

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #154

Theoretically there should be an issue of the Bulletin on December 24th, but unless there is something particularly newsworthy in the B.C. chess community in the next two weeks, I will resume publication in the New Year. That being the case, I wish to take this opportunity to wish you all the best of the holiday season - see you in 2009!

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

[Back issues of the Bulletin are available on the above webpage.]

HERE AND THERE

Sprott Shaw December Open/Junior Open (December 6-7)

Oregon champion Radu-Laurentiu Roua won the Open Section with 4.5/5, ahead of IM Vicente Lee jr. and the trio of Kirk Gornall, Joe Soliven, and Jofrel Landingin.

Report: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/news.html>

Crosstables:

<http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/Tournaments/2008/Sprott%20Shaw%20Dec%20Open/DecOpen2008Results.htm>

<http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/Tournaments/2008/Sprott%20Shaw%20Dec%20Junior%20Open/DecJuniorOpen2008Results.htm>

See also www.chess.ca for the rating crosstables

Langley Chess Club Open (November 3 - December 1)

This five-round Swiss, played at the rate of one round a week for five consecutive Mondays, was won by Savvas Kyriakides and Nigel Fullbrook with 4.0/6, a half point ahead of junior champion Tanraj Sohal.

Crosstable: <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200812036>

Washington Class Championship

This tournament took place on the American Thanksgiving long weekend, i.e., November 28-30. We gather a number of B.C. players participated, including Robert Brewster, Richard Huang, Donovan Zhao, and Jacob Jensen; however, at the time of writing the event has not

yet been rated by the USCF and no other information is currently available, apart from a few photos: <http://www.nwchess.com/articles/events/2008/WAClass.htm>.

OLYMPIAD WRAP-UP

The Dresden Olympiad finished on November 25 with the following overall results:

Open/National - Armenia, Israel, U.S.

Women - Georgia, Ukraine, U.S.

Canada's national team finished 28th on tiebreaks, considerably higher than its pre-event ranking of 48th, but our women's team collapsed in the last few rounds after playing some of the stronger teams and finished 65th (initial ranking 53rd). Two innovations which continue to be debated were scoring by match points rather than game points (2 points for a team win, 1 point for a drawn match, 0 for a loss), and the forfeiting of players who were not at their board at the scheduled round start. The latter has been suggested as a possible change to the FIDE Laws of Chess to come into effect next July, although this has yet to be officially approved.

Another controversial feature which may yet change the final results was drug testing, in particular the missed doping test that Ukrainian star Vassily Ivanchuk was supposed to submit to after the last round. FIDE instituted drug testing in order to have chess be recognized by the IOC. The last round pitted Ukraine against the U.S., a match in which the Americans (with Hikaru Nakamura) stunned their opponents with a 3.5-0.5 victory to take the bronze medals on tiebreak. Ivanchuk lost to Kamsky, and was so distraught after the game that he kicked a marble pillar several times and then disappeared before officials could administer the drug test. Non-compliance has potentially serious consequences, including the annulling of Ivanchuk's/his team's games (this would give the bronze medals to Hungary) and a possible two-year ban from international competition. Ivanchuk will have an opportunity in the upcoming months to defend his actions before a FIDE committee.

Official site: <http://www.dresden2008.de/site/en/main.htm>

Results: <http://chess-results.info/tnr16314.aspx?art=0&lan=0&flag=30&m=-1&wi=800>

Games: <http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html> (scroll down)

Some games by players with a B.C. connection:

Kobese, W - Nakamura, H [B06] 38th Olympiad Dresden GER (3), 15.11.2008

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 a6 5.a4 Bg4 6.Bc4 e6 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Be2 Nge7 9.h3 Bxf3
10.Bxf3 0-0 11.Qd2 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Nd5 Nc8 14.Bc5 Re8 15.a5 Nd4 16.Bd1 Nd6
17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Qc3 c6 19.Nb6 Rad8 20.0-0 Qf6 21.Na4 Bf8 22.Nc5 Nb5 23.Qe3 Qf4
24.Nb3 Qxe3 25.fxe3 h5 26.Be2 Bh6 27.Rf3 Nd6 28.Nc5 h4 29.Bd3 f5 30.Ra4 f4 31.exf4 exf4
32.Rb4 Re7 33.Kf1 g5 34.Bc4+ Nxc4 35.Rxc4 Bf8 36.Rd3 Rde8 37.Rd7 Rb8 38.Rxe7 Bxe7
39.Ke2 Kf7 40.Nd3 Kf6 41.Rd4 Ke6 42.Kf3 b6 43.axb6 Rxb6 44.Ra4 c5 45.b3 Rc6 46.Nb2
Bf6 47.Nc4 Bc3 48.Ke2 Bd4 49.Kf3 Bc3 50.Kg4 Kf6 51.Na3 Bb2 52.Nc4 Bc3 53.Kf3 Kg6

54.Ke2 Bd4 55.Kd3 g4 56.c3 Bg7 57.hxg4 Kg5 58.e5 Kxg4 59.Ke4 Kg3 60.Ra2 Re6 61.Kf5 Re7 62.Re2 h3 63.gxh3 f3 64.Re4 f2 65.Nd2 Bh6 66.Rg4+ Kxh3 67.Nf1 Rxe5+ 68.Kxe5 Kxg4 69.Ke4 Bf4 70.c4 a5 0-1

Nakamura, H - Harikrishna, P [A00] 38th Olympiad Dresden GER (9), 22.11.2008

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 Nf6 3.d3 g6 4.Bd2 Bg7 5.Qc1 Qd6 6.c4 dxc4 7.Na3 0-0 8.Nxc4 Qe6 9.Nh3 Nc6 10.Nf4 Qd7 11.Bc3 Nd4 12.h4 Re8 13.e3 Ne6 14.Qc2 Rb8 15.0-0-0 Nxf4 16.gxf4 b5 17.Na5 Qe6 18.Kb1 b4 19.Bd4 Qa6 20.Qxc7 Bf5 21.Qxa7 Bxd3+ 22.Ka1 Qxa7 23.Bxa7 Rb5 24.Rxd3 Rxa5 25.Bb6 Rb5 26.Bd8 Rc5 27.Kb1 e5 28.Bb6 Rb5 29.Bc7 e4 30.Rd8 Rxd8 31.Bxd8 Rd5 32.Be7 Rd2 33.Bxb4 Rxf2 34.Rc1 h5 35.Rc2 Ng4 36.Rxf2 Nxf2 37.a4 Nd1 38.Bc5 Nxb2 39.a5 Na4 40.a6 Nc3+ 41.Kc2 Nb5 42.Bxe4 Bf8 43.Bxf8 Kxf8 44.Kb3 1-0

Aagaard, J (2528) - Charbonneau, P [B40] 38th Olympiad Dresden GER (4), 16.11.2008

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.b3 d6 4.Bb5+ Nd7 5.0-0 Ngf6 6.Re1 Be7 7.Bb2 0-0 8.c3 a6 9.Bf1 b5 10.d4 Bb7 11.Nbd2 d5 12.e5 Ne4 13.Nxe4 dxe4 14.Nd2 cxd4 15.cxd4 Bb4 16.Re2 f5 17.a4 Nb6 18.Nb1 Nd5 19.Rc2 e3 20.Qd3 Be1 21.fxe3 Nb4 22.Qe2 Nxc2 23.Qxc2 f4 24.Nc3 Qh4 25.exf4 Rxf4 0-1

Bindrich, F - Charbonneau, P [A48] 38th Olympiad Dresden GER (9), 22.11.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 0-0 5.e4 d5 6.exd5 Nxd5 7.Nb3 Nd7 8.c4 N5f6 9.Be2 c5 10.0-0 b6 11.Re1 Bb7 12.Bf1 e6 13.Qe2 Qc7 14.Rad1 Rfe8 15.h3 cxd4 16.Nbxd4 a6 17.Qe3 e5 18.Nb3 a5 19.Nbd2 Bf8 20.Nh2 Bc5 21.Qg3 Nh5 22.Qh4 f6 23.Bh6 f5 24.Nb3 Be7 25.Bg5 Bxg5 26.Qxg5 a4 27.Nc1 e4 28.Ne2 Ne5 29.Nc3 Bc6 30.g4 Nf7 31.Qe3 Nf4 32.c5 bxc5 33.Qxc5 Ra5 34.Qc4 Kg7 35.Qd4+ Ne5 36.b4 axb3 37.axb3 Ne6 38.Qe3 f4 39.Qc1 e3 40.Qb2 Ng5 41.Ne2



41...Ra2 42.Qxa2 Nef3+ 43.Nxf3 Nxf3+ 44.Kh1 exf2 0-1

Ryvova, A - Gansvind, V [B23] 38th Olympiad w Dresden GER (7), 20.11.2008

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.d4 Nf6 6.Bg2 Bg4 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Qe2+ Be7 9.dxc5 0-0
10.0-0 Bxc5 11.Qb5 Be7 12.Rd1 Qc8 13.a3 a6 14.Qe2 Re8 15.Qd2 Ne4 16.Qd3 Nxc3
17.Qxc3 Bf6 18.Qd2 Qf5 19.Qd3 Qh5 20.Rf1 Rad8 21.c3 Bf5 22.Qd1 Qg6 23.Be3 Be4
24.Nd4 Ne5 25.Qb3 h5 26.h4 Bxh4 27.Kh2 Ng4+ 28.Kh1 Nxe3 0-1

Gansvind, V - Michna, M [A45] 38th Olympiad w Dresden GER (8), 21.11.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.Nc3 h6 4.Bxf6 Qxf6 5.e4 d6 6.Qd2 Qe7 7.f4 g6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.e5 b6
10.Bb5+ c6 11.Be2 d5 12.Nd1 c5 13.c3 Nc6 14.0-0 Bd7 15.Rb1 cxd4 16.cxd4 g5 17.Nc3 g4
18.Ne1 f5 19.Nb5 0-0 20.Nd6 Nd8 21.g3 Nf7 22.Nb5 Rfc8 23.Nc3 Bf8 24.Ba6 Rcb8 25.Qd3
Nd8 26.Nc2 Bc8 27.a3 Bxa6 28.Qxa6 h5 29.Ne3 Qf7 30.Qd3 Nc6 31.Ne2 Ne7 32.Rbc1 Rb7
33.Rc2 h4 34.Rfc1 Ng6 35.Qd1 Qh7 36.Qf1 Rd8 37.Rc6 Re8 38.Nc3 Qh5



39.Ncxd5 exd5 40.Nxd5 Bg7 41.Qc4 Kh8 42.Nc7 Rg8 43.Rc2 Nxf4 44.gxf4 Bh6 45.Qe6 Bxf4
46.Qf6+ Rg7 47.Ne6 Be3+ 48.Kh1 Rbf7 49.Nxg7 Rxg7 50.Rc7 Bh6 51.Rxg7 Bxg7 52.Rc8+
Kh7 53.Rc7 Qg6 54.Qxh4+ Kg8 55.Rc8+ Bf8 56.Qd8 Qh6 57.Qd5+ Kh7 58.Qf7+ 1-0

2008 CANADIAN CHESS PLAYER OF THE YEAR by David Cohen

Mark Bluvshtein is the 2008 Canadian Chess Player of the Year in a poll of Canadian chess journalists. The Toronto, Ontario grandmaster is a 3rd year student in the Faculty of Science and Engineering, York University. Mark's accomplishments for 2008 include winning a Grandmaster tournament in Hungary; top Canadian at international tournaments in Edmonton and Montreal; and representing Canada on Board 1 at the Chess Olympiad in Dresden, Germany.

[Mark beat out second place Eric Hansen by just a single point; both were substantially ahead of third place Yuanling Yuan:

Hansen, Eric (Calgary, AB) - World Open 5/9 International Master Norm; World Youth Championship Under-16 =2nd 8/11. Qualified FIDE Master title by 2300+ rating. Canadian Grade 10 Champion; won Alberta Closed, Open and Under-16 Championships.

Yuan, Yuanling (Toronto, ON) - 6.5/9 2nd, Woman International Master Norm, Pan-American Women's Championship, San Salvador, El Salvador; 4/9 =7th, Woman International Master Norm, 12th North American FIDE Invitational, Chicago (USA); Women's Olympiad (Board 2) 6.5/10.]

Fans also voted for their favourite player, resulting in one ballot being cast according to the results. The winner of the fan voting is Shiyam Thavandiran of Toronto, Ontario.

The purpose of this 6th annual poll of Canadian Chess Journalists is to recognize the achievements of a Canadian chess player in 2008; and to gain some publicity for Canadian chess. A permanent plaque, with the names of all of the past winners, is on display at the offices of The Chess Federation of Canada in Ottawa.

Each journalist had up to 3 votes:

1st place vote - 5 points

2nd place vote - 3 points

3rd place vote - 1 point

It was not necessary to vote for 2nd or 3rd place. Responses were received from 9/11 invited journalists. Again this year was the results of fan voting counting as one ballot.

Here are the results of the fan voting:

Shiyam Thavandiran (47%) 914
Eric Hansen (44%) 862
Raja Panjwani (3%) 62
Kelly Wang (1%) 24
Mark Bluvshstein (1%) 19
Yuanling Yuan (1%) 11
Dina Kagramanov (1%) 10
Kevin Spraggett (0%) 9
Irina Barron (0%) 8
Pascal Charbonneau (0%) 7
Christopher Knox (0%) 7
Thomas Roussel-Roozmon (0%) 7
Igor Zugic (0%) 7
Anton Kovalyov (0%) 5
Nikolay Noritsyn (0%) 5
Jocelyn Côté (0%) 2
Wayne Hynes (0%) 2
Yelizaveta Orlova (0%) 2
Leonid Gerzhoy (0%) 1
Artem Samsonkin (0%) 1

1,965 votes total

Therefore, a ballot is cast as follows: 1st place, 5 points, Shiyam Thavandiran; 2nd place, 3 points, Eric Hansen; 3rd place, 1 point, Raja Panjwani.

Results of voting from all ballots (fans plus Canadian chess journalists):

Mark Bluvshstein (Toronto, ON) 19
Eric Hansen (Calgary, AB) 18
Yuanling Yuan (Toronto, ON) 8
Shiyam Thavandiran (Toronto, ON) 6
Wayne Hynes (Oshawa, ON) 5
Anton Kovalyov (Verdun, QC) 5
Thomas Roussel-Roozmon (Montreal, QC) 5
Igor Zugic (Toronto, ON) 5
Jocelyn Côté (Charlesbourg, QC) 3
Raja Panjwani (Kitchener, ON) 1
Kevin Spraggett (Portugal) 1

Mark Bluvshstein's biography:

<http://web.ncf.ca/bw998/canchess.html#BLUVSHTEIN>

David Cohen's Canadian Chess homepage:

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

Canadian Chess Player of the Year

<http://www.ncf.carleton.ca/~bw998/Champions.html#PLAYER>

Past winners:

2008 Mark Bluvshstein
2007 Nikolay Noritsyn
2006 Kevin Spraggett
2005 Mark Bluvshstein
2004 Mark Bluvshstein
2003 Pascal Charbonneau

ALBERTA JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP

From Tony Ficzero:

I have attached the latest issue of the Alberta Chess Report as there is one ad that your juniors might be interested in. On page 18, check out the scholarship program being offered by Play Chess Alberta. This scholarship will be available to all junior players in BC, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and Manitoba.

See http://www.albertachess.org/Alberta_Chess_Report.html

ROBERT GRAHAM WADE (10 April 1921 - 29 November 2008)

The legendary New Zealand/English player Bob Wade has died at the age of eighty-seven. Web coverage can be found at several locations, e.g.,

<http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=5043> and
<http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=5045>.

In tribute we offer a newspaper report on a simul Wade gave in Vancouver on 9 October 1947; he gave another simul the following day in Victoria, scoring +21 =0 -3.

"Robert Wade, twenty-six, globe trotting chess master of New Zealand, acquitted himself in fine style against thirty of British Columbia's better players during an exhibition of simultaneous play in Vancouver.

After four hours of grueling competition, the visitor had scored nineteen decisive wins, held five of his opponents to drawn positions, and was defeated by six of Vancouver's leading exponents

Successful against the champion were George Panton and C.F. Millar, City Chess Club; D. Creemer, Vancouver Jewish Chess Club; A. Hammond and O. Hawes, Vancouver Chess Club, and Oscar Bock. Draws were scored by A. Helman, B.C. Champion; A. Stevenson, B. Weston, G. Gulbert and C.G. Carroll.

Mr. Wade astonished his opponents by the incredible speed with which he opened his performance, making well over 200 moves in the first half-hour of play. At the conclusion of play no one doubted his abilities and all realized that in individual games Mr. Wade would easily have swept the entire field. His opening lecture on tactics, openings, middle and end game objectives was of great instructive value to local enthusiasts.

The game score below is that of the first loss suffered by Mr. Wade at Vancouver and is a Caro Kann defence. George Panton's play was direct, accurate and decisive. It reflects credit upon Vancouver chess standards notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Wade was occupied with twenty-nine other contestants." [*Vancouver Daily Province*, 11 October 1947.]

Wade, Robert - Panton, George [B16] Simul - Wade Vancouver, 09.10.1947

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.c3 Bf5 7.Ne2 Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.h4 h6
10.h5 Bh7 11.Bc4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Qc7 13.Qf3 Bg7 14.Bf4 Qd7 15.0-0 0-0-0 16.a4 e5 17.Be3 f5
18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.a5 Nd5 20.Bxa7 f4 21.Ne4 Rhg8 22.Bb6 Rxc2+ 23.Kxc2 Rg8+ 24.Kh2 Bxe4
25.Qxe4 Qg4 0-1

ALASKAN CHESS CRUISE

Seven Night Alaska Cruise round-trip from Seattle aboard Royal Caribbean Cruise Lines Rhapsody of the Seas.

Grandmaster Emil Anka has confirmed that he will be coming as our special guest coach for this fun Alaskan cruise!

Enjoy fun for the whole family!

While the kids are enjoying the fun Chess Classes, Chess Puzzle Solving Competitions, & Chess Tournaments on the high seas, the rest of the family can take a walk on the deck, enjoy the spa on board, get into some fun cruise ship activities, play a game of bingo, shop duty free in the on board shopping boutiques, take in a cooking demonstration, just sit back relax and read a book, or watch the ocean go by. Whatever it is you like to do you will have the time to do it. Then while the ship is in port enjoy the ports of call as a family and learn about Alaska

7 Night Alaska Cruise Itinerary:

8/21 - Seattle Departure at 4:00pm - chess get-together and welcome at dinner

8/22 - Day at Sea; Fun chess classes and more

8/23 - Juneau; 11:00am - 8:00pm (no chess classes)

8/24 - Skagway; 7:00am - 8:30pm

8/25 - Tracy Arm Fjord - 7:00am - 12:00pm

8/26 - Day at Sea; Fun chess classes and more

8/27 - Victoria; 9:00am - 6:00pm. Chess Tournament in Victoria - evening presentation of awards

8/28 - Seattle; Arrive at 6:00am. Disembarkation 8:00am to 10:00am.

Cruise Rates

Inside Cabin - Starting Rates \$1,199.00

Ocean View Cabin - Starting Rates \$1,346.00

Balcony Cabin - Starting Rates \$1,946.00

3rd and 4th guest sharing a cabin - rates will be available upon request

Additional Cost: \$68.25 per person Pre-Paid Gratuities for the week.

Deposit Amount: \$250.00 per person to reserve your cabin.

All rates are based on per person double occupancy

Cruise Rates Include

Cruise accommodations

Port taxes, government taxes and fuel fees

All meals in the dining room and buffets

Room service

Broadway shows and entertainment

Camp at Sea - Fun chess classes, chess puzzle solving competitions, chess tournament; learning/playing at sea...

And much more...

For more information and booking see [http://www.chess4life.com/chess-event/Chess-Cruise-Camp-at-Sea-\(with-GM-Anka\)-2009/380](http://www.chess4life.com/chess-event/Chess-Cruise-Camp-at-Sea-(with-GM-Anka)-2009/380)

December Active

Date: Sunday December 14, 2008

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

Rounds: 5

Starting Time: noon.

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/30.

Entry Fee: Adults \$15, Masters/Seniors and Juniors \$12.

Prizes: \$\$BEN.

Registration: On site at 11:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496 email

queluc@lynx.net

Bring your chess set and clock if you have one.

2009 BC Correspondence Chess Championship (ICCF web server)

Start: January 1, 2009

Entries: deadline December 15, 2008, 15 player limit

EF: \$10 for web server fees (100% sent to the CCCA)

TC: 10 moves in 40 days, play on ICCF web server, no postcards or e-mails, ICCF ID and password will be issued to all new players (www.iccf-webchess.com)

Prizes: 1st place: ChessBase chess engine; best game prize: CB magazine issue

Requirements: BC residency, Internet access and CCCA membership \$30/year, PayPal payments accepted

Organizer: Vas Sladek (Chess First! Enterprises, www.chessfirst.com), vas@chessfirst.com, 604-562-3736

BC Active Championship

Date: January 10-11, 2009

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

Rounds: 9

Schedule: round 1-5: Saturday 11:00am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm, 3:30pm, 5:00pm; round 6-9:

Sunday 11:00am, 12:30pm, 2:00pm and 3:30pm

2 sections. Open and under 1800

Time Control: G/30 or G/25 with 5 seconds increment.

CFC active rated

Fee: \$35 on site saturday morning before 10:30am or \$30 if pre-registered by Thursday January 8th to Luc Poitras 778.846.0496 or queluc@lynx.net

Players under the rating of 1800 can play in the open section for \$5 extra.

Prizes: Open 1st (guarantee) \$300 the rest is based on entries (if 30 entries then) 2nd \$170 3rd \$100 Under 1800 1st \$170 2nd \$100

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

December 14 Victoria City Championship

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

6:30 pm, Thursdays, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

December Active

December 14, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#DecActive>

B.C. Active Championship

January 10-11, 2008, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#BCActive>

Victoria Chess Festival

April 10-13, 2009, Victoria

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Victoria+Chess+Festival+2009>