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As usual, submissions are encouraged and most welcome; thank you to all who contributed to this issue.

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2003 B.C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (DAVE CREEMER MEMORIAL) This year's Junior Championship was held on the weekend of November 7-9 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre. A total of twenty-four players took part in the 5-round Swiss system event, twelve in the Championship Section and twelve in the Reserves.

#	Name	CFC#	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Fanhao Meng	2276	W 4	W 8	W 2	W 5	D 3	4.5
2	Noam Davies	1924	W 9	W11	L 1	W 4	W 5	4.0
3	Peter Sum	1692	L 7	D 0	W10	W11	D 1	3.0
4	Ben Daswani	1654	L 1	W10	W 6	L 2	W 8	3.0
5	Jason Lee	1946	W12	W 7	D 0	L 1	L 2	2.5
6	Jamie Harper	1505	L 8	W 0	L 4	D10	W11	2.5
7	Alexander Reid	1491	W 3	L 5	D 8	L 9	W12	2.5
8	Andrey Kostin	1733	W 6	L 1	D 7	D12	L 4	2.0
9	Tiffany Tang	1567	L 2	L12	W 0	W 7	L10	2.0
10	Evan Raymer	1496	D 0	L 4	L 3	D 6	W 9	2.0
11	Lara Heppenstall	1428	W 0	L 2	W12	L 3	L 6	2.0
12	Jingwei Li	1621	L 5	W 9	L11	D 8	L 7	1.5

To no one's surprise Fanhao Meng, recent second-place finisher in the B.C. Championship, won the title of 2003 B.C. Junior Champion with 4.5/5; he was only in difficulties against Peter Sum in the last round, but managed to steer the game to a draw. All alone in second place was twelve-year old Noam Davies, who only lost to Fanhao, while Peter Sum and Ben Daswani tied for third with 3.0. Fanhao's main competition was expected to be Noam's elder brother Lucas, but unfortunately he spent the weekend in bed with the flu. The prize-winners will receive financial support in connection with the Canadian Junior (slated for Calgary early in the New Year), while Fanhao also has possession of the Dave Creemer Memorial Trophy for the next year.

#	Name	CFC#	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1	Stefan Trandafir	1332	W10	L 4	W 9	W 3	W 7	4.0
2	Laura Harper	1244	W 7	L 3	W10	W 8	W 4	4.0
3	Richard Huang	1340	W11	W 2	D 4	L 1	W 6	3.5
4	Louie Jiang	1335	W13	W 1	D 3	W 7	L 2	3.5
5	Sam Churchill	1377	D 6	L 7	L11	W13	W 9	2.5
6	Vlad Gaciu	1124	D 5	L 8	W13	W11	L 3	2.5
7	Danny Yu	1410	L 2	W 5	W 8	L 4	L 1	2.0
8	Elliot Raymer	1355	D 0	W 6	L 7	L 2	D11	2.0
9	Thomas Chow	1199	L12	W13	L 1	W10	L 5	2.0
10	Kevin Breel	929	L 1	W11	L 2	L 9	W13	2.0
11	Brianna Reid	1095	L 3	L10	W 5	L 6	D 8	1.5
12	Lara Heppenstall	1428	W 9	L 0	L 0	L 0	L 0	1.0
13	Alexandra Botez	1030	L 4	L 9	L 6	L 5	L10	0.0

The hard-fought Reserve Section was eventually won by Stefan Trandafir and Laura Harper with 4.0/5 each; top U1300 was Vlad Gaciu, while Thomas Chow and Kevin Breel tied for the second U1300 prize.

Reid,A - Sum,P [E87] BC jun Vancouver (1.5), 07.11.2003

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0 0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Qd2 Nh5 9.Nge2 f5
10.0 0 0 fxe4
11.Nxe4 Nb6 12.N2g3 Nf4 13.Bd3 c6 14.Nc3 Qc7 15.Bxb6 Qxb6 16.Kb1 Bd7 17.Nge4
Qc7 18.Rc1 Bh6
19.Rcd1 Bf5 20.Bc2 cxd5 21.cxd5 g5 22.Nb5 Qb6 23.Nbxd6 Bd7 24.Nc4 Qc7 25.d6 Qd8
26.Nxe5 Bg7
27.Nxd7 Qxd7 28.Nxg5 Kh8 29.Nxh7 Qb5 30.Be4 Rfd8 31.Qc2 Rac8 32.Qb3 Qe5 33.g3
Ne2 34.Rd5 Qe8
35.Qe3 Nc3+ 36.bxc3 Rxc3 37.Qd2 Qa4 38.Qb2 Rc4 39.Nf6 Rb4 40.Rh5+ Bh6
41.Rxh6+ Kg7 42.Rh7+ Kf8 43.Rh8+ Kg7 44.Nh5+ Kf7 45.Bd5+ Kg6 46.Nf4+ 1 0

Davies,N - Meng,F [C99] BC jun Vancouver (3.1), 08.11.2003

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 Na5
10.Bc2 c5 11.d4
Qc7 12.Nbd2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Bb7 14.Nf1 Rfc8 15.Bd3 Nd7 16.Ne3 Bf8 17.Bd2 exd4
18.Nxd4 Nc5 19.Bxa5
Qxa5 20.Nec2 Qb6 21.Qf3 g6 22.Qe3 Re8 23.f3 Bg7 24.Rad1 Qc7 25.Re2 d5 26.Rde1
dxe4 27.fxe4 Nxe4
28.Qf3 f5 29.g4 Qb6 {Time.} 0 1

Meng,F - Sum,P [C43] BC jun Vancouver (5.1), 09.11.2003

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.d4 Nxe4 4.Bd3 d5 5.dxe5 Bf5 6.0 0 Bc5 7.Qe2 0 0 8.b3 Nd7 9.Bb2
c6 10.c4 Nb6
11.cxd5 Qxd5 12.Bc4 Nxc4 13.bxc4 Qd8 14.Na3 Qb6 15.Nh4 Be6 16.Rab1 Bxa3
17.Bxa3 Nc3 18.Qc2 Nxb1

19.Bxf8 Rxf8 20.Rxb1 Qd4 21.Nf3 Qxc4 22.Qxc4 Bxc4 23.Rxb7 Rd8 24.h3 Bxa2
25.Rxa7 Bd5 26.Rc7 ½ ½

Lee,J - Davies,N [D87] BC jun Vancouver (5.2), 09.11.2003

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 c5 8.Ne2 Nc6
9.Be3 0 0 10.0 0 Bg4
11.f3 Na5 12.Bd3 c4 13.Bc2 Bc8 14.Qd2 b6 15.Bh6 Qc7 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.f4 f5 18.exf5
Bxf5 19.Bxf5
Rxf5 20.Ng3 Rf7 21.Qe2 Raf8 22.Qe5+ Qxe5 23.fxe5 Nc6 24.Ne4 Nd8 25.a4 Ne6 26.g3
Nc7 27.Rxf7+ Rxf7
28.Rf1 Nd5 29.Rxf7+ Kxf7 30.Kf2 h6 31.Ke2 Ke6 32.g4 Nf4+ 33.Ke3 Nd3 34.h4 Nb2
35.h5 gxh5 36.gxh5
Nxa4 37.Kf4 a5 38.d5+ Kxd5 39.Kf5 Nc5 40.Nd2 b5 41.Kg6 b4 42.Nb1 Kxe5 43.Kxh6
Kf6 44.Kh7 Ne6 45.h6
Ng5+ 46.Kh8 Kg6 47.h7 Nxh7 0 1

WORLD YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS

The World Youth Championships held in Halkidiki, Greece finished on November 3rd; B.C. was represented at the event by Evan Raymer (B12), Valentina Goutor (G14), and Yamei Wang (G18). Evan scored 4.5/11 (including a draw with a Russian player rated 2135 FIDE), while Valentina and Yamei both finished with 6.0/11. All of Yamei's opponents were FIDE rated, and her +1 score (including a +1 =2 -1 result against titled players) gives her a performance rating of 2148 - an excellent start for her own FIDE rating.

Results and other information are available from Patrick McDonald's
<http://www.psmcd.net/wycc2003/> or from the official site
<http://www.sportmeeting.gr/main.htm>, which also has some games available.

Ortiz,N (2147) - Wang,Y [B19] WYCC 2003 - G18 Halkidiki (11.14), 02.11.2003
1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.h4 h6 7.Nf3 Nd7 8.h5 Bh7 9.Bd3
Bxd3 10.Qxd3 Qc7
11.Bd2 Ngf6 12.0 0 0 0 0 13.Ne4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qe2 e6 16.g3 Bd6 17.Rh4
Rhe8 18.c4 e5 19.c5
Bf8 20.Qc4 Rd5 21.b4 exd4 22.Rxd4 Rxd4 23.Qxd4 Re4 24.Qd3 Qd7 25.Bf4 Rxb4
26.Bd6 Qe8 27.Qf5+ Qd7
28.Qc2 Bxd6 29.Rxd6 Qg4 30.Ne5 Qxh5 31.f4 Nd5 32.Qg2 Qf5 33.Qc2 Qh3 34.Nd3
Qf1+ 35.Kd2 Re4 36.Qd1

Qg2+ 0 1

GOUTOR/WANG SIMUL

Join the top two female chess players in British Columbia for a late afternoon/early evening chess session!

On November 14, beginning at 4:00 pm, Valentina Goutor (age 14) and Yamei Wang (age 17) will take on all challengers in separate simultaneous exhibitions. Each player will play all her opponents at the same time, walking from board to board until every game is completed.

Once the exhibitions are completed, Valentina and Yamei will each go through one of their games from the 2003 World Youth Chess Championship in Greece (see above). Questions from the audience will be welcome.

Parents and children are both encouraged to attend this exhibition. The fee is \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Parents may assist their children (and vice versa!) as they play.

Time: 4:00 pm - 8:00 pm (Pizza to be provided)

Date: Friday, November 14, 2003

Place: West Point Grey Academy Senior School Cafeteria, 4125 West 8th Ave.,
Vancouver

Please let Bruce Harper (bruce54321@shaw.ca) know if you would like to attend. Chess sets and boards will be provided.

This is a fund raising event to help Valentina and Yamei cover the cost of their trip to the 2003 World Youth Chess Championship in Greece!

Hope to see you there!

SO YOU WANT TO PLAY THE B.C. CHAMPION?

Well, there are two upcoming opportunities to take on the current B.C. champion, Jack Yoos:

1) On the weekend of November 28-30 Vas Sladek is running a FIDE-rated Round Robin with Jack Yoos as one of the participants (see www.chess.bc.ca for full tournament details). Players over 2000 who are interested in playing should contact Vas at chessfm@shaw.ca.

2) Join fellow chess enthusiasts on Saturday, November 15, 2003, for a full day of entertainment by challenging assorted masters in a continuous simultaneous exhibition. Here's your chance to play against GM Duncan Suttles, FM Oliver Schulte, FM Jack Yoos, FM Bruce Harper, Fanhao Meng, Luc Poitras and other masters and experts. Each master will play eight boards for 15 minutes, then rotate to the next eight boards, being replaced by another master, and so on. The number of masters playing at any particular time will depend on the number of participants in the exhibition. At different times, different masters will be playing. No consultation between the masters will be permitted - they will have to figure out what their predecessors were doing.

Participants may begin a new game whenever they like and may play as many games as time permits. No new games may be started after 3:00 pm. Be there early or be there late - but be sure to be there!

NOTE: This is a fundraising event, open to all. The intent is to raise money to help bring titled players to the 2005 Elod Macskasy Memorial tournament, and thereby provide an opportunity for some of our local players to make IM and GM norms. Space is limited, so reserve your spot now! See www.chessbc.com for full details.

B.C. - WASHINGTON MATCHES

December 6th will see the 13th annual International Scholastic Match take place at BCIT, but that day will also witness the first adult B.C. - Washington team match in over twenty-five years (for a history of the various B.C. - Washington matches, see <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/bcwam.html>).

The ten-board adult match will take place at the same time and location as the scholastic match, at the Student Association Campus Centre at BCIT, starting at 11:00 am. The B.C. players scheduled to take part are: Oliver Schulte, Jack Yoos, Bruce Harper, Brian McLaren, Dan Scoones, Harry Moore, Laszlo Tegzes, Mike Stanford, Dragojclub Milicevic, and Jesse Bouvier. Lynn Stringer will be the TD, Len Molden is the B.C. organizer, and the team captain is Joe Oszvald. Spectators are welcome.

DAILY CHESS TRAINING WORKSHEET

Nick Beqo is currently offering a daily chess traing worksheet on a free trial basis; if interested, please contact him at nickbeqo@hotmail.com.

THIRTY YEARS AGO by Bruce Harper

In the following game, played in the 1973 Quebec Open, then Canadian Champion Peter Biyiasas successfully provoked an up-and-coming Kevin Spraggett and fell victim to a strong attack.

[Incidentally, Spraggett just turned forty-nine on November 10th - ed.]
Biyiasas,P - Spraggett,K [B46] Quebec op Montreal (5), 08.10.1973

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 a6 6.g3 Nge7 7.Bg2 Nxd4 8.Qxd4 Nc6
9.Qd2 Be7 10.b3 0-0
11.Bb2 Qc7 12.0-0-0?!

This looks suspicious. White seemed to be adopting a positional approach by fianchettoing both bishops, but castling queenside indicates an intention to attack Black's king. Instead White's king is subject to an attack.

12...d6 13.Kb1 b5 14.f4 Rd8 15.Rhe1 Bf8 16.Qe3 Rb8 17.Rd2 Bd7 18.Red1 b4 19.Ne2 a5 20.f5!? e5

According to Fritz, this pawn sacrifice could be taken, but understandably Black declined to enter into a simplified position where White's active pieces would give him compensation for his slight material disadvantage. Instead Black keeps everything on the board, as his attack is the more dangerous.

21.f6 g6 22.h4 h6 23.Bf3 a4 24.g4 Ra8 25.Ng3 axb3 26.cxb3 Qa5 27.Ba1 Na7 28.Be2 Nb5 29.Bxb5 Bxb5 30.Ne2

Also possible was 30.h5 g5 31.Nf5, getting his knight into the game.

30...d5 31.exd5 Rxd5 32.a4

An interesting moment. At this point White offered a draw, which Black declined. Also possible was 32.Nc1, covering a2, when the position is about equal, but White wanted to get rid of his weakness on a2.

32...Rc5 33.Nc1 Bc6 34.Nd3 Rc3?!

34...Bxa4! is strong.

35.Bxc3 bxc3 36.Nxe5?

An uncharacteristic mistake from Biyiasas, who was a defensive genius. After 36.Ra2, White is "hanging tough."

36...Qb4

Game over.

37.Kc2 cxd2

37...Be4+! was even stronger. There must have been a time scramble.

38.Nxc6 Rc8 39.Qc3 Qe4+ 40.Kb2 Rxc6 41.Qxd2 Qe5+ 42.Qd4 Qxf6 43.Qxf6 Rxf6
44.a5 Ra6 45.Ra1 Bg7+
0-1

SIR GEORGE THOMAS IN NORTH VANCOUVER

[British champion Sir George Thomas (1881-1972), who was awarded an IM title by FIDE in 1950, had his best chess result at Hastings 1934-5, where he tied for first with Euwe and Flohr, ahead of Botvinnik and Capablanca. However, he was better known to the general public as a sportsman: he played at Wimbledon 1919-1926, and was also a champion badminton player. It was in this capacity that Sir George began his visit to Vancouver:]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE MORNING POST:

Sir,

some time ago Sir George Thomas visited Vancouver with a Badminton team and showed us how the shuttlecock should be shuttled. There are some chess enthusiasts living in North Vancouver who have built a little shack for a club. They were aware that Sir George was a British chess champion, and they determined to get hold of him for an exhibition game. He was very sorry, he told us, that he could not accept the invitation. He had refused to play in Montreal and Toronto. The strain of travelling had been great. He had got in at five o'clock that morning, and was leaving on Monday. He was booked up every moment.

His refusal was accepted with a casual mention of the little shack we had built, and, like a good sport, he cancelled all his other arrangements and played our first twelve boards simultaneously. We did our best, but very courteously he defeated all of us. The sportsmanlike disregard for his

own comfort shown by Sir George Thomas in visiting our shack to help our chess has given us much pleasure. We have made a chess board from British Columbia wood which bears this inscription:

"Presented by the North Vancouver Chess Club to the City of London Chess Club in appreciation of our visitor, your member, Sir George Thomas."

The chess board has started out on its 6,000 miles journey to the Agent-General for British Columbia in London for presentation.

Yours, etc., R.F. Cruise

Vancouver Club,
Vancouver, B.C. April 3rd [1926]

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UPCOMING EVENTS

To save space, from now on I will only give basic information for events - date, place, and type.

Full details for all the events listed here may be found on the BCCF site, www.chess.bc.ca.

Junior Events

Nov 10+17 2nd All Juniors U1500, Vancouver

Nov 16 Island Junior Open #3, Victoria

Nov 23 Grand Prix #3, Vancouver

Dec 6 BC - WA Match, BCIT

Dec 7 Greater Victoria Junior Championships

Dec 7 Vancouver chess party

Dec 10+17 3rd All Juniors U1500, Vancouver

For full details see www.chess.bc.ca or <http://members.shaw.ca/victoriachess/>

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.

Nick Beqo's Sunday Tournaments

Dates: Every Sunday (sunny or rainy), 12:00PM - 6:00PM

Location: Bear Creek Park, Surrey

Further details: www.nickbeqo.com/chess/id125.htm

UBC's "Any Given Sunday" (2)

Dates: Sundays November 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 215, Vancouver

Type: 5-round Swiss System (one round per week)

5th. Little Mountain Active Chess Tournament (Stage 3 of the Fall Grand-Prix)

Date: November 10th & 17th, 2003

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

Type: 6-round active Swiss

Ne Me Quitte Pas Open

Date: Sunday November 16th

Location: Fatima Church (315 Walker St. Coquitlam)

Type: Regular 4-round Swiss

UBC Tuesdy Night Swiss November/December

Dates: November 18, 25, December 2, 9, 16

Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 215, Vancouver

Type: 5-round Swiss System (one round per week)

Jack Taylor Memorial

Dates: November 22-23, 2003

Place: UVic HSD Bldg., Victoria

Type: 5-round Swiss.

Abuse your illusions

Date: November 28-30, 2003
Place: Sprott-Shaw College, 2750 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC
Type: Regular closed 6-player RR, FIDE & CFC rated

I want everything

Date: November 28-30, 2003
Place: Sprott-Shaw College, 2750 Rupert Street, Vancouver, BC
Type: Regular closed 6-player RR, CFC rated

6th. Little Mountain Active Chess Tournament (Stage 4 -final- of the Fall Grand-Prix)

Dates: Wednesdays December 10 & 17
Place: Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, 3981 Main St., Vancouver, BC (near King Edward Ave.)
Type: 6-round Active Swiss
Vancouver Active Chess Open
Date: December 14
Place: Little Mountain Neighbourhood House
Type: (Game 30 minutes), 6-7 Rounds. U2000, U1500, U1000.
Kamloops Grand Prix #1
Date: Jan. 24, 2004
Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street, Kamloops, B.C.
Type: 4-round Swiss

The Long And Winding Road
Date: January 24-25
Place: Fatima Church (315 Walker St. Coquitlam)
Type: Regular 4-round Swiss
Victoria Winter Open
Date: January 24-25, 2004
Place: UVic HSD Bldg., Victoria
Type: 5-round Swiss

Kelowna Winter Fest

Date: February 14-15th 2004
Place: Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C. Tel: 250-860-6409
Type: 5-round Swiss
Kamloops Grand Prix #2
Date: Feb. 21, 2004
Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street, Kamloops, B.C.
Format: 4-round Swiss
Love Me Tender Open
Date: Saturday, March 27, 2004
Place: Fatima Church (315 Walker St. Coquitlam)

Type: Regular 4-round Swiss

Kamloops Grand Prix #3

Date: April 9,10, 2004

Eligibility: for < 2200 only

Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street, Kamloops, B.C.

Type: 6-round Swiss

What a wonderful world

Date: Saturday April 24

Location: Fatima Church, Coquitlam (315 Walker st.)

Type: Regular 4-round Swiss

29th Paul Keres Memorial

Date: May 21-24 2004

Location: Croatian Community Centre, Vancouver

Type: 6 or 7-round Swiss

Western Canadian Open

Date: July 9-18 2004

Place: Vancouver Airport Conference Resort

Type: 10 round single section Swiss

Kamloops Grand Prix #4

Date: Sept. 18, 2004

Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street, Kamloops, B.C.

Type: 4-round Swiss

Kamloops Grand Prix #5

Date: Oct. 23, 2004

Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street, Kamloops, B.C.

Type: 4-round Swiss

Kamloops Grand Prix #6

Date: Nov. 20, 2004

Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street, Kamloops, B.C.

Type: 4-round Swiss

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