

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #100

Our first century, if you'll excuse a cricket term! It doesn't seem so long ago that Bulletin #1 went out (September 4, 2002), and here we are at issue #100. Much has changed in B.C. chess in the interval, and the current outlook is gimmer than it was four years ago, but we will continue to report on and encourage the B.C. chess community as best we can. Any regrets? My main concern is that I end up doing too much of the writing myself! This is your Bulletin, and much of the content should be up to you! I welcome any and all submissions - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to B.C. players.

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KITCHENER CHESS FESTIVAL

The South-Western Ontario city of Kitchener has just finished hosting a sixteen-day chess festival, a veritable feast of chess activities for enthusiasts and the general public alike, both Canadian and from around the world. Originally planned around two major Canadian championships, the Canadian Open and the CYCC, the Festival subsequently acquired the Canadian Junior and also included many side events: simultaneous displays by Robert Hamilton, Nikolay Noritsyn, and Roman Pelts, a lecture, speed and bughouse tournaments, a classic car rally, a living chess game, and Elvis impersonators (the "King"). All the events were centred in downtown Kitchener, specifically the Walper Terrace Hotel, Kitchener City Hall, and the Delta Hotel. The organizing committee of Hal Bond, Patrick McDonald, Hans Jung, and Doug Hoch put in a tremendous amount of work to bring the Festival to fruition, and their efforts (along with that of a small army of helpers and volunteers) resulted in the Festival being an unqualified success on many levels. MonRoi (a company which produces an electronic scoresheet approved by FIDE) was also present on site, allowing many of the games to be broadcast live over the internet. There are plans to make the Festival an annual event - watch for it again next summer.

Overall Festival website: <http://www.chessfest.ca/>

MonRoi website: <http://www.monroi.com>

[I have provided a few games in the reports below, but many more are available through the Festival and MonRoi websites, also via Hugh Brodie (<http://hugh.cc.mcgill.ca/chess/canbaseii.htm>) - click on "2006." There are also many photos on the MonRoi site.]

CANADIAN OPEN

This year's open championship attracted a total of 198 individual players, including eight GMs, ten IMs, and a number of strong players from around the world. A new feature this year was the use of sections; this was mainly a necessity determined by the small size of the playing hall in the Walper Terrace Hotel, but this allowed the organizers to schedule the sections at different times of the day, giving players the chance to spectate without being engaged in their own games. Two players, John Vlasov and John Upper, took this idea to its logical extreme by playing in both the Open and U2000 Sections for much of the week, until the sections were held concurrently on the last weekend! Playing conditions were generally excellent, allowing for a high white noise level at the Walper and some narrow tables and lighting issues at the Delta Hotel (three rounds ended up being played there because of weddings at the Walper).

Two of our foreign guests are the Canadian Open champions for this year: GMs Walter Arencibia (Cuba) and Abhijit Kunte (India) tied for first with 7.0/9. Arencibia's compatriot IM Fidel Corrales should have joined them, but instead drew a winning rook endgame in the last round against GM Alexander Moiseenko (Ukraine) and had to settle for a share of third place; the draw also meant he missed a GM norm by half a point. The other prize winners who tied for third were Moiseenko, GMs Evgeny Bareev (Russia) and Hans Joachim Hecht (Germany), and IMs Thomas Roussel-Roozmon, Tomas Krnan, and Leonid Gerzhoy (all now Canada). Bareev, the highest-rated player, had a rough event but came through with a long-range piece sacrifice in the last round to down GM Alexander Huzman (Israel) and finish in the money.

Jack Yoos had the best score by a B.C. player in the Open Section, 5.5, but admitted to being rusty - he drew a number of favourable positions. Other B.C. players were Lucas Davies, Bindi Cheng, Noam Davies, James Chan, Louie Jiang, Richard Huang, and Charlie Ozkan. Lucas' result, diminished by a last-round loss, is impressive when one considers that he played half of the ten IMs in the field and scored 50% against them.

The U2000 Section was won by the intrepid John Upper (one of the simultaneous section players) with 8.0/9, while John Vlasov tied for second with Wayne Coppin, Ken Graham, Mavros Whissell, Alex Ferreira, and Florian Bergeron - they all scored 6.5. B.C.'s Kevin Goodman and Vlad Gaciu finished just out of the prizes with 6.0; Jack Cheng also played. Alexandra Botez was the only B.C. player in the U1600 Section, but had an excellent result in winning the section outright with an undefeated 7.5/9. Henry

Grayson and Hugo Ortiz tied for second. There was one overall unrated prize, which went to Cassius Marsh in the U2000 Section with a score of 6.5.

Apart from the individual prizes there were a couple of composite awards; exact details are lacking, but here is what I remember from the closing ceremony. The family prize went to the best scores by two immediate family members; this was won by Eric and Jonathan Lawson, with Lucas and Noam Davies earning an honourable mention. There was also a team prize, the combined score of four individuals playing in at least two sections. This was won by a team from Mississauga, with the "Pacific Express" (Louie Jiang, Vlad Gaciu, Jack Cheng, and Alexandra Botez) also achieving an honourable mention.

Standings: <http://www.chessfest.ca/coallstandings.html>

Kunte,A - Corrales,F [C78] CAN op Kitchener (4), 18.07.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.d3 Bc5 8.Be3 d6 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.a3 h6 11.h3 Kh8 12.c3 Qd7 13.Qe2 Rae8 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.Qe3 Qd6 16.Bc2 Nh5 17.Nb3 c4 18.dxc4 bxc4 19.Nc5 Bc8 20.Rfd1 Qf6 21.Nd7 Bxd7 22.Rxd7 Rb8 23.Ba4 Ne7 24.Rd2 Nf4 25.Ne1 Nc8 26.Rad1 Nd6 27.Kh2 Rb6 28.g3 Ne6 29.Re2 Ng5 30.h4 Ne6 31.Nf3 Rfb8 32.Rd5 Rxb2 33.Rxe5 Rxe2 34.Qxe2 Rb1 35.Kg2 Qg6 36.Qe3 Rb2 37.Bd7 Rb3 38.Bxe6 fxe6 39.Nd4 Rxa3 40.Rxe6 Qf7 41.Re5 a5 42.Rc5 Ra2 43.Nf5 a4 44.Nxd6 cxd6 45.Ra5 a3 46.Qd4 Kh7 47.Ra7 Qf8 48.h5 Kh8 49.Ra5 Kh7 50.Ra6 Kh8 51.Ra7 Kh7 52.e5 dxe5 53.Qe4+ Kh8 54.Ra8 Rxf2+ 55.Kh3 a2 56.Rxf8+ Rxf8 57.Qh1 e4 58.Qa1 Rf2



59.Qe1 Rf6 60.Qa1 Rf2 61.Qe1 Kg8 62.Qd1 Kh7 63.Qe1 e3 64.Qxe3 a1Q 65.Qxf2 Qxc3 66.Qf5+ Kg8 67.Qe6+ Kf8 68.Qd6+ Kf7 69.Qd7+ Kf6 70.Qd6+ Kf5?? 71.Qg6+ 1-0

Pushkedra,F - Davies,N [B43] CAN op Kitchener (5), 19.07.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Bd3 Nf6 7.0-0 b5 8.Re1 d6 9.Bg5 Be7 10.Qf3 Bb7 11.Qg3 0-0 12.Qh3 g6 13.Qh4 Nbd7 14.Re3 Qb6 15.Nde2 b4 16.Nd1 Rfe8 17.Rh3 Qd8 18.Ng3 h5 19.f4 Nh7 20.Bxe7 Qxe7 21.Nf2 Nc5 22.Rf1 Nxd3 23.cxd3 Rac8 24.f5 Ng5 25.Nxh5 Nxh3+ 26.Qxh3

gxf5 27.Qxh5 exf5 28.exf5 f6 29.Ng4 Qg7 30.h4 Kf8 31.Rf2 Rc1+ 32.Kh2
Ree1 33.Kg3 d5 34.d4 Re4 35.Qg6 Qc7+ 36.Ne5 fxe5 37.Qf6+ Kg8 38.Kh3
Rh1+ 0-1

Davies,L - Lawson,E [C06] CAN op Kitchener (7), 21.07.2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.c3 Nf6 5.e5 Nfd7 6.Bd3 c5 7.Ne2 Nc6 8.f4 cxd4
9.cxd4 h5 10.0-0 g6 11.Nf3 a5 12.a3 Nb6 13.Qc2 Rg8 14.h3 Bd7 15.Bd2
Rc8 16.Qb1 a4 17.b3 axb3 18.Rc1 Ra8 19.Qxb3 Na5 20.Bxa5 Rxa5 21.Rab1
Rxa3 22.Qxb6 Rxd3 23.Qxb7 Ra3 24.Rc7 g5 25.Rbc1 gxf4 26.Kf1 Ra5 27.Rc8
Rb5 28.Rxd8+ Bxd8 29.Qa6 Rb2 30.Qa3 Rxe2 31.Kxe2 Rxc2+ 32.Kf1 Rg3
33.Kf2 Rxh3 34.Qa8 Rg3 35.Rg1 h4 36.Nxh4 Rxc1 37.Kxc1 Ke7 38.Qb8 Ba5
39.Nf3 Bc3 40.Kg2 f5 41.exf6+ Kxf6 42.Qf8+ 1-0

Davies,N - Thavandiran,S [B44] CAN op Kitchener (7), 21.07.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7
8.Bxf6 gxf6 9.Nd2 a6 10.Nc3 f5 11.Bc4 0-0 12.Qh5 Nd4 13.0-0-0 b5 14.Bd5
Rb8 15.Nf3 b4 16.Nxd4 bxc3 17.Nc6 Bg5+ 18.Kb1 Rxb2+ 19.Ka1 Qf6 20.Rd3
Kh8 21.Rxc3 Rb5 22.Rd1 Rc5 23.Rxc5 dxc5 24.Qf3 Bd7 25.Na5 Rd8 26.Nb7
Rc8 27.Bc4 Be6 28.Bxe6 fxe6 29.Rd7 Bh6 30.Nd6 Rf8 31.Qh5 Kg8 32.f3 fxe4
33.Qg4+ Bg7 34.Nxe4 ½-½

Jiang,L - Hansen,E [C11] CAN op Kitchener (7), 21.07.2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Nf3 a6 7.Be3 Nc6 8.Qd2 b5
9.g3 b4 10.Ne2 c4 11.Bh3 Nb6 12.c3 a5 13.0-0 a4 14.a3 bxa3 15.bxa3 Na5
16.Qc2 g6 17.Ng5 Be7 18.Bg4 Nb3 19.Ra2 Bd7 20.h4 Nc8 21.Bh3 Ra6 22.g4
h6 23.f5 gxf5 24.Nxf7 Kxf7 25.gxf5 exf5 26.Bxf5 Kg7 27.Nf4 Rf8 28.Qg2+
Kh8 29.e6 Rxf5 30.Ng6+ Kh7 31.Rxf5 Bxe6 32.Rh5 Bf8 33.Nxf8+ Qxf8
34.Rxh6+ Qxh6 35.Bxh6 Kxh6 36.Qg5+ Kh7 37.Rg2 1-0

Gokhale,C - Davies,L [E64] CAN op Kitchener (8), 22.07.2006

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.g3 d6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 c5 7.d5 Na6 8.Nc3 Nc7
9.a4 b6 10.h3 Rb8 11.e4 Nfe8 12.Re1 a6 13.Bf1 Bd7 14.e5 b5 15.b3 bxc4
16.bxc4 e6 17.Ba3 exd5 18.cxd5 Bf5 19.Rc1 Bh6 20.g4 Bxc1 21.Qxc1 Bc8
22.Qh6 f6 23.e6 Qe7 24.Bc4 a5 25.Nd2 Ba6 26.Ba2 f5 27.g5 Qg7 28.Qxg7+
Kxg7 29.Nc4 Bxc4 30.Bxc4 f4 31.Ne4 Rf5 32.Rd1 f3 33.Kh2 Rf4 34.Re1 Rf5
35.Rd1 Rf4 ½-½

Yoos,J - Kulic,S [C02] CAN op Kitchener (8), 22.07.2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.a3 Nh6 7.Bd3 Bd7 8.Bc2 a5
9.b3 Be7 10.0-0 Nf5 11.Bxf5 exf5 12.Be3 Be6 13.a4 h6 14.dxc5 Bxc5
15.Bxc5 Qxc5 16.Na3 0-0 17.Qd3 Rfd8 18.Rfd1 f4 19.h3 Rac8 20.Nb5 Ne7
21.Nfd4 Bd7 22.Nd6 Rc7 23.Qf3 Ng6 24.Qh5 Be8 25.Re1 Kh7 26.Rac1 Re7

27.N6f5 Rc7 28.Nxg7 Kxg7 29.Nf5+ Kg8 30.Nxh6+ Kf8 31.Nf5 Bd7 32.Qh6+ Ke8 33.Nd6+ 1-0

McKim,F - Cheng,B [D12] CAN op Kitchener (8), 22.07.2006

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 3.e3 Bf5 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Qb3 Qb6 7.c5 Qc7 8.Bd2 Nbd7 9.Rc1 e5 10.Na4 e4 11.Ng1 h5 12.h3 h4 13.Qc3 g5 14.b4 a6 15.Nb2 g4 16.hxg4 Nxg4 17.Ne2 Be7 18.f4 exf3 19.gxf3 Nh2 20.e4 dxe4 21.fxe4 Bxe4 22.Bf4 Nf3+ 23.Kd1 Qd8 24.Bg2 Ng5 25.Bxe4 Nxe4 26.Qe3 Ndf6 27.Be5 Ng4 28.Qf4 Bg5 29.Qf5 Ne3+ 0-1

Corrales,F - Moiseenko,A [B30] CAN op Kitchener (9), 22.07.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Bc4 Be7 5.d3 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.h3 d6 8.Nh2 Be6 9.Ng4 Nxg4 10.hxg4 Bg5 11.Nd5 Rb8 12.a4 Kh8 13.Bxg5 Qxg5 14.Ne3 g6 15.g3 h5 16.f4 exf4 17.gxf4 Qf6 18.Kg2 Bxg4 19.Nxg4 hxg4 20.Qxg4 Kg7 21.c3 Rh8 22.Rh1 a6 23.Raf1 Ne7 24.a5 Rbd8 25.Qg5 Rxh1 26.Rxh1 Qxg5+ 27.fxg5 Rf8 28.b4 cxb4 29.cxb4 d5 30.exd5 Nf5 31.Re1 f6 32.d6 fxg5 33.Bd5 Nxd6 34.Re7+ Kh6 35.Rd7 Nf5 36.Bxb7 Ne3+ 37.Kg3 Rf1 38.Be4 Nf5+ 39.Kh3 Ra1 40.Rb7 Ra2 41.Rb6 Rf2 42.Bxf5 Rxf5 43.Rxa6 Rf3+ 44.Kg2 Rxd3 45.Re6 Rb3 46.Re4 Ra3 47.Re6 Rb3 48.Re2 Rxb4 49.Ra2 g4 50.a6 Rb8 51.Kg3 Kg5 52.Ra5+ Kf6 53.Kxg4 Ra8 54.a7 Ke6 ½-½

Huzman,A - Bareev,E [D15] CAN op Kitchener (9), 22.07.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.c5 Nbd7 6.Bf4 Nh5 7.Bd2 Nhf6 8.Bf4 Nh5 9.Bd2 Nhf6 10.Rc1 g6 11.h3 Qc7 12.g3 Bg7 13.Bf4 Qd8 14.Bg2 Nh5 15.Bd2 e5 16.Nxe5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Bxe5 18.e4 d4 19.Na4



19...Nxg3 20.fxg3 Bxg3+ 21.Kf1 Be6 22.Nb6 Rb8 23.Qf3 Qh4 24.Be1 Bxe1 25.Rxe1 Rd8 26.e5 0-0 27.Qf2 Qe7 28.b4 f6 29.Kg1 a5 30.bxa5 fxe5 31.Qg3 d3 32.Qxe5 d2 33.Rd1 Rf5 34.Qe3 Qxc5 35.Qxc5 Rxc5 36.Rh2 Rc1 37.Bf3 Rd3 38.Be2 Bxa2 39.Kf2 Rd8 40.Rhh1 Rc5 41.Ra1 Rxa5 42.Bc4+ Bxc4 43.Rxa5 Bb3 44.Ra7 d1Q 45.Rxd1 Rxd1 46.Rxb7 Be6 47.h4 Rb1 48.h5 gxh5 49.Re7 Rxb6 50.Rxe6 Rb2+ 51.Kg3 Rc2 52.Kh4 Rc5 53.Re7 Rf5 0-1

Ramenaden,M - Gaciu,V [B07] CAN op U2000 Kitchener (7), 21.07.2006

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.Be3 c6 5.f3 b5 6.Qd2 Qc7 7.Bh6 Bxh6 8.Qxh6 b4 9.Na4 a5 10.Qe3 Nbd7 11.Bc4 Ba6 12.Bxa6 Rxa6 13.f4 d5 14.e5 Ne4

15.Ne2 c5 16.Nxc5 Ndx5 17.dxc5 Rc6 18.0-0 e6 19.a3 bxa3 20.Rxa3 Rxc5
21.Nd4 0-0 22.Rb3 a4 23.Rb4 Rc4 24.Rb5 Qa7 25.c3 Qa6 26.Qd3 a3 27.Ra1
Ra4 28.b3 Ra5 29.c4 Nc5 30.Qc3 Rxb5 31.cxb5 Qb6 32.Rxa3 Ne4 33.Qb2
Rc8 34.Ra1 Rc2 35.Ra8+ Kg7 36.Qxc2 Qxd4+ 37.Kf1 Nd2+ 38.Ke1 Qe3+
39.Kd1 Ne4 40.Qb2 Nf2+ 41.Kc2 Qd3+ 0-1

**Goodman,K - Armstrong,R [A31] CAN op U2000 Kitchener (7),
21.07.2006**

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 Nf6 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4
Nbd7 9.Be3 a6 10.f4 Qc7 11.Nd5 Nxd5 12.cxd5 Nf6 13.Rc1 Qa5 14.Nb3 Qd8
15.Bf3 h5 16.h3 e6 17.dxe6 Bxe6 18.Nd4 Qe7 19.f5 Bd7 20.fxg6 fxg6
21.Qb3+ Kh7 22.Rc7 Qe5 23.Ne2 Bc6 24.Bf4 Qc5+ 25.Kh1 Rad8 26.Rd1 Ne8
27.Rf7 Rxf7 28.Qxf7 Nf6 29.Nd4 Rd7 30.Qb3 Nxe4 31.Ne6 Nf2+ 32.Kg1
Nxb3+ 33.Kh2 Qf5 34.Bxc6 bxc6 35.gxh3 Be5 36.Bxe5 Qxe5+ 37.Kg1 Re7
38.Nd4 Qg5+ 39.Kf1 Re3 40.Qc2 c5 41.Ne2 Qh4 42.Ng1 Qf4+ 43.Qf2 Qc4+
44.Kg2 Qe4+ 45.Kh2 Qe5+ 46.Kh1 Qe4+ 47.Qg2 Qh4 48.Rxd6 Rg3 49.Rd7+
Kh6 50.Qd2+ Rg5 51.Qe2 Qg3 52.Rd1 Re5 53.Qg2 Qh4 54.Nf3 1-0

Perkovic,N - Botez,A [D60] CAN op U1600 Kitchener (9), 22.07.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 0-0 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0
dxc4 9.Bxc4 Nb6 10.Bd3 Nfd5 11.h4 f6 12.Bf4 Nxf4 13.exf4 f5 14.g3 Nd5
15.Kg2 c5 16.Bc4 cxd4 17.Nxd5 exd5 18.Bb3 Kh8 19.Nxd4 Bc5 20.Nf3 d4
21.Ng5 Qc7 22.Rc1 b6 23.Kh2 h6 24.Re1 d3 25.Qh5 Qc6 26.Re7 Qf6
27.Nf7+ Kh7 28.Ng5+ Kh8 29.Rf7 Rxf7 30.Nxf7+ Kh7 31.Re1 Bd7 32.Re5 d2
33.Ng5+ Kh8 34.Rd5 Be8 35.Qe2 hxg5 36.hxg5 Qg6 37.Rxd2 Qh5+ 38.Kg2
Qxe2 39.Rxe2 Bc6+ 40.f3 Re8 41.Re5 Rxe5 42.fxe5 g6 43.e6 Kg7 44.a3 Kf8
45.Ba2 Bb7 46.b4 Bd6 47.Kf2 Ke7 48.f4 Bc8 49.Ke3 Bxe6 50.Bxe6 Kxe6
51.Kd4 a5 52.Kc4 axb4 53.axb4 Bc7 54.b5 Bd6 55.Kd3 Kd5 56.Ke3 Kc4
57.Kf3 Kxb5 58.g4 fxg4+ 59.Kxg4 Kc4 60.f5 gxf5+ 61.Kxf5 Bc5 62.g6 Bd4
63.Ke4 b5 64.g7 Bxg7 65.Ke3 Kc3 0-1

CYCC

The Canadian Youth Chess Championship is both a national championship by gender and age group (U10, U12, U14, U16, and U18 for both boys and girls) and also a qualifying event for the WYCC, this year to be held in Batumi, Georgi in October. The 2006 CYCC attracted about the same number of players as last year's event in Victoria (in the region of 158 if the Canadian Junior is included), but of course the geographic proportion of the participants was quite different, with many more from Central Canada. The thirteen B.C. players who made the trip faced tough opposition, and in the end only four qualified for the WYCC: Lucas Davies (tied for third in U18B), Alexandra Botez (tied for third in U12G), and Jacob Jensen and Janak Awatramani (tied for second in the U8B). The latter is a new age category

which is being used at the WYCC for the first time this year; our qualifiers participated in the U10 category but were awarded separate prizes. The other B.C. players were Kevin Goodman, Vlad Gaciu, Stefan Trandafir, Michael Wee, Jack Cheng, Dylan Parker, Tanraj Sohal, Arik Milner, and Jonah Lee; a fourteenth player was in the vicinity, but a high fever prevented Noam Davies from participating.

Crosstables: http://www.chessfest.ca/cycc_standings.htm

Davies,L - Benoit-Deschamps,J [B76] CYCC U18 playoff Kitchener (1), 13.07.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Be3 g6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Bc4 0-0 9.h4 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Be6 11.Bd3 Qa5 12.h5 Rab8 13.Qd2 Rfc8 14.hxg6 hxg6 15.0-0-0 Bc4 16.Kb1 e6 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.Qc1 Qc7 19.a3 Qa5 20.g4 b5 21.e5 dxe5 22.Bxe5 Rbc8 23.Ne4 Rxc2 24.Nxf6+ Bxf6 25.Bxf6 Rxc1+ 26.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 27.Kxc1 1-0

Zhang,Y - Botez,A [C13] CYCC U12G playoff Kitchener (2), 12.07.2006

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Nxf6+ Bxf6 7.Bxf6 Qxf6 8.Nf3 0-0 9.Qd2 b6 10.0-0-0 Bb7 11.Be2 Nc6 12.Rhe1 Rfd8 13.c3 Ne7 14.Qe3 Nd5 15.Qe5 Qf4+ 16.Qxf4 Nxf4 17.Bf1 Bxf3 18.gxf3 Rd6 19.Re4 Ng6 20.Bc4 Rad8 21.b4 c5 22.bxc5 bxc5 23.Bb3 cxd4 24.Rexd4 Rxd4 25.Rxd4 Rxd4 26.cxd4 Nh4 27.Bd1 Nf5 28.Kd2 Nxd4 29.Kd3 Nf5 30.Kc4 Kf8 31.Kc5 Ne7 32.Kb5 Ke8 33.Ka6 Nc8 34.Kb7 Kd8 35.Bc2 g6 36.f4 h5 37.f3 h4 38.h3 Kd7 39.Ba4+ Kd8 40.Bc6 a5 41.Ka6 Kc7 42.Bb5 Nd6 43.Kxa5 Nf5 44.Bd3 Nd4 45.a4 Kb7 46.Kb4 Ka7 47.Bb5 Nxf3 48.Be8 Ng1 49.Bxf7 Nxh3 50.Bxe6 Nxf4 51.Kc5 h3 52.Bxh3 Nxh3 53.Kd4 g5 54.Ke3 g4 55.Ke2 Ka6 56.Kf1 Nf4 57.Kf2 Ng6 58.Kg3 Ne5 59.Kf4 Ka5 60.Kg3 Kxa4 61.Kg2 Kb4 62.Kg3 Kc4 63.Kg2 Kd3 64.Kg3 Ke3 65.Kg2 Kf4 66.Kg1 g3 67.Kg2 Kg4 68.Kg1 Nf7 69.Kg2 Ng5 70.Kg1 Kh3 71.Kh1 g2+ 72.Kg1 Nf3+ 0-1

CANADIAN JUNIOR

Also part of the Kitchener Chess Festival was this year's Canadian Junior championship. Unfortunately for the CFC and junior chess in general the championship has become something of a white elephant in recent years. For most of its history the tournament was a prestigious round robin involving the top junior players from across the country, but six years ago the format was changed to a Swiss-system event. Participation peaked in 2001 with forty players, but since then there has been a steady decline both in the number and quality of players (there was no one above 2200 in this year's event). Technically an under-20 championship, lately most of Canada's strongest juniors have been in their mid teens, and prefer seeking IM and GM norms elsewhere rather than playing in the Junior.

The prestige of the event has plummeted (transferred to the CYCC), and with it the number of bids to run the tournament. Traditionally held just after Christmas, last year the Junior was hastily organized in Brandford at the end of April and attracted just twelve players. This year there were apparently no bids, so the event was appended as an under-20 section and held concurrently with the CYCC. This was not ideal, as players faced the difficult decision of whether to play in the Junior or their own CYCC age group, but at least the tournament was held. The format consisted of a four-round Swiss held immediately before the CYCC, the top finishers of which qualified for the eight-player round robin final.

So much for the background - our new Canadian Junior Champion is Bindi Cheng of Burnaby! The qualifier attracted sixteen entrants, including Bindi and Richard Huang from B.C.; as the top-ranked player in the event Bindi advanced as expected, but Richard also qualified for the final ahead of a number of higher-rated players. He went on to play a decisive role in the round robin: Bindi and Liam Henry were the top two seeds and drew their individual game, so it was a matter of whether they could each beat the rest of the field to stay tied. Richard provided Bindi with his margin of victory by drawing with Liam in round two, although Bindi was fortunate to beat Nikita Kraiouchkine in round six. Bindi finished with 6.5/7, Liam with 6.0, and Richard took clear third with 4.0. Congratulations to both our representatives; Bindi becomes the third B.C. player to win the Canadian Junior (after Andrew Ho and Nigel Fullbrook), and now qualifies for the World Junior, this year in Yerevan, Armenia in October.

Qualifier crosstable: <http://www.chessfest.ca/juniorstandings.html>

Final crosstable: http://www.chessfest.ca/junior_standings.htm

Jonathan Berry's excellent Canadian Junior summary:
<http://members.shaw.ca/berry5868/jun.htm#canjun>

Huang,R - Kraiouchkine,N [D02] CAN jun Kitchener (3), 11.07.2006

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.d4 e6 5.c4 Nbd7 6.b3 Ne4 7.0-0 Be7 8.Bb2 f5 9.Nc3 Ndf6 10.Ne5 Bh5 11.f3 Nxc3 12.Bxc3 0-0 13.Kh1 Nd7 14.f4 Nxe5 15.fxe5 c6 16.Bf3 Bxf3+ 17.exf3 g5 18.Qd3 Qe8 19.f4 g4 20.c5 Rf7 21.b4 Rg7 22.a4 Rg6 23.Rfb1 Rh6 24.Qe2 Rh3 25.Be1 a6 26.b5 axb5 27.axb5 Rxa1 28.Rxa1 cxb5 29.Ra5 h5 30.Qxb5 Qg6 31.Qxb7 Bf8 32.Ra8 h4 33.Qb8 Qh6 34.Kg1 hxg3 35.Bxg3 Qg7 36.c6 Kh7 37.c7 1-0

Cheng,B - Kraiouchkine,N [C28] CAN jun Kitchener (6), 12.07.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.d3 Bb4 5.Bg5 d6 6.Nge2 Nd4 7.0-0 Bg4 8.f3 Nxe2+ 9.Nxe2 Be6 10.Bxe6 fxe6 11.c3 Bc5+ 12.Kh1 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.f4 0-0 15.Rf3 Qg6 16.Qb3 Kh7 17.Raf1 Bb6 18.Qc2 Rf6 19.d4 Raf8 20.dxe5

dxe5 21.f5 exf5 22.exf5 Qf7 23.b3 Kh8 24.Ng3 Rd6 25.Ne4 Rd5 26.Qc1 Rfd8
 27.f6 Rd3 28.fxcg7+ Qxcg7 29.h3 Rg8 30.Qc2 Re3 31.Ng3 Qg5 32.Rxe3 Qxe3
 33.Nf5 Qg5 34.Qe4 Qf6 35.Ne3 Qg7 36.Ng4 c6 37.Rf6 Qg5 38.Rxh6+ Kg7
 39.Rh7+ Kf8 40.Qf3+ Qf4 41.Nxe5 Qxf3 42.Nxf3 Rg7 43.Rxcg7 Kxcg7 44.g4
 Kf6 45.Kg2 Bc7 46.c4 Bf4 47.Kf2 Ke6 48.Ke2 Kd6 49.Kd3 Kc5 50.a4 b5
 51.axb5 cxb5 52.cxb5 Kxb5 53.g5 Kc5 54.h4 Kd6 55.Ke4 Bc1 56.Kf5 Ke7
 57.Ne5 Kf8 58.h5 a5 59.Nc6 Bd2 60.Kg6 Kg8 61.Ne7+ Kh8 62.Kf7 Bxc5
 63.Nc6 Kh7 64.Nxa5 Kh6 65.Nc4 Kxh5 66.b4 Bh4 67.Ke6 Bf2 68.Ne5 Kg5
 69.Nd3 Be3 70.Nc5 Kg6 71.Kd6 Kf7 72.b5 Ke8 73.b6 Kd8 74.Kc6 Bg1 75.b7
 Bh2 76.Ne6+ 1-0

QUEBEC OPEN

Before playing in the Canadian Open Louie Jiang participated in several other "Eastern" tournaments. Louie had indifferent results in the Canada Day Open and York Region Open U2000 (both in the Toronto area), but did better in the Quebec Open; he scored 4.5/8, good enough for a tie for thirteenth in the forty-seven player Open Section. GM Alexander Moiseenko won the event with 7.0/8 ahead of GM Abhijit Kunte and WGM Swathi Ghatge - all these players subsequently took part in the Canadian Open.

Crosstable: <http://fgechecs.qc.ca/index.php?typ=actu&categorie=1&id=1461>

Jiang,L - Tessier,O [C10] QC op Montreal (1), 07.07.2006

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 e6 4.d4 d5 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bg5 c4 7.g3 Bb4 8.Bg2 0-0
 9.0-0 Bxc3 10.bxc3 Bg4 11.Qd2 Nbd7 12.Ne5 Be6 13.f4 h6 14.Bh4 Bf5
 15.Bxd5 Nxe5 16.fxe5 Qxd5 17.exf6 Rae8 18.fxcg7 Kxcg7



19.Bg5 Re6 20.Bxh6+ Rxh6 21.Qg5+ Rg6 22.Qxf5 Qd6 23.Rf4 f6 24.Re1 Rf7
 25.Rg4 Rxc4 26.Qxc4+ Kf8 27.Qh5 1-0

WORLD OPEN

As noted in the last Bulletin, three B.C. players took part in this year's World Open in Philadelphia.

Bindi Cheng ended up with 3.0/9 in the tough Open Section, whereas Lucas and Noam Davies chose the somewhat easier U2200 Section and received modest (in the hundreds of dollars rather than thousands) financial prizes for their final scores of 6.5 and 6.0 respectively.

UPCOMING EVENTS

2006 MACSKASY MEMORIAL

This tournament is tentatively scheduled for the weekend of August 25-27 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Watch for details shortly on the BCCF website!

VICTORIA CHESS CLUB SUMMER PICKUP TOURNAMENT

A CFC rated pickup tournament will be running at the VCC all summer. Show up any week by 6:30 to get paired for a game starting at 6:45.

Entry Fee: \$13 (\$10 discount to CFC members) for the whole tournament plus weekly club dues (\$2 members, \$4 non members).

Time Control: Game/90 with 30 second increment.

Victoria Chess Club 1726 Douglas Street: Monday nights (except statutory holidays)

UBC TUESDAY NIGHT SWISS

Date: Tuesdays

Location: Room 214, Henry Angus Building, UBC

Format: 5-round Swiss

Time control: 2 hours sudden death

Time: 6:30 pm sharp

Entry fees: \$20 for adults, \$15 for juniors and UBC club members

TD info.: Aaron Cosenza, 604 327-4714, xramis1@yahoo.ca

ROD PLANAS MEMORIAL

When: Sat August 12 and Sun August 13, 2006

Site: Best Western Inn, 2402 Hwy. 97 North, Kelowna, BC (Boardroom) 1-888-860-1212

Type: 5-round Swiss

Fee: \$30, \$25 sen., \$20 junior. (must be CFC member or pay \$15 extra).

Time: 30 moves / 90 minutes; sudden death / 60 minutes

Start Times: 9:30am, 2pm, 7pm; 10am, ASAP: Registration 9:00 - 9:30, Sat. August 12

Prize Fund: based on entries

TD: Grant Rice

Org. Grant Rice 250.979.0009. ridebike@okanagan.net

N.B. If you are interested in travel and accommodation sharing for this event, please contact Grant

1ST LABOUR DAY LANGLEY CLUB OPEN

When: September 2-4, 2006

Location: Brookwood Senior Centre, 19899 -36 Ave, Langley, BC

Sections: Open.

Time Control: 30/90, SD/60.

Rounds: 6 Rounds

Round Times: Saturday: 10:30, 4:30 / Sunday: 10, 4 / Monday: 9, 3 or ASAP.

Prizes: Based on entries.

Entry Fee: Before or on August 21, 2006: \$30, after August 21, 2006 or on site: \$40

Registration: Please mail cheques (payable to The Langley Chess Club, c/o Hugh Long) to:

23810 - 52 Ave., Langley, B.C. V2Z 2P3.

On-site: Saturday, September 2, 9:45 to 10:15 pm

Miscellaneous: CFC rated, half-point byes may be requested for all but the last round; sets and boards provided, please bring clocks.

Contact: Hugh Long, hughraine@telus.net, (604) 530-4693