

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #166

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### HERE AND THERE

#### First Saturday (June 6-16)



The FM-B Section of this monthly event in the Hungarian capital was dominated by Leonard Steffenello of Brazil, who scored 10.5/11 to take first prize, 3.5 points ahead of the second-place finishers. Michael Yip had a respectable result, finishing with 6.0 points to tie for fifth in the twelve player round robin. Word is that Michael also intends to play in the July tournament.

<http://www.firstsaturday.hu/>.

#### **Yip, Michael - Havaskori, Laszlo [A52] First Saturday June FM-B Budapest (3), 08.06.2009**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e5 3.dxe5 Ng4 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 Qe7 7.e3 Ngxe5 8.Nxe5 Nxe5 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 d6 11.Nb3 Be6 12.a3 Bc5 13.Nxc5 dxc5 14.Bxe5 1-0

## **Jasz, Peter - Yip, Michael [C90] First Saturday June FM-B Budapest (7), 12.06.2009**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.a4 b4 9.a5 d6 10.c3 Be6  
11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.d4 bxc3 13.Nxc3 Nxd4 14.Nxd4 exd4 15.Qxd4 c5 16.Qc4 d5 17.exd5 exd5  
18.Qe2 Bd6 19.Qe6+ Kh8 20.Bg5 d4 21.Ne4 Be7 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Nxc5 d3 24.Rad1 d2 25.Re2  
Bd4 26.Nd3 Qxa5 27.Rexd2 Rae8 28.b4 Qb5 29.Qg4 Bc3 30.Re2 Rxe2 31.Qxe2 Bxb4 32.Qe5  
Qxe5 33.Nxe5 Kg8 34.Rd7 Re8 35.f4 a5 36.Nc6 Bc5+ 37.Kf1 a4 38.Rd5 Bf8 39.Ne5 Ra8 40.Rd1  
a3 41.Ra1 Ra4 42.Nd3 Kf7 43.Ke2 Ke6 44.Ra2 Kd5 45.g4 Bd6 46.h3 Ke4 47.f5 Rc4 48.Rd2 Bc5  
49.Nxc5+ Rxc5 50.Ra2 Ra5 51.Kf2 Kf4 52.Kg2 h6 53.Kf2 Ra4 54.Kg2 h5 55.Rf2+ Kg5 56.f6 gxf6  
57.Rf5+ Kg6 58.Rf1 hxg4 59.hxg4 a2 60.Ra1 Ra3 61.Kf2 Kg5 62.Ke2 Kxg4 63.Rg1+ Kf4 64.Ra1  
Ke4 0-1

### **June Active** (June 13-14)

Gavin Steinger gave up only a single draw in winning this game/50 event, upsetting top seeded IM Vicente Lee Jr. in the process.

Report: <http://wcjc.blogspot.com/2009/05/may-active.html>

### **Las Vegas** (June 4-7)

This year's Las Vegas International Chess Festival, featuring the National Open along with many side events, attracted B.C. players Sean McLaren (U2200), Juni Caluza, Manuel Escandor, and Jofrel Landingin (U2000), and Hugh Long (U1800) - apologies if I missed anyone. The best Canadian was FM Jonathan Tayar, who won himself \$619 (U.S.) by tying for the U2400 prize in the Open Section.

Event website: <http://www.vegaschessfestival.com/>

### **May Active** (May 30)

A crosstable for the May Active is now available:

<http://chess.bc.ca/Reports/2009MayActive.txt>

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## **FIDE RULE CHANGES**

As previously discussed in Bulletins 159 and 160, the FIDE Laws of Chess will be changing, effective July 1st of this year: FIDE allows the laws to be modified every four years, and this happened at last year's Dresden Olympiad. As far as this writer can tell the FIDE handbook has not yet been updated to reflect the new laws (presumably this will happen in the next few weeks), but the approved modifications can be seen in the minutes from the Congress held in Dresden during the Olympiad:

[http://www.fide.com/images/stories/NEWS\\_2008/79th\\_fide\\_congress/annex\\_59\\_2008.pdf](http://www.fide.com/images/stories/NEWS_2008/79th_fide_congress/annex_59_2008.pdf)

Changes are in bold and underlined. Most of the modifications are either cosmetic or minor, but practical players should be aware of changes in the following four areas:

### **Late arrivals**

The most contentious of the new laws concerns the so-called Rubinstein rule, that players have an hour to arrive at the board before they are forfeited. In the new law the default time has been changed from 60 to 0 minutes:

*(6.7/6.6) 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.*

N.B., there is a motion currently before the BCCF executive to retain the previous 60 minute default period for B.C. events, unless the competition specifies otherwise.

### **Agreed draws**

In the past several years it has been the rule in some events that draws cannot be offered, or can only be agreed to after a certain number of moves have been made. This option has now been formalized in the laws:

*(9.1a) The rules of a competition may specify that players cannot agree to a draw in less than a specified number of moves or at all, without the consent of the arbiter.*

### **Cell phones**

The new laws are more stringent - in particular, now a player loses if the phone makes any sound, not just rings:

*(12.2b) Without the permission of the arbiter a player is forbidden to have a mobile phone or other electronic means of communication in the playing venue. Such devices must be completely switched off. If any such device produces a sound, the player shall lose the game. The opponent shall win. However, if the opponent cannot win the game by any series of legal moves, his score shall be as a draw.*

### **Blitz/active rules**

These have been modified, depending upon the amount of supervision available. Adequate supervision is defined as one arbiter for at most three active games, or one arbiter per blitz game. If supervision is inadequate the previous rules still apply. However, if there is a sufficient number of arbiters to supervise the games the regular rules of chess apply - the only change is that players no longer need to record games. This implies, for example, that in blitz games the arbiter may call a flag fall, and article 10.2 applies if the time control is sudden death. To me this changes the nature of such games: one wonders if FIDE have thought the modifications through sufficiently. Yes, it would be nice if the rules were identical for all time controls, but with these laws it depends

on whether an arbiter is watching or not. I can only imagine this being implemented in this country for active or blitz playoffs in important competitions.

### What's missing

The following law remains unchanged:

*(12.1) The players shall take no action that will bring the game of chess into disrepute.*

Personally I would like to see this updated to include anyone involved in the tournament (especially arbiters), not just the players.

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### 1974 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

Given the forthcoming abolition of the Rubinstein rule, it is perhaps appropriate to recall the most infamous forfeit in B.C. chess history. Thirty-five years ago the B.C. Championship took place as an eight-player round robin. After four rounds four players (Macskasy, Oszvald, Berry, Harper) were tied for first with 2.5/4, and the title of B.C. champion was very much up for grabs. However, in round five Macskasy arrived at the board more than an hour late for his game with Morton and was forfeited by TD George Laszlo. This decision was appealed to BCCF President Brian Potter who ordered the game replayed, at which point all the players except Macskasy and Oszvald protested by withdrawing. "The arguments for replay were: that the round was at a different time from the previous rounds, and that the tournament director did not post the times of the rounds in the tournament room. It was also felt that in a round robin tournament all the games should be played. The arguments for forfeiture were: that the laws of chess are sufficiently explicit on this issue, and that the player who had lost had been a party to the scheduling of the rounds, albeit a few weeks earlier." [Jonathan Berry, *Northwest Chess*, July 1974] The end result was that Macskasy won the unfinished tournament by half a point:

1974 B.C. Championship

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 Macskasy, Elod	*	0	=	+	+	1	1	+	5.5
2 Oszvald, Joe	1	*	=	=	=	=	+	+	5.0
3 Berry, Jonathan	=	=	*	=	=	-	-	1	3.0
4 Harper, Bruce	-	=	=	*	=	-	=	1	3.0
5 Hill, Alan	-	=	=	=	*	=	=	-	2.5
6 Zuk, Bob	0	=	-	-	=	*	=	=	2.0
7 Kruger, Ben	0	-	-	=	=	=	*	=	2.0
8 Morton, Ken	-	-	0	0	-	=	=	*	1.0

However, he was unwilling to claim the title of B.C. Champion in such a manner and instead participated in a playoff process, to be discussed in upcoming issues of the Bulletin.

**Oszvald, Joe - Macskasy, Elod [B75] BC ch Vancouver (2.3), 15.05.1974**

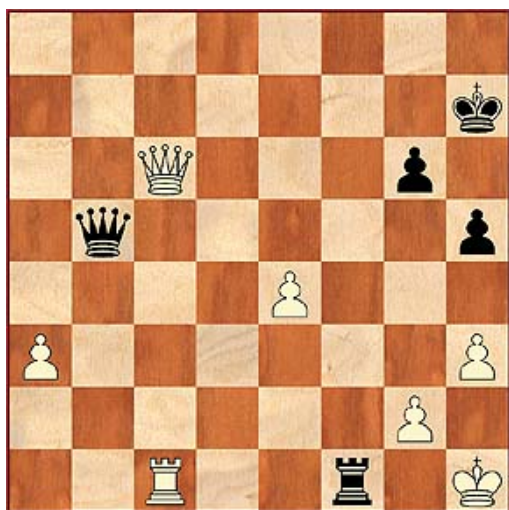
1.e4 c5 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Be3 d6 7.Bc4 Nf6 8.f3 Nd7 9.Qd2 Nb6  
10.Bb3 Na5 11.Qd3 Bd7 12.h4 h5 13.0-0-0 Rc8 14.Ndb5 a6 15.Na3 Nxb3+ 16.axb3 Be6 17.Kb1  
Nd7 18.Nd5 b5 19.Nf4 Nc5 20.Qe2 Bd7 21.Qf2 Rc6 22.Nd5 Qc8 23.Bg5 f6 24.Be3 Kf7 25.Qg3  
Bh6 26.Bd4 Ne6 27.Bc3 Rg8 28.f4 Nc5 29.Rhe1 Bg4 30.Rd2 Re8 31.Rf2 Qe6 32.Qe3 Rec8  
33.Qd4 Bg7 34.f5 Qd7 35.Nb4 Rb6 36.Qd5+ e6 37.fxe6+ Qxe6 38.Qd4 Rb7 39.Nd5 Kg8 40.Nxf6+  
Kh8 41.Qd2 b4 42.Bxb4 Rxb4 43.Qxb4 Bxf6 44.Nc4 Bg7 45.Rd2 Nxe4 46.Rxd6 Qf5 47.Rxa6 Nf6  
48.Ra7 Nd5 49.Qd2 Rc5 50.Nd6 Qf6 51.Nf7+ Kh7 52.Ng5+ Kg8 53.Re8+ Bf8 54.Raa8 Nc7  
55.Rxf8+ Qxf8 56.Rxf8+ Kxf8 57.Qd6+ Ke8 58.Qxc5 1-0

**Harper, Bruce - Berry, Jonathan [A04] BC ch Vancouver (3.4), 16.05.1974**

1.Nf3 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d6 4.d3 e5 5.Nc3 Be7 6.e4 c6 7.exf5 Bxf5 8.Nh4 Bg4 9.f3 Be6 10.0-0 0-0  
11.f4 exf4 12.Bxf4 Qb6+ 13.Kh1 Na6 14.Rb1 Rae8 15.b4 Nc7 16.a4 Ncd5 17.a5 Qd8 18.Nxd5  
Nxd5 19.Bd2 Rxf1+ 20.Qxf1 Bxh4 21.gxh4 Qxh4 22.c4 Rf8 23.Qe1 Qxe1+ 24.Rxe1 Nc7 25.a6 Bc8  
26.axb7 Bxb7 27.b5 d5 28.Ba5 Rf7 29.bxc6 Bxc6 30.Rb1 Ne8 31.cxd5 Bb7 32.Re1 Nf6 33.Bb4  
Rd7 34.d6 Bxg2+ 35.Kxg2 Kf7 36.Kf3 Ne8 37.Re7+ Rxe7 38.dxe7 Nf6 39.Bc5 a6 40.Kf4 Ke6  
41.Kg5 a5 42.Ba3 a4 43.d4 Kd7 44.Kf5 Nd5 45.Ke5 Nxe7 46.d5 Ng6+ 47.Ke4 Nh4 48.Bb2 g6  
49.h3 Nf5 50.Ke5 Ne3 51.Bc1 Nd1 52.Kf6 Nf2 53.h4 Nd3 54.Ba3 Nf4 55.Kg7 Nxd5 56.Kxh7 Nf4  
57.Bc1 Nd3 58.Ba3 Ne5 59.Kh6 Ke6 60.Kg5 Kd5 61.Be7 Ke6 62.Ba3 Kf7 63.h5 gxh5 64.Kxh5 Ke6  
65.Kh4 Kd5 66.Kg3 Kc4 67.Kf2 Kb3 68.Bf8 Nd3+ 69.Ke2 Nb4 70.Bxb4 Kxb4 71.Kd1 1/2-1/2

**Zuk, Robert - Macskasy, Elod [C71] BC ch Vancouver (4.4), 17.05.1974**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c4 Bd7 6.d4 f6 7.Be3 g6 8.Qd2 exd4 9.Nxd4 Nxd4  
10.Bxd7+ Qxd7 11.Bxd4 Bg7 12.Nc3 Ne7 13.0-0 0-0 14.Rad1 b6 15.Nd5 Nc6 16.Bxb6 cxb6  
17.Nxb6 Qb7 18.Nxa8 h5 19.Qxd6 Qxa8 20.Qe6+ Kh7 21.h3 Re8 22.Qd5 Re5 23.Qd3 Qb7  
24.Rd2 Nb4 25.Qb3 Qe7 26.f3 Bh6 27.Rdd1 Qc5+ 28.Kh1 Re7 29.a3 Nc6 30.Rd5 Qa7 31.Qc3  
Bg7 32.b4 f5 33.Qc2 fxe4 34.fxe4 Qe3 35.Rd6 Be5 36.Qd3 Qb6 37.b5 axb5 38.cxb5 Bxd6  
39.Qxd6 Qxb5 40.Rc1 Rf7 41.Qxc6 Rf1+ 0-1



At this point Zuk resigned in shock, missing 42.Kh2 Qe5+ 43.g3 Rf2+ 44.Kh1 Qxg3 45.Qc7+ with a likely draw.

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## **ACTIVE TOURNAMENT, RICHMOND CHESS AND GAMES CLUB**

In support of our partners, the Vancouver Backgammon Club, we are hosting a chess tournament at the Vancouver Bridge Centre when and while their first official Backgammon Tournament takes place.

Date: June 20, 2009

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

Format: 5 round Swiss, game/30, open, unrated

Entry fee: \$25

Prizes: \$200, \$50

### **Preregistration required**

To pre-register or for more information: Norm Conrad, (778) 867-4146

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

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Junior events**

July 21-24 CYCC, Victoria

July 25-28 Canadian Junior, Victoria

### **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](mailto:xramis1@yahoo.ca)

### **July Active**

July 18, Vancouver Bridge Centre

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

### **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/>