

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #239

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HERE AND THERE

B.C. School Team Championship (May 13)

This year's school team championship saw a team from the Lochiel U-Connect education centre (featuring the three Doknjas brothers, John, Joshua, and Neil) carry off the first prize for the second year in a row with 14 points, ahead of Erma Stephenson and Elsie Roy (both 13). The big surprise was the result of the host St. George's team, who came in seventh after finishing second last year and winning the championships for the years 2006-2010. In the "B" division Vancouver Christian took top place, with Stratford Hall and St. George's second and third. A total of thirty-one teams participated. Report at the [West Coast Junior Chess](http://www.westcoastjuniorchess.com) website.

The honour roll:

2001 Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2007 St. George's Junior
2002 Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2008 St. George's Junior
2003 Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2009 St. George's Junior
2004 Our Lady of Perpetual Help	2010 St. George's Junior
2005 Queen Mary	2011 Lochiel U-Connect
2006 St. George's Junior	2012 Lochiel U-Connect

BCCF AGM

As you are aware, the annual Keres Memorial Tournament is this coming weekend (there is still time to enter if you have not already done so!). The BCCF Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday May 20 between the third and fourth rounds of the Keres, beginning around 3:00 pm. We encourage you to come out and attend the AGM: the executive for the coming year will be elected, and there will also be opportunity to voice concerns, comments, and ideas about how organized chess is run in B.C. The BCCF is your federation - it is only as strong as those involved in it, your help is needed!

National Chess Challenge

Also on the upcoming Victoria Day weekend is the National Chess Challenge; last year the tournament was in Victoria, but this year's edition is on the other side of the country - Halifax, Nova Scotia. Twelve of our juniors, one from each grade (Kevin Low, Victor Zheng, Philip Chen, Joshua Doknjas, Samuel Chen, Lionel Han, John Doknjas, Karl Cui, Andrew Lee, Tanraj Sohal, Farley Cannon, and Joshua Wild) will compete with similar teams from elsewhere in the country to determine national scholastic team supremacy.

[Event website](#) [Results page](#) [B.C.'s previous results](#)

CANADIAN FORCES CHAMPIONSHIP (Quebec City, May 4-6) by Paul Leblanc



The fourth annual CF Championship took place in Quebec's historic Citadelle. Sections of the Citadelle date back to 1745 when France occupied this fortification overlooking the Plains of Abraham. The French garrison fell to invading British troops in 1759 and British engineers added considerably to the fortress over the years, completing their work in 1831. The Citadelle is currently occupied by the Royal 22e Regiment (Vandoos) and is the summer residence of the Governor General of Canada.

The accommodation, playing site and dining hall were all on site in historic buildings. We were also treated to a formal luncheon in the Officers' Mess, complete with service from uniformed mess stewards. I could feel the ghost of the Marquis de Montcalm, the last French commander, lurking in the shadows.

The championship was a blend of chess and military culture. Meticulously organized by Major Regis Bellemare and capably directed by Corporal Brian Murray, it had the aura of a true championship event. Twenty-eight players took part in the tournament, which has been growing steadily since its introduction in 2009.

I had the good fortune to be on my game and finished in first place with 5.5 points out of 6. Robert Giroux of Repentigny scored 5.0. Alex Clouthier of Gagetown and Regis Bellemare of Edmonton scored 4.5. The key game for me was a fourth round encounter with Giroux that lasted 61 moves. Robert gained a clear advantage in the middle game but miscalculated, leading to a situation where a perpetual was available to him. Choosing instead to gamble for a win, he allowed some unexpected counterplay and went down to defeat.



Commander (ret) Paul Leblanc, Major Regis Bellemare

Giroux, Robert - Leblanc, Paul [D00] Canadian Forces ch 4th Quebec (4), 05.05.2012

1.d4 d5 2.Nc3 c6 3.f3 I was surprised to find thirty-one games in my database with this unusual looking move. **3...Bf5 4.e4 dxe4 5.fxe4 Bg6 6.Bg5 Qa5 7.Qd2 e6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.Bxe7 Nxe7 10.Nf3 Nd7 11.0-0 Nf6 12.b4 Qb6 13.Na4 Qc7 14.Rae1 0-0** I think White stands slightly better due to the potential to attack along the open f-file and the white central pawns, however Black's position is solid and there is potential to exploit the d-file or to open the a-file with a timely a5. **15.Ne5 a5 16.Nxg6 Nxg6 17.e5 Nd5** I missed the better continuation **17...axb4 18.exf6 Rxa4** with a small plus for Black. **18.b5 cxb5 19.Bxb5 b6 20.c3 Rac8 21.Rc1 Qb7** Probably not the best move. I spent too much time trying to decide between shoring up my b-pawn and putting pressure on White's c-pawn. **22.Rb1 Rb8 23.g3 Qe7 24.Rb3 Rfd8 25.Re1**



25...Nf8 Intending Nd7 defending the b-pawn. However, this passive plan gives Black difficulties. Better was **25...Qb7** and **26...Rbc8**. **26.Reb1 Rdc8 27.Bd3 Nd7 28.Bb5 Nf8 29.Ba6 Rc6 30.Bb5** Missing the superior **30.c4**. **30...Rcc8 31.Bd3 Nd7 32.a3 Rd8 33.c4 Nc7 34.Qe3 Na8** Weak. **34...f6** offers at least some resistance. **35.Be4 Rdc8 36.Qd3 g6 37.Bxa8** Winning a pawn. **37...Rxa8 38.Nxb6 Nxb6 39.Rxb6 Ra7 40.Rb8 Rxb8 41.Rxb8+ Kg7 42.Rb2 Qg5 43.Qd2 Qg4** White is still better but at least the Black queen offers some counterplay. **44.Qf2 Qd1+ 45.Kg2 Rd7 46.Qf6+ Kh6 47.Qf4+ 47.d5** probably finished black off but is not that easy to see, especially since both players are surviving on the thirty-second increments. **47...Kg7 48.Qf6+ Kh6 49.Qf4+ Kg7 50.Rd2 Qa4**

51.Qf6+ Kh6 52.Qf4+ White is using these moves to build up a bit of time on his clock through thirty-second increments. 52...Kg7 53.Qf6+ Kh6 54.g4 It takes guts to go into this with two minutes on the clock. **54...Qxc4 55.g5+ Kh5**



56.Rf2? A fatal error. **56.Qf3+ Kxg5 57.Qe3+ Kh5 58.h4** and Black's king probably cannot escape mate. **56...Rxd4 57.h3 Qd5+ 58.Kh2 Rd1 59.Rg2 Re1 60.Qg7 Qxe5+ 61.Qxe5 Rxe5 0-1**

B.C. - WASHINGTON SCHOLASTIC MATCH (May 5)



From Victoria Jung-Doknjas:

Congratulations to Team BC for an outstanding team effort this weekend at the 2012 BC-WA Interat, which was held at the Lansdowne Mall. This year's match turned out to be extremely close. At the end of round 1, Team BC playing as white, had 12.5 points to Team WA's 13.5 points. After the lunch break, Team BC playing as black, took an early lead of 9 points to Team WA's 2 points in round 2. Daniel Du, Kevin Low, Jacob Jensen, Jack Cheng, and Farley Cannon all scored 2 pts./2 games. This helped Team BC rack up much needed points.

As round 2 progressed three games remained, and Team BC needed only 1 more point to win the match. Under time pressure, John Doknjas made a queen sacrifice to force a perpetual check and earn the 1/2 point to ensure Team BC 26 points. The last two games had Joanne Foote and Lizhe (Karl) Cui fighting for a draw, where both their WA opponents were very low on time and then scrambles happened. At the end of the match, Team BC earned 26 points and Team WA also earned 26 points.

Both Team BC and Team WA will share the Intermat trophy this year!

Special Thanks to Vivien Lai for doing an outstanding job in arranging for the very nifty hoodies for Team BC and Team WA and for organizing the nice lunch for both Teams!

Thank you also to:

- Ken Jensen for organizing this annual international match.
- Gyan Awatramani for being Chief Arbiter -- it got a bit tricky esp. near the end, with time scrambles, illegal moves (9 sec left and needing 2 mins to be added to clock), and updating Team results, etc.
- Tanveer Sohal for arbiter duties.
- Beau Pulfer for massive setup and clean up.
- Wendy Jensen for clean up.
- Alice Li for lunch setup and picking up our Salt Springs Team mate from the ferry terminal.
- Xichi Zheng for setup (clocks and tables).
- Dave Doknjas for setup and clean up (tables, chairs, etc.).
- Eric Gedajlovic for setup (tables, chairs, etc.).
- Michael and Lara for setup and clean up (tables, chairs, sets, etc.)
- Phoebe Chen for setup.
- Many other parents for helping with setup/clean up.

Thanks parents for all your help and support for Team BC. Well done Team BC!

This year's scholastic match, also known as the Intermat, resulted in the first tie in the competition's history, this after B.C. edged Washington team by only a single point last year. The match pits two representatives from each grade (including kindergarten) against their respective counterparts from the other side of the border. This year Washington appeared to have the stronger team on paper, since a number of the BC regulars were not available. In particular it was difficult to fill the grade 12 spots because the Intermat unfortunately conflicted with the writing of SAT tests for graduating students. Typically B.C. has scored heavily in the upper grades, Washington in the lower. However, in the last few years these tendencies have diminished, as can be seen from the results by grade:

K	1.5-2.5	7	1.5-2.5
1	3.0-1.0	8	2.0-2.0
2	3.0-1.0	9	2.5-1.5
3	1.0-3.0	10	2.5-1.5
4	2.0-2.0	11	4.0-0.0
5	1.0-3.0	12	0.5-3.5
6	1.5-2.5		

In terms of individual results, Farley Cannon (returning to competitive chess after a long absence) and Jack Cheng swept their grade 11 opponents. Other B.C. players with a perfect score were Kevin Low (1), Daniel Du (2), and Jacob Jensen (8), while Aiden Zhou (K), Lionel Han (6), Ryan Lo (9), and Tanraj Sohal (10) had plus scores. On the Washington side Bryce Tiglon (5) and Ethan Gottlieb (12) had perfect scores, while Eric Zhang (K), Naomi Bashkansky and Andreas Farny (both grade 3), Derek Zhang (4), Kyle Haining (6), Daniel He (7), Hubert Jung (10), and Masayuki Nagase (12) scored 1.5 in their individual matches.

Overall Washington retains an 11-9 lead in match victories with one tie; note neither team has ever managed to win in three consecutive years:

Year	Location	Victor	2001	Burnaby	BC
1991	White Rock	BC	2002	Seattle	WA
1992	Mountlake terrace	WA	2003	Burnaby	WA
1993	Burnaby	WA	2004	Seattle	BC
1994	Mountlake Terrace	BC	2005	Burnaby	BC
1995	Burnaby	WA	2006	Bellevue	WA
1996	Shorewood	WA	2008	New Westminster	BC
1997	Burnaby	BC	2009	Bellevue	WA
1998	Shorewood	BC	2010	New Westminster	WA
1999	Burnaby	WA	2011	Bellevue	BC
2000	Seattle	WA	2012	Richmond	tie

*the lack of a result for 2007 corresponds to moving the event from December to April/May within the school year

Detailed match [results](#)

[B.C. Junior Chess](#) website

Information on earlier BC - WA matches can be found at the [B.C. Chess History](#) website

CFC RATINGS BONUS REDUX

From CFC Ratings Auditor Paul Leblanc:

Thanks to Tony Boron for pointing out an error in the calculation of bonus points earned by "Marie Morphy" in last edition's article on the new Rating Bonus Point System. Marie's new rating should be 1334. The final rating given in the article failed to include the 20 points that she earned by achieving a new personal high. The corrected version is below:

Example Two:

Marie Morphy, an under-rated junior was in the same event as Joe. As usual, she defeated several established A Class players and drew two experts. She started the event with a rating of 1150 and gained 80 rating points to reach a new personal high of 1230. Bonus One for Marie is 20 which is a fixed bonus for anyone achieving a new life time high. The threshold for this event, as calculated above for Joe Bloggins, was 31.85. Since Marie exceeded the threshold by 48.15 (80 minus 31.85), she earned 48.15 times 1.75 equals 84 bonus points in addition to the 80 points she gained in the event. Her new rating will be 1334.

37th Annual Paul Keres Memorial Chess Tournament

A 6 round FIDE and CFC rated Swiss

\$4000 in prizes guaranteed

When: May 19-21, 2012

Where: Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, 7311 Westminster Hwy. Richmond, BC V6X 1A3

Sections: Open (FIDE and CFC rated), U2000 (CFC rated), U1600 (CFC rated)

Time Control: Game/80 minutes + 60 sec. increment

Rounds: Sat. May 19 12:00 noon, 5:00pm, Sun. May 20 10:00am, 5:00pm, Mon. May 21: 10:00am, 3:00pm

Prizes: \$4000 Guaranteed. Open Section: \$1000, \$600, \$400; Top U2200 \$300 Top BC player qualifies for the BC Closed U2000 Section: \$600, \$400; Top U1800 \$200 U1600 Section: \$300, Top U1400 \$100 Top Scoring Unrated (any section) \$100

Entry Fees: GMs, IMs, WGMs free if preregistered on or before May 14, otherwise EF deducted from prize, if any. Some conditions apply (see below under Misc.) Family Discount: 50% of lowest applicable Early Bird entry fee for 2nd or higher member of family. Playing up a Section: Add \$20 for each section played up over your rating.

Open U2000 U1600 Early Bird (paid by Friday, April 9) \$100 \$100 \$60 Registered on or before Tuesday, May 17 \$110 \$110 \$70 On Site \$120 \$120 \$80

Accommodation: At the Executive Airport Plaza Hotel, 1-800-663-2878 \$119/night single/double Free parking for hotel guests. Quote "Keres Memorial Chess Tournament". Please book by April 19 to guarantee this rate.

Transportation: By car; Parking: \$5/day (get ticket from organizer). By Skytrain to Brighouse station then 10-15 minute walk.

Registration: Online registration to be enabled end of October 2011. Or by mail to Keres Memorial Chess, 4381 Wildflower Lane, Victoria, BC. V8X 5H1. Make cheques payable to: Roger Patterson Or on site 10:30-11:30 Sat. May 19.

Misc: For first time players who a) have no official rating (CFC, USCF, FIDE, FQE, etc.), b) are resident in Canada c) play in the U1600 section, entry fee includes a one year CFC membership. Either a full CFC membership (\$40 adult, \$27 junior) or CFC tournament membership (\$16 adult, \$8 junior) is required (except first time players as noted above).

Players receiving free entry are expected to finish the tournament. Those who withdraw without satisfactory reasons will not be offered free entry again.

Family discount is applied on the lowest entry fee(s) for those eligible.

Until 30 minutes before the start of round 1, 100% refund for online entries. Entries that involve us cashing or writing a cheque are refunded less \$5 for handling.

US cheques at par from US residents are acceptable although online entry is preferred.

BCCF dues included in entry fee.

Unrated players not eligible for class prizes.

For non cash prizes, 1st tiebreak is individual cumulative score. 2nd tiebreak is cumulative score of opponents.

We may use floater players in the event of an odd number of players for any given round - games against floater players might not be CFC or FIDE rated.

BCCF AGM held between rounds at 3:00pm on Sunday.

BC tournaments use a 1 hour grace rule for players late for the game before forfeiting.

All sections are 6 rounds

Up to 3 half point byes in rounds 1-6 if requested in advance

All equipment provided

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Organizing Committee: Paul LeBlanc, Roger Patterson

Website: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com>

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 158, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia entry fee \$21 adult, \$16 junior Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

For details of the following see www.chess.bc.ca

Paul Keres Memorial

May 19-21, Richmond

June Active 1

June 3, Vancouver Bridge Centre

June Active 2

June 17, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Canadian Open

July 8-13, Victoria

Bowser Builders Supply Open

August 5, Bowser (Vancouver Island)
<http://bowserchess.pbworks.com/w/page/52971772/2012%20Tournament>

U.S. Open

August 4-12, Vancouver WA
www.uschess.org/tournaments/2012/usopen/