

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #213

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## HERE AND THERE

### San Sebastian International Open (April 16-23)



IM Leon Piasetski, along with GM Kevin Spraggett, is currently playing in an event in San Sebastian, Spain (or Donostia in the Basque language). San Sebastian was the site of two important tournaments in 1911 and 1912, won by Capablanca and Rubinstein respectively, but for the past thirty-three years has been the location of an open tournament. This year's edition has attracted 173 players; the top seeds are Spraggett and Viktor Korchnoi, as of last month an octogenarian. After six rounds the lead is held by Spanish IM Javier Moreno Ruiz with 5.5 points, a half point ahead of four trailing players (including Korchnoi). Piasetski is part of a large group a further half point back, while Spraggett lost his first game in round six and now leads the 4.0 score group. [tournament website](#) [video report on youtube](#)

**Piasetski, Leon - Thomassen, Thomas [E93] 34 Open Internacional Donostia-San Sebastian (5), 20.04.2011**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.d4 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0-0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 Na6 7.Be3 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Nd2 a5 10.a3 b6 11.b4 axb4 12.axb4 Rxa1 13.Qxa1 Ncd7 14.Qa8 Ne8 15.Kd1 f5 16.f3 Ndf6 17.Kc2 Nh5 18.Ra1 Bf6 19.Nb5 Bd7 20.Qxd8 Bxd8 21.Na7 Be7 22.b5 f4 23.Bf2 Nef6 24.Nc6 Kf7 25.Ra7 Rc8



26.c5 bxc5 27.Nc4 Bxc6 28.dxc6 Ne8 29.Nb2 Kf6 30.Na4 Bd8  
 31.Nc3 g5 32.Bc4 Nhg7 33.Nd5+ Kg6 34.Be1 Nf6 35.Ba5  
 Nxd5 36.exd5 Kf6 37.Bd3 h6 38.Bc3 Ne8 39.Kb3 Rb8 40.Ka4  
 h5 41.Ba5 g4 42.Be1 Kg5 43.h4+ gxh3 44.gxh3 h4 45.Kb3 Nf6  
 46.Kc4 Nh5 47.b6 cxb6 48.Kb5 Rc8 49.Rd7 Bc7 50.Ka6 Nf6  
 51.Kb7 Re8 52.Rxc7 Nxd5 53.Rh7 e4 54.Bxe4 1-0

**Llaneza Vega, Marcos - Piasetski, Leon [B43] 34 Open Internacional Donostia-San Sebastian (6), 21.04.2011**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 b5 6.Bd3 Qb6 7.Nf3 Qc7 8.0-0 Bb7 9.Bd2 Be7 10.a4  
 b4 11.Na2 Nf6 12.Qe1 a5 13.c3 Na6 14.cxb4 axb4 15.Nxb4 Nc5 16.e5 Nfe4 17.Bc2 Nxd2 18.Nxd2  
 Nxa4 19.Rxa4 Rxa4 20.Bxa4 Bxb4 21.Qe2 0-0 22.Nf3 Ra8 23.Bc2 g6 24.Be4 Be7 25.Rd1 Ra2  
 26.Bb1 Bxf3 27.gxf3 Ra1 28.f4 d5 29.Bc2 Rxd1+ 30.Qxd1 Qc4 31.Qc1 Bf8 32.b3 Qc3 33.Qb1 Bh6  
 34.Bd3 Bxf4 35.b4 Bxe5 36.b5 Bb8 37.Qc2 Qe5 38.f3 Qe3+ 39.Kg2 Ba7 40.Qe2 Qg5+ 41.Kh3 Bb8  
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**Alexandra Botez**



Alexandra with Karsten McVay and Michael Khodarkovsky

Formerly of Burnaby but now living in Clackamas (a suburb of Portland, Oregon), junior Alexandra Botez (current Canadian U16 Girls' champion) has been on quite a tear of late. Back in [Bulletin](#)

[#210](#) we reported that she had won the High School Girls' section of the Susan Polgar National Open; part of her prize included a scholarship to Texas Tech University, valued at \$40,000 for out of state students. Well, on the weekend of April 8-10 Alexandra won another major national championship. Andre Botez writes:

"Last weekend in Chicago (IL), Alexandra won the All-Girls' US Open National Championship. This is a tournament organized by the Kasparov Foundation and sponsored by the USCF and University of Texas at Dallas. This year there were two Canadian girls playing, Alexandra and Melissa Lee (CFC 1562) from Windsor, ON. Melissa, who is also fifteen years old, played in the U18 and also had a fantastic event, including a draw against the highest-rated player in the tournament, Anna Matlin (2080 USCF - a member of the US National Youth Team for the last six years).

Alexandra won the eighteen years old and younger section with an undefeated 5.0/6, which entitles her to an Academic Distinction Scholarship to the University of Texas at Dallas, valued at \$105,000 for an out-of-state student. This scholarship covers the complete cost of tuition and mandatory fees through eight semesters (four years) of enrollment. In addition, it also provides a contribution of \$1500 per semester toward rental expenses incurred at University on-campus housing. For Alexandra, this is the second chess scholarship she has won in the last two months, after winning in March first place in the Susan Polgar National Tournament for Girls and a \$40,000 scholarship at Texas Tech University. Alexandra was the third-highest rated in her section at the beginning of the tournament. She confidently won her first four rounds, quickly taking the lead in the event. She defeated Yu Xuo from Illinois (who eventually finished second, with her only loss being to Alexandra) in the third round, and dominated Emily Tallo from Indiana (who came in third) in the fourth round. She headed into the last two rounds with a perfect score. Being ahead of her competition, Alexandra played conservatively and drew her last two games to ensure her first place in what was undoubtedly the toughest section of the event."

Since then Alexandra has not been resting on her laurels. The weekend after the All-Girls' Championship she tied for first with Nick Raptis and Curtis Brooks in the fifty-three player [Clark Harmon Memorial](#) in Portland with 4.5/5. Incidentally this victory pushed her USCF rating to 2048 (she first went over 2000 as a result of the All-Girls' Championship). And this weekend she will be in action at the Grand Pacific Open in Victoria - there is still time to enter, if you haven't already done so. [USCF crosstable](#) [USCF report](#)

### **April Active** (April 10)

Butch Villavieja is making it easy to write these reports - as in March, he won the latest active event with a perfect score of four wins. Tied for second a full point back were Hee Seid and Alexey Lushchenko. The tournament only attracted fourteen players and was missing its usual large contingent of juniors - they were recovering from their exertions at the Provincial Chess Challenge the previous day. [crosstable](#)

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## **PROVINCIAL CHESS CHALLENGE**

The Chess Challenge finals, normally the largest junior event of the year in these parts, was held at the Executive Airport Plaza Hotel on April 9. One hundred and eighty-seven players from all over the province competed in grade sections to determine who will represent B.C. at the National Chess Challenge, coming up in Victoria on the May long weekend. Perhaps because the nationals are being held in B.C. for the first time ever competition was stiffer than usual, and four of the sections required playoff games to determine a winner. In grade 5 this was something of a

surprise, as world U10 champion Jason Cao was held to a draw in the last round by Humphrey Shao and only won the playoff game after Shao spurned a further draw offer. John Doknjas overcame a 150-point rating differential in the grade 6 section to first tie Dezheng Kong and then beat him in the playoff game. On paper the grade 7 section looked to be the most competitive of all, with four strong contenders; this was born out by the fact that of the five regular games between these four players, only one was decisive (all the others were drawn). Jeremy Hui and Matthew Herdin came out on top with 4.0 points each, with Herdin winning the playoff game.

The grade 11 section proved to be the most protracted in determining an overall winner. Combined with the grade 10 and 12 sections for Swiss pairing purposes, by the end of the regular games four(!) grade 11s were tied for the lead with 3.0 points. This necessitated the use of a knockout formula for the playoffs, but the first game of the final set ended in an unusual manner. Roger Luo, down a rook in an apparently hopeless endgame, resigned by turning his king over, only to realize a couple of seconds later that Bohang Zhang's last move had resulted in a stalemate position. Under the rules both resignation and stalemate immediately end the game, but since the stalemate happened first, this took precedence - the resignation was irrelevant since the game was legally over by that point. After this reprieve Luo won the second playoff game to take the section.

Here is a list of all the prize winners - congratulations to all, and thanks to everyone for participating.

### **Kindergarten**

- 1 Harmony Zhu
- 2 Kevin Butchart
- 3 Neil Doknjas

### **Grade 1**

- 1 Victor Zheng
- 2 Daniel Du
- 3 Benjamin Dou

### **Grade 2**

- 1 Luke Pulfer
- 2 Ethan Lo
- 3 James Zhang

### **Grade 3**

- 1 Joshua Doknjas
- 2 Matthew Geng
- 3 Kevin Meng

### **Grade 4**

- 1 Edwin Xu
- 2 Lahiru Jayaweera
- 3 Maven Zheng

### **Grade 5**

- 1 Jason Cao
- 2 Humphrey Shao
- 3 Lionel Han

### **Grade 6**

- 1 John Doknjas
- 2 Dezheng Kong
- 3 Jeffrey Wang

### **Grade 7**

- 1 Matthew Herdin
- 2 Jeremy Hui
- 3 Hector Rathburn

### **Grade 8**

- 1 Ryan Lo
- 2 Ray Wu
- 3 Alex Sabaratnam

### **Grade 9**

- 1 Tanraj Sohal
- 2 Alice Xiao
- 3 Kyle Zheng

## Grade 10

- 1 Jack Cheng
- 2 Darren Venables
- 3 Nicholas Peters

## Grade 11

- 1 Roger Luo
- 2 Bohang Zhang
- 3 Bobson Lee

## Grade 12

- 1 Loren Laceste
- 2 Anderson Yee
- 3 Tian Tian Geng

An event like this could not happen without dedicated organizers and volunteers, including principals Ken and Wendy Jensen, Wolfram Herdin, Michael and Lara Lo, and Ron Hui - a thank you to these and all the other helpers who ensured the event ran so smoothly. Also a big thank you to all the chess families that participated in onsite [fundraising](#) for the Canadian Red Cross Japanese Disaster Relief Fund - over \$400 was raised. [full results](#) [Richmond Review coverage](#) [photo slideshow](#) assembled by Lester Yee [shutterfly](#) album

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## JACK YOOS ANNOTATES

### Drkulec, Vladimir - Yoos, Jack [E63] CAN op Toronto (5), 14.07.2010

**1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6** Unfortunately I was unable to locate my games from the early rounds. Like the previous year's Canadian Open I had a bad start and lost an early game. As a result I was trying to catch up on points and decided to play more aggressively with the KID rather than my usual 2...e6. **3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.c4 Nc6 7.Nc3 a6 8.e4** Unusual and direct. White continues forward, ignoring square weaknesses in the centre. This would seem like a mistake, but it is not so clear how Black can seize the initiative. Sure, Black gets control of d4, but posting a knight here in some way constrains Black as it is necessary to pay attention to maintain this point. 8.d5 is the main line: 8...Na5 9.Nd2 c5 10.Qc2 Rb8 11.b3 b5 12.Bb2 is a well-trodden path. **8...Bg4 9.h3** 9.Be3 Nd7 10.Qd2 or 10.Ne2 where in both cases Black has the option of playing for either ...e5 or ...c5; ...c5 is achieved by playing ...Na5 first. **9...Bxf3 10.Bxf3 e5** 10...Nd7 11.Be3 e5 12.d5 Nd4 13.Bg2 c5 is similar. **11.d5 Nd4 12.Bg2 c5 13.dxc6 bxc6 14.Be3 Nd7** It is tempting to play ...c5, but this creates a hole on d5. **15.f4** Taking advantage of the knight on d4. Black would normally like to meet f4 with exf4 to open up the long diagonal for the dark-squared bishop, but here it is not possible. 15.b4, asserting control of key queenside squares, is at first sight appealing but it has a downside in that the c4 pawn is then vulnerable. 15...Qe7 16.a4 Nb6 17.Qd3 Qe6 with counterplay. **15...a5** If Black wants to prevent f5 it is possible to play 15...Rb8 16.Qd2 f5 where although there is a lot of tension in the centre, the position is relatively blocked and less double edged. I decided to choose a sharper option and try to get the upperhand on the queenside at the expense of the kingside. Of course this involves considerable risk. **16.f5 Nb6 17.Qd3 a4**



**18.g4?** Allows Black to fight for control of the dark squares. It would have been more challenging to hold off on this commitment. **18...Bf6 19.Bh6 Re8 20.Rad1 Bg5** With counterplay. **21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Bxg5 Qxg5 23.Ne2 c5-/+** And Black is considerably better as he presently has no weak points and White's light-squared bishop is a very poor piece. The question now will be whether Black can find a way to break through before White's pawns can start rolling on the kingside. Waiting to commit by 23...Ne6 was also possible as 24.Qxd6 loses to 24...Qe3+ 25.Rf2 Rad8. **24.Rf2 Re7 25.Ng3 Rb8 26.Nf1 Rd7 27.Ne3 Kg7 28.Nf1 Na8 29.Ne3 Rdb7 30.Rdd2 Nb6** My original intention was to play ...Nc7, but when I got there I became concerned about my a-pawn.

**31.Nd1 Rd7 32.Ne3 Qd8** To protect d6 so that my knight could maneuver to f4 and block the f-file. **33.Bf1 Ne6 34.Ng2** And now that the White knight is tied down defending f4, it cannot enter d5. My thinking here was that if I could now maneuver the b6 knight to d4 I would have the game in my hands. **34...Nc8 35.Qg3 Ne7?** The wrong path to d4. This allows the kingside pawns to move forward. 35...Na7 to c6 and to d4 was the superior route for the knight. **36.g5! Nc6 37.h4** Now White has considerably more counterplay on the kingside. **37...Nb4** I am not sure if this was the most efficient as it costs vital time for the purpose of provoking a weakness on the queenside. **38.a3 Nc6 39.Rf6 Rb3 40.Qf2 Ncd4 41.Be2 Qa8 42.Bd1 Rb8 43.Qe3 Qa6 44.Qd3 Rdb7 45.Qf1 Qc6 46.Rdf2**



A critical moment. Both sides have maximized their threats. I decided to unbalance the position rather than wait. Looking at it now I am unclear which is the better decision. **46...Qxe4 46...Nd8 47.h5 Qxe4 48.Rxd6 N8e6 49.h6+ Kg8 50.h7+ Kh8 51.Rxf7 Rxf7 52.Qxf7 Rf8 53.Qe7 Qb1 54.Kh2 Qxd1 55.Qxe6 Qh5+ 56.Qh3 Qxg5. 47.Rxf7+ Rxf7 48.Rxf7+ Kg8 49.Rf2 Nf5?** I missed how powerful the bishop would be on d5. Being a bit low on the clock I played quickly and did not anticipate the idea. 49...Ng7. **50.Bf3 Qd4 51.Kh2?** 51.Bd5 would have given White considerable counterplay. After this Black is not worse. 51...Re8 Other moves lose. (51...Kf7 52.Kh2 Ke7 53.Rxf5 gxf5 54.Qxf5 Nd8 55.Qh7+ Ke8 56.Be4 Rxb2 57.Bg6+ Kf8 58.Qh8+ Ke7 59.Qe8#; 51...Nfg7 52.Kh2 Kh8 53.h5 Qg4 54.h6) 52.Kh2

Qg4 53.Qd3 Kg7 (53...Nxh4 54.Bxe6+ Rxe6 55.Qd5) 54.Qh3 Qxh3+ 55.Kxh3 Ned4 56.Be4. **51...Kh7** My original intention was 51...e4 but I got scared off by the exchange sacrifice. It is not clear to me what the assessment of it is. 52.Bg4 e3 53.Rxf5 gxf5 54.Qxf5 Ng7. **52.Bd5 Neg7 52...Nf4** is possible but messy. 53.Nxf4 exf4 54.Qe2 Ne3. **53.h5 Qg4 54.h6** Opening up Black's king with 54.hxg6+ Kxg6 loses the pawns. 55.Qb1 Kxg5. **54...Nh5 54...Qh5+** also looks good for Black. 55.Kg1 Ng3 56.Nf4 exf4 57.Bf3 Qxg5. **55.Be6 Ngh3 56.Bxf5 gxf5?** In a time scramble I forgot that I had just attacked the queen! Fortunately it makes no difference. 56...Nxf1+ 57.Rxf1 gxf5. **57.Qd3 57.Qe1 Qxg5 58.Qa5 Kxh6. 57...Rb3** And now that the knight on g3 will be protected White will get mated on h1. **58.Qxd6 58.g6+ Qxg6. 58...Qh5+** An exciting tense fight. I would like to compliment my opponent for his friendly behaviour and good sportsmanship. A long, tense, complicated struggle with time pressure can bring out the worst in competitors and my opponent in this game was nothing but a gentleman. When players behave well, chess is all the more enjoyable. **0-1**

## FIRST B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP AND FOUNDING OF B.C.C.F.

The fifth annual Grand Pacific Open takes place this coming weekend, but in many previous years Easter saw the holding of the annual B.C. Championship. This tradition dates back to the first championship, which took place ninety-five years ago (to the day) in 1916. Given that the first meeting of the new federation also took place between rounds on day one of the tournament, the B.C.C.F. is also celebrating its ninety-fifth birthday this weekend. To commemorate these events we present the following press reports from the time:

"The Vancouver Chess Club will hold a provincial championship tournament in its rooms, 41 Fairfield Building, during the Easter week. The tournament will open on Friday, April 21, at 10 am. Play ceases at 2 pm. Evening play from 5 pm till 10 pm. On Saturday and Monday the same hours as Friday will prevail. First prize - B.C. Chess Federation championship shield to be held for one year, and gold medal. Second prize - \$5, in addition to which each and every player will receive 50 cents for each game won. A prize is being presented for the most brilliant game of the meeting. Entries:

- H. Butler, Vancouver - A strong Kent county player, winner of the challenge cup at Tunbridge Wells. A newcomer to Vancouver chess.
- [J.M. Ewing](#) - Began chess early, and was the youngest entrant in the Richardson cup competition playing for Edinburgh. Played in the Edinburgh team for three years without losing a game. Finished second in this year's Vancouver club tournament.
- [C.F. Millar](#) - Member of the Toronto Chess Club, captain of Regina Saskatchewan Chess Association. Mr. Millar has done much for Canadian chess, being instrumental in founding the Regina club. Mr. Millar secured a draw with F.J. Marshall, champion of America on the PTO.
- R.G. Stark - Played for Hampshire county, and in Hampshire league for Basingstoke. Played for Reading, and the London major league. Won this year's handicap tournament of the V.C.C. from scratch, on occasion of his visit last year, when he gave an exhibition of simultaneous chess.
- A. Stevenson - Of the Glasgow Bohemian Chess Club, and played top board in the championship matches of Scotland with good results, winning the championship of the club in 1906 and 1907. A brilliant lightning tournament player.
- [B.A. Yates](#) - Winner of this year's Vancouver tournament, and a very strong player, as the following record shows: played in county chess for Warwickshire and Stafford for seven years without the loss of a single game. A Birmingham chess club expert, winning various prizes in this extremely strong club.
- Messrs. A. Tree of Alberni, and G. Thompson of New Westminster, complete the list of entries. We have not got their records at present." [*Vancouver Sun*, Wednesday April 19th, 1916]

"At the first meeting of the B.C. Chess Federation held yesterday afternoon in the Vancouver Chess Club, the following officers were elected: Hon. Vice-president, Mr. Hunnex of Erie; [Judge Howay](#) of New Westminster; Mr. [T. Piper](#) of Victoria; Mr. [C.F. Davie](#) of Victoria, and Neil MacCallum of Grand Forks B.C.; President, Mr. E. Lacaille; Vice-president, Ewan Buchan; Sec-Treas., R.G. Stark." [*Vancouver Sun*, Saturday April 22nd, 1916]

"In connection with the tournament which is to be held at Vancouver to determine the Provincial championship, we do not think the management is advancing the cause of chess by offering money prizes. Persons who value their amateur standing will not enter the tournament, as to do so would professionalize them. Furthermore the money prizes which are offered are so insignificant in

amount that they could not even be an inducement to a professional player. Had the management decided to eliminate the cash prizes, the contest would be open to amateurs, and the promoters would have earned the thanks of by far the major portion of the chess fraternity of the Province." [Victoria *Daily Colonist*, Sunday April 23rd, 1916]

### 1916 B.C. Championship, 21-25 April

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	<b>Ewing, John M.</b>	*	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	<b>6.0</b>
2	<b>Stark, Robert G.</b>	½	*	1	1	0	0	1	1	<b>4.5</b>
3	<b>Yates, Bertram A.</b>	½	0	*	0	1	1	1	1	<b>4.5</b>
4	<b>Butler, H.</b>	0	0	1	*	½	1	1	1	<b>4.5</b>
5	<b>Stevenson, Archibald</b>	0	1	0	½	*	1	½	1	<b>4.0</b>
6	<b>Millar, Charles F.</b>	0	1	0	0	0	*	½	1	<b>2.5</b>
7	<b>Tree, A.</b>	0	0	0	0	½	½	*	1	<b>2.0</b>
8	<b>Thompson, E.</b>	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	<b>0.0</b>

"Mr. J.M. Ewing of Vancouver, one of the leading chess players on the Pacific Coast, is the first recognized champion of British Columbia. Going through the first annual tournament to be held under the auspices of the new British Columbia Federation, Mr. Ewing was successful in all of his matches, finishing with an unbeaten record. Messrs. B.A. Yates, H. Butler and R.G. Stark tied for second place with four and one-half points each. A. Stevenson was third with four points; F. Miller [sic] next with two and one-half points; A. Tree fifth with two points, and Mr. Thompson last without a victory to his credit. He was unable to play all his games. Mr. Ewing's win of five victories and two draws was particularly good when it is taken into consideration that he was up against some of the cleverest chess players in Western Canada, and his work fully entitles him to the position of British Columbia's chess champion." [Vancouver *World*, Tuesday April 26th, 1916]

"Messrs. Ewing and Stevenson are Scottish players, whilst Yates, Butler, and Stark played for Warwickshire, Kent, and Hampshire, respectively. Mr. Millar is a Toronto player, and played considerably better chess than his score would indicate. Mr. Tree, of Alberta, only lacked book-knowledge to prove a really dangerous opponent. Mr. Thompson was unable to complete his games and lost some by default. It is unfortunate that no Victoria representatives were able to play, but we hope to see them in next year's tournament. We have been hard hit by the war, several of our members having enlisted, but were fortunate in getting as strong an entry as we did, the big distances being against up-country players entering." [Robert Stark in *The British Chess Magazine*, August 1916]





John Ewing (in 1922)



Charlie Millar and Archibald Stevenson (in 1951)

The only game from the event which has come down to us:

**Yates, Bertram A. - Stark, Robert G. [B40] BC ch Vancouver (7), 25.04.1916**

*[Robert Stark]*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4** Dr. Lasker played 3.Nc3 against Marshall [at Cambridge Springs, 1904 - ed.], but I believe Capablanca favours this move, which comes in the Maroczy Attack. **3...d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.d4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Nc6 7.Bg5 dxc4 8.dxc5 8.d5** looks stronger, Black's best line appearing to be Qe7+ and Ne5. **8...Be6 9.Be3 Be7** Here Black should have anticipated White's 10.Qa4 by himself playing 9...Qa5. **10.Qa4 0-0 11.Bxc4 Bxc4 12.Qxc4 Rc8 13.b4 b6 14.Rd1 Qe8 15.0-0 bxc5 16.bxc5 Nd8 17.Rfe1 Ne6 18.Nd5 Nxd5 19.Rxd5 Bf6 20.Bf4 Qc6 21.Bd6 Rfd8 22.Red1 Rd7 23.Ne5 Bxe5 24.Bxe5 Nxc5** A bold venture. **25.Qg4! f5 26.Qg3 26.Qxf5** appears good. **26...Ne6 27.Qb3 Rxd5 0-1** White had bad luck in this oversight, as he was in the running for champion if the game at the next table was a draw; but just at this point Mr. Ewing won his game, and this obviously affected Mr. Yates's play. [*The British Chess Magazine*, August 1916]

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## The 5th Annual Grand Pacific Open

A 6 round FIDE and CFC rated Swiss.

\$4000 Guaranteed Prize Fund

Dates: April 22-25, 2011

Registration: On line registration to be posted starting Sept. 2010. You can also contact us at: [grandpacificopen@gmail.com](mailto:grandpacificopen@gmail.com). A hard copy of the registration form (and cheque) can be mailed to: Victoria Junior Chess Society, 2386 Dalhousie St. Victoria, BC V8R 2H6 payable to Victoria Junior Chess Society. Do not mail cheques or registration after April 8. Onsite registration for the Grand Pacific Open is from 4:00-5:30 Friday April 22. Registration after 5:30 does not guarantee a Swiss pairing.

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

Round Times Rd 1 at 6:00 pm Friday April 22; Rds 2 and 3 at 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm Saturday April 23; Rds 4 and 5 at 12:00 noon and 6:00 pm Sunday April 24; Rd 6 at 10:00 am Monday April 25

Prize Fund: \$4000 Guaranteed: Open Section: \$1000+Trophy, \$600, \$400 U2000 \$400, \$300 U1700 \$350, \$250; Top BC Player qualifies for BC Closed. U1400 Section: \$300, \$200; Top Unrated (Highest score in either section) \$100 Biggest Upset \$100 Top BC Resident in the Open

qualifies for the BC Closed.

Entry Fee (Open) \$75 registered and paid on or before March 15, \$85 registered on or before April 15, \$95 on site. Non CFC members add \$16 (adult) or \$8 (junior)

Entry Fee (U1400) \$55 registered and paid on or before March 15, \$65 registered on or before April 15, \$75 on site. Non CFC members add \$16 (adult) or \$8 (junior).

Misc: Unrated players are not eligible for class prizes. The 'Unrated' prize is won by the unrated player with the most points in either section. 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. Biggest upset prize may be in addition to any other prize won. Half point byes for rounds 1-5 if requested before the start of round 1. Prize ceremony at 2:15 on Monday, April 25. BCCF membership is included in entry fee. All chess equipment provided.

#### Side Event Details:

Side Event Entry Fee: For all side events, FREE if registered in the main event, the Grand Pacific Open. Otherwise, \$10 gets you a pass to all side events. CFC membership not required for any of the side events.

Side Event Registration: On line registration to be posted starting Sept. 2010. Onsite registration from 1 hour to 15 minutes before the event.

Grand Pacific Scholastic: A 5 round active junior event: April 22 10am - 4pm, G/25min+5 sec increment, CMA rated Two sections only Gr. K-3 and Gr. 4-7 Medals for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each section

Grand Pacific Active A 4 round active event open to all: April 22 12 noon - 5pm, G/25min+5 sec increment, Rated by the Victoria Chess Club.

Midnight Blitz April 23 10pm or ASAP to midnight, G/5min, 5 double round swiss, 1st \$50, U1700 \$25, U1400 \$25

Grand Pacific Bughouse April 25 2:30pm - 4pm, G/5min, 5 round swiss

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Website: <http://www.grandpacificopen.com>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Junior

<http://www.bcjuniorchess.com/calendar/>

<http://victoriajuniorchess.pbworks.com/Tournament-Schedule>

### UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 157, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

entry fee \$20 for adults \$15 for juniors  
Contact Aaron Cosenza, [xramis1@yahoo.ca](mailto:xramis1@yahoo.ca)

### **5th Grand Pacific Open**

April 22-25, Victoria

Details: <http://grandpacificopen.pbworks.com/w/page/15387541/FrontPage>

### **36th Paul Keres Memorial**

May 20-23, Richmond

Details: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/w/page/1785469/FrontPage>

### **June Active**

June 5, Vancouver

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

### **B.C. Open**

July 30 - August 1, Richmond

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/w/page/35682117/BC-Open>

### **Portland Chess Club Centennial Open**

August 12-14, Portland, Oregon

Details: [http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/PCC\\_Centennial\\_Open\\_201108.pdf](http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/PCC_Centennial_Open_201108.pdf)