

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #156

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

B.C. Active Championship (January 17-18)

The initial edition of this championship (or at least the first such championship within recent memory) attracted thirty-eight players to the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Vicente Lee Jr. breezed through the Open Section with 8.5/9, winning \$300 as a result. Second and third were Roman Jiganchine 6.5 (\$170) and Roger Patterson 6.0 (\$100). The previously unknown Jenesis Bugaoan won the U1800 Section with 7.0/9, good for \$170; Juni Caluza and Alex Sabaratnam were a half-point back and earned \$50 each. The event was organized by Luc Poitras, Toni Deline was the TD.

Crosstable, Open Section: <http://www.chess.ca/xtableSQL.asp?TNum=200901070>

Crosstable, U1800 Section: <http://www.chess.ca/xtableSQL.asp?TNum=200901069>

Some photos: <http://www.wcjc.blogspot.com/>

Victoria City Junior Championships (January 18)

The 9th edition of this annual event, postponed due to the inclement weather in December, was run in three sections. The winners were:

K-3	1st Jason Cao	2nd Tony Liu	3rd Justin Wild
4-7	1st Jill Ding	2nd David Dosso	3rd Jonathan Wild
8-12	1st Josh Wild	2nd Kristijan Gjorgjevik	3rd TianTian Geng

Crosstables: <http://www.chesstalk.com/elo/pub/scr/tournois.php?no=4686>

Upcoming newspaper spread: <http://victoriajuniorchess.pbwiki.com/Victoria-News-Scene-and-Heard-City-Championships-2009>

More photos: <http://gallery.pictopia.com/victoria/gallery/72495/>

Jill Ding Interview (January 15)

Just before the Victoria City Junior Championships the subsequent winner of the Grade 4-7 Section, Jill Ding, was interviewed on Victoria Channel 'A' TV's morning show:

<http://victoriajuniorchess.pbwiki.com/>

December Junior Open (December 7, 2008)

Lester Yee has provided photos from last December's Junior Open in New Westminster - enjoy!

<http://flickr.com/photos/lestersphotos/sets/72157611266631371/show/>

BRITISH COLUMBIA CHESS HISTORY WEBSITE

Dedicated to the history of chess in this province, this website first went online in October, 2003. It has now been redesigned; all the previous material is still available, but lists of champions and many crosstables have been added, along with new sections on B.C. chess publications and the results of B.C. players elsewhere in Canada and beyond. The crosstables are somewhat hidden but are accessible by clicking on the coloured date links, either in the player lists or the lists of events. Also included in the lists of champions are recent youth events such as the CYCC and Chess Challenge.

<http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/homepage.html>

CFC WEBZINE AND NEWS

Last year the CFC's magazine, *Chess Canada*, ceased publication after existing in various incarnations since 1973. Its replacement, an online magazine, has just appeared and is now available for viewing. Parts of the webzine are public but other portions have the access restricted to those holding CFC memberships. Members whose email addresses are known to the CFC should have received a message indicating how they may enter the members' only sections. For a limited time all visitors, whether they be members or not, can view the members' areas by using the following log-in:

username: guest
password: 884ssf\$55

Note that this will expire at the end of January; thereafter a username and password will be needed to enter the restricted access sections. For enquiries contact Vince Chow, vchow@chess.ca.

The CFC has also sold the condominium that housed its physical office; the new address and telephone numbers are as follows:

The Chess Federation of Canada
P.O. Box 4790
Station E
Ottawa, ON
K1S 5H9

Phone: 905-756-4977
Toll Free: (800) 563-4476
(24hr Automated)

Finally, the CFC's book and equipment businesses have been outsourced, to Amazon and FEN respectively. See the CFC website for more details.

<http://www.chess.ca/>

B.C. CHESS MAGAZINE, 1918-1919



"In introducing to the chess playing public of this Province a magazine devoted to its interests, we need offer neither excuse nor extenuation. The vast extent of British Columbia makes this mode of communication a vital necessity, the lack of which has been felt for many years. For isolated players a contact will thus be established with others in like circumstances, and all will be brought into touch with the larger provincial chess circles.

The policy of the magazine will be to use provincial material to a very large extent, though we shall include news of special interest from surrounding localities and also news of world interest. We shall depend largely upon our subscribers for correspondence and for accounts of events in their own districts, and we wish to publish games played in all parts of the Province.

The subscription has been placed at a low figure so that the publication may not be beyond the means of anyone, and the staff will use any profits there may be for the enlarging and improving of the magazine until it approximates to the very high ideal they have in view. Owing to the late inaugural date only five issues will be brought out this season - from December to April inclusive.

Above everything we seek the cooperation of all chess players within our radius. This is their magazine, to embody their ideas, to print their games and problems, and to publish their news. Only with their whole hearted support may the best results be obtained, and we on our part will spare no labour to prove worthy of that support."



Editor John Ewing

Thus ran John Ewing's foreword to the first issue of the *B.C. Chess Magazine*, published in December, 1918. The magazine was the first of its kind in the province, and leaving aside correspondence chess, another would not arise until 1969. In the first year Ewing did indeed publish five issues, although they ran from December to May with April omitted - April was the time of the B.C. Championship, so that issue was postponed a month so news from the event could be included. Each issue consisted of eight pages, 5" by 8", and sold for 15 cents, or 50 cents for the season. Contents included a Games Department, a News Section, and a Problem Department, handled by R.G. Stark, F. MacLachlan, and George W. Melhuish respectively, along with a few adverts on the outside covers. In its second year the magazine widened its scope to become the *Canadian Chess Magazine*, but we will leave that development for another time. Pdf files of all five issues from the first year are currently available on the B.C. Chess History website:

<http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/homepage.html>

The first two games printed in the magazine:

Hidwell, H.E. - Yates, Bertram A. [C52]

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 dxc3 8.Qb3 Qf6 9.e5 Qg6 10.Nxc3 Nge7 11.Ba3 0-0 12.Rad1 b5 13.Nxb5 Rb8 14.Bd3 Qh5 15.Qa4 Re8 16.g4 Qh3 17.Qe4 Bb7 18.Ng5 Nxe5 19.Qxb7 Qxf1+ 20.Bxf1 Rxb7 21.h3 N7g6 22.Rc1 h6 23.Bd6 Rxb5 0-1

Smith, D. - Yates, Bertram A. [A46]

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 d5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Nb3 Bd6 9.Nbd4 e5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Be2 Ne4 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.0-0 f5 15.c4 Rf6 16.Ne1 Rh6 17.f4 exf4 18.exf4 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Ng3# 0-1

CANADIAN JUNIOR

It was previously announced in these pages that this year's Canadian Junior Championship would take in Calgary around the middle of February - however, the circumstances surrounding the event have now changed. From Tony Ficzero on Chesstalk:

"The short story is this. The organizers (Calgary Junior Chess Club) wanted to change the dates on their bid. Their original date for the event was this February which they quickly realized would not accomodate too many juniors outside of Alberta (and even within). So, a poor choice of dates to an otherwise good bid. When they asked for a new date in July/August, their old bid was thrown out, and a new bid was submitted. This also opened the door for another organizer to submit a bid.

Now there are two bids for this tournament and the governors will have to vote on which one they like. I don't know when the governors will receive the bids and vote."

New Year Open

Dates: January 24-25

Place: Sprott Shaw Community College, 1178 8th Ave., New Westminster

Format: 5 Round Swiss.

Round Times: Saturday 9:30, 1:00 and 5:00 or asap, Sunday 9:30 and 1:00 or asap

Time Control: G90 Total game time 3 hours.

Entry Fee: \$30

Prizes: \$250 Guaranteed first place. Rest based on entries.

Half Point byes are available by request before the close of registration.

CFC Regular rated.

CFC membership required.

Details:

<http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/Tournaments/2009/SprottShawJanOpen/SprottShawJanOpen2009.pdf>

2009 BC Correspondence Chess Championship (ICCF web server)

Entries: 15 player limit - **deadline extended to January 31, 2009**

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

CYCC Active Fundraiser

In support of the Canadian Youth Chess Championships, to be held in Victoria in July

Date: February 21

Location: 1521 Church Street (between Shelbourne and Cedar Hill Road just south of McKenzie), Victoria

Entry Fee: \$10 before 7 February. \$15 afterwards. Pre-register and pay by contacting Paul Leblanc by e-mail at pc-leblanc@shaw.ca or telephone 250-388-5187. Registration/payment also available Monday evenings at the Victoria Chess Club. Contact Paul Leblanc, Roger Patterson or Lynn Stringer. Juniors may also register at the City Championships on Sunday January 18th

Prizes: Trophy for 1st place and 1st under 1700. All entry fees will be donated to Victoria Junior Chess in support of the 2009 CYCC to be held in Victoria in July

Registration: 9:00 to 9:30 AM

Rounds: 10:00 AM, 11:15 AM, 1:30 PM, 2:45 PM, 4:00 PM

Time Control: Game in 25 minutes plus 5 second increment

Other Information: All equipment will be provided. This event will be Victoria Chess Club rated but not CFC rated. Car pooling available if requested with entry

Special Event: On completion of the tournament, Lynn Stringer will be hosting a house warming party at the tournament site which is in her new condo building.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

January 25 K-12 Scholastic Open, New Westminster

February 8 Island Junior Open #4

February 14 Elementary School Team Championship

February 21 Chess Challenge Vancouver Regional, BCIT

February 22 Chess Challenge Fraser Valley Regional

February 22 Chess Challenge Victoria Regional

March 8 Island Junior Open #5

March 29 CYCC Victoria Regional
April 4 Chess Challenge Finals, BCIT
April 10 Grand Pacific Scholastic

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

New Year Open

January 24-25, New Westminster

Details:

<http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/Tournaments/2009/SprottShawJanOpen/SprottShawJanOpen2009.pdf>

CYCC Active Fundraiser

February 21, Victoria

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/feb09-active-prereg>

Victoria Chess Festival

April 10-13, Victoria

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

2009 Langley Chess Club Open

September 5-7, 2009 (Labour Day long weekend), Langley

Details: <http://www.langleychess.com/>