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BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #135

Happy New Year!

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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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

WA Challengers Cup (December 29-30)

B.C. junior Jingzhou (Peter) Lai played in his first American event, the Reserve Section of the Washington Challengers Cup; here are two of his games, courtesy of Drayton Harrison:

Meliti, David - Lai, Jingzhou [A08] Challengers Cup res Tacoma (4), 30.12.2007

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.g3 c5 5.Bg2 Nc6 6.Ngf3 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 Qc7 9.Qe2 b5 10.e5 Nd7 11.Nf1 Ba6 12.h4 b4 13.Bf4 c4 14.d4 Qa5 15.Qe3 Rab8 16.N1h2 Qa4 17.b3 Qa3 18.h5 Qb2 19.h6 g6 20.Qd2 Qa3 21.Ng4 Qa5 22.Bh3 Qd8 23.Ng5 Qb6 24.Rad1 c3 25.Qe3 Nxd4 26.Rxd4 Bc5 27.Red1 Bxd4 28.Qxd4 Be2 29.Qxb6 Rxb6 30.Re1 Bxg4 31.Bxg4 Ra6 32.Ra1 and the players stopped recording moves due to mutual time trouble. Black ran out of time later. 1-0

Lai, Jingzhou - Buck, (1783) [D45] Challengers Cup res Tacoma (5), 30.12.2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Bd3 a6 10.e4 c5 11.e5 Nd5 12.Bb1 Bb7 13.Qe2 cxd4 14.Nxd4 Nxc3 15.bxc3 Qd5 16.f3 Bc5 17.Be3 Qxe5 18.Re1 Nd7 19.Qd2 Nb6 20.Qd3 g6 21.Bc2 Nc4 22.Bh6 Qh5 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.f4 Qd5 25.Qe4 1/2-1/2

North American Open (December 26-29)

B.C. players Andrei and Alexandra Botez, Juni (Severo) Caluza, Jack Cheng, Richard Huang, and Mau-Seng Lee participated in the North American Open in Las Vegas.

Crosstables: <http://www.chesstournamentsservices.com/nao/>

FA title for Stephen Wright

Various FIDE titles were approved by the 1st quarter FIDE Presidential Board 2008 (held December 21-22, 2007 in Singapore), including that of FIDE Arbiter for your editor. This was on the basis of norms achieved at four tournaments: the 2004 Keres Memorial, 2004 Western Canadian Open, 2006 Canadian Open, and 2007 Canadian Open.

<http://fide.com/news.asp?id=1554>

2007 IN B.C. CHESS

The end of the year is often a time for reflection and review of the events that occurred in the previous twelve months. With this in mind, here is a list of B.C. tournament winners for 2007, along with a few other highlights:

Vancouver January Open - Bindi Cheng

North Shore Open - Hanneign Pitre

Kelowna Winterfest - David Moore

March Open - Arie Milner

B.C. Championship - Brian McLaren

Grand Pacific Open - Hanneign Pitre

Appleblossom Open - David Moore

Keres Memorial - Georgi Orlov

VCC Canada Day Open - Gerhard Neufahrt and Jofrel Landingin

Canadian Open - IM norm for Bindi Cheng

Quebec Open - FM title for Bindi Cheng

VCC August Open - Yiming and Yifei Han

Canadian Amateur U2200 - Paul Leblanc

Labour Day Open - Vicente Lee

B.C. Senior Games - Brain Foan, Frank Kimantas

Seattle Fall Open - Arie Milner

NAYCC - gold medal and WCM title for Alexandra Botez

Silver Star Classic - David Moore and Gerhard Neufahrt

B.C. Junior Championship - Bindi Cheng

Jack Taylor Memorial - Valeria Gansvind and Roger Patterson

BC - WA match - won narrowly by Washington

2008 CANADIAN CHESS HALL OF FAME INDUCTEE

The Canadian Chess Hall of Fame is another initiative of David Cohen, who writes:

"As you know, I've been alternating living with past (deceased) contributors to Canadian chess. When I started this effort in 2000, I viewed it as a recognition of our best achievements, such as the Grandmaster title, combined with the opportunity to publicize these achievements. But after my initial selections of 25 people in 2000 and 2001, I kept it to one per year. I've come to view the selection as more of a 'Lifetime Achievement' award - for people who've never had this recognition of their contributions to Canadian chess. In looking at our Canadian chess community, it really struck me that we've neglected our best people over the years. In 2006, I chose Zoltan Sarosy. As you know, that was the year he turned 100. When I heard of his age, I realized I needed to give some priority to giving this award to our people while they are still alive!

Continuing in this vein, I've decided to select 93 year-old Cyril Large of Nanaimo, BC for 2008. My impression was that Cyril was someone who just went out and did it. He organized annual school chess tournaments on Vancouver Island which grew to be the largest in the country by far. He also successfully obtained sponsorship from good companies, like a local fruit juice producer. These were two efforts that were years ahead of their time. I'd like to think that his efforts resulted in some sustained good for chess in Canada. E-mail conversations with Lynn Stringer have confirmed this. I'd also appreciate hearing more from anyone else."

Cyril Large

- Organized chess on Vancouver Island, British Columbia in 1960s and 1970s
- Organized annual school chess tournaments, which grew to involve 6,625 players from 162 schools by 1976
- At age 90 in 2004, still plays one game of chess every evening with his wife, aged 95

Sources: *Bulletin* 13, 16; Lynn Stringer (conversations 2004.07, *Chess Canada Echecs* 2004.04 p.16); phone interview by David Cohen with Cyril Large, 2004.07.

Canadian Chess web site:

<http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/canchess.html#FAME>

<http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/canchess.html#LARGE>



A fuller biography was given by Jonathan Berry in the November-December 1975 CFC *Bulletin*:

"Cyril Large, of Victoria, BC, is the director of Canada's largest chess tournament, and has been every year for the past five. You don't believe it? Well, let's start at the beginning. Cyril Large was born in Tiny, Saskatchewan - aptly named because it consisted of one grain elevator and five houses. It was there that Cyril Large learned chess at his father's knee. The love of chess stayed with him through his career as an orderly. It was then that he thought of organizing chess among elementary school children. His first attempt was in 1969. He organized Chess Partners - adults willing to help supervising and transporting elementary school children to play chess. The first attempt was a relative failure. Undaunted, Cyril Large decided he needed some publicity and funding. His first sponsor was C-FAX radio station. You may think it was easy to organize a tournament with a radio station on your side. It helps, but you still have to contact people personally. In 1971, Cyril Large set up door-to-door canvassing in the Blanchard area of Victoria. The first C-FAX Chess Tournament in 1971 had a mere 1,649 entrants. In the same year, Cyril Large had an accident at work. He went on sick leave - never to return. Under his able management, the C-FAX tournament grew:

1972 2,476 players from 67 schools
 1973 2,965 players from 74 schools
 1974 3,536 players from 76 schools
 1975 5,073 players from 103 schools
 [1976 6,625 players from 162 schools]

Along the way, two other sponsors offered to help out with the growing project. Today the Canada Safeway * Sprite * C-FAX Chess Tournament covers elementary schools all over southern Vancouver Island, and is the biggest event of its kind in North America (and, we suspect, biggest in the western world). Chess is news in Victoria. On January 11, 1975, the *Victoria Times* ran a five-column photo of the grade 3 championships on the front page. Why not in your city?"

[1976 was the last year of the C-FAX tournaments, Mr. Large became too ill to continue organizing them - ed.]

B.C. PLAYERS AT HASTINGS

One of the longest chess traditions in the world is the annual Hastings congress which, with the exception of the war years, has been going on in one form or another since 1920. Both of B.C.'s OTB grandmasters played at Hastings, Suttles in 1973/74 and Biyiasas in 1978/79 and 1979/80 (Biyiasas also played in the Challengers' tournament in 1977/78). Respective winners of these events were Szabo, Tal, Timman, and Kuzmin in 1973/74, and Ulf Andersson for the latter two tournaments.

A report on this year's edition, just ended:

<http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=4367>

Selected games by Suttles and Biyiasas:

Suttles, Duncan - Garcia Martinez, Silvino [A20] Hastings (3), 29.12.1973

1.g3 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.d3 d5 4.cxd5 Qxd5 5.Nf3 e4 6.Nc3 Bb4 7.Qa4+ Qd7 8.Qxb4 Nc6 9.Qc5 exf3 10.Bg5 Qd4 11.Qxd4 Nxd4 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Kd2 fxe2 14.Nxe2 Nxe2 15.Bxe2 Be6 16.Rhe1 0-0-0 17.Bf1 Rd6 18.Re4 Rhd8 19.Rf4 f5 20.Rh4 a5 21.Rc1 Rd4 22.Rxh7 Rb4 23.b3 a4 24.h4 axb3 25.axb3 f4 26.g4 Rxb3 27.g5 Kb8 28.Rc3 Rb2+ 29.Rc2 Rb1 30.Be2 f3 31.Bxf3 Bf5 32.Rxf7 Rxd3+ 33.Ke2 Bg6 34.Rf8+ Ka7 35.Ra2+ Kb6 36.Rf6+ Rd6 37.Rxd6+ cxd6 38.h5 Bf7 39.Rd2 1-0

Suttles, Duncan - Benko, Pal [A00] Hastings (11), 08.01.1974

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 g6 4.Bd2 c6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Qc1 Qb6 7.Nd1 h5 8.Nf3 Nbd7 9.0-0 Nc5 10.b4 Ne6 11.a4 a5 12.bxa5 Qd8 13.Rb1 0-0 14.Qa3 Ng4 15.Re1 Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.e4 dxe4 18.Rxe4 Bc7 19.Qb2 Kh7 20.Ne3 Bxa5 21.Bc1 Bc7 22.Qc3 f5 23.Rxe6 Bxe6 24.Rxb7 Bc8 25.Bb2 Rf6 26.Rxc7 Qxc7 27.Nd5 Qd6 28.Nxf6+ Qxf6 29.Qxf6 exf6 30.Bxc6 Rb8 31.Bb5 Bd7 32.c4 Kg7 33.Kf1 Kf7 34.Ke2 Ke7 35.Kd2 Ra8 36.Kc3 Rxa4 37.Bxa4 Bxa4 38.f4 Bd1 39.d4 Kd6 40.d5 Kc5 41.Ba3+ Kb6 42.Be7 Bf3 43.Kd4 Bd1 44.Bxf6 Ba4 45.Bd8+ Ka6 46.c5 Be8 47.Ke5 Bf7 48.c6 1-0

Biyiasas, Peter - Vasiukov, Evgeni [A07] Hastings (4), 1978

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.e4 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.e5 Ne8 11.Nf1 Nc7 12.N1h2 a5 13.Bf4 a4 14.Qd2 a3 15.b3 Nb5 16.c4 Nc7 17.h4 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 Na6 19.Red1 Bb4 20.Qc2 Qa5 21.Rac1 d4 22.Qe2 Bc3 23.Ng5 g6 24.h5 Nac5 25.Qg4 Rfe8 26.Qh4 Nf8 27.Ne4 Nxe4 28.Bxe4 Bb4 29.Kg2 Qd8 30.Qg4 Ra5 31.hxg6 fxg6 32.Rh1 Qd7 33.Rh6 Re7 34.Rch1 Rg7 35.Bg5 Rxe5 36.Bf6 Ra5 37.Bxg7 Qxg7 38.Rxh7 Nxh7 39.Qxe6+ Kf8 40.Bxg6 Qe7 41.Qc8+ 1-0

Biyiasas, Peter - Peters, John [B29] Hastings (8), 1978

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.Nc3 e6 5.Nxd5 exd5 6.d4 Nc6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Bd3 d6 9.exd6 0-0 10.0-0 Qxd6 11.c3 h6 12.Bc2 Bg4 13.Qd3 Qg6 14.Be3 Qxd3 15.Bxd3 Bd6 16.Nd4 Ne5 17.Bf5 Bc5 18.Rfe1 Bxd4 19.Bxd4 Nf3+ 20.gxf3 Bxf5 21.Re7 b6 22.Rae1 f6 23.f4 Rf7 24.f3 Kf8 25.R7e2 Bd7 26.b3 Re8 27.Rxe8+ Bxe8 28.Kf2 Re7 29.Ra1 Bg6 30.a4 Rb7 31.b4 a6 32.a5 b5 33.Bc5+ Kf7 34.Ke3 Bh5 35.Rd1 Rd7 36.f5 Ke8 37.Rd3 Kd8 38.Kd4 Bf7 39.Re3 Kc7 40.h4 Bg8 41.Re7 Bh7 1-0

Biyiasas, Peter - Stean, Michael [A41] Hastings (7), 1979

1.Nf3 g6 2.e4 d6 3.c4 Bg7 4.d4 Bg4 5.Be2 Nc6 6.Nbd2 e5 7.d5 Nce7 8.0-0 Bd7 9.b4 f5 10.Ng5

Nf6 11.Bb2 0-0 12.f3 Bh6 13.h4 Nh5 14.f4 Nxf4 15.Rxf4 exf4 16.Ndf3 Bg7 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.Qd4+ Kg8 19.e5 a5 20.b5 b6 21.e6 Be8 22.Bd3 Nc8 23.e7 Qxe7 24.Re1 Qg7 25.Qxg7+ Kxg7 26.Ne6+ Kg8 27.Nxf8 Kxf8 28.Ng5 Bd7 29.Nxh7+ Kg7 30.Ng5 Kf6 31.Nh7+ Kg7 32.Ng5 Kf6 33.Nh3 f3 34.g3 Ne7 35.Kf2 Rg8 36.Kxf3 Rg7 37.Kf4 Ng8 38.Nf2 Re7 39.Rxe7 Nxe7 40.Be2 Bxb5 41.cxb5 Nxd5+ 42.Kf3 g5 43.hxg5+ Kxg5 44.Bc4 Ne7 45.Ke3 a4 46.Kd4 Kf6 47.Bd5 Ng6 48.Nd3 Kg5 49.Bf3 a3 50.Kd5 Nf8 51.Nf4 1-0

Speelman, Jonathan - Biyiasas, Peter [E62] Hastings (12), 1979

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0-0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Nc6 9.0-0 Nd7 10.Bg2 Rb8 11.Be3 e5 12.dxe5 Ndxe5 13.Qa4 Nd7 14.Qc2 a5 15.Rfd1 Nb4 16.Qd2 Nc5 17.Rab1 Re8 18.b3 Bxc3 19.Qxc3 Ne4 20.Bxe4 Rxe4 21.Bd4 Rxe2 22.Re1 Re6 23.Bg7 Nc6 24.h4 Qe7 25.Kg2 Re8 26.Bf6 Qd7 27.h5 Ne5 28.Bxe5 Rxe5 29.Rxe5 Rxe5 30.hxg6 hxg6 31.Qf3 Rh5 32.g4 Rg5 33.Kg3 Qe6 34.Rd1 f5 35.Qxb7 f4+ 36.Kxf4 Qxg4+ 37.Ke3 Qxd1 0-1

VANCOUVER JANUARY OPEN

Dates: January 11 - 13, 2008

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Rounds: 5

Times: January 11th, 6 pm; January 12th and 13th, 10 am and 3:30 pm

Type: Regular Swiss

Time Controls: game/90 with a 60 second increment (digital), or game/150 (analog)

Byes: Rds. 1-4

Entry Fee: Adults \$30, Juniors/Seniors \$20 (non-CFC members add \$10 for tournament membership)

Prizes: \$\$BEN

Registration: In advance or at site 5:30 – 5:50 pm, January 11th

Tournament Director: Stephen Wright

Miscellaneous: One or two sections, depending upon numbers

N.B. please bring equipment, especially clocks!

For more information please contact the organizer: Stephen Wright: 604-221-7148, e-mail:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

Jan. 13 Island Junior Open #4

Jan. 20 Sprott-Shaw Junior Open

Jan. 27 K-12 Scholastic Open

Feb. 3 Island Junior Open #5

UBC Thursday Night Swiss - NOTE CHANGE OF DAY!

6:30 pm, **Thursdays**, Henry Angus Building room 417, University of British Columbia
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

Westbank Jan 08 Three-Rounder (CFC-rated Chess Tournament)

Date: Saturday, Jan. 26, 2008.

Site: Cafeteria of Mt. Boucherie Secondary School, 2751 Cameron Road, Westbank, B.C.

Org. and TD: Luke Campbell. Tel. 250-762-5853.

Registration: 8.30 a.m. at site.

Entry fee: Juniors (less than 18 years of age)--\$5.00, Adults--\$15.00.

CFC membership: CFC membership is required, and may be purchased on site.

TC: 30/60, SD/30.

Rds.: 1. 9.10 a.m. or ASAP; 2. 12.00 noon or ASAP; 3. 3.00 p.m. or ASAP.

Prizes: Cash, based on entries – expenses.

Bring: Pen, your chess set, chess clock (if you have one), your own food. Boards and score sheets will be provided.

Info.: lcampbel@sd23.bc.ca

Miscellaneous: No smoking & no alcohol permitted on site. Concession not available.