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HERE AND THERE

July Active (Vancouver, July 6)

Sixteen players participated in the most recent of the series of active events organized by Luc Poitras. The crosstable can be found at <http://chess.bc.ca/reports.shtml>.

19th Panamerican Youth Chess Festival (Carlos Paz, June 29 - July 6)



WCM Alexandra Botez was the sole Canadian representative in this CYCC style event (gender-based sections differentiated by age category, U8, U10, U12, U14, U16, U18), open to participants from the Americas. My Spanish is limited, so it is not clear to me whether the sections were specifically for boys or girls only, or whether in normal FIDE practice the 'boys' section was in fact open to either sex; if the latter, the Spanish

designations ("Absoluto" and "Femenino") sound even more disturbingly sexist than usual.

Held in Carlos Paz, Argentina, each of the sections consisted of a nine-round Swiss with a time control of game/90 + 30 second increment. Alexandra scored 5.5/9 in the forty-two player Girls' U14 Section, which left her tied for sixth behind winners Diana Asmat Vargas and Ann Lindsay Chumpitaz Carbajal (both Peru, 8.0/9). Unfortunately, the only games of Alexandra's which are currently available are three losses; below is a tough fight against the King's Indian.

http://201.216.215.172/torneos/XIX_PANAM_08/index_panam_08.htm (somewhat finicky navigation)

http://www.fideamerica.com/htmltonuke.php?filnavn=2008/panam_u14f.htm

Botez, Alexandra - Casusol Guzman, Cecilia [E88] Panamerican Youth 19th U14G Carlos Paz (4), 02.07.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bd3 e5 7.d5 c6 8.Be3 Ne8 9.Qd2 a6 10.a4 c5 11.a5 b6 12.axb6 Qxb6 13.Na4 Qc7 14.b4 Nd7 15.bxc5 Nxc5 16.Nxc5 dxc5 17.Qa5 f5 18.Qxc7 Nxc7 19.Bxc5 Rf7 20.Ne2 Ne8 21.0-0 a5 22.Bb6 a4 23.c5 Bf8 24.Bb5 Nf6 25.Nc3 a3 26.Bc4 Ba6 27.Bxa6 Rxa6 28.Rfe1 f4 29.Nb5 Nd7 30.Nc7 Ra4 31.Rac1 Nxc5 32.Rb1 Nd3 33.Rb3 Bc5+ 34.Bxc5 Nxc5 35.Rb8+ Rf8 36.Rb5 Nd7 37.Rb3 Rc8 38.d6 Rd4 39.Nd5 Rc2 40.Rxa3 Rdd2 41.Kf1 Rf2+ 0-1

World Open (Philadelphia, June 30 - July 6)

Traditionally the largest of the American mega-tournaments, this year's World Open had the usual smattering of Canadian entrants, including from B.C. Bindi Cheng, James Chan, Dragoljub Milicevic, and Sam Bronstein, and former B.C. residents Louie Jiang and Momir Glusica. The Open Section was won by the GM quartet of Evgeny Najer, Parimarjan Negi, Lubomir Ftacnik, and Alexander Moiseenko on 7.0/9, with Najer taking the title after an armageddon victory over Negi. "Co-winner GM Lubomir Ftacnik became heroic to some and notorious to others early in the tournament when he grabbed the mike and yelled "Shut-up" repeatedly when announcements began, even though some of the games had been going on for 20 minutes" (USCF website). Top Canadians were FM Jonathan Tayar and Alberta Champion Eric Hansen with 5.0/9; both achieved IM norms, according to the USCF website. Bindi was a half-point back on 50%, in a group which also included Canadians Raja Panjwani and Eddie Urquhart and Washington Junior Michael Lee. Monetarily the big Canadian winner was Louie Jiang, who was part of a five-way tie for first in the U2400 Section, also with 7.0/9; this victory netted him several thousand dollars. Another 'local' winner was Drayton Harrison of Washington, who tied for second in the U1800 Section.

Standings: <http://www.chesstour.com/wo08r.htm>

Some Open Section games: <http://www.monroi.com/>

Philadelphia International (June 26-30)

Held immediately before the World Open and in the same hotel, this nine-round norm event attracted thirty-nine participants, including four from Canada: B.C.'s Bindi Cheng and James Chan, along with Eric Hansen and Saskatchewan native Keith MacKinnon. Also in attendance was a large contingent from India, an increasingly common phenomenon at large North American events in the last few years. The tournament was won by fifteen-year-old Indian GM Parimarjan Negi with 7.0/9; Negi is currently the second youngest player in history to qualify for the grandmaster title, at age thirteen (the youngest was Sergey Karjakin, who acquired the title at age twelve). Best result among the Canadians was the 5.5 scored by FM Bindi Cheng; this left him in a six-way tie for seventh with GMs Ganguly and Kunte and IMs Rathnakaran, Ippolito, and Mulyar, good for \$33.33.

<http://www.philadelphiachess.com/>

Negi, Parimarjan - Cheng, Bindi [B96] Philadelphia int (1.4), 26.06.2008

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qe2 h6 9.Bh4 Be7 10.0-0-0 0-0 11.g4 Nxe4 12.Bxe7 Nxc3 13.Bxd8 Nxe2+ 14.Nxe2 Rxd8 15.Rxd6 Re8 16.Bg2 e5 17.f5 Nf6 18.h3 e4 19.Ng3 b5 20.Rxf6 gxf6 21.Nxe4 Rxe4 22.Bxe4 Ra7 23.Rd1 Kg7 24.Rd8 Rc7 25.Rd6 Re7 26.Bd5 h5 27.g5 Re1+ 28.Kd2 Rf1 29.gxf6+ Kh6 30.Bxf7 Bxf5 31.Bb3 Bg6 32.f7 1-0

Castaneda, Nelson - Cheng, Bindi [B96] Philadelphia int (5.11), 28.06.2008

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Nbd7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 b5 10.e5 Bb7 11.Qh3 dxe5 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Qxe6+ Be7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Be2 h5 16.Rhe1 Qc6 17.Qf5 0-0-0 18.Nd5 Qc5 19.Qe6 Bd6 20.Bf3 Rhe8 21.Qf5 Kb8 22.Bxh5 Rf8 23.Nc3 exf4 24.Qe6 Bc7 25.Bf3 Ne5 26.Bxb7 Kxb7 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Ne4 Nd3+ 29.Kb1 Qb4 30.cxd3 Qxe1+ 0-1

Chan, James - Mohanty, Kiran Manisha [D78] Philadelphia int (7.13), 29.06.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d5 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 dxc4 8.Nd2 Be6 9.e4 Nfd7 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.Be3 e5 12.d5 cxd5 13.Nxd5 Nc6 14.Qa4 Rc8 15.Nd2 a6 16.f3 Be6 17.Qxc4 b5 18.Qd3 Nd4 19.Nb3 Nb6 20.Nxd4 exd4 21.Bxd4 Bxd4+ 22.Qxd4 Nxd5 23.exd5 Rc4 24.Qf2 Qxd5 25.Rad1 Qc6 26.f4 Qc7 27.Rd2 Rd8 28.Rxd8+ Qxd8 29.b3 Rd4 30.Re1 a5 31.h3 a4 32.bxa4 bxa4 33.Re2 a3 34.g4 Rd1+ 35.Kh2 Qd4 36.Qxd4 Rxd4 37.Kg3 Kg7 38.Re3 Ra4 39.Re2 Rb4 40.Re3 Ra4 41.Re2 h5 42.Bf3 h4+ 43.Kxh4 Rxf4 44.Kg3 Rb4 45.Re3 Ra4 46.Re2 g5 47.Rd2 Ra5 48.Be4 Kf6 49.Kf3 Ke5 50.Ke3 Ra4 51.Bh7 Bd5 52.Bd3 Rf4 53.h4 Rf3+ 54.Ke2 Rh3 55.hxg5 Bxa2 56.g6 fxg6 57.Bxg6 Bc4+ 0-1

Cheng, Bindi - Laxman, Rajaram [A46] Philadelphia int (9.6), 30.06.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.c3 c5 4.Nf3 Qb6 5.Nbd2 d5 6.Qb3 Nbd7 7.e3 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Qxb6 axb6 11.Bc7 c4 12.a3 f5 13.Be2 Nhf6 14.Ne5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Be7 16.h3 b5 17.Rc1 0-0 18.Bxf6 Bxf6 19.0-0 Bd7 20.f4 Be8 21.Kh2 Kh7 22.Nf3 Rg8 23.Ne5 h5 24.g3 g4 1/2-1/2

ICCF Junior World Cup

From Valer Eugen Demian:

Joanne Foote from Richmond, BC will start playing on July 1st, 2008 in the ICCF's 1st Junior World Cup. <http://www.iccf-webchess.com/EventCrossTable.aspx?id=16232> Joanne is a member of Golden Knights chess club since 2006. Her best result so far is the silver medal (finished tied for 1st, lost the title on tie-break fast games) in girls U10 at CYCC 2007 from Ottawa. She is also the girls BC Champion U10 (2007) and U12 (2008). This is going to be her first participation in a correspondence (server) chess tournament.

CFC RESTRUCTURING

As mentioned in Bulletin #144, financial problems at the CFC will result in major changes to the way the organization operates in the future. The exact course to be followed has not yet been decided, but to give readers an idea of what is being discussed, the following seven motions are currently before the CFC governors as a straw vote. They are the result of a grassroots campaign initiated by Bob Armstrong; I emphasize, these measures have not been formally adopted, they are given here as an indication of what is being considered.

Motion # 1

“1. Core Roles: CFC will continue its role re FIDE, international and national events, a national rating system, and a website with membership info, ratings, membership sales, tournament announcements, chess club lists, and news submitted by members (highlights of recent tournament, etc.). Maintenance of these functions will be the responsibility of the Executive Director.”

Commentary: We did not try to put into the platform everything the CFC is doing now, or will continue to do. We wanted a clean minimalist platform, that fundamentally dealt with restructuring issues. Therefore, for example, there is nothing about CFC promoting chess here. Promoting chess, which includes renewing memberships and growing the membership, is a main goal of the CFC, and our platform does not affect that (I can advise we had something in the platform in an earlier version, but in trying to trim it down, and reduce the targets, we deleted it - but this doesn't mean we don't still fully support it as a main goal of the CFC). For the purposes of this motion, it is assumed the ED functions, website and rating system will stay in-house (though outsourcing the website or rating system is not necessarily excluded).

Motion # 2

“2. CFC Revenue: CFC revenues to come from memberships, rating fees, investments and donations. With the reduced scope of operation, costs for the organization should be less, and it may be possible to reduce annual membership fees and/or rating fees.”

Commentary : We feel that reducing the annual membership in particular should be a priority, if financially feasible after restructuring, since the magazine will no longer be a membership benefit. But we could not definitely promise it until we see our surplus after restructuring. We have also left open the possibility of lowering the rating fee. But some have also suggested that a modest raising of the rating fee might allow a further reduction in the annual membership fee, and this is still possible under this motion.

Motion # 3

“3. CFC Membership: CFC to eliminate tournament memberships – if you want to play in a CFC tournament, you must purchase an annual membership. To encourage individuals to become members, first time CFC members will be given a 40% fee reduction for their first year.”

Commentary: We must support our organization by membership and annual membership fee, if we want it to exist. CFC must have sustainable revenue. Community input has asked for numbers of special case exemptions/partial exemptions for annual memberships. We wanted to make clear that tournament memberships must go, but this issue can be fine-tuned at the time of implementation if special cases seem warranted. Organizers have told us that the annual CFC membership is a hindrance to getting first time tournament players to sign up for tournaments, so our 40% reduction for first-time CFC'ers attempts to ameliorate this difficulty.

Motion # 4

“4. Chess Canada: CFC will terminate the magazine contract with TKS immediately (with the May 2008 issue being the last issue of the magazine).”

Commentary: A 1000 annual adult member small non-profit organization cannot afford a members' magazine like CFC has been producing (see losses over last three years), nor an online version. But this motion does not exclude the possibility of CFC starting an e-mail bulletin to keep in regular contact with the membership (we simply didn't want to add it into the platform at this time). Such e-bulletins can be cheaply produced, and with CFC maintaining a good “Canadian News” website, content for the e-bulletin should be relatively easy to deal with.

Motion # 5

“5. Retail Business: Sell off the inventory of the retail business; it will be closed entirely. An alternative but small source of revenue could be established through a commission arrangement with other retailers, such as CMA or Amazon.”

Commentary: Given today's competition, and the resources required to carry on an efficient retail operation, we feel CFC should get out of the business. We can use the ED hours to promote chess, including growing membership. But we are amenable to some type of commission arrangement with someone like CMA or Amazon.

Motion # 6

“6. CFC Condominium Office: The current CFC office would be placed for sale. The office would then be run out of either a small rental space or a home office.”

Commentary: Without the retail operation, the building is not needed, and it has significant costs to carry it and maintain it. The money invested can generate income for CFC. And if the ED operates out of a home office, no office rental either would be required.

Motion # 7

“7. CFC Staffing: In light of the reduced business activities of the CFC office (no retail sales and no print magazine), the Executive Committee would undertake a review of the Executive Director and Assistant positions and would recommend appropriate staffing changes if required. This could be from going to part-time, up to complete eliminating of the paid staff, and performing all CFC activities by volunteers.”

Commentary: This item is necessary because we must live within our financial means in future. If, which we don't expect, after restructuring, there is still a deficit, then we wanted to be able to downsize staff to bring us on budget. If however, after restructuring, we have a surplus even with existing staff expenses, which we do expect, then the Executive would be free to determine whether to cut staff, or eliminate staff, to generate more of a surplus, or whether to keep staff hours in order to carry out new tasks with the freed up hours due to restructuring.

THIRTY-YEARS AGO

In 1973 the B.C. Championship took place in two stages, semifinals on the Easter long weekend and finals on the Victoria Day weekend. The semifinals were planned as four four-player double round robins with qualification by rating; in actuality Section A consisted of only three players, Ray Kerr having withdrawn due to illness after two rounds.

Section A

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|-------------------|------|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. Bruce Harper | 2351 | ** | 1½ | 1+ | 3.5 |
| 2. Dave Shapero | 2064 | 0½ | ** | 1½ | 2.0 |
| 3. Brian Williams | 2138 | 0- | 0½ | ** | 0.5 |

Section B

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|---------------------|------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. John Lee | 2193 | ** | 11 | 1½ | 11 | 5.5 |
| 2. David Powell | 2292 | 00 | ** | 11 | 11 | 4.0 |
| 3. Peter Danenhower | 2090 | 0½ | 00 | ** | 1½ | 2.0 |
| 4. Chris Jones | 2055 | 00 | 00 | 0½ | ** | 0.5 |

Section C

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|-------------------|------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. Jonathan Berry | 2286 | ** | ½½ | 11 | 11 | 5.0 |
| 2. Robert Chow | 2082 | ½½ | ** | 1½ | 11 | 4.5 |

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| 3. Wayne Crookes | 2177 | 00 | 0½ | ** | 11 | 2.5 |
| 4. Alex Wood | 2052 | 00 | 00 | 00 | ** | 0.0 |

Section D

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|------------------|------|----|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. Brian McLaren | 2069 | ** | 10 | 11 | 11 | 5.0 |
| 2. Stan Pakosta | 2255 | 01 | ** | 1½ | 11 | 4.5 |
| 3. Alan Hill | 2176 | 00 | 0½ | ** | 10 | 1.5 |
| 4. Earl Jewitt | 2024 | 00 | 00 | 01 | ** | 1.0 |

The ratings given are Northwest ratings; at the time Washington, Oregon, and B.C. shared both a magazine and ratings system.

Williams, Brian - Harper, Bruce [A41] BC ch semi-finals A Vancouver, 04.1973

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.c4 Nd7 5.Nc3 e5 6.Nf3 Ne7 7.e4 0-0 8.d5 h6 9.Ng1 a5 10.Nge2 f5 11.0-0 Nc5 12.f3 Kh7 13.Be3 b6 14.Qd2 Bd7 15.Rab1 Ng8 16.b3 Qe7 17.h3 Rf7 18.Rfc1 Raf8 19.a3 a4 20.Bxc5 bxc5 21.b4 h5 22.Rf1 cxb4 23.Rxb4 h4 24.exf5 gxf5 25.c5 hxg3 26.cxd6 cxd6 27.f4 e4 28.Nxg3 Qh4 29.Nge2 Bh6 30.Qe3 Nf6 31.Rb6 Rg8 32.Rf2 Rfg7 33.Rxd6 Be8 34.Rb6 Bh5 35.Nd4 Bxf4 36.Nxf5 Bxe3 37.Nxe3 Bf3 0-1

Danenhower, Peter - Lee, John [E18] BC ch semi-finals B Vancouver, 04.1973

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.Nc3 0-0 7.0-0 c5 8.d5 exd5 9.cxd5 d6 10.a4 Na6 11.Re1 Nc7 12.e4 a6 13.Nd2 b5 14.f4 Re8 15.Nf1 Bf8 16.Ne3 b4 17.e5 dxe5 18.Ne2 e4 19.Nc4 Ncx5 20.Qc2 Qc7 21.Be3 Nxe3 22.Nxe3 Rad8 23.Red1 h5 24.Rac1 Rxd1+ 25.Rxd1 Rd8 26.Nc1 Rxd1+ 27.Qxd1 c4 28.Kh1 Ne8 29.Qc2 Nd6 30.Bf1 c3 31.bxc3 Qxc3 32.Qxc3 bxc3 33.Nb3 Nf5 34.Nc2 Bd5 35.Na5 Bc5 36.Bc4 Bxc4 37.Nxc4 Nd4 38.N4e3 Nxc2 39.Nxc2 f5 40.Kg2 Kf7 41.Kf1 Ke6 42.Ke2 Kd5 0-1

Berry, Jonathan - Wood, Alex [C97] BC ch semi-finals C Vancouver (1), 20.04.1973

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 Bd7 13.dxe5 dxe5 14.Nf1 Rac8 15.Ne3 Rfd8 16.Qe2 g6 17.b3 c4 18.b4 Nb7 19.Nh2 h5 20.g4 hxg4 21.hxg4 Bf8 22.g5 Nh5 23.Nd5 Qd6 24.Ng4 Bxg4 25.Qxg4 Re8 26.Bd1 Be7 27.a4 Ra8 28.Qh4 Kg7 29.Bxh5 Rh8 30.axb5 Rxh5 31.Qg4 Rah8 32.Rxa6 Rh1+ 33.Kg2 Rxe1 34.Rxd6 Bxd6 35.Bd2 Ra1 36.Qd7 Rb8 37.Be3 Bf8 38.Nc7 Nd8 39.Ne8+ Kg8 40.Nf6+ Kg7 41.Qh3 1-0

Hill, Alan - McLaren, Brian [B04] BC ch semi-finals D Vancouver (1), 20.04.1973

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.c4 Nb6 8.exd6 cxd6 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.b3 Bg4 11.Be3 d5 12.c5 Nc8 13.Rc1 e6 14.h3 Bxf3 15.Bxf3 N8e7 16.Rc2 Nf5 17.Rd2 Qh4 18.Bg4 Nxe3 19.fxe3 f5 20.Bf3 Bh6 21.Qe2 Rae8 22.Re1 Qf6 23.Qf2 a6 24.Kh1 Rd8 25.g3 Rd7 26.Kg2 Qd8 27.Red1 g5 28.Qe2 Ne7 29.b4 Kh8 30.Bh5 Nc6 31.a3 Rg7 32.Bf3 Ne7 33.Rf1 Rgf7 34.Bh5 Rf6 35.Rdd1 f4 36.Bg4 Ng6 37.Bh5 fxd3 38.Bxg6 Rf2+ 0-1

"Jonathan Berry advised he would be away in Mexico during the finals and advised in advance he could not play, as well Robert Chow found the finals conflicting with exam time and advised of his withdrawal as he held the next best score over all. That opened the door for Stan Pakosta who also held the next best score over all and gives him a berth without having to playoff with Chow." [*Northwest Chess*, June 1973]

Finals

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|------------------|----|----|----|-----|
| 1. Bruce Harper | ** | 1½ | 1½ | 2.5 |
| 2. Stan Pakosta | ½½ | ** | 10 | 2.0 |
| 3. Brian McLaren | 0½ | 01 | ** | 1.5 |

The championship final also ended up being a three-player event; qualifier John Lee played two games, then withdrew. The close contest was decided by Harper's second round victory over McLaren:

McLaren, Brian - Harper, Bruce [C41] BC ch Nanaimo (2), 05.1973

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Be7 5.d4 Nbd7 6.h3 h6 7.Be3 c6 8.a4 Qc7 9.Qd2 Nf8 10.Bb3 Bd7 11.g3 Ng6 12.Ng1 exd4 13.Bxd4 Be6 14.Bxe6 fxe6 15.f4 e5 16.fxe5 dxe5 17.Be3 Rd8 18.Qg2 0-0 19.Nge2 Qa5 20.0-0 Bc5 21.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 22.Kh1 Rd2 23.Rac1 Rfd8 24.Qf2 Qxf2 25.Rxf2 a5 26.Kg2 b5 27.Kf3 b4 28.Nb1 R2d7 29.Ke3 c5 30.Rg1 c4 31.Nc1 Rd1 32.Rgf1 R8d4 33.Nd2 Rxf1 34.Rxf1 c3 35.bxc3 bxc3 36.Nb1 Rxe4+ 37.Kd3 Rd4+ 38.Kxc3 Ne4+ 39.Kb2 Rxa4 40.Rf3 Rb4+ 41.Nb3 a4 42.Nc3 axb3 43.cxb3 Rxb3+ 0-1



Bruce Harper

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

6:30 pm, **Thursdays**, Buchanan Building room D 214, University of British Columbia
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

Rod Planas Memorial

August 2-4, Kelowna
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events3.html#Planas>

Olympiad Active Fundraiser

August 16, Victoria
Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Active+Tournament+2008>

Labour Day Open

August 30 - September 1, Langley
Details: <http://www.langleychess.com/2008-Open.htm>