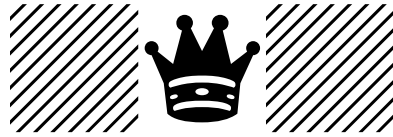


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**By
David Cohen**

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Permanent Plaques

There are two permanent plaques honouring these members of the Canadian Chess community (and they are looking for a home).

On-line Display

You can view these pictures, read more about the inductees, and download some of their best games at my Canadian Chess website: <http://www.CanadianChess.info>. Click on History - Hall of Fame. Contributions (biographies, photos, games), sponsorship and advertising welcomed.

Selection Criteria

Inductees were selected 2000-11 by the founder of the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame, David Cohen. Recent selections were made in consultation with other Canadian Chess historians.

My selection criteria for the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame for 2000:

- Canadian chess champions and leading players representative of their era
- Prominent organizers and promoters of chess in Canada

My selection criteria for the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame for 2001:

- Prominent contributors to Canadian chess community, e.g., by dedication over many years to reporting on chess in Canada
- Canadian chess champions

My selection criteria for the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame for 2002+ (one person per year, alternating living and deceased):

- Contributor to Canadian chess community

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2000

John Cleeve



Maurice Fox



Bernard Freedman



Phil Haley



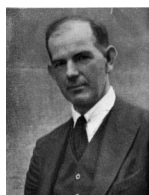
Daniel MacAdam



Nicholas MacLeod



John Morrison



James Narraway



William Pollock



John Prentice



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2000
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Magnus Smith



Kevin Spraggett



Duncan Suttles



D. Abraham Yanofsky



2001

Frank Anderson



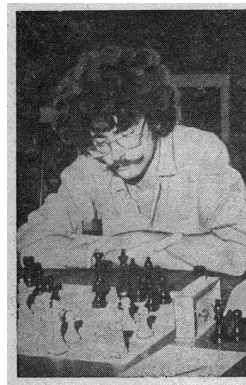
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Lawrence Day



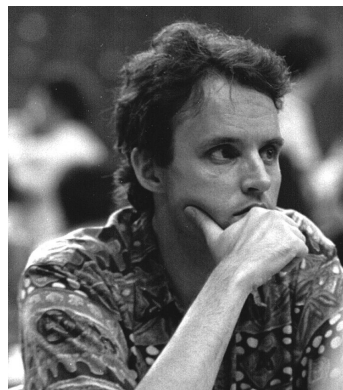
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2001
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Nathan Divinsky



Jean Hébert



Dudley LeDain



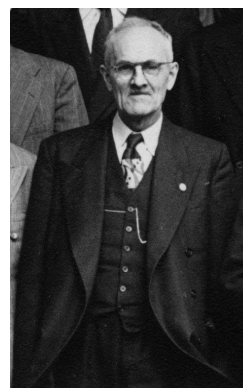
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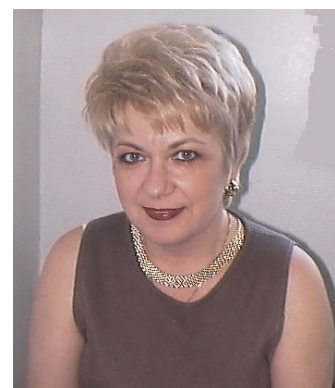
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Malcolm Sim



Nava Starr



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2002
Peter Biyiasas



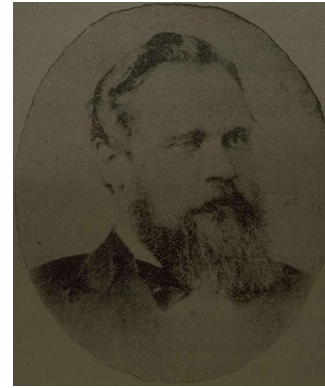
2003
Fedor Bohatirchuk



2004
Lynn Stringer



2005
John Henderson



2006
Zoltan Sarosy



2007
John Cherriman



2008
Cyril Large



2009
Walter Holowach



2010
Zvonko Vranesic



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2011

Povilas Vaitonis
(1911-83)



- Born Uzpaliai, Lithuania
- Three times Lithuania pole vault champion
- 1933 Represented Lithuania at Olympiads
- 1934 Lithuania Champion
- 1935 Represented Lithuania at Olympiads
- 1936 First player in major competition to use the move order of the Benko Gambit: 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 (Thorvaldsson-Vaitonis, Munich)
- 1937 Lithuania Champion
- 1937 Represented Lithuania at Olympiads
- 1938 Lithuania Champion
- 1939 Represented Lithuania at Olympiads
- 1942 Lithuania Champion
- 1944 Lithuania Champion
- 1949 Arrived Canada
- 1951 Canadian Champion
- 1952 Represented Canada at World Championship Interzonal
- 1952 Awarded International Master title
- 1953-5 Wrote chess column, Hamilton *Spectator*
- 1954 Represented Canada at Olympiads
- 1957 Canadian Champion
- 1958 Represented Canada at Olympiads
- 2011 Canadian Chess Hall of Fame

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