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Why Low Turnout in Weekend Tournaments in GTA and Surrounding Regions?

Current Situation

- the most recent weekend tournaments at the Bayview Games Club have drawn generally only between 30-40 players. At the recent Toronto April Open, there were only 9 players over 2000 registered.
- in York Region, the last couple of tournaments have drawn only between 30 –40 players.
- the exceptions to this are: the Toronto Labour Day Open, which generally draws over 100 players, the recent Kitchener-Waterloo Winter Open (76 players), and Hal Bond’s Guelph Pro-Am tournaments, the last of which drew over 100 players.

What is it that makes some weekend tournaments successful in terms of numbers, and others not?

Some Societal Factors at Work

- people’s lives seem busier now than in prior decades. Chess players seem to have greater difficulty making a commitment to a full Friday – Sunday weekend tournament.
- there are more activities vying for the chess players attention – poker, video games, organized sports, greater variety of programs on TV, etc.

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- the growth of internet chess, and chess computer programs, has had a dramatic effect on over-the-board tournaments. On the internet, chess players can play whenever they want, for one hour or four hours, any time of the day or night, and against players from all countries, and with all different levels of ratings. Chess computer programs allow similar flexibility. It seems true that because of this, more people than ever before are now playing chess. Whereas before, the only way to get your competitive chess “fix” was in weekend tournaments or club tournaments, now there is the internet and computer chess programs. The weekend tournament no longer has a “captive audience”.

What we have seen across Canada is, although more people seem to be playing chess, the numbers coming out to weekend tournaments have generally shrunk. Is there anything that can be done to counter this diminishing weekend tournament over-the-board participation?

Elite Prizes As a Possible Contributing Factor to Low Turnout

One complaint heard in Toronto from elite players is that the prizes are too low for a weekend’s work, and for the expertise the elite have developed over the years with hours of study.

How are the prizes now determined? One factor is the number of elite players coming out to play in the Open Section – the more entry fees, the higher the prizes. For example, Vlad Dobrich (Bayview Games Club), holds a tournament in his own chess club space, and does not take any expenses out of entry fees – 100% of entry fees go to prizes. But how are prizes to be high if the numbers of over 2000 players is low – only 9 players in the last tournament. And Vlad raids the class players’ entry fees to the tune of 50% and transfers the money from the class prizes to the Open Section prizes. This is surely a benefit for the elite players, yet they still don’t come out.

In the recent tournament, where only 25% of the players were over 2000, the prizes were:

Open Section - \$ 1000 (1st - \$ 500; 2nd - \$ 300 ; 3rd - \$ 200)

5 Class Sections - \$ 645 (A – \$ 150; B - \$ 135 ; C - \$ 130 ; D- \$120 ; E - \$ 110)

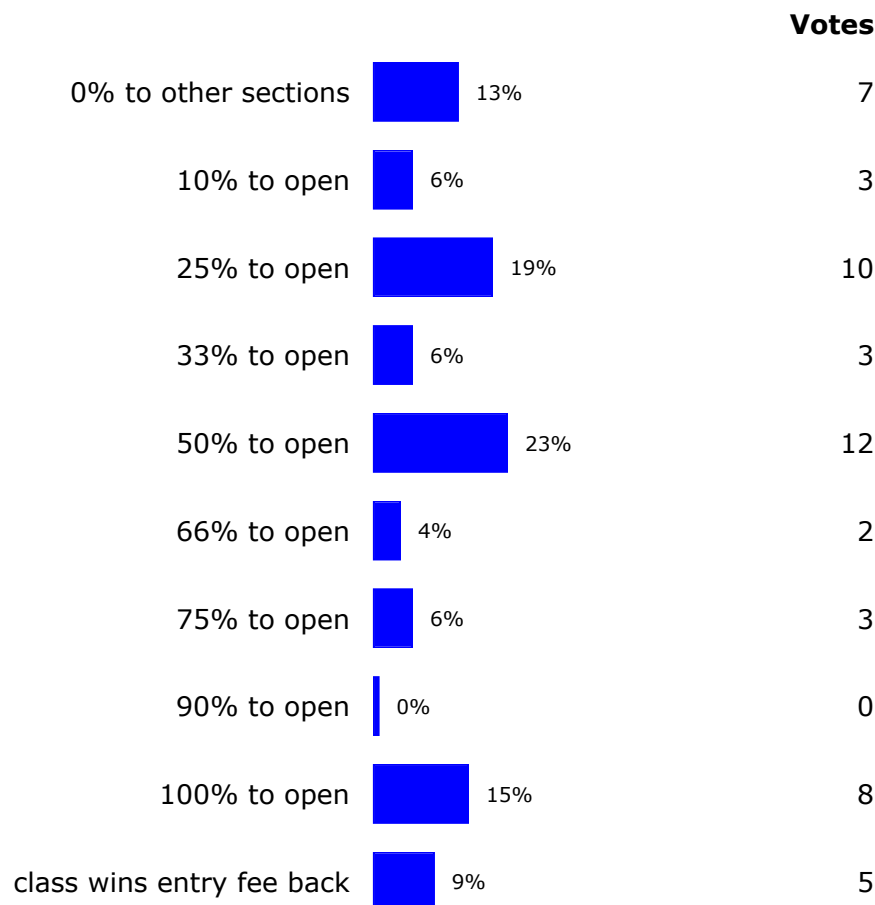
It would seem that a lot is being done to try to attract the elite players, but they complain it is insufficient.

Distribution of Class Entry Fees/Prizes As a Possible Contributing Factor in Low Turnout

The extent to which the class players subsidize the elite players makes some class players unhappy. A recent poll on ChessTalk inquired whether people were satisfied with the 50% subsidizing, or wanted it more, or less. Here are the results of that poll:

Poll Results

Per cent of class players entry fees to Open prizes in weekend swisses



53 votes total

- One quarter of the respondents were satisfied with the status quo (50% subsidy);
- 44% (just short of 50%) wanted **less** money going to the elite in the Open Section from the class entry fees.

It seems that we can conclude from this that if the class prizes were larger, more class players would be happy (though the elite would be more unhappy).

It is interesting to note that at the Toronto April Open, a full 75% of the players were U 2000. It is the class players who are coming out to support the weekend tournaments. So the question is:

If the class prizes were bigger, or more numerous (eg. **all** class entry fees stay in the class as prizes) would this appeal not only to the class players already coming out, but to other class players who have been tempted to come out , but haven't.? Would we

see an increase in class players (whom we should be trying to attract, since they are the biggest portion of tournament players)?

We would argue that bigger or more numerous class prizes will draw bigger numbers of class players, and the increase will more than offset the smaller number of elite players.

The Effect of Class Entry Fee Discounts

This principle of non-subsidization is already being tried in the York Region by the Ontario Chess Association (Pres. & Organizer – Barry Thorvardson). It is organizing a series of York Region tournaments, where all class entry fees stay in the classes (less their proportionate share of expenses). What has been the result?

In the York Region March and April Opens, 30 –40 players registered. Again we have the low turnout problem. And yet there is an attempt to attract the class player.

However, there is a counter-principle Barry is using, which works against higher class prizes. He is also trying to attract class players by giving a discount on entry fees to U 2000 players. Over 2000 players pay \$ 50 (to try to keep the prizes up in the Open Section), but U 2000 players pay only \$ 30. Though this attempts to attract class players by lower entry fee, it has the added result of keeping the class prizes low, despite keeping all entry fees in the classes, because the total prize money is less than if the full entry fee was charged

With the 35-player turnout, and the expenses of hall rental (a school classroom), and a few other minor expenses, the prizes at the York Region April Open were :

Open Section/ U 2200 - \$ 330 (Open – 1st - \$ 120; 2nd - \$ 80; U 2200 – 1st - \$ 80;
2nd - \$ 50)
3 Classes & Unrated - \$ 340 (U2000 – 1st - \$ 80 ; 2nd - \$ 50; U 1800 – 1st - \$ 60 ;
2nd - \$ 30; U 1600 – 1st - \$ 60; 2nd - \$ 30; Unrated - \$ 30)

So is it better to give the break on entry fee, or better to keep the entry fee normal, to increase the prizes in the classes?

It is noteworthy that Hal Bond's Guelph Pro-Am tournaments work somewhat similarly – about 50% entry fee for the class sections (where no cash prizes), but full entry fee for the Open Section. Only there, Hal increases the Open section prizes by taking 100% of the class entry fees for the Open Section (and the class players show up !).

We can see that this York Region prize structure will not attract complaining elite players! The prizes at BGC are substantially higher, and yet there are still complaints.

But will it attract the class players? I think the jury is still out on whether class players respond more to discounted entry fees or to higher class prizes. We will have to see if the next York Region May Open does better.

One Possible Solution : A Class Tournament Aimed Only at Class Players

Would class players like a “ class “ tournament, where they got to play for big prizes (the elite would be ineligible)? Would they come out to support such a tournament?

One model using the terms and conditions usually employed at BGC weekend tournaments could be:

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“ Toronto Bayview Games Club Presents

The Toronto Restricted Class Open

(a one-section 5-round swiss - accelerated pairings used)

Rounds: Fri. Eve.: 1 Sat: 2 Sun.: 2

Time Control: Game/150 min.

Eligibility: For players rated 2099 - 1700 (no player U 2099 who has had a peak rating over 2099 in the last 5 years is eligible; no unrated players eligible; players U 1700 are eligible based on the sliding entry fee below)

Entry Fee: \$55. Non-members of BGC pay \$ 21 extra for 3-day membership fee. Late fee on day of tournament \$ 10 extra. Players U 1700 pay \$10 per 100 rating points ie. 1699 - 1600 - \$ 10 extra; 1599 - 1500 - \$ 20 extra; 1499 - 1400 - \$ 30 extra; etc.

CFC rated: CFC membership or \$ 10 tournament fee required.

Prizes: 100% of entry fees; based on 40 players = at least \$ 2200 (including early bird prizes). 1st - \$ 1000 2nd - \$ 500 3rd - \$ 200 4th - 100 5th - \$ 75 6th - \$ 60 7th - \$ 55 8th - \$ 50. Enter at least 1 week in advance to be eligible for early bird prize - full entry fee rebate (\$ 55) - 1 prize per 10 early entrants- 3 prizes based on 30 advance entries.

Equipment: All provided

Entries and Info: Vlad Dobrich “

Note that the range of players sought are 2099 – 1700. And the first prize is \$ 1000. And there are 8 prizes in this one-section swiss (all based on the modest figure of only 40 participants). There is no subsidizing of a higher section.

Would Toronto class players come out to such a tournament if Vlad could be enticed to try to organize such a tournament? If you are eligible, would you come out? E-mail us and let us know, and if so, why would you come out, and if not, why not. We’ll publish some of the responses and try to summarize them in total.

Conclusion

What is obvious is that the status quo is not working – there are generally low turnouts. So some new things must be tried to see what will attract larger numbers of both elite and class players. But it is also obvious that it is the class players who carry the tournaments, and solutions must focus on making the weekend tournament more attractive to them, if numbers are to rise.

Gausdal Classics Tournament - Norway

This 10-player round robin took place from April 18 – 26. 16-year old GM Magnus Carlsen of Norway finished first, a full 1 ½ pts. ahead of the field. The final standings were:

Place	Name	Fed	ELO	Title	Score	Perf
1.	Carlsen, Magnus	NOR	2690	gm	7.0	2748
2.	Krasenkow, Mikal	POL	2651	gm	5.5	2608
3.	Portisch, Lajos	HUN	2512	gm	5.5	2619
4.	Rozentalis, Eduardas	LIT	2578	gm	5.5	2611
5.	Kulaots, Kaido	EST	2526	gm	5.0	2580
6.	Krush, Irina	USA	2449	im	4.5	2546
7.	Dreev, Alexei	RUS	2658	gm	4.5	2527
8.	Lie, Kjetil A	NOR	2529	gm	4.0	2529
9.	Jones, Gawain	ENG	2509	im	2.5	2373
10.	Moskow, Eric	USA	2260		1.0	2197

Bid Accepted for 2007 Canadian Closed (Non Zonal) / 2007 Canadian Women's Closed (Zonal)

(report from Organizer, Hal Bond, on ChessTalk)

“ The Canadian Closed and Women's Zonal will run from August 1-6, in Kitchener, Ontario, with alternating double and single round days. FIDE titles and norms will be possible. The Canadian Closed will be run in 2 sections. The Championship section will consist of the top 24 players registered as of early July (deadline TBA). The reserve group will be open to all players over 2000, and will qualify 4 players to the 2008 Zonal. The Women's Zonal will be open to all females over 1700. “

Thank you Hal for organizing this bid. We hope all top Canadians will come out to play in the Closed, despite it being a non-Zonal year. Will you be arranging with MonRoi to broadcast the top games on the internet? I'm sure lots of Canadians would tune in to watch !! Great news, since we have held for some time that a national championship should be held every year, even if only every second one is a World Chess Championship Zonal.

York Region April Open - Report

This swiss tournament was held in 5 classes, 5 rounds, on May 14 – 15 in Richmond Hill. There was an attempt made to entice more class players to come out, by doing 2 things; 1. the entry fee was reduced for U 2000 and lower by \$ 20 (Open was \$ 50; U 2000 & lower paid \$ 30); 2. all entry fees remained in the classes as prizes (the classes did not subsidize the Open section – the prize fund for the Open section was comprised solely of their own entry fees, at the higher rate, to try to give a bigger prize fund). The tournament attracted 35 players.

The winners were:

Open Section – 1st – 5 pts. (undefeated) – Nikolay Noritsyn

2nd – 3.5 pts. – Ilia Bluvshstein

U 2200. – 1st/2nd – 3 pts – Josh Guo

Alex Martchenko

U 2000 – 1st – 4.5 pts. (undefeated) – Danny Aniag (SCC member !!)

2nd – 4 pts (undefeated) – Yelizaveta Orlova

U 1800 – 1st/2nd – 3.5 pts. – Joe Bellomo (SCC member !!)

Jerry Z.S. Wang

U 1600 – 1st – 3.5 pts. – Jonathan Lai

2nd/3rd – 3 pts. – Genya Oparin

Michael Noukhovitch

Unrated – 1st – 1 pt. – Kyle France

Ontario Chess Challenge - Report

(Organized by Chess 'N Math – report by Leslie Armstrong, on ChessTalk)

400 students attended the Ontario Chess Challenge Sunday, April 22, in Concord. Many thanks to all those who helped to make the event a successful one. Also, special thanks to GM Mark Bluvshstein for meeting with the participants, posing for photos, signing autographs and staying late to help hand out the trophies. The youngsters were thrilled to meet a real Grandmaster!

The top 3 in each grade are listed below. Full results will be posted in the ratings section of www.chess-math.org in a couple of days.

Kindergarten

1. Brett Gugel
2. Julian Tabbitt
3. Minoosh Fathi

Grade 1

1. Joseph Bellissimo
2. Josiah Taylor
3. Cyrus Kootar

Grade 2

1. Yinshi Li
2. Hanyuan Ye
3. Michael Li

Grade 3

1. Steven Leu
2. Patrick Yu
3. Christopher Poloniato

Grade 4

1. Christopher Knox
2. Jonathan Lai
3. Steven H. Liu

Grade 5

1. Alexandru Florea
2. Joey Qin
3. Alex Chan

Grade 6

1. Aquino Inigo
2. Nikita Gusev
3. Ross Cunningham

Grade 7

1. Arthur Calugar
2. Roman Sapozhnikov
3. Nikesh Patel

Grade 8

1. Karoly Szalay
2. Lloyd Mai
3. Alexander Martchenko

Grade 9

1. Shiyam Thavandiran
2. Avinaash Sundar
3. Aman Hambleton

Grade 10

1. Kevin Chung
2. Athavan Mylvannan
3. Justin McDonald

Grade 11

1. Raja Panjwani
2. Zhe Quan
3. Varoon Parekh

Grade 12

1. Derek Jia

2. Alan Hoover
3. Zachary Burrows

SCC Junior Wins Big !

Grade 7 student, and SCC Junior, Yuanling Yuan, on Friday, April 27, won the Toronto Secondary School Chess League's Individual Championship for Gr. 7 – 12 with a perfect 5/5 score. Congratulations Yuanling – your future SCC opponents in the SCC Swisses will be treading more carefully after this !

GTCL League

The Greater Toronto Chess League has 2 team leagues, one 2000 & Over, and one Under 2000. There are 3 teams in the Premier League : Chess Academy of Canada, Willowdale CC and Brampton CC. This year SCC has both an " A " and " B " team in the U 2000 league. There are 8 teams in this division. The others are Chess Academy (2); BOTSB (Conrad Ho); Willowdale CC; Brampton CC and Knights of Chess.

On Thursday, April 19, both SCC A & B teams played at SCC. The A Team played Brampton and won 3.5 - .5. The team was: Donal Deiseach (won), Josh Sherman (won), Maurice Smith (drew), and Michael Perez (won).

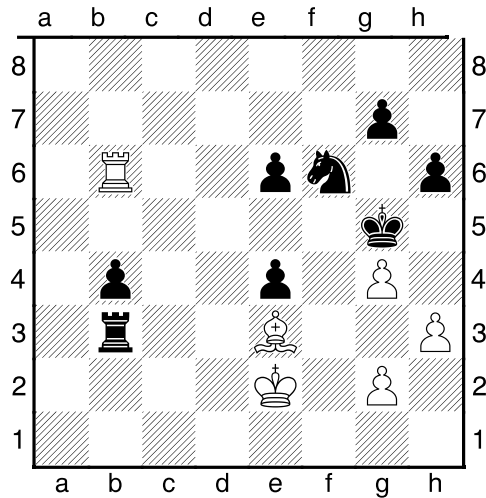
Here is Donal's win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Giorgiu (Brampton), N – Deiseach (SCC A), D (2005) [C90]

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1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5± [5...Bc5=] 6.Bb3 d6 7.Re1 Be7 8.c3 Na5 9.Bc2 c5 10.a4 Bg4 11.d3??= [11...d4 cxd4 12.axb5 axb5 13.cxd4 Nc6 14.Rxa8 Qxa8 15.d5 Nd4±] 11...0-0 12.Nbd2 Qd7 13.Nf1 Nc6 14.Ng3 h6??± [14...b4? 15.h3 Be6 16.d4 b3 17.Bxb3 exd4 18.cxd4 cxd4 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Nxd4 Rab8±; 14...Rac8 15.axb5 axb5 16.Bg5 h6 17.Be3 d5 18.exd5 Nxd5 19.Bd2 h5=] 15.h3 Be6 16.d4 cxd4 17.cxd4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Rac8??± Nicolas gets a " clear " advantage [19...bxa4 20.Rxa4 Rfc8 21.Bd3 a5±] **20.Bb1??=** [20.Bd3 Ra8 21.Be3 Rfb8 22.axb5 axb5±] **20...Rc4 21.Qd1** [21.Qb6 Rfc8 22.Bd3 R8c6 23.Qb8+ Rc8 24.Qb6 Rxa4 25.Rxa4 bxa4=] **21...Rfc8** [21...bxa4 22.Bd2 d5=] **22.Ba2??+** this should lose 2 minor pieces for a R [22.Bd3 Rxa4 23.Rxa4 bxa4=] **22...Rc2??=** Donal misses the win of material [22...Rxc1 23.Rxc1 Rxc1 24.Qxc1 Bxa2+] **23.Bxe6 fxe6 24.Re2??±** [24.axb5 axb5 25.Re2 R2c7=] **24...Qc7??±** [24...Rxe2 25.Qxe2 bxa4 26.Qxa6 Qc6±] **25.Rxc2??=** [25.Bf4 Rc4 26.b3 Rc6 27.axb5 axb5 28.Rea2 Qd8±] **25...Qxc2 26.Qxc2??±** Donal gets a " clear " advantage [26.Be3 b4 27.Qd4 Rc4 28.Qa7 Kf7 29.Qxa6 Qxb2=] **26...Rxc2 27.axb5 axb5 28.b3 d5 29.Be3 dxe4??±** Donal goes up a P [29...Nxe4 30.Nxe4 dxe4 31.Ra7 Bf8±] **30.Ra8+ Kh7 31.Rb8** [31.Ra6 Rb2 32.Rxe6 Bd8 33.Nxe4 Rxb3 34.Kf1 Nxe4 35.Rxe4 Bf6±] **31...b4 32.Rb7??+** Donal gets a " winning " advantage [32.Rb6 e5 33.Re6 Bd8 34.Rxe5 Rb2 35.Nf1 Rxb3 36.Nd2 Rb2 37.Kf1 Bc7 38.Rb5 Bd6±] **32...Bf8??±** [32...Bd6 33.Bd4 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Kg8+] **33.Bd4 Kg6 34.Kf1 Rc1+ 35.Ke2 Rb1 36.Rb8??+** [36.Bxf6 gxf6 37.Nxe4 Rb2+ 38.Kd3 Rxb3+ 39.Kc4 Rb2±] **36...Bd6 37.Rb6 Bxg3 38.fxg3 Rxb3** Donal goes up 2 P's **39.g4 Kg5??=** Donal has let Nicolas off the hook [39...Kf7 40.Rb7+ Ke8 41.Bxf6 gxf6 42.Rh7 Rb2+ 43.Ke3 Rxc2 44.Kxe4 b3 45.Rxh6 Rg1 46.Rh8+ Kf7 47.Rb8 Rg3 48.h4 Rxc2+ 49.Kf3 Rxh4 50.Kg3 Ra4 51.Rb7+ Kg6 52.Rxb3 e5+] **40.Be3+??** just when he is saved, Nicolas blunders the B ! [40.Rxe6 Ra3 41.Bxf6+ gxf6 42.Rxe4 b3 43.Rb4 Ra2+ 44.Kd1 b2= material would be equal]

Position after 40.Be3+??



40...Rxe3+-+ the N fork is coming 0-1

Here is Josh Sherman's win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Sherman(SCC A), J (1700) – Thomas(Brampton), D (1875) [B21]

GTCL U 2000 League Toronto, 19.04.2007

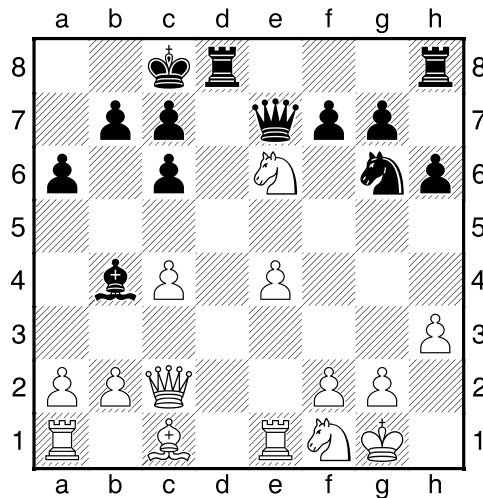
1.e4 c5± 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3? = Fritz is not big on gambits. [3...Qxd4± 3...dxc3 [3...Nc6? 4.cxd4 d5 5.exd5 Qxd5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Nc3 Qf5± 4.Nxc3 but at least it considers the position equal, though W is down a P 4...Nc6 5.Bc4 e6 6.Nf3 Nf6 7.Qe2 Qc7?± [7...Bb4 8.0-0 0-0 9.e5 Ne8=] 8.0-0 Ng4 9.g3??± [9.Nb5 Qb8 10.h3 h5± 9...Bc5 10.Bf4 [10.Nb5 Qb8 11.Bf4 d6 12.Rad1 e5 13.Bg5 0-0± 10...e5??± [10...d6 11.Rad1 a6 12.Na4 e5 13.Nxc5 dxc5 14.Bg5 0-0± 11.Nd5 Qd8?± Josh gets a " clear " advantage, though still down a P [11...Qd6?? 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bd2 b5 14.Bxb5 Bb7+-; 11...Qb8 12.Bd2 d6 13.h3 Nf6 14.Ng5 Nd8± 12.Bg5 f6 13.Be3?± [13.Bd2 d6 14.b4 Bb6 15.Rad1 Nd4 16.Qd3 Bd7±] 13...Nxe3 14.fxe3 d6 [14...g6? 15.Nh4 Rf8 16.a3 a5 17.Qf2 Rb8 18.Qe2 (18.Nxf6+ Qxf6 19.Qxf6 Rxf6 20.Rxf6 Bxe3+ 21.Kg2 b5 22.Bd5 b4±) 18...d6±] 15.Nh4 [15.Ng5? h5 (15...fxg5?? 16.Qh5+ g6 17.Qf3 Be6 18.Nf6+ Kf8 19.Ng4+ Ke8 20.Bxe6 Qe7 21.Bb3 h5 22.Nf6+ Kd8 23.Ng8 Rxc8 24.Bxc8 Kc7±) 16.Nxf6+! gxf6 17.Nf7 Bg4 18.Qd3 Nb4 19.Qb3 Qb6=; 15.Rab1? Bg4 (15...Bh3?? 16.Ng5 Bxf1 17.Rxf1 Bxe3+ 18.Qxe3 Nd4+-) 16.b4 Bb6 17.a4 Qd7=] 15...h5 [15...Bh3 16.b4 Nxb4 17.Qh5+ Kd7 18.Qf7+ Kc8 19.Rfb1 Qd7±] 16.Nf5 Kf8 17.a3 [17.Rac1 a5 18.Qf3 Rb8±] 17...a6 [17...a5 18.Rad1 Bd7 19.h3 a4±] 18.Rad1 b5??+- Josh gets a " winning " advantage [18...a5 19.Rf3 a4 20.Qd3 Na5 21.Bb5 Nc6±] 19.Ba2 b4 (2.69) [19...Bd7? 20.b4 Ba7 21.Nxf6! Bxf5 22.Nd5 g6 23.exf5 g5 24.f6 Rh6+- (5.80)] 20.axb4 Nxb4 21.Nxb4 Bxf5 22.Rxf5 (4.18) W is up N vs P 22...Qa5?+- (7.88) [22...Bxb4? 23.Rxh5 Rxh5 24.Qxh5 Qd7 25.Qh8+ Ke7 26.Qxa8 Bc5 27.Rd3 Qg4+- W would be up a R; 22...h4 23.g4 Qd7 24.Nd5 Rb8+- (4.73) W would be up N vs P] 23.Qc4 Qc7 24.Nd5?+- (5.51) [24.Kg2 Ke8 25.Rxh5 Rf8+- (8.03)] 24...Qf7 25.b4 Ba7 26.Rdf1 Rh6 27.Qc6 Rd8 28.Bc4?+- (5.31) Josh misses a nice tactical shot [28.Nxf6! Bxe3+ 29.Kh1 Qxa2 30.Qc7 Rxf6 31.Qxd8+ Kf7 32.Rxf6+ gxf6 33.Rxf6+ Kg7 34.Qe7+ Kh8 35.Qe8+ Qg8 36.Qxh5+ Kg7 37.Rxd6 Qf7 38.Qxe5+ Kh7 39.Rf6 Qg7 40.Qf5+ Kh8 41.Rxa6 Qg8 42.Rg6 Qxg6 43.Qxg6+-] 28...Bb8 29.Nxf6! gxf6 30.Bxf7 Kxf7 Josh is up Q vs B 31.Qb7+ Ke6 32.Qg7 and it's mate coming 1-0

The SCC B Team played Chess Academy B. Chess Academy won 3:1. The SCC players were: Steve Karpik (lost); Stephen Lung (lost); Patrick Lung (lost); Aaron Wu (won). Here is Aaron's win (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Wu (SCC B), A (1491) – Noritsyn (Chess Academy B), E (1349) [C68]
 GTCL U 2000 League Toronto, 19.04.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6± [2...Nf6=] 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6?=[4.Ba4 Nf6 (4...Qf6? 5.0-0 Bc5 6.Nc3 Nge7 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nd4 9.Nxe5 0-0±) 5.0-0 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0±] 4...dxc6 5.0-0 Bg4 6.d3 Bd6 7.Nbd2 Qf6 8.Re1 [8.h3 Be6 9.b3 Ne7 10.Nc4 h6=] 8...Ne7 9.h3 Be6 10.Nf1?± [10.Nc4 Bxc4 11.dxc4 Ng6=] 10...h6 11.c3 0-0-0 12.d4 [12.Be3 g5 13.N1h2 Qg7±] 12...Ng6?=[12...Qg6 13.dxe5 Bxe5 14.Nxe5 Rxd1 15.Nxg6 Rxe1 16.Nxe7+ Kd7 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 Rhe8±] 13.Qc2?± [13.Ng3 exd4 14.cxd4 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4=] 13...Qe7?=[13...Bxh3?! 14.dxe5 (14.gxh3?? Qxf3 15.Re3 Qf6-+) 14...Bxe5 15.Nxe5 (15.gxh3?? Qxf3 16.Re3 Qh5-+) 15...Nxe5 16.f4 (16.gxh3?? Nf3+ 17.Kh1 Qg6 18.Ng3 Qe6 19.Nf5 Nxe1-+) 16...Qh4 17.Be3 (17.gxh3?? Nf3+ 18.Kh1 Qxh3+ 19.Nh2 Nxe1 20.Qe2 Rd1!-+; 17.fxe5?? Qxe1 18.gxh3 Rd1 19.Qf2 Rhd8-+) 17...Nd3 18.Red1 Qg4=; 13...Rhe8 14.Ng3 Nh4 15.Nxh4 Qxh4 16.dxe5 Bxe5 17.Nf5 Qf6±] 14.c4?± [14.Be3 Qf6 15.Kh1 Qe7 16.Rac1 Kb8=] 14...exd4 15.Nxd4 Bb4 16.Nxe6?± Liza gets a " clear " advantage [16.Rd1 Rhe8 17.Nxe6 Qxe6 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8±]

Position after 16.Nxe6?



16...Bxe1??+- Liza takes the wrong piece [16...Qxe6 17.Re3 Bc5 18.Rc3 Bd4 19.Rb3 Ne5±] 17.Nxd8 Rxd8 material is equal, but the BI B can be trapped 18.Be3 Bb4 [18...Ba5 19.c5 Qe5 20.Rb1 Re8 21.Ng3 h5 22.b4 h4 23.Nf5 Qxe4 24.Qxe4 Rxe4 25.bxa5 Nf4 26.Nxg7 Nd5+-] 19.c5 Qe5 20.a3 Ba5 21.Rb1 b6 22.b4 bxc5?+- (6.13) [22...b5 23.bxa5 Qe6 24.Ng3 Ne5+- (4.45)] 23.bxa5 Aaron has B vs P 23...c4?+- (7.35) [23...Qd6 24.Qb3 Qd3 25.Qb7+ Kd7 26.Bxc5 Nf4+- (5.39)] 24.Qxc4 Qxa5 25.Qxc6 Aaron is up a B 25...Ne5?+- (18.84) this loses the R [25...Rd6 26.Qe8+ Rd8 27.Qxf7 Qe5 (27...Nf8 28.Ba7+-) 28.Qxg6+-] 26.Qa8+ Kd7 27.Rd1+ Aaron will be up R + B 1-0

SCC Spring Swiss

50 players (rated from 983 to 2203) registered for this one-section, 8 round swiss which started on March 15. Rd. 8 is on Thursday, May 3

After 7 rounds, expert John Hall has sole possession of first place, with 6 pts.. Tied for 2nd/3rd at 5.5 pts. are Master Bryan Lamb, this year's club champion and highest-rated player in the tournament, and newcomer Danny Aniaq. Tied for 3rd/4th are Jim Paterson, one of last year's club co-champions, and Randy Moysoski.

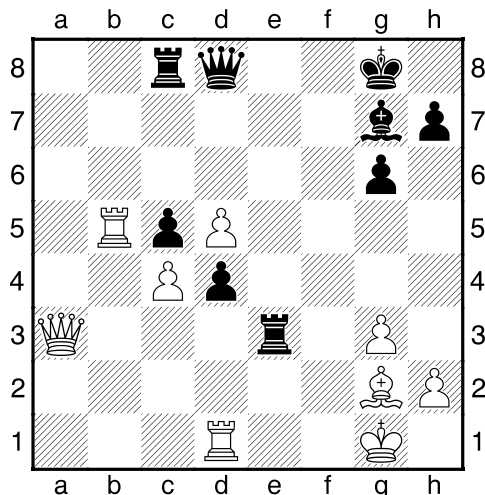
In round 6, on Bd. 1, the two co-leaders met. Master Bryan Lamb played newcomer Danny Aniaq, unrated, recently from the Philippines, where he used to play many years ago. It was a tough positional struggle, with both players trying to queen a dPawn, where initially Danny had Bryan on the ropes, but Bryan came back and got the win. With this win Bryan took sole possession of first place with 5.5 pts., ½ pt. ahead of expert John Hall in second place. Here is the Aniaq-Lamb game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Aniaq, D – Lamb, B (2203) [E67]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (6), 19.04.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6± 3.g3= [3.Nc3±] 3...Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 c6 8.b3 Re8 9.Qc2 e5 10.Rd1 Qe7 [10...exd4? 11.Nxd4 Qe7 12.Bf4 a5±] 11.dxe5 dxe5 [11...Nxe5 12.Ba3 Rd8 13.Qd2 Nxf3+ 14.exf3 Qe5=] 12.a4 [12.h3 Nc5 13.Qd2 Nce4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Qe3 f5=] 12...Nc5 13.e4 Qc7 [13...a5 14.h3 h6 15.Ba3 Bf8=] 14.Ba3 [14.b4 Na6 15.Ba3 Bf8 16.Rab1 h6=] 14...Nfd7??± [14...Bf8 15.b4 Na6 16.Rab1 Be6=] 15.b4?=[15.a5 h6 16.h3 Rd8 17.h4 Bf8±] 15...Ne6 16.Ne2 c5??± [16...b6 17.Bh3 Nf6 18.Bg2 c5=] 17.bxc5?=[17.Nc3 h6 18.Nd5 Qd8 19.a5 b6±] 17...Ndx5 18.Nc3 Bd7 19.Bb4 [19.Nb5 Qb8 20.Rab1 b6=] 19...Nd4 20.Qa2 [20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Nb5 d3 22.Nxc7 dxc2 23.Bxc5 cxd1Q+ 24.Rxd1 Bxa4 25.Rb1 b6 26.Be3 Rac8 27.Nxe8 Bxe8= material would be equal] 20...Bg4??+– an innocent enough looking error; but Danny gets a "winning" advantage [20...h6 21.Nd5 Qc8 22.Rab1 Rb8 23.Ba3 Nxe4 24.Nxe5 Bxe5 25.Bxe4 Bf5 26.f3 Bxe4 27.fxe4 Kg7=; 20...Rac8 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Nd5 Qd8=; 20...Qc8 21.Nd5 Bg4 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Rf1 d3 24.f3 Bd7=] 21.Nxd4 exd4 22.Nd5??± Danny takes his N to the wrong square [22.Nb5 Qe7 23.f3 Bd7 24.f4 Bg4 25.Rd2 a5 26.Ba3 Rac8+–] 22...Qd6??+– Danny gets a "winning" advantage again as this time Bryan takes his Q to the wrong square [22...Qc8 23.Rdb1 Rb8 24.Qa3 b6 25.Re1 Be6±] 23.Qa3??± [23.f3 Be6 24.f4 Qf8 25.e5 Rac8 26.Qa3 b6 27.a5 f6+–] 23...Rac8 24.f3 Be6 25.Rab1??= Danny loses his advantage [25.f4 a5 26.Be1 Nxe4! 27.Bxe4 Qxa3 28.Rxa3 Rxc4 29.Bd2 Bh3± W would have N vs 2 P's] 25...b6??± [25...a5 26.Bxc5 Qxc5 27.Qxc5 Rxc5=] 26.a5?=[26.f4 Qd8 27.Re1 Kh8 28.a5 f5±] 26...f5 27.axb6??± after having Bryan on the ropes for the recent part of the game, Danny errs and for the first time in the game, Bryan gets the advantage [27.Qa2 Qd8 28.axb6 axb6 29.Qf2 fxe4 30.fxe4 Rf8 31.Qe2 Be5=] 27...axb6 28.Bxc5 [28.Qb2 fxe4 29.fxe4 Qe5 30.Rf1 Bxd5 31.exd5 Nd3 32.Qc2 Qe3+ 33.Kh1 Bf8±] 28...bxc5 [28...Qxc5? 29.Qa7 h6 30.Rxb6 d3+ 31.Kh1 Bxd5 32.cxd5 d2=] 29.Rb6 [29.f4 fxe4 30.Bxe4 Rb8 31.Qd3 Kh8±] 29...Qd8?=[29...Qf8 30.Qd3 Rb8 31.Rxb8 Rxb8±] 30.Rb5 fxe4 31.fxe4 Bxd5 32.exd5 Re3

Position after 32...Re3



33.Qa7??? Bryan gets a " clear " advantage [33.Qb2 Qd6 34.Rb6 Qe5 35.Re6 Rb8 36.Qd2 Qg5=] **33...Qe8 34.Rf1** [34.Rbb1 d3 35.Qa5 Bd4 36.Kh1 Ra8 37.Qc7 d2?] **34...Re1 35.Rb1?+** Bryan gets a " winning " advantage [35.Qa3 Ra8 36.Qf3 d3 37.Rb1 Re2?; 35.Qa2 Rxf1+ 36.Bxf1 d3?] **35...Rxb1 36.Rxb1 Qe3+???** Bryan is losing his advantage [36...d3 37.Qa2 Bc3 38.Bh3 Qe4 39.Qg2 Qd4+ 40.Kh1 Rf8+] **37.Kh1 d3 38.Qa3??+** Bryan gets back the " winning " advantage [38.Qb7 Rf8 39.d6 d2 40.Qe4 Qxe4 41.Bxe4 Kf7 42.Bd5+ Kf6?] **38...Qe2 39.Bf1** [39.Qc1 Re8 40.Qf1 Rf8 41.Qe1 Rf2 42.Rb8+ Kf7 43.Rb7+ Kf6 44.Qa1+ Kf5 45.Rxg7 d2-+] **39...Qe4+ 40.Bg2 Qxc4 41.Rd1 Re8 42.h3 Bc3 43.d6 Qd4???** [43...d2 44.d7 Rd8 45.Bc6 Kg7-+] **44.Qa6??+** [44.Qb3+ Kg7 45.Rf1 c4 46.Qb7+ Kh6 47.Qf7 Re1 48.Rxe1 Bxe1 49.Qf8+ Qg7 50.Qf4+ g5 51.Qxc4 d2?] **44...d2 45.Rf1 d1Q 46.d7 Qxf1+ 47.Bxf1 Qxd7 48.Qc4+ Qf7-+** Danny is down R + P; he resigned; coming is **49.Kh2 Qxc4 50.Bxc4+ Kg7 51.Kg2 Re3 52.g4 Be5 53.Kf2 Rxh3 54.Bf1 Bd4+ 55.Kg2 Re3 56.Bc4 Kf6 57.Kf1 Rg3 58.Ke2 Rxg4+ 0-1**

Meanwhile, in Round 6 on Bd. 3, an upset was taking place. Jim Paterson obtained a B + 2 P's vs R against the second highest rated player in the tournament, junior expert Aman Hambleton. At the end, Aman erred and dropped an N, but Jim already had a " winning " advantage by that point. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Hambleton, A (2113) – Paterson, J (1916) [A77]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (6), 19.04.2007

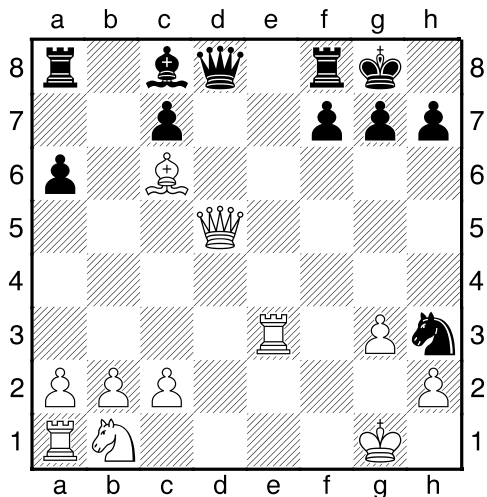
1.d4 e6± 2.c4= [2.e4±] **2...Nf6 3.Nc3 c5?±** [3...d5] **4.d5 exd5** [4...d6 5.Nf3 Qa5 6.Qd2 Be7±] **5.cxd5** [5.Nxd5 Nxd5 6.cxd5 Bd6 7.Nf3 f5±] **5...a6?±** Aman gets a " clear " advantage [5...Bd6? 6.e4 0-0 7.f4 Nxe4 8.Nxe4 Re8 9.Qe2 Bf8 10.g4 b5±; 5...d6 6.e4 Be7 7.Bb5+ Bd7 8.Bd3 0-0±] **6.a4?±** [6.Nf3? d6 7.e4 Nbd7 8.Be2 Be7 9.0-0 0-0±; 6.e4? d6 7.Nf3±; 6.Qc2 d6 7.e4 Nbd7 8.Be2 Be7 9.f4 b5±] **6...d6 7.e4 g6?±** [7...Be7 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Qc2 Nbd7 10.Be2 Ng4 11.0-0 Bf6±] **8.Nf3 Bg7 9.Be2?±** [9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0±] **9...0-0 10.0-0 Re8 11.Nd2 Nbd7 12.f4 Rb8** [12...a5? 13.Bb5 Re7 14.Re1 Nb6±; 12...h6 13.Bf3 a5 14.Nc4 Nb6 15.Ne3 Bd7±] **13.Qc2 Qa5??+-** Aman gets a " winning " advantage [13...Nb6 14.a5 Nbx5! 15.exd5 Nxd5 16.Nxd5 Rxe2±] **14.Nc4 Qc7 15.e5 dxe5 16.d6??=** Aman loses his advantage [16.a5 Bh8 17.fxe5 Nxe5

18.Bf4 Bf5+-] 16...Qd8 17.fxe5 [17.a5 exf4 18.Bxf4 b5 19.axb6 Nxb6 20.d7 Bxd7 21.Bxb8 Nxc4 22.Bxc4 Qxb8=] 17...Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Rxe5 19.Bf4 Qxd6 20.Rad1 Qe7 21.Bxe5 Qxe5 Jim has B + 2 P's vs R 22.Rd8+ Ne8 23.Qd2 Be6 24.Rd1?? for the first time, Jim gets the advantage [24.Kh1 h6 25.a5 Kh7 26.Rxb8 Qxb8=] 24...Bf6?? [24...Rxd8 25.Qxd8 Bb3 26.Re1 Qe3+ 27.Kh1 Bxc3 28.bxc3 Bxa4] 25.Rxb8 Qxb8 26.Bf3 b5? = [26...Bd4+ 27.Kh1 Nf6 28.Rf1 b6] 27.axb5 axb5 28.Ne2?? [28.Kh1 b4 29.Nd5 Bxd5 30.Bxd5 Bd4=] 28...Qe5 29.Ra1?+ Jim gets a " winning " advantage [29.Kh1 Nc7 30.Qa5 Bc4 31.Ng3 Qe7] 29...Bg5?? [29...Kg7 30.Nf4 Bc4 31.Rb1 Nd6-+] 30.Qc3 Qxc3 31.Nxc3 b4 32.Nd5?? [32.Ra8 bxc3 33.Rxe8+ Kg7 34.bxc3 Bf6 35.Rxe6 fxe6 36.c4 Bd4+ 37.Kf1 Kf6] 32...Nd6??= Jim loses his advantage [32...Nf6 33.Nc7 Bc4 34.Kh1 Be3 35.g4 h6] 33.Ra5 Bc1 34.b3?? [34.Rxc5 Bxb2 35.Rc6 Bxd5 36.Bxd5 Be5=] 34...Bb2 35.Kf1 Bd4 36.Ra8+ [36.Ke2 Kg7 37.Ra6 Nf5 38.Rc6 g5] 36...Kg7 37.Rd8 Nf5 38.Ke2?+ Jim gets back his " winning " advantage [38.g4 Bxd5 39.Rxd5 Ne3+ 40.Ke2 Nxd5 41.Bxd5 f5 42.h3 Kf6] 38...Bg1 39.Kd3 Bxh2 40.g4 Nd4 41.Bd1?+ (- 6.84) a blunder; this leaves only the R protecting the N, and it can be forced to move. [41.Bh1 Bxg4 42.Nxb4 Ne6 43.Nc6 Nxd8 44.Nxd8 h5-+ (- 4.10)] 41...Nc6 42.Ra8 Bxd5 Jim has B + N + 2 P's vs R 43.Rc8 Bg1 44.Rc7 Ne5+ 45.Kc2 Bf3 46.Bxf3 Nxf3 47.Re7 Kf6 48.Re4 g5-+ 0-1

In Rd. 7 on Bd. 1, an upset took place. Expert John Hall, then in second place, defeated Master Bryan Lamb, then in first place. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Lamb, B (2204) – Hall, J (2084) [C80]
 SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (7), 26.04.2007

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 [2...Nf6=] 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4? = [6.Qe2 Ng5 7.Nxe5 Ne6 8.Nf3 Bd6=] 6...exd4 7.Re1 d5 8.Nxd4 Bd6 9.g3?? John gets a " clear " advantage [9.Nxc6 Bxh2+ 10.Kh1 Qh4 11.Rxe4+ dxe4 12.Qd8+ Qxd8 13.Nxd8+ Kxd8 14.Kxh2 c6=] 9...0-0 10.Nxc6 bxc6? [10...Qf6 11.f3 Nc5 12.Nb4 Nxa4 13.Nxd5 Bc5+ 14.Be3 Qc6] 11.Bxc6 Bc5? = [11...Qf6 12.Rxe4 Bc5 13.Be3 Qxc6 14.Bxc5 Qxc5 15.Rd4 c6 16.b4 Qd6] 12.Be3?? this should lose a P [12.Bxa8 Nxf2 13.Qxd5 Nd3+ 14.Be3 Qxd5 15.Bxd5 Nxe1 16.Bxc5 Nxc2 17.Be4 Nxa1 18.Bxh7+ Kxh7 19.Bxf8 Be6= material would be equal] 12...Nxf2? John takes with the wrong piece [12...Bxe3 13.Rxe3 Nxf2 14.Qd4 Nh3+ 15.Kg2 Rb8 John would be up a P] 13.Qxd5 Bxe3 14.Rxe3 [14.Qxd8 Rxd8 15.Bxa8 Bd4 16.c3 Bb6 17.Kf1 Nd3 18.Re2 Bg4 19.Bb7 Nc5 20.Bg2 Bxe2+ 21.Kxe2 Re8+ 22.Kd2 Ne4+ 23.Bxe4 Rxe4 material would be equal] 14...Nh3+



15.Kg2??-+ Bryan chooses the wrong square [15.Kh1 Rb8 16.Nc3 Rxb2 17.Rf1 Qxd5+ 18.Bxd5 Ng5 19.Rc1 Be6 20.Bb3 Bxb3 21.axb3 h6 $\bar{=}$] **15...Qf6 16.Rf3** [16.Re2 Rb8 17.Qc4 Rb6 18.Bd5 Ng5 19.Nd2 c6 20.Be4 Rxb2 21.Rae1 Bf5-+] **16...Qxb2** John goes up a P **17.Bxa8 Be6 18.Qb7?-+** (- 3.41) [18.Qd1 Qxa1 19.Rd3 Qf6 20.Bf3 Ng5-+ (- 2.14)] **18...Qxa1?-+** (- 3.11) [18...Qxc2+! 19.Nd2 Qxd2+ 20.Kh1 c6! (suggested by Danny Aniag in post-game analysis) 21.Qxa6 Qc3! 22.Bxc6 Qxa1+ 23.Qf1 Qxa2-+ (- 5.51) John would be up N + P] **19.g4** (- 4.13) [19.Rf1? c6 20.Qxc6 Rc8 21.Qd6 Rxa8 22.Rd1 h6-+ (- 5.49) John would be up a B] **19...Bxg4 20.Rxh3 Bxh3+ 21.Kxh3 Qxa2** John has R + 3 P's vs N + B (but W's pieces are vulnerable) **22.Nc3 Qe6+ 23.Kg2 Qe8-+** Bryan's B is lost. He resigned. **0-1**

On Bd.2 in Rd. 7, Danny Aniag defeated one of last year's club co-champions, expert Alex Rapoport. Here is their game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Rapoport, A (2002) – Aniag, D [A45]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (7), 26.04.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nd2 d5 3.e3 b6 \pm [3...Bf5=] **4.Ngf3 Bb7 5.Bd3 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.c3** [7.c4 0-0 8.Qe2 c5 9.cxd5 Qxd5 \pm] **7...0-0 8.Qe2 Ne4 9.Bxe4?= $\bar{=}$** [9.Rd1 f5 10.c4 e6 11.a4 Nd7=] **9...dxe4 10.Ng5 e5** [10...Ba6 11.c4 e5 12.Ngxe4 exd4 13.exd4 Qxd4=] **11.Ngxe4 Ba6 12.c4? $\bar{=}$** [12.Nc4 exd4 13.cxd4 Qd5 14.Ned2 c5=] **12...exd4 13.exd4 Qxd4 14.Qf3??-+** Danny gets a " winning " advantage [14.Rb1 Nc6 15.b3 Qd7 16.Bb2 f5 17.Bxg7 Qxg7 18.Ng5 Nd4 19.Qd3 Rad8 $\bar{=}$] **14...Nd7 15.Rd1** [15.Qh3 Ne5 16.Nc3 Rad8-+; 15.Nc3 Ne5 16.Qh3 Rad8-+] **15...Rad8** [15...Ne5 16.Qc3 Qxc3 17.Nxc3 Rad8-+] **16.Qc3** [16.Nc3 Ne5 17.Qg3 Rfe8-+] **16...Nc5** [16...Qxc3 17.Nxc3 Ne5 18.c5 bxc5 19.Nde4 Rxd1+ 20.Nxd1 Nd3 21.Be3 Re8 22.Nec3 Nxb2-+] **17.Qxd4 Rxd4 18.Nxc5 bxc5 19.b3** (- 2.49) [19.Re1? Rfd8 20.Nb3 Rxc4 21.Bg5 Rb8 (21...f6? 22.Be3 Bf8 $\bar{=}$) 22.Re2 Rg4 23.Re7 Rxg5 24.Rxc7 c4-+ (- 5.32)] **19...Rfd8 20.Rb1 Bc8** recycling this B into a powerful piece **21.Re1 Bf5 22.Ra1?-+** (- 5.34) Alex picks the wrong way to lose the exchange. [22.Rb2 R4d7 23.Nf3 Bxb2 24.Bxb2 Rd1 25.Rf1 Rb1 26.Bc1 Bc2-+ (- 3.79)] **22...R4d7 23.g4 Bc2 24.Rb1 Bc3 25.Ne4?-+** (- 6.12) [25.Re2 Bxb1 26.Nxb1 Rd1+ 27.Kg2 Rxc1 28.Nxc3 Rxc3-+ (- 5.40) Danny would be up a R] **25...Bxe1** Danny goes up a R **26.Nf6+ Kg7 27.Rb2** [slightly better, though still losing, is 27.Nxd7 Bxb1 28.Bb2+ Kh6 29.Nxc5 Bxf2+ 30.Kxf2 Rd2+ 31.Kg3 Rxb2-+ (- 7.41) Danny would be up a R] **27...Rd1?-+** (- 5.85) [27...Rd2! 28.Bxd2 Rxd2 29.Ne8+ Kh6 30.Rxc2 Bxf2+ 31.Kg2 Rxc2-+ (- 9.27) Danny would be up a R] **28.Rxc2 Bd2+ 29.Kg2 Rxc1-+** Alex is down a R; he resigned. **0-1**

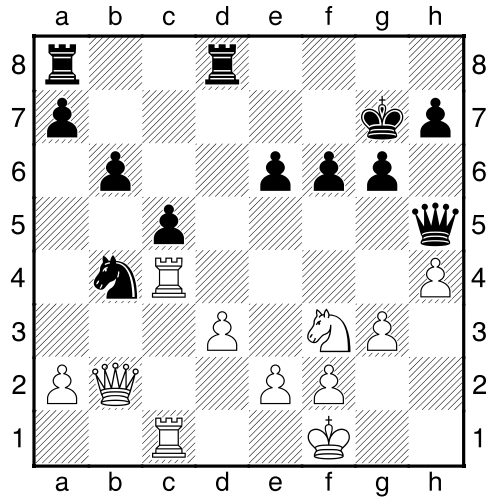
Down on Bd. 6 in Rd. 7, a big upset took place when new member Will Rutherford, who hasn't played for some years, upset second highest rated player, junior expert Aman Hambleton (his second upset loss of this tournament), with a very nice exchange sacrifice on the Q-side to start a K-side attack, ending in Aman's K running to h3 where it is doomed. Here is this game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Rutherford, W (1915) – Hambleton, A (2113) [A15]

SCC Spring Swiss Toronto (7), 26.04.2007

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 \pm 3.g3= [3.Nc3 \pm] **3...Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 c5 6.b3 d5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Bb2 Nc6 9.0-0 e6 10.Rc1 b6 11.d3 Bb7 12.Qd2 Qd7? $\bar{=}$** this should lose a P [12...Nxc3 13.Bxc3 Bxc3 14.Qxc3 Nd4=] **13.Rfd1?? $\bar{=}$** Will misses winning the P [13.Nxd5 Bxb2 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.Qxb2 f6 \pm] **13...Rfd8?? $\bar{=}$** [13...Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Nd4 15.Qe3 e5 $\bar{=}$] **14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.Bxg7** [15.Ne5 Qd6 16.Nxc6 Bxc6 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Bxc6 Qxc6 \pm] **15...Kxg7 16.Rc4 Nd4 17.Ne1** [17.Nh4? Qd7 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Qb2 Kg8=] **17...Qd7 18.Bxb7 Qxb7 19.Qb2 f6 20.b4 Qd5 21.Rdc1?? $\bar{=}$** this should lose a P [21.bxc5 bxc5 22.Rdc1 Qh5 23.Rxc5 e5 (23...Qxe2? 24.Qb7+ Kh6 25.Qe7 Nf5

26.Qxf6 Rf8 27.Qe5 Qxe5 28.Rxe5 Nd4±) 24.Rc7+ Kh8±] **21...Qe5?**= this time Aman misses winning the P [21...Qh5 22.Nf3 (22.f3? Qe5 23.Kf2 Nxf3! 24.Qxe5 Nxe5± Aman would be up a P) 22...Nxf3+ 23.exf3 Rxd3 24.Qe2 Qxf3 25.Qxf3 Rxf3 26.bxc5 bxc5 27.Rxc5 e5± Aman would be up a P] **22.Kf1 Qh5?**± [22...Qd5 23.Kg1 Qh5 24.Nf3 Nxf3+ 25.exf3 Rxd3±] **23.h4?**= [23.e3 Nf5 24.Kg1 Nd6 25.Rf4 Qe5 26.d4 cxd4 27.Rxd4 Rac±] **23...Nc6??**± Will gets a " clear " advantage [23...Qd5 24.Ng2 e5 25.bxc5 b5 26.R4c3 Qc6=] **24.Nf3 Nxb4?**+– a dangerous pawn grab; Will gets a " winning " advantage [24...Qd5? 25.bxc5 b5 26.Qxb5 Rab8 27.Qa4 e5+–; 24...Rab8? 25.bxc5 Qd5 26.cxb6 Rxb6 27.Qc2 Rc8+–; 24...Ne5 25.Nxe5 Qxe5 26.Qxe5 fxe5 27.bxc5 bxc5 28.Rxc5 Kf6±]



25.Rxb4! cxb4?+– (7.98) opening Bl up to a fatal attack; Aman is up the exchange + P [25...Qd5 26.Rbc4 Rac8 27.Kg1 h6 28.d4 Rf8+– (3.21)] **26.Rc7+ Kh6?**+– leads to a quicker mate [26...Kg8 27.Qxf6 Qh6 28.Qxe6+ Kh8 29.Ne5 Rf8 30.Ng4 Rae8 31.Qd6 Qg7 (31...Qh5+– leads to mate) 32.Rxg7 Kxg7+– and it's mate] **27.Qxf6** Aman is still up the exchange **27...Qf5** **28.Qg7+?**+– [28.Qg5+ Qxg5 29.hxg5+ Kh5 30.Rxh7+ Kg4 31.Rh4+ Kf5 32.Rf4#] **28...Kh5** **29.Ne5 Qh3+** **30.Kg1 Rh8** **31.Nf7?**+– Will misses the mate [31.Qxh7+! Rxh7 32.Rxh7#; when I was watching the game, I suggested this line to Aman's father who was also watching 31.g4+ Qxg4+ 32.Nxg4 Kxg4 33.Qe5 Rhf8 34.Qg5+ Kh3 35.Qg3#] **31...Qf5?**+– leads to mate [31...h6 32.Nxh8 Rxh8 33.Qxh8 Qf5+–] **32.Qh6+ Kg4** **33.Rc4+ Kh3** Aman resigned since it is mate **34.Ng5+ Qxg5** **35.hxg5#** 1-0

2007 York Region May Chess Championships

May 5-6 (Sat, Sun)

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Date : Sunday, May 13 at 3:00 pm

Location : Bayview Games Club, 1681 Bayview Avenue, Suite 202

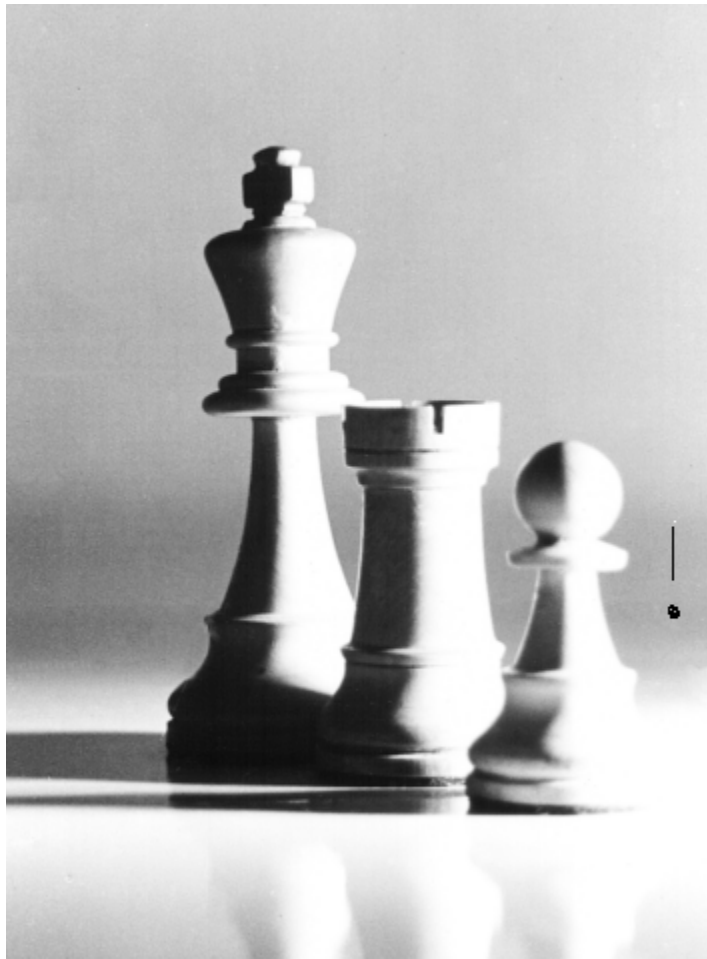
Time Control : 30 min. for the game.

Style : 5 round swiss

Entry Fee : \$ 37 (\$ 30 for prize fund + \$ 7 for administration fee - BGC will pay admin.

fee for its members.)
Max. Participation : 60 players (register early)
Entries & Info : Vlad Dobrich (416) 722-9709

An Impressive Trio !



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