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HERE AND THERE

Canadian Open (July 11-19)

Returning to Edmonton for the sixth time in forty-six events, the Canadian Open has attracted just over two hundred entrants, including nine grandmasters: Alexei Shirov, Hua Ni, Michael Adams, Surya Ganguly, Victor Mikhalevski, Eugene Perelshtyn, Anton Kovalyov, Mark Bluvshstein, and Xue Zhao. After five of the nine rounds there is a log jam at the top with nine players tied on 4.5: GMs Shirov, Ni, Adams, Ganguly, Mikhalevski, Bluvshstein, IM Edward Porper, and FMs Vladimir Pechenkin and Theo Hommeles. Currently the top B.C. player is FM Ian MacKay, tied with fifteen others a half point back; additional B.C. leaders include FM Jack Yoos, Lucas Davies, and Edward Tang (all 3.5), and IM Leon Piasetski, Ben Daswani, Tanraj Sohal, Vlad Gaciu, Richard Huang, and Dezheng Kong (all 3.0).

All aspects of internet coverage, including pairings, standings, games, and photos, are being handled by Monroi - www.ed.chess.ca is the tournament-specific address. Some of these materials are finding their way to the Chessbase site; to date there have been two reports:

<http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=5580>

<http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=5585>

Apart from allowing access to a PGN file which includes all the available games, Chessbase has also commissioned GM Alexander Shabalov to write annotations for the top five or six games from each round. Approximately thirty games are being broadcast live each round by Monroi, generally from the top boards. Unfortunately this means the opposition is strong, so of the dozen games by B.C. players which are currently available most are in a losing cause.

Shirov, Alexei - Piasetski, Leon [B04] CAN op Edmonton (3), 13.07.2009

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 5.Nxe5 c6 6.c4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Nbd7 8.Qe2 g6 9.g3 Bg7 10.Bg2 0-0 11.0-0 Nxe5 12.dxe5 Ng4 13.Bf4 Qa5 14.Rfe1 g5 15.Bxg5 Nxe5 16.Ne4 Re8 17.Bd2 Qb6 18.Bc3 Bf5 19.Bxe5 Bxe5 20.Qh5 e6 21.g4 Bxe4 22.Qxe5 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Rad8 24.Rad1 c5 25.b3 Kf8 26.Kg3 Rd4 27.Rxd4 cxd4 28.Rd1 Rd8 29.Rd3 Qd6 30.f4 Qa3 31.f5 Qd6 32.Kf4 exf5

33.Qxd6+ Rxd6 34.Kxf5 Re6 35.Rxd4 Re2 36.Rd7 Rxh2 37.a4 Rf2+ 38.Ke4 Re2+ 39.Kf5 Rf2+ 40.Ke4 Re2+ 41.Kf3 Re7 42.Rxe7 Kxe7 43.b4 a5 44.bxa5 Kd6 45.Ke4 Kc5 46.Kd3 Kb4 47.a6 bxa6 48.Kd4 Kxa4 49.c5 1-0

Mikhalevski, Victor - MacKay, Ian [D95] CAN op Edmonton (3), 13.07.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 g6 5.Nc3 Bg7 6.Qb3 0-0 7.Bd2 dxc4 8.Bxc4 b5 9.Be2 a5 10.Qc2 Na6 11.Rc1 Bb7 12.0-0 Qb8 13.e4 Nd7 14.Bg5 e5 15.Rcd1 exd4 16.Nxd4 Ndc5 17.Bg4 Re8 18.f3 Nb4 19.Qb1 Nbd3 20.Nce2 h6 21.Be3 f5 22.Bxf5 gxf5 23.Nxf5 Nxb2 24.Bxc5 Nxd1 25.Qb3+ Kh7 26.Qf7 Rg8 27.Rxd1 Qe8 28.Qxb7 Qe6 29.Rd7 1-0

Kong, Dezheng - Van Heirzeele, Daniel [B73] CAN op Edmonton (3), 13.07.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.h3 0-0 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Qd2 Rc8 11.Rad1 Ne5 12.f4 Rxc3 13.Qxc3 Nxe4 14.Qb4 Ng3 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.Rf3 exd4 17.Rxg3 Qc7 18.Bf2 Qxc2 19.Qd2 Qc7 20.Ra3 Bc6 21.Bf3 Bxf3 22.Rxf3 e5 23.Bg3 Qc6 24.Rc1 Qd5 25.Rfc3 Qa5 26.R3c2 Qxd2 27.Rxd2 Bh6 28.Rdc2 Bxc1 29.Rxc1 f6 30.Rc7 Rf7 31.Rc8+ Kg7 32.Kf2 Rd7 1/2-1/2

Davies, Noam - Adams, Michael [C95] CAN op Edmonton (4), 14.07.2009

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 g6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Bg7 17.dxe5 dxe5 18.Be3 Qe7 19.Nd2 h5 20.Ne2 Red8 21.Nc1 Nc5 22.f3 Ne6 23.Qe2 c5 24.Ncb3 Rac8 25.Na5 Ba8 26.a4 c4 27.Qf2 Nd7 28.axb5 axb5 29.Reb1 Ndc5 30.b3



30...Nd4 31.b4 Nxc2 32.Bxc5 Rxc5 33.Qxc5 Qxc5+ 34.bxc5 Nxa1 35.Rxa1 Rxd2 36.c6 Rd8 37.Nb7 Re8 38.Ra7 Bf8 39.c7 Rc8 0-1

Sohal, Tanraj - Tayar, Jonathan [E83] CAN op Edmonton (4), 14.07.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Nge2 a6 8.g4 Rb8 9.d5 Ne5 10.Ng3 c5 11.h3 b5 12.cxb5 axb5 13.Bxb5 Qa5 14.a4 Nxf3+ 15.Qxf3 Rxb5 16.axb5 Qxa1+ 17.Nd1 Nd7 18.0-0 Ne5 19.Qe2 Qa4 20.Nc3 Qa5 21.Bg5 Re8 22.Kg2 Bd7 23.Rc1 h6 24.Bd2 Rb8 25.Nf1 Bxb5 26.Nxb5 Qxb5 27.Qxb5 Rxb5 28.Bc3 Nd3 29.Ra1 Bxc3 30.bxc3 Rb3 31.Ra7 Kf8 32.Ra8+ Kg7 33.Re8 Kf6 34.Ne3 Rxc3 35.g5+ Kxg5 36.Rxe7 Ne5 37.Ng4 Nxc4 38.hxg4 Kf4 39.Rxf7+ Kxe4 40.Rf6 Kxd5 41.Rxg6 Re3 42.Rxh6 c4 43.Kf2 Re8 44.Rh1 Kc5 45.g5 Rg8 46.Rg1 Rg6 47.Ke3 d5 48.Rg4 Kb4 49.Kd4 c3 50.Kxd5+ Kb3 51.Rg3 Kb2 52.Ke5 c2 53.Rg2 Rxg5+ 54.Rxg5 c1Q 55.Rg4 Qc7+ 56.Kf5 Kc3 57.Rf4 Kd3 58.Rf3+ Ke2 59.Rf4 Ke3 60.Re4+ Kf3 61.Re6 Qf4+ 62.Kg6 Kg4 63.Rf6 Qe5 64.Kf7 Kg5 65.Re6 Qc7+ 66.Re7 Qc4+ 67.Kg7 Qd5 68.Rf7 Qd6 69.Kh7 Qg6+ 70.Kh8 Kh6 71.Re7 Qf6+ 72.Kg8 0-1

First Saturday (July 4-14)

Michael Yip has again played in a First Saturday tournament in Budapest, his fifth in the last six months. Unfortunately this seems to have coincided with a bout of poor form - he placed ninth in the eleven-player round robin. The FM-A section was won by Dutchman Yorick Ten Hagen with 8.5, followed by Melissa Greeff (South Africa) and Kristof Koczko (Hungary) on 7.0.

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

Yip, Michael - Hansen, Rene Rauer [D17] First Saturday July FM-A Budapest (7), 10.07.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Ne5 e6 7.f3 Bb4 8.e4 Bxe4 9.fxe4 Nxe4 10.Bd2 Qxd4 11.Nxe4 Qxe4+ 12.Qe2 Bxd2+ 13.Kxd2 Qd5+ 14.Kc2 0-0 15.Nxc4 Na6 16.Qe5 f6 17.Qxd5 cxd5 18.Na5 Rac8+ 19.Kb1 Nc5 20.Ra3 b6 21.Nb3 e5 22.Nd2 e4 23.b4 Ne6 24.Bb5 Rfd8 25.g4 Nd4 26.Ba6 Rc7 27.Rc1 Rxc1+ 28.Kxc1 g6 29.Rc3 f5 30.gxf5 gxf5 31.Kd1 f4 32.Rc7 e3 33.Nf1 Re8 34.Rxa7 e2+ 35.Bxe2 Nxe2 36.a5 bxa5 37.bxa5 Nc3+ 38.Kd2 d4 39.a6 Re2+ 40.Kd3 Ra2 41.Rd7 1/2-1/2

Yip, Michael - Segelken, Peter [D90] First Saturday July FM-A Budapest (11), 14.07.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 g6 5.cxd5 cxd5 6.Bf4 e6 7.e3 a6 8.Bd3 Bg7 9.h3 0-0 10.0-0 Nc6 11.Qe2 Nb4 12.Bb1 a5 13.a3 Nc6 14.Bd3 Nd7 15.Rfd1 Re8 16.Rac1 e5 17.dxe5 Ndx5 18.Nxe5 Nxe5 19.Bb5 Bd7 20.Nxd5 Bxb5 21.Qxb5 Qd7 22.Qxd7 Nxd7 23.Nc7 1-0

World Open (June 29 - July 5)

Two former Canadian Junior Champions, Leonid Gerzhoy of Ontario and B.C.'s Bindi Cheng, managed to achieve coveted norms: Gerzhoy scored 5.5/9 for a GM norm (and a share of the U2500 prizes, worth \$1,000), while Cheng's 5.0 score allowed him to notch his second IM norm (the first was at the 2007 Canadian Open in Ottawa):

=	GM Ilya Smirin	ISR	2641
+	Leonardo Campiz	PUR	2082
-	GM Alexander Stripunsky	USA	2556
+	Michael Thaler	USA	2238
=	GM Eugen Perelshteyn	USA	2543
=	GM Jesse Kraai	USA	2488
-	GM Joshua Ed Friedel	USA	2516
=	FM Ali Morshedi	USA	2347
+	FM Dov Gorman	USA	2289

5.0			2411

Five points was exactly the score required given the average rating of Bindi's opponents. The title will be his after a third norm, assuming that his FIDE rating has been over 2400 at some point. Congratulations! Also scoring an IM norm was FM Michael Lee of Washington state. Other B.C. players playing in the tournament were Sean McLaren (Open Section) and Richard Huang (U2000 Section)

<http://www.worldopen.com/>

These are the only available B.C. games:

Smirin, Ilia (2754) - Cheng, Bindi (2406) [B82] World op Philadelphia (1), 01.07.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.f4 Nc6 7.Be3 Be7 8.Qf3 e5 9.Nxc6 bxc6 10.f5 h5 11.0-0-0 Qa5 12.Bc4 Ba6 13.Qe2 Bxc4 14.Qxc4 0-0 15.Bg5 d5 16.Qxc6 d4 17.Qb5 Qb6 18.Qxb6 axb6 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Nd5 Rxa2 21.h4 b5 22.Rh3 Rfa8 23.Nxf6+ 1/2-1/2

Friedel, Joshua (2616) - Cheng, Bindi (2406) [D15] World op Philadelphia (7), 04.07.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.Bf4 Nxc3 7.bxc3 dxc4 8.g3 Nd7 9.Bg2 b5 10.0-0 Bb7 11.Qb1 e6 12.Nd2 Nb6 13.a4 Nd5 14.Nxc4 Nxc3 15.Qb2 Nd5 16.Bd2 bxc4 17.Qxb7 Qc8 18.Qxc8+ Rxc8 19.Rfc1 c3 20.Bxc3 Nxc3 21.Rxc3 Bb4 22.Rc4 a5 23.Bxc6+ Ke7 24.Rac1 Rc7 25.Bb5 Rxc4 26.Rxc4 Rd8 27.Rc7+ Kf6 28.e3 Bd6 29.Ra7 Bb4 30.f4 Kg6 31.g4 Rf8 32.Bd3+ Kh6 33.g5+ Kh5 34.Kg2 h6 35.g6 fxg6 36.Kh3 1-0

RUBINSTEIN RULE

As previously reported in these columns, the new FIDE Laws of Chess come into effect today, July 1st. The most controversial change has been the elimination of the so-called Rubinstein rule (the 60 minutes that late players had to arrive at the chessboard), now replaced with a zero-tolerance default, albeit one that can be altered by individual events. The BCCF executive recently voted to retain the traditional Rubinstein rule via the following motion:

Motion: that regular time control events in the province of British Columbia retain a 60 minute default period for the late arrival of players, an option provided for under article 6.7 of the FIDE Laws of Chess, unless the rules of the competition specify otherwise. In a blitz or active event the default period shall be the time control unless the rules of the competition specify otherwise.

Thus for B.C. tournaments, the late arrival grace period is still one hour by default. However, it should be noted that individual competitions are free to adopt the zero-tolerance policy or another default of their own choosing if they so wish - check the tournament announcement or information of the event you are entering for clarification.

CANADIAN CHESS HALL OF FAME by David Cohen

Walter Holowach (deceased) of Edmonton, Alberta, is the 2009 inductee into the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame. There will be a presentation of a plaque to his family at the opening ceremony of the 2009 Canadian Open Championship in Edmonton, Alberta.



Walter Holowach (1909-2008)

Doctorate in violin/viola, Vienna Conservatory
Played first violin, Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra
Long-time violinist Edmonton Symphony Orchestra; Concert Master 1957-8
Taught music, conducted; founded Empire Opera Company
Code breaker during World War Two
Manager, family business Expert Dyers and Cleaners Ltd.
Represented Canada at Olympiad 1939

Alberta Champion 5 years in a row without losing a game 1946-50
Canadian Chess Hall of Fame 2009

Sources: obituary; *Contented Knights* 1949-50

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

Holowach, Walter - Yanofsky, Abe [A20] CAN ch Toronto (6), 1938

1.c4 e5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 d5 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Qb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e4 7.d3 exd3 8.Nxd5 dxe2 9.Nxe2 Nc6
10.0-0 Be7 11.Nxe7 Qxe7 12.Bg5 0-0 13.Nf4 Qe5 14.Nh3 h6 15.Rfe1 Qf5 16.Be3 Ne5 17.Nf4 g5
18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Qxd5 Nd3 20.Re2 Nb4 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.Bc5 Nc2 23.Rc1 Rfe8 24.Rexc2 Bxc2
25.Rxc2 Re1+ 26.Bf1 Rd8 27.Kg2 Rdd1 28.Be2 Rg1+ 29.Kh3 Rd5 30.Bxa7 Ra5 31.Rc8+ Kg7
32.Bd4+ f6 33.Rc7+ Kg6 34.Bd3+ f5 35.g4 Rxc4 36.Rg7+ Kh5 37.Be2 Ra4 38.Be3 Rab4 39.b3
Rbe4 40.Rxb7 1-0

Holowach, Walter - Ayala, C. [E39] Olympiad-fin Buenos Aires (6), 1939

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0-0 5.Bg5 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.e4 b6 9.e5 Ne8 10.Bxe7
Qxe7 11.Bd3 f5 12.0-0 Bb7 13.Qe2 Na6 14.Rad1 Rc8 15.Nb5 Nc5 16.Bb1 a6 17.Nd6 Nxd6
18.Rxd6 Bc6 19.Rfd1 a5 20.Nd4 Rc7 21.Nb5 Rb7 22.R6d4 f4 23.Nd6 Rc7 24.Qh5 g6 25.Qh6 Qg7
26.Qg5 f3 27.Rf4 Rxf4 28.Qxf4 Qf8 29.Qg5 Nb7 30.Bxc6 hxc6 31.Qxc6+ Qg7 32.Qxc7+ Kxc7
33.Ne8+ Kg6 34.Nxc7 fxc7 35.Nb5 Nc5 36.Nd4 Ba8 37.Nc2 Ne4 38.f3 Ng5 39.Ne1 Nh3+ 40.Kxc7
1-0

Taylor, Jack - Holowach, Walter [B74] CAN ch Saskatoon (10), 1945

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Nb3 0-0 9.0-0 Be6 10.f4
Na5 11.f5 Bc4 12.Bd3 Nxb3 13.axb3 Bxd3 14.cxd3 d5 15.e5 d4 16.exf6 Bxf6 17.Bh6 dxc3 18.Bxf8
cxb2 19.Rb1 Kxf8 20.fxg6 hxg6 21.Qf3 Qb6+ 22.d4 Qxd4+ 23.Kh1 Kg7 24.Qxb7 Rh8 25.Qf3 Qh4
26.Qf4 Qxf4 0-1

JULY ACTIVE

Date: Saturday July 18, 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 (\$80), and rest based on entries. If 25 entries then 2nd \$60

Best under 1900 \$40, Best under 1600 \$40

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.

B.C. OPEN

Dates: July 24-26
Place: Grand Pacific Hotel, Victoria
Rounds: 5
Starting Time: Friday 7 pm
Type: Regular Swiss, CFC and FIDE rated
Time Controls: G/90 + 30
Entry Fee: \$60.
Prizes: \$1,000 guaranteed prize fund
Registration: On site at 5-6 pm, July 24
Further details: <http://bcopenchess.pbworks.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

July 21-24 CYCC, 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

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.pbworks.com/FrontPage>
B.C. Open: <http://bcopenchess.pbworks.com/>

Lighthouse Country Chess Tournament

August 15, Bowser

Details: <http://bowserchess.pbworks.com/2009-Lighthouse-Country-Chess-Tournament>

2009 Langley Chess Club Open

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

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

September Active I

September 13, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#SepActive1>

September Active II

September 27, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#SepActive2>