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Happy Canada Day !!

FIDE Confirms Rejection of Kramnik/2005 FIDE Champion Match

In a recent Issue of the Russian paper “ Sport Express “, Yuri Vasiliev interviewed Georgios Makropoulos, FIDE Vice-President, about Vladimir Kramnik’s recent proposal that the 2005 FIDE World Champion, to be decided this September, play him for the Classical World Championship title. Here is the relevant portion of the interview :

KRAMNIK’S PROPOSAL

-What are Fide’s views on Kramnik’s proposal to conduct a match between him and the winner of San Luis?

-I have clarified this a few times, and also spoken to the players about this. I will repeat: The tournament in Argentina is not a qualifying “lap”. It is the World Championship. Kramnik made a decision not to play in Argentina. We cannot ask our own World Champion to play against him.

-If the grandmaster, winning the tournament in Argentina, and Kramnik agree to play a match with each other?

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- This is not possible. All players taking part in Argentina have signed an undertaking, according to which they will not participate in any championship cycle outside FIDE. Before the World Cup, in which 128 grandmasters will play, all participants are also expected to sign a similar undertaking.

-These undertakings are legally enforceable?

-Yes.

-Are you saying that if the winner in Argentina decides to play a match against Kramnik, you will go to the court and win the case?

- For me, more important is the fact that all players sincerely agree to the obligations proposed to them.

-Are you not worried this causing a rift between the classical champion Kramnik and FIDE?

-We don't see any reason for this. All players are acquainted with the proposal for the world championship cycle, and are willing to take part in it. Kramnik, of course, is a player most welcome to take part.

Canada Day Open – Toronto - Upcoming Tournament

This 5 round swiss is a GTCL event, being the No. 2 event in the GTCL Grand Prix. It will be held July 2 – 3 at Tartu College, 310 Bloor St. West. The organizer and TD is Bryan Lamb (SCC President). Other details :

Saturday, July 2: 3 Rounds at 10:30, 3, 7

Sunday July 3: Last 2 Rounds at 11, 3

Time Control: Game in 90 Minutes Sudden Death

5 sections- Open, U2200, U2000, U1800, U1600

Entry Fees: \$50 advance, \$60 CASH ONLY at the site. less \$10 for FIDE title, less \$20 for Juniors/Seniors and Women

Send Entries In advance to: Bryan Lamb, 1360 York Mills Rd., #1903, North York ON M3A 2A3

Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb blamb@idirect.com

(416) 446-5938 OR (416) 904-5938 Cellular

The July Open – Toronto - Upcoming Tournament

This 5 round swiss will be held at the Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, on July 22 – 24. Time control will be Game/150 min.. Rounds are : Friday – 6:30 pm; Sat. & Sun. – 11:00 am & 5:30 pm. Entry Fee is \$55 (payable in cash by July 21). Late Fee - \$ 10. Non-members of BGC - \$ 15 extra. This is a CFC – rated tournament – membership required or \$ 10 tournament membership. There is also a draw for an early bird door prize, for those who register by July 15 – full entry fee rebate (\$ 55). For further information : Vlad Dobrich 416-722-9709.

Toronto Blitz Championship – Report

This tournament was played June 18 at the Bayview Games Club in Toronto, and attracted 47 players. The winner with 13/18 pts. was IM Igor Zugic. Tied for 2-4 with 12.5/18 pts. were : Andrei Gulko, Christian Stevens and Goran Milicevic. The other section winners were :

- A – Eddie Urquhart and Raja Panjwani – 11 pts.
- B – Michael Buscar – 11.5 pts.
- C – Martin Malette – 8.5 pts.
- D – Peter Bokhout – 8.5 pts.
- E – Christopher Knox and Tommy Choy – 7.5 pts.

June Open – Toronto – Report

This 5 round swiss attracted 24 players and was played June 24-26 at the Bayview Games Club in Toronto. It was won by Ron Livshits with an undefeated 5/5 pts. 2nd in the Open Section was Raja Panjwani with 4 pts. Tied for third with 3.5 pts. were Nikolay Noritsyn and Yuri Ochkoos. The other section winners were :

- A – Walter Chan and Alex Ferreira – 2.5 pts.
- B – Conrad Ho – 3.5 pts.
- C – Fred Henderson and Ben Shahi – 3 pts.
- D – Julian McRoberts – 2 pts.

SCC Closes for the Summer

The last round of the current tournament, the Late Spring Swiss, which has been a 7 round swiss, was Thursday, June 30. The winner was Jim Paterson.

SCC now closes for July and August for the summer break. It will reopen in September. The 2005-6 Annual General Meeting will be held the first Thursday after Labour Day, Thursday, September 8 at 7:00 PM. All members are encouraged to come. There will be elections of new officers, reports on the past year, and plans for the new year. Then the first round of the fall tournament will be held Thursday, September 15.

Have a great summer everyone !!

Game Over : Kasparov and the Machine – DVD

'Game Over: Kasparov and the Machine' DVD is available for rent at Rogers. ChessMaster 10 is included, so people can play through the match games!

First Canadian Chess Club

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I recently made a trip to the National Archives in Ottawa, and turned up the following interesting items, regarding Bernard Freedman and the evolution of the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC):

From 1872-1932, the Canadian Chess Association (CCA) had only one real responsibility: to organize the Canadian Championship. Bernard Freedman wanted the association to do much more, to be a promoter of chess in Canada. In 1932, he re-organized the CCA as the Canadian Chess Federation (CCF), later the CFC. In Stanley Wilson's 1958 essay "Chess in Canada", he reports how Freedman accomplished this at the 1932 Annual Meeting: "Freedman held the delegates in the conference room until all promised to cooperate and make the Federation the hub of organized chess in Canada, with far more power than it had ever assumed."

At the CFC's 1955 Annual Meeting, a motion by Baillargeon/Bergevin established a Permanent Trust Fund of the CFC, known as the Chess Foundation of Canada. Its charter is still in effect today, including the provision for a 5 person Board of Trustees. The first Chairman was Bernard Freedman; Phil Haley was among the initial group of the other four proposed trustees. So, this year is the 50th anniversary of the Foundation. I hope that today's CFC Governors will continue to move the CFC forward, by assuming greater responsibility in the areas of publicity and fundraising for chess in Canada.

While I conducted this research in person, there are also many Archives documents available on-line. One of these is the Dictionary of Canadian Biography: <http://www.biographi.ca/EN/index.html>

If you type in 'chess' as your search term, 11 biographies will be displayed, including those of two prominent Canadian chess players, first CFC President John Cherriman, and 1874 Canadian Champion William Hicks. Most of the others were avid chess players, although chess was just one of their many hobbies. One of the more interesting characters was Kahkewaquonaby, better known as Peter Edmund Jones (1843-1909). He lived both off the reservation and on it; he was probably the first native to earn his medical doctor degree at a Canadian university (1866).

The biography of Richard Bulkeley, a high-ranking Nova Scotia public official, reveals the earliest reference that I can locate for organized chess in Canada. From about 1787, he was 'president of a chess, pencil, and brush club in Halifax'. This predates the previously known early chess clubs - Quebec City (1840s), Kingston (1840s) and Montreal (1844) by over 50 years! Ironically, Nova Scotia is the only Canadian province to never host a national championship.

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