

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #116

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. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

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RECENT NEWS

March Open (March 9-11)

Held at the Vancouver Chess Centre on a rainy weekend, this five-round Swiss attracted a lower than expected field of only fifteen players but was nevertheless competitive, with ambitious juniors taking on more-experienced older players. In this case the juniors, with a little luck, came out on top: Arie Milner took first place with 4.5/5, a full point ahead of Chang He Li and Yiming Han, who tied for the second and U1800 prizes.

| # | Name | Rtng | Rd 1 | Rd 2 | Rd 3 | Rd 4 | Rd 5 | Tot |
|----|------------------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----|
| 1 | Arie Milner | 1965 | W8 | W6 | W7 | W2 | D3 | 4.5 |
| 2 | Chang He Li | 1734 | H--- | W15 | W5 | L1 | W7 | 3.5 |
| 3 | Yiming Han | 1629 | W4 | L7 | W13 | W5 | D1 | 3.5 |
| 4 | Jack Cheng | 1901 | L3 | D13 | W12 | W11 | D6 | 3.0 |
| 5 | Philip Harris | 1890 | W9 | W11 | L2 | L3 | W8 | 3.0 |
| 6 | Alexandra Botez | 1857 | W12 | L1 | D11 | W10 | D4 | 3.0 |
| 7 | Jofrel Landingin | 1884 | W10 | W3 | L1 | D8 | L2 | 2.5 |
| 8 | Yifei Han | 1736 | L1 | W12 | W15 | D7 | L5 | 2.5 |
| 9 | Berthold Chiang | 1351 | L5 | L14 | B--- | W15 | D10 | 2.5 |
| 10 | Jason Lohner | 1311 | L7 | B--- | W14 | L6 | D9 | 2.5 |
| 11 | Hafiz Dhanani | 1283 | W14 | L5 | D6 | L4 | B--- | 2.5 |
| 12 | Alex Sabaratnam | 1443 | L6 | L8 | L4 | B--- | W15 | 2.0 |
| 13 | Kirk Gornall | 2226 | H--- | D4 | L3 | U--- | U--- | 1.0 |
| 14 | Richard Spaan | 1878 | L11 | W9 | L10 | U--- | U--- | 1.0 |
| 15 | Jonah Lee | 1256 | B--- | L2 | L8 | L9 | L12 | 1.0 |

Thanks to Toni Deline and the Vancouver Chess Centre for hosting the tournament - see <http://www.vanchess.com/> for their upcoming events. The TD was Stephen Wright.

Sprott Shaw Grand Prix (March 4)

The final event in this junior Grand Prix has now taken place, and news and final results can be found at <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/news.html>. This is not the end of junior events for the season, though - regional tournaments are taking place in the Lower Mainland this weekend, and further events are scheduled. See the link below:

<http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/events.html>

Another Recent Game (submitted by Nick Beqo)

Jon, Byl - Nick, Beqo [A40] Langley vs. Port Coquitlam Team Match, 01.03.2007
[Beqo]

1.d4 a6 2.Bf4 Normally, the bishop is developed after the knight. **2...c6** Here is another game with "my own opening", this time against 1.d4. I say "my own opening," because I have not found yet any game played with this move order. **3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 d6!** This move is an antidote to Bf4. In our previous encounter, I played 4...d5 and after 5.h3 the bishop was powerful. Although I managed to exchange the dark-squared bishops and the final position was drawn, I blundered and lost. I was very tired that day (he, he, it sounds as an excuse). However, my opponent played very well, and I was surprised, because I had not heard of the guy. Dwayne [Angelvette] was there, and after the game he told me that Jon Byl used to beat Suttles. I asked Jon about his chess career and he told me that he used to play 25 years ago. Another alternative is 4...Nh5. **5.h3 g6 5...Qb6!? 6.Nbd2 Bg7 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Bh2 Re8 10.Re1 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.e4 b5** I am happy with my opening. **13.a4 Bb7 14.axb5 axb5 15.Rxa8 Qxa8 16.Qa1 Nh5** According to Fritz10 the position is equal. **17.Nb3 Nf4 18.Rd1?! 18.Bf1. 18...Qxa1?! 18...Nxd3 19.Qxa8 Rxa8 20.Rxd3 Nc5!-/+** **19.Rxa1 Ra8** Better is 19...Nxd3 20.cxd3 Ra8-/+ **20.Rxa8+ Bxa8 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.c3 22.Nbd4 22...b4?! 22...Nb6-/+** **23.cxb4 Bxb2 24.Nfd2 Bc3 25.b5 Bxd2?!** Black has a little advantage due to the pair of bishops. It looks like my last move wins a pawn, but in fact it gives that little advantage away. **25...Ne5=/+ 26.Nxd2 Nc5 27.Be2? 27.bxc6 Nxd3 28.c7 Bb7 29.Nc4 Ba6 30.Nd6 Kg7 31.c8Q Bxc8 32.Nxc8 Kf6. 27...cxb5 28.Bxb5 Bxe4** Although Fritz will take with the knight, I was trained that when the pawns are on one side of the board, the knight is better than the bishop. In this position Black is a pawn up and eventually won the game. **0-1**

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

[While the 1...a6, 2...c6 move order might have the advantage of confusing White, it doesn't seem to constitute an independant system in the same way that Michael Basman's 1...a6, 2...b5 (St. George) or 1...g5, 2...h6 (borG) do - editor.]

VANCOUVER - WINNIPEG TELEGRAPH MATCH 1927

Eighty years ago, teams from Vancouver and Winnipeg engaged in a telegraph match on January 1st, 1927. The two cities had contested a previous match just over two years earlier (December 13, 1924), with the Vancouver squad victorious by a 7-3 score (see <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/vanwin.html>). That match had involved a team chosen by the Winnipeg and District Chess League; information is scant, but it appears the Vancouver team had been requesting a second match, whereas the Winnipeg League was unwilling or unable to provide one. The match went ahead on New Year's Day, 1927, but with a Winnipeg team apparently not authorized by the league. This elicited the following sharply-worded comments in the *Manitoba Free Press* chess column of that day:

"We cannot imagine that the private telegraph match that is scheduled to take place today will give Vancouver much satisfaction, as they have been anxious to play a Winnipeg team under the direction of the District League the same as they did two years ago. The team as drawn up to play today has only one player in it that played them before, and does not include the city champion or runners-up, and only one player amongst the first seven of the contestants in last year's Northwest tournament. Considering this, it will be poor satisfaction to win from such a team and a disgrace if it so happened that the British Columbia team should lose."

This tone is in stark contrast to the words offered by the Winnipeg secretary after the 1924 match: "We offer no excuses. We were properly beaten and met our Waterloo. In the meantime we have gained, I trust, some valuable information regarding the chessmanship of the Vancouver Club and found out what a lot of good fellows they are."

In the event Vancouver was again victorious, although by a smaller percentage score:

"Members of the Vancouver Chess Club again demonstrated their prowess at the royal game when they defeated the Wednesday Night Club of Winnipeg in a telegraph team match New Year's Day. The score was 7 1/2 to 4 1/2. The twelve players representing the local club were seated in The Province sports room and were in direct telegraphic communication with the studio in which the Winnipeg team was playing. Play was continued for ten hours, after which three boards, 2, 9 and 10, were still in progress. Draws were agreed upon on boards 2 and 9, while a win was conceded Alexander on board 10.

Prior to the commencement of play ex-President J.A. Murchison presented prizes to the winners of last year's tournaments.

The final summary is as follows:

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| 1 H. Butler | = | H.H. Burrell (ex-western champion) |
| 2 R.A. Scott | = | E.S. Lancashire (western champion) |
| 3 A. Stevenson | 1-0 | Prof. Cross |

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| 4 | C.F. Millar | 1-0 | J. Windmeyer |
| 5 | H. Jenkins | = | J.H. Irwin |
| 6 | F. Calhoun | 1-0 | Prof. Garfinkle |
| 7 | J. Nickel | 0-1 | F. Atnikov |
| 8 | V. Colle | = | N.H. Wallbank |
| 9 | A. Hammond | = | A.W. Luyendyk |
| 10 | J. Alexander | 1-0 | T.F. Speedy |
| 11 | J. Taylor | = | J. Kushine |
| 12 | O.A. Hawes | = | F. Djecobenes |

[*Vancouver Daily Province*, January 9, 1927]

The Vancouver team was composed entirely of members of the Vancouver Chess Club, whereas in 1924 the team had also included three players from the North Vancouver Club. Notable is Vancouver's board 11 player: this is the first appearance of Jack Taylor's name in print. (The following year he was described as "a promising young player" when he won an intermediate event at the club.) On the Winnipeg side both Burrell and Atnikov emigrated to Vancouver in later life.

Scott, R.A. - Lancashire, E.S. [C01] Telegraph m, 01.01.1927

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5 5.Qd3 Qe7+ 6.Be2 c6 7.Nf3 Be6 8.Bf4 Nd7
 9.Ne5 Ngf6 10.Bf3 Ng4 11.Bxg4 Bxg4 12.0-0 Be6 13.Qg3 0-0-0 14.Nd3 Ba5 15.Rab1
 Bb6 16.Ne2 f6 17.Bd6 Qf7 18.Qf4 g5 19.Qd2 h5 20.b4 Nb8 21.Bc5 Nd7 22.b5 cxb5
 23.Rxb5 Nxc5 24.Nxc5 Bd7 25.Nxd7 Rxd7 26.f4 Qe7 27.fxg5 fxg5 28.Ng3 h4 29.Nf5 Qd8
 30.Ne3 Re8 31.Rf5 a6 32.Rb3 Re4 33.c3 Bc7 34.Qd3 Qe8 1/2-1/2

Atnikov, Frank - Nickel, J. [C44] Telegraph m, 01.01.1927

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Be7 5.0-0 d6 6.h3 Ne5 7.Nxe5 dxe5 8.Qh5 g6 9.Qxe5
 f6 10.Qb5+ c6 11.Qb3 Kd7 12.Rd1 c5 13.Qb5+ Kc7 14.Bf4+ Bd6 15.Qxc5+ Kd7 16.Rxd4
 Ke8 17.Bxd6 Bd7 18.e5 Bc6 19.Nc3 Qb6 20.Re1 f5 21.Nd5 Qxc5 22.Nf6+ Kd8 23.Bxc5+
 Kc7 24.Nxg8 Raxg8 25.Bxg8 Rxxg8 26.Rd6 b6 27.Ba3 g5 28.Rf6 f4 29.Rf7+ Kc8 30.Rxh7
 1-0

VICTORIA CHESS FESTIVAL

A major chess festival is being organized for Victoria, to be held on the Easter long weekend. Centered 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:

Jonathan Berry (co-Champion)
 Brian McLaren (co-Champion)
 Howard Wu (co-Champion)
 Louie Jiang (Junior Champion)
 Harry Moore (by rating)

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

For full details see

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

32nd PAUL KERES MEMORIAL



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| 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.

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| 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 | Born after May 20, 1987: | 50% (proof of date of birth required) |
| | 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 | <u>Open Section</u> : 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

Contact Stephen Wright, swright2@telus.net, (604) 221-7148

<http://www.keresmemorial.com/>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Events

Mar 17 Vancouver Regional Chess Challenge
Mar 18 Fraser Valley 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

Easter Open - www.chess.bc.ca/events3.html#easteropen

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

VCC Easter Swiss

Date: April 6-8
Location: Vancouver Chess Centre
Type: 6-round Swiss

Grand Pacific Open - [www.victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Victoria Chess Festival](http://www.victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Victoria_Chess_Festival)

Date: April 7-9, three- or two-day options
Location: Hotel Grand Pacific, Victoria
Type: 5-round Swiss

Apple Blossom Open - www.chess.bc.ca/events3.html#appleblossom

Date: April 28-29

Location: Best Western Vernon Lodge

Type: 5-round Swiss

Paul Keres Memorial – www.keresmemorial.com

Date: May 18-21

Location: Hungarian Cultural Centre, 728 Kingsway, Vancouver

Type: 7 or 6 round Swiss