



DMCA ANNUAL REPORT – 2009/2010 FINANCIAL YEAR

1. DMCA – A WELL ESTABLISHED NON PROFIT ORGANISATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH NON-PROFIT ORGANISATION ACT, 1997:

- Certificate of Registration of Non-Profit Organisation (056-459-NPO) – See attached copy marked “A”.
- Currently applying for Public Benefit Organisation certificate
- FNB cheque account (62161776160)
- Post Office box (PO Box 1048, Durban, 4000)
- Physical address (Botanic Gardens, Discovery Room)
- Email address (durbanmetro.chessacademy@gmail.com)
- Audited financial statements since 2008

2. 2009/10 ACHIEVEMENTS AGAINST DMCA'S MAIN OBJECTIVES

DMCA's mission and objectives stipulated in the Constitution are as follows:

“ 3. MISSION

DMCA shall strive to teach, promote and improve chess, mainly amongst the previously disadvantaged communities.

4. **OBJECTIVES**

In pursuance of the aforesaid mission, DMCA shall:

- 4.1 provide chess coaching/tuition to groups and individuals;
- 4.2 conduct chess clinics and coaching at schools and public places;
- 4.3 organize chess tournaments and simultaneous displays;
- 4.4 encourage and facilitate establishment of local chess clubs, and
- 4.5 establish and maintain chess leagues.”

2.1 Victor Daitz Foundation

The biggest achievement of 2009/10 was securing financial sponsorship and support of Victor Daitz Foundation although same is limited to the advancement of the INK Chess Project. In this financial year Victor Daitz Foundation has donated approximately R25 000 to DMCA.

Victor Daitz Foundation is a charitable trust founded by Victor Daitz on 4 July 1984. More information is available at www.daitzfoundation.org.

2.2 Ink Chess Project

INK Chess Project commenced in earnest in September 2009. Two trainers (Lulama Qobo and Nkululeko Mtshali) provided chess lessons to learners of six primary schools in Ntuzuma and KwaMashu at least twice a week. With effect from June 2010 two trainers have been added to the project (Jacob Magudulela and Mbuyiswa Zuma). Approximately 250 learners are receiving chess lessons through this project.

For more information about the origin of this concept see document marked “B” which is also posted at <http://mysite.mweb.co.za/residents/keithru/DMCA%20INK%20chess.pdf>, courtesy of Keith Rust.

2.3 Training and empowerment of DMCA members

David McEnulty (world renowned professional chess teacher from US) again visited Durban in August 2009 and March 2010. On the 8th August 2009 he presented one-day chess training to 35 chess enthusiasts at Botanic Gardens. The whole training session was recorded on video, courtesy of Yusuf Patel of DIPCO.

On 27 to 28 March 2010 McEnulty presented an extensive two-day training on how to teach chess to children. Participants received certificates of attendance signed by David McEnulty. A sample thereof is attached hereto marked "C".

Two DMCA members (Nkululeko Mtshali and Lulama Qobo) have written arbiter's examination under auspices of CHESSA. Mtshali has passed the exam and is about to qualify as Provincial Tournament Arbiter. Qobo is awaiting results. Those who pass these exams and qualify as arbiters will be able to direct rated chess tournaments organized by DMCA.

2.4 Maths, Science and Technology Symposium organized by Ethekewini Municipality

DMCA displayed a chess table at the above symposium held at Tongaat Sports Grounds on 19 February 2009. DMCA had also participated in a similar symposium held at Inkosi Msinga Mlaba Sports Complex, Hammarsdale on 29 July 2008. Short chess lessons and talks about importance of chess as a learning tool were provided to hundreds of learners and teachers attending these symposiums.

2.5 Vishy Anand's visit to Durban

The reigning World Chess Champion Vishy Anand visited Durban on 26 August 2009 as a brand ambassador for NIIT. Bongani Mgaga and Desmond Rooplal of DMCA were heavily involved in arranging a simultaneous display match between Anand and students of Umfolozi College, which is sponsored by NIIT. During in formal chats with Anand and his wife Aruna they embraced and supported what DMCA is trying to do. Annexure "D" is a detailed report about Anand's visit. It is also available at www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=5749.

2.6 Tournaments

Victor Daitz Chess Challenge involving six schools participating in INK Chess Project was held on 12 March 2010 at Botanic Gardens. Each school had a team of ten best players. The tournament was won by Thandukwazi Primary School trained by Lulama Qobo. Each member of the winning received a trophy and a certificate of excellence, a sample of which is attached hereto marked "E".

On 31 March 2010 the top ten players from the Victor Daitz Chess Challenge tournament participated in an internet match against primary school learners from Hamburg, Germany. Our learners were divided into two groups i.e. Durban

Sharks and Durban Mambas. In a gallant fight our learners lost 4.5 – 2.5 to German learners. Last year it was learners from Umlazi Chess Mates who had the honour to represent DMCA in the same match.

On 8 February 2009 DMCA members who play casual chess at Medwood Gardens organized an informal tournament in honour and memory of a long time DMCA member Elias Langa affectionately known as ‘Candy man’ who had disappeared without trace for a long time. Up to date his whereabouts are unknown. Again on 9 August 2009 another informal tournament was organized and held at the Workshop.

Recently, Sandile Xulu, a DMCA member, organized a successful tournament at Intuzuma Township. This tournament was part of INK games events and the B section was won by Snehlanhla Mkhize from Thandukwazi Primary. Annexure “F” is a newspaper article about that tournament.

2.7 Establishment of chess clubs / organizations

Desmond Rooplal, DMCA Deputy Chairperson was heavily involved in the establishment of La Lucia Knights Chess Club and other chess initiatives in Midlands and Empangeni areas.

Sandile Xulu, DMCA member founded KwaZulu Chess, based in Nkandla and organized a tremendously successful inaugural tournament in which President Jacob Zuma participated and supported.

DMCA keeps regular contact with Siphon Hlongwane who established Umlazi Chess Mates in 2007 and DMCA donated twenty chess sets.

2.8 DMCA's popularity in the media

Several newspaper and internet articles and reports (including videos) have been published about DMCA's activities or chess events involving DMCA members. Who can forget that our biggest tournament thus far involving more than 200 learners from the townships, which was opened by David McEnulty at Ushaka Marine in 8 August 2008 was aired on national television – SABC3 News? Annexure “G” are some examples of publicity not already referred to above.

2.9 Equipment / assets acquired

120 roll-up chess sets and 2 demonstration boards were donated by Victor Daitz Foundation. 60 chess sets have been distributed to 6 schools participating in the INK Chess Project (10 chess sets per school) and the demo boards are used by the trainers.

100 small fold-up chess sets and 5 digital clocks were donated by provincial Department of Sports & Recreation in 2007. All chess sets were distributed to INK schools and Umlazi Chess Mates.

DMCA stand banner with beautiful colour photos of DMCA's previous events was donated by Ralph Net.

DMCA canvass banner with DMCA colourful logo and motto "Push pawns, not drugs" was donated by DIPCO, which also donated printed training manuals used by our trainers.

3. **2009/2010 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

DMCA's financial statements were audited and by Grant Thornton Auditors through assistance of Victor Daitz Foundation. A copy of the draft financial statement (which has been approved) is annexed hereto marked Annexure "H".

4. **SPECIAL THANKS**

To our sponsors; donors; supporters; well-wishers and hard workers:

- Victor Daitz Foundation and its trustees
- David McEnulty
- Botanic Gardens management
- Sydney Naidoo
- DIPCO
- Ralph Net
- Gareth Cahill – former Durban Chess Club member
- Desmond Rooplal
- Nkululeko Mtshali; Lulama Qobo; Mbongeni Sithole

- Jacob Magudulela
- Sandile Xulu

5. **QUA VADIS AND CHALLENGES**

Short term to medium term goals:

- Consolidate and expand INK Chess Project.
- Provide extra training/coaching lessons at Botanic Gardens.
- Revive DMCA League with emphasis on children between 6 and 12 years as trainees and participants.
- Empower more members to be chess trainers/coaches/arbiters.
- Enable DMCA learners to participate in open tournament and provincial trials.

Challenges:

- Insufficient resources, in particular laptops; demo boards; training DVD's and computer programs.
- Insufficient time to use the venue. Additional time (Saturdays) is necessary.
- Insufficient human resources: more dedicated volunteers and hard-working executive committee members are required.

Report prepared by:

.....

BONGANI MGAGA

DMCA CHAIRPERSON

18 JULY 2010