

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #18

This Bulletin normally keeps to a fortnightly publication schedule, but because of the Keres Memorial this coming weekend we will publish again next Wednesday (May 21st) with news and games from the tournament. I hope to see you on the weekend in B.C.'s premier open event of the year!

Stephen Wright

BC PROVINCIAL CYCC

The B.C. Provincial Finals for this year's Canadian Youth Chess Championships took place at BCIT on the May 3-4 weekend. The field was smaller than usual (57 players), but the use of two days allowed for a longer time-control and generally excellent playing conditions.

The winners in each age group are given below; congratulations to all!

U10 Boys Elliot Raymer Duncan Dauvergne Chad Katunar
U10 Girls Alexandra Botez Cristina Stoica Diana Durbalau
U12 Boys Noam Davies Jasenko Dzinovic Stefan Trandafir
U12 Girls Brianna Reid Bonita Tsang Ana Maria Luca
U14 Boys Alexander Reid Sam Churchill Lo-Ching Chow
U14 Girls Lara Heppenstall Tiffany Tang Laura Harper
U16 Boys Fanhao Meng Lucas Davies Jason Lee
U18 Boys Glen Nogayev Justin Chan
U18 Girls Yamei Wang

PORTLAND NORTHWEST INVITATIONAL

Courtesy of John Donaldson (who just came across a copy of the tournament bulletin), we present Bob Zuk's games from the 1971 Northwest Invitational, a tournament squarely in the middle of Bob's halcyon days.

"The Park Haveland Hotel in downtown Portland, Oregon, was the site of the first annual Northwest Invitational. Eight of the strongest Northwest players participated in an 'almost' round-robin of six rounds. At the very outset, lots were drawn to determine which player one would not play. Colors and pairings for future rounds could then be set up for the remainder of the tournament." [Northwest Chess, April 1971.]

Name 1 2 3 4 5 6

1 Bob Zuk D4 W6 W8 W5 W2 D7 5.0
2 Viktors Pupols W6 W4 W7 D3 L1 W8 4.5

3 Peter Biyiasas L5 W8 W6 D2 W7 W4 4.5
4 George Krauss D1 L2 W5 W7 W6 L3 3.5
5 Mike Franett W3 D7 L4 L1 W8 D6 3.0
6 Mike Morris L2 L1 L3 W8 L4 D5 1.5
7 Clark Harmon L8 D5 L2 L4 L3 D1 1.0
8 Mike Montchalin W7 L3 L1 L6 L5 L2 1.0

Krauss - Zuk [B52] Northwest Invitational Portland (1), 05.03.1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c4 g6 7.d4 cxd4 8.Nxd4
Bg7 9.Be3 Nf6 10.f3 0-0 11.Nc3 Rac8 12.b3 e6 13.Rc1 Rfd8 14.Nxc6 bxc6 15.Qe2
Ne8 16.Na4 c5 17.Rfd1 Qc6 18.Rc2 Bf6 19.Bf2 Nc7 20.f4 Na8 21.Qf3 Nb6 22.Nxb6
Qxb6 23.g4 Qc6 24.g5 Bg7 25.Kg2 a5 26.Be1 a4 27.Bc3 axb3 28.axb3 Rb8 29.Bxg7
Kxg7 30.Rcd2 Rb6 31.Rd3 Rdb8 32.Re3 ½-½

Zuk - Morris [B42] Northwest Invitational Portland (2), 05.03.1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Qc7 6.0-0 Nf6 7.Qe2 d6 8.Nc3 Nbd7
9.Be3 b5 10.a3 Bb7 11.f4 Nc5 12.Bf2 Be7 13.Nb3 Nxd3 14.cxd3 0-0 15.Rac1 Qd8
16.Bd4 Nd7 17.Qg4 e5 18.Be3 exf4 19.Bxf4 Ne5 20.Qe2 Bf6 21.Be3 Re8 22.Nd4 d5
23.Nf5 dxe4 24.dxe4 Nc4 25.Rcd1 Qc7 26.Nh6+ Kh8 27.Rxf6 Nxe3 28.Rxf7 Qc5
29.Qf2 Qg5 30.Re1 Qxh6 31.Qxe3 Qc6 32.Qd4 Rg8 33.Nd5 Rad8 34.Qf2 Rd7 35.Ne7
Qc4 36.Ng6+ 1-0

Montchalin - Zuk [E79] Northwest Invitational Portland (3), 06.03.1971

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0-0 6.f4 c5 7.Nf3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc6
9.Be3 Bd7 10.0-0 a6 11.Nc2 Rc8 12.Rc1 Na5 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Ng4 15.Bxg4 Bxg4
16.Qxg4 Nxc4 17.Rfd1 Nxe5 18.Qe4 Qe8 19.Bd4 Nc6 20.Nd5 e5 21.Bc5 f5 22.Qc4
Rf7 23.Nb6 Rd8 24.Ne3 Bh6 25.Qh4 Kg7 26.Rxd8 Qxd8 27.Qxd8 Nxd8 28.Rc3 Kf6
29.Rd3 Nc6 30.Kf2 Kg7 31.Nec4 e4 32.Rd7 Rxd7 33.Nxd7 Kf7 34.Ndb6 Ke6 35.Ke2
Bf4 36.g3 Bc7 37.b4 g5 38.Ke3 h5 39.Na4 b5 40.Nab2 bxc4 41.Nxc4 Kd5 42.Nd2
f4+ 43.gxf4 Bxf4+ 44.Ke2 Bxh2 45.a4 Bf4 46.Nb3 Kc4 0-1

Zuk - Franett [C82] Northwest Invitational Portland (4), 06.03.1971

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6
9.c3 Bc5 10.Nbd2 0-0 11.Qe2 Nxd2 12.Bxd2 Qd7 13.Rad1 Ne7 14.Be3 Bxe3 15.Qxe3
c6 16.Ng5 Qa7 17.Bc2 Qxe3 18.Bxh7+ Kh8 19.fxe3 g6 20.Rf6 Kg7 21.Rdf1 Nf5
22.Bxg6 Nxe3 23.R1f4 Rae8 24.Nh7 Rg8 25.Bxf7 Kxh7 26.Rh4+ Kg7 27.Bxe6 Rgf8
28.Rh3 Rxe6 29.Rxf8 Rxe5 30.Rff3 Nd1 31.Rhg3+ Kh7 32.b3 c5 33.Rf1 Ne3 34.Rf4
Nf5 35.Rg5 Re1+ 36.Kf2 Ra1 37.Rxf5 Rxa2+ 38.Kg3 Kh6 39.h4 1-0

Pupols - Zuk [E13] Northwest Invitational Portland (5), 07.03.1971

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 Bb7 7.e3 c5 8.Bd3 d6 9.Rc1

Qe7 10.0-0 Bxc3 11.Rxc3 e5 12.Bc2 Nbd7 13.Ba4 0-0-0 14.Bxd7+ Rxd7 15.d5 g5
16.Bg3 Ne4 17.Ra3 f5 18.h3 Kb8 19.Nd2 Nxd2 20.Qxd2 f4 21.Bh2 Qf6 22.f3 h5
23.Kf2 Rg8 24.Ke2 Rf7 25.e4 g4 26.hxg4 hxg4 27.Bg1 Bc8 28.Bf2 Rh7 29.b4 gxf3+
30.gxf3 Rh2 31.bxc5 dxc5 32.Qe1 Rgg2 33.Rb3 Qh4 34.Rb2 Ba6 35.Kd1 Qh5 36.Qc3
Qe8 37.Ke1 Kc7 38.Rg1 Rxg1+ 39.Bxg1 Rxb2 40.Qxb2 Bxc4 41.Qg2 Kb7 42.Qg7+ Ka6
43.d6 Qa4 44.Qg2 Qb4+ 45.Qd2 Qxd2+ 46.Kxd2 Kb7 47.Bf2 Kc6 48.Bh4 Kxd6 49.a3
Bf1 50.Bd8 c4 51.a4 Bg2 52.Ke2 c3 53.a5 b5 54.a6 Bxf3+ 55.Kd3 b4 56.Ba5 Kc5
57.Bc7 Bxe4+ 58.Kxe4 c2 59.Bxe5 c1Q 60.Bd4+ Kb5 61.Bxa7 Kxa6 0-1

Zuk - Harmon [B09] Northwest Invitational Portland (6), 07.03.1971

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 c5 6.Bb5+ Bd7 7.Bxd7+ Nfxd7 8.Be3
Nc6 9.Qd2 cxd4 10.Nxd4 0-0 11.0-0 Nxd4 12.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 13.Qxd4 Qb6 14.Rfd1 Rfc8
15.Qxb6 Nxb6 16.Rd3 Rc5 17.a4 Rc7 18.a5 Nd7 19.Rad1 Nc5 20.Rd4 Ne6 21.Nd5
Rxc2 22.Rb4 b6 23.axb6 axb6 24.Nxe7+ Kf8 25.Nd5 Ra2 26.Rb1 Nc5 27.Nc3 Ra6
28.Rd1 Nb7 29.h3 f6 30.Nd5 Ra2 31.Rxb6 Raxb2 32.Rxb2 Rxb2 33.Nxf6 h6 34.Ng4
h5 35.Nf2 Ke7 36.Nd3 Rb5 37.Kf2 Nc5 38.Nxc5 dxc5 39.Rc1 Kd6 40.Rc3 Rb4 41.Kf3
c4 42.Ke3 Kc5 43.g4 hxg4 44.hxg4 Rb1 45.e5 Rg1 46.f5 ½-½

30 YEARS AGO . . . by Bruce Harper

Thirty years ago people in Vancouver were just starting to think of the idea of holding a Big Event in Vancouver in 1975, and two years later it happened.

The legendary Paul Keres played in that tournament, winning it convincingly.

Sadly, it was his last event, and the Keres Memorial Tournament has been held in Vancouver ever since.

The last Big Event, the Vancouver International Chess Congress, was held in 1981. Canadian Opens and Canadian Championships are tremendous events, but I wonder if B.C. should be starting to thinking of holding another Big Event...

Today's game was played in the 1975 tournament, but it would never have happened had the idea of the event not been conceived two years earlier. In it, Keres faced Vancouver Grandmaster Duncan Suttles, and the result didn't disappoint.

Keres, P - Suttles, D [B08] Vancouver 1975 (9), 24.05.1975

1.d4 d6 2.e4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Be2 Nf6 5.Nc3 0-0 6.0-0 Bg4 7.Be3 Nc6 8.d5!?

This creates an unbalanced position where both sides have play.

8...Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Ne5 10.Be2 c6!

Black's compensation for White's bishop pair consists of play on the queenside. White meets the challenge head on.

11.a4!

Perhaps the exclamation point is undeserved, but it reinforces the fact that for White the advance of his a2-pawn is the most logical way of handling the position. His goal is to negate Black's queenside activity, then take over the centre with his bishop pair. This plan is by no means to be taken lightly, especially when carried out by a Keres, and Black's responses should be studied carefully by anyone who is inclined to play this variation for Black.

11...Qa5! 12.Ra3 Rfc8

Naturally Black brings a rook to the c-file, but he is careful to use his f8-rook, as the a8-rook must defend the b7-pawn.

13.Rb3 Rab8 14.Qd2

White prudently refrains from 14.f4, which would weaken his center before he has completed his development. White is content to leave Black's knight on e5, because it blocks the a1-h8 diagonal. For this very reason, Black now voluntarily withdraws the e5-knight and transfers it to c5. This position is to be found in *The Ultimate Pirc* (Nunn and McNab), the 1998 Batsford treatment of this opening. The book is well organized, but suffers from several flaws. It tends to have a White bias, but that may be just my bias showing. It also doesn't explain too much, being more a compendium of games and variations than a complete exposition of the opening - although, to be fair, that would probably double the length of the book. But its worst sin is that it almost completely ignores Suttles' contribution to the development of the Pirc and Rat (or "Modern" to the English...) Defences. This may be due to the ignorance of the authors, or the thought that no game before 1990 can possibly be worth anything. But the record will eventually be set straight.

14...Ned7! 15.f3 Nc5!

An important finesse - Black doesn't exchange on d5 immediately, because then 16.Rb5! would drive the Black queen back.

16.Ra3 cxd5

Now this move is possible, but tactics are lurking just below the surface.

17.exd5 a6 18.Rb1!

White is consistent in his approach to the position. He now threatens 19.b4.

18...Qb4!

This had to be carefully calculated, but there is no way for White to take advantage of the somewhat exposed position of Black's queen on b4. Keres simplifies, which is something of an admission of failure.

19.Ne4!? Qxd2 20.Nxf6+ Bxf6 21.Bxd2

White still has his bishop pair, and is looking at consolidating his position on the queenside. But Black has a courageous continuation which takes full advantage of his temporarily more active pieces.

21...Nxa4!

Suttles' games were almost always worth watching. It is better to stand out from the crowd, even if it means the occasional bad result (this advice comes directly from Suttles himself).

22.Rxa4 Rxc2 23.Rd1 Rxb2 24.Bd3 Rc8

In addition to his three pawns, Black has play against White's d5-pawn, which is weak. White now exchanges Black's more active rook.

25.Rb4! Rc5 26.Rxb2 Bxb2 27.Be4 f5 28.Bb1 a5

Of course 28...Rxd5? 29.Ba2 wins for White.

29.Be3 Rc8 30.Kf2 a4 31.Bd4 Bxd4+ 32.Rxd4 a3

The a6-pawn has turned into a real menace.

33.Ke3 Rc1 34.Rb4

Now Black has to be careful. Passive defense with 34...Rc7 would fail, but Black has a much stronger continuation.

34...a2! 35.Bxa2 Rc2 36.Bb1 Rxc2 37.h4 Rh2 38.Rxb7 Kf7 39.Rb4 Kf6 Draw

Even though Black has only two pawns for the piece, his active rook and White's pawn weaknesses make the position equal.

YANOFSKY MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

"Vas Sladek is looking for a chess player to share travel and/or hotel room costs in Winnipeg for the August 29-Sept.1, 2003 FIDE-rated Abe Yanofsky Memorial tournament. Please call 604-787-4553 or e-mail Vas at chessfm@shaw.ca."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please note the following CHANGE OF VENUE for the weekly Sunday chess tournament in Vancouver. The Tournament is moving from Esquires Coffee House to the Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive, Vancouver, B.C. Start time Sundays @1:00 PM. 5 rounds, 30 min. time control. Contact Robert Topic, tel: (604)298-0543, e-mail: bernardtopic@shaw.ca

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:

May 25 Grand Prix #8
June 8 Year-end Event

For details visit British Columbia Chess Federation

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)

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Solstice Saturday Chess Fever

Date: May 24, June 07, 14, 21 and 28 (No games on May 31)

Location: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway

Rds: 5

Type: Regular Swiss

Time: Games start at 5:00 p.m.

Time Control: 30/90 G/60

Entry Fee: \$25, \$20 for Juniors and Masters

Prizes: \$\$ Ben CFC Rated

Org: James Kerry 778 773 2761 and Luc Poitras (604) 438-0496

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss - June - July 2003

Dates: June 3rd, June 10th, June 17th, June 24th, July 8th (N.B. no chess July 1st)

Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, Room 421

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.

Active Chess at the Little Mountain

Dates: Wednesdays June 18, June 25, and July 2nd

Time: 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Location: Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, 3981 Main St. Vancouver (near King Edward Ave.)

Type: Active Swiss

Rounds: 6 in total, 2 per day

Time Control: 40 minutes per game

Categories: Open CFC rated, U1700 CFC rated, Open non-rated, Junior non-rated
Entry fee: Juniors and Seniors always pay \$5. Others pay \$20 before June 18 and \$30 on June 18. Register at the front desk of the Neighbourhood House.

Prizes: 1st Open rated (fritz 7 + digital chess clock)

1st U1700 rated (digital chess clock)

1st Open non-rated and 1st Junior (chess set + free CFC membership)

Medals and cash prizes BEN

Organizers: Eduardo / Luis Azmitia 604 582 5586 e-mail:

azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca

Carmen Miranda 604 582 5586

Misc: bring sets and clocks.

Note: The tournament is organized thanks to the support of Little Mountain Neighbourhood House (<http://www.littlemountainneighbourhoodhouse.bc.ca/>) and Chess First! Enterprises (www.northshorechess.com)

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

TD & Org Lynn Stringer Wally Steinke & Ian Higgs wsteinke@sd22.bc.ca ph (250) 545-6677 ianofski@cablelan.net

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss - July - August 2003

Dates: July 15th, July 22nd, July 29th, August 5th, August 12th

Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, Room 421

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.

BC Open

Dates: August 2-4, 2003

Location: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway

Rounds: 6 round Swiss

Times: 10 / 4 ; 10 / 4 ; 10 / asap

Time Control: 40 moves / 120 minutes, game / 60 minutes Entry Fee: \$30, \$20 for masters, juniors, and seniors

Registration: 9:30 - 9:50 am before round 1

Prizes: Based on entries (\$\$BEN)

TD: Stephen Wright

Misc: half point byes available for rounds 1-5.