

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #3

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Stephen Wright

BUGHOUSE NEWS from Ben Daswani.

Local Bug prodigy Gavin Atkinson scored an impressive 41/60 to take first in the October Open. In all, 17 players showed up, including 3 Americans. 4 of the players were newcomers to rated Bug in BC!

In second was fellow local junior Andrew Ho with 36/60, and in third was yet another BC junior, Graham Sadoway, with 35/60.

Crosstable and rating update will be done within the next few days.

BUGHOUSE BC

PROBLEM SOLUTION

Last issue Bruce Harper presented a retrograde problem and requested solutions. This is the problem he set:



White to play and mate in three

"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) . . . 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?'"

Only two readers submitted solutions; both are correct, and are presented below (for those who didn't attempt the problem, perhaps you would like to do so now, before reading further?).

From Jonathan Berry:

Solution 1.Qf4xd6 Bc8-b7 2.O-O! any 3.Rf1-f8 mate. White's second move proves that Black cannot castle. White's Q/f4 must be a promoted P/f2. If it promoted on f8, then f7 was a check and Black cannot castle. If the pawn promoted on b8, matters are more complicated. The black pawn on d6 must have captured a knight. As this checks the K/e8, it must have happened before the queening sequence. For P/f2 to have enough pieces to capture en route to b6, the P/f7 must already have captured at g6, releasing the R/h8. Let's look at the sequence 1.c5xb6 b7xa6 2.b6-b7 c7-c6 3.b7-b8=Q, and oops Black must move his king.

From Ben Daswani:

OK I think I got it. If Black cannot castle (I will prove this later), then the solution is:

1.Qxd6 any 2.O-O any 3.Rf8#

OK from what I've heard I am supposed to assume White can castle unless it can be proved that White can't, but since you can't prove it, I have to assume that White can castle. OK. If White can castle then that means that White's queen is not the original Queen, since if the King can't move, and those pawns haven't moved, it couldn't get out, and thus the original queen was captured and the Q/f4 was from a promoted pawn. So then you have to see which files it could've promoted onto. Well, for Black, all the files except the b-, c-, e- and f-file have pawns on the 7th rank, thus they were there the whole time. The pawn on the c-file was there by c7-c6. This can be proved because it couldn't have gotten there by d7xc6, cause a pawn is still on d7, and not by b7xc6 either, cause Black must've moved b7xa6 or else how else can the pawn be on a6, it can't, so the only files that White's pawn (now a queen) could've promoted on is the b-, e-, and f-file. Well let's see the f-file first. If it was on the f-file, when it reached f7, it would've given check to the king. Since it obviously wasn't captured, the king would've had to

move out of the way, and also it couldn't have reached g8, because it can't get there without going to f7. So the only files it could've promoted on with Black still being able to castle are the b-, and e-file. Now let's look at the e-file. If it reaches e7 it cannot promote on the e-file without the king moving. If it captures e7xd8 or e7xf8, then that once again puts the king in check, where it would have to move (the pawn we know cannot be captured). So now the only file that works is the b-file. Well there are 5 of Black's pieces that aren't on the board, and that's how many captures it would take to get to the b-file. So after the 5 captures it can either end up on b6 or b7 (if it moved one square up sometime before the 5th capture). So let's say it ends up (after the 5 captures) on b6. We know that for Black the king and rook are on the squares they start on (if they aren't then Black can't castle. The bishop could move back and forth between b7 and c8, but we know that at some point the pawn pushes forward, and the bishop will be on c8, and thus that is where the bishop will be after the pawn promotes. So after the pawn pushes forward to b7, the only Black piece that can move (we say the king and rook can't because if they do Black can't castle) is the pawn that reached c6 by c7-c6 (if it is already on c6 then Black would now have to move the king or rook [and thus can't castle] because the bishop can't move without taking the pawn]). The pawn on a6 obviously couldn't move because that would be b7xa6 but we know that the pawn is on b7. The Black move f7xg6 is also impossible because it has already been done. We know this because the rook that starts on h8 has already been captured (it is one of the 5 pieces) and if f7xg6 has **not** already been done then the only way for the rook to have gotten out would be for the king to have moved, and therefore the king couldn't castle. So after White gets the pawn to b7, Black goes c7-c6, then White goes b8/Q. At this point, the pawns are in their final positions, so they can't move, the rook can't move cause it would take the newly-promoted queen, the bishop can't move cause it would be pinned, and if the king moves it can't castle, but the king **has** to move. So in that situation the king can't castle. So now let's say it ends up (after the 5 captures) on b7, instead of b6. Then Black would go c7-c6, and White would promote, and we'd have the same situation. So we therefore know that at sometime, if the White pawn promoted, which it did, the Black king **must** have moved.

Now for the other part. I think he is a doctor of blood. I don't know why I think that. But when I searched Neils Hoeg I got some Danish site on blood.

BC CHAMPIONSHIP HISTORY



As the BC championship is being played in Victoria this coming weekend, it is appropriate to delve into a chapter of the long and colourful history of our provincial title. The first official BC champion was John Ewing, who won the top honours in a tournament organized by the BCCF in 1916:

1916 B.C. Championship 21-25 April

 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8

1 Ewing, John M.	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	6
2 Stark, R.G.	*	1	1	0	0	1	1	4
3 Yates, Bertram A.	0	*	0	1	1	1	1	4
4 Butler, H.	0	0	1	*	1	1	1	4
5 Stevenson, Archibald	0	1	0	*	1	1	1	4
6 Millar, Charles F.	0	1	0	0	0	*	1	2
7 Tree, A.	0	0	0	0	*	1	2	
8 Thompson, E.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	* 0

 Room 41, Fairfield Building, Vancouver

He subsequently won the championship a further six times; thus, apart from winning the first event, Ewing also holds the distinction of winning the championship the most times (seven). Here is his biography, along with a game:

Ewing, John Morton (June 24, 1889 - February 28, 1952)

Born in Nazareth, Palestine (his father was a missionary), of Scottish ancestry. Received his initial education at Edinburgh University. Emigrated to Canada in 1910. Graduated from Queen's University (B.A. 1926) and University of Toronto (B.Paed. 1928, D.Paed. 1931). Employed as a public school teacher in B.C. (1911-1929), instructor in educational psychology at Vancouver Normal School (1929-1944), and principal and professor of philosophy and psychology at Victoria College (now University of Victoria) (1944-1952). Author of *Reflections of a Dominion* (1931) and *Understanding Yourself and Your Society* (1947), coauthor with D.L. McLaurin of *Social and Educational Psychology* (1937); also wrote many essays and poems.

Ewing was taught chess at an early age, and "was the youngest entrant in the Richardson cup competition playing for Edinburgh. Played in the Edinburgh team for three years without losing a game." He won the inaugural B.C. championship in 1916, subsequently retaining the title for the years 1919-1923. On entering the 1923 competition Ewing made an announcement "that he would do so for the last time, desiring to make his chess activities for the future a source of real pleasurable pastime rather than a serious and arduous task." In recognition of his sequence of wins the B.C. championship trophy, the Bowser shield, was given to Ewing permanently; he responded by donating a new trophy, the Ewing cup, for the competition. During this time Ewing was also active in team events, playing for North Vancouver, and also played first board for Vancouver in the Vancouver - Winnipeg telegraph match of 1924. In August 1924 Ewing the first ever B.C. participant in a Dominion (Canadian) championship, in Hamilton, ON; he finished with a respectable 8/15. He seems to have retired from competitive play thereafter, but reappeared in the mid-1930s, winning the B.C. championship for a record seventh time in 1936. Ewing also produced and edited a chess magazine (the *British Columbia Chess Magazine*, subsequently the *Canadian Chess Magazine*) during the years 1918-1920, but like so many early magazines there simply was not a large enough subscription base for it to survive.

Ewing,J - Narraway,J [D00]
CAN ch Hamilton (8), 21.08.1924

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nd2 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.f4 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Ngf3 Bd7
9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Ndf3 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Bc6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Qe2 g6 14.f5 gxf5 15.Bxf5
Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Bf4 0-0-0 18.Bh3 Rdg8 19.Bg3 Nc5 20.Qf2 Bb5 21.Rfd1 Kb8
22.Qe3 Ne4 23.Bf4 Ka8 24.a4 Bc4 25.g3 Qe7 26.Bg2 Nc5 27.b4 Nd7 28.Qd4 Nb8
29.b5 Rc8 30.Be3 b6 31.Rdb1 Rc5 32.Qd2 Rc7 33.a5 Kb7 34.axb6 axb6 35.Qc2 Nd7
36.Qa4 Nc5 37.Qa7+ 1-0

UPCOMING EVENTS

The BC Championship is this weekend in Victoria; entry to the seven-round Swiss event is OPEN to anyone with a rating over 2000, so I strongly encourage any qualified players to participate - now's your chance! For those who don't qualify, there is another Swiss tournament at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, open to all. And if you decide to have a chess-free weekend, may your Thanksgiving provide a restful time with family and friends.

Upcoming junior events:

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 visit [British Columbia Chess Federation](#) or [Greater Victoria Junior Chess](#)

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss - October - November 2002

Dates: October 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, November 5th
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.

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)

**inquire about discounts for the starving &/or unemployed

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
2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver
Details: t.b.a

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

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

Northshorechess.com CM Invitational

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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

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