

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #14

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Stephen Wright

VANCOUVER JUNIOR GRAND PRIX #6

This event attracted 46 players to the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Winners in the Quads were: Jason Lee and Gavin Atkinson, Andrey Kostin and Alexander Reid, Bryan Young and Jamie Harper, Lesley Cheng and Jasenko Dzinovic, Lo-Ching Chow and Gregory Chua, Lane Van Weerdhuizen (from Washington) and Lara Heppenstall, and Steven Roller, Jack Cheng and Kevin Au. In the Swiss Dan Beschea took top honours with 5/5, followed by Raymond Soo and Alexandra Botez on 4 and Kyle King with 3.5.

With six of the eight events completed, the top standings in the Grand Prix are as follows:

Atkinson, Gavin 24.8
Chow, Lo-Ching 20.8
Cheng, Lesley 20.8
Goutor, Valentina 20.1
Kostin, Andrey 20.1
Davies, Lucas 18.7
Lee, Jason 18.7
Dzinovic, Jasenko 17.8
Yu, Danny 17.2
Young, Bryan 17.1

While Gavin maintains a comfortable overall lead, the race for the remaining places is heating up - should be an exciting finish!

UBC TUESDAY NIGHT SWISS FEBRUARY/MARCH

Eleven year-old Noam Davies dominated the latest UBC event, scoring a perfect 5/5 and leaving a trail of higher-rated opponents in his wake. He was a little lucky in the last round (his efforts to drum up counterplay in a lost position paid off when his opponent blundered into a mate in two) but was otherwise worthy of his 2270 performance rating. Ernie Krzyzowski took the under-1800 prize.

# Name	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1 Noam Davies	1795	W17	W 4	W 8	W 2	W 5 5.0
2 Hee Seid	2075	W 9	D 3	W 7	L 1	W 8 3.5
3 Ernest Krzyzowski	1796	W13	D 2	W 4	L 5	W 7 3.5
4 Michael Carlisle	2093	W12	L 1	L 3	W15	W 9 3.0
5 Travis Lane	1967	W10	L 7	W14	W 3	L 1 3.0
6 Lucas Davies	1915	W15	L 8	W10	L 7	W12 3.0
7 Geoffrey Ruelland	1743	W11	W 5	L 2	W 6	L 3 3.0
8 Peter Devries	1773	W16	W 6	L 1	D12	L 2 2.5
9 Mike Miller	1574	L 2	D 0	W13	W11	L 4 2.5
10 Peter Sum	1512	L 5	W17	L 6	W16	D13 2.5
11 Geoffrey Hoffmann	Unr.	L 7	D13	W17	L 9	W15 2.5
12 Peter Broz	1629	L 4	D14	W15	D 8	L 6 2.0
13 Jason Lynd	1450	L 3	D11	L 9	W17	D10 2.0
14 Lyle Craver	1618	D 0	D12	L 5	L 0	L 0 1.0
15 Richard Gaulin	1451	L 6	W16	L12	L 4	L11 1.0
16 Adam Rootman	1260	L 8	L15	W 0	L10	L 0 1.0
17 Yosha Anema	1446	L 1	L10	L11	L13	L 0 0.0

It is still possible to join the current UBC event which began yesterday - see the tournament listings below for details.

VICTORIA REGIONAL CHESS CHALLENGE

Details of this tournament, played on March 9th, can be found at:

Greater Victoria Junior Chess

LOWER MAINLAND TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (from Len Molden)

North Vancouver wins the 2002-2003 Lower Mainland Chess Club Team Championship. Congratulations to them on their victory. All the results are posted at:

Lower Mainland Chess Team Results

FRANK MARSHALL IN VICTORIA

"Mr. Frank Marshall, the United States champion chess player, gave an exhibition of wonderful skill at the Camosun Club yesterday. The champion played nine men in the afternoon and seventeen in the evening, playing the boards simultaneously, and lost but two games. Commenting on the class of Victoria chess players Mr. Marshall stated that he had never met better

players since he left Montreal.

On his arrival in Victoria yesterday, Mr. Marshall was taken for a drive about the city and was afterwards entertained at the Camosun Club by the members of the Chess Club and the Camosun Club. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Marshall met nine local men. He defeated eight and drew with one, his successful opponent being Mr. Gibson, who should have won. Mr. Gibson allowed himself to be drawn into a perpetual check and thus received a draw instead of a win.

In the evening Mr. Marshall won from all his opponents with the exception of Mr. J.T. Meyers, who won his game, and Messrs. Benson, Marchant and Parsons, who managed to obtain a draw. The champion's opponents were: Messrs. Lombard, Marchant, Meyers, Dodd, Pelly, Fredrickson, Cheater [what a name for a chess player!], Vincent, Read, Parsons, Gonnason, Gibson, T. Brown, Benson, Jenette, Curtis, Gibson [Gibson is listed twice, an error in the report?]."

[Daily Colonist, Wednesday June 25, 1913. There is some indication that Marshall conducted the afternoon simultaneous blindfolded, but this is not confirmed.]

Marshall,F - Gibson,A [C01] Simultaneous Exhibition, Victoria, 24.06.1913

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Nge7 7.0-0 Bxc3 8.bxc3 h6 9.Rb1 0-0 10.c4 Re8 11.Re1 b6 12.Bf4 Na5 13.c5 Be6 14.Qd2 Ng6 15.Bxg6 fxg6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Qxh6 Bf5 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Re1 Qf8 20.Qg5 Re8 21.Ne5 Nc6 22.cxb6 axb6 23.c3 Nd8 24.g4 Nf7 25.Qh4 Nxe5 26.dxe5 Be4 27.Re3 Re7 28.f3 Rh7 29.Qf6 Qxf6 30.exf6 Bb1 31.Re8+ Kf7 32.Re7+ Kg8 33.Re8+ Kf7 ½-½

30 YEARS AGO . . . by Bruce Harper

Today's game was played between Bob Zuk and Paul Brown in the 1973 New Westminster Open. The opening is the timeless main line of the Ruy Lopez (perhaps the principle difference being that it is more commonly referred to as the "Spanish" opening these days).

Zuk-Brown, New Westminster, 1973

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 h6

Since the rules of chess haven't changed in any significant way since 1973 (or even earlier), this should all make sense. It was only during the mid-1970s that 9...h6 gave way to 9...Re8, when it was realized that 10.Ng5 Rf8 11.Nf3 offered both players a way to draw by repetition and go home early

(if they were pacifically inclined) or a way to gain time on the clock (if they were in a fighting mood).

10.d4 Re8 11.Nbd2 Bf8 12.Bc2 Bb7 13.a3

Apparently theory, because after...

13...d5 14.exd5 Qxd5 15.Ne4 exd4 16.Nxf6+ gxf6

...the learned annotator tells us "...this game followed Tal-Gligoric, Moscow, 1967, until White's 17th move".

17.Qd3?

My guess would be White confused the move order here. Tal played the more natural 17.Rxe8 Rxe8 18.Qd3 f5 19.Bf4 Bg7 (19...Qe4!) 20.Nh4 Ne5 and, after some bad moves by both sides, including a missed win by Tal (!), the game was drawn.

17...Rxe1+ 18.Nxe1 f5 19.Be3

White is already in big trouble. Even if White manages to regain his pawn (which he doesn't), Black's pieces will be tremendously active (which they are anyway).

19...Rd8 20.Rd1 Qe4 21.Qe2 Qe6 22.cxd4 Nxd4 23.Qh5 Rd5

Black is playing like some sort of computer programmed for "centralization".

24.Bxd4 Rxd4 0:1

You can't blame White for throwing in the towel. 25.Rxd4 Qxe1+ 26.Kh2 Qe5+ leaves Black a piece up, while 25.Bb3 Rxd1! 26.Bxe6 Rxe1+ 27.Kh2 Bd6+ is a flashy queen "sacrifice" which illustrates the power of the bishop pair. This left only the dismal 25.Nf3 Rxd1+ 26.Bxd1, when Black has a better position and an extra pawn. After 26...c5, White's position is just horrible.

Is there a righteous person around these days to ensure that 1.e4 players really know what they're doing when they play the Ruy Lopez? I'm not so sure, but I know that later on Paul Brown fell in love with the French Defence, although it's hard to imagine a more convincing win with Black than this game.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Individual Chess Matches

Players interested in participating in rated individual chess matches with other players of comparable or dissimilar ratings can contact Luis E. Azmitia at: azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca

Please make sure to include in the e-mail: your name, your rating, type of game preferred (i.e. active), and the rating range of possible opponents. Note that the games will be held in the Vancouver area.

Upcoming junior events:

March 30 Vancouver Regional Chess Challenge
April 5 Fraser Valley Secondary Regional Chess Challenge
April 13 Vancouver Grand Prix #7
April 13 Victoria Regional CYCC
April 19 Provincial Chess Challenge

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

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
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 bye requests!) Please bring sets, clocks, etc.

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 ½ 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
Sponsors: Polaris Water Company www.polariswater.com and Chess First!
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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
Prizes: 1st \$140 plus FREE entry into Keres Open and Fritz 8 software, all players receive CB CD prizes
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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
(250) 860-6409

Entry: \$25, \$20 Seniors, \$15 Juniors Non CFC pay entry + \$12

Prizes: BEN

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