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Stephen Wright

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B.C. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP by Bruce Harper

The B.C. Women's Championship was held June 29 - July 2, 2003, in Vancouver. The top four ranked female players in the province took part: Yamei Wang, Valentina Goutor, Tiffany Tang and Lesley Cheng.

The event was a double-round robin. As anticipated, the tournament became a race between the top two rated players: Yamei Wang (rated 1943) and Valentina Goutor (rated 1800). Interestingly, the tournament was last held in 2000 as a two-game match between the same two players, with Valentina (then rated 1598) winning in a playoff against Yamei (then rated 1771). With the players getting much stronger, and other contenders emerging (quite apart from Tiffany and Lesley), the B.C. Women's Championship seems to have a bright future.

In the first match, Tiffany achieving a winning position against Valentina, but allowed her opponent a chance which Valentina seized without hesitation. The result was a tough win for Valentina. In their rematch, Valentina crushed her opponent like a bug.

Yamei's games with Lesley showed that the favourites couldn't take anything for granted. In the first game, Lesley obtained a reasonable position, then ruined it (as she tends to do...) In the rematch, as Black, Lesley fended off her opponent and, by means of an inspired positional exchange sacrifice, reached a blocked position which couldn't possibly be lost. Then she lost by what looked like an attempt to win, but was really just a thoughtless series of moves - at least according to Lesley. It's really hard to tell (see the game, below).

Then Tiffany played Yamei and beat her in a very well-played Ruy Lopez (at least from Tiffany's point of view). Yamei vowed to give up the bad line she played and, as far as is known, has kept her word. In the rematch, Yamei crushed her opponent like a bug. This raised concerns whether Tiffany was able to play in the second games of the same day. In the third match, it turned out she could.

Meanwhile, Valentina won smoothly with Black when Lesley mangled the 9.Bd2 system which Taimanov employed against Fischer's King's Indian Defence in their 1971 match in Vancouver. But in the rematch, Lesley quickly got an advantage in the Rat and was doing well until she decided to castle long - right into White's attack. The result was ugly, and Valentina led by a point.

The favourites then played their two games. In the first, Yamei was White and achieved little with 2.c3 against Valentina's Sicilian. But the resulting position was tense and Valentina lost the thread, then allowed a devastating knight fork which collapsed her position like a cheap tent. They were tied.

The finish was a bit anti-climatic. Yamei fell into an opening trap and lost a pawn. Valentina didn't play as well as she could have, but managed to win a second pawn, then lose it back, before the position stabilized into a winning ending. Smelling blood, Valentina demonstrated very good technique a simplified into a winning king and pawn ending.

The fight for third was a bit scrambly. In their first game, Tiffany let her opponent slip away and Lesley scored her first half point of the tournament. But in the rematch, Lesley blundered a piece and lost horribly.

The final scores:

Valentina Goutor:	5
Yamei Wang:	4
Tiffany Tang:	2.5
Lesley Chang:	.5

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Here is the game which I found the most interesting, although not everyone shares my tastes:

Y. Wang - L. Cheng [B06] B.C. Women's Chp Vancouver (2), 30.06.2003

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Be3 Nc6 5.Nge2 e5 6.d5 Nce7 7.f3 f5 8.Qd2 f4
9.Bf2 g5 10.g3 Ng6 11Nb5 a6 12.Na3 h5 13.Rg1 h4 14.g4 Nf6 15.c4 b6 16.b4 Nd7
17.Nc2 0-0 18.a4 a5 19.bxa5 Rxa5 20.Nb4 Bb7 21.Nc3 Nc5 22.Bxc5 bxc5 23.Nc2 Bc8
24.Na3 Bd7 25.Nab5 Bxb5 26.cxb5 Qa8 27.Qa2 Qa7 28.Rg2 Ra8 29.Rb2 Qb6 30.Qb3
Nf8
31.Nb1 Nd7 32.Nd2 Qa7 33.Rba2 Nb6 34.Bd3 Qb7 35.Bc2 Bf6 36.h3 Kf7 37.Ke2 Bd8
38.Kd3 Kf6 39.Kc3 Be7 40.Ra3 Bd8 41.R1a2 Ke7 42.Qb1 Kd7 43.Nb3 Qa7 44.Nxa5
Qxa5+
45.Kd3 Rb8 46.Rc3 c4+? 47.Rxc4?! Nxc4 48.Kxc4 Qb6 [48...Qd2 49.Bd3 Qe3 50.Qd1]
49.Qb4 Qd4+ [49...Qf2 50.a5 Qe2+ 51.Kc3 Qxf3+] 50.Kb3 Qxb4+ 51.Kxb4 Kc8

52.Bd3 Kb7 53.Rc2 Ka7 54.Rc6 Rb6 55.a5 Rxc6 56.dxc6 Be7 57.Kc4 Kb8 58.b6 Bd8
59.b7
Ka7 60.Kd5 Kb8 61.Ke6 1-0

2003 CANADIAN YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP by Bruce Harper

The 2003 CYCC was held in Kapuskasing, Ontario, and was such an interesting experience, both on and off the board, that I plan to write a report on it for En Passant. This preliminary report will necessarily be brief.

In summary, no B.C. player won a trip to Greece, although B.C. players in general did very well. At the risk of leaving someone out (all scores are for 7 rounds unless otherwise indicated):

Boys U10: Elliot Raymer: 3.5.

Boys U12: Evan Raymer: 5.0 (fourth after a playoff).

Girls U12: Brianna Reid: 2.5 (out of 6, including a bye, but with a draw against the top-rated player, rated 900 points higher! Way to go - and you should have won, too!) Boys U14: Alexander Reid: 4.

Girls U14: Valentina Goutor: 5.5 (second after a playoff); Lara Heppenstall: 5.5 (third after a playoff); Lesley Cheng, Laura Harper: 4 (fourth/fifth).

Boys U16: Fanhao Meng: 5.5 (second after a playoff); Jamie Harper: 3.5.

Girls U16: Andrea Cheng: 2.

Girls U18: Yamei Wang: 3 (second after a playoff).

The tournament was well organized and, up to a point, well run. However, Yamei Wang was the victim of an obvious and unnecessary injustice. The girls U18 groups consisted of three players, one of whom was rated 600 points lower than the other two. Yamei drew both games with her real rival, Dina Kagramanov, of Olympiad Team fame - missing several wins in the second game. With an entire day at their disposal, the tournament powers-that-be declared that first place would be decided by a single playoff game (draw for colours), each player having 30 minutes. This when two real games could have been played!

The many B.C. players who stayed home because they thought Kapuskasing was too far, too hot, too small or too buggy made a big mistake. Kapuskasing is a lovely town full of wonderful people, and the event was far better organized than the 2002 CYCC in Montreal.

Special mention should be made of Lara Heppenstall, who scored only one draw in Montreal, and was in contention for first place in Kapuskasing; and both Alexander and Brianna Reid, who not only drove across Canada to get to the event (well, okay, their parents only let them drive in Saskatchewan) but who are also starting to scare their opponents.

[Some games are available via the official website, Welcome to the 2003 Canadian Youth Chess Championship and the Canadian Open Che , there are apparently more to come; see also CYCC 2003]

L. Heppenstall (1294) - C. Dinca (1766) [D80] 2003 CYCC U14G Kapuskasing (5), 09.07.2003

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 c6 6.e3 Qa5 7.Qc2 Bg7 8.Nf3 Nd7
9.Bd3 Nxc3 10.bxc3 e5 11.Nd2 e4 12.Be2 0-0 13.0-0 f5 14.cxd5 cxd5 15.e4 Qc7
16.Bg3 Qc6 17.Rac1 Nf6 18.cxd5 Qxc2 19.Rxc2 Nxd5 20.Bc4 Be6 21.Bxd5 Bxd5
22.Nc4
Rac8 23.Rfc1 Bc6 24.Na5 f4 25.Bxf4 Bxd4 26.Nxc6 bxc6 27.Rxc6 Rxc6 28.Rxc6 Bb6
29.g4 Kf7 30.g5 Rd8 31.Bc7 Rd1+ 32.Kg2 Rd2 33.Bxb6 axb6 34.Rxb6 Rxa2 35.Rb7+
Kg8
36.Re7 Ra4 37.h4 Rc4 38.Kg3 Rb4 39.Kf4 Rb2 40.f3 exf3 41.Kxf3 Rh2 42.Kg3 Rh1
43.e4 Rg1+ 44.Kh2 Re1 45.Kg2 Re3 ½-½

Y. Wang (2047) - D. Kagramanov (1905) [B22] 2003 CYCC U18G Kapuskasing (6), 09.07.2003

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 Nc6 6.Nf3 d6 7.Bc4 e6 8.0-0 Nb6
9.Bb3 dxe5 10.dxe5 Qxd1 11.Rxd1 Bd7 12.Be3 Rc8 13.Nc3 Bb4 14.Nb5 a6 15.Nd6+
Bxd6
16.Rxd6 Na8 17.Rad1 Rc7 18.Ba4 b5 19.Bc2 Kd8 20.Ng5 Nxe5 21.Be4 Ke7 22.Rxa6
Rcc8 23.Bxa8 Rxa8 24.Bc5+ Kf6 25.Ne4+ Kg6 26.Rxa8 Rxa8 27.Nc3 ½-½

CANADIAN OPEN 2003

A number of B.C. players are currently playing in the Canadian Open in Kapuskasing - see the website for details: Welcome to the 2003 Canadian Youth Chess Championship and the Canadian Open Che

AN OPEN LETTER from Bruce Harper

I learned a short time ago that the CFC has awarded the 2004 CYCC and Canadian Open to Kapuskasing for the second year in a row. This means these two events will be held in eastern Canada for four consecutive years (Sackville, Montreal, Kapuskasing, Kapuskasing).

For people living in Vancouver, this is manifestly unfair. The location should rotate, provided there are reasonable bids from different areas of the country. The Kapuskasing organizers did a very good job, should be encouraged to hold other events, and there's no doubt the Canadian Open should be in Toronto at some point in the future. But in 2004 these events should be in the west.

People seem to be obsessing about the Canadian Open, but in fact the CYCC attracts at least as many participants.

The bottom line? I will not attend these events in 2004 if they are held in Kapuskasing, neither will my kids, and I will encourage all other BC players to boycott the event. I think most BC players, especially juniors and parents, will feel the same way, and the 2004 CYCC and Canadian Open will be held without BC participating. This may well break BC players of the habit of going to the CYCC, so the damage may well extend past 2004. Congratulations CFC!

For BC and Alberta players reading this, you might want to start planning on attending the 2004 Western Canadian Open, which will likely directly conflict with the Kapuskasing events. I would quite happily donate 10% of the cost of attending the 2003 Kapuskasing events to such a tournament - if everyone did so, we might not even have to charge an entry fee...

I invite anyone in Kapuskasing who reads this (Jonathan?) to pass this e-mail on to the CFC. They are being very short-sighted in letting the euphoria of this year's events affect their decision for next year's events. If the events are really held in Kapuskasing in 2004, they will be ruined as national events for years .

NICK BEQO ANNOTATES

H. Seid - N. Beqo [D02] Shock and Awe Active (1), 14.06.2003

I do not pay much attention to rapid games, but there are two reasons I am annotating this one: 1. Some friends of mine that love Slav structures, asked me about my thoughts on this game 2. It was the only game I lost in this active tournament, and the only game of mine that was published in BCCF Bulletin.

1.Nf3 d5 This is the second time I play against this player; again rapid game, and again with Black pieces. The previous game I chose Queen's Indian, and I had a huge advantage from the opening. However, I failed to find the winning moves, and in the end I even blundered losing the game. Seid is a practical player that plays pretty fast, and does not risk much, in my opinion. 2.d4 c6 3.e3

Nf6 4.Bd3 Bg4 5.h3 Bh5 6.Nbd2 White's play is passive. As Black I am happy to develop pieces, and complete my opening in peace. 6...Nbd7 7.0-0 [At least, here white should go for 7.c4] 7...e6 [7...e5 8.g4 e4 9.gxh5] 8.Re1 Be7 [8...c5 9.e4 dxe4 10.Nxe4 cxd4] 9.c4 0-0 10.Qb3?! 10...Qc7= White that has the right of the first move, has not developed the Bc1 yet, whereas Black has completed the opening already! 11.g4 Bg6 12.Bxg6 hxg6 13.e4 dxe4 [13...Rfe8 14.e5 (14.cxd5 cxd5 15.e5 Nh7) 14...dxc4 15.Nxc4 Nd5] 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Nf6 [At this moment, I needed some time to find a good plan, but I looked at the clock and I had spent 15 minutes. Thus, I had other 15 minutes left. I found it hard to play a rapid game, and writing the moves down at the same time. Let alone, this was my first rapid tournament in 2003. I refused 15...b6 because I liked the diagonal d8-a5 for my Queen.; I also refused

15...Rfe8 because the well-known plan Nf8-g6 does not work.; 15...c5 16.Bf4 Bd6 17.Bxd6 Qxd6 18.Rd1!+/- (18.Qxb7?? Rfb8)] 16.Re2 Rfd8 [After playing the last move, I realized that

16...Rfe8 was where I needed my Rook.] 17.Bg5 Rac8?! [In such a positions the thematic moves are e5 and c5, but they require careful calculations, otherwise they might turn bad. Of course, I did not have time for that, so I continued my strategy to play around white's d4 pawn. After 17...c5 18.d5 exd5 19.cxd5 c4=/+ Black has a better game.; During the game, I was thinking to admit my mistake and play 17...Re8 ; 17...c5] 18.Rae1! Re8 [18...Rd7] 19.Ne5 Nd7 [19...Nxg4!?] 20.Bxe7 Rxe7 21.Nf3 Qb6?! [Black should not go for a queen exchange.

21...Rd8=] 22.Qe3 [>=22.Qxb6 Nxb6 White has more space, but Black has a solid position. In my opinion this is the critical position of the game, where white might have slightly better chances, but not enough for an advantage.] 22...Qa6

23.b3 Qa5 24.Qf4 Qc7?! 25.Qg5 [>=25.Qxc7 Rxc7 26.d5 cxd5 27.cxd5 Rc3 28.Re3 Rxe3 29.Rxe3 e5 30.Rc3 Nf8+= and the comments of move 22 apply all the same.]

25...Nf8 26.Re4 [26.h4! Nh7 27.Qe3 Nf6] 26...Rd7 White seems to have an imaginary attack, but in fact, Black has a rock solid position, whereas White has some weaknesses. 27.Qh4 Qd8 28.g5 [28.Ng5] 28...c5 Maybe, not the right moment. [28...Qa5 first, was probably better.; 28...Qa5 29.Ne5 Re7 30.a4 Rd8

31.R1e3 c5] 29.Rd1 cxd4 [29...Qa5 30.Rd2 cxd4 31.Rexd4 Rcd8 32.Rxd7 Rxd7 33.Rxd7

Nxd7 34.Qd4 Nf8=] 30.Rexd4 Rxd4 31.Qxd4 Qxd4 [31...Qa5~~] 32.Rxd4 f6 33.h4 Kf7~~ I did not write after this move, and I blitzed out the rest of the game. The position looks unclear to me, but I would prefer Black. After Ke7, e5, Ne6 Black has the outposts d4, f4 for the knight, and the endgame looks promising.

Eventually I blundered by helping white to attack my queenside pawns, and lost the game. I shared the first place, and I received \$15.00 prize, the same amount as I paid for the entry fee. I was surprised to learn that only 30% of the entry fees went to the prizes. On the other hand, my active rating of 2315 ELO was very high compare to the rest of the players. Everything was at risk from my side:). 1-0

UPCOMING EVENTS

Special Junior Event

Victoria, July 20th - details may be found at City
Championship 2001 (ignore
the title, the link is correct!)

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.

Sunday Tournaments

Practice your openings and improve your chess, by playing in a quiet and beautiful park! You get to know the pairings one day before, so you can study your opponents, and your home preparations will surprise us! Games, often annotated by players or masters, will be available.

Dates: Every Sunday (sunny or rainy), 12:00PM - 6:00PM Entry Fee: \$5.00 Free entry for the highest rated player!

Prizes: 1st - \$30.00 2nd - \$20.00.

Location: Bear Creek Park, Surrey, B.C. The covered area on 140th Street side.

The park is between King George Hwy, 140th Street, 88th Ave & 84th Ave.

To get there, you can take a bus from King George skytrain station.

Participants and pairings: based on FIDE or CFC ELO active rating system.

Time control: G15

Rounds: 11 Round Robin. 30min. break after the 6th round (3:00-3:30)

Sponsors: none (so far). All sponsors will be advertised on this website.

Registrations: via e-mail at: nickbeqo@hotmail.com Dead

line: Friday 11:00 PM.

Bring your own chess set, and clock.

Note:

a) Sportsmanship is required. No draw offers or draw claims, unless DEAD DRAW!

This rule is not only because it is a speed chess tournament, but also because there would be no room for pre-arrangements in order to split the prize. It will be unfair to other players.

b) Rated events require at least 25 min time control. This will reduce both, the number of players for a round robin-event, and also the prizes, since a part of entry fees has to go to Federation. Depends on the number of players, I might run two events at the same time:

1. unrated tournament with 12 players, and 15 min time control.

2. rated tournament with 6 players, and 25 min time control.

c) I am organizing this tournament in order to help chess players, especially in Fraser Valley, as it is too far to play in Croatian Center or Vancouver Bridge Center. Therefore, chess players are going to make the tournament rules, not me. I am open to suggestions and make the respective changes.

Remember: 100% of the entry fees go to prizes!

Friday Night Chess Tournament

(Hosted by The Croatian Chess Club)

Dates: July 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th & Aug. 1st (7:00 P.M.)

Place: Croatian Cultural Centre, 3250 Commercial Drive Vancouver B.C.

Entrance through the Members Lounge or Restaurant.

Entry Fee: Seniors & Juniors (\$5.00); Adults (\$20.00)**; On-site registration.

Categories:

I. Masters & Experts Round Robin (2000 +) II. Class A Round Robin (1800 - 1999) III.
Class B Round Robin (1600 - 1799) IV. U1600 Round Robin (Under 1600 & newly
rated) V. Open Swiss (non CFC members) Time Controls: 40 moves in 120 min. + 1 hour
game

Rounds: 4 to 5 depending on entries.

Prizes: Medals & special prizes. Cash prizes as follows: 1st Places of RR 70% of entries;
2nd places of RR 25%; 1st of Swiss gets free CFC membership.

Organizers: Robert Topic 604-298-0543 (bernardtopic@shaw.ca) Eduardo Azmitia
604-582-5586 (azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca)

Miscellaneous: Players can only play in their respective categories. Double Round Robin
for categories with not enough players. If possible bring clocks and chess sets. **Players
that join the CFC (Chess Federation of Canada) on site get free entrance.

The event is organized thanks to the support of The Croatian Cultural Centre.

<http://www.croatianculturalcentrevancouver.com>

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.

Summer Bughouse Extravaganza

Date: July 27, 2003.

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre - 2776 E. Broadway.

Registration: 9-10 AM.

EF: \$10; \$5 for juniors and seniors.

Format: Minimum 7 rounds of 6 games each.

Time Controls: 3 mins.

Prizes: 100% of entry fees minus expenses.

Contact: Ben Daswani - 604-596-1606 - devil1331@hotmail.com.

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; FIDE and CFC rated Winner or highest BC finisher qualifies for free entry into the next BC Championship
Accomodations: Vancouver Airport Conference Resort, offers a \$59 room rate for up to 4 (four) people per room. The hotel is 20 minutes away by car from the Bridge Center.
<http://www.vacr.bc.ca/>
Preregister: Send your Entry Fee to: BCCF, Post Office Box 15548, Vancouver BC, V6B 5B3.
Information:
Stephen Wright 604-221-7148; stphwrg@aol.com Katherine Davies 604-266-5842; mail-for-katherine@telus.net

2nd. Little Mountain Active Chess Tournament

DATES: Wednesdays August 20 & 27
TIME: 7:00 P.M (registration at 6:45 P.M.)
PLACE: Little Mountain Neighbourhood House.3981Main St. Vancouver. (near King Edward Ave.) ENTRY FEE: \$5 non rated section; \$10 rated section.Juniors and Seniors always \$5.
TOURNAMENT TYPE: 5 rounds; 30 min. game; Swiss pairings.
CATEGORIES:I) Open CFC rated* (open to any player with CFC rating and membership)II) Open non-rated (no restrictions)III) Junior rated
PRIZES: 1st Open rated, 1st Open non-rated, Best U1700, Best Juniors. The prizes include chess software, chess clocks, chess sets, and medals.
ORGANIZERS: Eduardo / Luis Azmitia Tel: 604- 582-5586Carmen Miranda Tel: 604-879-7104
MISC: Bring clocks and sets if possible.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)

*Visit (www.chess.ca) for details of membership to the Chess Federation of Canada.

Mad Rapid (rated)

Sat., 23 August 2003

Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC
Guaranteed Prizes: First Place: \$150, First Under-2200 (CFC regular rating) \$60.
Format: 5 round swiss; TC: G/30; Byes: Rds. 1-4 max 1
Reg: 9-9:30am; Rds: 10am, 11:15am, 1pm, 2:15pm, 3:30pm;
EF: Jr or 1st time CFC annual members \$10, Others \$20; EF as minimum prize for masters and FIDE titled players (not eligible for class prizes).
Ratings: Rated by CFC active system. CFC/BCCF m/s required.
Pairings & Class Prizes will use regular (i.e. non-active) CFC ratings.
Misc: No smoking and no computers. Free Lunch will be provided for all players in the Mad Rapid!
FIDE Master Gary Basanta will be participating in all of the Mad Chess Festival events.
Simultaneous: Players may play in the Mad Rapid & the Mad Active at the same time.
Info: NTD Henry Chiu (604) 515-8046; madmadchess@hotmail.com; details @ www.chess.bc.ca

Mad Active (non-rated)

Sat., 23 August 2003; Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC
Guaranteed First Prize: \$100;
EF: \$10; No CFC m/s required. Non-rated event.
Reg: 9-9:30am; Format: 5 round swiss; TC: G/30; FIDE Master Gary Basanta will be playing. Players may play in Mad Rapid & Mad Active at the same time.
Info: NTD Henry Chiu (604) 515-8046; madmadchess@hotmail.com; www.chess.bc.ca

Mad Blitz

Sat., 23 August 2003; Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC
Guaranteed First Prize: \$100; Reg: 4:45-5pm
EF: \$5; Byes: Max 4; Format: 7 double round swiss; TC: G/5
Rules: FIDE blitz chess rules will be used, touch move in effect
Info: NTD Henry Chiu (604) 515-8046; madmadchess@hotmail.com; details @ www.chess.bc.ca

Mad Simul

Sat., 23 August 2003; Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 E. Broadway, Vancouver, BC
FIDE Master Gary Basanta will be playing up to 30 <2200 players simultaneously using clocks!!!
Entry Fee: \$5 for one game, \$10 for two games (one white, one black); Reg: 8-8:15pm
TC: G/60; Colors: If player chooses white, master has draw odds.
Prizes: Double entry fee will be returned if player wins. Entry fee will be returned if player chose black and draws. Prizes may only be claimed by players who have been keeping score up until they have less than five minutes on clock. Touch move in effect.
Info: NTD Henry Chiu (604) 515-8046; madmadchess@hotmail.com; details @ www.chess.bc.ca

Load your brain expert event

Date: August 29-31, 2003

Place: Sprott-Shaw College, 2750 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: Regular 6-player expert RR, CFC rated

Times: 6:30pm/10am, 3:30 pm/10am, ASAP

TC: 120+30

EF: \$35 for experts CFC 2000+; \$50 for 1900+

Prizes: 1st \$100 plus ChessBase CD prize

Reg: interested players please e-mail TD/Org: Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca or call 604-787-4553, 604-982-0611, players must pre-register by August 17, 2003, no onsite registrations.

Misc: CFC membership required, no smoking, chess sets and clocks provided

Sponsors: Chess First! Enterprises www.northshorechess.com

Culture Jam I Active

Date: Saturday September 13.2003

Location: Sprott-Shaw College, 2750 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: Regular 6-player Round Robin, CFC-rated

Time: 10 am start

Time control: G 30

Entry Fee: \$15

Prizes: 1st ChessBase CD; ALL players receive special prizes

TD/Reg: Vas Sladek, 604-787-4553, chessfm@shaw.ca

Notes: interested players must pre-register by phone or e-mail by September 1, no onsite registration; digital chess clocks and chess sets provided, CFC membership or \$10 event fee required; Sponsored by: Adbusters Media Foundation and Chess First! Enterprises, www.northshorechess.com

Conquest of Cool FIDE Invitational

Date: September 26-28, 2003

Place: Sprott-Shaw College, 2750 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: Regular closed 6-player RR, FIDE & CFC rated

Times: 6:30pm/10am, 3:30 pm/10am, ASAP

TC: 120+30

EF: \$50 FIDE rated; \$80 FIDE unrated, minimum CFC rating 2000

Prizes: 1st \$150 plus ChessBase CD prize

Reg: interested FIDE-rated players please e-mail TD/Org: Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca or call 604-787-4553, 604-982-0611, players must pre-register by September 21, 2003, NO onsite registrations.

Misc: CFC membership required, no smoking, chess sets and clocks provided
Sponsors: Chess First! Enterprises www.northshorechess.com

Culture Jam II Active

Date: Saturday October 4.2003

Location: Sprott-Shaw College, 2750 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: Regular 6-player Round Robin, CFC-rated

Time: 10 am start

Time control: G 30

Entry Fee: \$15

Prizes: 1st ChessBase CD; ALL players receive special prizes

TD/Reg: Vas Sladek, 604-787-4553, chessfm@shaw.ca

Notes: interested players must pre-register by phone or e-mail by October 1, no onsite registration; digital chess clocks and chess sets provided, CFC membership or \$10 event fee required; Sponsored by: Adbusters Media Foundation and Chess First! Enterprises, www.northshorechess.com

Stop the Machine FIDE Invitational

Date: October 24-26, 2003

Place: Sprott-Shaw College, 2750 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: Regular closed 6-player RR, FIDE & CFC rated

Times: 6:30pm/10am, 3:30 pm/10am, ASAP

TC: 120+30

EF: \$50 FIDE rated; \$80 FIDE unrated, minimum CFC rating 2000

Prizes: 1st \$150 plus ChessBase CD prize

Reg: interested FIDE-rated players please e-mail TD/Org:Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca or call 604-787-4553, 604-982-0611, players must pre-register by October 19, NO onsite registrations.

Misc: CFC membership required, no smoking, chess sets and clocks provided

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Kitsilano Beach FIDE Invitational

Date: Saturday November 28-30, 2003

Details to be announced.

Kamloops Grand Prix 2004

Details: see the BCCF website

Chess First! FIDE Invitational

Date: April 8-12, 2004

Type: Regular closed 10-player RR, FIDE & CFC rated

Reg: interested FIDE-rated players please e-mail TD/Org:Vas Sladek, chessfm@shaw.ca or call 604-787-4553, 604-982-0611, players must pre-register by April 1, 2004, NO onsite registrations.

(Details coming later.)