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HERE AND THERE

World Youth Chess Championships (November 11-23)



The WYCC wrapped up last weekend in Kemer-Antalya, Turkey. Twenty-one Canadians were among the 1,324 participants, including four players from B.C.: Dezheng Kong (U10), Jack Qian (U12), Alexandra Botez (U14G), and Karen Lam (U16G). They scored 6.5, 4.0, 6.5, and 3.5 points respectively in the eleven-round Swiss. The big Canadian news from the event was the result of Edmonton's Richard Wang, who amassed 8.5 points and tied for second in the U12 Section - he was awarded the bronze medal on tiebreaks. Congratulations to the entire team, and thanks to the various parents, coaches, and other individuals who contributed to this Canadian performance on the world stage. Standings, games, photos, and videos (including an interview with members of the Canadian team) are available from the official website; unfortunately the games are in individual PGN files by section and round. German trainer Reinhold Goldau produced a composite game file which is linked at the end of the Chessbase report. However, the round 5 games are missing (they had not yet been posted on the official site when Goldau made his file).

Official website: <http://wycc2009.tsf.org.tr/>

Canadian team blog: <http://2009cyct.blogspot.com/>

Chessbase report: <http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=5934>

Sawlin, Leonid - Kong, Dezheng [B90] WYCC U10 Kemer (9.25), 20.11.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.Qe2 Nc6
10.0-0-0 Be6 11.Bxe6 fxe6 12.Qc4 Qd7 13.Ng5 Nd8 14.Qb3 h6 15.Nf3 Ng4 16.Na4 Nxe3 17.fxe3
Qc6 18.Nb6 Rb8 19.Rd3 Rf6 20.Rc3 Qe8 21.Rc7 Rf7 22.Rd1 Bf8 23.Rc3 Nc6 24.Nc4 Rd8
25.Rcd3 Rfd7 26.Nb6 Rc7 27.R3d2 Kh8 28.Qc3 Qf7 29.Nc4 Rcd7 30.Qb3 b5 31.Na3 d5 32.exd5
exd5 33.e4 Na5 34.Qe3 Bxa3 35.Nxe5 Bxb2+ 36.Kxb2 Qf6 37.Qd4 Qxe5 0-1

Qian, Jack - Lee, Jasper [B07] WYCC U12 Kemer (11.68), 22.11.2009

1.e4 d6 2.d4 e5 3.dxe5 Nc6 4.exd6 Bxd6 5.Be3 Be5 6.Qxd8+ Nxd8 7.c3 Nf6 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Nbd2 a6
10.Be2 Be6 11.Nd4 Bd7 12.h3 0-0-0 13.0-0-0 Kb8 14.f4 Bxd4 15.cxd4 Bc8 16.d5 Ne7 17.g4 h6
18.Bf3 Ne8 19.Nc4 b5 20.Na5 Nd6 21.e5 Nb7 22.Nb3 f5 23.Bg2 Rhg8 24.Nc5 Na5 25.b3 fxg4
26.hxg4 Nb7 27.Nxa6+ Ka8 28.Nxc7+ Kb8 29.Nxb5 Ng6 30.Be4 Nf8 31.f5 Nd7 32.e6 Nf6 33.Bf3
1-0

Sasmazel, Burcu - Botez, Alexandra [C05] WYCC U14G Kemer (9.28), 20.11.2009

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.c3 Nc6 7.Ndf3 Qb6 8.Ne2 cxd4 9.cxd4 Be7 10.g3
0-0 11.Bh3 Qc7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.b3 Bd7 14.Bd2 Rfc8 15.Qe1 a5 16.a4 Nb4 17.Rc1 Qd8 18.Bxb4
Bxb4 19.Qf2 Ba3 20.Ra1 Qe7 21.Ne1 g6 22.g4 Rc6 23.Kh1 Bb4 24.f5 Rac8 25.Ra2 Bxe1 26.Qxe1
exf5 27.gxf5 Bxf5 28.Bxf5 gxf5 29.Qxa5 Qh4 30.Qd2 Qe4+ 31.Kg1 Rg6+ 32.Ng3 h5 33.Qf4 h4 0-1

Sethumathavan, Divvya - Lam, Karen [B23] WYCC U16G Kemer (7.50), 18.11.2009

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nc3 c5 4.Bf4 Nc6 5.Nb5 e5 6.exd5 exf4 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Qf3 Ne7 9.Nc3 Rb8
10.0-0-0 Qc7 11.Nh3 Ng6 12.g3 fxg3 13.hxg3 Be7 14.Bg2 Bb7 15.Ne4 0-0 16.Nhg5 h6 17.Nh3
Rfe8 18.Rde1 Bc8 19.g4 Ne5 20.Qe2 Bxg4 21.Qe3 f5 22.Nxc5 Bxc5 23.Qxc5 Rb5 24.Qc3 Rbb8
25.f4 Nf3 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Nf2 Qxf4+ 28.Kb1 Re2 29.Nxg4 Qxg4 30.Bxf3 Qxf3 31.Rg1 Rg2
32.Qc4+ Kh7 33.Rc1 Rf2 34.b4 Rf1 35.Qc5 Rxc1+ 36.Kxc1 Qd5 37.Qxa7 f4 38.Qf2 g5 39.c4 Qxd3
40.c5 Qc4+ 41.Qc2+ Qxc2+ 42.Kxc2 h5 43.a4 h4 44.b5 cxb5 45.axb5 h3 46.Kb3 h2 47.c6 h1Q
48.c7 Qb7 0-1

Canadian Chess News

A reminder that editor Tony Ficzero of Calgary is seeking content for the new CFC newsletter from players and organizers across the country; if you have a contribution, his email address is tficzero@telus.net. Deadline for submissions is the 18th of each month, and the next issue will appear on December 21st. If you are a CFC member and have yet to receive a copy, contact CFC executive director Gerry Litchfield at info@chess.ca.

JACK TAYLOR MEMORIAL (November 21-22) by Roger Patterson

Twenty-three people attended the 24th annual Jack Taylor Memorial - a 15% increase over the last few years and near the record high attendance for this tournament of twenty-four. This was despite the tournament not being CFC rated. The tournament benefited from several Vancouver players desperately searching for some action plus a visitor from Washington and another from Germany.

Howard Wu won his second Jack Taylor Memorial in a row with four wins and a bye for 4.5 points, worth \$75. He managed to bypass the other likely contenders who all self destructed in one way or

another. Tied for top U1800 were Joe Roback from Vancouver, Jason Cao (who missed an eleventh hour draw against Valeria Gansvind), and Ken Forman, all with 3 points, worth \$17 each. Thanks to our TD Mark S. Dutton, IA and all those who participated.

As regards this tournament not being CFC rated: this tournament is intended to be a low cost entry point for new players (entry fee of \$25). The current CFC membership fee structure is not compatible with that goal, effectively doubling the cost of the entry fee for new players. Of the twenty-three players, only eleven were current CFC members, seven were expired members, and five have never been a CFC member. I know of two people who did not play because it was not CFC rated and I know of three or four who would not have played had it been CFC rated.

This report, crosstable, and photo: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/2009-Jack-Taylor-Memorial>

Previous winners: <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/taylormem.html>

Taylor, John ("Jack") Monteith (July 11, 1907 - September 9, 1974)



Born in Glasgow, Scotland. The Taylor family immigrated to Canada when Jack was fourteen, arriving at Quebec aboard the S.S. Cassandra on July 1, 1922. They first lived in Regina, Saskatchewan, but settled permanently in Vancouver a few years later. After graduating from UBC Jack worked as a traffic manager, initially for the David Spencer Department Store (bought by Eatons in 1948), later for Forsts Ltd. Jack Taylor did not learn to play chess until he came to Vancouver, but progressed so rapidly that only five years later, in 1929, he won the B.C. Championship: "The victory of Mr. J.M. Taylor by 5-0 proclaims the appearance of a new star in the British Columbia chess firmament. The new champion is a British Columbia University man, twenty-one years of age, and is evidently modest and unassuming, for he asks for explanatory notes to the game and helpful information. His opening is scholarly with considerable combinative power in the middle game, is our verdict." [Thomas Piper, *Daily Colonist*, 14 April 1929]

"Mr. J.M. Taylor gave us the pleasure of his company for a few days. The new champion is well versed in the learning of chess, plays over the classical examples from memory, and has a sound position judgment with combinative powers of a high order. He is a most pleasant opponent, courteous and unassuming in manner, and is a valuable acquisition to British Columbia in general and Vancouver in particular." [Thomas Piper, *Daily Colonist*, 4 August 1929] Taylor repeated as B.C. Champion in 1930, 1938, and 1945, and tied for first in 1953; he was also Vancouver Champion on numerous occasions. Jack never made much of a mark nationally, always finishing in the lower half of the Canadian Championships he played in (Saskatoon 1945, Vancouver 1951, Winnipeg 1953, Vancouver 1957). However, he did win a number of miniatures in these competitions due to his sharp eye for tactics; he won games in 12 and 10 moves respectively in the 1945 and 1953 competitions. Jack was a very popular player, and was instrumental in the development of the City Chess Club when it was formed as an offshoot of the Vancouver Chess Club in 1948.

"We note with regret the passing of Jack Taylor. Jack loved chess and played a very good game. In 1929, Jack won the B.C. Championship. In his last tournament, Jack came second in the 'A' Section of the B.C. Class Championships in April. However Jack will be remembered most for his candour and cheerfulness; whenever you wanted to see somebody enjoying himself, all you had to do was go and watch Jack Taylor, the man with the smile." [*CFC Bulletin*, January/February 1975]

Taylor, Jack - Hall, Leonard [C15] CAN ch Saskatoon (6), 1945

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3 Ne7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 Bxc3 7.bxc3 dxe4 8.Bxe4 c6 9.Bxh7+ Kxh7 10.Ng5+ Kg8 11.Qh5 Re8 12.Ba3 1-0

Doe, Raymond - Taylor, Jack [A16] CAN ch Winnipeg (9), 09.1953

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nb4 5.Qa4+ N8c6 6.d4 Bd7 7.a3 Nxd4 8.Bb5 Bxb5 9.Nxb5 Ndc2+ 0-1

B.C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The last few years have seen substantial changes at the higher levels of B.C. junior chess. Fanhao Meng, Lucas Davies, Bindi Cheng, and Louie Jiang have all either 'graduated' or moved elsewhere, and a number of stronger players who still qualify have chosen not pursue the title of Junior Champion. The resultant power vacuum is slowly being filled by our younger members, most of whom are well below the U20 age requirement for the Junior; indeed, they would qualify for the old Cadet category (U16) with several years to spare. Last year Tanraj Sohal won the title while only twelve years of age; this year we have an even younger champion in Janak Awatramani, who is only ten. Going into the tournament the main contenders appeared to be a group of six players, consisting of two experts (Tanraj Sohal and Jack Cheng) and four "A" players (John Doknjas, Yifei and Yiming Han, and Jingzhou Lai). However, these six spent their time taking points off each other, while Janak quietly and steadily overtook them. He finished with 4.5/5, a full point ahead of second place finishers Tanraj Sohal, John Doknjas, and Yiming Han. Janak has won three first prizes in a row: the September Active II, a gold medal at the North American Youth Chess Championships, and now the B.C. Junior. There was a four-way tie for the U1700 prize between Jeremy Hui, Donovan Zhao, Ryan Lo, and Uma Bolatov, each with 2.5. The U1500 Reserve Section was won convincingly by Joanne Foote with 4.0/5, Anderson Yee and Lionel Han tied for second, and Joshua Doknjas took the U1100 prize. In the U1000 Booster Section there was a three-way tie for first between Marcus Andrews, Hasara Samayawardhena, and Owen Napieralski. A total of forty-four participated in the various sections, held at the New Westminster campus of Sprott-Shaw College. Many thanks to organizer Ken Jensen, Wolfram Herdin, and all the other personnel and volunteers who made the weekend a success.

Standings:

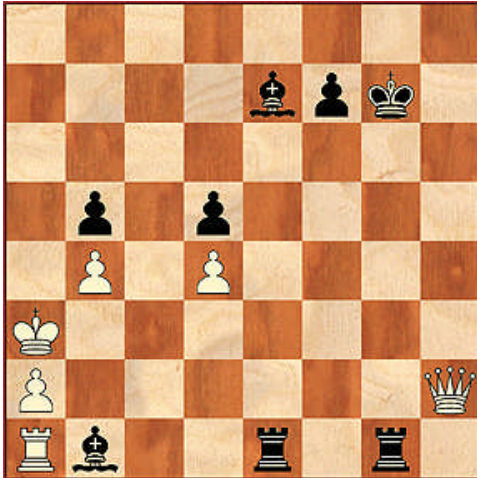
<http://juniorchess.ca/Tournaments/2009/BCJuniorChamp/BCJuniorChessNov2009Results.htm>

Awatramani, Janak - Sohal, Tanraj [A00] BC jun New Westminster (4), 15.11.2009

1.g3 d5 2.Bg2 e5 3.d3 c6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 Ne7 6.e4 0-0 7.f4 exf4 8.gxf4 Ng6 9.Nf3 Re8 10.e5 Nh4 11.Qe2 Bg4 12.Qf2 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Qh4+ 15.Qg3 Qxg3+ 16.hxg3 Bxc3 17.Bxc3 c5 18.Kf2 d4 19.Bd2 Nd7 20.Rae1 Re6 21.g4 Rae8 22.Rh3 f6 23.Reh1 Nf8 24.Rh5 fxe5 25.f5 R6e7 26.Bg5 Rf7 27.R5h3 g6 28.Rf3 e4 29.dxe4 Rxe4 30.fxg6 Nxg6 31.Rxf7 Kxf7 32.Rxh7+ Ke6 33.Kf3 Re1 34.Rxb7 Ne5+ 35.Kf2 Re4 36.Rxa7 1/2-1/2

Han, Yifei - Cheng, Jack [C78] BC jun New Westminster (4), 15.11.2009

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.c3 Nxe4 8.d4 Na5 9.Nxe5 Nxb3
10.Qxb3 Nd6 11.Qd1 Be7 12.Qg4 h5 13.Qxg7 Bf6 14.Qg3 Nf5 15.Qh3 Nh4 16.Re1 Nxe2 17.Nc6+
Nxe1 18.Qe3+ Kf8 19.Nxd8 Nf3+ 20.Kf1 Rxd8 21.Qd3 Nxe2+ 22.Ke1 Re8+ 23.Be3 Ng4 24.Kd2
Nxe3 25.fxe3 Bg5 26.Qf5 Bxe3+ 27.Kd1 Rg8 28.Qxh5 Rg1+ 29.Kc2 Be4+ 30.Kb3 Bxb1 31.Ka3
Re6 32.Qc5+ Kg7 33.Qxc7 d5 34.Qh2 a5 35.Qh4 Bg5 36.Qh2 Be7+ 37.b4 axb4+ 38.cxb4 Ree1

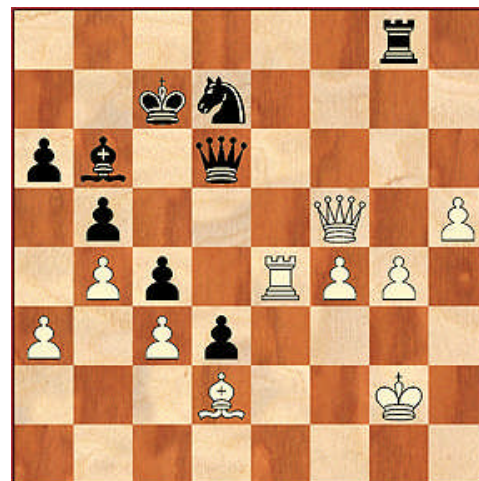


39.Qf2 [Both sides miss the stalemate defence 39.Rxb1
Rxb1 40.Qh7+, also possible next move.] Bg5 0-1

Cheng, Jack - Awatramani, Janak [B00] BC jun New Westminster (5), 15.11.2009

The decisive last round game which gave Awatramani his margin of victory. Janak has a very specific game plan with either colour: fianchetto the light-squared bishop (is he right handed?), attempt to close the centre, delay castling until the opponent's king is committed, then attack. In this game Cheng blundered a piece on move 13, yet the game was decided by the clock. Jack is a slow player, and the game/90 sudden death time control was his undoing. He obtained chances with his kingside pawns, but simply had no time to work things out, particularly since Janak was blitzing him (a very risky policy if you already have a winning position).

1.e4 b6 2.d4 Bb7 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qe2
d5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.0-0 c5 8.c3 Nc6 9.a3 a6 10.b4
Be7 11.Nbd2 g5 12.Bb2 Qc7 13.Rfe1?? g4
14.Nh4 Bxh4 15.Qxg4 Be7 16.Qg7 Rf8
17.Bxh7 0-0-0 18.Nf3 f6 19.exf6 Bxf6 20.Qg6
e5 21.dxe5 Ncxe5 22.Nxe5 Bxe5 23.g3 Rf6
24.Qd3 Qc6 25.f4 Bc7 26.Re7 c4 27.Qe2 b5
28.Bc1 Qd6 29.Bd2 d4 30.Be4 Bb6 31.Kh1
Rh8 32.Bxb7+ Kxb7 33.Re1 d3 34.Qe4+ Kc7
35.h4 Rhf8 36.Qh7 Rd8 37.R1e4 Rg6 38.Kg2
Kc8 39.h5 Rg4 40.Qf5 Rdg8 41.Re8+ Kc7
42.Rxg8 Rxg8 43.g4



43...Nf6? [43...Qf6] 44.Re6 Qd5+ 45.Qxd5 Nxd5 46.g5 Kd7 47.Re5 Nf6? [47...Nxf4+ 48.Bxf4 Bc7] 48.h6 Ng4 49.Re1?? [49.h7! Rh8 50.g6] Nxb6 50.Kf3 Nf5 51.Re5 Nh4+ 52.Kg3 Ng6 53.Re4 Kc6? 54.f5? [54.Re6+ first prevents the king from getting active.] Kd5 55.Re6 Bc7+ 56.Kf3 Ne5+ 57.Kg2 Ke4 [57...Bd8] 58.f6 Kf5 59.Re7 Bd6 60.Rh7 Ng6 61.Rd7 Bf4 62.Bxf4 Nxf4+ 63.Kf3 Kxg5?? [63...Nh3] 64.f7?? [64.Rg7+!] Rf8 65.Ke4 Ng6 66.Ke3 Kf6 67.Rd6+ Kxf7 68.Rxa6 Re8+ 69.Kd2 Re2+ 70.Kd1 Rc2 71.Rb6 Rxc3 72.Rxb5 Rxa3 73.Rc5 c3 74.Rd5 Ra1# 0-1

Han, Yiming - Hui, Jeremy [C18] BC jun New Westminster (5), 15.11.2009

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.h4 Nbc6 8.Nf3 h6 9.g4 Qb6 10.Bh3 Bd7 11.Kf1 Rc8 12.Kg2 Na5 13.Kh2 cxd4 14.cxd4 Ba4 15.Ra2 Qc7 16.Ne1 Qc4 17.Rb2 Qc3 18.Rg1 Rc4 19.Qd2 Bc6 20.Qxc3 Rxc3 21.Rg3 Rxc3 22.Kxg3 Nc4 23.Rb3 Kd7 24.Bf1 Rc8 25.Rf3 Rf8 26.Rc3 Bb5 27.Bd3 Rc8 28.f4 g6 29.Nf3 Rg8 30.Rb3 Bc6 31.Rb4 Na5 32.Nd2 Rc8 33.Nf1 Rg8 34.Ne3 h5 35.gxh5 gxh5+ 36.Kf2 Ng6 37.Ng2 Ne7 38.Be2 Nf5 39.Bxh5 Rh8 40.Bxf7 Nxb4 41.Nxb4 Rxb4 42.f5 Rh2+ 43.Kg3 Rxc2 44.Bxe6+ Ke7 45.Bg5+ Ke8 46.f6 Rc3+ 47.Kf4 Kd8 48.f7+ Kc7 49.f8Q 1-0

December Open

Dates: December 5-6

Location: [Sprott Shaw College](#), 1176 8th Ave. New Westminster, BC (Second floor)

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

Time Control: G90 Total game time 3 hours.

Format: 5 Round Swiss.

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

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

Entry Fee: \$35 includes BCCF membership fee CFC Regular rated. CFC membership required.

Preregister Online or by emailing the information on entry form to ChessBC@shaw.ca, then check in on site Saturday between 8:30 to 9:00 am.

On site registration closes at 9:00 am. If you arrive onsite after 9:00 go to the late registration desk.

Tournament Flyer <http://juniorchess.ca/Tournaments/2009/SprottShawDecOpen/DecOpen2009.pdf>

Register Online <http://december2009open.eventbrite.com/>

December Active I

Date: December 12

Location: Vancouver Bridge Center, 2776 E Broadway (Near Renfrew SkyTrain)

Rounds: 5

Starting Time: Noon, 1:20pm, lunch, 2:50pm, 4:00pm, 5:05pm

Type: Swiss

Time Controls: G/25 with 5 sec increment or G/30

Registration: Onsite from 11:30am

Entry Fee: Adults \$15, Masters/Seniors/Juniors \$12, IM \$10

Organizer: Luc Poitras queluc@lynx.net (778) 846-0496

No Membership Required.

Prizes: \$100 (Guaranteed). Rest Based on Entries.

*** Bring your chess set and clock if possible. ***

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

December 6 December Junior Open, New Westminster
December 6 Greater Victoria City Championship
January 24 Scholastic (K-12) Open, New Westminster
January 24 All-Girls Tournament, Vancouver

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

December Open

December 5-6, New Westminster

Details: <http://juniorchess.ca/events.html>

December Active

December 12, Vancouver

Details: <http://juniorchess.ca/events.html>

December Active

December 20, Vancouver

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

B.C. Active Championship

January 9-10, 2010, Vancouver

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

New Year Open

January 23-24, 2010, New Westminster

Details: <http://juniorchess.ca/events.html>

4th Grand Pacific Open

April 5-7, 2010, Victoria

Details: <http://grandpacificopen.pbworks.com/>

35th Paul Keres Memorial

May 22-24, 2010, Richmond

Details: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/FrontPage>