

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #43

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### 2004 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

B.C. Closed Championship

9-12 April 2004

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Jack Yoos	2432	x	=	1	=	1	1	1	1	6.0
2	Mike Stanford	2176	=	x	=	0	=	1	=	1	4.0
3	Howard Wu	2182	0	=	x	1	0	=	1	1	4.0
4	Fanhao Meng	2296	=	1	0	x	0	1	=	=	3.5
5	Laszlo Tegzes	2204	0	=	1	1	x	0	0	=	3.0
6	Brian McLaren	2284	0	0	=	0	1	x	1	=	3.0
7	Dragoljub Milicevic	2211	0	=	0	=	1	0	x	1	3.0
8	Nigel Fullbrook	2200	0	0	0	=	=	=	0	x	1.5

TDs Lynn Stringer and Stephen Wright

To no one's surprise, top-ranked Jack Yoos repeated as B.C. Champion on the Easter weekend by winning the 8-player championship with the commanding score of 6/7. Yoos quickly built up an insurmountable lead and then coasted home (see cumulative table below); he was only in any sort of difficulty against Tegzes in the last round, but ended up winning the game anyway. With Jack in such dominant form the competitive interest soon shifted to the race for second place. After 5 rounds 6(!) players were tied for second to seventh, but in the end the two Victoria participants, Mike Stanford and Howard Wu, shared second with 4 points each. Incidentally, they were also the two lowest rated players in the tournament.

Second-ranked Fanhao Meng placed a distant fourth, largely through a disastrous Easter Sunday when he lost back-to-back games against Howard Wu and Laszlo Tegzes. Fanhao has been in a bit of a slump lately (compare his second-place finish in the last Championship, a half-point behind Jack Yoos), but when he comes out of it, watch out! The rest of the field had their ups and downs except for Nigel Fullbrook, who unfortunately was badly out of form.

Cumulative scores

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Jack Yoos	1	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.0	6.0
2 Mike Stanford	0	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.0
3 Howard Wu	1	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	3.5	4.0
4 Fanhao Meng	1	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.5
5 Laszlo Tegzes	0	0	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
6 Brian McLaren	1	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	3.0
7 Dragoljub Milicevic	0	1	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0
8 Nigel Fullbrook	0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.5

The tournament was ably directed by Lynn Stringer with the assistance of Stephen Wright: nary a complaint was heard. A database with all the games will be available on the BCCF site shortly ([www.chess.bc.ca](http://www.chess.bc.ca)), but for the moment here are six games from the event:

**Wu,H - Tegzes,L [B33] BC ch Vancouver (3.1), 10.04.2004**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 b5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nd5 f5 12.Bd3 Be6 13.Qh5 Bg7 14.0-0 f4 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 0-0 17.Rac1 Rb8 18.b3 Qd7 19.Rfd1 Kh8 20.Qh4 Bxd5 21.Rxd5 f5 22.Rcd1 Nd4 23.exf5 Rf6 24.Qh3 Rbf8 25.Kh1 Rh6 26.Qg4 Nxf5 27.Kg1 Rg6 28.Qh3 Qe7 29.Bd3 Rh6 30.Qf3 Nd4 31.Qe4 Qh4 32.h3 Qh5 33.f3 Qh4 34.Nc2 Nf5 35.Qe1 Ng3 36.Bc4 Qe7 37.Kh2 Rhf6 38.Nd4 Qc7 39.Nc2 Nf5 40.Qd2 Qb6 41.Ra5 Rg6 42.Rxa6 Qb7 43.Qf2 e4 44.Ra7 Qb8 45.Ra5 Ne3 46.Rg1 Qb6 47.Nxe3 Qxa5 48.Nd5 e3 49.Qh4 Qd2 50.Qe7 Qf2 51.Nc7 Rh6 52.Be6 e2 53.Bd7 Rg8 54.Ne8 Be5 0-1

**Wu,H - Meng,F [C54] BC ch Vancouver (4.4), 11.04.2004**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.cxd4 Bb4+ 7.Bd2 Bxd2+ 8.Nbxd2 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.Qb3 Nce7 11.0-0 0-0 12.Rfe1 c6 13.Ne5 Qb6 14.Ndf3 Bf5 15.Rad1 Rad8 16.Ng5 h6 17.Ne4 Bxe4 18.Rxe4 Nf5 19.Qf3 g6 20.Rg4 Kh7 21.b3 h5 22.Qh3 Nh6 23.Re4 Nf6 24.Rf4 Kg7 25.Qg3 Nhg4 26.Nxg4 hxg4 27.Rxf6 Rxd4 28.Rd6 Rxd6 29.Qxd6 1-0

**Meng,F - Tegzes,L [B22] BC ch Vancouver (5.1), 11.04.2004**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 e6 6.cxd4 b6 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.bxc3 Qc7 9.Bd2 Bb7 10.Bd3 d6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Ng5 dxe5 13.Qh5 g6 14.Qh3 Be7 15.Rfe1 Qd8 16.Qg4 h5 17.Qg3 h4 18.Qg4 Nf6 19.Qh3 e4 20.Bb5+ Kf8 21.f3 Qd5 22.Bf1 exf3 23.Re5 Qd6 24.Rae1 Bd5 25.Nxf3 Nh5 26.c4 Bxf3 27.Qxf3 Kg7 28.Bc3 Bf6 29.c5 Qc7 30.cxb6 axb6 31.d5 Ra3 32.R5e3 Rxc3 33.Rxc3 Bxc3 34.Rd1 Qc5+ 35.Qf2 exd5 36.Qxc5 bxc5 37.Be2 Bd4+ 38.Kf1 Nf4 39.Bd3 Re8 40.g3 hxg3 41.hxg3 Ne6 0-1

**Yoos,J - Wu,H [B67] BC ch Vancouver (5.2), 11.04.2004**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f4 b5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Kb1 Qb6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Qe1 0-0-0 14.Bd3 b4 15.Ne2 d5 16.Ng3 h5 17.Qe2 h4 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Ne4 Bb7 20.f5 e5 21.Bc4 Be7 22.Rd3 Rxd3 23.cxd3 Kb8 24.Re1 Qd4 25.Bxf7 a5 26.Qe3 Rd8 27.Qxd4 Rxd4 28.Kc2 Bxe4 29.dxe4 Bf8 30.g3 hxg3 31.hxg3 Bh6 32.Kb3 Ka7 33.Rh1 Bg5 34.Bd5 Kb6 35.Rh8 Kb5 36.Rb8+ Ka6 37.Ka4 Bh6 38.Re8 b3+ 39.Kxb3 Bg5 40.Re6+ Ka7 41.Rc6 Rb4+ 42.Kc3 Rd4 43.a3 Rd1 44.Re6 Rd4 45.b4 axb4+ 46.axb4 Bd2+ 47.Kc2 Bg5 48.b5 Rb4 49.Ra6+ Kb8 50.b6 Kc8 51.Ra8+ 1-0

## **McLaren,B - Stanford,M [B26] BC ch Vancouver (6.2), 12.04.2004**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 d6 6.Be3 e5 7.Qd2 Nge7 8.Bh6 Bxh6 9.Qxh6 Nd4 10.Rc1 Qb6 11.Nd1 Be6 12.c3 Ndc6 13.a3 Qa6 14.Qe3 b6 15.Nf3 Bg4 16.0-0 0-0 17.Nd2 Rad8 18.f3 Be6 19.Nf2 Kg7 20.f4 f6 21.Nf3 exf4 22.Qxf4 Ne5 23.d4 Nxf3+ 24.Bxf3 Qc8 25.h4 h6 26.Rfe1 g5 27.Qe3 Ng6 28.Bh5 Bf7 29.Kh2 Rde8 30.Qf3 Qd8 31.Bxg6 Bxg6 32.h5 Bh7 33.g4 Qe7 34.Re2 f5 35.gxf5 Rxf5 36.Qg3 Rf4 37.Rce1 Qf7 38.e5 Rf3 39.Qg2 Qf4+ 40.Kh1 Rg3 41.Qb7+ Kh8 42.Ne4 Qf3+ 0-1

## **Yoos,J - Tegzes,L [B33] BC ch Vancouver (7.1), 12.04.2004**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 b5 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nd5 f5 12.Bd3 Be6 13.Qh5 Bg7 14.0-0 f4 15.c4 bxc4 16.Bxc4 0-0 17.Rac1 Rb8 18.b3 Qd7 19.Rfd1 Kh8 20.Qh4 f5 21.Nxf4 exf4 22.Bxe6 Qxe6 23.Rxc6 fxe4 24.Rcxd6 Qe8 25.Nc4 e3 26.fxe3 fxe3 27.Re1 Qf7 28.Nxe3 Rbe8 29.h3 Qa7 30.Rd3 Rf6 31.Kh1 Ref8 32.Rdd1 Rf4 33.Ng4 Qc7 34.Rc1 Qd7 35.Red1 Qb5 36.Qe1 Qh5 37.Qe6 Qb5 38.Nh2 Rf2 39.Rc8 Qg5 40.Rxf8+ Bxf8 41.Ng4 Rxa2 42.Rf1 Qg7 43.Rf7 Ra1+ 44.Kh2 Bd6+ 45.Qxd6 Qxf7 46.Qe5+ Qg7 47.Nf6 1-0

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## **ACP INAUGURAL TOURNAMENT**

The recently formed ACP (Association of Chess Professionals) organized an online speed chess tournament for its members, hosted on the ChessBase server Playchess.com. Four qualifying events were held, the winners moving on to a final knockout round (to be played on April 17); one of the players in the first qualifier, held on April 12, was our own Jonathan Berry. The eventual qualifiers from the 18-player round-robin were Artyom Timofeev, Svetlana Matveeva, Viorel Iordachescu, and Petr Kiriakov; the also-rans included Alexey Dreev, Sasikiran Krishnan, Sergey Volkov, Sergey Karjakin, Luke McShane, Yannick Pelletier, and Eric Lobron.

Jonathan Berry was largely outclassed in this field, but his draw with top-seed Alexey Dreev sent the latter into a tailspin (Dreev missed qualifying by half a point). Here are Jonathan's own comments on the event (originally posted on Chesstalk):

## **Dreev,A - Berry,J [B06] ACP Inaugural 1st Prel (13), 12.04.2004**

"GM Dreev started very deliberately, found a nice way to win the exchange, then I blundered a pawn so game over ... well maybe not. He blundered a whole bishop after which I pressed him hard and he had to force a repetition.

1.d4 g6 2.e4 d6 3.c3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.Nf3 Nd7 6.0-0 e5 7.Re1 Ngf6 8.Nbd2 Bg7 9.a4 a6 10.Nc4 Qe7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 0-0 13.Qc2 Rfe8 14.Ne3 Qf8 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxe5 Rxe5 17.f3 Rae8 18.Bc4 Kh7 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Ng4 Qe7 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Bxf7 Rf8 23.Bd5 c6 24.Bc4 Qc5+ 25.Qf2 Qxc4 26.Qxb6 Rf7 27.Rad1 Be5 28.a5 g5 29.Qd8 Qc5+ 30.Kh1 White offered a draw. 30...Qf2 31.Qe8 Rg7 32.Qh5 Bc8 33.b4 g4 34.Rf1 Qe2 35.f4 Bxf4 36.Rde1 Qd2 37.Rd1 Qe2 38.Rde1 Qd2 39.Rd1 Qe2 ½-½

I feel a bit guilty because after that draw he played very badly, even losing a dead (10.2 dead) drawn rook ending.

Matveeva, incidentally, is an excellent blitz player. She well deserved to qualify for the finals. She crushed me the most convincingly, although none of them needed to extend themselves too much to do that.

## **Berry,J - Matveeva,S [C03] ACP Inaugural 1st Prel (5), 12.04.2004**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Be7 4.Ngf3 Nf6 5.Bd3 c5 6.e5 Nfd7 7.c3 Nc6 8.0-0 a5 9.Re1 cxd4 10.cxd4 Qb6 11.Qa4 Qb4 12.Bb5 Qxa4 13.Bxa4 Nb6 14.Bb5 Bd7 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.b3 a4 17.Bb2 Kd7 18.Rac1 axb3 19.axb3 Ra2 20.Bc3 Bb5 21.h4 h6 22.g4 Rc8 23.h5 Bd3 24.Kg2 Rc6 25.Kg3 Nc8 26.Re3 Bh7 27.Rg1 Na7 28.Ra1 Rxa1 29.Bxa1 Nb5 30.Kf4 Rc2 31.Re1 Bb4 32.Re2 Ra2 33.Nc4 Rxe2 0-1

It was an honour to play against these strong players, even though most of my games were just pathetic. I wasn't the tail-ender, I finished 17th out of 18 with 3 points, most of that thanks to luck.

Oh yeah, my excuse. 4 1 is too fast to play on a laptop with a Trackpoint. I should have brought a mouse. Excuse # 11,972."

More details and a crosstable: <http://www.chessbase.com/events/acp/results01.htm>

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## **EASTER OPEN** by Ben Daswani

The Easter Open was only finalized at the last minute and, hence, the modest turn-out of nine players could perhaps be considered a... non-failure. Junior Ben Daswani won with a score of 3.5/4 after winning his first three games and quickly drawing his fourth. In second was another junior, Andrey Kostin, who scored 3/4 and likely hit a new highest rating. Top U1700 was Eduardo Azmitia with 2.5/4. Ten-year-old Louie Jiang had another strong performance, this time getting draws from higher-rated players Ernest Krzyzowski and Slaven Mandic.

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## **2004 B.C. CHESS CHALLENGE**

This year's provincial grade championship attracted 168 players from as far afield as Nelson and Nanaimo to BCIT on April 10th. This was a smaller turnout than in previous years, but despite this the competition was fierce: in particular, grade 5 featured a TD's nightmare, a six-way tie for first! The eventual trophy winners were as follows:

Grade 1: Donovan Zhao, Alex Sabaratnam, Ryan Becker

Grade 2: Tanraj Sohal, Joward Tabucol, Allan Chang

Grade 3: Alexandra Botez, Farley Cannon, Moise Herringer

Grade 4: Joshua Wild, Kristof Juhasz, Connor LaCouvee

Grade 5: Richard Huang, Thomas Chow, Christopher Yoon

Grade 6: Bryan Young, Christopher Hui, Brianna Reid

Grade 7: Noam Davies, Danny Yu, Vlad Gaciu

Grade 8: Sam Churchill, Lo-Ching Chow, Brad Wong

Grade 9: Alexander Reid, Stoyan Petrov, Teddy Ko

Grade 10: Lucas Davies, Sun Mo Yeon

Grade 11: Jason Lee, Ilan Keshet, Ivan Petrov

Grade 12: Yamei Wang, Lawrence Bau, Max Reznitsky

Congratulations to the winners, and thanks to all the players for participating; in addition, a huge THANK YOU to all those who help contributed to the event running as smoothly as it did.

A team comprised of one player from each grade will now represent B.C. in the 2004 Canadian Chess Challenge, which takes place in Winnipeg on the Victoria Day weekend.

Crosstables: <http://www.k-12chess.com/k-12chess2003/tournamentresult20040410.php>

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### **LARRY JACOBSEN MEMOIRS** by Nathan Bauman

Here's something that may interest members of the BC Chess Community.

A Life CFC and PoCo Chess club member, Larry Jacobsen, has self-published his memoirs with 1st Books, entitled *Leaning into the Wind: Memoirs of an Immigrant Prairie Farm Boy*. Mr. Jacobsen is primarily known to members of the PoCo Chess Club as a good-natured gentleman who plays chess at blitz speed, rarely making any tactical blunders.

The softcover book is generously illustrated with black and white photographs. From what I've read I can say that it will be enjoyed by anyone with an interest in the local history of B.C. and the Prairies. [Note that there's actually almost nothing about chess in it. Larry, you might consider throwing in that delightful chess poem you showed me.]

The description on the back cover is as follows:

"This is a humorous story about an awkward runt--a misfit growing up on a farm on the western prairies during a time when there were few radios and no electricity or plumbing. It tells about a boy in a large poverty-stricken family coming of age and making his way into the workforce.

This book gives the reader vivid insights into farm life during the nineteen thirties and forties. The reader will also experience life in the rugged logging, mining and construction camps....The author also tried sales--first vacuum cleaners door to door and later real estate. During his earlier years he used up nine lives, as well as having other narrow scrapes. At age forty-four he entered graduate school for an MBA despite having only a Grade X education, and at age fifty-one he launched a rewarding consulting career."

Larry Jacobsen's book can be purchased by contacting him at his email address [starrider@shaw.ca](mailto:starrider@shaw.ca), or by purchasing it on [www.amazon.ca](http://www.amazon.ca). The price is approximately \$21.50 CDN.

I own the book and recommend it.

## BUGHOUSE FUNDRAISING EVENT

Come play bughouse - a great way to have fun, while helping to raise money for a very worthwhile cause: the 2005 Elod Macskasy Memorial.

Date: Sunday, April 25, 2004.

Place: Van. Bridge Centre - 2776 E. Broadway @ Kaslo St.

Registration: 9:30-9:45 AM.

Start Time: 10:00 AM.

Entry Fee: \$15; \$10 for juniors and seniors. Entrants receive a \$5 discount for pre-registering.

Pre-registration: E-mail [devil1331@hotmail.com](mailto:devil1331@hotmail.com).

Format: Minimum 8 rounds of 6 games each.

Time Control: 3 mins.

More Info: Ben Daswani - [devil1331@hotmail.com](mailto:devil1331@hotmail.com).

Note: All proceeds will go towards the Elod Macskasy Memorial. Tournament will be rated using the Bughouse BC rating system (visit the link below).

Bughouse BC - [www.bug.chessbc.com](http://www.bug.chessbc.com)

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### THIRTY YEARS AGO by Bruce Harper

The recent B.C. Championship was won convincingly by Jack Yoos, with Nigel Fullbrook finishing in last place. This is not where Nigel, who the Canadian Junior Championship thirty years ago, belongs.

Back then the Canadian Junior Championship was an important and tough tournament. No one had heard the word "inclusiveness," and the Canadian Junior was a very strong ten-player round robin. Nigel tied for first with future GM and Canadian Champion Kevin Spraggett and Toronto's Peter Nurmi, with 6.5 points. En route, Nigel missed a win against Spraggett (they drew) and beat future IM Bryon Nickoloff and future IM and Canadian Champion Jean Hébert, finishing the tournament with three straight wins (while Jean finished with three straight losses, after starting with 5.5 out of 6, but that's another, sadder story).

And there's more. Here is what Nigel played:

Rd 1 Black: Alekhine's Defence

Rd 2 Black: Alekhine's Defence

Rd 3 White: Normal Caro Kann

Rd 4 Black: Alekhine's Defence

Rd 5 White: 3.Bb5 Sicilian

Rd 6 Black: Alekhine's Defence

Rd 7 White: King's Gambit

Rd 8 Black: Rat

Rd 9 White: From's Gambit (1.f4 e5 2.fxe5 d6 3.exd6)

(As an aside, later Tyler Johnson was also to use Alekhine's Defence to win the Canadian Junior Championship. Fanhao, Lucas - are you listening?)

You may be wondering "Why would Nigel accept the From's Gambit when 2.e4 would transpose into the King's Gambit, which he played two rounds earlier?" Or "Why would Nigel play the Rat (for the

first time ever) against Hébert in the crucial game of the tournament?" No one who knows Nigel would even ask these questions, and they have no answers.

Here is Nigel's key win against Hébert:

### **Hébert,J - Fullbrook,N [B06] CAN jun 3rd Toronto (8), 05.1974**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.f4 c6 5.Nf3 b5 6.a3 a6 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Nb6 11.b3 Qc7 12.Rad1 a5 13.e5 Ng4 14.Ne4 Bf5 15.Ng3 Bxc2 16.Rc1 Bxb3 17.Bxb5 Bd5 18.h3 Nxe3 19.Qxe3 Qd7 20.Bd3 Rab8 21.f5 Bxf3 22.Rxf3 dxe5 23.dxe5 Nd5 24.Qe4 Rb2 25.h4 Bh6 26.Re1 Nf4 27.Bf1 Qd2 28.Nh1 gxf5 29.Rg3+ Ng6 30.Qxf5 Qxe1 31.h5 e6 32.Qd3 Rd2 33.Qc4 Be3+ 34.Kh2 Rd5 35.Rxg6+ hxg6 0-1

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## **B.A. YATES**

As we have already discussed the first B.C. Champion, John M. Ewing, in these pages, it is appropriate now to turn to one of his major rivals, Mr. B(ertram) A(rthur) Yates (November 23, 1868 - March 6, 1953). The following article appeared in the first issue of the *B.C. Chess Magazine* (December 1918), and although unsigned was presumably the work of the magazine's editor, John M. Ewing.

"Mr. Yates was fortunate in the choice of his father, who was a strong player, and the advantage of this early start was speedily apparent. At the age of fifteen he won his first tournament in Newcastle under Lyme, his birthplace, receiving pawn and move from scratch players and winning all his games.

When about eighteen he gave up chess and devoted his spare time to billiards, where he scored several successes, and to other games of a more exciting nature. After twelve years or so he was tempted to play a young man who was freely issuing a challenge to all comers in a hotel where he chanced to be staying. The challenge was accepted upon the sound principle that strong players seldom advertise themselves, and the result of the game was as such things should be.

The St. George's Club then called upon Mr. Yates, and his chess emerged from its chrysalis to prove the strength of its wings. He played second board for the Westminster C.C. in the second division of the Birmingham Chess League without losing a game, and greatly assisted his team to gain the championship. He also won the brilliancy prize for the best game played in the league during the season.

He now joined the Birmingham C.C. and was selected to play for the County of Warwickshire, later playing three years for the combined Counties of Warwickshire and Staffordshire. During the seven years of his county chess his worst score was a draw - surely a wonderful record. At this time he also played one season for the Sparkhill Club in the Birmingham first division, and won all his games.

The fitting climax of his English career came when he was invited to play for the Individual Championship of the Midlands in 1910, the tournament being limited to twelve players. Unfortunately he was unable to accept this flattering invitation, as he was bound for B.C.

Mr. Yates' British Columbian career would occupy more space if given in detail than this entire issue could afford, so we shall give the main events only. In 1913-14 he was second to Stark in the Vancouver C.C. Championship. In 1914-15 he was third, equal with Ewing in the same event, ranking below Dr. Smith, former City of London Champion, and Stark. In 1915-16 he won the Vancouver C.C. Championship, and was third in the Provincial Tournament, below Ewing and Stark. In 1916-17 he won the Provincial Championship but lost that of the Vancouver C.C. to Butler; in 1917-18 he retained

the former title, regained the latter, and also won the Individual Championship of the new Greater Vancouver League - a truly splendid performance.

No article upon Mr. Yates as a chess player would be complete without some comments upon his personality and style of play. As an opponent his courtesy is complete, and his attitude in all the vicissitudes of the game is one upon which young players might well model themselves. He is a man of quiet, yet strong personality, depending vastly more on the solid argument of play than on the insecure support of verbal theory. His nerves are of that highly efficient variety known as the nonexistent, which condition is a splendid basis for match play.

Concerning his style, his own appended games will afford the safest clue. He himself is afraid that as he grows older his caution becomes too greatly developed, but a few games with him will quickly dispel any such notion from the over-confiding chess player. In a word, Mr. Yates is a fitting champion both in himself and in his skill over the board."

### **Hidwell,H.E. - Yates,B.A. [C52]**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 dxc3 8.Qb3 Qf6 9.e5 Qg6 10.Nxc3 Nge7 11.Ba3 0-0 12.Rad1 b5 13.Nxb5 Rb8 14.Bd3 Qh5 15.Qa4 Re8 16.g4 Qh3 17.Qe4 Bb7 18.Ng5 Nxe5 19.Qxb7 Qxf1+ 20.Bxf1 Rxb7 21.h3 N7g6 22.Rc1 h6 23.Bd6 Rxb5 0-1

### **Smith,D - Yates,B.A. [A46]**

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 d5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Nb3 Bd6 9.Nbd4 e5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Be2 Ne4 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.0-0 f5 15.c4 Rf6 16.Ne1 Rh6 17.f4 exf4 18.exf4 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Ng3# 0-1

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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](http://www.chess.bc.ca).

### **Junior Events**

Apr 18 Vancouver Grand Prix #7  
May 1-2 Provincial CYCC, Vancouver  
May 8 Body and Brain Open, Surrey  
May 16 Vancouver Grand Prix #8

For full details see [www.chess.bc.ca](http://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](mailto: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.



### **Little Mountain's Regular Swiss - April**

Dates: April 5, 12, 19, and 26.

Place: Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, 3981 Main St., Vancouver

Type: 4-round Swiss

### **What a Wonderful World**

Date: April 24

Place: Fatima Church, Coquitlam (315 Walker St.)

Type: Regular 4-round Swiss

### **Daffodil Open**

Date: April 24-25

Place: University of Victoria, [Human & Social Development Bldg.](#), Room A-260

Type: Swiss 5 Rounds

### **Apple Blossom Open**

Date: May 1 & 2

Place: Holiday Inn Express, 4716 34th St., Vernon

Type: 5-round Swiss

### **29th Paul Keres Memorial**

Date: May 21-24

Place: Croatian Community Centre, Vancouver

Type: 6 or 7-round Swiss

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### **SUPER Vancouver Saturday Night Chess (3)**

Dates: Saturdays June 5, 12, 19, 26 and July 3.

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Type: 5-round Swiss

First prize - \$400!!

### **[Western Canadian Open](#)**

Date: July 9-18

Place: Vancouver Airport Conference Resort

Type: 10 round single-section Swiss

### **Vancouver Saturday Night Chess (4)**

Dates: Saturdays July 24, 31, and August 7, 14, 21

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Type: 5-round Swiss

## **Rod Planas Memorial Chess Tournament**

Dates: August 7-8, 2004

Place: Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna

Type: 5-round Swiss

## **Kamloops [Grand Prix](#) #4**

Date: Sept. 18

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

Type: 4-round Swiss

## **Kamloops [Grand Prix](#) #5**

Date: Oct. 23

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

Type: 4-round Swiss

## **Silver Star Challenge (Interior Qualifier)**

Date: Nov. 13 & 14

Place: Holiday Inn Express, 4716 34th St., Vernon

Type: 5-round Swiss

## **Kamloops [Grand Prix](#) #6**

Date: Nov. 20

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

Type: 4-round Swiss