

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #4

Despite the normal publication schedule of two weeks it was decided to produce this Bulletin a week early, so that we can bring you news from the two tournaments which took place over the holiday weekend. As usual, your editor welcomes any and all submissions for this bulletin - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, games, and anything else that might be of interest to the BC chess community. To subscribe, send an e-mail to me

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Stephen Wright

2002 BC CLOSED

The British Columbia Championship tournament returned to Victoria after an eight-year absence, and the local players used their "home" advantage to the full by virtual sweeping the top spots. Winning the championship for the second time (the first was in 1990) was Harry Moore, with an undefeated 5.5/7. Close behind was former champion Dan Scoones, who matched Moore for much of the event but was finally relegated to second place after a loss to Yoos and a quick draw with Moore in the last round. Another local player, Mike Stanford, tied for third with Jack Yoos, thus pushing his rating over 2200 for the first time. This feat was also accomplished by Nick Beqo, who put a severe dent in Yoos' championship hopes by beating him in the first round. Despite being the strongest active player in the province Yoos has yet to win the provincial crown - maybe next year he will overcome his "jinx."

The championship was played as a seven-round Swiss, reverting to a format last used in 1977. A total of fifteen players entered the event, played at the University of Victoria. The prize fund was bolstered by a contribution from the BCCF and by the fact the University provided the playing site for free. Lynn Stringer directed in her usual tireless manner.

Crosstable: 2002 BC Closed

Games from the event should be available shortly, but to whet your appetite here are two of Mike Stanford's games with his own annotations (thanks again, Mike!):

Yoos,J - Stanford,M [B42]
BC Closed (2), 12.10.2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 This's the first Kan game I've ever played. 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 Basically, the idea of Bc5-e7 is just to kick the knight to a less active square. Hoping this'll give black some advantages in the middlegame as a result. 7.Nc3 Qc7 8.f4 d6 9.Qf3 b5 One of the reasons I played into this, is cause before the tournament I tried figuring out what to play vs. him. Rejecting one defense after another for 2 reasons. 1: Because he was achieving great positions but mainly because of 2: His experience alone could beat me. In my dbase I could only find 1 game of this, so I said to myself, 'why not!?' 10.Be3 Bb7 11.0-0-0 Nf6 12.g4 Nc6 13.g5 Nd7 14.Kb1 Nb4 After the game I was shocked to hear that he's faced this position at least half a dozen times, winning or drawing every game! 15.Rhf1 Qh3, and Nd4 are both reasonable alternatives, and self explanatory(I hope). 15...Nxd3 16.cxd3 Nc5 17.Nd4 [I feared this move 17.Rc1 A) If 17...Nxb3?? 18.Nd5! Qa5 19.Nc7+ Kf8 (better is 19...Kd7 20.Nxa8 Nxc1 21.Nb6+ this looks +/- for white.) 20.axb3 Rc8 21.b4! Qxb4 (21...Qxc7 22.Rxc7 Rxc7 23.f5+-) 22.f5 e5 (22...f6 23.fxe6+-) 23.f6+-; B) 17...Qd7 Now, I didn't calculate all of the Nxb Nd5 variations, all the way through, but I knew that they'd lead to a stunning defeat, so I was going to play Qd7. There may be some incredible resource there for black, but I can't see it, and I'm fairly certain I wouldn't be able to find one otb. 18.Bd4 Nxb3 19.axb3 0-0 and this would've been another game. But I remember in the post mortem Jack and I looked at this a bit, and found a line that was fairly convincing, sadly I have since forgotten it.] 17...b4 18.Nce2 d5 19.e5 after the game Jack told me that d5 wasn't usually a good move in this variation. I don't think that this's an exception. 19...g6 20.Rc1 Instead of this, maybe white's best try would be to play on the kingside with h4 h5. Then after having gained some ground there, move to the Qside. 20...Qd7 21.Rfd1 Rc8 22.Qf2 Qa4 A nice little move I played, indirectly protecting the knight with the threat of Qxd :) 23.h4 Kd7 24.b3 I think Jack should've delayed this a little bit. He can always play it later, and by not playing it he prevents me from ever playing a5. If he played something(other than b3) and I stupidly played a5, then he could trap my Q with b3 Nc2! of course I wouldn't go into this, but how do I make any progress if I can't play a5?! 24...Qa5 25.Nf3 Qb5 26.Ned4 Qb6 27.Ne1 a5 28.Ndf3 All these knight moves were in anticipation of Ba6. 28...Ba6 29.Bxc5 Here Jack offered me a draw. He was low on time and figured it's better to be safe than sorry. At first I questioned why he, a 2440 player, would offer me a draw in a position like this, but now having looked at it more objectively, I see that he would've really been pushing it to try and win this game. Hmmm. Maybe I shouldn't've accepted?! only kidding :) ½-½

Stanford,M - Kostadinov,G [B99]
BC Closed (6), 14.10.2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Qc7 8.Qf3 Nbd7 9.0-0-0 Be7 10.Qg3 I've never played this before, I went into it thinking that George wouldn't expect it (expecting 10.g4) and because his previous encounter facing this was a pretty convincing win for white. 10...h6 11.Bh4

g5 12.fxg5 Nh5 13.Qe3 Qc5 14.Kb1 hxg5 15.Bf2 Ne5 16.Qd2 Qc7 [16...Qa5 a move
 george's employed in the past, I like it.] 17.h4 g4 [17...gxh4 18.Bxh4 Ng3
 19.Bxe7 Rxh1 20.Bf6 I was prepared to go into this, but George doesn't like grabbing
 material. Maybe he should've, in anycase, he got a fine game.] 18.g3 already black's
 lookin alright. 18...Bd7 [18...b5 looks a little better to play the bishop on the more active
 b7 square. Probably +/- at this point.]
 19.a3 oh my, this was a really terrible move. Basically a waiting move that doesn't really
 accomplish much. i mean, it anticipates b5, but it weakens the pawns too much to worry
 about that sort of thing, since it's not going to be dangerous for quite some time. 19...Rc8
 20.Be2 Knowing he'd play Nc4, I play Be2. what a waste of another move. 20...Nc4
 21.Bxc4 Qxc4 22.Rhe1 b5
 23.Qe2 Nf6? a huge mistake. [much better is 23...Qxe2 24.Ndxe2 (24.Rxe2?!
 Bf6 Black's almost won here.) 24...Bc6 +/-] 24.Rd3! Oh how the tides have suddenly
 turned!!! I was obviously extremely happy with getting this move in, since it completely
 changes evaluation of the position and prepares nice little shots like Nf5 24...e5
 [interesting is 24...0-0 but that's another game. :)] 25.Nb3 Qc7 [In the game, I felt that
 25...Be6? 26.Bc5! was winning, Hiarc does not agree. So I've decided to throw Hiarc
 away, since it's obviously useless ;).] 26.Be3 Be6 27.Nd2 Nd7 28.Nd5?? completely
 overlooking the incredibly obvious tactic of Qxc2! I tried not to show that I had
 blundered. But I was almost laughing :) 28...Qxc2+ 29.Ka1 a5 30.Rb3 Gotta get that
 pawn back! just gotta ;) 30...b4 31.Qb5 Bd8 32.axb4 axb4
 33.Qxb4 at some point during these last few moves I think Black should've chopped my
 knight off the board. It's too strong, not to mention the fact that in his next move he
 could play f5 and start a march. 33...0-0 34.Ra3 Rb8
 35.Qc3 Qxc3 36.Nxc3 played to avoid Bxd 36...Nb6 37.Rd1 Be7 Now I felt that black's
 back in the inferior position. and I'm happy again :) 38.Ra7 almost preventing the cheeky
 Ra8. 38...Rfe8? [better is 38...Ra8 39.Bxb6 Rxa7+
 40.Bxa7 Ra8 41.b4 Rxa7+ 42.Kb2 a tough position. I like black here. But the position
 sorta looks drawish, i guess.] 39.Kb1 f5 40.Kc1 wanted K off the light diagonal pin.
 40...fxe4 41.Ndxe4 Nc4 42.Bg5 I played this move quickly, I was pumped and the
 excitement of the dual time trouble was still in me.
 After I played it I was certain I was won. 42...Ra8?? [Better seems to be 42...Bxg5+
 43.hxg5 Ra8 44.Nf6+ Kf8 Where the most I could hope for is the perp. Thank you
 George!] 43.Rxe7 Rxe7 [After Rxd I really wanted black to play Ra1, that way I could
 play the cheesy 43...Ra1+ 44.Kc2!+- *smirk*]
 44.Bxe7 Ra1+ even though Ra8 was ??, it still deserves some praise for George's
 creativeness at generating something from, almost nothing! 45.Kc2 [If 45.Nb1 which's
 honestly what I had anticipated playing when looking at my Rxd 45...d5 and if 46.Ned2
 (46.b3 is interesting.) 46...Bf5 47.Rf1 Nxd2
 48.Kxd2 Bxb1 49.Bd6 and during the game I felt that George had some good drawing
 chances here.] 45...Ne3+ 46.Kd2 Nxd1 47.Nxd1 d5 so I got 2 pieces for the rook, all I
 really have todo is stop those pawn. Then march my pawns.
 48.Ng5 Bd7 49.Bf6 e4 50.Ne3 Ra5 51.Bd4 Rb5 52.Kc3 Kf8 53.h5 1-0

VANCOUVER THANKSGIVING OPEN

Thirty-six players participated in this year's Thanksgiving Open, held at the newly-renovated Vancouver Bridge Centre. Robert North and Fanhao Meng tied for first with 5.0/6, a half-point ahead of Alfred Pechisker - all these players went through the tournament undefeated. The under 2000 first prize was split between Yamei Wang and Justin Hardy with 4 points each. Leo Erazo, Ben Daswani, Juni Caluza, Charles Fekete and Jason Lee all obtained 3.5 and divided the third-place section prize amongst themselves. The story of the tournament in the under 1600 category was twelve year old Tiffany Tang, who performed at 500 points above her rating and actually tied for fourth overall with 4 points - she gained the first under 1600 prize and 188 rating points for her efforts! Tying for the second place prize were Louis McCusky, Richard Gaulin and Jamie Harper. Katherine Davies took care of the organizational details and Stephen Wright directed.

Crosstable: Thanksgiving Open

Ruelland,G - Tang,T [B79]

Thanksgiving op Vancouver (5), 14.10.2002

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6
9.Bc4 Bd7 10.0-0-0 Ne5 11.Bb3 Qa5 12.Kb1 Rfc8 13.h4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Nb3
Qc7 16.h5 Rxc3 17.bxc3 Nxb5 18.Bd4 Rc8 19.g4 Nf6 20.g5 Nh5 21.Rxb5 g5
22.Rh1 a5 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Rxb5 Qxc3 25.Qh2 Rh8 26.Qf4 a4 27.Nc1 Qe1 28.Rh2 a3
29.Re2 Qb4+ 30.Nb3 Qc3 31.Qc1 Qxf3 32.Re3 Qf4 33.Qe1 Qe5 34.Qc1 Qxg5 0-1

30 YEARS AGO by Bruce Harper

Next month a memorial tournament for Lionel Joyner will be held in Vancouver.

Interestingly, it was 30 years ago that Lionel moved to Vancouver from Alberta, and in the first round of the 1972 B.C. Open he demolished Ernie Krzyzowski in a Nimzoindian.

The Samisch variation (4.a3) is out of fashion, and perhaps Black just has too many ways to defuse White's attempt to win with a big centre and the two bishops. But if you're going to play this way, it is important for White to think of the weak c4-pawn as a gambit pawn, rather than as something worth defending. And since dynamic play is all the rage these days (will Kramnik put an end to that?), we may yet see 4.a3 come back into style.

In Krzyzowski-Joyner, White mishandled the opening and was destroyed. First he put his queen on a bad square (6.Qc2), with the laudable intention of playing e4 (the more promising approach is 6.f3). Then he switched plans with 7.e3, then tried to defend his c4-pawn, losing a tempo with his queen (10.Qe2).

This was all Joyner needed. Because White's king was still in the centre, he was able to win the c4-pawn and respond to 14.Rc1 not with the mundane 14...d5, but rather with the sparkling 14...Nxb2!, which wins so much material it can hardly be called a sacrifice.

What follows is pure slaughter, but Black wins artistically, first getting White to put his knight at h1, then chasing White's queen all over the board until it ends up on a fatally vulnerable square. White resigned in view of 26.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 27.Kh2 Rxh1+ 28.Kxh1 Ndf2+ and 29...Bxb5, which leaves Black three pieces and several pawns ahead.

One of many fine Joyner games to remember in between rounds on the Remembrance Day long weekend.

Krzyzowski,E - Joyner,L [E24]
BC op Vancouver (1), 07.10.1972

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 c5 6.Qc2 Nc6 7.e3 b6 8.Nf3 Ba6
9.Bd3 Na5 10.Qe2 Rc8 11.Nd2 Qc7 12.Bb2 cxd4 13.cxd4 Nxc4 14.Rc1 Nxb2 15.Rxc7
Rxc7 16.0-0 Bxd3 17.Qf3 0-0 18.Ra1 Rc2 19.Nf1 Ne4 20.Ng3 f5 21.Nh1 Rfc8 22.h3
Be2 23.Qf4 g5 24.Qe5 Nd3 25.Qb5 Rc1+ 0-1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Upcoming junior events:

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.

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

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 \$10)
**inquire about discounts for the starving &/or unemployed
Prizes: \$\$ BEN
Registration: At site 9:30 - 9:50 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

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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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
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& Org: Vas Sladek
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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