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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

Island Junior Open #4 (January 13)

See <http://victoriajuniorchess.pbwiki.com/Results+from+recent+Tournaments>

VANCOUVER JANUARY OPEN

The first open tournament of the new year attracted thirty-three players to the Vancouver Bridge Centre on the January 11-13 weekend. The Open Section included six players over 2000 and some welcome returnees to tournament chess, especially Ben Daswani and Richard Reid. The event also featured an unusually large number of A players: several up-and-coming junior players have now reached that level, aided in part by the ratings boon.

Top-ranked Bindi Cheng gave up two draws on the final day of competition to finish with a score of 4.0/5; Lucas Davies only had one draw, but a bye to watch a hockey game(!) meant he couldn't overtake Bindi; and Pavel Trochtchanovitch lost to Bindi in the second round but won the rest of his games, although the vagaries of the pairings meant he didn't have to play any of the top finishers other than Bindi. The end result: a three-way tie for first between Cheng, Davies, and Trochtchanovitch. Juniors Chang He Li and Jack Cheng split the U1900 prizes with 3.0/5. The Reserve Section featured a tight race between Shahrouz Khoraman and Bindi's younger brother Frank, with Khoraman ultimately taking the first prize by half a point.

Your editor was the organizer and TD, but an event like this cannot happen without assistance; my thanks to Katherine Davies, Glen Lee, Jay Zhao, and everyone else who helped make the tournament a success. The next event at this location will be the Leap Year Open, beginning on February 29.

Crosstables: <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200801055> and

<http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200801056>

Selected games: <http://chess.bc.ca/> or <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/games/janop08/index.html>

Milicevic, Dragoljub - Yee, Peter [E61] January op Vancouver (2.3), 12.01.2008

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.d4 Re8 7.d5 Nb8 8.0-0 d6 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.Qd2 Nc5 11.Nd4 a5 12.Nb3 b6 13.Nxc5 bxc5 14.Bh6 Bh8 15.h3 Bd7 16.f4 Qb8 17.e4 Nh5 18.g4 Bd4+ 19.Kh2 Ng7 20.Rab1 Qb4 21.Qd3 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Qa4 23.Rf2 Reb8 24.Re1 Rb6 25.e5 Rab8 26.Ree2 Rb1 27.f5 Qd1 28.Qe3 Qg1+ 29.Kg3 Re8 30.Bxg7 Kxg7 31.f6+ exf6 32.exf6+ 1-0

Daswani, Ben - Reid, Richard [A00] January op Vancouver (2.4), 12.01.2008

1.g3 d5 2.d3 e5 3.Nf3 Bd6 4.Bg2 Ne7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Nc3 c6 7.e4 d4 8.Ne2 Ng6 9.h4 Bg4 10.Nh2 Be6 11.h5 Ne7 12.f4 exf4 13.Nxf4 Bd7 14.Nf3 Bg4 15.Qe1 Bxf4 16.Bxf4 Bxh5 17.Qb4 Bxf3 18.Rxf3 b6 19.Qc4 c5 20.Raf1 Nbc6 21.R3f2 Na5 22.Qb5 a6 23.Qa4 Ng6 24.Bd2 Nb7 25.Qb3 Qc7 26.e5 Rae8 27.Bf4 Nd8 28.e6 Nxf4 29.exf7+ Nxf7 30.Rxf4 Re7 31.Bd5 b5 32.Be6 g6 33.Qd5 Kg7 34.Kh2 h6 35.Rf6 Qb7 36.Rxf7+ Rxf7 37.Rxf7+ Rxf7 38.Bxf7 Qxf7 39.Qxc5 Qf2+ 40.Kh3 Qf1+ 41.Kh2 Qf2+ 42.Kh3 Qf1+ 43.Kh2 1/2-1/2

Milicevic, Dragoljub - Cheng, Bindi [D17] January op Vancouver (3.1), 12.01.2008

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Nc3 e6 7.Bg2 Bb4 8.0-0 h6 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Nxc4 a5 11.Bf4 Bh7 12.Re1 Nd5 13.Bd2 Nd7 14.e4 N5b6 15.Ne3 Nf6 16.e5 Nfd5 17.Nexd5 Nxd5 18.Nxd5 cxd5 19.Bxb4 axb4 20.Qd2 Qb6 21.b3 Rfc8 22.Rec1 Qa5 23.Re1 Rc3 24.Re3 Rac8 25.Ra2 Rc1+ 26.Bf1 Rb1 27.Kg2 Rc3 28.Rb2 Be4+ 29.Kg1 Rxb2 30.Qxb2 Qc7 31.Qe2 Rxe3 32.fxe3 Qc3 33.Kf2 Qxb3 34.Qb5 Qc2+ 35.Be2 b3 0-1

Yee, Peter - Trochtchanovitch, Pavel [A40] January op Vancouver (4.4), 13.01.2008

1.d4 e6 2.c4 b6 3.Nc3 Bb7 4.Nf3 Bb4 5.Qc2 f5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Qxc3 Nf6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bc1 d6 10.g3 Nbd7 11.Bg2 g5 12.0-0 Ne4 13.Qd3 Qe7 14.b4 0-0-0 15.Bb2 h5 16.Nd2 Ndf6 17.f3 Nxd2 18.Qxd2 h4 19.d5 e5 20.Qxg5 Rh5 21.Qd2 Rg8 22.f4 Ne4 23.Bxe4 fxe4 24.g4 Rxg4+ 25.Kh1 h3 26.Qe3 c6 27.Qxe4 cxd5 28.cxd5 Qf7 29.Qc4+ Kb8 30.e4 exf4 31.Rad1 Rg2 32.Bc1 Qg7 33.Bxf4 Rxh2+ 0-1

Jiganchine, Roman - Cheng, Bindi [B92] January op Vancouver (5.1), 13.01.2008

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Be3 Be6 10.Bf3 Nbd7 11.a4 Qc7 12.a5 Rfe8 13.Qd2 Nc5 14.Nxc5 dxc5 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5 e4 17.Be2 h5 18.h3 Qe5 19.c4 Bd6 20.g3 Qf5 21.Kg2 Nd7 22.Rad1 Rad8 23.b3 Ne5 24.b4 Nd7 25.bxc5 Nxc5 26.Rb1 Rd7 27.Rb6 Nd3 28.Rb3 Rc7 29.Qd1 Rxc4 30.Bxd3 exd3 31.Qxd3 Qxd3 32.Rxd3 Rb4 33.Rc1 Kf8 34.Bc5 Bxc5 35.Rxc5 Rd8 36.d6 Rb5 37.Rxb5 axb5 38.Rb3 Rxd6 39.Rxb5 Ra6 40.Rxh5 b6 41.axb6 Rxb6 42.Ra5 g6 1/2-1/2

Davies, Lucas - Milicevic, Dragoljub [B01] January op Vancouver (5.2), 13.01.2008

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.d4 Bg4 4.Be2 Bxe2 5.Qxe2 Qxd5 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Nc6 8.c3 Bd6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Nc4 Qh5 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 Rad8 13.Ne3 Bf4 14.Nf1 Bxc1 15.Raxc1 g5 16.Ng3 Qg6 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Qxe5 c6 19.c4 Rd7 20.Re3 Rfd8 21.Rd1 Ne8 22.Red3 a6 Black offered a draw. 23.f4 f5 24.d5 Qf6 25.d6 Qxe5 26.fxe5 Kf7 27.Kf2 Kg6 28.Kf3 h5 29.Ne2 Ng7 30.c5 h4 31.Nd4 Kh5 32.b4 Rf8 33.a4 Rc8 34.Rb1 Kg6 35.Rc3 Nh5 36.Ne2 Rg7 37.Rc4 Kh6 38.b5 axb5 39.axb5 g4+ 40.Kf2 Kg5 41.bxc6 Rxc6 42.Nd4 Nf4 43.Nxc6 bxc6 44.Rd4 Rd7 45.Rbb4 Ng6 46.hxg4 Nxe5 47.gxf5 exf5 48.Ke3 Ra7 49.Ra4 Rg7 50.Rxh4 Nd7 51.Rhc4 Kf6 52.Ra7 Ke6 53.Rc2 Rf7 54.Rc7 Kd5 55.Kf4 Rg7

56.Rxd7 Rxd7 57.Kxf5 Rf7+ 58.Kg6 Ra7 59.Rd2+ Ke6 60.d7 Rxd7 61.Rxd7 Kxd7 1-0

2007 WA CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thanks to Drayton Harrison, some games are available from this Seattle event, played last American Thanksgiving.

Cheng, Bindi - Calpo, Benjamin [A35] WA Class ch Seattle (2), 23.11.2007

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.e3 g6 5.d4 Bg7 6.d5 Nb4 7.a3 Na6 8.e4 d6 9.h3 0-0 10.Bd3 Nc7 11.0-0 a6 12.Re1 Nh5 13.a4 a5 14.g4 Nf6 15.Bf1 Ra6 16.Bg5 Rb6 17.Nb5 h6 18.Bd2 Ra6 19.Qc1 h5 20.g5 Nd7 21.Bc3 e5 22.Qd2 Ne8 23.Nh4 Kh7 24.Bd3 Nb6 25.Kh2 Nd7 26.Rg1 Rh8 27.Raf1 Kg8 28.Rg3 Rh7 29.Kh1 Nf8 30.Re1 Bd7 31.f4 exf4 32.Qxf4 Bxc3 33.Nxc3 Rb6 34.Nb5 Rg7 35.Nf3 h4 36.Nxh4 Rh7 37.Kg2 Ng7 38.Be2 Bc8 39.Rf1 Qe7 40.Re3 Nd7 41.Nf5 gxf5 42.exf5 Ne5 43.f6 Qf8 44.fxg7 Qxg7 45.Qf6 Qf8 46.Rf4 Bd7 47.Rfe4 Ra6 48.h4 Bxb5 49.axb5 Ra8 50.h5 Rg7 51.Rg3 Re8 52.Bg4 Nd7 53.Rxe8 Qxe8 54.Bxd7 Qe2+ 55.Qf2 Qxc4 56.Qf3 Qd4 57.Kh3 Qxb2 58.h6 Rh7 59.Qe3 Qe5 60.Qxe5 dxe5 1-0

Greninger, Harley - Davies, Noam [D00] WA Class ch Seattle (2), 23.11.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.e3 0-0 6.Be2 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.Ne5 cxd4 9.exd4 Nd7 10.Nxd5 Ndx5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.Bg5 Nc6 13.c3 f6 14.Be3 e5 15.Bc5 Re8 16.Ne7+ Nxe7 17.Qxd8 Rxd8 18.Bxe7 Re8 19.Bc4+ Kh8 20.Ba3 Be6 21.Bxe6 Rxe6 22.Rad1 Bf8 23.Bxf8 Rxf8 24.Rd7 Rb6 25.b3 Rc8 26.Rfd1 Rxc3 27.h4 Rb4 28.Rd8+ Kg7 29.R1d7+ Kh6 30.Rb8 Rc1+ 31.Kh2 Rxh4+ 32.Kg3 Kg5 33.f3 Rc2 34.a4 f5 35.f4+ exf4+ 0-1

Davies, Lucas - Greninger, Harley [B12] WA Class ch Seattle (4), 24.11.2007

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Na6 4.Nc3 Nc7 5.Be3 g6 6.f4 h5 7.Be2 Nh6 8.Nf3 Bg4 9.Qd2 Nf5 10.Bf2 Bh6 11.g3 Ne6 12.Nd1 a5 13.c3 Qd7 14.Ne3 Nxe3 15.Bxe3 Ng7 16.Kf2 a4 17.b3 0-0 18.Rhd1 Ra7 19.c4 Rfa8 20.b4 dxc4 21.d5 Ra6 22.Bxc4 Bxf3 23.Kxf3 b5 24.dxc6 Qg4+ 25.Kf2 Rxc6 26.Bd5 Rac8 27.Bxc6 Rxc6 28.Rac1 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Nf5 30.Rg1 h4 31.Qe2 Qh3 32.Rg2 hxg3+ 33.hxg3 Qh1 34.Bc5 Qc1 35.Rg1 Qa3 36.Qd2 1-0

Graves, John - Cheng, Bindi [D93] WA Class ch Seattle (5), 25.11.2007

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Bf4 Bg7 6.e3 0-0 7.Qb3 Qa5 8.Bd3 Na6 9.0-0 Nb4 10.Be2 dxc4 11.Bxc4 b5 12.Be2 Be6 13.Qd1 Nbd5 14.Nxd5 Bxd5 15.Ne5 Rfd8 16.Qc2 Rac8 17.Rfc1 c5 18.dxc5 Ne4 19.Nd3 Bc4 20.Ne5 Bd5 21.Nd3 g5 22.b4 Qa3 23.Be5 Bxe5 24.Nxe5 Qxb4 25.a3 Qa5 26.Nd3 Nd2 27.Nb4 Be6 28.Rd1 Nb3 29.Rxd8+ Rxd8 30.Rd1 Rxd1+ 31.Bxd1 Qxa3 32.Qc3 a5 33.Nc6 Qxc5 34.Qxc5 Nxc5 35.Nxa5 b4 0-1

Davies, Lucas - Sinanan, Josh [B26] WA Class ch Seattle (6), 25.11.2007

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Bh6 0-0 9.h4 f6 10.Bxg7 Kxg7 11.h5 g5 12.h6+ Kh8 13.f4 gxf4 14.gxf4 Qa5 15.0-0-0 b5 16.Kb1 b4 17.Nce2 e5 18.Bh3 Rb8 19.Nf3 a6 20.Qe1 Bxh3 21.Rxh3 Qc7 22.Qf2 Qd7 23.f5 Rf7 24.Rg1 Rg8 25.Ng3 Qd8 26.Nh5 Rxg1+ 27.Qxg1 Qf8 28.Ng7 Rxg7 29.hxg7+ Qxg7 30.Qxg7+ Kxg7 31.c3 a5 32.Kc2 Nc8 33.Nd2 Nb6 34.Nc4 Nxc4 35.dxc4 Nd8 36.cxb4 cxb4 37.Kb3 Nb7 38.Ka4 Nc5+ 39.Kxa5 Nxe4 40.Kxb4 1-0

Pupols, Viktors - Davies, Noam [D80] WA Class ch Seattle (6), 25.11.2007

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Nxe4 dxe4 6.Qd2 Bg7 7.e3 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6 9.d5 Ne5 10.Nc3 f5 11.Be2 a6 12.f4 exf3 13.gxf3 h6 14.Bh4 g5 15.Bf2 Qd6 16.f4 Ng6 17.Bh5 0-0 18.Rg1 g4 19.h3 e5 20.dxe6 Qxe6 21.0-0-0 Ne7 22.hxg4 ffg4 23.Nd5 Nxd5 24.Qxd5 Kh8 25.Qxe6 Bxe6 26.b3 b5 27.Bxg4 Bg8 28.Rd7 Rf7 29.Rxf7 Bxf7 30.Be2 bxc4 31.Bxc4 Bxc4 32.bxc4 Rb8 33.Be1 Re8 34.Bd2 Re4 35.Kc2 Rxc4+ 36.Kb3 Re4 37.Rc1 Bf8 38.Rc4 Rxc4 39.Kxc4 h5 40.Be1 Be7 41.Kd5 h4 42.e4 h3 43.Bg3 Bh4 44.Bh2 Bf2 45.f5 Kg7 46.e5 Bd4 47.e6 Kf8 48.Bd6+ Ke8 49.Ke4 Bf6 50.Kf3 c4 51.Kg3 Bg5 52.Be5 Ke7 53.Kxh3 Bd2 54.Bc7 c3 55.Ba5 Be1 56.Bb4+ Kf6 57.Ba3 a5 58.Kg4 Bd2 59.Kf3 Bg5 60.Ke4 c2 61.Kd5 Kxf5 62.Kc4 Kxe6 63.Kb5 Bd2 64.Bb2 Kd5 65.a4 Ke4 66.Kc4 c1Q+ 67.Bxc1 Bxc1 68.Kb5 Bd2 69.Kc4 Bb4 70.Kb5 Kd3 71.Kc6 Kc4 72.Kb6 Kb3 73.Kb5 White lost on time 0-1

ROBERT JAMES FISCHER (1943 - 2008)

As reported in the world press, the 11th World Champion Bobby Fischer died last Thursday in Reykjavik, Iceland of kidney failure; he was sixty-four years old. Given that much has been written about Fischer's life and chess, I will not attempt to comment on areas which are well-documented elsewhere. Instead, I will concentrate on Fischer's connections to British Columbia: his games with our two strongest players, grandmasters Duncan Suttles and Peter Biyiasas, and his 1971 Vancouver Candidates' match with Mark Taimanov.

FISCHER AND SUTTLES

Suttles played Fischer twice; although he lost both times, it was not without a fight:

Fischer, Robert - Suttles, Duncan [B06] US ch New York (2), 12.1965

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be3 c6 5.Qd2 Nd7 6.f4 Ngf6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.h3 b5 9.Bd3 Nb6 10.b3 a5 11.0-0 b4 12.Ne2 d5 13.e5 Ne4 14.Qe1 f5 15.a3 bxa3 16.Rxa3 a4 17.Qa1 Ba6 18.Bxa6 Rxa6 19.Nc3 Qc7 20.Ne1 Rfa8 21.Nd3 R6a7 22.Qb2 e6 23.Nc5 Bf8 24.Rfa1 Kf7 25.N3xa4 Nxa4 26.bxa4 Bxc5 27.dxc5 Kg8 28.Rb3 Qa5 29.Kh2 h5 30.Rb8+ Rxb8 31.Qxb8+ Kh7 32.Rb1 Qxa4 33.Qf8 Rg7 34.Rb8 g5 35.Qh8+ Kg6 36.Qe8+ Rf7 37.Rb7 1-0

Suttles, Duncan - Fischer, Robert [B03] Palma de Mallorca izt (20), 07.12.1970

"Today Suttles had to face the mighty Fischer and even his enthusiasm for chess was somewhat dulled by the prospect. But Fischer respects Suttles and believes that Suttles sees very deeply into a position." [Nathan Divinsky, *Canadian Chess Chat*, April 1971]

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nb6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Be3 g6 7.d5 Bg7 8.Bd4 Bxd4 9.Qxd4 0-0 10.Nc3 e5 11.Qd2 f5 12.Nf3 N8d7 13.0-0-0 Qf6 14.Qh6 Qe7 15.Re1 e4 16.Nd2 Ne5 17.h3 Nbd7 18.Qe3 Qh4 19.g3 Qf6 20.Kb1 Nc5 21.f4 exf3 22.Nxf3 f4 23.gxf4 Nxf3 24.Qxf3 Qh4 25.Be2 Bf5+ 26.Ka1 Rae8 27.Rc1 Be4 28.Nxe4 Rxe4 29.Rh2 Rxf4 30.Qc3 Qe7 31.Bf1 Re3 32.Qd2 Ref3 33.Re2 Qf6 34.Bg2 Rf2 35.Rce1 Rxe2 36.Rxe2 Rxc4 37.Qe3 Qe5 38.Kb1 Qxe3 39.Rxe3 Rf4 40.Bf3 h5 41.Kc2 Kf7 42.Kd2 Rb4 43.Kc3 Rh4 44.b4 Nd7 45.Be2 Nf6 46.Rf3 Kg7 47.Rd3 g5 48.a3 g4 49.Bf1 Ne4+ 50.Kc2 Nf2 51.Re3 gxh3 52.Re7+ Kf8 0-1

FISCHER AND BIYIASAS

Fischer stayed for a time with Peter Biyiasas after the latter had moved to the U.S.:

Bobby had been known to like San Francisco. In 1981 he had lived at the apartment of Greek-born grandmaster Peter Biyiasas and his wife, Ruth Haring. Through Buff [Jim Buff, a friend of Fischer's], Biyiasas had invited Fischer to live with them. One day Buff called. "Peter, he's coming up. Bobby's coming up on the bus to stay with you!" Fischer arrived one early March morning with his suitcase of clothes and vitamins and a large orange juice squeezer that he had bought in Mexico. He stayed for two months, returned to Los Angeles in the summer, then came back in the fall to stay two more months. They swam in the ocean, played pinball machines, bowled, went to movies, squeezed oranges and played baseball in Golden Gate Park. Fischer shagged Buff's fly balls and pegged them back to the plate as hard as he could. "How was it coming in?" asked Bobby.

He was more overpowering at the chessboard with Biyiasas. During his four months in San Francisco, he beat Biyiasas 17 straight speed games before Biyiasas finally surrendered. "He was too good," Biyiasas says. "There was no use in playing him. It wasn't interesting. I was getting beaten, and it wasn't clear to me why. It wasn't like I made this mistake or that mistake. It was like I was being gradually outplayed, from the start. He wasn't taking any time to think. The most depressing thing about it is that I wasn't even getting out of the middle game to an endgame. I don't ever remember as endgame. He honestly believes there is no one for him to play, no one worthy of him. I played him, and I can attest to that. It's not interesting."

As time passed, Fischer's taste for the eccentric and his preoccupation with Jews became evident to Biyiasas. Biyiasas says Fischer referred to Jews as "Yids," telling him that one controlled the fluctuating price of the world's gold. "He is fascinated by who this might be," Biyiasas says. Fischer had what he called Chinese healthy brain pills ("Good for headaches," Fischer told him) and Mexican rattlesnake pills ("Good for general health"). He had vitamins in a suitcase, and he invited Biyiasas to help himself to them.

One day, Biyiasas tried to open the suitcase but found it locked. Later, Biyiasas asked him about this. "It's not locked for you," Fischer said. "If the Commies come to poison me, I don't want to make it easy for them."

[From an article by William Nack in *Sports Illustrated*, July 29, 1985. When dealing with legendary reclusive figures, sometimes it's hard to separate fact from fiction. In other sources the number of games played between Fischer and Biyiasas vary from ten to one hundred; seventeen speed games (playable in less than three hours) seems a rather small number considering Fischer is supposed to have stayed with Biyiasas for four months.]

FISCHER - TAIMANOV 1971 (reprinted from Bulletin #96)



June 1st, 1971: game 6, after Black's 13th move.

Thirty-five years ago Vancouver hosted one of the highest-level chess competitions ever to take place in B.C., the Fischer - Taimanov quarter-final candidates match. Controversy often followed Fischer in the wake of his demands over playing conditions, and this match was no exception. He originally wanted no spectators present, but: "The match was scheduled to be played at the UBC Graduate Centre, but on the 12th the Russians vetoed it. Besides disagreeing with the no spectators rule of Fischer, Taimanov felt claustrophobic in the 20' x 35' room: 'I can't breathe...'. Discussions between the USSR, the USA, and the CFC went on until midnight. On the 13th the factions toured UBC, searching for another spot. One was almost found at the Centre's library, but Classics dean McGregor vetoed this. This prompted a flood of anti-UBC, anti-CFC, anti-Canadian rhetoric from Kotov, who declared that Canada was a poor country, for chess especially. 'Spain, yes, Belgrade, yes. But Canada, no, no.' After Fischer rejected Taimanov's proposal of the Education faculty auditorium, the S.U.B. theatre was agreed upon. For Fischer, this meant spectators; for the Russians, the only victory they won in the match. 'Let's play,' said Fischer, 'I'm willing to play anywhere.'" [*Northwest Chess*, June 1971]

Fischer's subsequent 6-0 demolition of Taimanov is now the stuff of legend, but the games were a lot closer than the final score indicates. Taimanov's play was marred by several blunders, brought on through a combination of Fischer's intense will to win and the pressure of being the first Soviet road-block on Fischer's path to the world championship. Taimanov complained of suffering from high blood pressure, but as Nathan Divinsky noted, "Fischer's play is calculated to give any opponent high blood pressure." Bozidar Kazic was the chief arbiter, Elod Macskasy his assistant. B.C. Champion Peter Biyiasas operated the onstage demo board, while Ken Morton performed similar duties with a second demo board. The ending of the fourth game has since acquired classic status and appears in many endgame texts.

Fischer, Robert - Taimanov, Mark [B47] Candidates 1/4-fin Vancouver (4), 25.05.1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qc7 5.Nc3 e6 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Bf4 d6 11.Qd2 h6 12.Rad1 e5 13.Be3 Bg4 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.f3 Be6 16.f4 Rd8 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.exd5 e4 19.Rfe1 Rxd5 20.Rxe4+ Kd8 21.Qe2 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1+ Qd7 23.Qxd7+ Kxd7 24.Re5 b6

25.Bf1 a5 26.Bc4 Rf8 27.Kg2 Kd6 28.Kf3 Nd7 29.Re3 Nb8 30.Rd3+ Kc7 31.c3 Nc6 32.Re3 Kd6
 33.a4 Ne7 34.h3 Nc6 35.h4 h5 36.Rd3+ Kc7 37.Rd5 f5 38.Rd2 Rf6 39.Re2 Kd7 40.Re3 g6 41.Bb5
 Rd6 (Sealed) 42.Ke2 Kd8 43.Rd3 Kc7 44.Rxd6 Kxd6



45.Kd3 Ne7 46.Be8 Kd5 47.Bf7+ Kd6 48.Kc4 Kc6 49.Be8+ Kb7 50.Kb5 Nc8 51.Bc6+ Kc7 52.Bd5
 Ne7 53.Bf7 Kb7 54.Bb3 Ka7 55.Bd1 Kb7 56.Bf3+ Kc7 57.Ka6 Nc8 58.Bd5 Ne7 59.Bc4 Nc6 60.Bf7
 Ne7 61.Be8 Kd8 62.Bxg6 Nxb6 63.Kxb6 Kd7 64.Kxc5 Ne7 65.b4 axb4 66.cxb4 Nc8 67.a5 Nd6
 68.b5 Ne4+ 69.Kb6 Kc8 70.Kc6 Kb8 71.b6 1-0

(The rest of the Fischer-Taimanov games can be found in Bulletin #96, BCBASE, or any of the larger databases.)

Recommended:

Bobby Fischer's Pathetic Endgame: <http://www.theatlantic.com/doc/200212/chun>

Complete William Nack article: http://www.bobby-fischer.net/Bobby_Fischer_Articles17.html

Elie Agur, *Bobby Fischer: His Approach to Chess*

NEW EVENTS

Monashee Open Chess Challenge

5 Rnd Swiss, February 15-17, Vernon, B.C.

New Site: The People Place 1402 27th Ave. (The site is across the street from the Tiki Village Motel and next to Canadian Super Store. If coming from Kelowna it's a left turn at the first traffic light when you get to Vernon. Close to restaurants and accommodation: Tiki Village \$79; Travel Lodge \$75 double occupancy with fridge and microwave. Midway Motel and Hillside Motel are several blocks away for \$69.

Round 1: Feb 15 5:00 p.m.; Rnds 2 - 5 Feb. 16 10:00 & 4:00, Feb. 17 10:00 and asap.

T/C 30/90 then game/60.

Byes available for rnds 1-4 if requested in advance. Bring sets and clocks.

Registration: On site at 4:00 - 5:00 p.m. Fri. Feb. 15. Or phone Wally 250 545 6677 email

wsteinke@gmail.com in advance.

Entry: \$35 for all players. Must be CFC member or pay extra \$12.

Prizes: BEN.

Ralph Lavalee – Adult Chess Tournament

Saturday - February 16th, 2008

All day Event to be held at Coquitlam Grill

Suite #108 – 2635 Barnett Highway

Open to Under 1600 or Unrated Players

No Cost to enter but must contact Ralph to preregister or for more information @ (604) 461-1752

I believe they are hoping to play 4 games throughout the day. Seating is limited so register asap!

Flex RR

From Ben Daswani:

I will be organising a double-RR in Vancouver. It will be a flex event. Everyone will have everyone else's contact information and players play their games where/whenever they and their opponents agree. For the sake of competitiveness, this event will be open to players rated from 1800-2200. The entry fee is \$3 (to pay for the CFC rating fee). There are no prizes. So far two players are signed up. Both are in the 2000-2100 range (I'm one of them).

Email bdaswani@interchange.ubc.ca if you're interested.

Leap Year Open

Dates: February 29 – March 2, 2008

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

Rounds: 5

Times: February 29th, 6 pm; March 1st and 2nd, 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 \$35, masters/juniors/seniors \$25 (non-CFC members add \$10 for tournament membership)

Prizes: \$\$BEN

Registration: in advance or at site 5:30 – 5:50 pm, February 29th

Tournament Director: Stephen Wright

Miscellaneous: two sections, Open and U1600

For more information please contact the organizer: Stephen Wright:

604-221-7148, swright2@telus.net

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

Jan. 27 K-12 Scholastic Open, New Westminster

Feb. 2 Elementary School Team, Vancouver

Feb. 3 Island Junior Open #5, Victoria

Feb. 16 Chess Challenge Regional, Burnaby

Feb. 17 Chess Challenge Regional, Fraser Valley

Feb. 24 Chess Challenge Regional, Victoria
Mar. 8 Chess Challenge Provincials, Burnaby

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.

Victoria Chess Festival

March 21-24

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/2008+Victoria+Chess+Festival>

33rd Paul Keres Memorial

May 16-19

Details: watch for them in the next issue