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Your editor welcomes any and all submissions - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to B.C. players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

Canadian Championship (August 8-16)

IM Jean Hébert convincingly won the title of Canadian Champion for the second time with a score of 7.0/9, a full point ahead of GM Mark Bluvshtein, who was a further half point in front of the trio of IM Leonid Gerzhoy, FM Jonathan Tayar, and former B.C. junior Louie Jiang. Hébert first won the championship in 1978 and is now fifty-one years of age - congratulations! This was a zonal tournament, which means one IM and two FM titles were available to be won by achieving a minimum 2/3 or 1/2 score respectively, without having to worry about norms or ratings. Tayar won the IM title (after a playoff with Louie), Louie and Aman Hambleton the FM titles. Louie also made an IM norm and was getting the FM anyway by normal means (his FIDE rating is going over 2300).

There have been rather acrimonious comments about the conditions surrounding this edition of the championship (held at the last minute on a shoe-string budget) on Chesstalk; for those who have the time and inclination to wade through the 'debate' the thread is <http://www.chesstalk.info/forum/showthread.php?t=1894>. Hébert's own report on the tournament, including the organizational aspects and annotations, has appeared in his own excellent e-zine *Hébert parle échecs*, available via free subscription at <http://www.hebertparleechecs.com/>; the championship material has been translated by Carl Bilodeau at <http://www.slideshare.net/hpe/hpe32vol2-1904621>.

Corrected standings, plus a link to a games file:
<http://www.chesscanada.info/forum/showthread.php?t=577>

Jiang, Louie - Hébert, Jean [C18] CAN ch Guelph (7), 14.08.2009

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e5 c5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 Ne7 7.Qg4 Kf8 8.Bd2 Qc7 9.Bd3 b6 10.Nf3 Ba6 11.Bxa6 Nxa6 12.Ng5 h6 13.Qe2 hxg5 14.Qxa6 Nf5 15.g4 Nh4 16.Qe2 Ng2+ 17.Kf1 Nf4 18.Bxf4 gxf4 19.h4 cxd4 20.cxd4 Rc8 21.Kg2 Qc3 22.Rad1 Qxa3 23.Qd2 Qe7

24.Qxf4 Ke8 25.h5 Kd7 26.Ra1 a5 27.Rhb1 Rc6 28.Rb3 Ra8 29.Rf3 Rf8 30.g5 Rxc2 31.Rc1 Rc4 32.Rh1 Qb4 33.Rd3 a4 34.Rhh3 Qb1 35.h6 gxh6 36.gxh6 Rc1 37.Qf3 Rg1+ 38.Kh2 Rg6 39.Rd1 Qe4 40.Qxe4 dxe4 41.d5 exd5 42.Rxd5+ Kc6 43.Rd4 b5 44.Rxe4 Rh8 45.Rf4 Rgxh6 46.Rxh6+ Rxh6+ 47.Kg3 Re6 0-1

Thavandiran, Shiyam - Hébert, Jean [C02] CAN ch Guelph (9), 16.08.2009

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be3 Qb6 7.Qd2 Rc8 8.dxc5 Bxc5 9.Bxc5 Qxc5 10.Qg5 Qf8 11.Bd3 f6 12.Qe3 Nh6 13.h3 Nf7 14.exf6 gxf6 15.Nbd2 Qh6 16.a3 Qxe3+ 17.fxe3 Nce5 18.Be2 Ke7 19.e4 dxe4 20.Nxe4 Rhg8 21.Kf2 Bc6 22.Ned2 Rcd8 23.b4 Rxg2+ 24.Ke3 Nxf3 25.Nxf3 Nd6 26.Nd4 Rg3+ 27.Nf3 Nf5+ 28.Kf2 Bxf3 29.Bxf3 Rd2+ 30.Ke1 Rb2 31.Bxb7 Rxc3 32.Rg1 Rxh3 33.Rc1 Re3+ 34.Kd1 Rxa3 35.Rg8 Ne3+ 36.Ke1 Rc2 37.Rc8 Raa2 38.Rc7+ Kd6 39.Rc6+ Ke5 40.R1xc2 Nxc2+ 0-1

Samsonkin, Artiom - Tayar, Jonathan [A45] CAN ch Guelph (9), 16.08.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 c5 3.d5 Qb6 4.Nc3 Qxb2 5.Bd2 Qb6 6.e4 e5 7.Rb1 Qd8 8.f4 d6 9.fxe5 dxe5 10.Nf3 Bd6 11.Bb5+ Nbd7 12.Bg5 Qa5 13.Qd2 0-0 14.Nh4 c4 15.Bxd7 Nxd7 16.Nf5 Bb4 17.Rxb4 Qxb4 18.Bh6 f6 19.Nxg7 Kh8 20.0-0 Rg8 21.Ne6 Qe7 22.Qf2 Rg6 23.Be3 b6 24.h4 Bb7 25.h5 Rg4 26.h6 Rag8 27.Ng7 Rg6 28.Qe2 Qa3 29.Nb5 Qb4 30.a4 c3 31.Qf3 Ba6 32.Ra1 Qb2 33.Qd1 Bxb5 34.axb5 Qxb5 35.Rxa7 Nc5 36.d6 Nxe4 37.d7 Nd2 38.Rc7 Qd5 39.Qe2 Nf3+ 40.Kf1 Nh2+ 41.Kg1 Ng4 42.Qd3 Qa8 43.Qc4 Nxe3 44.Qxg8+ Qxg8 45.Kf2 Ng4+ 46.Ke1 Nxh6 47.Ne6 Nf7 0-1

Sapozhnikov, Roman - Jiang, Louie [B28] CAN ch Guelph (9), 16.08.2009

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 a6 3.c4 Nc6 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 e5 6.Nc2 Nf6 7.Nc3 Bc5 8.Bd3 d6 9.0-0 Be6 10.Nd5 Nd4 11.b4 Nxc2 12.Qxc2 Bd4 13.Rb1 Nd7 14.Kh1 0-0 15.Bd2 Rc8 16.Qd1 Bxd5 17.exd5 f5 18.f3 Qh4 19.Qe1 Qh5 20.Qe2 Nf6 21.Be3 Bxe3 22.Qxe3 Nd7 23.Rbc1 b6 24.Be2 Qh4 25.f4 e4 26.g3 Qh3 27.Rfe1 Rb8 28.Bf1 Qh5 29.Be2 Qh3 30.Bf1 Qh6 31.h3 Rbe8 32.Kg1 Qf6 33.Qc3 Qxc3 34.Rxc3 Ra8 35.Ree3 a5 36.a3 axb4 37.axb4 Ra1 38.Ra3 Ra8 39.Rxa8+ Rxa8 40.g4 g6 41.Be2 Kf7 42.Kf2 Ra4 43.Rb3 Ke7 44.Kg3 Ra2 45.Kf2 Nf6 46.Ke3 Ne8 47.g5 Nc7 48.b5 Ne8 49.Kf2 Ng7 50.Ke3 Kd7 51.Rc3 Kc7 52.Rb3 Rc2 53.Ra3 Kb7 54.Rb3 Nh5 55.Bxh5 gxh5 56.Kd4 h4 57.Ra3 Rd2+ 58.Ke3 Rg2 59.Kd4 Rf2 60.Ra6 Rf3 61.c5 Rd3+ 62.Kc4 dxc5 63.Ra2 Rd4+ 64.Kc3 Rxd5 65.Rg2 Rd6 66.Rg1 e3 67.Re1 Re6 68.Re2 Kc7 69.g6 hxg6 70.Kc4 Kd6 71.Rxe3 Re4+ 0-1

Lighthouse Country Chess Tournament (August 15)

Largely through the efforts of Robert McFetridge, Central Vancouver Island chess has been receiving quite a boost lately. The Bishops of Bowser chess club began operating in the spring, and has now sponsored an active event, the Lighthouse Country Chess Tournament. Drawing entrants from as far afield as Victoria, the twenty-one player event was won by Roger Patterson with a perfect score, ahead of Philip Boyle, Jason Cao and Rick Martinson. Cao was also top U10, with Idan Giterman second. Bohang Zhang and Bryce Wilson took the U15 prizes, while the top woman was Lucette Fuerst. Elliott Raymer was the TD.



Robert McFetridge presents the winner's trophy to Roger Patterson

Crosstable, photos: <http://browserchess.pbworks.com/Tournament-Results>

Howard Streit in Europe

Originally from Montreal, West Vancouver resident Howard Streit took a 2008-2009 first-term sabbatical from his job as a teacher at Collingwood School to travel to Europe, where he participated in tournaments in Leicester (England), Positano (Italy), Rijeka (Croatia), and a Weekend Open, part of the Hastings International Chess Congress. This summer has again seen him in Europe, this time in Vlissingen (Holland) at the Hogeschool Zeeland Tournament and in Zürich, Switzerland. The latter city has a chess club, the oldest in Europe, which is currently celebrating its bicentennial; to mark the occasion several events were organized, including two open tournaments (Master and General), simultaneous displays by champions (Anand, Kramnik, Kasparov, Karpov, Korchnoi, Spassky ...), and a champions rapid event. Howard Streit played in the General Open while B.C. IM Leon Piasetski could be found in the Master event.

Howard Streit's FIDE card: <http://ratings.fide.com/card.phtml?event=2609770>

Zürich Jubilee website: <http://www.sgzurich2009.ch/index.php?lang=en>

Chessbase final report, including links to previous reports:

<http://www.chessbase.com/newsdetail.asp?newsid=5696>

Yves Casaubon

It is my sad duty to note the passing of Quebec organizer and IA Yves Casaubon of stomach cancer at age sixty.

Tributes on Chesstalk: <http://www.chesstalk.info/forum/showthread.php?t=1903>

A New B.C. Blog

Jason Lohner: <http://jasonlohner.blogspot.com/>

GRAND PACIFIC SUMMER BLITZ

Date: August 27, 1 - 3 pm

Place: Hotel Grand Pacific, 463 Belleville St., Victoria

TC: 5 minutes

EF: FREE

Prizes: Medals for top three in two sections

Reg: <http://grandpacificblitz.eventbrite.com/>; on-site registration 12:30 - 12:45 pm, August 27

Misc: Equipment provided

4TH ANNUAL LANGLEY CHESS CLUB OPEN

Date: September 5-7, 2009 (Labour Day Weekend)

Place: Brookwood Senior Centre, 19899 - 36 Ave, Langley

Rds: 6

Type: Swiss

Times: 10:00, 4:00 / 10:00, 4:00 / 9:00, 3:00 or ASAP

TC: 90 Minutes + 30 Seconds per move

EF: Before or on August 18, 2007: \$60

After August 18, 2007 or on site: \$70

Prizes: BEN and Sponsorship

Reg: Please mail cheques (payable to The Langley Chess Club, c/o Hugh Long) to: 23810-52 Ave, Langley, B.C. V2Z 2P3. On-site registration: Saturday, September 5, 9:15 am to 9:50 am

Misc: CFC rated, half-point byes may be requested for all but the last round; please bring sets, boards, and clocks.

Contact: Hugh Long, hughraine@telus.net, (604)530-4693

<http://www.langleychess.com/2009-Open.htm>

MISSION CHARITY CHESS TOURNAMENT

Date: November 7, 2009

Place: Mission Penitentiary, 8751 Stave Lake Road, Mission

"We invite you to support a unique charity event at the Mission Penitentiary. The Mission Institution Chess Club is sponsoring a round robin tournament/fundraiser to be held on November 7th 2009. All levels of chess players are welcome – from the novice to the expert.

All proceeds support the John Howard Society Family and Christmas Program. The annual event provides marginalized children and their families a Christmas celebration complete with games, pizza, Santa, and gifts.

Participants are encouraged to send a donation to the John Howard Society of the Fraser Valley. The Chess Tournament does not charge Fees – Instead you decide how much you would like to donate - it's all greatly appreciated!"

To Register: A CPIC form must be returned to the John Howard Society of the Fraser Valley by this weekend. If you have any questions or would like to learn more about this event, please contact Constance Vince at 604.852.1226. Toll free: 1 877 640 1122 Email: jhsfv@shaw.ca

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

Grand Pacific Summer Blitz

August 27, 1 - 3 pm, Victoria
Details: <http://grandpacificblitz.eventbrite.com/>

2009 Langley Chess Club Open

September 5-7 (Labour Day long weekend), Langley
Details: <http://www.langleychess.com/2009-Open.htm>

September Active I

September 13, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#SepActive1>

September Active II

September 27, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#SepActive2>

B.C. Championships Active Fundraiser

September 27, Victoria Chess Club
Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/BC-Championships-Active-Fundraiser>