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Stephen Wright

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2006 B.C. CORRESPONDENCE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

This double round robin tournament began last January, and after eight months of play many of the games are now over. Currently Mike Bristol has a slim lead, but with eight games remaining first place is very much up for grabs:

| | 11 | 22 | 33 | 44 | 55 | 66 | |
|--------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|--------|
| 1 Bristol, Mike | ** | = | | 1 | 11 | 11 | 5.5/6 |
| 2 Sladek, Vaclav | = | ** | | = | 11 | 11 | 5.0/6 |
| 3 Azmitia Pardo, Eduardo | | | ** | == | 11 | 11 | 5.0/6 |
| 4 Schwarz, Heiner | 0 | = | == | ** | 1 | 11 | 4.5/7 |
| 5 Smith, Sid | 00 | 00 | 00 | 0 | ** | 11 | 2.0/9 |
| 6 Johal, Amarjot | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ** | 0.0/10 |

The event is being conducted on the ICCF's web server: all moves are transmitted via the internet, with a time control of 10 moves in 50 days. The website is www.iccf-webchess.com; to find this event, click on the link Tables and Results -> National Federation Events -> Canada Events. All the games are available in PGN format, with the proviso that the last three moves are omitted for games still in progress.

Sladek,V - Bristol,M [D31] 2006 BC CC ch ICCF, 15.01.2006

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Nf3 dxc4 5.a4 Bb4 6.e3 b5 7.Bd2 a5 8.axb5 Bxc3
9.Bxc3 cxb5 10.b3 Bb7 11.bxc4 b4 12.Bb2 Nf6 13.Bd3 Nbd7 14.0-0 0-0 15.Re1
Re8 16.c5 Qc7 17.e4 h6 18.Nd2 e5 19.Nc4 exd4 20.Nd6 Nxc5 21.Nxe8 Rxe8
22.Bxd4 Nxd3 23.Qxd3 Rxe4 24.Rxe4 Nxe4 25.f3 Nd6 26.Bf2 Nc4 27.Re1 Ne5
28.Qe3 f6 29.Bg3 a4 30.Qd4 Bxf3 31.Bxe5 fxe5 ½-½

Schwarz,H - Azmitia Pardo,E [C42] 2006 BC CC ch ICCF, 15.01.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nxf7 Kxf7 5.d4 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5+ 7.Nc3 Qxc5
8.Be3 Qc7 9.Be2 Be6 10.f4 Nbd7 11.0-0 Kg8 12.Re1 a6 13.Bf3 Rd8 14.Qd2 d5
15.e5 Ne4 16.Bxe4 dxe4 17.Rad1 Qc6 18.Ne2 Bc5 19.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 20.Kh1 Rf8
21.Nc3 e3 22.Qd6 Qxd6 ½-½

Azmitia Pardo,E - Schwarz,H [D43] 2006 BC CC ch ICCF, 15.01.2006

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 dxc4
9.Bxc4 g6 10.0-0 Bg7 11.e4 0-0 12.e5 Qe7 13.Re1 Rd8 14.Rc1 b5 15.Bd3 Bb7
16.Ne4 c5 17.Nxc5 Nxc5 18.dxc5 Qc7 19.b4 Bc6 20.Qe2 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Bxe5
22.h4 a5 23.h5 gxh5 24.a3 Bg7 25.Rb1 axb4 26.axb4 Qb8 27.Red1 Ra2
28.Bxb5 Bd4 29.Be2 Rd5 30.Kh1 ½-½

Entries are now being accepted for the 2007 edition of this event - to register,
contact Vas Sladek:

2007 BC Correspondence Chess Championship CCCA + ICCF rated

Start: January, 15, 2007

Type: round robin

Mode: all games are played on the **ICCF webserver** (no e-mails, no postcards!)

EF: \$25

Prizes: 1st software prize from **chessfirst.com**

Registration: Vas Sladek, vas@chessfirst.com, 604-562-3736

Notes: BC residents ONLY and CCCA membership required \$30/year

REVIEW: CHESSTHEATRE 1.0 by Jay Zhao

Have you ever thought of putting your games on the Internet to share with your fellow players or public, or, you are a chess event organizer who wants to have the games of your just finished tournament on the Internet for people to watch? A newly released free program called "ChessTheatre" by DGT Projects can make the task easy and enjoyable.

DGT is a manufacturer whose products include digital chess clocks, electronic chess boards, and TOMA, the tournament broadcasting software. You may have watched some of the live games on the Internet made possible by DGT. On the DGT Project's web site (<http://www.dgtprojects.com/chesstheatre.htm>) it states the following: "ChessTheatre is a free program to view and publish PGN chess databases. You can use it to view your chess games on your own PC, but also share them with others on the internet by using the integrated publishing function."

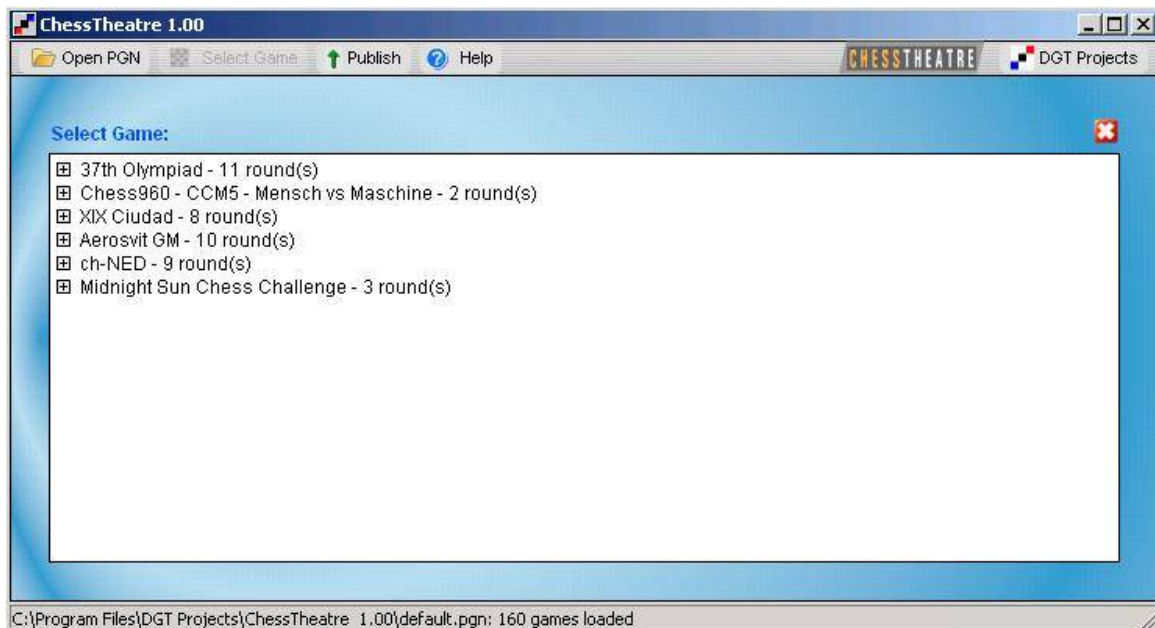
1. Installation

The program only works on PCs running Windows, from Windows 98 to XP. The graphical interface is made in Macromedia (now Adobe) Flash, so the latest flash player is needed. According to the company's web site: "When executing ChessTheatre for the first time, the required Flash ActiveX component (Flash8.ocx) is installed automatically on your system. If this procedure somehow fails, please make sure you have administrator rights during the setup procedure or install the latest Flash player."

When you click on the "download" link on their web page, an executable file about 2 MB will be downloaded and installation starts. After you agree to the license term and click on "Next," then "Finish," ChessTheatre opens up with a preloaded PGN database (see screen shot below) .

2. Viewing PGN file on your PC

After installation you may notice that all PGN files on your PC are automatically associated with ChessTheatre, which became your default chess viewing program. You can adjust the size of the view windows, and also make it full screen. If you click on any PGN file stored in your PC, ChessTheatre will open a database view, showing the name of the tournament(s).

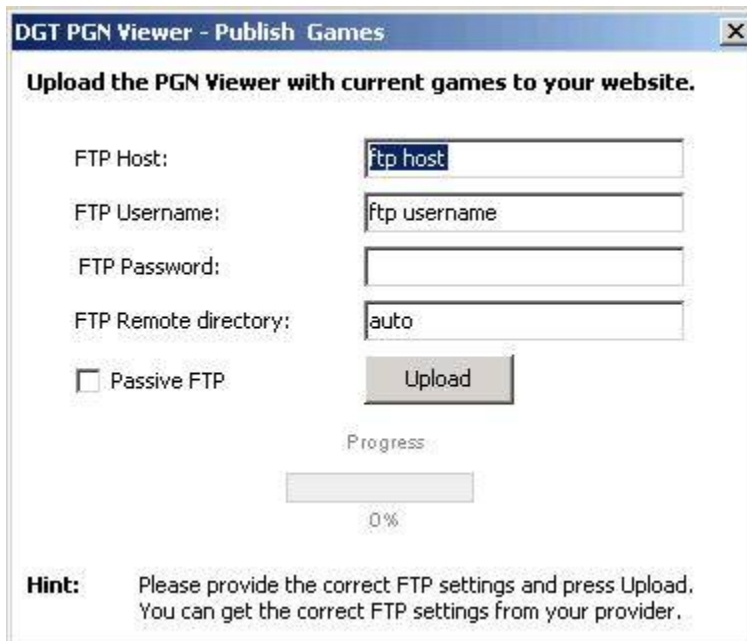


Notice on the bottom of the program interface it says "160 games loaded." If you click on one of the games, a viewer window opens, showing the end of the game with the last move highlighted:



3. Publish games on the Internet

There are many free chess programs which can view PGN databases on your PC. For example, Winboard (<http://tim-mann.org/xboard.html>) would be one of those programs. However, publishing games on the Internet usually requires more work (see below). ChessTheatre really shines when publishing PGN games on the Internet. After clicking on "Publish" on the menu, the following dialogue box opens up:



All you need is to fill in the FTP information required to upload you games onto a web server. Depending on the size of the database and the speed of the network connection to the web site, it may take a few minutes or more to have PGN file converted into a html file and uploaded. At the end of the process, the published html file name or the URL will be shown. You can send this link via e-mail or post it on your web site so people can start viewing the games.

4. Comparison to another online PGN viewer

I have been putting games on the Internet using "LT-PGN-VIEWER" (now version 3.4, <http://www.lutanho.net/pgn/pgnviewer.html>), a free java_script PGN viewer. It has a lot more options when converting PGN to html files, e.g., flipping the board and you can search a player's game by name. This is particularly useful when you are dealing with hundreds of games. Games of the BC-Washington Intermat 2005, created in "LT-PGN-VIEWER", can be found here: http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/bc_games/bc-wa2005.html However, I have to install some files onto the web server first to make the online viewing possible. In this respect, ChessTheatre is much easier to publish on the Internet, as nothing is required for the user to install on the web server.

To further test ChessTheatre, I combined all the BC games compiled by Stephen Wright into one big PGN file, more than 10 MB in size. ChessTheatre handled this huge database with ease, and now all 14,600 BC games are online here: http://www.bjdy.com/all_games/ . For databases of this size, a search function would certainly help.

In conclusion, ChessTheatre 1.0 is an easy to use free PGN viewing program which makes publishing games on the Internet a breeze. Although it lacks other features such as search function and board flipping (board flipping may be added for later version according to DGT Projects), its ease of use certainly makes publishing games online simple. If you have always wanted to put games on the Internet but don't know how, this is the tool for you.

Acknowledgement: Donovan Zhao's help (comments and suggestions) during the review process is gratefully acknowledged.

Jay Zhao, Webmaster of juniorchess.ca (<http://juniorchess.ca>)

JOHN EWING

The 2006 BC Championship will take place on the Thanksgiving Day weekend in just over two weeks; with this in mind, here is a reminder of the first BC Champion, John Ewing:



Principal of Queen Mary School, North Vancouver, 1922

Ewing, John Morton (June 24, 1889 - February 28, 1952)

Born in Nazareth, Palestine (his father was a missionary), of Scottish ancestry. Received his initial education at Edinburgh University. Emigrated to Canada in 1910. Graduated from Queen's University (B.A. 1926) and University of Toronto (B.Paed. 1928, D.Paed. 1931). Employed as a public school teacher in B.C. (1911-1929), instructor in educational psychology at Vancouver Normal School (1929-1944), and

principal and professor of philosophy and psychology at Victoria College (now University of Victoria) (1944-1952). Author of *Reflections of a Dominie* (1931) and *Understanding Yourself and Your Society* (1947), coauthor with D.L. McLaurin of *Social and Educational Psychology* (1937); also wrote many essays and poems.

Ewing was taught chess at an early age, 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." He won the inaugural B.C. championship in 1916, subsequently retaining the title for the years 1919-1923. On entering the 1923 competition Ewing made an announcement "that he would do so for the last time, desiring to make his chess activities for the future a source of real pleasurable pastime rather than a serious and arduous task." In recognition of his sequence of wins the B.C. championship trophy, the Bowser shield, was given to Ewing permanently; he responded by donating a new trophy, the Ewing cup, for the competition. During this time Ewing was also active in team events, playing for North Vancouver, and also played first board for Vancouver in the Vancouver - Winnipeg telegraph match of 1924. In August 1924 Ewing was the first ever B.C. participant in a Dominion (Canadian) championship, in Hamilton, ON; he finished with a respectable 8/15. He seems to have retired from competitive play thereafter, but reappeared in the mid-1930s, winning the B.C. championship for a record seventh time in 1936. Ewing also produced and edited a chess magazine (the *British Columbia Chess Magazine*, subsequently the *Canadian Chess Magazine*) during the years 1918-1920, but like so many early magazines there simply was not a large enough subscription base for it to survive.

Ewing,J - Barker,W [A83] BC ch Victoria, 1920

1.d4 f5 2.e4 fxe4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 e6 5.Nxe4 Be7 6.Bxf6 Bxf6 7.c3 0-0 8.Nf3 d6 9.Qc2 Qe7 10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0-0 g6 12.h4 Bg7 13.h5 Bh6+ 14.Kb1 g5 15.Rh3 Rf7 16.Nexg5 Rg7 17.Bxh7+ Rxh7 18.Nxh7 Qxh7 19.Qxh7+ Kxh7 20.g4 e5 21.g5 Nf8 22.Rg3 Bg7 23.h6 Bh8 24.dxe5 Bf5+ 25.Kc1 dxe5 26.Nh4 Bg6 27.Re1 Re8 28.Rge3 Bf7 29.f4 Ng6 30.Nxg6 Kxg6 31.fxe5 Kxg5 32.e6 Bg6 33.e7 Kxh6 34.Re6 Kg7 35.Rg1 Kf7 36.Rgxc6 Bg7 37.Kd2 Be5 38.Kd3 Bd6 39.Ke4 Rxe7 40.Rxe7+ Kxe7

41.Kd5 c6+ 42.Ke4 Kd7 43.Rg7+ Be7 44.Ke5 a5 45.b3 b6 46.c4 b5 47.cxb5 and White won 1-0

Morrison,J - Ewing,J [B01] CAN ch Hamilton (4), 19.08.1924

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 c6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 h6 11.Bf4 Nbd7 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nb6 14.Ne2 c5 15.Ne5 Nbd5 16.Bd2 Nd7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Nc3 Rad8 21.Qg3 Nxc3 22.Bxc3 Qg5 23.Qxg5 hxg5 24.Kf1 Be7 25.Bd4 b6 26.Be5 Bf6 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.c3 Rfe8 29.Ke2 Kf8 30.Ke3 e5 31.Ke4 Ke7 32.Kf5 Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Rc8 34.Rd3 Rc4 35.g3 Rc6 36.b3 Re6 37.Ke4 Rc6 38.Kf5 Re6 39.Ke4 Rc6 40.g4 Ke6 41.c4 Rc8 42.Rc3 Rd8 43.c5 bxc5 44.Rxc5 Rd2 45.Rc6+ Ke7 46.Rc7+ Ke6 47.Rxa7 Rxf2 48.Ra6+ Ke7 49.Ra7+ Ke6 50.Ra6+ Ke7 51.Ra7+ Ke6 ½-½

Wilson,S - Ewing,J [B01] CAN ch Hamilton (6), 20.08.1924

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.Nf3 c6 5.b3 Nf6 6.Bb2 Bf5 7.Be2 e6 8.0-0 Bd6 9.Nh4 Bg6 10.h3 Nbd7 11.Rc1 Nd5 12.Nxd5 Qxh4 13.Ne3 0-0 14.d4 Nf6 15.Bf3 Nd5 16.Nxd5 exd5 17.c4 dxc4 18.bxc4 Be4 19.Bxe4 Qxe4 20.Re1 Qf4 21.g3 Qf5 22.Kg2 Rfe8 23.Qb3 b6 24.Re3 Rxe3 25.Qxe3 Qe6 26.Qf3 Rc8 27.d5 Qd7 28.dxc6 Qxc6 29.Qd5 Qxd5+ 30.cxd5 Rxc1 31.Bxc1 f5 32.Kf3 Kf7 33.Ke2 Ke7 34.Kd3 Bc5 35.Be3 Kd6 36.Kc4 Bxe3 37.fxe3 Ke5 38.a4 a6 39.a5 bxa5 40.Kc5 a4 41.d6 Ke6 42.Kc6 a3 43.d7 a2 44.d8Q a1Q 45.Qd5+ Ke7 46.Qd7+ Kf8 47.Qd6+ Kf7 48.Qd7+ Kg6 49.Qe8+ Kh6 50.Qe6+ g6 51.Kb6 Qa4 52.Qe5 a5 53.Qxa5 Qxa5+ 54.Kxa5 Kg5 55.Kb4 h5 56.Kc3 h4 57.gxh4+ Kxh4 58.Kd3 Kxh3 59.Ke2 Kg2 0-1

Ewing,J - Narraway,J [D00] CAN ch Hamilton (8), 21.08.1924

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nd2 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.f4 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Ngf3 Bd7 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Ndf3 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bc6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Qe2 g6 14.f5 gxf5 15.Bxf5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Bf4 0-0-0 18.Bh3 Rdg8 19.Bg3 Nc5 20.Qf2 Bb5 21.Rfd1 Kb8 22.Qe3 Ne4 23.Bf4 Ka8 24.a4 Bc4 25.g3 Qe7 26.Bg2 Nc5 27.b4 Nd7 28.Qd4 Nb8 29.b5 Rc8 30.Be3 b6 31.Rdb1 Rc5 32.Qd2 Rc7 33.a5 Kb7 34.axb6 axb6 35.Qc2 Nd7 36.Qa4 Nc5 37.Qa7+ 1-0

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Events

Sept 30 Vancouver Junior Open (details tba)

Oct 15 Island Junior Open #2

Nov 19 Island Junior Open #3

Dec 10 Greater Victoria City Championship

Victoria CC September Active

Date: last rounds September 25

Location: Victoria Chess Club
Type: active, 25 + 5

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss

Date: Tuesdays
Location: Room 211, Student Union 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

Victoria CC October Blitz

Date: October 2
Location: Victoria Chess Club
Type: 5-minute blitz

BC Open

Date: 7-8 October
Location: Kamloops
Type: 6-round Swiss

Hinata S. RR

Date: begins October 4
Location: North Vancouver Chess Club
Details: www.chessfirst.com

Silver Star Classic

Date: 11-13 November
Location: Vernon
Type: 6-round Swiss