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## HERE AND THERE

### Edmonton International (July 31 - August 4)

Edmonton hosted its third annual International Open on the August long weekend (actually all three events we are reporting on took place on that same weekend). This year marks the one hundredth anniversary of the Edmonton Chess Club, so attempts were made to produce an event in keeping with this celebration. The main tournament was a nine-round Swiss, sufficiently long to provide norm possibilities. A number of players travelled to Edmonton from the Canadian Open in Quebec City, including the Canadian open Champion, GM Alexander Moiseenko; he repeated his success by winning the Edmonton International outright with a score of 7.0/9. Alone in second was Alex Shabalov of the US with 6.5, while S.S. Ganguly (India) and Josh Friedel (US) tied for third in the twenty-five player field. The only B.C. player was Bindi Cheng, who scored 4 points; he drew a wild game with the tournament winner in the second round, but was lucky to survive a number of lost positions ("This is probably more swindles than all my other international tournaments combined.") The only norm was earned by Raja Panjwani, who garnered his second IM norm.

CFC crosstable: <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200808014>

Tournament homepage: <http://ecf2008.com/home>

[These are the only games of Bindi's which are currently available.]

### **Vicary, Elizabeth - Cheng, Bindi [B40] Int op 3rd Edmonton (1), 31.07.2008**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.b3 Nf6 4.e5 Nd5 5.c4 Nc7 6.Bb2 Nc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd6 Qxd6 9.Qe2 f6 10.0-0 Be7 11.Nc3 e5 12.Nh4 0-0 13.Ne4 Qd8 14.Ng3 Ne6 15.Qe4 Ng5 16.Qe3 g6 17.Rae1 Bd6 18.Ne4 Nxe4 19.Bxe4 Ne7 20.b4 Qb6 21.b5 a6 22.Qh6 Rf7 23.f4 exf4

24.Bd5 Nxd5 25.cxd5 c4+ 26.Kh1 Be5 27.Rxf4 Bf5 28.Bxe5 Re8 29.g4 Bd3 30.Nxg6 Bxg6 0-1

**Cheng, Bindi - Moiseenko, Alexander [A45] Int op 3rd Edmonton (2), 01.08.2008**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.d5 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Bd2 Qb6 6.e4 e5 7.f4 d6 8.f5 g6 9.Qf3 gxf5 10.Bb5+ Nbd7 11.exf5 a6 12.Be2 Rg8 13.Nh3 Qd8 14.a4 e4 15.Qf4 Rxc2 16.Ng5 Ne5 17.Kf1 Rxc2 18.Qxg5 Be7 19.Qf4 Qd7 20.Rb1 Ra7 21.Kg2 Qxf5 22.Rhf1 Qxf4 23.Bxf4 Ng6 24.Bg3 h5 25.Rxf6 Bxf6 26.Nxe4 Be5 27.Nxd6+ Bxd6 28.Bxd6 Bf5 29.Bxc5 Ra8 30.Rxb7 Rc8 31.Bb4 Be4+ 32.Kf1 Bxd5 33.Ra7 Rxc2 34.Bxa6 Bc4+ 35.Bxc4 Rxc4 36.Rb7 Rc1+ 37.Kf2 Rc2+ 38.Kg3 h4+ 39.Kh3 Rc4 40.Kg2 Nf4+ 41.Kf3 Nd5 42.Be1 Rf4+ 43.Ke2 Rxa4 44.Rb5 Nf4+ 45.Kf3 Ng6 46.Rb4 Rxb4 47.Bxb4 f5 48.Bd2 Kf7 49.Bg5 Ke6 50.Bd8 Ke5 51.Bg5 Kd4 52.Bf6+ Kc4 53.Ke3 Kd5 54.Kf3 Ke6 55.Bd8 Kf7 56.Bg5 Kg7 57.Kf2 Kf8 58.Kg2 Kf7 59.Kh3 Ke6 60.Bxh4 Ke5 61.Bg3+ Ke4 62.Kg2 f4 63.Bxf4 Kxf4 1/2-1/2

**Cheng, Bindi - Ganguly, Surya Shekhar [A48] Int op 3rd Edmonton (3), 01.08.2008**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Ne4 4.Bf4 Bg7 5.e3 c5 6.c3 Qb6 7.Qb3 Qxb3 8.axb3 cxd4 9.cxd4 Nc6 10.Ra4 d5 11.Nc3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 0-0 13.Bb5 Bd7 14.Ra3 a6 15.Bd3 Rac8 16.h3 Nb4 17.Kd2 Nxd3 18.Kxd3 f6 19.Ra2 Rfe8 20.Kd2 h6 21.Bg3 e5 22.Rc1 g5 23.Ra5 Bb5 24.Ra2 Rc6 25.Ne1 e4 26.Nc2 Bf8 27.Nb4 Bxb4 28.cxb4 Rxc1 29.Kxc1 Rc8+ 30.Kd2 Bf1 31.b5 Bxb5 32.f3 Bf1 33.fxe4 Bxg2 34.exd5 Bxd5 35.Ra3 Be4 36.Ra2 Kf7 37.b4 Ke6 38.Rb2 h5 39.b5 h4 40.Bh2 axb5 0-1

**Huber, Greg - Cheng, Bindi [A11] Int op 3rd Edmonton (4), 02.08.2008**

1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bf5 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Qb3 Qc8 7.Nc3 e6 8.d3 Nc6 9.Bf4 Be7 10.Nb5 Bb4+ 11.Kd1 0-0 12.Rc1 Qd7 13.Nbd4 Bd6 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.Nxc6 bxc6 16.Nd4 Bg6 17.Rxc6 Qd7 18.f4 Ng4 19.Kd2 Rab8 20.Qc3 e5 21.fxe5 Qe7 22.Nf3 Rfd8 23.b3 Qa3 24.Ra1 d4 25.Nxd4 Qe7 26.Nf3 Be4 27.Rc7 Qe6 28.Ng5 Qh6 29.Bxe4 Qxg5+ 30.Kc2 a5 31.a4 Qe3 32.Re1 Nf2 33.Qc4 Kh8 34.Qxf7 Rg8 35.Bxh7 Kxh7 36.Qh5+ Qh6 37.Qf5+ Kh8 38.Qxf2 Rgc8 39.Qc5 Qe6 40.Kd2 Rxc7 41.Qxc7 Rc8 42.Qxa5 Qh6+ 43.e3 Qc6 44.e4 Qh6+ 45.Re3 Qxh2+ 46.Re2 Qg1 47.Re1 1/2-1/2

**Hansen, Eric - Cheng, Bindi [B01] Int op 3rd Edmonton (5), 02.08.2008**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 a6 6.g3 Bg4 7.Bg2 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0-0 9.d5 Ne5 10.Bf4 Nxf3+ 11.Bxf3 Bxf3 12.Qxf3 e5 13.Bg5 Be7 14.Rad1 h6 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qg4+ Kb8 17.Ne4 Qb6 18.Qxg7 Qxb2 19.c4 Qc2 20.Qxe5 Ba3 21.Qd4 Rhe8 22.Nc5 b6 23.Nd3 Re2 24.Ne5 Bc5 25.Nc6+ Ka8 26.Qf6 Rde8 27.Nd4 Bxd4 28.Rxd4 Ka7 29.Qxf7 R8e7 30.Qf4 Qxa2 31.Qxh6 Rxf2 32.Rxf2 Qa1+ 33.Kg2 Qxd4 34.Qf4 Qc5 35.h4 b5 36.cxb5 Qxd5+ 37.Qf3 Qxf3+ 38.Rxf3 axb5 39.g4 b4 40.g5 Rg7 41.Rf6 c5 42.Rc6 b3 43.Rxc5 b2 44.Rb5 Rb7 45.Rxb2 Rxb2+ 46.Kf3 Rb1 47.Kg4 Kb7 48.h5 Kc7 49.g6 Rg1+ 50.Kf5 Kd7 51.h6 Rf1+ 52.Ke4 Re1+ 53.Kd3 Rh1 54.g7 Rxh6 55.g8Q Rd6+ 56.Ke4 Rb6 57.Qf7+ Kc6 58.Qc4+ Kd7 59.Ke5 Rc6 60.Qf7+ Kc8 61.Kd5 Rc7 62.Qe8+

Kb7 63.Kd6 Rc8 64.Qb5+ Ka7 65.Kd7 Rb8 66.Qa5+ Kb7 67.Qc7+ Ka8 68.Kc6 Rb6+ 69.Kd5 Rb5+ 70.Ke4 Rb4+ 71.Kf3 Rb3+ 1/2-1/2

The weekend also included a series of sectional round robins, the highest of which featured Ben Daswani; he scored 1.5/5.

Crosstable: <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200808006>

### **Kitchener Chess Festival** (August 1-4)

Also entering its third year was the Kitchener Chess Festival, featuring the Canadian Amateur Championship (limited to players under 2200). Paul Leblanc scored 2.5/7 in the Open Section.

CFC crosstable: <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200808010>

Event homepage: <http://www.chessfest.ca/>

### **ROD PLANAS MEMORIAL** (August 2-4)



And to complete the hat trick was the third running of the Rod Planas Memorial, honouring a well-loved gentleman in B.C. chess who passed away at Christmas in 2003. This year's edition was won by Sicamous expert David Moore with 5.0/6, ahead of second-place finisher Brian Sullivan.

CFC report, including photos: <http://www.chess.ca/newsread.asp?article=119>

CFC crosstable: <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200808016>

Remembrances of Rodolfo Planas: <http://chess.bc.ca/Bulletins/bccfbulletin36.pdf>

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## 1958 CANADIAN OPEN

A trivia question: how many B.C. players have won the Canadian Open? By my count there are three, possibly four. The three definites are Elod Macskasy (1958), Duncan Suttles (1973), and Gordon Taylor (1982). The fourth possibility is Pascal Charbonneau; when Pascal tied for first at the Open in Montreal in 2002 he was in the midst of changing coasts (Vancouver to Baltimore), so it's not clear to me where he was actually considered to be resident when the tournament happened. In any case, this time I want to concentrate on Elod Macskasy, who won the second Canadian Open (the first was won by Larry Evans in 1956) in Winnipeg in 1958. Macskasy had arrived in B.C. the previous summer and immediately challenged the hegemony of the reigning B.C. chess king, Walter Jursevskis. He won a match against Jursevskis by the score of 3.5-1.5, played in that year's B.C. - Washington match, and lost a short match to Frank Anderson 0.5-1.5 (Anderson was in B.C. for the Canadian Championship). In the subsequent 1957-58 season Macskasy won the Vancouver city championship (an event he won some many times he was simply given the trophy) and the B.C. Championship; thus, by the summer of 1958 Macskasy had taken over the number one spot on the West Coast but was little known elsewhere in Canada.

We take up the story in excerpts from the report Kent Oliver wrote for the August/September 1958 issue of *Canadian Chess Chat*.

Crosstable: <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/58canopStandings.html>

"With the push of pawn to king four Alderman Slaw Rebchuck officially started this eight-day battle in the city of Winnipeg, August 23rd. There were forty-four entries, somewhat fewer than had been anticipated, but this number was compensated for by an unexpectedly large entry of very strong players. Among these were: Larry Evans, winner of the First Canadian Open; I. Zalus, the runner-up in the Montreal Open; Paul Vaitonis; Curt Brasket, champion of Minnesota; Abe Yanofsky; Dr. Elod Macskasy, a newcomer to Canada who is reported to have once beaten Smyslov [in a clock simul in 1947 - ed.]; G. Madlener from Holland; and a good showing of outstanding American players.

All along the table, as it were, old rivalries again sprang up. There was Evans versus Yanofsky (Larry had been beaten by Abe at the First Open); Brasket versus Yanofsky (this was to be their fourth tournament encounter and, once again, their fourth draw); Woodbury versus Harry Yanofsky (always close in the honours for the Manitoba championship); and MacDonald versus Lawson (Winnipeg's "McDonnell - de la Bourdonnais" combination from away back). And so it went.

### **Lawson, J.W - Macskasy, Elod [E01] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (1), 08.1958**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.d4 e6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.g3 0-0 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bg2 Ne4 8.0-0 Nxc3  
9.bxc3 Be6 10.Qc2 Re8 11.Re1 Nd7 12.e4 dxe4 13.Qxe4 c6 14.Qc2 Nb6 15.Nd2 Bd5  
16.f3 c5 17.Bb2 cxd4 18.c4 Rc8 19.Bxd4 Bxc4 20.Qb2 Na4 21.Qc1 Qxd4+ 22.Kh1 Bf1

23.Rxe7 Bxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Red8 25.Qe1 Qxd2+ 26.Qxd2 Rxd2+ 27.Kh3 h5 28.Rxb7 Rcc2  
29.Rh1 a6 30.Rb8+ Kh7 31.Ra8 Nc5 0-1

### **Macskasy, Elod - Ihssen, Peter [D71] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (2), 08.1958**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Nc3 e6 7.Nf3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 c5 9.0-0  
0-0 10.Ba3 Na6 11.Qb3 Qa5 12.Nd2 Rb8 13.Ne4 c4 14.Qb2 Rd8 15.Bd6 Nc7 16.Be7  
Rd7 17.Bb4 Qb6 18.Qa3 Nb5 19.Qa4 a6 20.Ba5 Qa7 21.Qxc4 b6 22.Bb4 Rc7 23.Qb3  
Bb7 24.a4 Bd5 25.Qb2 Qb7 26.axb5 Bxe4 27.bxa6 Qc6 28.Bxe4 Qxe4 29.Bd6 Qc6  
30.Bxc7 Qxc7 31.Rfb1 e5 32.a7 1-0

### **Schulman, Mark - Macskasy, Elod [D05] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (3), 08.1958**

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 Nbd7 4.Nf3 c5 5.c3 e6 6.Nbd2 Be7 7.Ne5 Nxe5 8.dxe5 Nd7 9.f4  
c4 10.Bc2 Bc5 11.Nf3 Qe7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Kh1 Bd7 14.Nd4 0-0-0 15.b4 Bxd4 16.exd4 f5  
17.exf6 gxf6 18.a4 Kb8 19.b5 Nc8 20.Ba3 Qg7 21.Qh5 Rhg8 22.g3 f5 23.Rfe1 Qf6  
24.Bd1 Rg6 25.Re2 Rdg8 26.Rb2 Be8 27.Qe2 h5 28.Qe3 R6g7 29.Rg2 h4 30.Kg1 Qh6  
31.Kf2 Ka8 32.Bc5 Ne7 33.Bxe7 Rxe7 34.g4 fxg4 35.Rxg4 Rf8 36.Rg5 Qxg5 0-1

The fourth round began to give a slight indication of the eventual outcome of the tournament. Vaitonis beat Evans, Macskasy beat Abe Yanofsky, Brasket beat Fischheimer and Harry Yanofsky beat Moran.... In the other leading game, Macskasy was likewise faced with a King's Indian Defence. Abe Yanofsky tossed in a pawn sacrifice along with it early in the middlegame, but it came to naught. The game was adjourned after fifty moves and, on resumption of play, Macskasy won with the extra pawn.

### **Macskasy, Elod - Yanofsky, Daniel A [E66] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (4), 08.1958**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.g3 0-0 5.Bg2 d6 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Na5 9.Nd2 a6  
10.Qc2 Rb8 11.Rb1 e5 12.a3 b6 13.b4 Nb7 14.Nb3 Qc7 15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.Nxc5 bxc5  
17.Rxb8 Qxb8 18.Bd2 Nd7 19.Rb1 Qc7 20.Na4 Bb7 21.Bf1 f5 22.Nb6 Nxb6 23.Ba5 f4  
24.Bh3 Bc8 25.Bxc8 Qxc8 26.Rxb6 fxg3 27.hxg3 Qg4 28.Rxd6 e4 29.Rd8 Rxd8  
30.Bxd8 e3 31.Bc7 exf2+ 32.Kxf2 Qh3 33.Qe4 Qh2+ 34.Qg2 Bd4+ 35.Kf1 Qh6 36.Bf4  
Qf8 37.Qf3 Qf5 38.Kg2 Qd7 39.Bh6 Qe7 40.Qg4 Kf7 41.Bg5 Qe8 42.Qf3+ Kg7 43.e3  
Bc3 44.Qf4 Kg8 45.Bh6 Be5 46.Qe4 Qb8 47.Bf4 Qb2+ 48.Kh3 Bxf4 49.exf4 Qd2  
50.Qe6+ Kg7 51.Qe7+ Kg8 52.f5 Qh6+ 53.Qh4 Qc1 54.Qd8+ Kg7 55.Qe7+ Kh6  
56.Qh4+ Kg7 57.Qe4 Qf1+ 58.Kh4 gxf5 59.Qf4 Qd3 60.Kh5 Kf6 61.Qd6+ Kf7 62.Qe6+  
Kf8 63.Qf6+ Ke8 64.Qh8+ Ke7 65.Qxh7+ Kf6 66.Qh6+ Ke7 67.Qe6+ Kf8 68.Qf6+ Ke8  
69.Qe5+ Kf7 70.Qc7+ Kf6 71.Kh6 Qd2+ 72.Kh7 Qh2+ 73.Kg8 f4 74.Qxf4+ Kg6  
75.Qg4+ Kf6 76.Qh4+ 1-0

The fifth round produced one of the most exciting and crucial games in the whole tournament. This was the battle between Macskasy and Vaitonis. Here Vaitonis played a King's Indian Defence and obtained a better game as a result of Macskasy's poor handling of the opening. Then Vaitonis won a pawn in the middlegame and continued

to press his advantage until he got into time trouble. With thirteen moves to make in about eight minutes, he blundered away a won game by falling into a trap which he saw soon after the losing move. (Vaitonis moaned audibly and perhaps some of the onlookers did too.) Threat of mate brought about his resignation on the thirty-eighth move. By this stage, consequently, Macskasy was beginning to look like a sure winner.

### **Macskasy, Elod - Vaitonis, Paul [E74] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (5), 08.1958**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 Qa5 8.Bd2 Re8 9.Nf3 e6 10.0-0 Qb6 11.Bd3 exd5 12.exd5 Bg4 13.Na4 Qc7 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Qxf3 Nbd7 16.Qd1 Ne5 17.Bf4 Nxd3 18.Qxd3 Re4 19.Be3 b5 20.Nc3 bxc4 21.Qd1 Re7 22.Qe2 Rb8 23.Qxc4 Rxb2 24.Rab1 Rb6 25.Bf4 Qb8 26.Be3 Reb7 27.Rxb6 Rxb6 28.Re1 Rb4 29.Qa6 h6 30.a4 Rb6 31.Qe2 Nd7 32.Ne4 Rb4 33.Bf4 Rb2 34.Qe3 Rb3 35.Qc1 Ne5 36.Bxe5 Bxe5 37.Qxh6 Qb4 38.Nf6+ 1-0

### **Brasket, Curt - Macskasy, Elod [B11] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (6), 08.1958**

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.Bc4 Bg4 7.Ne5 fxe5 8.Qxg4 e6 9.0-0 Qf6 10.d3 Qg6 11.Qe2 Nd7 12.f4 Rg8 13.Rf3 Bc5+ 14.Kh1 0-0-0 15.Bd2 Qh5 16.Re1 Rg7 17.fxe5 Rdg8 18.Bf4 Rxd2 19.Qxd2 Rxd2 20.Kxd2 Bd4 21.c3 Bxe5 22.Bg3 Bxd2 23.Rxd2 Ne5 24.Bb3 Ng6 25.Kh1 Qf5 26.Kg1 Nf4 27.Rf1 Ne2+ 28.Kg2 Nxd2 29.Rxf5 Nxf5 30.Kf3 Kd7 31.d4 Ke7 32.Bc2 Nh4+ 33.Kg4 Ng6 34.Kg5 f5 35.h4 Kf7 36.Bb3 h6+ 37.Kh5 Kg7 0-1

The seventh round greatly reinforced Macskasy's chances of winning the Canadian Open through his tie with Evans. Evan played a Grünfeld Defence and allowed Macskasy to seize the initiative early in the middlegame. By the time of the endgame each player was left with two pawns and a knight. Macskasy's early initiative was beginning to pay off and it looked like he had better chances. Finally, though, it was impossible for him to find a winning continuation and a draw was agreed upon.

### **Macskasy, Elod - Evans, Larry [D70] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (7), 08.1958**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nb6 6.h3 g6 7.Be2 Bg7 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.Re1 Qc7 11.Ng5 Bc4 12.Bxc4 Nxc4 13.Qe2 Nb6 14.e5 h6 15.Nge4 Na6 16.Qg4 Qd7 17.Qh4 g5 18.Qh5 f5 19.Nc5 Nxc5 20.dxc5 Nc4 21.h4 Qe8 22.Qe2 Nxe5 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.Bxg5 Qf7 25.Bh6 Ng6 26.Bxg7 Kxg7 27.Rad1 Rad8 28.f4 Qf6 29.Qf2 Kf7 30.g3 Rh8 31.Rxd8 Rxd8 32.Rd1 Rxd1+ 33.Nxd1 Qe6 34.b3 Qd5 35.Nb2 Ke8 36.Nc4 Kd7 37.Qe3 Qd1+ 38.Kf2 Qc2+ 39.Qe2 Qxe2+ 40.Kxe2 Nf8 41.Kd3 Ne6 42.Ne5+ Kc7 43.b4 a5 44.a3 axb4 45.axb4 Ng7 46.g4 fxg4 47.Nxg4 b6 48.cxb6+ Kxb6 49.Kc4 e6 50.Ne5 Nf5 51.Nd7+ Kc7 1/2-1/2

Macskasy played Fischheimer in the eighth round. Fischheimer was faced with a Centre Counter Gambit and lost the initiative in the opening. Macskasy thereupon pressed his advantage until he reached an endgame where his bishop was more active

than Fischheimer's knight. Then, playing beautiful chess, he made a subtle pawn sacrifice and was able to force his opponent's resignation on the sixty-sixth move.

### **Fischheimer, Daniel - Macskasy, Elod [B01] CAN op 2nd Winnipeg (8), 08.1958**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.Bc4 g6 5.d3 Bg7 6.Be3 Nh6 7.Qf3 0-0 8.h4 Nc6 9.h5 Ne5 10.Qf4 Nxc4 11.Qxc4 Nf5 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Nge2 Nxe3 14.fxe3 e5 15.Qh4 Qxh4+ 16.Rxh4 c6 17.Rb4 f5 18.Kd2 Bf6 19.a4 Be7 20.Rb3 Rb8 21.Na2 Be6 22.c4 f4 23.exf4 exf4 24.Nd4 Bg4 25.Nc3 Rfd8 26.Re1 Bc5 27.Nf3 Bf5 28.Ne4 Be3+ 29.Ke2 Kg7 30.Rh1 b6 31.Ra3 Bc5 32.Raa1 Re8 33.Nfg5 Bg4+ 34.Kd2 Be3+ 35.Kc3 Rh8 36.b4 Rbd8 37.Rae1 Bd4+ 38.Kc2 Bf5 39.Nd6 Rxh1 40.Nxf5+ Kf6 41.Ne4+ Kxf5 42.Rxh1 Rh8 43.Rxh8 Bxh8 44.Kd2 Be5 45.b5 c5 46.Ke2 g5 47.Nd2 Bc3 48.Ne4 Be5 49.a5 g4 50.a6 Bc7 51.Nc3 Ke5 52.Nd5 Bd8 53.Kd2 Kd4 54.Nxf4 Bg5 55.g3 Ke5 56.Ke3 Bh6 57.d4+ cxd4+ 58.Ke2 Bxf4 59.gxf4+ Kd6 60.f5 g3 61.f6 g2 62.c5+ Ke6 63.Kf2 d3 64.c6 d2 65.c7 g1Q+ 0-1

With the final round coming up the only danger for Macskasy was a tie for first place - if h should get a loss in his last game and Evans get a win. But the final round saw Macskasy clinch the title. Playing Harry Yanofsky, He came out with a Philidor's Defence and reached the middlegame with equal chances. After twenty-five moves Harry offered him a draw and he accepted. The thirty-nine-year-old math instructor at the University of British Columbia was the new Canadian Open Champion. [Unfortunately Macskasy's games from rounds nine and ten appear not to have been published.]



Macskasy in 1961

Prize winners:

- E. Macskasy, \$1,000
- L. Evans, \$600
- P. Vaitonis, \$400
- C. Brasket, \$150
- D.A. Yanofsky, \$150

H. Yanofsky, \$50  
R. Lebel, \$50  
H. Ridout, \$50

The tournament was directed by P.G. Haley of Calgary using Harkness controlled pairings. Mr. J.G. Prentice of Vancouver was assistant tournament director. It is interesting to note that the top five players ended up having played a complete round robin with each other and that the winner played the second, third, fourth, fifth, and sixth place finishers.

One of the highlights of the tournament was the outstanding showing made by twelve-year-old Irving [*sic*] Lipnowski of Winnipeg, who scored 4.5."

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Multi-Simul Olympiad Fundraiser Event**

Standard and/or s-chess – at the player's option  
A Fundraising Event for the Canadian Olympiad Teams  
August 23, 2008 - Vancouver Bridge Center

1. The event consists of four simultaneous exhibitions, given by:

Jack Yoos, Bruce Harper, Lucas Davies, Noam, Davies

In each round, participants will play against a different simul-giver, until each participant has played one game against each simul-giver (and vice versa).

2. To facilitate this, the field will be divided into four equally-sized groups. Subject to the need to have each group the same size (so that each simul has the same number of participants), participants may select the group in which they play, so they will be in the same group as their friends.

3. Participants (not the simul givers!) may choose whether to play standard chess or s-chess for their games. S-chess games must use Marshall sets and boards (these will be available at the site for those s-chess players who do not already have them).

4. Each simul-giver will therefore have to play both standard and s-chess games at the same time.

5. Each round will have a one hour and 45-minute time limit (with three passes). Games which are not completed when the time limit expires will be adjudicated by Special Guest Referee Grandmaster Duncan Suttles, with a bias against the simul-giver.

6. At the end of the event, the participants with the highest total score in their four standard and/or s-chess games will win the following prizes (ties will be resolved



according to the best game played by each player, as decided by Special Guest Referee:

- 1st A complete signed set of "Chess on the Edge" (the Suttles books) (\$120 value)
- 2nd A Marshall chess set and board, including s-chess kit (\$60 value)
- 3rd Signed Volume 1 of "Chess on the Edge" (\$40 value)
- 4th Signed Volume 2 of "Chess on the Edge" (\$40 value)
- 5th Signed Volume 3 of "Chess on the Edge" (\$40 value)
- 6-8th S-chess kit (\$10 value)

7. The simul-giver with the best total score will receive additional aspirin.

\$25 entry fee - proceeds to the Canadian Chess Olympiad Fund  
Spectators and non-playing donors are welcome.

**Date** August 23, 2008 (Saturday)

**Location** Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (Broadway and Kaslo), Vancouver, BC

**Information** Contact: Bruce Harper Tel: (604) 263-8264 email: [bruce54321@shaw.ca](mailto:bruce54321@shaw.ca)

**Registration** In advance or August 23, 2008, 9:00-9:45 am.

**Format** Simultaneous exhibits: chess or s-chess

**Rounds** 10:00 am, 12:00 pm, 2:30 pm, 4:30 pm (or sooner if rounds end sooner; one hour and 45-minute limit per simul)

**Entry fee** \$25 per player.

**Equipment** Please bring s-chess kits and set if you have one.

### **UBC Thursday Night Swiss**

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

### **Richmond Chess Club Friday Night Swiss**

6:30 pm, **Fridays**, Richmond Public Library (Brighthouse Branch - Opposite Richmond Centre Mall)

Details: [www.chesstribes.ca](http://www.chesstribes.ca)

### **Labour Day Open**

August 30 - September 1, Langley

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