

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN # 11

BCIT JUNIOR OPEN

The 9th Annual BCIT Junior Scholastic tournament took place on January 26th and attracted 133 players, including a large contingent from Washington State. There were 25 trophies up for grabs, one for each grade (including Kindergarten) and three to the top-place finishers in each of the four sections. When the dust had settled the trophy distribution was as follows:

Kindergarten - grade 2

- 1st Alexandra Botez
- 2nd Narek Bobloyan
- 3rd Farley Cannon

Grades 3 - 4

- 1st Thomas Witecki
- 2nd Sean Debroni
- 3rd Christopher Yoon

Grades 5 - 6

- 1st Noam Davies
- 2nd Danny Yu
- 3rd Bryan Young

Grades 7 - 12

- 1st Lawrence Bau
- 2nd Gavin Atkinson
- 3rd Lucas Davies

Grade trophies

- K Thiruvaran Alex Sabaratnam
- 1 Mikayla Chang
- 2 Mark Ragasa
- 3 Joel Gaudet
- 4 Thomas Chow
- 5 Kyle King
- 6 Stefan Trandafir
- 7 Tiffany Tang
- 8 Lane van Weerdhuizen
- 9 Andrey Kostin
- 10 Jason Lee
- 11 Kevin Au
- 12 Andrew Cheng

B.C. INTERSCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP by Bruce Harper

This year's B.C. Interschool Team Championship is being held in two stages. On February 1, 2003, an elementary school event was held at West Point Grey Academy, which generously donated its senior school facilities for the event. Twenty-two teams and about one hundred players attended.

No appreciation of gratitude to West Point Grey Academy can do it justice. As every chess organizer knows, any successful event begins with a good idea and a quality facility. The latter is arguably more important.

In addition to an accessible, well-lit and convenient playing hall in the senior school cafeteria, West Point Grey Academy provided analysis rooms, coffee and even lunch for the players, coaches and parents at no cost. Fiona MacFarlane, who teaches at the senior school, greatly assisted the organizers and was at the school both the evening before the event and throughout the tournament.

West Point Grey Academy has already offered to host the event in 2004.

As for the tournament itself, six teams qualified for the finals. Last year's winner, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, convincingly held onto their favourite status, coming first with 16 points of a possible 20. Four teams tied for second with 13 points: Miller Park, Queen Mary A, Vancouver Christian and Chartwell. Next was Westcot, with 12.5, then St. George's A and York House A, both with 12.0.

Unfortunately, it turned out that Miller Park included an ineligible player, so they were disqualified. As St. George's A beat York House A in their individual match, the finalists are:

Our Lady of Perpetual Help A

Queen Mary A

Vancouver Christian

Chartwell

Westcot

St. George Ç s A

These six schools will play a round-robin at St. George Ç s Senior School on February 22, 2003. The Secondary School championship, open to all secondary schools, will be held concurrently.

RAISING THE ROOF ACTIVE by Vaclav Sladek

North Vancouver, BC - February 1/2003

Organizer and TD Vaclav Sladek managed to lure Robert Wilkins and George Kosinski out of long retirements and then proceeded to win the event with 4/5. Eduardo Moura and George Kosinski tied for 2nd and 3rd with 3.5/5.

All players received free toques from Raising the Roof, a national project raising money for the homeless through the sale of toques every February. See raisingtheroof.org for more.

THIRTY YEARS AGO . . . by Bruce Harper

30 years ago, my column in the Vancouver Province had the title "Chess Fads change like women's fashions..." I don't think this can be characterized as sexist (the editor wrote the headlines, incidentally), since fads in women's fashions are still with us - perhaps the biggest change being that a lot more women ignore them. But I digress.

One of the featured games, from the Louis Riel Open - which attracted 60 players - was between Chris Jones and Peter Danenhower. Black chose the Modern Benoni Defence, which at that time was enjoying an upsurge in popularity after Fischer surprised Spassky with it in their 1972 match, and Jones selected the aggressive Taimanov System:

Jones-Danenhower, Vancouver, 1973:

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+

As I understand it, this move is currently considered to be almost a refutation of the Modern Benoni. It is interesting that 30 years ago Jones selected this line.

8...Bd7?

8...Nfd7 is necessary. Now Jones does not have an opportunity to show whether he would have discovered the Kasparov finesses which seem to have put the Modern Benoni out of business - at the moment.

9.e5! dxe5 10.dxe5 Nh5 11.Nf3 0-0 12.0-0 a6 13.Bxd7 Qxd7 14.Ne4 Re8 15.Nd6 Rxe5

This exchange sacrifice may be Black's best chance, but unfortunately for him, his problems continue.

16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Nxf7 Bd4+ 18.Kh1 Nf6 19.Nh6+ Kg7 20.Qf3

20.Qe2 was even better.

21...Qd6 21.g4!?

A dangerous attacking idea - for both sides. By dislodging Black's knight from f6, White opens the door for his heavy pieces, but he also exposes his own king.

21...Nbd7 22.g5 Nxd5 23.Qf7+ Kh8 24.Bd2 b5?!

Black should boldly capture on b2.

25.Rae1Ne5 26.Rxe5! Bxe5

Black can't recapture with his queen, because of 27.Qf8+! Rxf8 28.Rxf8+ Kg7 29.Rg8 mate. White's king therefore remains safe while White's pieces rampage through Black's position.

27.Qb7

Threatening almost everything.

27...Rf8 28.Rf7?

After 28.Nf7+ Rxf7 29.Rxf7 Kg8 30.Rd7, Black can resign.

28...Nc7

Black defends ingeniously, cutting off White's queen from his rook...

29.Qf3!

...but only for one move. Now White threatens 30.Rxf8+

29...Ne6?

Much better was 29...Re8!, forcing White to find a few tricky moves: 30.Rf5!
gxf5 31.Nf7+ Kg8 32.Nxd6 Bxd6 33.Qc6!

30.Rxf8+ 1:0

Black resigned, as the knight fork on f7 will cost him his bishop on e5.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The 2003 Keres is now being advertised, so reserve your place early and get a discount!
Also, for those interested in the next UBC Tuesday Night Swiss, please note the change
of location for the first round.

Upcoming junior events:

February 9 Island Junior Open #5

February 16 Vancouver Grand Prix #5

February 22 Secondary Team Championship

February 22 Island Junior Open SPECIAL EVENT #3 March 1 Fraser Valley Elementary

Regional Chess Challenge March 9 Victoria Regional Chess Challenge March 16

Vancouver Grand Prix #6 March 30 Vancouver Regional Chess Challenge

For details visit British Columbia Chess Federation or Greater Victoria Junior Chess

Kelowna Winter Fest

Dates: Feb. 8 & 9, 2003

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

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss - February - March 2003

Dates: February 11th, February 18th, February 25th, March 4th, March 11th

Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 212 SPECIAL NOTICE: For February 11th ONLY we will be in Henry Angus 214, all other nights in SUB 212
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 by requests!) Please bring sets, clocks, etc.

Deviant Leisure Invitational

Date: February 21-23, 2003
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC
Rds: 5
Type: regular 6-player RR
Times: 6:30/10, 3/10, ASAP
TC: FIDE 90+30
EF: \$30
Prizes: 1st \$130 plus ChessBase magazine CD
Reg: interested players e-mail chessfm@shaw.ca TD & Org: Vas Sladek, 604-982-0611
Misc: no smoking, CFC membership required
Sponsors: Polaris Water Company www.polariswater.com and Chess First!
Enterprises www.northshorechess.com

March Saturday Chess Fever

Date: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Location: at the Bridge Center 2776 East Broadway, Vancouver
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss, 2 sections Open and Under 1700
Time: Games start at 1:00p.m.
Time Control: 30/90 G/60
Entry Fee: \$25, \$20 for Juniors and Masters
Prizes: \$\$ BEN
Org: James Kerry 604-438-7666 and Luc Poitras 604-438-0496

March Kelowna Swiss 2003

Sundays in March starting March 2nd, Noon to 5
Time: 30 moves in 90 / 60 minutes SD
Prize: \$\$\$BEN\$\$\$ plus Chessbase CD for 1st place
Type: 5 round Swiss

Entry Fee: \$15 CFC member / \$25 for non-CFC CFC Rated
Location: Rotary Centre for the Arts, located on Cawston Ave. Near Skyreach Place.
Downtown Kelowna.
TD: Grant Rice 250-979-0009 and Parish Barabana parishrules@hotmail.com
Notes: sponsored by Chess First! Enterprises (www.northshorechess.com)
1/2 pt. byes in first three rounds.
Register: by phone or email or at location on first day.

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss - March - April 2003

Dates: March 18th, March 25th, April 1st, April 8th, April 15th
Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 212
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
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Victoria U1800 Chess Challenge

Where: University of Victoria, Human and Social Development Building, Room A260
When: Sunday, March 23rd, 2003
Registration: 8:30AM to 9:00 AM
Start: 9:30AM SHARP.
A maximum of two point byes allowed (must chose rounds at time of registration)
Rounds: 5 rounds starting at 9:30, 11:00, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00
Eligibility: All players rated under 1800 or players who have never played in a rated tournament.
Players from outside Victoria area are welcome. Please call if you need a ride from the ferry terminal.
Entry fee: \$20 plus CFC Membership
Format: 5 Round Swiss, CFC Rated
Prizes: \$150 1st place GUARANTEED. Other prizes for sections based on entries.
Time Controls: Game 45 minutes
Concession: Coffee, Pizza, Fruit Juice
Info: Greg Churchill 250 598 9747

Kitsilano Beach FIDE tournament

Date: March 28-30, 2003

Place: SPEC, 2150 Maple Street, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: Regular 6-player RR, CFC & FIDE rated

Times: 6:30pm/10am, 4pm/10am, ASAP

TC: FIDE 120+30

EF: \$40 FIDE rated, \$50 FIDE unrated

Prizes: 1st \$140 plus FREE entry into Keres Open and Fritz 8 software, all players receive CB CD prizes

Reg: interested FIDE rated players and ambitious unrated players please

e-mail: chessfm@shaw.ca

TD & Org: Vas Sladek, 604-982-0611

Misc: no smoking

Sponsors: Polaris Water Company www.polariswater.com and Chess First!

Enterprises www.northshorechess.com

SPEC www.spec.bc.ca

Empires Fall Invitational

Date: April 4-6, 2003

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: regular 6-player RR

Times: 6:30/10, 3/10, ASAP

TC: FIDE 90+30

EF: \$30

Prizes: 1st \$130 plus ChessBase magazine CD

Reg: interested players e-mail chessfm@shaw.ca TD & Org: Vas Sladek, 604-982-0611

Misc: no smoking, CFC membership required

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Enterprises www.northshorechess.com

English Bay FIDE Tournament

Date: April 25-27, 2003

Place: SPEC, 2150 Maple Street, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: Regular 6-player RR, CFC & FIDE rated

Times: 6:30pm/10am, 4pm/10am, ASAP

TC: 120+30

EF: \$40 FIDE rated, \$50 FIDE unrated

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2003 Keres Memorial Tournament

Dates: Friday May, 16th to Monday, May 19th 2003

Location: Plaza 500 Hotel, 500 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver

Sections: Open, Under 2000, Under 1600

Time Control: 40/120, SD/60

Rated: Open: FIDE + CFC, Others: CFC

Rounds: Open: 7 Rounds, Others: 6 Rounds Round Times: 5:30PM (Open only),
10,4/10,4/9,3 or ASAP

Prizes: 1st Open \$1.200 Guaranteed

1st Under 2000, \$1.100 Guaranteed

1st Under 1600, \$1.000 Guaranteed

Top Unrated \$ 200 Guaranteed

Additional Prizes dependant on Entries

Entry Fees: Prior to March 31st, 2003 \$ 99 Prior to April 30th, 2003 \$125 Prior to May
15th, 2003 \$135 At Site \$150

Note: \$15 surcharge for players below 2000 CFC wanting to play in The Open Section.
US\$1=CAN\$1.40

Discounts:

Born after June 1st 1983: 50%

Fide rated players w/o Titles 25%

Fide Titled Players FREE Entry

Registration: Mail cheques made payable to the BCCF, to: Lyle Craver, Treasurer BCCF,
PO Box 15548, Vancouver, BC V6B 5B3 At Site: Friday Noon to 6PM, Saturday
8:00AM to 9:30 AM No cheques are accepted at site, cash only.

TDs: Ms. Lynn Stringer, Mr. Mark Barnes, Mr. Lyle Craver

Organizer: Peter Stockhausen for the BCCF

Misc: The BCCF Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 18,
between rounds.

For further Information: Peter Stockhausen (604 276 1111)

pstockhausen@pacificcoast.net Lynn Stringer (250 658 5207) lynnstringer@shaw.ca

Kelowna Summer Fest

Dates: July. 5 & 6, 2003

Type: 5 Round Swiss

Times: 9/2/7; 9/asap

Place: Sandman Inn Kelowna B.C. 2130 Harvey Ave across from Orchard Park Mall
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Entry: \$25, \$20 Seniors, \$15 Juniors Non CFC pay entry + \$12

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