

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #113

Your editor welcomes welcome any and all submissions - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to B.C. players. Many thanks to all those who contributed to this issue.

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RECENT/CURRENT EVENTS

Moscow Open

Last issue we reported on the participation of sometime B.C. resident WFM Valeriya Gansvind in the recent Paul Keres Memorial in Tallinn. She is now taking part in Group B of the Moscow Open, and currently has 4.5/6 in the nine-round Swiss event, good enough to tie for 19th in the 300-odd player field. Thanks to Jonathan Berry for pointing this out.

Crosstable: <http://www.chess-results.com/Tnr5469.aspx?tnr=5469&art=4&lan=1&turdet=YES&mm=1&m=1>

Vancouver January Open

Vancouver's first open tournament of the year took place at the Vancouver Bridge Centre on the weekend of January 26-28. Nine masters and experts took part in the twenty-three player Open Section; this included two experts playing in their first local event, Dan Erichsen and Kirk Gornall (both recently arrived from England, although Erichsen is originally from Denmark). The section also included a number of ambitious juniors who put their more experienced opponents to the test, but in the end the adults held the top places - with one exception. That exception was last year's Canadian Junior Champion Bindi Cheng, who gave up only one draw on his way to first place. Coming in clear second with 4/5 was newcomer Kirk Gornall, while Dan Scoones and Andrey Kostin were a further half point off the pace. The U2000 prizes were distributed three ways, between resurgent Philip Harris, rising junior player Chang He Li, and newcomer Joe Soliven; all scored three points. The twelve-player U1600 Section was predominately a junior affair and included a contingent from Seaquam School in Delta. Alex Sabaratnam and Foster Tom drew with each other and won the rest of their games to share first place, while Jimmy He, Jenny Hsueh, and Johnny Zhang tied for the U1100 prize. Stephen Wright was the TD, assisted by Katherine Davies.

This was the first tournament I have organized which included the option of using incremental time controls. Also the playing session was shortened, to four hours (game/90 with a 30 second increment, or game/120 sudden death). As a player who liked endgames I always preferred as much thinking time as I could get, but the 90+30 time control has been a FIDE standard for some time now. Despite this I still think four hours is too short for "serious" competitions, but for a weekend tournament involving non-professional players I felt it appropriate to give people a little more free time away from the chess board. There were a few games in which the time control produced results other than those expected, but in general it seems the players didn't mind or adapted to the shortened playing session. This will remain an ongoing issue, so if you have thoughts or preferences please let me know (swright2@telus.net).

Crosstables: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/janop2007.html>

Scoones, Dan - Harris, Philip [D38] January Op Vancouver (2), 27.01.2007

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 e6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 0-0 8.Qc2 Re8 9.Bd3 Nf8 10.0-0 c6 11.a3 Bxc3 12.bxc3 Ng6 13.Rfb1 Qd6 14.Bxf6 Qxf6 15.c4 Bg4 16.Nd2 Rab8 17.cxd5 cxd5 18.Qc5 b6 19.Qxd5 Rbd8 20.Qb5 Bd7 21.Qh5 Bc6 22.Bb5 Rd5 23.Qxd5 Bxd5 24.Bxe8 Nh4 25.e4 Qg5 26.g3 Qxd2 27.exd5 Nf3+ 28.Kg2 Qe2 29.Rb3 Nxd4 30.Re3 Qb2 31.Rd1 Nf5 32.Red3 Nd6 33.R1d2 Qe5 34.Re3 Qa1 35.Bb5 g6 36.Be2 Qc1 37.Rd1 Qc5 38.Bf3 Kg7 39.Rdd3 Nf5 40.Re5 Nd6 41.Re7 a5 42.Rd7 b5 43.Rxd6 Qxd6 44.Rc3 b4 45.axb4 axb4 46.Rc6 Qb8 47.d6 Qd8 48.Bd5 Qd7 49.Rb6 Kf6 50.f4 Kg7 51.Kf3 h5 52.Ke4 Qf5+ 53.Kd4 Qf6+ 54.Kc5 Qc3+ 55.Kb5 b3 56.d7 b2 57.Ba2 Qd4 58.Kc6 Qc3+ 59.Kb7 Qd4 60.Kc7 Qc5+ 61.Kb7 Qd4 62.Kc6 Qc3+ 63.Kd6 Qd4+ 64.Ke7 Qc5+ 65.Rd6 Qc7 66.Rd5 Qa7 67.Bb1 Qe3+ 68.Re5 Qa3+ 69.Kd8 Qd6 70.Kc8 Qc6+ 71.Kd8 Qd6 1/2-1/2

Davies, Lucas - Cheng, Bindi [B47] January Op Vancouver (5), 28.01.2007

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nf6 7.0-0 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Bc5 9.Qd3 a6 10.Be3 b5 11.Bf3 Rb8 12.Rfe1 Bxe3 13.Rxe3 d6 14.Rd1 Ke7 15.Be2 Bb7 16.f4 Rhd8 17.Bf3 Kf8 18.Kh1 Kg8 19.Ne2 e5 20.Qb3 Rbc8 21.Rc3 Qe7 22.fxe5 Qxe5 23.Rxc8 Rxc8 24.Ng3 Nxe4 25.Nxe4 Bxe4 26.Bxe4 Qxe4 27.c3 Re8 28.h3 Re6 29.Qd5 Qxd5 30.Rxd5 Kf8 31.Kg1 Rf6 32.a4 bxa4 33.Ra5 Rf4 34.Rxa6 Ke7 35.g3 Rc4 36.Kf2 h5 37.h4 g6 38.Kf3 Ke6 39.Ra5 f6 40.Ra7 g5 41.hxg5 fxg5 42.Ra5 d5 43.Ra8 h4 44.gxh4 Rxh4 45.Re8+ Kd6 46.Rd8+ Kc6 47.Rc8+ Kb5 48.Ra8 Re4 49.Ra7 g4+ 50.Kg3 d4 51.cxd4 Rxd4 52.Ra8 Rb4 53.Rc8 Kb6 54.Rb8+ Kc5 55.Rc8+ Kd4 56.Kxg4 Rxb2 57.Ra8 Rb4 58.Kf3 Kc3 59.Ke2 Kb2 60.Rd8 a3 61.Rd2+ Kb3 62.Rd3+ Ka4 63.Kd2 a2 64.Rd8 Kb3 0-1

Gornall, Kirk - Milicevic, Dragoljub [A89] January Op Vancouver (5), 28.01.2007

1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 Nc6 8.b3 e5 9.dxe5 dxe5 10.Ba3 Re8 11.Qxd8 Rxd8 12.Rad1 e4 13.Ng5 h6 14.Rxd8+ Nxd8 15.Rd1 Nd7 16.Nd5 hxg5 17.Ne7+ Kf7 18.Nxc8 Ke8 19.Ne7 Bf8 20.Nd5 Ne6 21.Bxf8 Ndxg8 22.f3 c6 23.Nc3 exf3 24.Bxf3 Rd8 25.Rxd8+ Kxd8 26.Kf2 Kc7 27.e4 Kd6 28.exf5 gxf5 29.b4 Nd4 30.Bd1 g4 31.Ke3 Nfe6 32.Na4 Ke5 33.Nb2 1/2-1/2

Corus

One of the major annual events of the chess year has just finished at Wijk aan Zee in Holland. The three main tournaments were fourteen-player round robins, won respectively by Levon Aronian, Vesselin Topalov, and Teimour Radjabov (Group A), Pavel Eljanov (Group B), and Michal Krasenkow (Group C). There was much coverage on the internet, particularly of Group A - see for example <http://www.coruschess.com/> or <http://www.chessbase.com/>. Both these sites have links to <http://www.chessvibes.com/>, where video of the players is available; the picture quality is not great, but where else can you see the likes of Kramnik, Topalov, Anand, and Svidler demonstrating the games they just played?

Apart from the grandmaster tournaments there are also many amateur events held at Wijk aan Zee at the same time. These include four-player round robins held over weekends, four-player round robins held on weekdays, ten-player round robins, active tournaments, and various special competitions for journalists, Dutch politicians, and seconds. One of the many participants in these events was James Taylor of North Vancouver, who scored 50% in a ten-player round robin.

Crosstable at <http://home.hccnet.nl/w.haggenburg/cct07/cct07tien.html>, then scroll down to "groep 6J" (there were many such sections).

Junior Open

The first junior event of this season, organized by BCCF Junior Coordinator Ken Jensen, was held at Sprott-Shaw College in New Westminster on January 21. For more information on this well-organized and well-received tournament, including crosstables and photos, see <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/news.html>. If you are a junior and want to get in on the action, the next tournament is coming up this weekend - details at the same website.

LOCAL INTERNET RESOURCES

The internet has had a profound effect on modern life, and the chess community is no exception. Many wonderful chess resources are available via the web, such as The Week In Chess, ChessCafe, ChessBase, and Edward Winter's Chess Notes, to name but a few. A number of local sites also exist; many are linked via the BCCF and other provincial websites, but here are a few which don't seem to have appeared in links as yet (apologies if I've missed any other obvious candidates):

<http://www.vanchess.com/> - Vancouver Chess Center

<http://members.shaw.ca/berry5868/chess.htm> - Jonathan Berry's chess pages

<http://dadianchess.blogspot.com/> - a blog by Dan Scoones

<http://chesschumpion.blogspot.com/index.html> - a blog by James Chan

<http://www.wcjc.blogspot.com/> - a blog by Luc Poitras

VANCOUVER SUN CHESS COLUMN

The inclusion of chess columns in B.C. newspapers has always been a hit and miss affair, dependant upon economic conditions, the general level of interest in chess, and the availability of individuals willing and capable enough to write them. Some have lasted ten years or more: Davie/Piper in the *Colonist*, 1916-1931; Creemer/Fillery in the *Province*, 1947-1957; and more recently the columns by Ray Kerr, Bruce Harper, and (nationally) Jonathan Berry. Others survived only a year or even less, to disappear as quickly as they appeared.

One of the latter is a chess column that appeared in the *Vancouver Sun* at the very beginning of the 1930s. I was not aware the column even existed until I serendipitously came across it while searching for something rather different - a review of a Vancouver solo recital by the great Russian composer/pianist Sergei Rakhmaninov. Victoria had had a chess column since 1916, and Vancouver players were anxious to get a column for their own city (there had previously been one in the *Vancouver Daily News Advertiser*, but it only lasted just over two years, 1913-1915). The players got their wish on April 12, 1930, a Saturday, when a new chess column was first published in the *Vancouver Sun*. The editor was Bertram A. Yates, a four-time B.C. Champion and well-known member of the Vancouver Chess Club who had also edited the previous column in the *Daily News Advertiser* (see Bulletin #43 for more on him). Yates seemed to have based his column on what Piper was doing in the *Colonist*; each weekly publication included a chess problem (one a week and helpfully numbered, thus providing an easy way to keep track of the columns), a list of solvers of the previous week's problem, a couple of annotated games, and occasionally some chess news. The games were a mixture of local and international efforts, but what little chess news there was was almost entirely local. Maddingly from a historical point of view, often Yates mentions the beginning of a tournament or reports on its progress, but frequently nothing further is ever published about the event in question.

Some of the problems were by local composers; here are a pair of mates in two by members of the Vancouver Chess Club (White to move in both cases):



#25 by W.E. Frank Fillery,
published October 25, 1930



#39 by George W. Melhuish,
published January 31, 1931

The column lasted until April 18, 1931, when without warning it ceased to appear. Piper's column in the *Colonist* lasted just over a month longer, until May 24, 1930 - likely both were victims of the Great Depression. Within the year of its existence Yates published some twenty-one local games; these will be added to BCBASE in due course, but for now here are four games which shed some light on the early playing style of Jack Taylor. The influence of Paul Morphy can be seen in some of Taylor's best games, with his reliance on development, a clear attacking style, and a good eye for combinations, but in some cases Taylor took matters to the point of recklessness. Defence technique in those days at the lower levels was not good so he generally triumphed, but such risky attacks would certainly not be successful in future decades. His play is reminiscent of a comment by W.E. Napier, who once wrote that [Rudolf] "Spielmann plays always like an educated cave-man, who fell asleep several thousand years ago, - and woke up quite lately in the Black Forest."

Taylor, Jack - Freer, J [B01] BC ch Victoria, 04.1930

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 a6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be3 Nf6 8.0-0 e6 9.Ne4 Nd5 10.c3 f5 11.Nc5 Bxc5 12.dxc5 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Bxf3 14.gxf3 Qg5+ 15.Kh1 0-0-0 16.Qe2 Rd5 17.Bxa6 bxa6 18.Qxa6+ Kd7 19.b4 Qxe3 20.b5 Qxc5 21.bxc6+ Qxc6 22.Qa3 Ra8 23.Qb4 Ra4 24.Qf8 Qxc3 25.Rac1 Qf6 26.Rxc7+ Kxc7 27.Rc1+ Kb7 28.Qc8+ Kb6 29.Rc6+ Ka5 30.Qa6+ Kb4 31.Qc4+ Ka5 32.Ra6# 1-0

Taylor, Jack - Patrick, King S. [B32] BC ch Victoria (2), 04.1930

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb3 Bc5 6.Nc3 Bb6 7.Nd5 Nge7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nxe7+ Nxe7 10.Qd6 f6 11.Bc4+ Kh8 12.h4 Bc7 13.Qd1 fxe5 14.hxe5 Bb6 15.Rxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qh5# 1-0

Freer, J - Taylor, Jack [A45] BC ch Victoria (3), 04.1930

1.d4 Nf6 2.d5 e6 3.dxe6 fxe6 4.a3 Be7 5.b4 0-0 6.Nd2 e5 7.h3 d5 8.Bb2 Bd6 9.e3 Nc6
10.c4 d4 11.e4 b6 12.Ngf3 Qe8 13.Qb3 Kh8 14.Rb1 a5 15.b5 Nd8 16.a4 Ne6 17.Ba3
Bxa3 18.Qxa3 Nc5 19.Nb3 Nfxe4 20.Nbd2 Nxf2 21.Kxf2 e4 22.Kg1 exf3 23.Nxf3 Qf7
24.Rd1 Bb7 25.Rd2 Rad8 26.h4 Bxf3 27.Rf2 d3 28.Rxf3 Qxc4 29.Rhh3 Rxf3 30.Rxf3
Qd4+ 31.Kh1 d2 32.Be2 Qxh4+ 33.Rh3 d1Q+ 0-1

Coyne, J.R. - Taylor, Jack [C54] VCC ch Vancouver, 1931

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 Nf6 5.c3 0-0 6.Nbd2 d5 7.exd5 Nxd5 8.Ne4 Bb6 9.0-0
Bg4 10.Bg5 Qd7 11.b4 Nf4 12.d4 Qf5 13.Qc2 Ng6 14.Bd3 Qd7 15.b5 Bxf3 16.gxf3 Nce7
17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Be2 N7g6 19.Kh1 h6 20.Bxh6 Qh3 21.Rg1 Qxh6 22.Rg3 Rad8 23.Rag1
Bxf2 24.Nxf2 Rd2 25.Qe4 f5 26.Bc4+ Kh8 27.Qe1 Rfd8 28.Rh3 Qxh3 29.Nxh3 Nxf3
30.Qg3 Rxh2+ 31.Qxh2 Nxh2 32.Kxh2 Ne5 33.Be2 Rd2 34.Rg2 Rxa2 35.Nf4 g5 36.Ne6
g4 37.Kg3 Ra4 38.Nxc7 f4+ 39.Kf2 g3+ 40.Ke1 Ra1+ 41.Bd1 Nc4 42.Nd5 f3 43.Rxg3 f2+
44.Kxf2 Rxd1 45.Ne3 Rd2+ 46.Ke1 Nxe3 47.Rh3+ Kg7 48.Kxd2 Nc4+ 49.Kd3 Nd6 50.c4
Kf6 51.Kd4 Ke6 52.Ra3 Nc8 53.Rh3 Kd6 54.c5+ Kc7 55.Rh7+ Kb8 56.Kd5 a6 57.b6 a5
58.Rh8 a4 59.Ke6 1-0



32nd PAUL KERES MEMORIAL

The location for this year's Keres Memorial has now been confirmed - it is the same site as the last two events, the Hungarian Cultural Centre at 728 Kingsway, Vancouver. Watch for full tournament details in the next Bulletin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Events

Feb 4 Island Junior Open #5, University of Victoria
Feb 4 Junior Open, Sprott Shaw College
Feb 11 K-12 Open, Sprott Shaw College
Feb 17 Elementary Team Chess Championship

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss

Date: Tuesdays
Location: Room 215, 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

North Shore Open

Site: Mollie Nye House 940 Lynn Valley Road North Vancouver BC
Date: February 3-4, 2007
Format: 4 Round Swiss
Time control: 90 minutes with a 30 second increments
Entry fee: \$25 for Adults; \$17 for Juniors and Seniors. Make cheques out for the club's name.
Registration: Online at oszisakk@telus.net and by mail. West Vancouver Chess Club, 651 West 14th St. North Vancouver BC V7M 1R3
Rounds: Saturday: 1st 10am; 2nd ASAP 3rd ASAP. 4th Sunday: 3:30pm .
Prizes: \$200 for first with 20 entries.
Organizer: Joe Oszvald
Info: oszisakk@telus.net
Please bring digital clocks and sets!

Kelowna Winterfest 2007

Date: Saturday and Sunday February 17-18th, 2007
Location: Best Western Inn - Kelowna, 2402 Hwy 97 North 1-888-860-1212
<http://www.bestwesterninnkelowna.com/>
Type: 5 Round Swiss, CFC rated.
Registration: On site 8-9 am Saturday.
Rounds: Sat. 9 am, 2 pm, 7 pm; Sun. 10 am, ASAP.
Time Control: 30 moves / 90 minutes then Sudden Death / 60 minutes
Entry Fees: \$35.00, \$30.00 senior, \$ 25.00 junior.
Byes: 1/2 point byes available by request except for final round
Prizes: \$100.00 1st and \$ 50.00 second; further prizes TBD.
Contact: Grant Rice TD and Organizer, 250-979-0009, ridebike@okanagan.net

February Active Chess Tournament (G/30)

Schedule: 6 rounds. One or two sections depending on the number of participants.

Date/Location: On Sunday February 25th at the Vancouver Chess Centre, 201 - 1050 Kingsway Ave. It is above Dai Tung dim sum restaurant <http://www.vanchess.com/>

Entry: Fee \$15. For expert or former expert: \$12. For master \$10.

All money back in prizes minus minimum cost of rent.

Registration: 10:30 am. Games start at 11:00 am and finish around 5:30 pm.

30 minutes lunch time between round 2 and 3

You don't need to be a CFC member.

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