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World Chess Olympiad Underway, Russia – A Canadian Perspective

This biennial gathering of the top players in the chess world began on Sunday Sept. 19 (Rd. 1 on Monday, Sept. 21), and runs to Oct. 4 (Rd. 11 on Oct. 3). Each country fields 2 teams of 5 players – 4 + 1 reserve; one team is in the National Open section (men and women can play); one team is in the Women’s section (women only).148 national and 114 women teams registered from 144 countries. There are a total of 1294 competitors, including no fewer than 254 grandmasters, 65 WGM’s, 159 IM’s, and 90 WIM’s. Time control is: 90 minutes/40 moves + 30 minutes + 30 seconds/move as of move one.

Here are Canada’s teams:

National Team:

The average age of the Open Section team is 21 years ! Here are the team members:

1. Grandmaster Mark **Bluvshtein**, of Toronto, who just finished his undergraduate university degree at York University in Toronto – he is 22 years old, and is the top-rated Canadian. He is taking the next year to play as a chess professional, playing in tournaments outside of Canada, mostly in Europe.

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Mark Bluvshstein

2. International Master Thomas **Roussel-Roozmon**, of Montreal, Quebec, is 22 years old . He is a former grades 7, 9 & 10 Canadian Champion, and an U-12 Canadian Champion.
3. International Master Leonid **Gerzhoy** of Toronto, 22 years old. He is a former Canadian Junior Champion.
4. International Master Artiom **Samsonkin**, of Toronto. He is 21 years old, and is also a former Canadian Junior Champion, as well as an U-16 Champion of his former Belarus..
5. International Master Nikolay **Noritsyn** of Toronto. He is 19 years old, and while still a junior , won the 2007 Canadian Championship.

Of this team, only 3 members have had prior Olympiad experience.

Women's Team

The average age of the Women's Section team is 19 years, and 3 of its 5 members are juniors ! Here is the team:

1. Women's International Master, junior Yuanling **Yuan**, a high school student, 16 years old, and the highest rated Canadian woman. She is a former Canadian Girls U-10 Champion.



2. Women's International Master Dina **Kagramanov**, of Toronto, will turn 24 years old during the competition, and is the current Canadian Women's Champion. She was also a former Canadian Girls U-18 Champion.
3. Iulia **Lacau-Rodean**, of Kitchener, 22 years old. She represented her former Romania at the World Youth Championships in 1998-99.
4. Junior Yelizaveta **Orlova**, of Toronto, also a high school student, will turn 16 years old during the competition. She is a former Canadian Girls' Champion.
5. Junior Dalia **Kagramanov**, of Toronto, 17 years old. She is a former Canadian Girls U-16 Champion (twice).

For this event, Canada's national team is currently ranked # 53 among the 159 FIDE countries playing, and the Women's Team is # 58.

Here are the Canadian results to Rd. 9:

Open Section

<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Initial Ranking</u>		<u>Score</u>		<u>Initial Ranking</u>
1	53	Canada	2 - 0 (4 -.0)	Mozambique	127
2	33	Uzbekistan	2 - 0 (2.5 - 1.5)	Canada	53
3	74	Uruguay	1 - 1 (2 - 2)	Canada	53
4	56	Canada	2 - 0 (3.5 - .5)	Thailand	94
5	56	Canada	2 - 0 (2.5 - 1.5)	Denmark	44

6	28	Croatia	1 – 1 (2 – 2)	Canada	53
7	53	Canada	1 – 1 !! (2 – 2)	Bulgaria	8
8	66	Mongolia	2 – 0 (1.5 – 2.5)	Canada	53
9	17	Czech Republic	2 – 0 (3 – 1)	Canada	53
10	53	Canada		Kazakhstan	41

Canada's Total : 11 match points; 21 game points. This puts them # 46 so far.

Women's Section


<u>Rd.</u>	<u>Initial Ranking</u>		<u>Score</u>		<u>Initial Ranking</u>
1	58	Canada	2 - 0 (3.5- .5)	Uganda	113
2	58	Canada	0 - 2 (1.5 – 2.5)	Kazakhstan	37
3	67	Albania	0 – 2 (0 – 4)	Canada	58
4	22	Latvia	2 – 0 (3.5 – .5)	Canada	58
5	58	Canada	2 – 0 (4 – 0)	Syria	87
6	34	Belarus	2 – 0 (3.5 - .5)	Canada	58
7	58	Canada	1 – 1 (2 – 2)	Singapore	64
8	45	Norway	0 – 2 (1.5 – 2.5)	Canada	58
9	58	Canada	1 – 1 (2 – 2)	Montenegro	47
10	39	England		Canada	58

Canada's Total: 10 match points; 20.5 game points. This puts them # 44 so far.

The main pre-tournament favourites were, for the national teams section: Russia, Ukraine, Armenia, Azerbaijan, China, USA and Israel. 5 of the 7 are now in the top 6.

After 9 rounds the leaders in both sections are:







Open Section:

<i>Rank after Round 9 - Open</i>												
Rk.	SNo	Team	Team	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4	
1	2	 Ukraine	UKR	9	7	2	0	16	255,5	25,5	94,00	
2	1	 Russia 1	RUS1	9	7	1	1	15	266,5	23,5	107,00	
3	10	 France	FRA	9	6	3	0	15	233,5	22,5	98,00	
4	11	 Israel	ISR	9	6	2	1	14	238,5	24,0	90,00	
5	3	 China	CHN	9	6	2	1	14	233,5	24,5	93,00	
6	9	 United States of America	USA	9	6	2	1	14	229,0	23,5	96,00	

Women's Section:

The clear predicted winner in this section was Russia. And they already almost have a lock on the gold medal, with 2 rounds to go.

Rank after Round 9 - Women

Rk.	SNo		Team	Team	Games	+	=	-	TB1	TB2	TB3	TB4
1	1		Russia 1	RUS1	9	9	0	0	18	295,5	27,5	101,00
2	2		China	CHN	9	7	0	2	14	267,0	25,5	102,00
3	3		Ukraine	UKR	9	7	0	2	14	262,5	25,5	102,00
4	4		Georgia	GEO	9	7	0	2	14	260,0	25,0	103,00
5	8		India	IND	9	7	0	2	14	236,0	23,5	100,00
6	12		Bulgaria	BUL	9	6	2	1	14	222,0	21,5	98,00

Some upsets occurred:

Rd. 2 - Azerbaijan - Vietnam 1,5 - :2,5

Bosnia & Herzegovina - England 2.5:- 1.5

Bulgaria Croatia 1.5-2.5

Rd. 4 – Hungary – China 2.5 – 1.5

- Baadur Jobava of Georgia defeated # 1 ranked Magnus Carlsen of Norway

Rd. 5 – Hungary – Russia 1 – 2.5 – 1.5

Rd. 6 – Carlsen lost again to Michael Adams of England

Rd. 7 – the biggest upset of all – Canadian Mark Bluvshstein defeated Veselin Topalov of Bulgaria, # 2 ranked player in the world !!

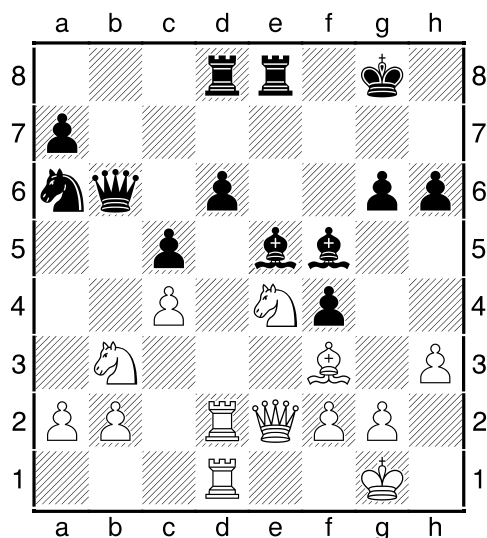
Here is his game:

Bluvshstein, Mark (2583) – Topalov, Veselin (2803) [E90]

39th Olympiad Men Khanty–Mansiysk RUS (7.18), 28.09.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3 Na6 7.Bg5 c6 8.Be2 e5 9.d5 h6 10.Be3 Nh5 11.dxc6 bxc6 12.Qd2 Nf4 13.0-0 f5 14.Bxf4 exf4 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Rad1 Rb8 17.Nd4 Bd7 18.Bf3 Qb6 19.Nb3 Be5 20.Ne4 Rbd8 21.Qe2 c5 22.Rd2 Rfe8 23.Rfd1 Bf5

Position after 23...Bf5



24.Nxd6! Bxd6 25.Rxd6 Rxe2 26.Rxd8+ Kf7 27.Bxe2 Ke7 28.Bg4 Bxg4 29.hxg4 Qxd8 30.Rxd8 Kxd8 31.Kf1 Ke7 32.Ke2 Kd6 33.a3 Nb8 34.Kf3 Ke5 35.Nxc5 g5 36.Nb3 Nd7 37.Ke2 Kd6 38.f3 Ne5 39.Na5 Kc5 40.b4+ Kd4 41.c5 Kd5 42.Kd2 1-0

Rd. 7 - Azerbaijan – Armenia – 2.5 – 1.5

There are four women playing in the Open Section:

Hungary – Judit Polgar (world’s highest rated woman)

Scotland - Ketevan Arakhamia-Grant

Lithuania - Viktorija Cmilyte

Luxemburg - Fiona Steil-Antoni

Happy Birthday SCTCN&V – Sept. 1/10

With the Sept. 1, 2010 Issue two Issues ago, SCTCN&V celebrated its 11th birthday. So we now start our 12th Consecutive Year of Publication ! We believe we are the longest-running twice monthly/bi-weekly chess publication in the country !

It all started back in 1999 as a one-page bulletin on the SCC bulletin board, informing members of a few SCC matters. Then it started to introduce reports on results of major international competitions. It progressed to reporting on chess politics, international (FIDE), national (CFC), Ontario (OCA) and local (GTCL). It became longer than 1 page, and we started making hard copies to hand out to members.

Eventually it progressed to an electronic newsletter. This then allowed us to start distributing beyond our current SCC membership. First we put together a mailing group of past SCC members, and started mailing to them as well, free. Next we offered free subscriptions to non-members, and got a very favourable response. So now SCTCN&V

goes to almost 250 chess players in the GTA, elsewhere in Ontario and Canada, and we even have some subscribers in USA and Italy. We are advised that one subscriber sends the newsletter faithfully to a number of readers in the Philippines..

We then introduced board diagrams and pictures. We started using pictures of noted GM's, and as our photo bank expanded, we had pictures of SCC members, and past members. The newsletter continued to get longer, sometimes going to 10 pages. Next SCTCN&V created its own newsletter website : <http://scarboroughchess.webhop.net>. This was linked to the SCC website, so now people visiting the SCC website could crossover to the newsletter website and see not only the latest newsletter, but also a number of previous Issues.

We then started collecting SCC games for a club database and so suddenly there was good coverage of SCC member games, where previously, we had actually carried few SCC members' games.. The newsletter kept getting longer as we introduced more games, and started providing analysis of the games, using the Fritz computer chess program. The newsletter sometimes reached 35-50 pages.

The final major improvement was the creation of a ChessBase/Fritz database to accompany the newsletter, containing all the games/analysis in the newsletter. So now a reader could just click on the database and play over all the games (no longer having to copy the games and transfer them to the readers own program).

SCTCN&V has enjoyed serving SCC, the GTA and beyond! We look forward to many more years of reporting on great chess!

1st Scarborough Chess Club Championship 1961

(submitted by freelancer David Cohen)

The first Scarborough Chess Club Championship was held Feb.-Mar., 1961. The tournament director of the 23 player Round Robin was Alexander Knox. The Club's first Champion was the tournament winner, John Kohlfurst, who scored an amazing 21/22! His only loss was to Ron Maynard. Second place went to Bill Christian (+18 =1 -3), and Alex Knox was third (+18 -4). There was one female contestant, Mrs. Ethel Edwards (+6 =4 -12). Before the event, only one player had a CFC rating: Alex Knox, rated 1673. So, thanks to Alex's efforts, everyone else at the Club obtained a CFC rating.

Court of Sport Arbitration (CAS), Switzerland

In the FIDE Presidential race, Anatoly Karpov, 12th World Chess Champion, and the Challenger, had legally challenged the nomination of Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, the incumbent. This may seem technical, but one of Kirsan's biggest faults has been his treating FIDE as his own little sand box, and totally ignoring FIDE regulations when they didn't suit him. The Karpov strategy was to throw out Kirsan's candidacy, and end up the only candidate.

There was apparent strength to Karpov's legal challenge – Karpov was backed by the chess federations of the United States, France, Germany, Switzerland and Ukraine in questioning the validity of Ilyumzhinov's claim to have been [nominated](#) by the Russian Chess Federation as their candidate for the FIDE presidential elections. Moreover, the validity of Ilyumzhinov's nomination by Argentina and Mexico was also questioned.

There were also some problems with Kirsan's slate nominations - Mrs. Beatriz Marinello's nomination by Chile and Brazil were questioned (relevant because a team must include a female delegate).. If her nomination was nullified, then Kirsan and his whole slate would get disqualified.

The Court heard the case on Sept. 15/16 – Kirsan's FIDE's representative tried to persuade CAS to postpone any decision, but the court went ahead and finished hearing the case. The CAS was expected to make a ruling during the first week of the Olympiad (week of Sept. 20),.. just before the voting at the FIDE General Assembly meeting, taking place Sept. 29 to Oct. 2 (the vote was to be held Sept. 29)..

Their decision was released on Sept. 28.They turned down the request by the Karpov 2010 campaign to disqualify the Presidential ticket of Kirsan Ilyumzhinov. The ruling was based on the fact that the FIDE regulations were vague.

So it did end up going to the vote.

FIDE Presidential Campaign: Kirsan Wins (Canada Supported Karpov) !

On Sept. 17, CFC issued the following Press Release:

Canada Supports Karpov for FIDE Presidency

PRESS RELEASE # 3/2010

DATE: September 17, 2010

BY: the Chess Federation of Canada (CFC)

WRITER/CONTACT: Hal Bond, CFC FIDE Delegate (halbond@sympatico.ca)

INTERVIEW – will be arranged

TOPIC : **Canada Chooses Change – World CHESS (FIDE) Presidency**

The following statement was issued today by Hal Bond of the Chess Federation of Canada. Bond is Canada's FIDE Delegate.

Canada Chooses Change

The Chess Federation of Canada is supporting Anatoly Karpov as the next FIDE President.

The Chess Federation of Canada wishes to thank the current FIDE administration for its dedication and service. Tangible improvements have been made in the past 4 years. We believe that new leadership will serve to elevate our beloved game even further.

Presidential hopeful Anatoly Karpov is the 12th World Chess Champion, succeeding the legendary Bobby Fischer. Karpov aims to become the 7th President of the world chess

organization, Federation Internationale des Echecs (FIDE). The incumbent, Russian Kirsan Ilyumzhinov, has held the reins since 1995.

Both have run vigorous campaigns world wide, lobbying the over 150 member country federations. Voting will take place during FIDE's General Assembly, held concurrently with the 39th "Chess Olympiad" in Khanty Mansiysk, Russia from September 29 to October 2. Canada's national teams will also participate in the biennial tournament.

Karpov's platform for the Presidency emphasizes change:

1) Open Door Policy

- Guide organization membership and encourage open discussion and contribution. Ensure fair distribution of organization funds.

2) Increase Financial Backing through Valued Relationships

- Garner sponsor relationships through trust and solidarity. Improve the chess "brand" to attract more sponsors and create worthy programs that link to education.

3) Promote Chess Education & Training

- Expand the base of chess players so that knowledge of the game is promoted to various audiences. Utilize expert chess players as ambassadors of chess to distribute the love of chess and drive enthusiasm.

4) Protect & Uphold the Traditions of Chess

- Preserve what makes chess special. Revive and maintain traditions that have made chess a universal symbol of human thought as a popular pursuit that bridges gaps and differences between people and cultures

SCTN&V supported Canada's choice and wished Karpov well in his campaign. A full statement of Karpov's position was recently posted on ChessBase, and it is worth reproducing:



Greetings to the ChessBase.com readers and the global chess community from Anatoly Karpov and the Karpov2010 team members and staff. We also extend salutations to FIDE president Kirsan Nikolayevich Ilyumzhinov and his team. We wish them all good health and success in their future endeavors. *Gens Una Sumus.*

12th World Chess Champion Anatoly Karpov and his team began their campaign for the presidency of FIDE because the chess world is in crisis. In six months of campaigning across the globe, we have met and spoken with hundreds of federation officials, players, organizers, sponsors, and fans. Their passion for the game of chess gives us hope that our sport can have a bright future. But the stories they share about the sad state of FIDE today convince us that this

future will never happen unless there is an immediate change in leadership and sweeping improvements in how FIDE operates.



Why Karpov?

Anatoly Karpov has dedicated his life to chess. The former World Champion's qualifications to represent and to lead the international chess community with honor are indisputable. His experience and reputation make him the ideal ambassador to both the public and private spheres. Just during this campaign he has been received by prime ministers and presidents, CEOs and schools, as well as thousands of chess-lovers for whom Karpov is a living legend. Karpov knows every aspect of the chess environment, from the world championship to his dozens of school programs around the world. His experience as a UNICEF ambassador has expanded his resources and his knowledge of how to get things done in the real world.

Most importantly, Karpov knows how to assemble a winning team. He understands that being a great chess player does not mean he can run FIDE by himself. Professional managers are required to run a professional sport. The political patronage model has been a disaster. Karpov has been able to unite the past – his old rival Garry Kasparov is working with the campaign – and the future – world #1 Magnus Carlsen is an enthusiastic supporter. His campaign has attracted major corporate sponsors and a remarkable [advisory board](#). As president of FIDE, Karpov will turn chess into a 21st century sport.

The outstanding quality of our ticket speaks for itself.

- **Richard A Conn Jr., Deputy President, USA.** A veteran attorney with immense global experience and a wealth of contacts, Richard also speaks Russian and Spanish and is a chess player himself. He has traveled tens of thousands of miles during the campaign, making multiple tours of Latin America and Asia. Everyone we have met with has been impressed by his knowledge of the issues and his no-nonsense professionalism.
- **Viktor Kapustin, Treasurer, Ukraine.** It is hard to imagine a more perfect Treasurer than someone with his combination of experience in finance, banking, and a passion for chess. The president of the Ukrainian federation and one of the most esteemed names in finance in the entire region, Viktor has helped design our ambitious plans for an economic transformation of FIDE and the federations.
- **Adb Hamid Majid, General Secretary, Malaysia.** A true unifier, sometimes it seems like Hamid knows everybody – and that everyone likes and respects Hamid. He is a long-time organizer and official who has been active in Asian chess for decades. He was even an official at the Karpov-Timman candidates match in 1990!
- **Aguinaldo Jaime, Vice-President, Angola.** Dr. Jaime brings a formidable combination of experience and reputation throughout Africa in chess and finance. He is a deputy to the Prime Minister of Angola and his tenure as the federation president there has seen fantastic progress.
- **Alisa Maric, Vice-President, Serbia.** One of the most accomplished female players of the past 30 years, the IM and WGM also has organizing and fundraising experience. Her doctorate in marketing – she is a university professor in this discipline – will be very valuable in transforming FIDE.

A summary of the main elements of Karpov2010's ambitious agenda

- **Turn FIDE into a professional and responsive organization that serves and supports the national federations.** A successful FIDE means successful federations, period.
 - Place experienced professionals in positions to develop our programs.
 - Eliminate all fees paid by the federations to FIDE and replace that revenue with commercial sponsorship.
 - Enforce the fiscal transparency and ethical standards required to attract and maintain that sponsorship.
 - Maintain "one federation one vote" and create regional alliances for more effective cooperation between federations.
- **Launch a four-million-dollar global chess development and promotion program** to ensure the next generation of players, coaches, arbiters, organizers, and officials. The money is there and it is real commercial sponsorship. The initial emphasis will be on the small and developing federations where the potential for growth – and the need for assistance – is greatest. An important aspect of this program will be instructing and aiding in the development of commercial relationships, media promotion, and the other skills required to develop sponsorship.
- **Use the internet to unite the federations and the entire chess community.** Many federations have little or no internet presence. Almost none are significantly connected with others. FIDE must provide this as a standard service. Greater connectivity for federations and individuals in the chess community under the FIDE banner can provide many valuable services. It will also unite the chessplaying demographic and bond the chess brand FIDE can use to generate revenue.
- **Restore and defend the great chess traditions – while modernizing the sport.** The world chess championship is a legendary institution. It should be promoted and protected, as should the game itself. Players must have the opportunity to create and the world champion must have the credibility that can only come from a rigorous cycle. At the same time, new opportunities such as professional online events and making chess an Olympic sport must be pursued.

Why not Ilyumzhinov? We are enthusiastic about our positive message of change. But negatives are unavoidable when challenging a 15-year incumbent with such a poor record. For chess to thrive, a major transformation is required and the Ilyumzhinov administration has shown no interest or ability in making the needed changes. Scholastic chess, internet activities and expansion, growth in the developing world, corporate sponsorship, major events in global capitals, mainstream popularity and branding, media outreach... FIDE has declined or been stagnant in every one of these key areas under Ilyumzhinov. Instead we have yet more promises. His experiments have failed and whatever resources he brought with him have evaporated.

There is no time to waste. Of the many difficulties facing FIDE and the federations today, perhaps the most alarming is the deal Ilyumzhinov and his allies have made with the mysterious company CNC. This deal will hand to CNC every commercial right imaginable, leaving FIDE with no way to generate sponsorship and brand revenue the way other professional sports associations do. Is there a conflict of interest? Does Ilyumzhinov or anyone on his team hold shares in CNC? This lack of transparency is fatal to proper commercial development. Without more information, it looks like FIDE and the federations are being robbed again, just as with Ilyumzhinov's previous expensive failures, FIDE Commerce and Global Chess.

Ilyumzhinov's personal reputation has become a serious liability, one that cannot be repaired. From cancelled events to a "toilet match", from aliens to a murder case – and now his latest fantasy about building a chess center near Ground Zero in New York, the public humiliations for chess continue. Just as he did when he took office in Kalmykia, Ilyumzhinov entered the chess world with big promises of money and modernization. His rule in Kalmykia is now over and FIDE must follow the same path. After 15 years it is time to thank him for his efforts and start afresh.

What the campaign has shown about the current administration

This campaign for the FIDE presidency has illustrated many of the complaints the federations have about the current administration. **Disdain for the rule of law** is a trademark that was exhibited early on, when Ilyumzhinov refused to acknowledge the public vote of the Russian Chess Federation endorsing Karpov. Ilyumzhinov still insists he has Russia's support, despite being pressured out of his Kalmykian presidency and despite the fact that the Russian Foreign Ministry is now openly supporting Karpov by having consular officials call local federation heads.

Ilyumzhinov's **inappropriate use of FIDE resources** in his campaign has made our task doubly difficult. Five federations were forced to bring a lawsuit in Lausanne to verify the validity of Ilyumzhinov's nominations and those of at least one of his ticket members. Argentina has already withdrawn its nomination of Ilyumzhinov for president.

Ilyumzhinov's reputation for wild statements and impossible promises was validated by his claims of federation support during the campaign. In order to appear stronger than it is, his campaign has repeatedly **claimed the endorsements of federations without any evidence**. Several have had to be retracted after protests. Due to threats from Ilyumzhinov and his agents in FIDE, many federations have asked us not to publicize their endorsement of Karpov, an unacceptable state of affairs.

Such intimidation is rampant, and the players are often the ones to suffer. To take one very recent example, consider Ilyumzhinov's reaction to his ally Iturri being forcibly removed as the head of the Peruvian chess federation for improper standing. Just days ago Ilyumzhinov called the Peruvian Institute of Sport and demanded that they reinstate Iturri or he would prevent the Peruvian teams – already registered and preparing to travel – from participating in the Chess Olympiad in Khanty-Mansiysk! Tragically, **this blatant act of extortion is not atypical** of how Ilyumzhinov's campaign has operated this year and, as documented, in previous elections.

On to Khanty-Mansiysk and Victory!

The campaign is nearly over. The delegates and Olympiad players are heading to Khanty-Mansiysk. We hope the many changes in flights and other difficulties in the organization of the Olympiad do not disrupt this cherished event or the election. Unfortunately, we have already received news that some delegations have had to cancel their participation due to these complications.

We look forward to meeting everyone in Khanty-Mansiysk. We hope we can count on a smooth and honest election process despite the concerns raised by the above-mentioned conflicts. The chess world deserves a fair election to select its leadership. The federations deserve a chance to take back control of FIDE. **We thank you for your attention and we hope you will join Anatoly Karpov in transforming FIDE into an organization worthy of our great game.**

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[Contact Richard Conn Jr.](#) to join the winning team!

Unfortunately, Karpov lost both his legal challenge before the sports court, so Ilyumzhinov's candidacy stood, and then on the Sept. 29 vote, Kirsan



won in a landslide (95 – 55, with 3 abstentions). His new term runs through to 2014. He has now offered Karpov one of the Vice-Presidencies, if he'd be willing. Karpov is considering the offer.

CFC Starts Work on Its Objective of Chess Promotion to the General Public

At the Toronto July CFC AGM, the governors passed Motion 2010-17 creating a non-executive officer position of " Public Relations Coordinator " (upgrading the prior

position of Director of Publicity). Bylaw 3 of the CFC Handbook, under Duties of Officers in Section 8C, gives the mandate of this position as:

8C. The Public Relations Coordinator will be responsible for promoting the image of the CFC and for promoting chess generally to the public. As such the Public Relations Coordinator will, among other things:

- deal with mainstream media to promote significant chess news, such as Canadian Chess Champions, a new Canadian GM, major tournaments like the Can. Closed, Canadian Open, Can. Women's Closed, CYCC, etc., the various benefits accruing from playing chess and other positive aspects of the chess culture.

This position in its initial creation never got filled. And currently, the CFC is looking for a volunteer governor/member to fill the vacant Public Relations Coordinator position.

Because of this situation, the CFC has never developed a bank of Canadian mainstream media contacts who might be willing to publish CFC Press Releases on chess items, or to write articles on chess.

I (your intrepid editor, Bob Armstrong, CFC Governor) have currently volunteered, in the interim, as a governor, to try to do some preliminary work on this issue, in advance of us finding the right volunteer to fill the position. I only have a limited amount of time to spend on this at the moment, But I am willing to put some volunteer time on the matter. I will write some press releases myself, and on some I will be collaborating with others, under who's name the press release will appear.

CFC is making its CFC Press Releases available to any member for any publicity efforts they might be undertaking. I have asked to be advised of any efforts made and use of the material, so CFC can build a file on the efforts being made to promote chess in Canada.

Newspapers do not acknowledge press releases (too many daily) and to my knowledge do not notify you if they make use of one. So I have asked that if anyone sees an article on one of our press releases in any of the papers, or on TV or on radio, they advise me. I have been warned that it has not been easy to get chess material into the mainstream media, and so CFC should have very modest expectations of success on this front. But hopefully, over time, with developing contacts, this will change.

If anyone has any newspaper, television or radio contacts I might be able to use, or any advice on this effort, please e-mail me : bobarm@sympatico.ca

CFC has now issued 4 Press Releases since August 19:

1. [Canadians Do Well at World Junior Chess Championship](#)
2. [WIM Yuanling Yuan Leads Can. Women's Olympiad Team](#)
3. [Canada Supports Karpov for FIDE Presidency](#)
4. [Top Canadian Knocks Off World # 2 At World Chess Olympiad](#)

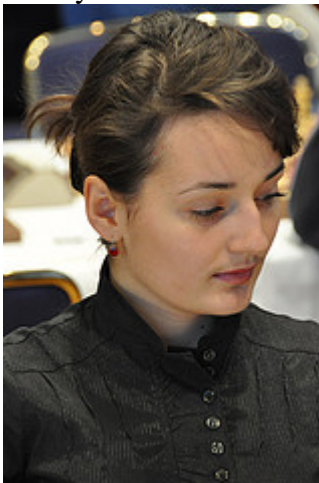
. We have also been successful in getting an article into print – “[North Yorkers Head Canada's National Chess Teams](#)”, done by Tim Foran on Sept. 21 on InsideToronto.com. (it also publishes a number of free local community papers in Toronto neighbourhoods) This article was also highlighted on the very popular Susan Polgar Blog. As well, we have put Dan Robson of The Toronto Star in contact with WIM Yuanling Yuan (SCC Member), our first board on the Women’s Olympiad Team, and her family. They were apparently pursuing a future newspaper article. We also put Perry Gray of City TV in touch with the family of Mark Bluvshstein, who want to do a presentation on his Olympiad performance when he returns. Also, we were able to arrange 2 TV interviews for Yuanling, on Sept. 18 and 19, before she left for Russia. In both cases, I was present as the CFC Public Relations contact, and was also briefly interviewed for CFC organizational background, and our role in sending teams to the World Chess Olympiad.

I have been slowly and incrementally building up 2 Canadian Media E-mail Groups for the CFC: one for print/digital (newspapers); and one for Audio/Visual Media (TV and Radio). I now have over 50 e-mail media contacts for CFC to use. If anyone can supply me with a contact with their local media across the country, and an e-mail address, I will add them to my lists.

This is a challenging task, but it is one of the core objectives of the CFC – promotion of chess to the general public through mainstream media. CFC has now started to implement this core objective.

Women’s World Blitz Championship, Russia

Kateryna Lahno of the Ukraine,



on Sept. 18, won the 2010 Women’s World Blitz Championship in Moscow. Ukraine’s best female player finished with a 20/30 score in the Final tournament. Tatiana Kosintseva (Russia) won the silver medal and Valentina Gunina (Russia) took bronze

Chess at Nuit Blanche

(submitted by freelancer, Erik Malmsten)

Reunion 2010 is part of the annual all-night long arts festival, Nuit Blanche starting at 6:57pm on Oct. 2 (www.scotiabanknuitblanche.ca).

The event revisits the chess games between composer John Cage and famous artist Marcel Duchamp and his wife Teeny Duchamp held at Ryerson in 1968. In order to explore the artistic lineage of both Cage and Duchamp, several artists who have knowledge of these two figures have been asked to either perform as chess players or to present related works.

As in the original performance, it is a musical event that relies on chance, "purposeless play". The basic configuration is an electronic chess board on stage and each square has a light sensor on it. The moves of the players will trigger a number of live electronic performances by several electronic musicians and artists. The chess position will be shot by an overhead camera and projected onto a large screen.

Beyond the artists who will be playing the board, there will be a game between IM Lawrence Day, Toronto Star and CFC columnist, and IM Allan Savage, chess journalist and Duchamp scholar, and between two-time American Women's Chess Champion, WGM Jennifer Shahade (she has written game analyses for Duchamp's matches) and GM Pascal Charbonneau (2002 and 2004 Canadian Champion).

Between 2:30 and 5 am audience members will be invited up to make a move on stage, assisted by chess players from the Chess Institute of Canada. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to use this board and to contribute to a musical event by making a chess move. Depending on the number of interested players, there may be speed games. You may get a chance to play one of the masters.

The Chess Stamp Process

(a letter by David Cohen to Canadian Postal Authorities)

Chairperson of the Stamp Advisory Committee
Canada Post Corporation
2701 Riverside Drive, Suite N1070
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0B1

This letter is to request a set of stamps on the theme of chess. They would be released on September 24, 2012, on the 140th anniversary of the founding of the governing body for chess in Canada, The Chess Federation of Canada, in Hamilton, Ontario.

The popularity of the game of chess in Canada comes from two sources: immigrants from countries where chess is very popular; and parents who recognize the educational value of children learning the game at a young age. As a sport, chess is second in popularity world-wide behind only soccer. Chess is learned by most

schoolchildren by the time they reach Grade 3.

Chess is featured as the cover story in the Journal of The Royal Philatelic Society of Canada, *The Canadian Philatelist*, Vol. 61, No.5, Sept.-Oct., 2010, p.280-2. In his article, Richard Logan mentions that there are 726 stamps on a chess theme, issued by 152 countries. (I believe his source is the American Topical Association.)

Unfortunately, Canada is not yet one of these!

The value of each stamp would be 64 cents. The first class postage rate within Canada would be about this price by 2012. The price will match up with the theme: there are 64 squares on the chessboard.

The set would consist of eight stamps, arranged in a souvenir sheet of 64 stamps, 8x8. Four of the stamps would have a white background; four would have a black background. They would alternate in a checkered pattern. (Get it right - white background in the lower right corner!) This layout is the same as a chessboard.

There are six different chess pieces (king, queen, rook, bishop, knight, pawn). Six of the eight stamps would have a chess piece worked into the design.

The six chess piece stamps would celebrate six different occasions:

1. World Chess Championship Candidates Match, Vancouver, British Columbia, 1971
John Prentice, OC (1907-87), Canada's representative to the World Chess Federation (FIDE) from 1957-87, obtained this 1/4 final match between two grandmasters for Canada to host. Robert 'Bobby' Fischer (USA) defeated Mark Taimanov (USSR) 6-0, part of his modern record 20 game consecutive win streak en route to capturing the World Chess Championship from Boris Spassky in 1972.

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2. 6th World Computer Chess Championship, Edmonton, Alberta, 1989

Hosted by the University of Alberta and two of their world leaders in computer chess, Professors of Computer Science Anthony Marsland and Jonathan Schaeffer. The Championship was won by Deep Thought, a fore-runner of Deep Blue, the first computer chess program to defeat a reigning World Chess Champion, Garry Kasparov, in a game and in a match. Canadian Murray Campbell was a member of their programming teams.

3. Centennial Grandmaster Chess Tournament, Winnipeg, Manitoba, 1967

Organized by Winnipeg lawyer, politician and Canada's first Grandmaster of chess, Daniel Abraham Yanofsky, OC (1925-2000). The 10 player round-robin competition was won by Grandmasters Bent Larsen (Denmark) and Klaus Darga (Germany), with equal scores of 6/9. Future World Chess Champion Boris Spassky (USSR) finished third. The event was captured in the film *Nine Days to Win*, CBC, 1967.

4. 4th World Junior Chess Championship, Toronto, Ontario, 1957

Organized by Toronto diamond merchant Bernard Freedman, a 1977 recipient of the Queen Elizabeth II Silver Jubilee Medal. The 12 player round-robin was won by William Lombardy (USA), with a perfect score of 11/11.

5. World Chess Championship Match, Montreal, 1894

First World Chess Champion Wilhelm Steinitz (USA) contested six games against Challenger Emanuel Lasker (Germany). Games 12 through 19 were played in Montreal to large crowds, with the moves relayed to people in the street and then around the world. They were the final games of the match, and were evenly split with two wins and two draws each. Lasker won the match by a score of 10 wins, 5

losses and 4 draws. Lasker thus became the second World Chess Champion.

6. World Chess Festival, Saint John, New Brunswick, 1988

An enthusiastic city helped organize the World Chess Festival, which included the World Blitz Chess Championship, won by former World Chess Champion Mikhail Tal (USSR); and the World Amateur Chess Championship, won by Brett Campbell (Canada).

The main event was the World Chess Championship Candidates Matches, 1/8 final, featuring 14 Grandmasters:

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Kevin Spraggett (Canada) defeated Andrei Sokolov (USSR) (6.5/12)

Johann Hjartarson (Iceland) defeated Viktor Kortchnoi (Switzerland) (4.5/8)

Lajos Portisch (Hungary) defeated Rafael Vaganian (USSR) (3.5/6)

Jan Timman (Netherlands) defeated Valery Salov (USSR) (3.5/6)

Jonathan Speelman (England) defeated Yasser Seirawan (USA) (4/5)

Nigel Short (England) defeated Gyula Sax (Hungary) (3.5/5)

Artur Yusupov (USSR) defeated Jaan Ehvest (USSR) (3.5/5)

The final two stamp designs would be more general. One would feature the logo of The Chess Federation of Canada (a king, rook and pawn) designed by artist Stanley Wilson (1881-1960) of Montreal, Quebec. The other would feature children playing chess.

Sincerely,

New FIDE-rated Local Players

(submitted by Erik Malmsten)

The September FIDE rating list has 1,519 Canadians, but only 549 with a FIDE rating and of those only 255 are active. Although a few Inactives are still playing in CFC-rated tournaments or work as chess teachers and one played on our Olympiad team.

The top section of local weekend sections has lately been FIDE rated. Each time a couple of unrated players have been obtaining FIDE-ratable games. But the Canadian Open (with 96 Fide-rated opponents) was a bonanza as 40 players made a ratable performance! There were also 30 players who played 3 FIDE-rated opponents, but those games were only rated if they got a point in a previous FIDE-rated tournament. (Club events aren't FIDE-ratable as the time control has to be 4 hours.)

To get started, a player needs to obtain 1 point out of a minimum 3 games against opponents who already have a FIDE rating. Then they need to play in a few more FIDE-rated tournaments within the next two years until they have played 9 FIDE-rated opponents (3 per tournament). Once they have that 1 point, they can lose all the rest of their games and still get a rating (if above 1200). If they don't get in 9 ratable games, that initial performance no longer counts.

Number of FIDE rated Canadian players by Class

Sept FIDE Rating List/ CFC Rating List 2001-2010 (June 2010 TD List)

2300 and above 61 121 (118 with a FIDE rating)

2200	119	168 (130)
2100	136	174 (90)
2000	144	297 (85)
1900	54	405 (60)
1800	23	437 (21)
1700	6	532 (6)
1600	4	526 (1)
1500	2	442 (1)

Note that the second list is by CFC rating, which can be in a different class than their FIDE rating. I was surprised that there are CFC masters without a FIDE rating: John Hall, Ioan Crisan, Michael Kennedy, John Armstrong, Michael Kimelman, Predrag Putic, Mike Stroud, Paul Simon, and Andrei Gulko. Today, CFC-rated Experts should be able to easily get enough games to get a FIDE rating. It's a struggle for A-class players as they usually need to get 1 point from stronger players in the top section. As more A-class players get ratings, more lower-rated players will get more rated games. But I don't see 1200 FIDE-rated players anytime soon.

Congratulations to these players who recently obtained their first FIDE rating:

- 2126 Ismail Ibrahim, Scarborough (Hart House, Canadian Open)
- 2051 James Fu, Scarborough (CO, Mexico Youth, HH)
- 2017 Alex Ferreira, Toronto (CO 2009, CO, Greece)
- 1990 Vladimir Drkulec, Tecumseh (HH, Ont Closed)
- 1957 Simon Gladstone, Thornhill (CO, Montreal Youth)
- 1923 Alexandru Florea, Etobicoke (Ont Open, Windsor Youth, CO)
- 1793 Jackie Peng, Richmond Hill (Vietnam Youth, CO)

Others who received their first FIDE rating in the past year or so:

- 2146 Zeromskis, Egidijus York (Labour Day 2008, Thanksgiving, already listed as inactive)
- 2124 Yuriy Kryvoshlyk, Toronto (HH 2009, Thanks)
- 2112 Laurentiu Grigorescu, Lasalle (Guelph, OO 2009)
- 2026 Mavros Whissell, Sudbury (LD, OO, KW 2008)
- 2006 Aaron Wu, Toronto (LD 09, Thanks)
- 1888 Daniel Abrahams, Toronto (OO, HH)
- 1881 Kevin Wu, North York (LD 08, Thanks)
- 1836 Ian Mahoney, Scarborough (Canadian Junior)
- 1819 David Itkin, Richmond Hill (HH, Turkey Youth)

These players should forward a digital portrait photo to the CFC to send to FIDE for the rating website.

With the boost from the Canadian Open we can double this list. These player have played 8 games, needing only 1 more (has to play 3 games in one event) to get a FIDE rating: John W. Chidley-Hill (Tor), Matthew Nicholson (Lively), Andre Zybura (Kitch).

These players have played 7 games, needing only 2 more (has to play 3 games in one event) to get a FIDE rating:

Bill Peng (Scarb), Juliaan Posaratnanathan (Tor), Robert Roller, (North York, 7 of 9 games in the CO!).

These players have played 6 games, needing only 3 more (has to play 3 games in one event) to get a FIDE rating:

Robert Bzikot (Conn), Alex H Chan (Tor), Bruce Dowling (Miss), Brendan Fan (Rich), John Hall (Scarb), Jingle Kho (Miss), Derick Joshua Twesigye (Tor).

These players have played 5 games, needing 4 more to get a FIDE rating:

Jack Ding (Tor), Mike Ivanov (Tor), Jonathan Lai (Scarb, 3 games from 2008 expired), Kit-Sun Ng (Tor), Ferdinand Supsup (Miss).

These players have played 4 games, needing 5 more to get a FIDE rating:

Lali Agbabishvili (York), Ralph Deline (Water), Steven H. Liu (Water), Oanthata Pelekekae (Tor), Razvan Preotu (Burling), Branislav Rajsic (Tor), Matthew Scott (Ott), Karl Sellars (Port Perry), Paul Stephens (Kitch), Wayne Siu (Tor), Michael Song (North York).

These players have played 3 games, needing 6 more to get a FIDE rating:

Greg Beal (Tor), Dmitry Chernik (Tor), Adam Cormier (Brant), Alex Lambruschini (Scarb), Zehn Nasir (Tor), Joey Orozco (Tor), Alex Rapoport (Tor), Ed Zator (Tor).

These players results from Labour Day 2008 no longer count:

Matthew Lai (Scarb) 1.5/5

Michael Perez (Scarb) 1.5/4

Pepin Manalo (Scarb) 1/4


And Geordie Derraugh (Tottenham) 2/7 in 2007.

Bryan Lamb has created a new section for the Thanksgiving Open to give these players a chance for more FIDE-rated games. This will only work if enough FIDE-rated players enter, as games among those on these lists won't count as FIDE rated. It might be a good idea to have a Scheveningen style weekend-tournament, those who have played a rated game on one side against rated on the other side. Unrateds should keep on trying to get their first rated point in open sections and round-robins like the upcoming Toronto Junior and Toronto Closed.

Chess in the Library Update – Now Nationwide

(from a post by organizer WIM Yuanling Yuan, SCC member, on ChessTalk)

As of now, CITL has 14 locations in total. 12 in Toronto, 1 in Ottawa and 1 in

Victoria~  For a complete list of locations with detailed information, please visit our website at www.chessinthelibrary.com

SCC – Who Are We??

This is a series, in each Issue, where we introduce to our subscribers, the members who make up SCC, the friendliest chess club in Canada ! This Issue we introduce

Andrew Philip



I don't recall exactly when I learned to play chess. It was probably around 8 or 9 years old. My dad had a few chess books lying around, mostly Fred Reinfeld stuff, and he taught me to play. Even though I knew how to play, I can't say the game really grabbed my attention initially. I had a great interest in board games, and chess was just one amongst many that lined our game shelf. As a youth I was mostly into sports like soccer, cricket, and rugby from when our family spent three years living in Australia, and then hockey, soccer, and football when we arrived back in Canada. We moved a lot (four years being the longest duration in any one location until I graduated University), so I suppose getting involved in sports popular in my new locale was part of what I did to try to fit in and quickly make friends. Along the way we moved to the U.S. for my final three years of high school and it was there I met a friend who also shared my interest in board games. In our senior year, he and I began gravitating more and more to chess. Perhaps this was because we sensed there was something mysterious and powerful about the game and a lifetime's worth of discovery awaited us, or perhaps it was my mother's complaints about our other strategy board games that required multiple sessions to play taking up space on her living room table for weeks that forced us to go over to chess that could be packed up and put away after each session.

I began playing in chess tournaments while in high school in New Jersey, even playing in the U.S. Junior Open when it was held in nearby Philadelphia.

In university, my new found interest in chess continued. I joined the McGill Chess Club and began to study and play with more earnest. I also played in a few tournaments while in Montreal. One day, I was reading the newspaper and mused to a friend of mine in the residence who was also in the engineering program but knew nothing about chess that local boy Spraggett was in a playoff for the Canadian Championship against Russian émigré Igor Ivanov. He turned to me and said “Spraggett, do you mean Kevin Spraggett?” “Yes”, I said. “Well, he is my lab partner in electrical engineering!” As a result of this conversation, a few days later, Kevin Spraggett arrived at my residence and he and I played a game of chess in our residence library. I think I hung on for 32 moves before obviously succumbing. He pointed out a few inaccuracies he had made, and said nothing of my clearly weak play. We chatted briefly about some of the local players I had played and that he knew, and that was that. He seemed like a pleasant fellow.

After graduation, I settled in Toronto, and shortly thereafter began working at the consulting engineering firm that I still work at today (24 years). I joined the Scarborough Chess Club in the late 80’s when it was at the peak of its membership (200+) members and open three days a week (the good old days as they say!). It wasn’t too long before I got involved in the operation of the Club as the Treasurer, a position I have held on and off (mostly on) for over 20 years. There was a brief stint as Club President in 1990, my term interrupted by my company shipping me to Boston for a year-and-a-half to help clean up Boston Harbour. I have been witness to many of the ups and downs of the Club. I must admit that when the Internet chess phenomenon hit its peak, and membership dropped to a dozen or so, and other clubs were folding like cards, I had my doubts the Club could survive. The “never say die” attitude of a few OTB loyalists kept the Club alive. After a few lean years, OTB membership began to slowly climb back. The realization came that Internet chess had evolved and that for true chess players both OTB and Internet chess had a place in their regime.

The highs for me include the simultaneous exhibitions with strong international GM’s offered over the years (I got a draw one time against the Russian Champion), and the number of juniors that have learned the craft at the Club and gone on to become strong players in Canada (I own a few victories against some that today I certainly could not beat).

As a player, I regret never having gotten formal training which I think would have helped me excel more at the game I love. My playing strength peaked at 2032 in 1998. Two years after that I married and became a father and my rating has slowly declined. With where my current rating sits, I am probably a contender for record-holder in CFC for greatest rating differential from peak to current! While this does not bother me, I would not want to leave the readers thinking I am content with my low rating – the fire burns just as strong as ever to improve and win – so watch out - I may just pull out a zinger against you!

Rick's Chess Trivia

(questions/presentations researched by Rick Garel,



former SCC Executive, former SCC member, Orillia CC President)

Last Issue's Chess Trivia was the Question:

What was the world's first state run chess championship? What year was it held and who won it?

Rick's Answer is:

The international super tournament, organized by [Nikolai Krylenko](#), was held in [Moscow](#), the Soviet Union, from 10 November to 8 December 1925. It was the world's first state-sponsored chess tournament.^[1] There were eleven foreign stars and ten Soviet masters. World champion [José Raúl Capablanca](#) and his predecessor [Emanuel Lasker](#) were lured to Moscow by gold. A race between them, like in the [New York 1924 chess tournament](#), was expected before the tournament, but [Efim Bogoljubow](#) became a sensational winner.

Bragging Rights Winner : we had no winner with the correct answer on this question.

But SCC member Pino Verde did give it a shot. However he seemed to interpret the question as asking about the first state-run World Championship, not the first state-run tournament of any kind. However we see that the question could be interpreted that way. His answer was:

1935 World Championship won by Max Euwe against Alekhine, played in Holland

So under the circumstances, we are awarding him the bragging rights all the same – thanks for playing again Pino (he has submitted a number of answers for prior Issues, and has been one of our prior winners)..

Today's Trivia Question is:

Chess is considered by one, the second most elaborate waste of human intelligence. What is the most elaborate? Who said this?

You can use any resource available to answer the question ! Just find it fast and send it in as fast as you can, by e-mail, to Rick : rickgarel@gmail.com .

The first correct e-mail received wins, and gets bragging rights. Also, we will publish the honoured winner's name in the next newsletter, along with a few details they provide as to their chess experience (if they wish), along with Rick's researched answer.

Thanks for playing !!

Chess History is fun !!

Also write Rick if you have any chess trivia questions or presentations you'd like him to consider for his column. He will give credit to the author if he uses your suggestion. Write Rick Garel : rickgarel@gmail.com

Chess Trivia Quiz – 2010 Canadian Open

(Answer will be given at end of this Issue)

5. Which of our sponsors have previously sponsored a Canadian Open?

- a) Deloitte
- b) Manulife
- c) Don Valley North Lexus/Toyota
- d) Mark's Work Warehouse



SCC'ers at the Canadian Open

SCC was well-represented at the Canadian Open, held in Toronto July 10-18. We had 30 members in attendance, spread throughout the prize groups. Congratulations to all the SCC'ers who were prize winners (we noted them in the Prize Winners' List in Issue # 11-22 – the 10 most recent Issues are archived on our newsletter website:

<http://scarboroughchess.webhop.net>).

I did my normal begging at the end of the Open, for games for the newsletter, and actually a few SCC'ers were shamed by my pitiable state, and sent in some games! The last 4 Issues we presented 8 games. We now continue the series with 2 more games, and have yet a few more future installments.

In Rd. 8, SCC member Dave Southam



had the advantage against Anthony Cheron for most of the game, and eventually went up a P. But, Tony made Dave work to bring home the point. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Southam, David (2165) – Cheron, Anthony (1949) [C41]

Canadian Open 2010 Toronto (8), 17.07.2010

1.d4 d6± [1...Nf6=] **2.Nf3 f6?!±** Dave gets an early " clear " advantage [2...Nf6 3.Qd3 Nc6±] **3.e4 e5** [3...e6 4.Bb5+ c6 5.Bd3 Ne7±] **4.Nc3** [4.Bc4 Nc6 5.0-0 g6±] **4...c6 5.a4 a5?!+-** Dave gets a " winning " advantage [5...Bg4 6.Be2 g6± (6...Qa5?!+-)] **6.h3?!±** [6.Bc4 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 exd4 9.Ne2 Qb6+-] **6...g6?!+-** [6...Be6 7.Be3 Nd7±] **7.Bc4 Bh6 8.0-0 Bxc1 9.Rxc1?!±** [9.Qxc1 g5 10.Qe3 Qb6+-] **9...Nh6 10.Qd2** [10.Qd3 Nd7 11.Rcd1 Nf7±] **10...Nf7 11.Rfd1 Qe7 12.Bxf7+ Kxf7 13.d5 c5 14.Qh6 Qf8 15.Qe3 h5?!+-** [15...Nd7 16.Nb5 Qe7±] **16.Nd2 b6 17.Nc4 Ba6**

18.Nxb6 Dave goes up a P **18...Ra7 19.b3 Rb7 20.Nc4 Bxc4 21.bxc4 Rb4 22.Rb1 Nd7 23.Nb5**
 [23.Rxb4 cxb4 24.Qa7 Qd8+-] **23...Ke7??+-** 2.63 [23...Rxc4 24.Qd3 Rb4+- 1.53] **24.Na7 Kf7**
25.c3 Rb6 26.Rb5 Qb8??+- 3.55 [26...Rxb5 27.cxb5 Nb6+- 1.99] **27.Nc6??+-** 2.85 [27.Rxa5 Qa8
 28.h4 Rh7+- 3.87] **27...Qb7??+-** 3.75 [27...Rxb5! 28.Nxb8 Rbxb8+- 3.04] **28.Rxa5** Dave goes up
 2 P's **28...Ra8??+-** 4.63 [28...Ra6 29.Rb5 Qc8+- 3.75] **29.Rb5??+-** 2.31 [29.Qh6 Nf8 30.Ra7
 Rxa7 31.Nd8+ Kg8 32.Nxb7 Raxb7+- 4.31 Dave would be up Q + 2 P's vs R + N] **29...Kg7**
30.Rxb6??+- 1.52 [30.a5 Rxb5 31.cxb5 Qxb5+- 2.65] **30...Nxb6 31.f4?!±** [31.Rb1 Rxa4 32.Nd8
 Qa7+-] **31...exf4 32.Qxf4 Nxc4** Dave is up a P **33.Rf1 Qf7 34.a5 Qf8 35.Rb1 Qc8 36.Rf1**
 [36.Ra1 Ne5 37.Nxe5 dxe5 38.Qf1 Qd7+-] **36...Qf8 37.Ra1 Qc8 38.Qf1 Qa6 39.Ra4?!±** [39.Qf2
 Qc8 40.Rf1 Qf8+-] **39...Nb2?!+-** [39...Nd2 40.Qxa6 Rxa6±] **40.Qxa6 Rxa6 41.Ra2 Nd1 42.Rc2**
Ne3 43.Rb2 f5??+- 3.74 [43...Nc4 44.Re2 Kh6+- 1.69] **44.Rb6 Ra8 45.a6??+-** 1.98 [45.e5 Nc4
 46.Rb7+ Kf8+- 4.09] **45...fxe4** material equality **46.a7 Rf8??+-** 7.13 [46...Nxd5 47.Rb8 Rxa7
 48.Nxa7 Nxc3+- 2.12] **47.Rb1??+-** 3.70 Dave misses promoting his P [47.Nb8 Rf1+ 48.Kh2 Rf2
 49.a8Q Rxg2+ 50.Kh1 Rf2+- 7.96] **47...Nxd5??+-** 7.32 Tony goes up a P, but is lost [47...Ra8
 48.Rb8 Rxa7 49.Nxa7 Nxd5+- 4.41] **48.Nb8??+-** 6.17 [48.Rb7+ Kg8 49.c4 e3 50.cxd5 e2 51.Rb1
 c4+- 7.88] **48...Nxc3** Tony is up 2 P's **49.Re1 d5 50.a8Q+-** 8.18 Dave is up Q vs 3 P's. Tony
 resigned. **1-0**

In Rd. 1, the advantage went back and forth between SCC member Robert Bzikot,

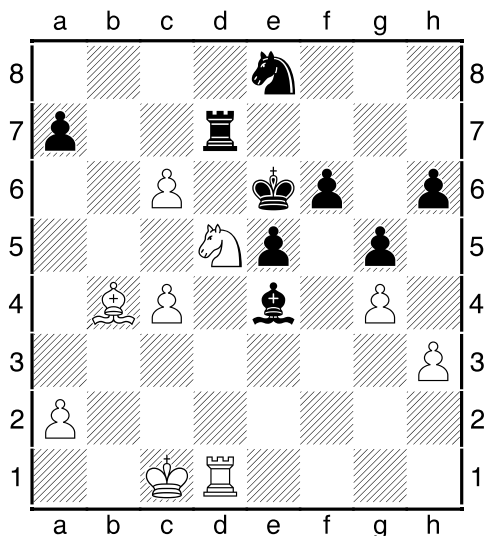


and expert Mavros Whissell. Then Rob sacked the exchange for 2 P's, and got a good game, but not enough to win – a draw resulted. Here is the game (Annotations by Bob Armstrong, using Fritz):

Whissell, Mavros (2120) – Bzikot, Robert (1984) [B07]

Canadian Open 2010 Toronto (1), 10.07.2010

1.e4= 0.16 1...d6± [1...e5= For Fritz, the only equalizing move. For all other normal replies, including the Pirc, W is given a " slight " advantage. This evaluation is not generally accepted.]
2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 Pirc Defence 4.Bg5 Bg7 5.f4?!= [5.Nf3 h6 6.Bf4 Nc6±] 5...h6 6.Bh4 c5?!± [6...Nc6 7.Qd2 e5 8.d5 Nd4=] 7.e5 Nh5?!± Mavros gets a " clear " advantage [7...Bg4 8.Bb5+ Nbd7 9.Nge2 dxe5 10.dxe5 Nh5±] 8.dxc5 dxe5 [8...Nxf4 9.exd6 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 g5 11.Bg3 0-0±] 9.Qxd8+ Kxd8 10.0-0-+ Bd7 11.fxg5 Bxe5 [11...Nf4 12.Bg3 Nh5±] 12.Nd5 g5 13.Be1 Nc6 [13...e6 14.Ne3 Nc6±] 14.Nf3 Bg7 15.Bb5 Rc8?!+- Mavros gets a " winning " advantage [15...Re8 16.g4 Nf4±] 16.Bxc6 [16.Rf1 e6 17.Ne3 Kc7+-] 16...Rxc6 17.Ba5+ Ke8 18.Nc7+ Kd8 19.Ne6+?± Mavros is losing his advantage [19.Nb5+ Ke8 20.Rd2 Rxc5 21.Nc7+ Rxc7 22.Bxc7 f6+-] 19...Kc8 20.Nxg7 Nxg7 21.Bc3?± for the first time in the game, Rob gets the advantage [21.Rxd7! Kxd7 22.Ne5+ Kc8 23.Nxc6 bxc6±] 21...f6 22.Rhe1 Re8 23.b4 e5 24.Rd2?!± Rob gets a " clear " advantage [24.Rf1 Nf5 25.Rde1 Ne7±] 24...Bg4?= [24...b6 25.a3 Be6±] 25.Ng1?± [25.Rf2 Bxf3 26.Rxf3 b6=] 25...Rd8?!± [25...b6 26.Ne2 Bxe2 27.Rexe2 a6±] 26.Rxd8+ Kxd8 27.h3?!± [27.a4?! b6 28.cxb6 Rxc3 29.bxa7 Rc8±; 27.Ne2 Bxe2 28.Rxe2 b6±] 27...Bh5?!± [27...Bf5 28.Ne2 Be4 29.Rg1 b6±] 28.g4 Bg6 29.Rd1+ Ke7 30.b5 Rc8?!= [30...Rc7 31.Bb4 Kf7±] 31.Bb4 Ne8 32.Ne2 Ke6 33.Nc3?!± wrong way [33.Ng3 a5 34.Ba3 f5=] 33...Rc7?!= Rob has lost his advantage [33...f5 34.Nd5 Rb8±] 34.Nd5 Rd7 35.c4 Be4?!± Mavros gets back the advantage [35...h5 36.Ba5 f5=] 36.c6 bxc6 37.bxc6



Rxd5! Rob sacs the exchange, to win a P and relieve the pressure 38.cxd5+ Bxd5 Mavros is up the exchange, but Rob has a P compensation 39.Bc5?!= [39.Bf8 Bxc6 40.Rd8 a5±] 39...a6 40.a3 Bxc6 Mavros is up the exchange, but Rob has 2 P's compensation 41.Rd8 Kf7 42.Kd2 Kg6 43.Bf8 h5 44.Ke2?!± Rob gets back the advantage [44.Bb4 hxg4 45.hxg4 Kf7=] 44...hxg4 45.hxg4 f5 46.gxf5+ Kxf5 47.Kf2 Kf4 48.Bc5 g4 49.Be3+ Kf5 50.Bh6 Nf6 51.Rf8 Kg6 52.Be3 Ne4+ 53.Kg1 Nf6 [53...Bd5 54.Kh2 Nf6±] 54.Rd8 [54.Kf2 Bd5 55.Kg1 Ne4±] 54...Kf5 55.Rf8 Kg6 [55...Ke6 56.Rh8 g3 57.Bg5 Ng4±] 56.Rd8 Kf5?!= [56...Bb5 57.Bc1 Kf5±] ½-½

SCC Howard Ridout Memorial Swiss

This first swiss tournament of the season runs for 6 rounds, from Thursday, Sept. 9 to October 21 (since there is no meeting on Oct. 7 – we cannot get the hall).

For this tournament, we have a total of 84 registrations - the registrations for the three sections are:

Over 2000 - 20 registrations (headed by 5 masters and 3 former masters)

Under 2000 (to 1700) – 35 registrations

Under 1700 – 29 registrations

After 4 rounds, the leaders are:

Over 2000 – 1./2. 3 pts. – David Southam; Michael Song

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2. 3.5 pts. – Ferdinand Cale

Under 1700 – 1. 4 pts. – Tom Muir
2. 3.5 pts. – Ted Termeer

Games are collected each week (the white score sheet is handed in; the player gets the yellow carbon) – this is mandatory on all members. But there will be no games of this tournament sent out to members in database format, nor published, until the tournament has concluded (due to the SCC policy, adopted at the September 2009-10 SCC AGM, concerning score sheets, the games database, and the newsletter. If anyone is interested in finding out about this policy, just e-mail me at bobarm@sympatico.ca and I will forward to you the policy.)

SCC member Ken Kurkowski and I, as volunteers, enter the SCC games each week into the tournament database, which, as was said, will be sent out to members when the tournament is concluded. I analyze or partly analyze a substantial number of the games, and from time to time Ken also analyzes a few games for the newsletter and/or the database..

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October 9-11, 2010 (Sat - Mon)

10:30 AM & 5:00 PM on SAT, 10AM & 4:30 PM on SUN & MON

NEW LOCATION - - 918 Bathurst Street, Toronto (North of Bloor, West Side)

6 round Swiss in 5 sections (altered format – read carefully!)

Time Control: 40/2, SD/1

SECTION A (2100+ only, FIDE rated) SECTION B (1900 – 2299, FIDE Rated)

SECTION C (1700 – 2099), SECTION D (1500 – 1899) and SECTION E (Under 1700 w/U1500/Unr prizes)

PRIZES: \$5,000

Based on 120 non-amateur players or 70 %; Open prizes in proportion to tournament size, min.

\$700 1st prize guaranteed

A B C D E U1500 unr

1st \$1,000 \$400 \$350 \$300 \$250 \$150 \$100

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3rd \$400 \$150 \$150 \$100 \$100

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REGISTRATION:

3 Options: Read carefully as this is different from past policy.

A ADVANCE

PAYMENT

* Register via the website and pay, or mail a cheque

what you get: pay the advance entry fee rate and get an advance pairing.

B ADVANCE

NOTICE ONLY

* send email by Thursday, October 7. You can pay on site.

what you get: an advance pairing, but you must pay extra \$5 onsite

C LAST MINUTE

Applies if you do not use one of the other options above. (i.e. no notice by Oct 7).

what you get: pay the onsite fee (extra \$15) and you will be paired if possible for

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In advance by mail to: **Bryan Lamb 95 Ferncliffe Crescent, Markham ON L3S 4N6**

Make cheque payable to Bryan Lamb. No postdated cheque please.

Email registration to **bryan.lamb@rogers.com**

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ENTRY FEES

\$75 advance, \$80 onsite with advance email notice, \$90 cash only on site with no notice

AMATEUR: \$30 (junior \$25) (Section E only (U1700) – not eligible for cash prizes)

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No Smoking. Please bring Chess Sets and Clocks.

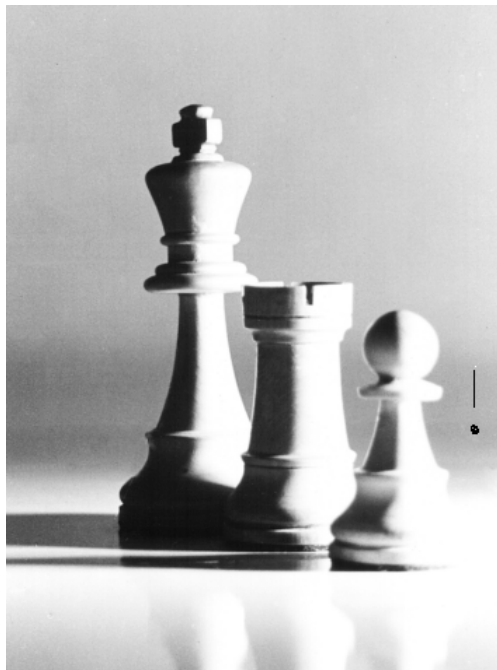
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