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## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #129

Your editor welcomes welcome 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

#### North American Youth Chess Championships (October 5-7)



The last games of this tournament finished yesterday, resulting in a gold medal for Canada! Alexandra Botez of Port Moody led from start to finish and won the Girls' U12 Section with an undefeated 6.0/7 score. This victory qualifies her for the 2008 Pan-American Championship and according to the official website she also receives the title of Woman Candidate Master (FIDE stipulates that title events cannot have more than two rounds a day yet the tournament had three on Saturday, so I'm not quite sure how that works). There were several other strong Canadian performances which just missed winning a medal:

Jonah Lee (U8) lost in the third and fourth rounds but won his remaining games to score 5.0/7 - this tied him for second, but after tiebreaks he placed fourth. Jacob Jensen (U10) played on board one in the last round, but a rook versus knight and two pawns material imbalance gradually got away from him for a heartbreaking loss, leaving him tied for third with 5.0/7 but outside the medals on tiebreak. The other B.C. players on the team were Tanraj Sohal and Stefan Trandafir; in fact, all the Canadian players were from B.C. with the sole exception of Justin McDonald of Ontario, who was there with his father, CFC

Junior Coordinator Patrick McDonald. Another familiar name was American Robert Lau, who some might remember from the 2004 Western Canadian Open; he won the U16 Section with a perfect score. Congratulations especially to Alexandra, but also to all our Canadian representatives.

The tournament was held in Aguascalientes in Central Mexico, roughly the same longitude as Estevan, Saskatchewan. One hundred and eighty-two players took part, six from Canada, eleven from the United States, the rest from Mexico. This was only the second time the tournament has been held, the first was in Boca Raton, Florida in 2004. The official website has games, results, bulletins, photos, and videos, but has not been kept completely up-to-date: although all the prizewinners are listed, final standings from some of the sections are still not available. The photos are from the opening ceremonies and include several with Canadian content; the bulletins contain round summaries, pairings and results, photos, games, and several short interviews, with among others Andre Botez and Patrick and Justin McDonald. All of the available B.C. games are on the juniorchess website.

Official website: <http://www.aguascalienteschess2007.com:80/default.htm>

Juniorchess: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/games/naycc/>

**Lee, Jonah - Aparicio Rodriguez, Damaso Antonio [A25] NAYCC U08B Aguascalientes (7.2), 07.10.2007**

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.g3 Bb4 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.a3 Bc5 6.e3 d6 7.Nge2 Bg4 8.0-0 0-0 9.h3 Bf5 10.d4 exd4 11.exd4 Bb6 12.b4 a6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.Nd5 Qe6 16.Nxb6 cxb6 17.d5 Qd7 18.dxc6 bxc6 19.Kh2 Rfe8 20.b5 axb5 21.cxb5 Rac8 22.Bxc6 Rxc6 23.bxc6 Qxc6 24.Nd4 Qc5 25.Nxf5 Qxf5 26.Re1 Rd8 27.Kg2 Qd7 28.Qc2 Qb7+ 29.Kg1 Rc8 30.Qe2 Qd7 31.Kh2 Kh7 32.Qe7 Qf5 33.Qe4 Qxe4 34.Rxe4 Rc2 35.Kg2 d5 36.Re7 Kg8 37.Rd7 Rd2 38.Rb1 d4 39.Rxb6 d3 40.a4 Rd1 41.Rbd6 Ra1 42.Rd4 d2 43.Rxd2 Rxa4 44.R7d4 Ra5 45.Rd7 Ra4 46.R2d3 Ra5 47.Rf3 f6 48.Re3 Rg5 49.Red3 h5 50.R7d5 Rg6 51.f4 h4 52.f5 Rg5 53.g4 g6 54.Rd8+ Kh7 55.R3d7+ Kh6 56.Rh8# 1-0

**De La Cerda Damian, Josue - Jensen, Jacob [B95] NAYCC U10B Aguascalientes (4.5), 06.10.2007**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.e5 dxe5 8.Nf3 h6 9.Bh4 Nc6 10.Qe2 Nd4 11.Qd3 Nxf3+ 12.Qxf3 Be7 13.Qe3 Qc7 14.Bd3 0-0 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Qe4 g6 17.h4 Bd7 18.h5 Bc6 19.Qg4 g5 20.0-0-0 Bg7 21.Rh3 f5 22.Qc4 Qf7 23.g3 Rad8 24.f4 exf4 25.gxf4 g4 26.Re3 Rfe8 27.Rde1 Bd7 28.Qb3 b5 29.a3 Kh7 30.Rh1 Qg8 31.a4 bxa4 32.Nxa4 Bf6 33.Bxa6 Bxa4 34.Qxa4 g3 35.Qc6 g2 36.Rg1 Bd4 37.Rxg2 Bxe3+ 38.Kb1 Qf7 39.Qf3 e5 40.Be2 exf4 41.Rg6 Ra8 42.Ra6 Rxa6 43.Bxa6 Bd2 44.b3 Re1+ 45.Ka2 Qg7 46.Qd3 Ra1# 0-1

**San Pedro Morales, Marco Antonio - Sohal, Tanraj [B45] NAYCC U12B Aguascalientes (4.3), 06.10.2007**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Bg5 Bb4 7.Nxc6 bxc6 8.e5 Qa5 9.Bd2 Qxe5+ 10.Qe2 Qxe2+ 11.Bxe2 0-0 12.a3 Bc5 13.0-0 d5 14.Na4 Bd6 15.Be3 e5 16.Bc5 Bxc5 17.Nxc5 Nd7 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Rad1 Rab8 20.b3 Bf5 21.Rd2 a5 22.Bd3 Be6 23.a4 c5 24.Bb5 d4 25.Re1 f6 26.f4 Bf7 27.fxe5 fxe5 28.Rxe5 Rfc8 29.Bd7 Rd8 30.Bf5 Rd5 31.Rxd5 Bxd5 32.h3 Re8 33.Bg4 g6 34.Re2 Rxe2 35.Bxe2 Be4 36.Bd3 Bd5 37.Kf2 Kf7 38.g4 h6 39.h4 g5 40.h5 Kf6 41.Kg3 Ke5 42.Be2 Bc6 43.Bf1 Be4 44.Bd3 Kd5 45.Bc4+ Ke5 46.Bd3 Bd5 47.Be2 Bg8 48.Bd3 Be6 49.Be2 Ke4 50.Bd3+ Ke3 51.Bf1 Bd5 52.Bc4 Bxc4 53.bxc4 Kd2 54.Kf3 Kxc2 0-1

**Botez, Alexandra - Real Pereira, Diana Carime [D35] NAYCC U12G Aguascalientes (5.1), 06.10.2007**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 Nbd7 6.e3 c6 7.cxd5 exd5 8.Qc2 0-0 9.0-0-0 b5 10.Bd3 Nb6 11.Ne5 Bb7 12.Kb1 Kh8 13.g4 h6 14.h4 Ng8 15.g5 Nd7 16.gxh6 gxh6 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.Bf5 Qd8 19.Rdg1 Bd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Rg2 Ne7 22.Rhg1 Rg8 23.Ne2 Rxg2 24.Rxg2 Qf6 25.Bd3 Qxh4 26.Qd1 Rg8 27.Ng3 Bc8 28.Qf3 Be6 29.Rg1 a6 30.Rh1 Qg5 31.Rh5 Qg7 32.Qf4 Re8 33.Rxh6+ Kg8

34.Nh5 Qg1+ 35.Kc2 Kf8 36.Rxe6 Rd8 37.Qf6 Rd7 38.Qh6+ Ke8 39.Qh8+ 1-0

**Medina Garcia, Manuel Alva - Trandafir, Stefan [B02] NAYCC U16B Aquascalientes (4.2), 06.10.2007**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Ng8 3.d4 e6 4.Nf3 b6 5.Bd3 Bb7 6.0-0 d6 7.c3 Nd7 8.Re1 c5 9.Nbd2 Qc7 10.Qe2 dxe5 11.dxe5 Ne7 12.Nc4 Ng6 13.Bg5 h6 14.Bd2 Be7 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Nd6+ Bxd6 17.exd6 Qxd6 18.Qxe6+ Qxe6 19.Rxe6+ Kf7 20.Rae1 Rhe8 21.Rd6 Rxe1+ 22.Bxe1 Rd8 1/2-1/2

**FM Bindi Cheng**



The latest FIDE ratings list came out on October 1st, and with his fine play this summer Bindi Cheng's rating has risen to 2307, which qualifies him for the FIDE Master title. Congratulations!

**B.C. Open Girls Championship** (September 29)

A continuation of the now defunct Chess by the Sea tournaments which were previously held in White Rock, this all girls' event had a smaller turnout than expected but was enjoyed by the participants. Section winners were Alexandra Botez, Leanne Hwa (Washington), and Leah Lifton.

Standings: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/all-girls07.html>

Photos: [http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/all\\_girls\\_photos/index.html](http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/all_girls_photos/index.html)

**B.C. Senior Games Report** (September 13) by Jonathan Berry

Brian Foan of Nanaimo won the tournament section of the B.C. Senior Games, September 13th in Nanaimo. Silver medalist was Dennis Snow, of Powell River. The B.C. Senior Games is an annual event for persons aged 55 and up. Chess has been played in the Games, but long ago, judging from memories and from the wording of the rules inherited from that time. Chess is an "optional" sport. If it's not specially requested, they don't have to put it in.

For the Senior Games, B.C. is divided into 12 Zones. Each Zone must hold a qualifying event, or else nobody from that zone may take part in the provincial finals. As it turned out, only Zone 2 (Northern Vancouver Island - Sunshine Coast) held a qualifier (organized by Wanda Mahony in Parksville). With two qualifying players from each Zone, and two competitions: tournament (rated 1500 or up) and Social

(rated below 1500 or unrated), that made the finals simple for the TD: two players in each competition, playing a short match.

In the Social section, Frank Kimantas of Nanaimo scored a steady 2-0 victory over Bill Wilson of Qualicum.

In the tournament section, also played at a time limit of one hour for the game, the competitors were Brian Foan (rated 1820 on the January 1974 CFC list) and Dennis Snow (1757 on TDLIST of 1997).

The two match games were filled with ideas.

### Snow, Dennis - Foan, Brian [B12] B.C. Senior Games (1), Nanaimo, 13.09.2007

[Berry]

**1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Bd3**

It was the case throughout the match that both players thought bishops on "Bishop Four" to be strong, and often worthy of being traded off. **4...Bxd3 5.Qxd3 e6 6.Nf3 Nd7 7.0-0 h6 8.Qb3?! Leads to nothing. 8...Qb6 9.Qxb6?! axb6 10.Be3 c5?** Black might still get a good game, but only in spite of, rather than because of, this move. The normal attack at White's pawn chain fails because of the weakness of b5 and because Black lags in development. 10...b5 is a slow way to shut down the queenside while figuring out a way to develop the pieces. A knight at f5 might be bolted in place by h6-h5. Ng8-e7-c8-b6 is also conceivable. The bishop looks natural at e7 and then Black could think about doubling rooks on the a-file. 10...f6 leads to a completely different type of game, but also in Black's favour. **11.c3 Ne7 12.Na3! Nf5 12...Ra5** prevents Nb5 and leads to a fairly even game. **13.Nb5 Kd8 13...Ra5 14.a4 c4. 14.Rfe1 Nxe3** Opens two ways for White to attack. A better try was 14...Be7. **15.Rxe3** Even better was 15.fxe3 intending e3-e4. **15...Ra5 16.a4 c4 17.h3 Nb8 18.Nd2! Nc6?! After 18...Be7** Black can defend the kingside pawns without tying himself up. **19.Rf3 Ke8?** It might look like I'm being hard on Black because he only gets a bad position after this move, but how good is your position if the only practical chance to survive lies in 19...Ke7 20.b3 cxb3 21.Nxb3 Ra8 22.Nd2 f6 (22...Na5 23.Rb1 f6 24.exf6+ gxf6 25.Re1 Rc8 26.Rfe3 Rc6 27.Na7+-) 23.exf6+ gxf6 24.Re3 Kd7 (24...e5 25.Nc7 Rd8 26.dxe5 fxe5 27.c4 d4 28.Rb3+/-) 25.Rxe6+/=



**20.b4! Nxb4 20...cxb3 21.Nxb3 Ra6 22.Nc7+ Ke7 23.Nxa6 bxa6 24.Rb1 Na7 25.a5+- 21.cxb4 Bxb4 22.Nb1!**

Nice. White's pieces are well developed on their original squares, unlike Black's. White sets up a gravy train on c3-b5. **22...Ke7**

22...Rf8 23.N1c3 f6 24.Rb1 Bxc3 25.Nxc3 fxe5 26.Rxf8+ Kxf8 27.dxe5 d4 28.Ne2 d3 29.Nc3 Rxe5



30.Kf1. **23.N1c3 f6 24.Rb1 Bxc3 25.Nxc3 Ra6** Also pretty hopeless looking, if a better attempt at twilight zoning the opponent, is 25...fxe5 26.Rxb6 exd4 27.Nb5 Rxb5 28.axb5 Rb8 29.Kf1 g6. **26.Rb4 fxe5 27.dxe5 Rd8 28.Nb5 Rda8 29.Nc7 Rxa4 30.Rxb6 Rb8 31.Rxe6+!** Rooks also move sideways. Black resigned. 31.Rxe6+ Kd8 32.Rf7 soon spells mate. **1-0**

### Foan, Brian - Snow, Dennis [D02] B.C. Senior Games (2), Nanaimo, 13.09.2007

[Berry]

**1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Bf5 3.Bf4 h6**

Both players like the "bad bishops outside the pawn chain" model of chess. I'd be inclined to continue c4 with a quick Qb3 in mind. **4.e3 e6 5.Bd3 Ne7 6.Nc3 a6 7.Nh4 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nd7** Luckily, on 8...g5 White has 9.Be5, though after 9...Rg8 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.Bg3 Nf5 Black would have redressed the episcopal deficit. **9.Nf3 g5 10.Be5 f6 11.Bg3 h5 12.h3 Rh6 13.e4** In response to an attack on the wing, counter in the centre. **13...Nb6 14.b3**

14.e5 isn't quite the shot that it might appear at first, because after 14...Nf5 15.exf6 Nxg3 16.f7+ Kxf7 17.Ne5+ Kg8 Black is safe. 14.0-0 and 14.0-0-0 are both reasonable options. **14...Ng6 15.e5 f5 16.Ne2 Bb4+ 16...h4. 17.c3 Be7 18.Nd2 Qd7 19.f4?! 0-0-0 19...h4 20.fxg5 Bxg5 21.Bf2 0-0-0=/+ 20.Nf3 g4! 20...gxf4 21.Bxf4 Nxf4 22.Nxf4 Rg8 -/+ according to Fritz4, but I'm not convinced. 21.hxg4 fxg4 22.Ng5?! 22.Nh4 is about even. Now the N gets isolated. 22...Rf8! 23.Qd2 Rf5 23...h4 24.0-0-0 Rhh8 25.Bh2 g3 26.Bg1 Nxf4 27.Nxf4 Bxg5 28.Be3-/+ 24.Bf2?! h4? 24...Nxf4-+ 25.Be3 Rh8! 26.0-0-0 Qc6 27.Qc2 Ba3+?! 27...Nxf4 28.Bxf4 Bxg5 29.Bxg5 Rxg5 30.Rdf1-/+ 28.Kb1 Kd7? 29.Nf7 29.g3+/= 29...Rh7 30.Ng5 Rh6?**

A piquant moment. After 30...Rh8! White would either take a draw (which would lose him the match, but in Dennis's mind would require another game), or play 31.g3 with only a slight advantage. **31.Ng3! Rf8 32.Rdf1? Qb5 33.f5?! 33.Nxe6 Kxe6 34.f5+ Kd7 35.Bxh6+-.**



Here Black had five minutes left, and I prepared to advise him, after he moved, that he would not have to record any more moves. However, after thinking for about 4 minutes and 45 seconds, he said something like "I guess I'm going to lose on time" and the players soon shook hands. This is a supremely impractical way to play the game. It seemed to me that Black must try 33...hxg3 and now the computer finds White's way to victory: (33...Nc4) 34.Nxe6! (34.Rxh6 Qxf1+--; 34.fxe6+ Kc6-/+ ) 34...Rxh1 35.Nxf8+ Nxf8 36.Rxh1+- . Even this takes a bit of self-convincing, whereas White's obvious tries (in the parentheses) quickly lead to debacle. **1-0**

So with the score tied 1-1, we went to tiebreaks. The brace of 15-minute games showed Brian Foan to be a quick and confident player. Although Dennis Snow wasn't exactly slow, his opponent was minutes up on the clock in both games with a reasonable position. Brian won the playoff 2-0 and the gold medal. A tie would have resulted in another two-game match. After that, we would have gone to 6-5

Armageddon.

Next year's games are in Prince George. If you are born 1953 or earlier, you are eligible--but only if there is a zonal tournament where you live! CFC and BCCF membership are not required, and the games are not rated. There was a fair bit of local interest from players wishing to compete. It is a mid ground between tournament chess and skittles. It is a form of serious competition for social players.

## WEBSITE UPDATES

Thanks to webmaster Glen Lee the BCCF website has been updated in a number of areas. Additions have been made to the lists of champions, including a list of B.C. women champions (any omissions or errors, please contact [swright2@telus.net](mailto:swright2@telus.net)). The Bulletin page now includes an index of major items in each issue; these are mainly historical, since specific tournaments can be accessed via the given Bulletin dates of publication. The indexing is currently from issue #51 forward, the remaining issues will be indexed shortly. And last but not least, the BCBASE games database has been updated. It now contains over 15,000 games with B.C. content (either played here or by B.C. players elsewhere), and is current up to and including the Langley Labour Day tournament.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Junior events

Oct. 13 Sprott Shaw Junior Open  
 Oct. 14 Island Junior Open #2  
 Nov. 3 BC Junior qualifier  
 Nov. 4 Island Junior Open #3  
 Nov. 10-12 BC Junior  
 Dec. 2 Sprott Shaw Junior Open  
 Dec. 9 Greater Victoria City Championship

### Silver Star Challenge (Qualifier for BC Closed)

Date: November 10-12, 2007

Site: Best Western Vernon Lodge - 3914 32nd St., B.C. 545-3385

Type: 6 Round Swiss

Fee: \$40, \$35 senior, \$30 junior (must be CFC member or pay \$15 extra). First time ever players can play for reduced entry.

Time: 30/90 sd/60

Rounds: Saturday and Sunday (November 10 and 11): 10:00am, 5:00pm. Monday November 12: 9:00am and ASAP

Registration: On site 9:00am - 10:00am Saturday November 10.

Prizes: BEN

Bring sets and clocks.

TD: Wally Steinke

Organizer: Wally Steinke (250) 545-6677

### Westbank 3-Rounder

CFC-rated

Date: Sat., Nov. 17/07

Site: Mt. Boucherie Secondary School cafeteria, 2751 Cameron Rd., Westbank, BC

Registration: 8.30 a.m. at site

Format: 3 rd. swiss

TC: 30/90, SD/30

Rds.: 9.00 a.m., 12.00 noon, 3.00 p.m. or ASAP

Entry: adults \$15, jr. \$5

Prizes: based on entries

Misc.: Bring pen, chess set clock; no smoking, no alcohol. Cafeteria service not available at site

Info: George Hara (250) 452-6625; e-mail: [geohara@hotmail.com](mailto:geohara@hotmail.com)

### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

A 5 round CFC rated Swiss

EF: \$25; \$5 discount to CFC members, \$10 late fee (after Nov. 19)

Prize Fund: 1st \$75, Top under 1850 \$50

Location: University of Victoria, Human and Social Development Building, Room HSD-A264 [See Map](#)

Time Control: Game/90 + 30 sec. increment

Rounds: Nov. 24 at 9:30 am, 1:30 pm, 6:00 pm; Nov. 25 at 9:30 am, 2:00 pm

Registration:

\* On site Nov. 24 8:30-9:15 am (late fee applies)

\* At the Victoria Chess Club, regular meeting nights

\* By email to [victoria\\_chess@shaw.ca](mailto:victoria_chess@shaw.ca)

Misc:

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[Parking Map](#) (Note: Parking at U Vic is no longer free on Saturdays)

<http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/2007+Jack+Taylor+Memorial>

### **UBC Thursday Night Swiss - NOTE CHANGE OF DAY!**

6:30 pm, **Thursdays**, Henry Angus Building room 417, University of British Columbia

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