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Press Release

David R. Myers Correspondence SIM

The USA Federation is pleased to announce that the Correspondence Chess Senior International Master (SIM) title has been awarded to David R. Myers. His certificate and medal will be issued at the 2011 International Correspondence Chess Federation (ICCF) Congress in Järvenpää, Finland.

David's two SIM Norms were earned in tournaments which total 24 games. He earned his first qualifying Norm in World Correspondence Chess Championship 25 Candidates Tournament Section 2, WCCC25CT02(WS) (WC25/ct02). His total of 7.5 in the Category IX tournament with 13 players exceeded the SIM Norm of 7.0 by an over score of 0.5 points. That result was good enough for second place and qualified him to play in World Championship Final 22. Mr. Myers earned his second qualifying Norm in World Correspondence Chess Championship 34, Semifinal Section 3, WCCC34SF03 (WC34/sf03). His total to date of 7.5 in that Category VIII tournament with 13 players has equaled the SIM Norm of 7.5. He still has one game unfinished. The links to these tournaments are as follows:

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=442>

<http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=21906>

It is not surprising that Dave has reached this pinnacle of success at correspondence chess. What is curious is that it took so long. It is known by a few astute correspondence players that Dave is an authority on the French Winawer as evidenced by his book, "*French Defence Winawer Variation C15-19*", published in 1996. A self-professed little-known fact is that, "*The very first primitive data discs devoted to the French Defence issued by ChessBase in the late 1980's were prepared by me. This was in the days before multi-million game databases. We entered everything by hand. And the idea of a chess-playing engine was just a fantasy.*" This level of expertise translated into Dave's entering and winning WT/M/GT/313 with a score of 10.5 out of 14, a tournament that was contested by postcard. Dave opines about that result, "*9 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses - a score that seems incredible today. This was my breakthrough event because it gave me a semi-final qualification that I did not use until 10 years later!*"

One can see by his activity graph from the Players Detail section of the ICCF website, that when he did resume his correspondence activity, his rating rose rapidly. Dave has since captured his preliminary and final sections of the 1st WS USCCC championship, Group 35 of the 1st Webserver Open, and the subsequent 1st Webchess Open SF1. These results along with his SIM Title qualifying events, earned him invitations to the North American Invitational Championship and the aforementioned WCCC 22. Those efforts also earned Dave

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the IM title which was awarded at the 2007 ICCF Mumbai Congress. We can only expect more of the same success from Dave as he is now retired from a career in the railroad and civil service.

The ICCF-US would like to congratulate David on his SIM title and wishes him continued success. Dave offers up the following game from the event which earned him a second SIM norm and the SIM title.

[ELOCode: "C78"]
 [Opening "Ruy Lopez"]
 [Event "WC34/sf03"]
 [Site "ICCF Webserver"]
 [StartDate "10.June.2010"]
 [White "IM Myers,David R (USA)"]
 [Black "SIM Thomsen,Keld (DEN)"]
 [Result "1-0"]
 [WhiteElo "2411"]
 [BlackElo "2441"]
 1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.Re1 Bc5 8.c3 Bb6 9.d4 0-0 10.Be3 exd4 11.cxd4 Na5 12.Bg5 Nxb3 13.Qxb3 d6 14.Nbd2 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Nxg5 hxg5 17.Bxg5 Bxd4 18.Qg3 Nh5 19.Qg4 Qc8 20.Qxh5 Qe6 21.Rac1 c5 22.Nb3 Bxb2 23.Re3 Qg6 24.Qh4 Bxc1 25.Bf6 Qxf6 26.Rg3+ Qg7 27.Nxc1 Rfe8 28.f3 Re6 29.Rxg7+ Kxg7 30.Ne2 Rh8 31.Qg5+ Kf8 32.Ng3 Bc6 33.Nf5 Rg8 34.Qd8+ Be8 35.Nxd6 1-0

When going to battle it is best to know your opponent's strengths and weaknesses. On general principles it is not a wise idea to play an opening which is that person's specialty. Dave demonstrates why.

[ELOCode: "C19"]
 [Opening "French Defence"]
 [Event "WCCC25CT02(WS)"]
 [Site "ICCF"]
 [StartDate "27.July.2005"]
 [White "Myers,David R (USA)"]
 [Black "SIM Ernazarov,Nazar Yazdurdyevich (KAZ)"]
 [Result "1-0"]
 [WhiteElo "2320"]
 [BlackElo "2456"]
 1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.a4 Nbc6 8.Nf3 Qa5 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.Ba3 cxd4 12.cxd4 Qxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Nf5 14.c3 Na5 15.Rhb1 h5 16.Bb4 Nc4+ 17.Ke1 f6 18.a5 Bc6 19.g3 Kf7 20.Bc5 a6 21.Ra2 Rc7 22.Nd2 fxe5 23.Nxc4 dxc4 24.Bb6 Rcc8 25.dxe5 Bd5 26.f4 h4 27.g4 Ng3 28.Rd2 Nxe2 29.Kxe2 Be4 30.Rb4 g5 31.Rd7+ Kg6 32.Ke3 Bd3 33.Kf3 gxf4 34.Bf2 Rcd8 35.Rbxb7 Rxd7 36.Rxd7 Bf1 37.Re7 Kg5 38.Rg7+ Kh6 39.Ra7 Bh3 40.Bxh4 Rg8 41.Rxa6 Rxg4 42.Rxe6+ Kh5 43.Bf2 Bg2+ 44.Ke2 Rg8 45.a6 Kg4 46.Rf6 Bf3+ 47.Kf1 Be4 48.a7 1-0