

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #160

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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HERE AND THERE

March Active (March 8)

Report: <http://wcjc.blogspot.com/2009/03/vancouver-march-active.html>

Central Island Chess Challenge Regional (March 7)

Results: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/results.html>

Blitz Fundraiser (February 28) by Grant Rice

The Kelowna Chess Club hosted a 16 player Blitz Tournament as a fundraiser for the Inter-Cultural Women's Educational Network raising \$150.00 in the process.

It was excellent fun with many good games and exceptional good manners. Thank you to players from Vernon and Penticton for dropping in and showing us your stuff. Congratulations to Niel Dendy for finishing 1st with 12/14, Daryl McIvor 11.5/14 in second and Grant Rice 8.5/12 in third.

Look for a similar tournament in the near future as a fundraiser for the UBC-O Chess Club and a Kelowna regular-rated tournament in the summer.

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2nd Pfalz Open (February 15-22)

Last year we reported on Leon Piasetski's participation in the inaugural Pfalz Open, a nine-round Swiss held in the Rhineland region of Germany. He returned to Neustadt an der Weinstraße for this year's edition, which attracted a total of three hundred and twenty-four players. Piasetski finished with 5.0/9; the winner was European Champion Sergei Tiviakov on 7.5. Only one of Piasetski's games is available, his round two effort against 2600 GM Nidjat Mamedov of Azerbaijan; Mamedov finished in a nine-way tie for second place with 7.0/9.

Mamedov, Nidjat - Piasetski, Leon [B06] 2nd Pfalz op Neustadt an der Weinstraße (2), 16.02.2009

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.h3 a6 5.a4 b6 6.Nf3 Bb7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.d5 Ne5 9.Nxe5 Bxe5 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Bh6 Nd7 12.f4 Bf6 13.Qe2 Qb8 14.Kh2 Qa7 15.Ra3 Rg8 16.b4 0-0 17.a5 b5 18.Bxb5 axb5 19.Nxb5 Qb8 20.a6 Ba8 21.e5 Nxe5 22.fxe5 Bxe5+ 23.Bf4 f6 24.Qc4 Kd7 25.Bxe5 dxe5 26.Nc3 Qb6 27.Na4 Qd4 28.Qb5+ Kc8 29.c4 Qa7 30.Rd1 e6 31.c5 Rxd5 32.Rxd5 Bxd5 33.Nb6+ cxb6 34.cxb6 Qe7 35.b7+ Bxb7 36.axb7+ Qxb7 37.Qc5+ 1-0

Piasetski, who tied for second at the 1989 Canadian Championship, will play his first Canadian tournament in fifteen years at the Grand Pacific Open in Victoria, April 10-13.

B.C. HIGH SCHOOL COURSE

Dear Colleagues,

I am very pleased to bring to your attention the fact that in this past week Chess is now being offered as a Board Approved and Authorized (BAA) high school course by the Ministry of Education in British Columbia. As far as I am aware, this is a "first" in Canada. To have Chess offered as a full credit high school course, on an equal with Science, Socials or Mathematics, is a significant achievement for the Canadian Chess community.

The course will be offered in SD#23 Okanagan, by high school teacher, Luke Campbell, in the 2009-10 school year. I think it is incumbent upon and in the best interest of the CFC and the Canadian Chess community to support Luke in this endeavour (in knowledge, equipment, books, publicity...etc.) as his successes may be a forerunner for similar approval in other provinces and school districts across Canada.

For further information you can contact Luke at lcampbel@sd23.bc.ca or you can contact me at arnie_nermo@sd34.bc.ca

Thank you for your interest and support,

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TOURNAMENT MEMBERSHIPS AND RATING FEES

For a number of years now participants in CFC-rated events have had the option of paying a tournament membership for that single event, rather than taking out a full annual membership. The fees for such memberships changed somewhat earlier this year in response to the new BCCF fee structure - details were published in Bulletin #157. Now the CFC governors have seen fit to pass a motion which effectively doubles the price of the tournament membership. Taking into account the CFC and BCCF components of the new tournament membership, the following fees will come into effect on **May 1, 2009**:

For a multi-day event:

\$16 (CFC component) + \$4 (BCCF) = \$20 for an adult
\$8 (CFC component) + \$4 (BCCF) = \$12 for a junior

For a single-day event:

\$16 (CFC component) + \$2 (BCCF) = \$18 for an adult
\$8 (CFC component) + \$2 (BCCF) = \$10 for a junior

Tournament directors and organizers should be aware of these changes, as should any player who normally fulfills the membership requirement for the tournaments they enter by paying such a fee.

Rating fees are also increasing for those that do not submit tournaments using the CFC's automated system, either via Swiss-Sys or Swiss Assistant, to \$5 per adult player or \$2.50 per junior player. The fees remain the same for events submitted using the automated system, \$3 per adult or \$.50 per junior. These fees comes into effect on **May 1, 2009**.

Instructions on using the automated system: <http://www.chess.ca/swissys.htm>

FIDE/CFC RULE CHANGES

As reported in the last issue, FIDE is allowed to make changes to the official Laws of Chess every four years, which will happen on July 1 of this year. Most of the changes have already been voted on at last year's FIDE General Assembly at the Dresden

Olympiad, and are summarized at <http://www.chesscafe.com/text/geurt129.pdf>. We noted that consensus was not reached on one controversial proposal to change the so-called Rubinstein Rule, and a final ruling would be made at a FIDE presidential meeting. This meeting has now taken place, and we can report that this is the proposal that was accepted:

Any player who arrives at the chessboard after the start of the session shall lose the game, unless the arbiter decides otherwise. Thus the default time is 0 minutes. The rules of the competition may specify a different time.

The current article allows a player an hour to arrive at the chessboard from the scheduled time of the round before the player is forfeited; after **July 1** the player will have no leeway, **unless** the individual rules of the competition or the arbiter say otherwise. One imagines that many events will retain the traditional one-hour grace period, but organizers and tournament directors should make it clear in their event advertising and announcements whether they are adhering to a default time other than zero minutes, and players should make themselves aware of the default time for the particular event they are participating in.

N.B., the CFC Laws of Chess are the same as the FIDE Laws of Chess, so expect these changes to come into effect in all CFC events after July 1.

LIONEL JOYNER IN CALIFORNIA



Joyner in play against Raymond Martin, Hollywood 1952

Lionel Joyner (1932-2001), Canadian Champion in 1961, was a resident of Port Coquitlam in the later part of his life but was born and raised in Montreal. In 1951 he

was Canada's representative in the first World Junior Championship, held in Coventry and Birmingham, England; Borislav Ivkov was the winner, and the competition also included future GMs Bent Larsen and Fridrik Olafsson. After the World Junior Joyner went to Philadelphia, where he took fourth place in the U.S.(!) Junior Championship. In those days Canadians were allowed to enter the tournament, and Frank Anderson, Ross Siemms, William Oaker and others took full advantage of the opportunities this afforded them. News reports of the event give Joyner's home town as Santa Monica - apparently his parents had recently moved to California. Joyner's name does not appear again in chess reports until early 1952, when he tied for first in the Los Angeles County Championship with Morris Gordon, both scoring 11.5 in the fifteen-player round robin. Also in the field was Jacqueline Piatigorsky (née Rothschild), who subsequently played for the U.S. Women's Olympic team but who is better known as the sponsor (along with her husband, the emigré Russian cellist Gregor Piatigorsky) of the two Piatigorsky Cup tournaments in California in 1963 and 1966.

Around this time Joyner wrote a letter to the *California Chess Reporter* indicating he was returning to Canada:

I am afraid that due to the draft and several other factors I will not be staying in California but will return to Canada sometime this month (March). I do not particularly like the army and being a Canadian, I cannot enlist in the Navy or Air Force, so the only alternative I have is to return to my native country. Also the choice of jobs for Canadians down here is very limited and I believe I can do better in Canada. Otherwise I would love to stay in California because of the wonderful climate and also because of the many friends I have made down here.

However, Joyner found good reason to linger awhile in California. He won the tiebreak match with Gordon handily, 3.0-1.0 (see games below); as a consequence of his recent results Joyner was invited to participate in an international round robin in Hollywood organized by Herman Steiner. His tie for fourth was a creditable result in such a field, if a little lopsided in terms of colour: Joyner scored 4.5/5 with white but only a single draw with the black pieces.

Hollywood 1952

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	
1 Gligoric, Svetozar	*	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	1	1	7.5
2 Pomar, Arturo	½	*	½	½	1	1	1	1	½	1	7.0
3 Steiner, Herman	0	½	*	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	6.0
4 Dake, Arthur	½	½	½	*	0	½	½	1	1	½	5.0
5 Joyner, Lionel	0	0	0	1	*	½	1	1	½	1	5.0
6 Cross, Robert	½	0	½	½	½	*	½	½	½	1	4.5
7 Kashdan, Isaac	0	0	0	½	0	½	*	1	1	1	4.0
8 Pafnutieff, Vladimir	0	0	½	0	0	½	0	*	1	1	3.0
9 Martin, Raymond	0	½	0	0	½	½	0	0	*	1	2.5
10 Graf, Sonja	0	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	0	*	0.5

The games from the tournament are available in any of the standard large databases. Incidentally, Pomar included several Canadian centres in his North American tour immediately following the Hollywood event (e.g., he played an exhibition game with Bohatirchuk in Ottawa) - perhaps this was on Joyner's advice?

Joyner's last events in California were both at San Luis Obispo; he played for the South in the annual Northern California - Southern California team match (a loss on board three in the fifty-nine board event), and tied for fourth in the California Speed Championship, held on the same occasion. He finally left California in the early summer of 1952; he was willing but unable to join the Navy or Air Force and instead returned to Montreal - the U.S. military's loss was definitely our chess gain.

Gordon, Morris - Joyner, Lionel [C02] LA County ch, 1951/52

[Lionel Joyner]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Be2 White's plan calls for renouncing castling and playing to hold the centre formation. **6...cxd4 7.cxd4 Nge7 8.Nc3** Already White changes his plans, never a good policy in the opening. 8.Na3 or 8.b3 is decidedly better. **8...Nf5 9.Bb5 Bb4 10.Bxc6+ bxc6 11.0-0 c5** This move is premature and throws away all Black's advantage. Before pushing the c-pawn Black should retreat his bishop to e7. **12.a3 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Ba6 14.Re1 0-0 15.a4** White attempts to seize the a3-f8 diagonal and eyes d6 as a square for his bishop. **15...Rfc8 16.Ba3 cxd4 17.cxd4 Rc3!** Black seizes his chance and tries to grab the initiative. However, this attempt would have been frustrated if White had played correctly. **18.Rb1 Qc6 19.Bc5 Rd3! 20.Qc1! Qxa4 21.Qg5!? Qd7 22.h3 Bc4 23.Nh2? Nxd4 24.Ng4 Kh8 25.Bxd4 Rxd4 26.Re3 Qd8 27.Qh5** The attempt to win back a pawn would have lost a piece: **27.Qxd8 Rxd8 28.Rb7? h5 29.Nh2 Rd1+ 27...Bd3**



White is lost because of the threat Bg6, winning the queen. **28.Rxd3 Rxd3 29.Qxf7 Qe8 30.Qc7 Qc8 31.Qf7 Qg8 32.Qc7 Rd4 33.Rb7 a5 34.Qe7 Rf4 35.g3 Rff8 36.h4 a4 37.h5 h6 38.Nf6 gxf6 39.exf6 Rf7 40.Qxf7 Qxf7 41.Rxf7 a3 42.Re7 a2 43.f7 a1Q+ 0-1**

Joyner, Lionel - Gordon, Morris [A25] LA County ch playoff (1), 1952

[Lionel Joyner]

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 3...Nge7, followed by g6 and Bg7 is more promising.
4.Bg2 Bc5 5.e3 0-0 6.Nge2 d6 7.a3 a5 8.d4 Ba7 9.0-0 Re8 10.d5 White is impressed
by his position and begins to throw away his advantage. 10...Ne7 11.b4 c6 12.Bb2 Bg4
13.dxc6 bxc6 14.b5 Rb8 15.Qd2 cxb5 16.Nxb5 Bc5 17.Rfd1 Qb6 18.Bc3 Nf5 The
only alternative is 18...Bxe2 which leaves White with a fine game. 19.Bxa5



19...Qa6 Now the action starts! Apparently 19...Bxe3 gives Black excellent chances
because if: 1) 20.fxe3 Qxe3+! 21.Qxe3 Nxe3 22.Re1 Nxc4 wins; 2) 20.fxe3 Qxe3+
21.Kf1 Ne4 22.Bxe4 Qxe4 and White cannot prevent Ne3! But the simple reply 3)
20.Bxb6 Bxd2 21.Bc7 Rxb5 (Best) 22.cxb5 Bxe2 23.Rxd2 Bxb5 24.Bxd6 Rd8 25.Bb4
wins for White. 20.Nc7 Qxc4 20...Qa7 looks good but loses after 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Bb4!
If then 22...Bxe3 23.fxe3 Nxe3 24.Kh1. 21.Nxe8 Rxe8 22.Re1 Ne4 23.Qc1 Qd3 24.Nc3
Ng5 25.Bf1 Nf3+ If 25...Nh3+ 26.Kh1?? Qxf1+! 27.Rxf1 Bf3#, or 25...Nh3+ 26.Kg2
Nh4+!! 27.gxh4 Qg6 and White cannot save himself. However, 25...Nh3+ 26.Bxh3 Bxh3
27.Qb1 Qa6 28.Bb4 Qa8 29.Qe4 and White must win. 26.Kh1 Nxe1 Of course, if
26...Qd2 White swaps down and wins easily. 27.Bxd3 Nxd3 28.Qd2



28...Nxf2+! If 28...Bf3+ 29.Kg1 Nxf2 30.Re1 wins. 29.Qxf2 Bxe3 30.Qg2 Nd4 31.Rf1 Bd7 32.Bb6 Bc6 33.Nd5 Kf8 34.Re1 Nc2 35.Re2 Bxb6 36.Rxc2 Bc5 37.h3 e4 38.Rxc5 dxc5 39.Ne3 Ke7 40.Qb2 f6 41.Qb6 Kd6 42.Nf5+ Kd5 43.Qc7 Ba4 44.Qd6+ Kc4 45.Ne3+ Kc3 46.Qxc5+ Kd3 47.Kg2 Re5 48.Nd5 e3 49.Qc3+ Ke2 50.Nf4+ Kd1 51.Qd4+ 1-0

Gordon, Morris - Joyner, Lionel [B05] LA County ch playoff (2), 1952

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.c4 Nb6 6.Bf4 dxe5 7.Bxe5 Nc6 8.Be2 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1+ 11.Kxd1 0-0-0+ 12.Kc2 Nxc4 13.Re1 e6 14.b3 Nb6 15.Nc3 Bb4 16.Rad1 c6 17.Re4 Bxc3 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.Kxc3 Nd5+ 20.Kc2 Kc7 21.a3 Kb6 22.g4 c5 23.h4 Kc6 24.g5 b5 25.h5 Kb6 26.g6 fxc6 27.hxc6 h6 28.Bg4 Rf8 29.Bxe6 Rxf2+ 30.Kd3 Ne7 31.Ke3 Ra2 32.Bf7 Rxa3 33.Kf4 Ra1 34.Re2 Rd1 35.Rf2 a5 36.Be8 Rd8 37.Bf7 a4 38.bxa4 Rd4+ 39.Ke3 Rxa4 40.Rd2 Rd4 41.Rxd4 Nf5+ 42.Ke4 Nxd4 43.e6 Nc6 44.Kd5 b4 45.Kd6 b3 46.e7 Nxe7 47.Kxe7 b2 48.Ba2 c4 49.Kf8 c3 50.Bb1 h5 51.Kxg7 h4 52.Kf8 h3 53.g7 h2 54.g8Q h1Q 55.Qb3+ Ka7 56.Qa3+ Kb8 57.Qb3+ Qb7 58.Qxc3 Qc8+ 1/2-1/2

Joyner, Lionel - Gordon, Morris [A25] LA County ch playoff (3), 1952

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 Bc5 5.e3 d6 6.Nge2 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.a3 a5 9.Qa4 Qd7 10.b4 Bb6 11.b5 Nd8 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.cxd5 Bxe2 14.Kxe2 0-0 15.Bb2 f5 16.f4 Nf7 17.Qc4 Rae8 18.a4 h6 19.Rag1 Kh7 20.Kd1 Qe7 21.Bf3 g6 22.Qc2 Nd8 23.Rg2 Qf7



24.g4 e4 25.gxf5 Qxf5 26.Be2 Qxd5 27.Rhg1 Rg8 28.Bc4 Qh5+ 29.Be2 Qf5 30.Bg4 Qd5 31.Ke1 Ne6 32.Qc3 Nc5 33.f5 Nd3+ 34.Ke2 Nxb2 35.Qxb2 g5 36.Rf1 Re5 37.Rgf2 Rf8 38.f6 Qc4+ 39.Ke1 Qxa4 40.Rf5 Qb4 41.Qxb4 axb4 42.Rxe5 dxe5 43.Bf5+ Kh8 44.Bxe4 c6 45.bxc6 bxc6 46.Bxc6 b3 47.Ke2 Bc5 48.Bd5 b2 49.f7 Kg7 50.Kd3 Ba3 51.Kc3 Rb8 52.Bb3 Rc8+ 53.Bc4 Rb8 54.Kc2 e4 55.Bd5 Rc8+ 56.Kb3 Rc1 57.f8Q+ Bxf8 58.Rf7+ Kg6



59.Kxb2 Rc8 60.Rf1 Bg7+ 61.Kb3 Rb8+ 62.Kc4 Rc8+ 63.Kb5 Rb8+ 64.Kc5 Bf8+
 65.Kc6 Bb4 66.Bxe4+ Kg7 67.Rb1 Kf6 68.Bd3 Rd8 69.Rxb4 Rxd3 70.Rd4 Rxd4
 71.exd4 Ke7 72.d5 Kd8 73.Kd6 h5 74.Ke5 Kd7 75.Kf5 g4 76.hxg4 hxg4 77.Kxg4 Kd6
 78.Kf4 Kxd5 79.Ke3 Ke5 1/2-1/2

Gordon, Morris - Joyner, Lionel [D50] LA County ch playoff (4), 1952

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 c5 5.Bg5 cxd4 6.Nxd4 e5 7.Bxf6 gxf6 8.Nxd5 exd4
 9.Qxd4 Bb4+ 10.Kd1 Be7 11.Qh4 Nc6 12.e3 Be6 13.e4 f5 14.Qf4 fxe4 15.Qxe4 Nb4
 16.Bd3 Nxd5 17.cxd5 Qxd5 18.Rc1 Rd8 19.Ke2 Qxe4+ 20.Bxe4 Bg5 21.Rc5 Bf4 22.Kf3
 Bd6 23.Rh5 Rg8 24.h3 h6 25.Rxh6 Bc5 26.Rc1 b6 27.Rc2 Bxa2 28.b4 Bf8 29.Bc6+ Ke7
 30.Re2+ Be6 31.Rh5 Rd3+ 32.Re3 Rxe3+ 33.Kxe3 Kf6 34.Rh4 a5 35.b5 Bc5+ 36.Kf3
 Rd8 and White resigned after five more moves. 0-1

34th PAUL KERES MEMORIAL



Dates Friday, May 15 to Monday, May 18, 2009

Location Sprott Shaw Community College, 1176 8th Ave, New Westminster BC
Sections Open, Under 2000, Under 1600
Time Control Game/90 + 60 second increment or game/150
Rounds Open: 7 Rounds; U2000, U1600: 6 Rounds
Round Times Friday 6:30 (Open Section only); 10, 5 / 10, 3:30 / 9, ASAP

Further details to follow.

March Active (2)

Date: Sunday March 29, 2009

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: First Prize guaranteed (\$100), and rest based on entries. If 25 players then 2nd \$70 3rd \$50 best Under 2000 \$50 and best Under 1700 \$50.

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. Not CFC Rated.

3rd Annual Victoria Chess Festival - Grand Pacific Open

Sections: Open (FIDE and CFC rated); U1400 (CFC rated)

Round Times Rd 1 at 6:00 Friday April 10th; Rds 2 and 3 at 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm Saturday April 11th;

Rds 4 and 5 at 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm Sunday April 12th; Rd 6 at 10:00 am Monday April 13

Prize Fund \$4000 Guaranteed Open Section: \$1000, \$600, \$400 U2000 \$400, \$300 U1700 \$350, \$250; U1400 Section: \$350, \$250; Biggest Upset \$100

Top BC Resident in the Open qualifies for the BC Closed.

Time Control: Game in 90 with a 30 second increment

Entry Fee (Open) \$90 less discounts of \$10 for CFC members and an Early Bird discount of either \$20 if registered before Jan. 1 or \$10 before March 1.

Entry Fee (U1400) \$75 less discounts of \$10 for CFC members and an Early Bird discount of either \$20 if registered before Jan. 1 or \$10 before March 1.

Misc: Unrated players are not eligible for class prizes. U1400 players may play in the Open but are then not eligible for the U1400 prize.

1st tiebreak for non cash prizes is individual cumulative score. 2nd tiebreak is cumulative score of opponents.

More information and other festival events:

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

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

March Active (2)

March 29, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#AprilActive>

Victoria Chess Festival

April 10-13, Victoria
Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Victoria+Chess+Festival+2009>

May Active

May 9, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#MayActive>

34th Paul Keres Memorial

May 15-18, Sprott-Shaw College, New Westminster; Details: TBA

June Active

June 13, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#JuneActive>

Summer Chess Fest, including B.C. Open

July 20-28, Victoria
Details: <http://summerchessfest.pbwiki.com/FrontPage>

2009 Langley Chess Club Open

September 5-7 (Labour Day long weekend), Langley
Details: <http://www.langleychess.com/>