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Your editor welcomes any and all submissions - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to B.C. players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

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HERE AND THERE

Ogopogo Summer (Vernon, June 21-22) by Wally Steinke

Name	Rtg	CFC #	Rd1	Rd2	Rd3	Rd4	Rd5	Total
1 Kevin Goodman	1938	137749	+ 6	= 3	+ 2	+ 5	+11	4.5
2 Sean Kelman	1851	139767	+ 7	+ 4	- 1	+ 3	+ 5	4
3 Niel Dendy	1789	144226	+ 8	= 1	+ 4	- 2	+ 7	3.5
4 Wally Steinke	1695	100331	+ 9	- 2	- 3	+ 7	+10	3
5 Harry Hartwig	1630	145904	+10	- 6	+ 8	- 1	- 2	2
6 Luke Campbell	1537	145961	- 1	+ 5	- 7	- 0	- 0	1
7 Jason Lohner	1385	144557	- 2	+ 9	+ 6	- 4	- 3	2
8 Gunther Zierler	1371	147617	- 3	+10	- 5	-11	= 0	1.5
9 Shane Hickey	1311	147144	- 4	- 7	+10	- 0	- 0	1
10 Ray Bruckner	UNR	NEW	- 5	- 8	- 9	= 0	- 4	0.5
11 Grant Rice	1799	128828	= 0	= 0	- 0	+ 8	- 1	2

The first Ogopogo Summer played on the Solstice June 21, 22 was pretty much a Vernon and Kelowna affair with five players from each of the two Okanagan cities. In all, eleven players turned up, with Kevin Goodman 4.5/5 and Sean Kelman (Junior) 4/5 of Vernon placing first and second. Niel Dendy, Kelowna and Jason Lohner, Salmon Arm picked up class prizes with 3.5 and 2 respectively.

Mark your calendars for the Third Rod Planas Memorial in Kelowna Aug. 2-4. Contact wsteinke@gmail.com or Grant Rice ridebike@okanagan.net for help coordinating rides or sharing accommodation.

June Active (Vancouver, June 14)

The latest in the series of active events run by Luc Poitras at the Vancouver Bridge Centre: <http://wcjc.blogspot.com/2008/06/vancouver-summer-active.html>. The next one is scheduled for July 6 - see <http://chess.bc.ca/>.

Bean Scene Summer Active 2008 (Kelowna, June 8) by Grant Rice

The Bean Scene Chess Club hosted its first Active rated tournament this past weekend. Club members played with and alongside members of the Vernon Chess club.

Kelowna's chess community has seen its ups and downs like most cities but at the moment things are flourishing. Members meet regularly on Sundays at the Bean Scene with all levels and ages of players welcome. We are in our 9th year and hope to see intercity rivalries build from this event.

			Rd1	Rd2	R3	R4	Result
1	Grant Rice	128828	L5	W7	W6	L4	2.0
2	Niel Dendy	144226	W6	L4	W5	D3	2.5
3	Wally Steinke	100331	W7	W5	L4	D2	2.5
4	Fred Beggs	139766	W8	W2	W3	W1	4.0
5	Harry Hartwig	145904	W1	L3	L2	L8	1.0
6	Guenther Zierler	147617	L2	D8	L1	W7	1.5
7	Luke Campbell	145961	L3	L1	D8	L6	0.5
8	David Yuckin	147143	L4	D6	D7	W5	2.0

CANADIAN OLYMPIAD FUNDRAISING

Dear Canadian Chess supporter,

Our Fundraising Drive for Canada's teams at the 38th Chess Olympiad in Dresden, Germany November 12-25 is underway! Our first target is to reach \$5,000 from at least 100 donors. After we reach our first target, we plan to approach the corporate sector for sponsorships. But we can only do this if we first demonstrate broad support from our membership for our teams.

A SPECIAL CHALLENGE TO YOU

Next week, from Monday, June 23 through Sunday, June 29, we're having a special challenge. Every donation (up to a total of \$2,000) will be matched!! This is a very generous offer from a member of our Canadian Chess community. We are asking you to respond by donating \$25 to support Canada at the 38th Chess Olympiad.

Visit our web site at www.chess.ca/olympiad.htm. You can:

- See a thermometer showing our fundraising target (\$20,000) and amount raised so far (\$2,265);
- Find a link to an alphabetical list of our donors (name only, not the amount donated);
- Read a little about the history of Canada at the Olympiads;
- See photos and profiles of our Olympiad team members.

While you are on-line, you can even make your donation:

<http://chess.ca/product.asp?PD1=4470>

We also take donations by cheque, phone and e-mail.

Thank you for your continuing support of chess in Canada!

Sincerely,

Hal Bond Robert Gillanders
President Executive Director
The Chess Federation of Canada

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In light of the above campaign the BCCF has donated \$500 in advance of upcoming B.C. fundraising events: Victoria is hosting an Olympic Team fundraiser Active event on August 16 (full details at: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Active+Tournament+2008>), and a Vancouver event is also planned (details TBD).

TWO RECENT ANNIVERSARIES

Given that June has been a slow month for local news, we are taking the liberty of recognizing two recent anniversaries by reprinting previous Bulletin articles.

ALFRED SCHULZ (August 19, 1932 - June 29, 2003)

Fred wrote this about his early life when he joined the CCCA (Canadian Correspondence Chess Association) executive in 1961:

"I was born in Poland of German descent and moved to Germany with my parents in 1936. I learned to play chess when I was 15 [while hospitalized recovering from pneumonia - ed.] and took a keen liking to the game. I came to Victoria, B.C. in 1951 and played in the Victoria City Chess Club. I moved to Nanaimo in 1954 and as there was no chess club here joined the B.C. Correspondence Chess Club and had my first taste of postal play. I enjoyed it so much, I also joined in the C.C.L.A. and Chess Review tourneys. My first major victory was in the B.C. Club where I became co-champion for 1956-57.

In 1956 I organized a Chess Club in Nanaimo of which I was president for four years and now am Tournament Director. I am also Tournament Director for the Vancouver Island Chess League and 2nd Vice-President of B.C. Chess Federation. I was a member of the Canadian Team in the 4th World Team Championship (Postal). My correspondence chess record is 112 wins, 2 draws and 6 losses. I am a machinist, 29 years old and married to an Irish Colleen. We have 3 little boys aged 7, 5, and 5 months old." [CCCA *Bulletin* #288, May 1961, p. 4]

Fred remained on the CCCA executive for ten years; he donated the Schulz Trophy, initially for just the BCCCC, later for the entire CCCA, for the best-played game each year. During the same time he also served on the BCCF executive in various capacities, including President for 1963-65. A tireless organizer and promoter of the game, Fred's best individual result was probably the 1969 BC Closed (i.e., not Championship), where he finished second to Peter Biyiasas but ahead of Bob Zuk, Jonathan Berry, Russ Vogler, Dave Shapero, and Alan Ludgate, among others. A machinist by trade, Fred was also a would-be farmer, and is reported to have analyzed many of his correspondence moves whilst milking a cow.

In the 1970s Fred's interest in chess waned in favour of square-dance calling, which he threw himself into with the same passion as he had for chess. He called at all the BC Provincial Festivals and at several National Conventions; Fred felt that chess actually helped his square dance calling, with its memorization of dance steps and patterns. He was also a stalwart member of the Rotary Club.

Reshevsky, S - Schulz, F [C70] Simul Victoria, 14.02.1956

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Qe7 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Ba7 8.h3 b5 9.Bb3 Na5
10.Bc2 Bb7 11.Nbd2 Nf6 12.Re1 0-0-0 13.a4 Bb6 14.axb5 axb5 15.b4 Nc6 16.d5 Nb8
17.Qe2 c6 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Nb3 Qb7 20.Na5 Bxa5 21.Rxa5 Na6 22.Bg5 Kd7 23.Rea1
Ra8 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Nh4 h5 26.Nf5 Nc7 27.Qd3 d5 28.exd5 Nxd5 29.Bb3 ½-½

Collier, R - Schulz, F [C01] BC ch Vancouver (4.1), 05.1969

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.Qe2+ Be7 6.Qb5+ Nd7 7.Qxd5 c6 8.Qb3 Nb6
9.Be2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1 Bd6 12.Qd3 Qc7 13.h3 Bh5 14.b3 Bg6 15.Qd2 Ne4
16.Qe1 Rfe8 17.Bb2 Nd5 18.Nfd2 Nxf2 19.Qxf2 Bg3 20.Qf3 Re3 21.Qf1 Rae8 22.Nc3
Rxe2 23.Nf3 Rf2 24.Qc4 Nxc3 25.Bxc3 Ree2 26.Re1 Rxc2+ 27.Kh1 Bxe1 0-1

Schulz, F - Forbes, G [B21] Northern Vancouver Island op Nanaimo, 02.1975

1.e4 c5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.b3 d5 5.e5 Nge7 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+ Nxc6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bb2
0-0 10.Kh1 d4 11.d3 Nb4 12.a4 Nd5 13.Bc1 Bd7 14.Qe1 Bc6 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Qg3
b5 17.a5 Rac8 18.Na3 Qb7 19.h4 Rfd8 20.h5 Bf8 21.Ng5 Ne7 22.Kh2 Nf5 23.Qf2 h6
24.Nh3 Be7 25.g3 Bd5 26.Ng1 Rd7 27.Nf3 Bd8 28.g4 Ne7 29.Nh4 Nc6 30.Kh3 Bxa5
31.Bxa5 Nxa5 32.g5 hxg5 33.fxc5 Nc6 34.Qg3 Qc7 35.Rae1 Ne7 36.Nb1 g6 37.Rf6
gxh5 38.g6 Nxc6 39.Nxc6 fxg6 40.Rxc6+ Rg7 41.Rg1 Rxc6 42.Qxc6+ Kh8 43.Qh6+
Qh7
44.Qf6+ 1-0

WALTER DE HAVILLAND (August 31, 1872 - May 20, 1968)



A minor B.C. chess figure this who was much better known as the father of film stars Olivia de Havilland and Joan Fontaine:

Born in Lewisham, Kent (England), into a distinguished family which traces its roots back to the time of the Norman conquest; the aircraft designer Sir Geoffrey de Havilland was a relative. Brought up on the Channel Island of Guernsey, de Havilland attended

Harrow before reading theology at Cambridge University; he won his Blue as a participant in the annual Oxford-Cambridge rowing match. After graduation de Havilland moved to Japan; he learnt Japanese and Chinese and became an expert on oriental patent law, writing several books on the subject.

De Havilland married Lilian Rusé in 1914 and the couple settled in Tokyo; they had two daughters, Olivia (b. July 1, 1916) and Joan (b. October 22, 1917). The marriage failed: Lilian discovered that her husband was having an affair with the household maid, Yoki. She and her two daughters left de Havilland for California in 1919, but the couple was not officially divorced until 1925; de Havilland subsequently married Yoki in 1927. Olivia and Joan did not even see their father again until 1933; at that point it was decided that Joan should finish her schooling in Japan, but she left in 1934 after her father behaved improperly towards her. The sisters remained estranged from their father from then on; after they became famous film stars de Havilland tried to contact them (seeking unnecessary support), but they always refused to see him.

De Havilland and Yoki fled Japan just before World War 2 and went to the U.S.; since Yoki was Japanese she had to be interned during the war, but de Havilland arranged accommodations for them at the Broadmoor resort in Colorado Springs. Following the end of the conflict the couple moved to Victoria, where Yoki died in 1958. In 1960 de Havilland married for the third time, to Rosemary (Mary) Beaton of Victoria; eight years later the couple was residing in North Vancouver when de Havilland passed away at the age of ninety-five.

It is not known when de Havilland learned to play chess, but considering the limited number of opportunities to play in Japan, it seems likely that he was familiar with the game at least as early as his studies at Cambridge. Apart from learning oriental languages de Havilland also adopted some asian pastimes, including go: Joan Fontaine reported that when she was living with her father in Tokyo, he spent much of his time at his chess and go clubs. He was proficient enough to author *The ABC of Go*, published in 1910 (see <http://pages.infinit.net/steven/abcofgo.htm>, which also includes a biography of de Havilland). It is not known whether he learned Japanese chess or shogi, although he certainly knew some shogi players (see below). It should be mentioned that de Havilland knew the American IM Edward Lasker, also the author of a book on Go, in a professional capacity (Lasker was an engineer and inventor), at least via correspondence. It is not known whether they actually met or discussed their mutual games interests.

The first specific references to de Havilland and chess come from 1933. In January World Champion Alexander Alekhine visited Tokyo and gave a 14-board blindfold simultaneous at the Imperial Hotel, which was where de Havilland happened to be living. One of Alekhine's opponents was the shogi champion Yoshio Kimura; Alekhine thought highly enough of their game to later include it in one of his volumes of best games. However, this was not their only meeting; a few days before the simultaneous the same opponents played an offhand game, which Alekhine apparently won with ease (Kimura knew the moves of occidental chess, but had had hardly any practice). The

umpire on this occasion was listed as being "assisted by Mr. de Havilland, the well-known British resident of Tokyo." [*Japan Times & Mail*, January 20, 1933, pp. 1-2] The newspaper noted there were two umpires for the simultaneous proper, "one a foreigner and one Japanese," but did not name them: perhaps the foreigner was de Havilland. There are two photographs of the event in the *Japan Times* of January 22, 1933; one of them shows the umpires(?) standing next to a seated Alekhine, but the microfilmed images are not clear enough to attempt positive identifications.

After moving to Victoria chess seems to have become one of de Havilland's major pastimes, as go was during his years in Japan. He played on board 17 (out of 49) in the 1948 B.C. - Washington international team match, and was a participant in the 1950 B.C. Championship in Victoria, scoring a respectable 3/7 - this at the age of seventy-seven! During the 1950s he regularly took part in the Victoria and District Championship, generally finishing around the 50% mark, and in 1957 he sponsored a Swiss event at the Victoria chess club.

Postscript: despite having to watch her father play go and chess, it is not known whether Joan Fontaine ever took an interest in either game. However, Olivia de Havilland was a chess player, although it seems highly unlikely she learnt the game from her father (she was largely estranged from him from the age of two onwards). A photograph in Edward Winter's *Kings, Commoners and Knaves* shows her contesting a game with Errol Flynn. There is also a memorable scene in *The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex* (1939) in which Olivia (as Lady Penelope Gray) plays a game with Queen Elizabeth (Bette Davies); Penelope manages to capture the Queen's knight (symbolic of Essex/Errol Flynn), but this action is met by Elizabeth imperiously sweeping the pieces off the board.

Alekhine, A - Kimura, Y [C73] blindfold simul Tokyo, 20.01.1933

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Bxc6 bxc6 5.d4 exd4 6.Qxd4 d6 7.0-0 Be6 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Qa4 Bd7 11.Rad1 0-0 12.e5 Ne8 13.Bxe7 Qxe7 14.exd6 cxd6 15.Rfe1 Qd8 16.Nd4 Qc7 17.Re7 Nf6 18.Nf5 Qd8 19.Rxd6 Re8 20.Ne4 Rxe7 21.Nxf6+ Kh8 22.Nxe7 Qxe7 23.Qe4 Qxe4 24.Nxe4 Be6 25.b3 g6 26.Nc5 Bf5 27.Rxc6 Re8 28.f3 Re2 29.Rxa6 Rxc2 30.Ne4 Be6 31.h4 Kg7 32.Kh2 Kh6 33.Kg3 Bd7 34.a4 f5 35.Ng5 Rc3 36.Ra7 Rd3 37.a5 Kh5 38.Nxh7 1-0

UPCOMING EVENTS

Summer preview: apart from the local events listed below, there are several important tournaments which will include B.C. players:

Next Monday Alexandra Botez begins play in the Panamerican Youth Chess Festival in Argentina, with Spanish coverage here <http://www.ajedrez.com.ar/>.

This being the 400th anniversary of the Province of Quebec, the Canadian Youth Chess Championship (July 14-17) and the Canadian Open (July 19-27) are taking place in Quebec City and Montreal respectively - details at

<http://www.fqechecs.qc.ca/index.php?typ=actu&categorie=1&id=2123> and <http://www.fqechecs.qc.ca/index.php?typ=actu&categorie=1&id=2035>; the Canadian Open preregistered list is here <http://www.fqechecs.qc.ca/coq/coq2008.htm>.

And Edmonton hosts the 3rd Edmonton Chess Festival July 31 - August.

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

6:30 pm, **Thursdays**, Buchanan Building room D 214, University of British Columbia
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

July Active

July 6, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events3.html#LucMayActive> (I assume they are similar or the same)

Rod Planas Memorial

August 2-4, Kelowna

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events3.html#Planas>

Olympiad Active Fundraiser

August 16, Victoria

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Active+Tournament+2008>

Labour Day Open

August 30 - September 1, Langley

Details: <http://www.langleychess.com/2008-Open.htm>