

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #161

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HERE AND THERE

Victoria YCC (March 29)

Results: <http://victoriajuniorchess.pbwiki.com/Results+2008-2009>

March Active (2) (March 29)

Luc Poitras and Hee Seid tied for first in the latest active event held at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

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

Crosstable for March Active (1): <http://chess.bc.ca/Reports/2009MarchActive.txt>

Austrian Team Championship (March 19-22)

Frequently a significant portion of a modern chess professional's income is derived from playing in various national team leagues. The Bundesliga (Germany) and 4CNL (Britain) are perhaps the best know, but most European countries have such a league, where teams often use sponsorship money to acquire the best hired guns they can. This year Hikaru Nakamura has been playing in the Austrian league for Husek Wien (Vienna); the competition took place over three weekends, in November 2008, and January and March 2009. Nakamura's own play was mediocre (see his own comments in the linked blog below), he scored only 50% in his eleven games but did help Husek Wien win the championship.

Crosstable, games link: <http://www.chess-results.com/tnr12353.aspx?art=1&lan=1&m=-1&wi=1000>

Nakamura's blog: <http://www.hikarunakamura.com/main/Blog/tabid/57/EntryID/53/Default.aspx>

Nakamura, Hikaru - Gyimesi, Zoltan [D41] Aut_chT0809 Ansfelden (8), 19.03.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 c5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 cxd4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bxd2+ 10.Qxd2 0-0 11.Rc1 Nc6 12.Bb5 Bd7 13.0-0 Ne5 14.Be2 Nxf3+ 15.Bxf3 Bb5 16.Rfd1 Qd7 17.d5

exd5 18.Qb4 Rac8 19.exd5 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Re8 21.h3 g6 22.Qf4 Rc8 23.Rxc8+ Qxc8 24.d6 b6
25.g4 Qe6 26.Qd4 h5 27.Bd5 Qe1+ 28.Kh2 hxg4 29.Qf6 g3+ 30.Kxg3 Qg1+ 31.Kh4 1-0

Ruck, Robert - Nakamura, Hikaru [A41] Aut_chT0809 Ansfelden (11), 22.03.2009

"There are really very few comments that I can use to describe this game other than that it was a game where none of my moves make much sense unless one has studied the games of Suttles."

1.c4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.g3 Nc6 4.Nf3 d6 5.Nc3 Bd7 6.Bg2 Qc8 7.0-0 h5



8.h4 Nh6 9.Bg5 Ng4 10.Rc1 f6 11.Bd2 e5 12.Nd5 Be6 13.Qc2 Kf7 14.dxe5 dxe5 15.b4 Nd8 16.b5
c6 17.Nc3 Bf8 18.Qa4 Bd7 19.Rfd1 a6 20.Qb3 Ne6 21.Ne4 Nc5 22.Nxc5 Bxc5 23.Be1 e4 24.Nd4
Re8 25.bxc6 bxc6 26.Rb1 f5 27.Qb7 Ra7 28.Qxc8 Rxc8 29.e3 Be7 30.Bf1 c5 31.Ne2 Ba4 32.Rdc1
Ne5 33.Nf4 Nf3+ 34.Kg2 g5 35.hxg5 Bxg5 36.Be2 Bxf4 37.exf4 h4 38.Bc3 Rd7 39.gxh4 Rg8+
40.Kh3 Rg4 41.h5 Rd6 42.Rb7+ Kf8 43.Bxf3 Rd3 44.h6 Rxf3+ 45.Kh2 Rxf2+ 46.Kh3 Rf3+ 47.Kh2
Rh4+ 48.Kg2 Rfh3 49.Bg7+ Ke8 50.Rg1 Rd3 51.Rgb1 Rd2+ 52.Kg1 Rg4+ 53.Kf1 Rxf4+ 54.Kg1
Rg4+ 55.Kf1 e3 56.R7b2 Bc2 57.Rb8+ Kf7 58.Rf8+ Kg6 59.Rb6+ Kh5 0-1

C'est ça la vie (March 19)

This is the title of a daytime television programme, broadcast over Radio-Canada, the French-language service of the CBC. On March 19 the programme featured an interview with Vancouver master Luc Poitras and his involvement in teaching chess in B.C. schools.

Interview segment: http://www.radio-canada.ca/emissions/c_est_ca_la_vie/2008-2009/Entrevue.asp?idDoc=76811

Poitras's blog: <http://wcjc.blogspot.com/2009/03/cest-ca-la-vie.html>

Dos Hermanas (March 13-21)

This Spanish city used to host an annual super-GM tournament, but in recent years the emphasis and format of the event has changed, first alternating with an international open Swiss, then

switching to a high-level active knockout in 2008. These tournaments have largely been superceded by an online blitz tournament, held using the facilities of the Internet Chess Club (ICC). Originally the blitz event was intended as a qualifier for the Dos Hermanas round robin, but after ten years it has evolved into a major competition in its own right. This year a total of 1977 players registered for the tournament. Twelve qualifying sections were held over six days, each a twelve-round Swiss; the winners and best runners-up from these qualifiers went forward to a final thirty-two player elimination round. Time control in all cases was game/3 minutes. Registration in the tournament is free, and players can enter as many qualifying sections as they wish. The number of players in each qualifier ranged between 329 and 486. Canadian participants included Geordie Derraugh, Igor Divljan, Andrei Gulko, Nikita Gusev, Joe Horton, Aquino Inigo, Anton Kovalyov (registered with Arrgentina but living in Montreal), Alexander Martchenko, Nikolay Noritsyn, and Zi Yi Qin; those with a B.C. connection included Brad Booker, Bindi Cheng, Alex Davies, Hikaru Nakamura, Charlie Ozkan, and Tanraj Sohal. Only Nakamura and Kovalyov made it to the knockout final, the best Canadian results otherwise were achieved by Zi Yi Qin (12th), Andrei Gulko (17th), and Bindi Cheng (25th).

In the finals Nakamura ("CapilanoBridge") won his first two matches but was beaten in the quarter-finals by the eventual event winner Dmitry Kononenko; Kovalyov ("Iodachnik") made it to the semi-finals before losing to Zaven Andriasyan. Kovalyov earned 700 euros for his efforts. If you scroll down far enough, the linked webpage has crosstables for the qualifying sections and finals, and all the games in PGN files.

<http://www.chessclub.com/activities/doshermanas2009/#finals>

First Saturday March (March 7-18)



We reported in Bulletin #158 that Michael Yip, a former resident of Vancouver who has been teaching in China for the past several years, took part in one of the February First Saturday tournaments in Budapest. Well, Michael stayed/returned for the March edition of the First Saturday: playing in the FM-A section, a twelve-player round robin, he scored +4 =5 -2 which left him tied for fourth behind Gyula Letay (8.0), Csaba Schenkerik (7.5), and Lajos Borda (7.0). Michael is also on a reserve list for the April First Saturday (April 4-17), so he may be in action again very soon.

Event website: <http://www.firstsatursday.hu/>

Crosstable: <http://www.freeweb.hu/firstsatursday/0903/fma.htm>

Farkas, Laszlo - Yip, Michael [D04] First Saturday 2009 march FM-A Budapest (1), 07.03.2009

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 g6 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 e5 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Nf6 12.Re1 Nxe4 13.Rxe4 Bf5 14.Re2 e4 15.Ne1 Bg4 16.f3 exf3 17.gxf3 Bh3 18.Qd2 Qh4 19.Ng2 Bxg2 20.Rxg2 Rad8 21.c3 Rfe8 22.Re2 Rxe2 23.Qxe2 c5 24.Rd1 cxd4 25.Qd3 Bf6 26.cxd4 Rd5 27.Qe4 Rg5+ 28.Kh1 Qf2 29.f4 Rg4 30.Ba3 Kg7 31.Bd6 h5 32.Be5 Bxe5 33.dxe5 Rh4 34.Qg2 Qxf4 35.Re1 Qb4 36.Qe2 Qd4 37.e6 Qd5+ 38.Kg1 fxe6 39.Qe5+ Qxe5 40.Rxe5 Kf6 41.Rb5 b6 42.a4 Rf4 43.Kg2 Rf5 44.Rb4 g5 45.h3 Rc5 46.Rd4 Rc3 47.b4 Ra3 48.b5 Ke5 49.Rc4 Kd5 50.Rb4 e5 51.Kh2 e4 52.Kg2 Ke5 53.Kf2 Kf4 54.Ke2 Ra2+ 55.Kd1 g4 56.hxg4 hxg4 57.Kc1 Kf3 0-1

Krizzsany, Laszlo - Yip, Michael [D35] First Saturday 2009 march FM-A Budapest (8), 14.03.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Bg5 Be7 7.e3 Bf5 8.Bd3 Bxd3 9.Qxd3 Nbd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rab1 Re8 12.b4 a6 13.Rfc1 Ne4 14.Bxe7 Qxe7 15.Nd2 Nxd2 16.Qxd2 Nb6 17.Nd1 Nc4 18.Qd3 b5 19.Nb2 a5 20.bxa5 Rxa5 21.Nxc4 dxc4 22.Qd2 Rea8 23.Rc2 Qa7 24.d5 cxd5 25.Qxd5 Rxa2 26.Rxa2 Qxa2 27.Qxb5 g6 28.h4 c3 29.h5 c2 30.Rf1 Qa1 31.Kh2 0-1

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/swisssys.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.

CHESS: DANGERS OF THE GAME

Mr. Blackburne, the English chess champion, regards the game as a dangerous intellectual vice, which is spreading to rather an alarming extent. Discussing the matter after his game with Mr. Bardeleben on Thursday last, he said:- "I know a lot of people who hold the view that chess is an excellent means of training the mind in logical and shrewd calculation, provision and caution; but I do not find these qualities reflected in the lives of chessplayers. They are just as fallible and foolish as other fools who do not know a rook from a pawn. But, even if it were a form of mental discipline, which I doubt, I would still object to it, on the ground of its fatal fascination. Chess is a kind of mental alcohol. It inebriates the man who plays it constantly. He lives in a chess atmosphere and his dreams are of gambits and the end of games. I have known an able man ruined by chess. The game has charmed him, and as a consequence he has given up everything to the charmer. No, unless a man has supreme self-control, it is better that he should not learn to play chess. I have never allowed my children to learn it, for I have seen too much of its evil results. Draughts is better, if you must have a game." [*Globe*, 30 April 1895]

Blackburne, Joseph - Von Bardeleben, Curt [D46] Hastings, 1895

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Nf3 Nf6 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxc4 e5 10.Rd1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ne5 12.Be2 Qc7 13.h3 Ng6 14.Bd2 Qe7 15.Be1 Nh4 16.Nf3 Bf5 17.Qa4 Nxf3+ 18.Bxf3 Qe5 19.g3 Bxh3 20.Ne2 Bc5 21.Qh4 Be6 22.Bc3 Qf5 23.Kg2 Bd5 24.Rxd5 cxd5 25.g4 Qe6 26.Nf4 Qd6 27.Rh1 Rfd8 28.g5 d4 29.gxf6 h6 30.exd4 1-0

34th PAUL KERES MEMORIAL



Dates Friday, May 15 to Monday, May 18, 2009
Location Spratt 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 <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/index.html>

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

April 4 Chess Challenge Finals, BCIT

April 10 Grand Pacific Scholastic

April 18 Secondary School Team Championship, Vancouver

April 25-26 BCYCC, New Westminster

May 2 Intermat, Bellevue, WA

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

Victoria Chess Festival

April 10-13, Victoria

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

April Active

April 19, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: same as <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#MayActive>

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: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/index.html>

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>

B.C. Open: <http://bcopenchess.pbwiki.com/>

2009 Langley Chess Club Open

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

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