

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN # 1

Hello! Welcome to the first issue of the BCCF's new e-mail bulletin. This biweekly publication will offer news and reports of interest to chess players in British Columbia. I as editor will coordinate the proceedings, but much of the content is up to you: you are encouraged to submit news, reports, games, or other items you wish to share with your fellow players. This bulletin is not an attempt to supplant the BCCF website, but rather is an adjunct to it - we encourage you to visit the site frequently for more details and information. British Columbia Chess Federation

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Comments, suggestions and other feedback are welcome. Enjoy!

Stephen Wright

VICTORIA LABOUR DAY OPEN by Lynn Stringer

There were 34 entries and 1st went to Jack Yoos [5.0/6]. 2nd was Georgi Kostadinov, who was the only player to defeat Yoos. First Under 2000 was Paul Leblanc and 2nd was Justin Hardy. We had two sections and the Under 1800 was won by Tyler Cruz and Nosovic Branislav.

BUGHOUSE BC

Welcome to the latest insect infestation to hit the province - Bughouse chess! Largely through the efforts of Ben Daswani and Bruce Harper, this team form of chess (a.k.a. siamese and other names) has become organized, with specific tournaments and a separate rating system.

Here is a report on the most recent bughouse event:

August Open by Ben Daswani

Fifteen Buggers (five from Washington) showed up to the Vancouver August Open, taking place on August 25, 2002. Although this number is lower than 17, the number of participants in the June Open, consolation can be taken in the fact that more than half (eight, to be precise) were newcomers to rated Bughouse events in BC. Good Bug was played, and good times were had. In the end, Michael Oshiro, one of the Americans, emerged victorious, with a dominating score of 31/42. What was even more impressive was the fact that with the exception of the final round, at which point he had already clinched first, he scored at least 4/6 in every round! Amazing! In second was local junior

Graham Sadoway, with 28.5/42. In third was another Washington player, Bret Sherman with 26/42.

For more information, visit [BUGHOUSE BC](#)

NORTH SHORE NEWS (from Vas Sladek)

- 1) The North Vancouver Chess Club has a new website, <http://www.northshorechess.com/nvcc/>
(Welcome to North Vancouver Chess Club)
- 2) Chess First! Enterprises is interested in sponsoring chess tournaments, especially junior events, with ChessBase CDs, e-mail Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca
- 3) The Lower Mainland chess league will start in the fall.
- 4) The North Vancouver Chess Club held an active chess tournament in August: Mount Seymour Active , 1-2 Oszvald, Poitras 6/7, 3-4 Sladek, Steininger 4.5/7. Same event will be run in late Sept., Oct. and Nov. More info: Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca
- 5) I am planning a series of FIDE-rated events for the North Shore, round robin with 4-6 players, and would be interested in hearing from interested FIDE-rated players so I can contact them with invitations: Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca
- 6) Chessbase software is now available in Vancouver from Chess First! Enterprises at <http://www.northshorechess.com/> (Chessfirst! Enterprises)

JUNIOR NEWS

Over the next year, the B.C. Chess Federation will be running a Junior Grand Prix competition. Here's how it works:

- Players rated above 1000 (CFC) will be organized in descending order in groups of four, beginning with the highest-rated four people.
- The members of each quad will play each of the other 3 players in a three-game Round Robin, with a time control of 45 minutes per player plus a 30-second increment for each move.
- Once these quads have been formed to the nearest four players, all remaining players will play in a separate Swiss-style tournament consisting of five one-hour rounds.
- Junior Grand Prix/Swiss Tournaments will be held on each of the following Sundays:

September 22, 2002	February 16, 2003
October 27, 2002	March 16, 2003

November 24, 2002 April 13, 2003
January 5, 2003 May 25, 2003

Prizes: The winner of each quad will receive \$18; the second place finisher will receive \$12. The top finishers in the Swiss event will receive trophies or books.

Grand Prix prizes:

At the end of the year, each player takes the total of his or her six best results. A player who plays in more than six Grand Prix events is able to discard his or her worst result(s), and therefore it is advantageous to participate in all eight events. \$1,250 in prizes will then be awarded, as follows:

1st \$300; 2nd \$250; 3rd \$200; 4th \$150; 5th \$100; 6th-10th: \$50 each.

The following details apply to all eight events:

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Vancouver Bridge Centre (2776 East Broadway at Kaslo St.)

Registration: 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Entry fee: \$12.

Eligibility: Juniors (19 years and under).

For more info please contact Provincial Junior Coordinators:

Katherine Davies: (604) 266-5842; mail-for-katherine@telus.net

Stephen Wright: (604) 221-7148; StphWrg@aol.com

Upcoming junior events:

September 22 Grand Prix # 1, Vancouver Bridge Centre

September 29 Chess by the Sea Girls' tournament, Crescent Beach

October 19 Junior Open, Surrey

October 27 Grand Prix # 2, Strathcona Community Centre

November 9-11 BC Junior Closed, Vancouver Bridge Centre

November 14-25 World Youth Chess Championships, Crete

November 24 Grand Prix # 3, Vancouver Bridge Centre

November 30 Annual BC - Washington Junior Match, Seattle

Details should be on the BCCF website shortly

30 YEARS AGO... by Bruce Harper

[Editor: BCCF president Bruce Harper wrote a chess column for the Vancouver Province for 10 years in the 1970s and early 1980s. In a regular feature he will be presenting "flashbacks" to events from that era, based on his original columns.]

Thirty years ago, then Canadian Champion Peter Biyiasas won the Victoria Labour Day Open with 6.5/7. Jonathan Berry finished second, a full point behind. A total of 83 players took part, including 40 juniors. Dan Scoones directed.

Many may have forgotten how strong Peter was in 1972, and he got even stronger. His ability to keep a cool head under pressure and squeeze out a win in a favourable ending with his superb technique won him many games.

In his game with Victoria strongman Ray Kerr, the game got strange very quickly, as Biyiasas challenged his opponent with 8.h3. For a while it looked as though White would end up giving up his queen for two rooks, but he extracted his queen and emerged from the complications with the exchange. But Black's compact position and pressure against White's king gave him compensation, and White returned the exchange. That left material equal.

In my column, I criticize Black's 26th move, suggesting 26...Nc6 27.Bxc6 Rc8 "with an easy draw". So easy to say - but so hard to do! The rook and pawn ending still favours White, although "all rook and pawn endings are drawn" (Tarrasch). I now think that trading queens was Black's real mistake. After 24...Nb7!, to answer 25.Qf2 with 25...Nd6, Black is better, both because of the general principle that "queen and knight are better than queen and bishop" (although there are still a two rooks on the board) and because of the concrete factors that Black's king is safer than White's and White's kingside pawns are split.

As the game went, Biyiasas won a wonderfully precise king and pawn ending.

Biyiasas,P - Kerr,R [B01]
Labour Day op Victoria, 1972

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 g6 5.c4 Nb6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3
9.Qxf3 Bxd4 10.c5 Bxe3 11.fxe3 N6d7 12.Qxb7 c6 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Be2 Nxc5
15.Qxa8 Qb6 16.Nd5 cxd5 17.Qxd5 Nc6 18.Kb1 Rb8 19.b3 e6 20.Qc4 Na5 21.Qc3 Ne4
22.Qc2 Nf2 23.Rhf1 Nxd1 24.Bxd1 Qc6 25.Bf3 Qxc2+ 26.Kxc2 Rc8+ 27.Kb2 Kf8

28.Rc1 Rxc1 29.Kxc1 e5 30.Kd2 Ke7 31.Kc3 Kd6 32.b4 Nc6 33.Bxc6 Kxc6 34.Kc4 f5
35.b5+ Kb6 36.Kb4 f4 37.exf4 exf4 38.a4 g5 39.a5+ Kc7 40.Kc3 h5 41.Kd3 g4
42.h4 Kd6 43.Ke4 f3 44.gxf3 gxf3 45.Kxf3 Kc5 46.Kf4 1-0

[Postscript: Peter Biyiasas is this year's inductee into David Cohen's
Canadian Chess Webpage of Fame for 2002 - take a look! Canadian Chess]

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss - September - October 2002

Dates: September 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, October 1st
Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 211
Rounds: 5 round Swiss System (one round per week)
Time: Round 1; a.s.a.p. after 7pm, Rounds 2-5; 6:30pm
Time Control: 40 moves / 90 minutes, game / 60 minutes
Entry Fee: \$15, \$12 UBC CC members (available at site), \$8 juniors, \$Free to
masters and those joining CFC/BCCF for the first time
Registration: 6:30 - 7 pm before round 1
Prizes: Based on entries (\$\$BEN)
Org & TD: Lyle Craver (604)980-2040
Misc: half point byes available for rounds 1-4 when requested at least 24
hours before game time (in person or by phone only please - no e-mail bye
requests!) Please bring sets, clocks, etc.

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss - October - November 2002

Dates: October 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th
Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 211
Rounds: 5 round Swiss System (one round per week)
Time: Round 1; a.s.a.p. after 7pm, Rounds 2-5; 6:30pm
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BC Closed Championship

Dates: October 11-14
Site: UVic HSD A260

Type: 7 Rd. Swiss, minimum rating of 2000.
Entry Fee: \$35.00
TC: 40/2, Game/1
Times: Friday the 11th of October, 6:30, 10.00 and 4:00 except for Monday
which is 9:00 and A.S.A.P.
Call Lynn Stringer at 658-5207.

Vancouver Thanksgiving Open

Dates: October 12, 13, 14
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre
2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver
Rounds: 6
Times: 10/4, 10/4, 10/ ASAP
Type: Regular Swiss
TC: 40/120; SD/60
Byes: Rds. 1-5
EF: Adults \$30, Juniors & Seniors \$20 (non-CFC members add \$12)
Prizes: \$\$ BEN
Registration: At site 9 - 9:40 am
TD: Stephen Wright
For more information please call organizers:

Katherine Davies 604-266-5842; e-mail: mail-for-katherine@telus.net
Stephen Wright: 604-221-7148; e-mail: StphWrg@aol.com

Kelowna Harvest Swiss

Dates: Oct. 19 & 20, 2002
Type: 5 Round Swiss
Times: 9/2/7; 9/asap
Place: Sandman Inn Kelowna B.C. 2130 Harvey Ave across from Orchard Park Mall
(250) 860-6409
Entry: \$25, \$20 Seniors, \$15 Juniors Non CFC pay entry + \$12
Prizes: BEN
TD & Org Lynn Stringer Wally Steinke & Ian Higgs wsteinke@sd22.bc.ca ph (250)
545-6677 ianofski@cablelan.net

Lionel Joyner Memorial

Dates: November 9, 10, 11
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre
2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver
Details: t.b.a

For more information please call organizers:

Katherine Davies 604-266-5842; e-mail: mail-for-katherine@telus.net
Stephen Wright: 604-221-7148; e-mail: StphWrg@aol.com

Vernon Silver Star (Qualifier to the BC Closed)

Dates: Nov. 9, 10, 11, 2002

Type: 6 Round Swiss

Times: noon/5; 10/4; 9/asap

Place: Village Green Hotel Vernon B.C. 4801 27th St. ph (250) 542-3331

Entry: \$30, \$25 Seniors, \$20 Juniors Non CFC pay entry + \$12

Prizes: BEN

TD & Org Wally Steinke wsteinke@sd22.bc.ca ph (250)
545-6677

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss - November - December 2002

Dates: November 12th, 19th, 26th, December 3rd, 10th

Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 211

Rounds: 5 round Swiss System (one round per week)

Time: Round 1; a.s.a.p. after 7pm, Rounds 2-5; 6:30pm

Time Control: 40 moves / 90 minutes, game / 60 minutes

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hours before game time (in person or by phone only please - no e-mail bye
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Jack Taylor Memorial Tournament

Date: November 23rd and 24th

Type: 5 Round Swiss

Entry Fee: \$35 Regular, \$25 for Juniors

Prize Fund: 100% of EF minus Expenses

CFC Rated

Time Control 40/90 minutes - SD/1 Hour

Location: University of Victoria, Human &
Social Development Building, Room
A-260

Registration: November 23rd 8:30AM at the site.

Organizer & TD: Lynn Stringer

Contact: Lynn Stringer at lynnstringer@shaw.ca ; Tel
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