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Press Release

Thomas Biedermann Earns the ICCF SIM Title

In July, Thomas Biedermann earned the title of Correspondence International Master (IM). He has now added to that the Senior International Master (SIM) title, as confirmed via email from International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) Qualifications Commissioner, Neil Limbert. Both of Tom's Medals and Title Certificates will be awarded at the ICCF Congress to be held in October in Antalya, Turkey.

Tom earned SIM norms in three tournaments totaling 32 games to earn the SIM title. Tom achieved his first SIM norm in the category VII World Championship Semifinal 04 (WC32SF04) tourney where he scored 8-½ points, ½-point above the SIM performance level. He followed that up with a SIM performance in the category VIII 2008 Interzonal Team Tournament Board 5 (Interzonal TT/5) event equaling the standard of 6 points. His final norm was earned in the category V WebServer MasterNorm 044 (WS/MN/044) where he equaled the SIM requisite of 8-½ points. Tom was undefeated in these three tournaments with 14 victories and 18 draws in all. The links to the crosstables of the cited tournaments are as follows:

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=16145>

and

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=17609>

and

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=18337>

The following game is taken from the WebServer MasterNorm which clinched the SIM Title for Tom. This is one where endgame skills are critical and demonstrates why he is so tough to beat. Middlegame skirmishes leave the black pawns in shambles. Tom correctly judges that the Knight vs. Bishop endgame is favorable for the steed after the trade of queens. His threats against the weak black pawns results in his winning one then a second while his opponent is helpless to stop the King from penetrating into the enemy camp. The final simplification into a tablebase ending is quite instructive as well as esthetically pleasing.

[ECO "E15"]
[Opening "Queen's Indian"]
[Event "WS/MN/044"]
[Site "ICCF"]
[StartDate "04.10.2009"]
[White "Biedermann, Thomas"]

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[Black "Sánchez Ródenas, Antonio"]

[Result "1-0"]

[WhiteElo "2395"]

[BlackElo "2373"]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.e4 d5 9.cxd5 Bxf1 10.Kxf1 exd5 11.e5 Ne4
12.Kg2 Qd7 13.Re1 Nxc3 14.Bxc3 Nc6 15.Qd3 Nd8 16.Ng1N [16.b4 Ne6 17.Rab1 a6 18.Rb2 Qb5 19.Qf5 Rfe8
20.Qc2 ½-½ Oliveira,M (2448)–García Corada,P (2534)/ICCF 2007] 16...Nc6 17.f4 a5 18.f5 Nb4 19.Bxb4 axb4
20.Nh3 c5 21.Qf3 Rfe8 22.Re2 cxd4 23.Rae1 Ra5 24.f6 Bf8 25.fxg7 Bxg7 26.Ng5 h6 27.e6 fxe6 28.Nxe6 Raa8
29.Qf5 Qf7 30.Qxd5 Ra7 31.Qb5 Rae7 32.Nf4 Rxe2+ 33.Rxe2 Qb7+ 34.Kf2 Rxe2+ 35.Qxe2 Qa8 36.Kg1 Kh8
37.Ng6+ Kh7 38.Ne7 Kh8 39.Qc4 Qe8 40.Qc8 Qxc8 41.Nxc8 Kh7 42.Kf2 Kg6 43.Nxb6 Kf5 44.Nd5 Bf8 45.Ke2
Ke4 46.Nf4 Bd6 47.Nd3 Be7 48.Nf2+ Ke5 49.Kf3 Kf5 50.Nd3 Bd6 51.h3 Bf8 52.h4 Be7 53.g4+ Ke6 54.Ke4 Bxh4
55.Nxb4 Kd7 56.Kxd4 Be7 57.Nd5 Ba3 58.Nf6+ Ke6 59.Ng8 Bc1 60.Nxh6 Bxh6+- tablebase mate in 28 61.b4
Bg7+ 62.Kc4 Bf6 63.a4 Kd6 64.a5 Kc6 65.b5+ Kb7 66.a6+ Kc7 67.Kd5 Bh4 68.Ke6 Kb6 69.Kf5 Bf2 70.g5 Bd4
71.g6 1-0