd2 Nxd2 12. Bxd2 Bd7 13. Bc2 b5  
14. Qd3 g6 15. Qe3 f6 16. Rac1 fxe5 17. Nxe5 Nxe5 18. dxe5 Qb6 19. Qg3  
Rf7 20. Bh6 Kh8 21. Bd3 b4 22. Qh3 Kg8 23. Qg3 Bf8 24. Be3 Qa5 25. h4  
Bg7 26. h5 gxh5 27. Qg5 d4 28. Bxd4 Qd5 29. Rfd1 Rc8 30. Rxc8+ Bxc8 31.  
Qxh5 Bb7 32. Bxh7+ Kf8 33. Bc5+ Qxc5 34. Rd8+ Ke7 35. Qg5+ 1-0

### **USCF Challenges Non-Confidence in FIDE President**

“ Dear Chess Friend:

Throughout the world of chess, FIDE has never been held in lower esteem. Decisions are made in dictatorial fashion by a part-time president based upon recommendations from a small group of self-serving politicians. As an example, take the most recent FIDE World Championship which was held in a country in defiance of the spirit of Gens Una Sumus and whose entry passport restrictions are in contravention of FIDE's bylaws. Despite objections from past champions, the traditional world championship cycle rules regarding time control and format have been sacked. The result: an ever-widening world Championship schism causing the prestige of the world championship to be diminished and confusing both potential sponsors and chess fans.

The new home of FIDE is Athens; it is the home of the FIDE Deputy President.

It became FIDE's home without giving other federations a chance to bid competitively. It is no wonder that FIDE flirts with bankruptcy on a daily basis. Although the move to Athens has taken place, the lease on our Lausanne office remains in effect and FIDE now pays the costs of both the Lausanne and Athens facilities. Choice events are routinely awarded to FIDE's inner circle without competitive bidding.

Financial abuses abound! For example, FIDE is paying for an assistant to President Ilyumzhinov in Moscow. What is this man doing for FIDE?

FIDE has purchased gifts for President Ilyumzhinov's head of state friends and FIDE has not been refunded for those gifts. The flow of money is going the wrong way folks!

FIDE fired its Executive Director for financial mismanagement and illegally replaced him by a group of three insiders. They have not begun a search to find an Executive Director as required by FIDE's bylaws.

A highly critical report of FIDE management by FIDE's delegate elected Verification Commission is being suppressed by Presidential edict.

What's happened to the FIDE Forum? To the FIDE Handbook? To the President's letter? To the World Team Championship? To FIDE's assistance to chess developing countries? Never before have the member nations of FIDE been more ignored and so poorly served.

The answer to criticisms, such as above, always comes down to the "Look at all the money our President is contributing to FIDE." Hogwash! Where is it? Its been over two years since FIDE has received a nickel from the President. Another answer to attempts to terminate our President's dictatorial reign is that he will pay his debts to FIDE and that FIDE can't survive without this money. Another Hogwash! Spain is paying for this year's Olympiad, and Italy is paying for the next Olympiad. The fact is national federations are actively competing to organize and finance youth and other championships. FIDE didn't need President Ilyumzhinov's money in the past and they don't need it now.

Friends, we do not intend to stand idly by and watch FIDE disintegrate. Our Executive Board has unanimously placed a no-confidence motion in FIDE's leadership that will be on the agenda in Calvia. We seek your help in obtaining its passage. To this end we invite your federation president and delegate to attend a meeting in Calvia on Thursday evening, October 28 (precise details as to time and location will be made available in Calvia). At this meeting, we will present a plan to reform FIDE from within.

Gens Una Sumus,

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Don Schultz

Beatriz Marinello

International Affairs Liaison,  
United States Chess Federation

President,  
United States Chess Federation “

The CFC has to move quickly on this occasion. Will it endorse this motion of non-confidence? President Ilyumzhinov has support in many federations, and he has headed off reform on previous occasions. This time it may not be so easy for him !

## **2004 Macedonian Labour Day Open – Toronto**

This tournament drew the largest number of players in the last five years – 137 players. And there were a high number of juniors attending, in part attracted by the low entry fee for those who only wanted to play as amateurs ( not eligible for prize money ). The tournament was well – run, and Randy Moysoski and Bryan Lamb are to be commended for another great annual tournament.

The open section was won by Robert Hamilton with 5/6. The U 2350 was shared by four players with 4/5 : Marius Zubac, Jura Ochkoos, Christian Stevens and Shiyam Thavandiran ( the last two being former SCC juniors ). The U 2200 was won by junior Arthur Calugar with an amazing 5.5/6. The U 2000 was won by Walter Chan with 5/6. The U 1800 was won by Wojtek Fulmyk with an undefeated 6/6, giving him the lotto bonus for the section, in addition to first prize. Michal Fulmyk copied his brother, and took the U 1600 with 6/6 as well, winning that sections lotto bonus.

## **2004 Montreal International**

This tournament concluded in mid-August was run in two sections. Section A was won by GM Efimenko with 7.5/11. IM Mark Bluvshtein, a GTA junior, came fourth with 6.5/11, and this was good enough for him to achieve his third GM norm. To get the title he must now push his FIDE rating over 2500. As was noted in the Canadian Closed article earlier, he may have done that with his result in that tournament. Go Mark !!

The Section B was won by Montreal GM Alexandre Le Siege, former Canadian Champion, with 8/11.

## **SCC Starts Another Year**

On Thursday, September 9, SCC held its 2004-2005 Annual General Meeting. The executive elected for the coming year are :

President – Bryan Lamb

Vice – President – Maurice Smith

Treasurer – Andrew Philip

Secretary – Steve Karpik

Officer-at-Large – Leonard Quan

Junior Rep. – still vacant

The first Swiss tournament of the year starts tomorrow, Thursday, September 16. So come out and meet old friends and get into another exciting year of SCC chess.

## **Upcoming 2004 TORONTO SENIOR ACTIVE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**

For Chess Players age 50 and better\*

Dates: Sunday September 26, 2004

Place: Bradgate Arms, 54 Foxbar Rd., Toronto ( southeast of Avenue Rd & St. Clair)

Space limited to 30 players

Type: Five Rounds Active Swiss; one section; CFC-Active rated (All entrants must be or become members of the Chess Federation of Canada; or purchase a CFC tournament membership.)

Rounds: Round 1 at 10:15 am; Round 2 at 11:30 am; Round 3 at 1:30 pm;

Round 4 at 2:45 pm; Round 5 at 4:00 pm  
Time Control: 30 minutes per game per player  
Entry Fee: \$15 no late fee; on site entries 9:15 am-10:00 am September 26, 2004  
Prizes: aggregate EF minus \$4/player  
Organizer and TD: Martin Jaeger and Wolf Ferner  
Info: M. Jaeger-phone (416)445-9293; Email:W. Ferner at weferner@pathcom.com  
Site: Courtesy BRADGATE ARMS-a first class residence within a full service luxury hotel  
Please bring sets, boards, and clocks  
Active CFC ratings used will be those as of mid September  
(If no Active CFC rating available,regular CFC ratings will be used)  
A player may take up to two byes(excluding last round)  
No Smoking! Limited off street parking

\*Tournament open to players born before September 27, 1954 - bring proof of age

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Registration Form: mail entries to M.Jaeger #1201-755 York Mills Rd.,Toronto, ON M3B 1X5; make cheques payable to M.Jaeger; mail entry deadline postmarked Sept.20; cash only at site.

Last Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
CFC Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_  
Province: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Active CFC Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ Regular CFC Rating: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of publication: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Advance Byes \_\_\_\_\_  
Entry Fee(\$15): \_\_\_\_\_ CFC/OCA Annual Fee(\$43): \_\_\_\_\_ CFC/OCA Tournament Fee(\$10): \_\_\_\_\_ Total Fees: \_\_\_\_\_. Please enter early!

### **Upcoming 1st Canadian Senior (50+) Chess Championship 2004**

Saturday, November 13  
Bayview Games Club (BGC) 1681 Bayview Avenue, Suite 202  
(south of Eglinton Ave. E.) Toronto, Ontario  
11:00am - 6:00pm  
CFC Active Rated Swiss - 5 rounds  
Time Control: Game/30 minutes  
Entry fee: \$15 BGC members. Non-members add \$5 for BGC one day membership, or can join BGC at site.  
For Chess Federation of Canada (CFC) members, your regular rating will not be affected; this event is active rated.  
For non-members of the CFC, your entry fee includes a tournament membership in the CFC. You will receive a CFC active rating from this event.  
Register on site at 11:00am.  
PRIZE FUND - \$250 GUARANTEED FIRST PRIZE  
Any additional prizes will be based on entries.  
CONTACTS  
Organizer: David Cohen bw998@freenet.carleton.ca  
Tournament Director: Vladimir Dobrich, BGC Manager (416) 722 - 9709

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