

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #94

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WORKERS' MEMORIAL

The second edition of this annual event, held in Kamloops on April 14-15, was a close-run race. Three players tied for first in the six-round Swiss with 4.5, Vlad Gaciu, Daren Kirby, and Benjamin Kruger. They were half a point ahead of veteran Joe Herodek, who was held to a draw by Alexandra Botez in the last round; Alexandra took the U1600 prize, with Frank Ficarini second.

A news story can be found on the BCCF home page, <http://www.chess.bc.ca>
Crosstable: http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/workers_memorial.html

FOXWOODS OPEN

Held at the Foxwoods Resort and Casino in Connecticut, this event attracted some 550 players over the Easter weekend, including Juni (Severo) Caluza from these parts. He made the trip worthwhile by winning the U1800 Section with 6.5/7, receiving at least \$6,000 US for his efforts - congratulations!

Crosstable: <http://www.foxwoodsopen.com/1800.htm>

PROVINCIAL CHESS CHALLENGE

This year's Provincial Chess Challenge, held on April 15 at BCIT, attracted some 204 participants from as far afield as Courtenay, Vernon, Penticton, and Kamloops. Players were paired only against others in the same grade; at the end of the day the trophy winners were as follows:

- 1 Janak Awatramani, Frank Wang, Andrew Sabaratnam
- 2 Harrison Lee, Jenna Wild, Matthew Herdin
- 3 Alex Sabaratnam, Donovan Zhao, Algerd Karavai
- 4 Tanraj Sohal, Conrad Burgert, Sunny Lee
- 5 Jack Cheng, Moise Herringer, Spencer Thexton
- 6 Gabriel Panaitiu, Foster Tom, Jakab Tardos
- 7 Elliot Raymer, Joshua Ryu, Marko Mitrovic
- 8 Kristijan Gorgevik, Surbinder Bolina, Melissa Jin
- 9 Ritik Looned, Hamed Anwari, Evan Raymer

- 10 Lo-Ching Chow, Jimmy He, Clyde Chen
- 11 George Li, Teddy Ko, Imran Khan
- 12 Lucas Davies, Milan Anwari, Isaac Lisik

The tournament was run by Stephen Wright, Katherine Davies, Toni Deline, Lynn Stringer, Elizabeth Towers, and others who helped in ways large and small - many thanks to all. We wish the BC Chess Challenge team the best of luck as it travels to Moncton on the Victoria Day weekend to do battle with the championship teams from the other provinces - play well!

VANCOUVER CHESS CLUB

Various entities have held the name "Vancouver Chess Club" through the years, some more successful than others (for one of the unsuccessful ones see Bulletin #38). There have been chess clubs in Vancouver since at least the mid-1890s, but the first one of substance came into being in early 1913, in response to a letter published in the chess column of the *Daily News Advertiser*. This newspaper was a major Vancouver daily which ceased publication in 1917; the chess column ran for just over two years, from February 1913 to March 1915. The very first column contained the following letter:

"Mr. B.A. Yates of South Vancouver has written to the chess editor, asking him to use his influence with a view to forming a chess club in this city. Mr. Yates wonders why it is a town of this size should be without a chess club. The chess editor will be glad to receive any communications on the subject." [*Daily News Advertiser*, 2 February 1913]

The identity of the chess editor is never revealed, but there is some evidence to suggest it was Yates himself. He was certainly an important figure in Vancouver chess circles at the time, and more on his life can be found in Bulletin #43. A chess club duly came into being, as described in subsequent columns:

"If I remember correctly, there was a similar movement started about three years ago. Mr. Brydon-Jack was, I believe, elected president, a meeting was held in the basement of the Carnegie Library, but somehow the matter fell through." [T.J. Corley, *Daily News Advertiser*, 16 February 1913]

"I was present at a meeting held in the Carnegie Library basement in December, 1910, probably the one referred to in your column. A committee was chosen to search for a suitable playing room and report, but as far as I am aware no other steps have been taken and presumably the committee is still searching." [Alfred Evans in *Daily News Advertiser*, 2 March 1913]

"By the kind permission of the National Loan & Investment Company a meeting was held in one of their offices last Wednesday to discuss the formation of a chess club. It was resolved to hold a further meeting in the smoke room of the Cabin Cafe next Tuesday, 18th inst., at 8 o'clock, principally to discuss the future home of the club. The organizers hope that all those interested will kindly attend." [*Daily News Advertiser*, 16 March 1913]

"The meeting that took place in the Cabin Cafe to form a chess club met with a very satisfactory response, between thirty and forty members being enrolled, and no doubt there will be many others who will join when it is better known. Anyone wishing to become a member kindly send his name to the secretary.

The following rules were drawn up: Vancouver Chess Club, season 1913-1914--President, B.A. Yates; vice-president, A. Stevenson; honorary secretary and treasurer, A. La C. Evans; committee, T.E. Pouris, A.Fraser.

1. The club shall be called the Vancouver Chess Club.
2. The annual subscription shall be one dollar. Entrance fee, one dollar.
3. The subscription and entrance fee to be paid in advance.
4. The officers of the club shall consist of president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer and a committee by whom all the business of the club shall be managed. Any four to form a quorum, the president having the casting vote.
5. All members to be subject to equally divided further charges should the money in hand be found insufficient to meet requirements of the club.
6. The club to meet at the Cabin Cafe.
7. The chess room is open every day until 9 o'clock. Club night, Tuesday and Friday, at 8:30 until 12.
8. In the event of tournaments and matches being arranged the usual laws observed in all chess clubs to govern such games.
9. Notices of general interest to be posted in the club room by secretary.
10. These rules to be permanently hung in the club room." [*Daily News Advertiser*, 30 March 1913]

"The club has started a tournament to get some idea of the relative strength of its members. It is to be hoped that players will make an effort to get through their games as soon as possible. Players to play two games with each opponent." [*Daily News Advertiser*, 20 April 1913]

"The tournament, to give some idea of the relative strength of the players will, to all intents, be practically finished in about another fortnight, at which time this column will be discontinued for the summer months. The winner is sure to arise from the following: B.A. Yates (best average at present), R.C. Dickson, P. Fraser, Marchant." [*Daily News Advertiser*, 15 June 1913]

The club flourished, and indeed was the predominant Vancouver chess club until the formation of the City Chess Club in 1946. Various sources from the 1950s mention the VCC as being founded in 1911; this seems to be inaccurate, unless there really was a club meeting regularly at the Carnegie Library pre-1913 which has not come to light. Coincidentally, the Diamond Jubilee Tournament in 1973 was held to commemorate the sixtieth anniversary of the founding of the BCCF, but contemporary accounts place that event in 1916; perhaps confusion between 1913 and 1916 developed in the minds of the participants in later years.

Here are the games from the inaugural tournament that were published in the *Daily News Advertiser* chess column:

Dickson,R - Yates,B [B01] VCC Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.d4 c6 6.Nge2 Bf5 7.Be3 e6 8.0-0 Nbd7 9.Ng3 Nb6 10.Bb3 Bg6 11.Re1 Bb4 12.Bg5 Nbd5 13.Nxd5 Bxe1 14.Nxf6+ gxf6 15.Qxe1 fxg5 16.Qe5 0-0 17.Re1 Re8 18.Ne4 Bxe4 19.Rxe4 Qe7 20.h4 h6 21.hxg5 hxg5 22.Qg3 Qf6 23.Re5 Kf8 24.c3 Ke7 25.Rxg5 Kd7 26.Bc2 Rh8 27.f4 Qh6 28.Rg7 Raf8 29.b4 Qh1+ 30.Kf2 Qc1 31.Bb3 Qd2+ 32.Kg1 Rh1+ 33.Kxh1 Qc1+ 34.Kh2 Rh8+ 35.Qh3 Qxf4+ 36.Rg3 Rxh3+ 37.Kxh3 Qh6+ 38.Kg4 f5+ 39.Kf3 Qd2 40.Rg7+ Kd6 41.Rxb7 Qxc3+ 42.Ke2 Qxd4 43.Rb8

Qe5+ 44.Kf3 Qe4+ 45.Kf2 e5 46.Rd8+ Kc7 47.Rf8 f4 48.Re8 Qxb4 49.g4 Qd2+ 50.Kf3 e4+ 51.Rxe4 Qh2 52.Rxf4 "and after fifty more moves was given up as a draw." ½-½

Evans - NN [C50] VCC Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.0-0 Bc5 5.b4 Be7 6.b5 Na5 7.Nxe5 Nxc4 8.Nxc4 Nxe4 9.d4 d5 10.Ne5 Ng5 11.Re1 Qd6 12.Bxg5 f6 13.Qh5+ g6 14.Nxg6 Kd7 15.Rxe7+ Kd8 16.Bf4 Qb4 17.Bxc7# 1-0

Marchant - Yates,B [B01] VCC Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 e6 7.Be3 Bb4 8.a3 Ba5 9.b4 Bb6 10.0-0 c6 11.Ne5 Bf5 12.Na4 Nbd7 13.c3 Bc7 14.Bf4 Nd5 15.Bg3 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Bxe5 17.dxe5 b5 18.c4 Nf4 19.cxb5 Nxe2+ 20.Qxe2 Bd3 21.Qf3 Bxf1 22.Qxc6+ Ke7 23.Rxf1 Rc8 24.Qf3 Qd5 25.Qxd5 exd5 26.b6 axb6 27.Nxb6 Rc6 28.Nxd5+ Ke6 29.Nf4+ Kxe5 30.Nd3+ Kd4 31.Nc5 Kc4 32.Re1 Rd8 33.Nb7 Ra8 34.Na5+ Rxa5 35.bxa5 Kb5 36.g3 Kxa5 37.Re7 Rf6 "and after many moves a draw." ½-½

Stark,R - Evans,A [C42] VCC Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxe4 4.Qe2 d5 5.Bb5+ Nc6 6.d4 exd4 7.Nxd4 Bd6 8.Nc3 0-0 9.0-0 a6 10.Bxc6 bxc6 11.Nxc6 Qh4 12.g3 Qh3 13.Qf3 Bg4 14.Qe3 f6 15.Nxd5 Ng5 16.Qb3 Kh8 17.f4 Rfe8 18.Be3 Nf3+ 19.Rxf3 Bxf3 20.Kf2 Qg2+ 21.Ke1 Qe2# 0-1

Stark,R - Yates,B [B01] VCC Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Bg4 8.Be3 Bd6 9.Be2 c6 10.Ne5 Bxe2 11.Qxe2 Nbd7 12.Rad1 Nd5 13.f4 g6 14.Ne4 Be7 15.c3 f6 16.Nc4 Qc7 17.Bc1 b5 18.Ne3 0-0-0 19.Nxd5 exd5 20.Nf2 Bd6 21.Nd3 h5 22.h3 Rde8 23.Qc2 Rhg8 24.Rde1 Re4 25.Rxe4 dxe4 26.Ne1 f5 27.c4 Re8 28.Qe2 a6 29.cxb5 axb5 30.Be3 Nb6 31.Nc2 Nd5 32.Qd2 g5 33.g3 gxf4 34.gxf4 Rg8+ 35.Kh2 Qe7 36.Qf2 Qg5 37.Rg1 Qxg1+ 38.Qxg1 Rxg1 39.Kxg1 Nxf4 40.Bxf4 Bxf4 41.Nb4 Kd7 42.Kf2 h4 43.Na6 Bc1 44.Nc5+ Ke7 45.b3 Bb2 0-1

Stark,R - Ballard,T [C50] VCC Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Nc6 4.0-0 Bc5 5.d4 Nxd4 6.Nxe5 0-0 7.Bg5 d6 8.Nd3 Be6 9.Bxe6 fxe6 10.Nxc5 dxc5 11.e5 Qd5 12.exf6 Qxg5 13.fxg7 Qxg7 14.Nd2 Rad8 15.f4 Nf5 16.Qe2 Qd4+ 17.Rf2 Ne7 18.c3 Qd3 19.Qxd3 Rxd3 20.Ne4 b6 21.Re1 h6 22.g3 Nf5 23.Rfe2 Kf7 24.Nf2 Rd6 25.Ng4 Rg8 26.Ne5+ Kf6 27.Nc4 Rc6 28.Kf2 b5 29.Nd2 c4 30.Nf3 Rd6 31.Nd2 Rc6 32.Re5 a6 33.Ne4+ Kf7 34.Nc5 Re8 35.Nxe6 Rxe6 36.Rxf5+ Kg6 37.Rxe6+ Rxe6 38.Rd5 Rd6 39.Rxd6+ cxd6 40.Ke3 Kf5 41.h3 h5 42.g4+ hxg4 43.hxg4+ Kxg4 44.Ke4 d5+ 45.Kxd5 Kxf4 46.Kc5 Ke4 47.a4 Kd3 48.axb5 axb5 49.Kxb5 Kc2 50.Kxc4 1-0

Yates,B - Dickson,R [C29] VCC Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.f4 exf4 4.e5 Ng8 5.Nf3 Be7 6.Bc4 Bh4+ 7.Kf1 Be7 8.d4 g5 9.h4 g4 10.Ng5 Bxg5 11.hxg5 c6 12.Bxf4 Na6 13.Ne4 Nc7 14.Nd6+ Kf8 15.Nxf7 Qe7 16.Nxh8 Ne6 17.Bxe6 dxe6 18.g6 1-0

2006 KERES MEMORIAL



The above gentleman will only be at the tournament in spirit, but the following players have entered this year's Keres - come and join them and match your skill against theirs! The next deadline for discounted entries is coming up fast on May 12: details at <http://www.keresmemorial.com/>.

Open Section:

Orlov, Georgi 2587	Burke, Paul 2032
Yoos, Jack 2425	Niksic, John 2005
Pechisker, Alfred 2250	Kostin, Andrey 1963
Jiganchine, Roman 2241	North, Robert 1954
McLaren, Brian 2232	Ozkan, Charlie 1901
Patterson, Roger 2186	Phonchiangk Wong, Chai 1881
Cheng, Bindi 2172	Milner, Arie 1768
Davies, Lucas 2154	Long, Hugh 1724
Tegzes, Laszlo 2109	Gaciu, Vlad 1707
Jiang, Louie 2073	Krzyzowski, Ernest 1683
Davies, Noam 2038	

U2000

Leblanc, Paul 1980
Goodman, Kevin 1899
Harris, Phil 1873
Prieto, Jorge 1805
Tang, Tiffany 1773
Escandor, Manuel 1767
Pendergraft, Troy 1750
Jose, Marionito 1725
Steinke, Wally 1712
Huang, Richard 1708
Kindret, Mike 1662
Jung, William 1659
Cheng, Jack 1628
Paulson, Stewart 1608

U1600

Griffith, Alan 1503
Botez, Alexandra 1425
Juds, Marilyn 1283
Enns, Edward 1264
Baptiste, John unr
Birch, Stephen unr

UNRATED SUNDAY ACTIVE

When: 4:30-9:30 pm, every Sunday
Where: Nice Cafe, 154 East 8th, Vancouver
Type: 5-round Swiss
Time control: 30 minutes per person
Entry fee: \$8 (\$3 to the restaurant)

This is unrated tourney
Please bring chess sets and clocks and all other equipment .

For further information, email xramis1@yahoo.ca

RIGHT TO PLAY RR

When kids play, the world wins

Organized by Chess First! Enterprises and hosted by the North Van Chess Club

Date: May 17, 24, 31, June 7, 14, 2006 (Wednesday nights)

Place: Mollie Nye House, 945 Lynn Valley Road, North Vancouver

Sections: Adult and Junior (6 players each)

Rounds: 5

Type: Regular CFC-rated round robin (6-players)

Times: 7-10 pmTC: SD 90 club control

EF: Adults: \$3 for CFC rating fee + donation to Right to Play; Juniors: 50 cents for CFC rating fee + donation to Right to Play

Prizes: Adult section: 1st ChessBase training CD; Junior section: 1st Right to Play red soccer ball!; all players receive souvenirs

Reg/TD/Org: interested players please e-mail or call CTD Vas Sladek, 604-562-3736, chessfm@telus.net; players accepted into the event will be contacted by phone and e-mail.

Notes:

- 1) all players must agree to pay a weekly drop-in fee to the chess club, \$1 for members, \$2 for non-members (1-year club membership is \$10)
- 2) prizes provided by the Canada office of Right to Play (www.righttoplay.com) and by Chess First! Enterprises (www.chessfirst.com)
- 3) CFC membership required; \$48/year or \$10/event
- 4) score sheets and equipment provided
- 5) ear plugs recommended; all rounds are played on club nights
- 6) players and interested individuals can donate directly by following this link: http://www.righttoplay.com/site/TR?px=1084065&pg=personal&fr_id=1020
- 7) Please visit www.righttoplay.com to learn about the work this charity is doing; the basic idea is improving the lives of disadvantaged kids through play and sport.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior Events

May 13-14 BCYCC, BCIT

See <http://www.chess.bc.ca/juniorevents.html>

For full details for the events below, see www.chess.bc.ca

Apple Blossom Open

Dates: 29-30 April

Place: Best Western Vernon

Type: 5-round Swiss

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Date: May 10

Place: 945 Lynn Valley Road, North Vancouver

Type: Simul

Paul Keres Memorial

Date: May 19-22

Place: Hungarian Cultural Centre, 728 Kingsway, Vancouver

Type: 7- or 6-round Swiss