

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN # 2

My apologies for this being a week late, but I was out of town due to a death in the family. As before, your editor welcomes any and all submissions for this bulletin - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to the BC chess community. To subscribe, send an e-mail to me (stphwrg@aol.com) or sign up via the BCCF webpage (British Columbia Chess Federation); if you no longer wish to receive this bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright

JUNIOR NEWS

Both Vancouver and Victoria have initiated junior grand prix this year - for details and schedules see

British Columbia Chess Federation or Greater Victoria Junior Chess

Vancouver Grand Prix # 1

Thirty-five players participated in Vancouver's first junior event of the new season at the freshly-renovated Vancouver Bridge Centre. Most of the players were placed in Quads and played in three-game round robins; the remainder took part in a five-round swiss. Prize winners from the Quads were: Lucas Davies and Yamei Wang, Gavin Atkinson and Noam Davies, Peter Sum and Lawrence Bau (tied), Danny Yu and Thomas Chow, Monika Prokopowicz and Lesley Cheng (tied), Ovidiu Almasan and Jasenko Dzinovic (tied), and Lo-Ching Chow and Lara Heppenstall. In the swiss unrated Louie Jiang took top honours, followed by Alexandra Botez and Raymond Soo. Katherine Davies directed, assisted by Bruce Harper.

The current leaders in the Grand Prix are as follows:

Atkinson, Gavin	4.7
Davies, Lucas	4.4
Yu, Danny	4.3
Chow, Lo-Ching	4.0
Wang, Yamei	3.9
Sum, Peter	3.9
Bau, Lawrence	3.9
Davies, Noam	3.7

However, there are still seven more events to go, so there is plenty of time for the lead to change - remember, you only count your top six results.

Upcoming junior events:

September 29 Chess by the Sea Girls' tournament, Crescent Beach
October 13 Island Junior Open - # 2 (Victoria)
October 19 Junior Open, Surrey
October 26 "Check or Treat!" (Victoria)
October 27 Grand Prix # 2, Strathcona Community Centre
November 9-11 BC Junior Closed, Vancouver Bridge Centre
November 14-25 World Youth Chess Championships, Crete
November 17 Island Junior Open - # 3 (Victoria)
November 24 Grand Prix # 3, Vancouver Bridge Centre
November 30 Annual BC - Washington Junior Match, Seattle
December 8 Greater Victoria City Championship

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

30 YEARS AGO... by Bruce Harper

Thirty years ago my column featured a particularly evil problem which involves a technique known as retro-analysis. Since "retro" is in these days, it seems appropriate to wreck a new generation of brains by presenting the problem again. In trying to solve this mind-bender, keep in mind the rule that all chess problems must be legal positions (i.e., you must be able to reach the position legally from the normal starting position of the chessmen).

White to play and mate in three moves.



[The position is: WK: e1; WQ: f4; WR: h1; WPs: a2, b2, c2, d2, e2, h2, h3.
BK: e8; BR: a8; BB: c8; BPs: a7, a6, c6, d7, d6, g7, g6, h7.]

To solve this problem, you not only have to find the mate (which is not that hard), but you have to prove that Black has no defence (which is hard). Send in your answers to the Editor by e-mail [stphwrg@aol.com]. The solution will be published in the next Bulletin.

This problem was composed by Dr. Niels Hoeg, in July 1933. Special bonus points go to anyone who can answer the scary question "A doctor of what?"

LIVING CHESS IN VANCOUVER, 1905

"Considerable interest is being taken in living chess games that are to be played in the Drillhall next Saturday evening. There will be two games played, and in connection with each the orchestra will play an overture, entrance march and exit march. The entertainment is under the auspices of the Vancouver Chess and Checker Club, and the games will be between Mr. J. McA. Cameron and Mr. P. Dunne, and Mr. A. C. Brydone-Jack and Mr. W. Francis.

The pieces will be represented as follows: Kings, Master H. Minchin and Master Harold Hall; queens, Miss Connie Lucas and Miss Zella Hawe; bishops, Miss Lyndall de la Capilaine, Miss Violet Gardiner, Miss K. Trendall and Miss Maude Ferguson; knights, Miss Ida Gardiner, Miss E. Burns, Miss M. Burns and Miss C. Trendall; Castles, Miss L. Hawe, Miss Alodia Heffing and the Misses Mawdsley; pawns, boys of Christ Church Boys' Brigade.

The master of ceremonies will be Mr. J. Schmerl, and the costumes are being prepared by Miss Hicks." [Daily Province, Thursday, May 18, 1905]

"A fair attendance greeted the interesting and elaborately prepared human chess match played in the Drillhall on Saturday evening.

The board was laid out on the floor of the large hall, white cardboard squares alternating with the dark of the natural floor. On these squares were stationed the living chessmen. The players were Messrs. J. McA. Cameron and P. Dunne for the red, and Messrs. A. C. Brydone-Jack and W. Francis for the white. The players occupied stations on the galleries at each end of the hall and as one moved on a small chessboard the other called the play and it was duplicated on the gigantic board on the floor below. Mr. Jacob Schmerl acted as master of ceremonies.

In forty-six moves the first game went to the whites, and after fifty moves the second game was won by the reds. To save time both games had been previously played out on small boards. It took the players in the original instance four hours to play the first and six hours to play the second game.

The band of the Sixth Duke's Own Regiment was in attendance, and its music greatly enlivened the proceedings. The kings, queens, bishops, knights and

castles were becomingly attired in robes of crimson and white. With the exception of the two kings, the figures were represented by young girls. The pawns were boys who wore sashes of red and white." [Daily Province, Monday, May 22, 1905]

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are several new events listed this week, so pay attention as you read on! In particular I would highlight the upcoming BC championship - all you higher-rated players, this is your chance to find some stiff competition and perhaps walk away with the Provincial bragging rights for a year.

In connection with this, is anyone driving from Vancouver for the championship and has room for a passenger? "I need a car-pool ride to the BC Closed in October. I will split the cost of gas and ferry with anyone driving to Victoria. I have a place to stay, I just need a ride. Vas 604-982-0611 [chessfm@shaw.ca]."

UVic September Swiss

Date: September 28, 2002

Place: University of Victoria, Human & Social
Development Building, Room
A-260

Rds: 4

Type: Swiss

Times: 9:30AM, 11:30AM, 2:30PM, ASAP

TC: SD/60

EF: \$15 for adults, \$10 for juniors, seniors, and women

Prizes: \$\$BEN\$\$

Reg: At site between 8:30-9:15AM

Contact: Jim Ferguson, (250) 384-9699, eraser7brain@hotmail.com

Bughouse October Open

Date: Sunday, October 6, 2002.

Location: Vancouver Bridge Center (2776 East Broadway at Kaslo St).

Registration: 9:00-10:00 AM.

Entry Fee: \$10 for adults, \$5 for juniors and seniors.

Rounds: TBA. Minimum of 36 games.

Time Controls: 3 min/sd.

Partners: Players enter as individuals, and are assigned different partners each round. No partner is needed to enter.

Contact: Ben Daswani -- devil1331@hotmail.com or phone 604-596-1606;
Bruce Harper -- bruce54321@shaw.ca or phone 604-263-8264.

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BC Closed Championship

Date: October 11, 12, 13, 14
Type: 7 Round Swiss
Times: Friday will be 6:30PM, Sat and Sun 10:00AM and 4:00PM, Mon. will be 9:00AM and A.S.A.P.
Entry Fee: \$35
Prize Fund: TBA
CFC / FIDE Rated
Time Control 40/120 minutes - SD/1 Hour
Location: University of Victoria, Human & Social Development Building, Room A-260
Registration: at the site.
Misc: Members of good standing in the BCCF with a CFC rating of 2000+ are eligible to play.
Organizer & TD: Lynn Stringer
Contact: Lynn Stringer at lynnstringer@shaw.ca ; Tel (250) 658 5207

Vancouver Thanksgiving Open

Dates: October 12, 13, 14
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre
2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver
Rounds: 6
Times: 10/4, 10/4, 10/ ASAP
Type: Regular Swiss
TC: 40/120; SD/60

Byes: Rds. 1-5
EF: Adults \$30, Juniors & Seniors \$20 (non-CFC members add \$12)
Prizes: \$\$ BEN
Registration: At site 9 - 9:40 am
TD: Stephen Wright
For more information please call organizers:

Katherine Davies 604-266-5842; e-mail: mail-for-katherine@telus.net
Stephen Wright: 604-221-7148; e-mail: StphWrg@aol.com

Kelowna Harvest Swiss

Dates: Oct. 19 & 20, 2002
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

Burns Lake Fall Open

Date: October 26-27, 2002.
Place: Lakes District Secondary, Burns Lake, BC.
Rds: TBA
Type: Active U16 Section, Regular rated for other sections.
Times: TBA
TC: TBA
Entry Fee: \$5.00 + CFC membership
Prizes: Gold, Silver, and Bronze Medals in each section.
Organizers: Doreen Loseth: (250) 692-3982 losethd@hotmail.com, Mary Warko:
(250) 698-7422 m_warko@hotmail.com

Northshorechess.com CM Invitational

Date: October 26-27, 2002
Place: New Westminster, BC
Rds: 5
Type: 6-player RR
Round times: 9, 2, 7/ 9, ASAP
TC: SD 120
EF: \$35
Prizes: 1st \$100 plus Fritz 7 software
Reg: interested expert players (2000-2199) e-mail chessfm@shaw.ca for

invitations

TD & Org: Vas Sladek

Misc: no smoking, CFC membership required, one ChessBase magazine EXTRA issue to all players completing their schedule

Lionel Joyner Memorial

Dates: November 9, 10, 11

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

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Details: t.b.a

For more information please call organizers:

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Vernon Silver Star (Qualifier to the BC Closed)

Dates: Nov. 9, 10, 11, 2002

Type: 6 Round Swiss

Times: noon/5; 10/4; 9/asap

Place: Village Green Hotel Vernon B.C. 4801 27th St. ph (250) 542-3331

Entry: \$30, \$25 Seniors, \$20 Juniors Non CFC pay entry + \$12

Prizes: BEN

TD & Org Wally Steinke wsteinke@sd22.bc.ca ph (250) 545-6677

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Saturday Chess Fever

Date: Nov. 16, 23, 30, Dec. 7, 14

Location: at the Bridge Center 2776 East Broadway, Vancouver
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss, 2 sections Open and Under 1700
Time: Games start at 5:00p.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

Jack Taylor Memorial Tournament

Date: November 23rd and 24th
Type: 5 Round Swiss
Entry Fee: \$35 Regular, \$25 for Juniors
Prize Fund: 100% of EF minus Expenses
CFC Rated
Time Control 40/90 minutes - SD/1 Hour
Location: University of Victoria, Human & Social Development Building, Room A-260
Registration: November 23rd 8:30AM at the site.
Organizer & TD: Lynn Stringer
Contact: Lynn Stringer at lynnstringer@shaw.ca ; Tel (250) 658 5207

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Dan MacAdam Memorial Tournament

Date: January 18th and January 19th 2003
Type: 5 Round Swiss
Entry Fee: \$35 Regular, \$25 for Juniors
Prize Fund: 100% of EF minus Expenses
CFC Rated

Time Control 40/90 minutes - SD/1 Hour
Location: University of Victoria, Human & Social
Development Building, Room
A-260
Registration: January 18th 8:30AM at the site.
Organizer & TD: Lynn Stringer
Contact: Lynn Stringer at lynnstringer@shaw.ca ; Tel
(250) 658 5207
A HREF="http://geocities.com/bughouse_bc/">BUGHOUSE BC

NORTH SHORE NEWS (from Vas Sladek)

- 1) The North Vancouver Chess Club has a new website,
<http://www.northshorechess.com/nvcc/>
(Welcome to North Vancouver Chess Club)
- 2) Chess First! Enterprises is interested in sponsoring chess tournaments, especially junior events, with ChessBase CDs, e-mail Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca
- 3) The Lower Mainland chess league will start in the fall.
- 4) The North Vancouver Chess Club held an active chess tournament in August:
Mount Seymour Active , 1-2 Oszvald, Poitras 6/7, 3-4 Sladek, Steininger 4.5/7. Same event will be run in late Sept., Oct. and Nov. More info: Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca
- 5) I am planning a series of FIDE-rated events for the North Shore, round robin with 4-6 players, and would be interested in hearing from interested FIDE-rated players so I can contact them with invitations: Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca
- 6) Chessbase software is now available in Vancouver from Chess First!
Enterprises at <http://www.northshorechess.com/> (Chessfirst! Enterprises)

JUNIOR NEWS

Over the next year, the B.C. Chess Federation will be running a Junior Grand Prix competition. Here's how it works:

- Players rated above 1000 (CFC) will be organized in descending order in groups of four, beginning with the highest-rated four people.
- The members of each quad will play each of the other 3 players in a three-game Round Robin, with a time control of 45 minutes per player plus a 30-second increment for each move.
- Once these quads have been formed to the nearest four players, all remaining players will play in a separate Swiss-style tournament consisting of five one-hour rounds.

- Junior Grand Prix/Swiss Tournaments will be held on each of the following Sundays:

September 22, 2002	February 16, 2003
October 27, 2002	March 16, 2003
November 24, 2002	April 13, 2003
January 5, 2003	May 25, 2003

Prizes: The winner of each quad will receive \$18; the second place finisher will receive \$12. The top finishers in the Swiss event will receive trophies or books.

Grand Prix prizes:

At the end of the year, each player takes the total of his or her six best results. A player who plays in more than six Grand Prix events is able to discard his or her worst result(s), and therefore it is advantageous to participate in all eight events. \$1,250 in prizes will then be awarded, as follows:

1st \$300; 2nd \$250; 3rd \$200; 4th \$150; 5th \$100; 6th-10th: \$50 each.

The following details apply to all eight events:

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Location: Vancouver Bridge Centre (2776 East Broadway at Kaslo St.)

Registration: 9:30 a.m. - 9:50 a.m.

Entry fee: \$12.

Eligibility: Juniors (19 years and under).

For more info please contact Provincial Junior Coordinators:

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Details should be on the BCCF website shortly

30 YEARS AGO... by Bruce Harper

[Editor: BCCF president Bruce Harper wrote a chess column for the Vancouver Province for 10 years in the 1970s and early 1980s. In a regular feature he will be presenting "flashbacks" to events from that era, based on his original columns.]

Thirty years ago, then Canadian Champion Peter Biyiasas won the Victoria Labour Day Open with 6.5/7. Jonathan Berry finished second, a full point behind. A total of 83 players took part, including 40 juniors. Dan Scoones directed.

Many may have forgotten how strong Peter was in 1972, and he got even stronger. His ability to keep a cool head under pressure and squeeze out a win in a favourable ending with his superb technique won him many games.

In his game with Victoria strongman Ray Kerr, the game got strange very quickly, as Biyiasas challenged his opponent with 8.h3. For a while it looked as though White would end up giving up his queen for two rooks, but he extracted his queen and emerged from the complications with the exchange. But Black's compact position and pressure against White's king gave him compensation, and White returned the exchange. That left material equal.

In my column, I criticize Black's 26th move, suggesting 26...Nc6 27.Bxc6 Rc8 "with an easy draw". So easy to say - but so hard to do! The rook and pawn ending still favours White, although "all rook and pawn endings are drawn" (Tarrasch). I now think that trading queens was Black's real mistake. After 24...Nb7!, to answer 25.Qf2 with 25...Nd6, Black is better, both because of the general principle that "queen and knight are better than queen and bishop" (although there are still a two rooks on the board) and because of the concrete factors that Black's king is safer than White's and White's kingside pawns are split.

As the game went, Biyiasas won a wonderfully precise king and pawn ending.

Biyiasas,P - Kerr,R [B01]
Labour Day op Victoria, 1972

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 g6 5.c4 Nb6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3
9.Qxf3 Bxd4 10.c5 Bxe3 11.fxe3 N6d7 12.Qxb7 c6 13.0-0-0 0-0 14.Be2 Nxc5
15.Qxa8 Qb6 16.Nd5 cxd5 17.Qxd5 Nc6 18.Kb1 Rb8 19.b3 e6 20.Qc4 Na5 21.Qc3 Ne4
22.Qc2 Nf2 23.Rhf1 Nxd1 24.Bxd1 Qc6 25.Bf3 Qxc2+ 26.Kxc2 Rc8+ 27.Kb2 Kf8
28.Rc1 Rxc1 29.Kxc1 e5 30.Kd2 Ke7 31.Kc3 Kd6 32.b4 Nc6 33.Bxc6 Kxc6 34.Kc4 f5
35.b5+ Kb6 36.Kb4 f4 37.exf4 exf4 38.a4 g5 39.a5+ Kc7 40.Kc3 h5 41.Kd3 g4
42.h4 Kd6 43.Ke4 f3 44.gxf3 gxf3 45.Kxf3 Kc5 46.Kf4 1-0

[Postscript: Peter Biyiasas is this year's inductee into David Cohen's
Canadian Chess Webpage of Fame for 2002 - take a look! Canadian Chess]

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BC Closed Championship

Dates: October 11-14

Site: UVic HSD A260

Type: 7 Rd. Swiss, minimum rating of 2000.

Entry Fee: \$35.00

TC: 40/2, Game/1

Times: Friday the 11th of October, 6:30, 10.00 and 4:00 except for Monday which is 9:00 and A.S.A.P.

Call Lynn Stringer at 658-5207.

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