

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #115

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, especially Jonathan Berry for his series of annotations.

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Stephen Wright

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RECENT NEWS

February Active (February 25)

Organizer Luc Poitras won this thirteen-player event with 5/6; details - <http://wcjc.blogspot.com/2007/02/vancouver-chess-centre.html>

2007 Kelowna Winterfest (February 17-18, 2007)

Tournament Report by TD Grant Rice

Winterfest in Kelowna was more spring-like than in past years and players enjoyed our wonderful sunny weather between rounds at the Best Western Inn, Kelowna. Nineteen players competed for guaranteed 1st and 2nd place cash prizes at this year's five-round Swiss event. The tournament attracted players from Washington State to Prince George with an average rating of 1630. Total prize fund was \$290.00 including a best game award. The Interior was well represented with David Moore of Sicamous and Niel Dendy of Kelowna placing clear 1st and 2nd with 4.5 and 4.0 pts respectively. 3rd place was a tie between Kevin Goodman of Vernon and Chris Levin of Vancouver.

The following was awarded the Best Game prize:

Levin, Chris - Moore, David [B71] Winterfest Kelowna (4), 18.02.2007

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f4 Bg7 7.e5 dxe5 8.fxe5 Nh5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.g4 Qc7 11.Nf3 Bxb5 12.Nxb5 Qa5+ 13.Nc3 Bxe5 14.gxh5 Bxc3+ 15.bxc3 Qxh5 16.Rb1 b6 17.Qe2 0-0 18.Rb5 Qh3 19.Bb2 Nd7 20.Rg1 Nc5 21.Rb4 f6 22.Rbg4 Rae8 23.Nh4 f5 24.Rxg6+ hxg6 25.Rxg6+ Kf7 26.Qh5 Qe3+

27.Kd1 Rd8+ 28.Rd6+ Kg8 29.Qg6+ Kh8 30.c4+ e5 31.Qh5+ Kg8 32.Qg6+ Kh8
33.Qh5+ 1/2-1/2

Crosstable: <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200702096>

School Team Championship (February 17)

Mr. Poitras has been a busy man - he was also the driving force behind this year's School Team Championship:

Report - <http://wcjc.blogspot.com/2006/12/interschool-elementary-team.html>

Results - http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/ju_team_2007.html

A Recent Game (submitted by Nick Beqo)

**Tegzes, Laszlo - Beqo, Nick [B00] North-West Vancouver vs. Port
Coquitlam Team Match, 18.01.2007**

[Beqo]

This year, Len Molden, a chess lover and the captain of the PoCo team, asked me to play for his team. Although rusty, I agreed to play and try an opening idea I have been playing online lately. **1.e4 a6** This move is against the principles of the chess opening; it has been played in tournaments many times and has been considered to be an insult against white. However, this is not my intention; I consider myself to be an ethical player. My intention behind 1... a6 is revealed in the next move. **2.d4 c6** The main idea behind my opening is to reinforce the control on both b5 and d5 squares and to keep the options open. I won the following game slowly and did not see any obvious mistake by my opponent, who is a strong player. Therefore, I will be happy to hear any comment! **3.Nf3 d5 4.e5 Bg4 5.Bd3 e6 6.0-0 Nd7 7.c3 c5 8.Be3 Ne7 9.Nbd2 Nc6 10.Rc1 c4 11.Bb1 b5 12.Re1 b4 13.Nf1 bxc3 14.bxc3 Ba3 15.Rc2 Bf5 >=15...Rb8 16.Ng3 h5 17.h3 h4=/+ 16.Rce2 Bxb1 17.Qxb1 Rb8 18.Qc2 Qa5 19.Bc1 Nb6 19...Ne7. 20.Ng5 20.Bxa3. 20...Bxc1 21.Rxc1 Na4 22.Re3 Nb2 22...Rb2 23.Qd1 h6 24.Nxe6 fxe6 25.Qh5+ Ke7 26.Qg6 Rf8-/+ 23.Rb1 23.Rh3 23...Nd3 24.Rf3 24.Rxb8+ Nxb8. 24...Rxb1 25.Qxb1 Nd8 26.Ng3 Qxc3 27.Ne2 Qe1+ 27...Qd2 28.Re3 Nc6. 28.Qxe1 Nxe1 29.Ra3 f6 30.Nh3 fxe5 31.dxe5 0-0 31...Nd3 32.f4 Nc6 33.Rxa6 Kd7 34.Ng5 Rb8. 32.Nd4 32.Rxa6. 32...Nd3 33.Rxa6 Nxe5 34.Ng5 Nd3 35.Ngxe6 Nxe6 36.Nxe6 Rc8 >=36...Rxf2 37.Ra8+ Kf7 38.Rf8+ Kxe6 39.Rxf2 Nxf2 40.Kxf2 d4-+. 37.Nd4 c3 38.Nc2 Rb8 39.Kf1 Rb2 40.Nd4 Rxf2+ 41.Kg1 c2 42.Rc6 Rd2 43.Rxc2 Rd1# 0-1**

[Your editor is even rustier, but it seems to me White shouldn't transpose into the Advance Caro-Kann - Bg4 isn't normally available to Black via the regular move orders. On general principles keeping the centre fluid is a better idea - Bd3 or

Nd2 rather than Nf3 and e5. At least Black's choice has the advantage of getting White out of the books - it isn't even in *Unorthodox Openings* by Some Loser (see Bulletin #76); Gunsberg once essayed 1.d4 a6 2.e4 d5 (looks like a mouseslip, but not in 1914!) against Rubinstein, but got flattened for his trouble.]

Team championship results: <http://www.chessmastery.com/teamresults.html>

LESSONS FROM GMSLUGFEST PART 6 by Jonathan Berry

Last in a series that recaps what I learned, or might have learned, from the GM Slugfest, a tournament played in Bellevue, Washington, just after the BC Championship, in October 2006. In the first round I lost honourably to GM Alex Shabalov. Second round I squandered the advantage in a game against a master of about my own rating, eventually going down in flames in the sudden death time control. I was sick and playing miserably, but not about to give up. The next three rounds showed improvement in my fortunes. Fortunes because, even if you play well, your opponent has to make a mistake before that can be converted into a point.

Having played a young San Franciscan with two GM norms, Josh Friedel, in the 4th round, I was to meet another Bay-area resident, David Pruess, with the same colour, in the final round. In 2003 he won the Championnat Invitation du Quebec (<http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200308003>) with a 2680 performance rating. I give the French title of the tournament because in English it translated to Quebec Closed, which is not quite right. He reportedly also charmed the locals with his command of the French language. David is the recipient of the prestigious Samford Fellowship, which is also worth \$32,000 a year, to study chess!

At stake were USCF rating points, valuable at least to my opponent. The event was not FIDE-rated. We were both out of the running for the first and only prize of \$5,000 cash, but there were intimations of a possible game prize.

Pruess, David - Berry, Jonathan [C60] GM Slugfest Bellevue (6), 10.12.2006

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.d4 exd4 5.Bg5 Bb4+ An old and risky line. I had no doubt that Pruess, having seen my game with Friedel from two rounds earlier, had prepared something comfortable against my normal 5...Be7. **6.Nbd2** The idea variation is 6.c3 dxc3 7.Bxd8? c2+ and Black comes out a piece to the good; gambit play with 6.c3 dxc3 7.Nxc3 can get hairy, but Black's score is OK. The Seattle player Viesteurs Seglins (whom I played a couple of times in the late 1960s) used to say "Pawn is Pawn," not because he was fond of grubbing pawns, but perhaps to discourage himself from giving them away. For a while I used "A Pawn is a Pawn" as a motto. A couple of years later, R.V. Mohan

opined to me that it was good to give up a pawn in the opening just for the sake of giving up a pawn. He lived that principle (certainly with White) in his games, though maybe he would have been embarrassed to get so *much* play as White gets in this path not taken. **6...f6 7.Bf4 7.Bh4** would be the other major variation. **7...a6 8.Bc4 d6 9.0-0 Ne5** A remarkable moment. Occasionally we all play a novelty, sometimes by design, sometimes by accident. Of course every game that doesn't copy a game has at least one novelty somewhere, though usually it is simply a move that isn't as good as what was played before. However, I don't think I've ever played a novelty that improves on a game played in 1898. Yes, for 108 years, nobody was willing to repeat the moves of Harry Nelson Pillsbury in Vienna against homebody Georg Marco. Pillsbury played **9...Qe7** and needed to use most of his formidable talent to salvage an 81-move draw from a long and painful defence. My move, found at the board, confronts White with choices. As he was thinking on my time, Pruess made all of his 6th through 11th moves instantaneously. He had no doubt after the game that they were the correct moves. I wish that I could be as certain of anything. **10.Bxg8 Rxg8 11.Nxd4 Bc5 12.c3 Qe7** Pillsbury's move, delayed. White has ceded the bishop pair. He has a slight space advantage and regained the temporary gambit. Black has easy development and the prospect of a kingside pawn storm combined with queenside castling. In the game, he achieves only one of those goals. **13.Bg3 Bg4!? 14.Qc2**



14...g5 A consequent decision. I wanted to inhibit f2-f4, broadening White's central control and gaining a tempo on the e5-knight. f4-f5, isolating the bishop on g4, might also arise. Although I spent only two minutes on this move, it was part of the plan formulated with the previous move, and I had already taken 59 minutes of the 40/120 allowed.

15.Rfe1 A slow but potent idea. Again, David was absolutely convinced that this was the right plan, as it was the best way to mobilize his only inactive piece, the d2-knight. The remedy? A very Canadian one!

15...h5 16.f3 Bd7 17.Nf1 h4 18.Bf2 h3 The Canadian remedy is: Attack the Base! White has a pawn chain g2-f3-e4. Undermining it at d5 or f5 or g4 can have certain virtues in certain situations, but the one spot sure to upset matters is h3. Improving the value of attacking the g2-base is the proximity of White's king. Two targets in one. **19.Ne3 hxg2** In retrospect, 19...0-0-0 is quite solid enough and leaves Black with the advantage. However, then we wouldn't get to go where we are going. **20.Nd5 Qd8** Yes, chess fans, I even spent time on the rook sacrifice.

21.Qb3 Rh8



Aside from 9 minutes on move 13, Pruess had continued to use the "thinking on the opponent's time" exploit, and had used only 28 minutes to my 92. I suppose that this funny position represents my creative apex in the game, as despite the upcoming pawn grubs White is lost! David spent 27 minutes on this move and 43 on the next, so I had time to think. I suppose that I should have used the time to think of alternatives, but in fact spent most of that long hour rechecking my variations -- which turned out to be incorrect! In both cases, I spent most of the time walking around the room,

as it had been a long week of chess. This was my 13th game in 10 days punctuated by a scary illness. **22.Qxb7 Rb8 23.Nxc7+?! Kf7?** As planned. I was enjoying the play of moves 21 through 25 instantaneously, but as both David and the computer pointed out, 23...Ke7! wins, and wins well. 24.Nd5+ Kf7 and there is a crunch coming at f3. **24.Qd5+ Kg6 25.Nce6 Qg8?** Better is 25...Qc8; best is 25...Qe7 when Black holds a good advantage, but full of complications. The instantaneous quality of my moves had an effect on my opponent, who had wrongly evaluated the position going in, but had correctly seen that the moves I played were not the right ones. Yet he was frustrated that even the bad moves seemed to win. This frustration is an important psychological element in this particular game. In the broader sense, it also forms a weakness in David's overall game. When he discovers that he cannot achieve his goal, he plays carelessly. An example is his needless loss to GM Becerra in the same tournament. **26.Kxg2? 26.f4=/+ 26...Bxe6? 26...Rxb2-+ 27.Nxe6 Bxf2? 27...Rxb2-+ 28.Kxf2? 28.Re2-/+ 28...Rxb2+ 29.Ke3 Rhxh2 30.Nd4 Qc8** I was really proud of this move too, sliding the massive queen along the back rank to cause massive cracks in the carapace of White's position. But equally or maybe more effective was 30...Qxd5 31.exd5 Rbd2 threatening mate via c4 and h4, and White is quickly kaput. **31.c4** There was a bit of razzle in 31.Nc6 but Black is winning. **31...Nxc4+ 32.Kd3 Ne5+** White resigns: 0-3 BAP. I asked David about his opening prep, and he owned that, far from preparing for the game, he had never studied it in his life. So I had no competitive reason to vary from my normal moves. But all's well that ends well, because this game was chosen by the fans as the most interesting of the tournament (my game with Friedel placed second), and as a result I won the winner's share \$us600 (David got the loser's

share of \$400), which happens to be the most money I have ever won playing chess! So a lesson of the GM Slugfest is: "Don't Give Up Hope".

It certainly isn't the "best" game of the tournament, but it is interesting. Let's be practical, though. Tournament patron/organizer/TD Clint Ballard encouraged us to tell our friends about the website and the voting, and it was clear within days that Pruess (through whatever means) and I (through chesstalk) were the ones who had paid attention. As it happened that we played each other... bingo.

My personal favourite game was GM Ftacnik's tension-filled demolition of GM Shabalov in the 5th round. In the money games of the final round, GM Akobian gave Shabalov a zero day, though the latter still could have won the tournament with a victory. GM Serper won a careful positional game against GM Ftacnik. It is because of games like that one, IMHO, that GM Ftacnik never became a "Super GM," though he was close. GM Mikhalevski won an ending with passed pawns but an Exchange less against GM Becerra, a game that seemed a way too deep case of opening preparation, and thus won the first prize, the only place prize, with 10 BAP. Serper and Ftacnik had 9, while a bunch of us had 8.

Thanks to Clint Ballard for the tournament. OK, I was invited perhaps accidentally, did well, won a prize. And it is a bitter pill that a draw with White is worth the same as a loss. But, bottom line, I do like the BAP (Ballard Anti-Draw Points) system. **0-1**

[All the games and other stuff:

<http://www.slugfest7.com:80/public/department2.cfm>]

JOHN G. PRENTICE

We recently passed the twentieth anniversary of the death of John Prentice, also the hundredth anniversary of his birth. In commemoration we offer the following article by Karl Nelson, first published in *En Passant* in July, 1987.

John Gerald Prentice (February 26, 1907 - February 19, 1987)

Although I had often heard of John Prentice, I did not finally meet the man until last summer at the Canadian Open. When organizing the Open and Closed fell on my shoulders, I did not anticipate our paths would cross. Last spring when the Soviet Union accepted our invitation to send two GMs to the Canadian Open, we were flabbergasted. The problem was that all our finances were already allocated. Of course we wanted to accept, but we were broke.

I had heard of Mr. Prentice's frequent generosity in support of chess in Canada. On my own initiative, I wrote to him soliciting financial support. I remembered that he had offered financial assistance in sending John Burstow to the World Junior and in holding the 1967 GM tournament in Winnipeg, so I knew

his generosity was not limited to Vancouver. He did not hesitate when I approached him: without his immediate help we would have had major problems. He kept emphasizing how important for Canadian chess it is to have great players competing here.

John Gerald Prentice was born in Vienna on February 26th, 1907.

Although he graduated from the University of Vienna with a law degree in 1930, his forte was manufacturing, and he followed with a Textile Engineering degree in Germany. He quickly put his knowledge to work in his father's textile manufacturing business until Nazi occupation of Austria forced his immigration to Canada in 1938. Like most European immigrants, his early days in our country were spent in eastern Canada, but he was soon active in the lumber industry in British Columbia.

He started with Pacific Veneer Company in New Westminster, adding a saw mill in 1942, and a logging operation in 1944. This formed the backbone of the giant Canada Forest Products, of which he was both president and chairman from 1950 onward. His business interests were not limited to the lumber industry: he later served as director of huge corporations like the CBC and the Bank of Montreal.

Although he learned to play chess in high school, business interests forbade any serious interest until he joined the Vancouver Chess Club. It was there that he was discovered by Canon Roy, one of Canada's all-time great organizers, and he was encouraged to become active in chess. Roy had learned the importance of recognizing talent and fostering new people from Freedman's barnstorming tours, and impressed this doctrine on John Prentice.

With his financial wealth he was able to help chess and he was more than generous. Although he was the greatest patron Canadian chess ever had, his contributions went far beyond his financial support. From president of the BC Chess Federation in 1953, he turned his attention to the CFC, becoming a governor and second Vice-President later in 1953, Vice-President in 1954, and finally President in 1955. He held that position to 1971, a length of term unprecedented, exceeding both Freedman and Roy.

His fund-raising and organizational skills were legendary, and he was principally responsible for sending several Olympic teams, a great financial burden as we all know. He served as captain on three occasions. Growth of Canadian chess during these difficult times must be attributed to John and all the work he did.

For most people, these accomplishments would fill a lifetime, but not John Prentice. In 1957 he became FIDE representative for Canada, a position he held uncontested until his death. His success on the international scene can not simply be attributed to his knowledge of several languages and his success as a businessman; it rested upon his great talent as a diplomat. He soon became Vice-President for Zone 6, and his influence in FIDE was much greater than Canada's stature in the chess world would dictate.

He successfully engineered Canada becoming a separate zone (#7), thereby obtaining a direct entry into the interzonal for a Canadian representative, providing important international experience for our players. At FIDE meetings,

his support was always sought after. Canada was extremely lucky to have someone like John Prentice as a representative to FIDE, and largely at his own expense!

Mr. Prentice was a quiet individual reminiscent of those E.F. Hutton commercials, well suited to closed door discussions. Great men don't have to tell other people how great they are, the record speaks for itself.

It was that demeanour that allowed him to bring Spassky over for the Canadian Open in 1971 by hosting a Candidates match for the Soviets. This foot in the door probably allowed him to bring Paul Keres over as well, although Keres playing in the 1967 GM tournament in Winnipeg probably helped. John had slowed down in later years, and guessed the end was near, as evidenced by his desire to have his FIDE knowledge passed on. The spirit was willing but the flesh was weak.

It was a great shock when his secretary phoned to tell me that Mr. Prentice was recovering from a heart attack, was not expected back at work, and would not be able to answer my correspondence. He died on February 19th, a mere 8 days before his 80th birthday.

What type of man was John Prentice - patron, industrialist, philanthropist, organizer, businessman, or diplomat? He was all of these and more. There will never be another man like John Prentice. He will be sorely missed.



The 1951 CFC AGM in Vancouver. Standing, from left to right: Charles Millar, Archibald Stevenson, R.A. Douglas, Abe Yanofsky, Adrian Russell, Maurice Fox, John McCharles, John Prentice, Jack Taylor. Front row, left to right: Mrs. Yanofsky, Canon Roy, Dan MacAdam, Osias Bain, Clarence Carroll. The site was the home of the Vancouver Chess Club, otherwise known as the Peretz Institute, 1173 West Broadway. Behind Yanofsky can be seen the Canadian Championship trophy, the Drewry Cup, while to the left of McCharles is the Peace Arch trophy, the prize in the annual BC - WA matches.

Prentice, John G. - Stevenson, Archibald [A90] Interclub team match, major Vancouver, 22.01.1952

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 e6 4.c4 c6 5.Nf3 d5 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.b3 Bd6 8.Bb2 0-0
9.Nbd2 f4 10.Ne5 Bxe5 11.dxe5 Ng4 12.Nf3 fxe3 13.hxe3 Qe8 14.Bh3 Qh5
15.Bxe4 Qxe4 16.Kg2 Nc5 17.Ba3 b6 18.Bxc5 bxc5 19.Rh1 g5 20.Qd3 Rf7
21.Rh6 a6 22.Rah1 Raa7 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.Nxe5 Qf5 25.Rxe7+ Rxe7 26.Qe8+
Kg7 27.Rxe7+ Qxe7 28.Nxe7 1-0

Saila, Tauno - Prentice, John G. [A06] Vancouver CC ch Vancouver, 1952

1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 Nd7 3.Bb2 Ngf6 4.e3 e6 5.d4 Bd6 6.Nbd2 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 0-0
9.Rc1 Ne4 10.Ne5 f5 11.c4 Rf6 12.c5 bxc5 13.Nxd7 Bxe2+ 14.Kh1 Rh6 15.Nf3
Bg3+ 16.Kg1 Bxf2+ 17.Rxf2 Rh1+ 18.Kxe1 Nxf2+ 19.Kg1 Nxd1 20.Nxc5 Nxb2
21.Nxb7 Qe7 22.Be2 Qa3 23.Rxc7 Qxa2 24.Nc5 Na4 25.Nxe6 Qxe2 26.Nfg5
Qd1+ 27.Kh2 Qh5+ 28.Kg1 Qh6 29.bxa4 Qf6 30.Kf2 h6 31.Rxe7+ Qxe7 32.Nxe7
Kxe7 33.Ne6+ Kf6 34.Nf4 Rd8 35.Kf3 Rd6 36.Ke2 Kg5 37.Kd3 Ra6 38.Nxd5
Rxa4 39.Nc3 Rb4 40.e4 fxe4+ 41.Kxe4 a5 42.Ke5 a4 43.d5 a3 44.d6 Rb3 45.d7
Rb8 46.Ke6 Kg4 47.Kd6 Kg3 48.Kc7 Rh8 49.d8Q Rxd8 0-1

Pratt, Maurice - Prentice, John G. [B92] Vancouver CC ch Vancouver (1), 11.1952

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.0-0 Bd7
9.Bg5 Bc6 10.Qd3 Nbd7 11.Nh4 Nc5 12.Qd1 Ncxe4 13.Nxe4 Bxe4 14.f3 Bg6
15.Nxe6 hxe6 16.Bxf6 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Bxf6 18.Qd5 Ke7 19.Bc4 Rxe2+ 20.Kxe2
Rh8+ 21.Kg3 Bh4+ 22.Kh3 Bf2+ 23.Kg4 Rh4+ 0-1

Pratt, Maurice - Prentice, John G. [C55] Interclub team match, major division Vancouver, 25.02.1954

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nc3 Nc6 4.Bc4 Bb4 5.0-0 d6 6.d3 Bg4 7.Be3 0-0 8.h3 Bh5
9.a3 Ba5 10.g4 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Nxe4 12.hxe4 Bxe4 13.Kg2 Qf6 14.Rh1 Rad8
15.Qe2 d5 16.Bxd5 Rxd5 17.exd5 e4 18.dxe4 Ne5 19.Rh3 Bxe3+ 20.Kxe3 Nxf3
21.Rh1 Qh4+ 22.Kg2 Qg4+ 23.Kf1 Re8 24.e5 Rxe5 25.Qd3 h5 26.d6 cxd6
27.Qxd6 h4 28.Qb8+ Kh7 29.Qxb7 h3 30.Ke2 Rf5 31.Rb1 0-1

Koltanowski, George - Prentice, John G. [E67] Clock simul Vancouver, 24.02.1955

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.c4 d6 6.Nc3 Nbd7 7.0-0 Re8 8.h3 e5
9.Be3 h6 10.Qc2 Nb6 11.b3 Bf5 12.Qc1 Kh7 13.g4 Bc8 14.Rd1 Qe7 15.a4 c6
16.a5 Nbd7 17.dxe5 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 dxe5 19.a6 Qc7 20.axb7 Qxb7 21.Nb5 Re6
22.Nd6 Qc7 23.Nxc8 Qxc8 24.Bxa7 Qb7 25.Qe3 Nd7 26.b4 e4 27.Bd4 Rxa1
28.Bxa1 Bxa1 29.Rxa1 Qxb4 30.Ra7 Qd6 31.Qg3 1/2-1/2

Prentice, John G. - Macskasy, Elod [E80] City CC op Vancouver, 1961

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 0-0 8.g4 Nc6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 e5 11.d5 Nd4 12.h4 Nd7 13.Bxh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Nc2+ 15.Kd1 Nxa1 16.g5 Re8 17.h5 Nf8 18.hxg6 Nxc6 19.Nge2 c6 20.Ng3 Qb6 21.Bd3 Qe3 22.Be2 Bg4 23.Nf5 Bxf5 24.exf5 Qd4+ 25.Kc1 Qf4+ 26.Kb1 Qxf5+ 27.Ne4 cxd5 28.cxd5 f6 29.gxf6 Re7 30.Rh5 Qxh5 31.Qxh5 Rh7 32.Qxg6+ Kh8 33.Qg2 Rg8 34.Qf1 and Black resigned within a few moves. 1-0

MARCH OPEN

Dates: March 9 - 11, 2007

Place: Vancouver Chess Centre, 201 - 1050 Kingsway Ave., Vancouver

Rounds: 5

Times: March 9th, 6 pm; March 10th and 11th, 10 am and 2:30 pm

Type: Regular Swiss

Time Controls: game/90 with a 30 second increment (digital), or game/120 (analog)

Byes: Rds. 1-4

Entry Fee: Adults \$30, Juniors/Seniors \$20 (non-CFC members add \$10 for tournament membership)

Prizes: \$\$BEN

Registration: In advance or at site 5:30 – 5:50 pm, March 9th

Tournament Director: Stephen Wright

Miscellaneous: One or two sections, depending upon numbers

For more information please contact Stephen Wright: 604-221-7148, e-mail: swright2@telus.net

VICTORIA CHESS FESTIVAL

A major chess festival is being organized for Victoria, to be held on the Easter long weekend. Centred around the luxurious Hotel Grand Pacific, the festival will feature the B.C. Closed Championship, the B.C. Provincial Chess Challenge, an Open tournament plus a bughouse event.

The field for the B.C. Championship is as follows (subject to change):

Jonathan Berry (co-Champion)

Brian McLaren (co-Champion)

Howard Wu (co-Champion)

Louie Jiang (Junior Champion)

Dennis Epple (winner of Jack Taylor Qualifier)

Harry Moore (by rating)

Alfred Pechisker (by rating)
Dan Scoones (by rating)

For full details see

<http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Victoria%20Chess%20Festival>

32nd PAUL KERES MEMORIAL



Dates	Friday, May 18 to Monday, May 21, 2007
Location	Hungarian Cultural Centre, 728 Kingsway, Vancouver BC
Sections	Open, Under 2000, Under 1600
Time Control	Game/120 + 30 second increment or game/150
Rounds	Open: 7 Rounds; U2000, U1600: 6 Rounds
Round Times	Friday 5:30 (Open Section only); 10, 5 / 10, 3:30 / 9, ASAP

Prizes Based on entries. Unrated players may play in any section, but are only eligible for prizes if they play in the Open section. Unrated players who place in the other sections will have their entry fee returned.

Entry Fees		(Open / U2000 / U1600)
	Before or on March 30, 2007	\$110 / \$95 / \$80
	Before or on May 11, 2007	\$130 / \$110 / \$90
	At site	\$150 / \$125 / \$100

Discounts required)	Born after May 20, 1987:	50% (proof of date of birth
	Born before May 20, 1942:	50% (proof of date of birth
required)	FIDE rated players w/o Titles	25%
	FIDE Titled Players	Free entry

Surcharge \$25 extra for those players who wish to play in the Open Section, but who have a lifetime highest rating under 2000

Registration Please mail cheques (payable to BCCF) to:
British Columbia Chess Federation, PO Box 15548, Vancouver,
BC V6B 5B3

On-site Open Section: Friday, May 18, 3:00 to 5:00 pm
U2000 and U1600: Friday, May 18, 3:00 to 10:00 pm
Saturday, May 19, 9:00 to 9:30 am

Those registering after the respective deadlines (5:00 pm Friday for the Open, 9:30 am Saturday for the other sections) may receive pot-luck pairings or a half-point bye in the first round

Miscellaneous CFC rated, Open Section also FIDE rated; half-point byes may be requested for all but the last round; sets and boards provided, please bring clocks.
The **BCCF Annual General Meeting** will be held between rounds on Saturday, May 21

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Events

Mar 4 Junior Open, New Westminster
Mar 4 Victoria Regional Chess Challenge
Mar 17 Vancouver Regional Chess Challenge
Mar 25 Victoria Regional CYCC
Apr 9 BC Provincial Chess Challenge, Victoria

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss

Date: Tuesdays
Location: Room 215, Student Union Building, UBC
Type: 5-round Swiss

March Open

Date: March 9-11
Location: Vancouver Chess Centre, 201 - 1050 Kingsway Ave., Vancouver
Type: 5-round Swiss

Easter Open

Date: April 6-7
Location: Kamloops
Type: 6-round Swiss

Grand Pacific Open

Date: April 7-9, three- or two-day options

Location: Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria

Type: 5-round Swiss

Apple Blossom Open

Date: April 28-29

Location: Best Western Vernon Lodge

Type: 5-round Swiss

Paul Keres Memorial

Date: May 18-21

Location: Hungarian Cultural Centre, 728 Kingsway, Vancouver

Type: 7 or 6 round Swiss