

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #177

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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HERE AND THERE

Carl Cozier Kickoff (November 7)

Jonah Lee tied for first with Silas Maclachlan in the grade 6-7 Section of this scholastic tournament in Bellingham, WA:

<http://www.whsca.org/report09-10/Cozier.html>

World Youth Chess Championships (November 11-23)

This year the WYCC returns to its site of two years ago, Kemer-Antalya in Turkey. Twenty-one Canadians are participating in this year's edition, including four from B.C.: Dezheng Kong (U10), Jack Qian (U12), Alexandra Botez (U14G), and Karen Lam (U16G). Results and some live games should be available from the websites listed below.

Official website: <http://wycc2009.tsf.org.tr/>

Canadian team blog: <http://2009cyct.blogspot.com/>

North America Youth Chess Championships Redux

One of Janak Awatramani's gold-medal games has been annotated by Jonathan Berry in his *Globe and Mail* chess column:

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/opinions/chess/article1346682/>

BCBASE UPDATED

BCBASE is a database of games, currently numbering 17,746, either played in British Columbia or by B.C. players elsewhere in the world. These have been assembled from various sources: other databases, published sources (magazines, newspaper columns, books), and scoresheets, both recent (the latest Keres tournaments and B.C. Championships) and historical (with special thanks to Max Enke/the B.C. Archives, Jonathan Berry, Paul Brown, Miervaldis Jursevskis, the family of Lionel Joyner, David Cohen/Leo Duval, Philip Cavanagh, Brian Potter, David Hladek, Fred Schulz, and Lynn Stringer).

Generally I have only included games by players while they were resident in B.C.; thus the games for Dave Ross and Gordon Taylor only cover the period when they actually lived here. I have made exceptions for some stronger players when the additional games give a fuller perspective on their playing careers. For example, included are games by Elod Macskasy and Miervaldis Jursevskis before they came to Canada, Lionel Joyner before he came to B.C., and Peter Biyiasas after he left the country.

This collection is not definitive, but is very much a work in progress - there are still many published games that I have not yet had time to enter. Supplements of new games will be provided on a regular basis (in conjunction with the games in the e-mail Bulletin), and the database itself will be periodically updated. If readers notice errors, or would like to contribute their own games to the collection, please contact me, Stephen Wright (swright2@telus.net).

The BCCF website is currently undergoing some teething pains as it is being renovated, so for the time being BCBASE is available at the B.C. Chess history site,

<http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/homepage.html>

The earliest extant game played in B.C.:

Fraser, J.A. - Steele, James T. [C55] Williams Creek, 10.02.1865

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.e5 Ne4 6.0-0 d5 7.Bb5 Bd7 8.Bxc6 Bxc6 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Qd3 0-0 11.Nbd2 Ng5 12.Nb3 Nxf3+ 13.Qxf3 Qe7 14.Bf4 Bb6 15.Qg3 Qe6 16.Kh1 d4 17.Rad1 Rad8 18.Bg5 Rd7 19.f4 Re8 20.Rfe1 Qf5 21.Bf6 g6 22.Qh4 d3 23.Qh6 Bxg2+ 24.Kxg2 Qg4+ 25.Kh1 Qf3# 0-1

THE B.C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP - A HISTORY

(The 2009 B.C. Junior Championship will be played this coming weekend in New Westminster - participants must be preregistered by 7:00 pm on Friday evening, 13 November - <http://juniorchess.ca/events.html>)

Junior chess in British Columbia, like junior chess elsewhere, is a relatively recent phenomenon. Before the Second World War there were certainly young players who were considered prodigies, e.g., the Polish-American Samuel Reshevsky or our own Abe Yanofsky, but tournaments for juniors were rare. Such events as did take place were often linked to an adult competition: Yanofsky's first tournaments, the rounds played at different times on the same days, were a Boys' Championship and Major (i.e., adult) Championship held in conjunction with the Canadian National Exhibition in 1936. This was also the case on the West Coast: the first recorded junior event in B.C., a Boys' Championship (apparently girls did not play chess), was held in 1947 in association with the B.C. Major and Minor Championships and a womens' contest. The winner is variously given as Harold or Herman or Howard Mitchner, depending upon which newspaper source is consulted. The age limit or criterion used for the event is not indicated. (For the sake of completeness it should be mentioned that North Vancouver fielded a junior squad in the Greater Vancouver Chess League during the 1918-19 season; the team was led by one Leslie Buckley, presumably one of B.C.'s earliest junior stars. This appears to have been an isolated case, but much of B.C.'s early chess history is difficult to establish due to a paucity of sources - all we have are occasional glimpses to work with.)

In 1950 Vancouver's City Chess Club began an initiative "to stimulate interest in chess amongst younger players" by sponsoring an inter-school individual championship: each high school was invited to send one representative to compete in the tournament, the top players to be awarded club memberships. Players from Prince of Wales, John Oliver, Magee, King Edward, Kitsilano, and Point Grey took part, with seventeen-year-old Harold Hatt of King Edward emerging as the eventual winner. There was talk of making this an annual event, but there is no further mention of the event in subsequent years. By 1956 B.C. had its first officially sanctioned junior individual championship, the B.C. High School Chess Championship, organized by Paul Smith of Qualicum Beach High School and sponsored by the BCCF. Mr. Smith ran the tournament in Qualicum Beach for the next five years, until he was transferred to Victoria; at that point a Mr. H.D. Bentley undertook to take over, and the competition moved to the Lester Pearson High School in New Westminster. The Championship continued in this form (for high school students) until 1970: here is a list of the known winners.

1956 - Tony Dare
1957 - Robert Bugge
1958
1959 - John Chapman
1960 - John Chapman
1961
1962 - Duncan Suttles
1963 - P. Nixon
1964 - Philip Lum
1965 - Philip Lum/Eugene Danyluk/Randy Johnson
1966 - Alan Hill
1967 - Peter Biyiasas
1968 - Peter Biyiasas
1969 - Harry Satanove*/Jonathan Berry
1970 - Bruce Harper

At the same time a championship for younger students was instituted, designated the "Junior" Championship. Organized initially by Mr. C.J. Littlewood and also held in New Westminster, the tournament was limited to those aged either twelve or thirteen or below, depending upon the year. Winners:

1960 - Pierre La France
1961 - Ken Costain
1962 - Ken Costain
1963 - John Cahill
1964 - Daniel Scoones
1965 - Daniel Scoones
1966 - Daniel Scoones
1967 - Jonathan Berry
1968 - William Macskasy*
1969 - William Macskasy
1970 - John Boates
1971 - John Boates

The existence of both these events is indicative of the rise of interest in the nurturing and developing of younger chess players. The first World Junior Championship ("Junior" defined as under twenty) took place in Coventry and Birmingham in 1951, the Canadian representative (future

B.C. resident Lionel Joyner) being decided in a match. The third World Junior was held in Toronto in 1957; this was the catalyst for the first Canadian Junior Championship, held in Quebec City in July of that year to decide the Canadian entry to the Toronto event (see Jonathan Berry's webpages <http://members.shaw.ca/berry5868/jun.htm> for much more information). Frank May, UBC Chess Champion took part for B.C., but was selected by the BCCF rather than being the winner of a particular competition. In 1960 the CFC and subsequently the BCCF offered for the first time a reduced membership rate for juniors; the number of junior BCCF members grew from 4 in 1962 to 55 by 1968. 1962 was the first year in which BCCF executive positions existed whose mandates dealt specifically with chess for younger players, filled by Bentley for High School Chess and Littlewood and Hudson for Junior Chess. Previously a Dave Creemer Memorial Fund (see <http://chess.bc.ca/Bulletins/bccfbulletin31.pdf>) had existed to promote chess in schools, which had been used to provide sets and trophies for school competitions. These activities culminated in the late 1960s with programs developed by Wayne Crookes, the first BCCF executive member to hold the title of Junior Coordinator.

1970 was a watershed year for junior chess in this country. During the 1960s the Canadian representative to the World Junior was decided by the top eligible finisher in the Canadian Open. In 1970 it was decided to hold instead the "First" Canadian Junior Championship (the initial 1957 Quebec City event having been forgotten by that point); this time B.C. decided its representative by holding the first "modern" B.C. Junior Championship. ("Junior" by this point generally meant U20, but perhaps out of inertia the U12 Junior Championship still continued in B.C., just to confuse the issue.)

The 1970 B.C. Junior (Final, as designated by *Northwest Chess*) was a six-player round robin. Bruce Harper was seeded in as High School Champion, Dan Scoones and Harry Satanove qualified by rating, and Robert Chow, Ken Baker, and Charles Balmer earned entry via a qualifying tournament. Chow was unable to play and was replaced by Bob Irwin:

| | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | |
|---|----------------|------|---|---|---|---|---|---|-----|
| 1 | Bruce Harper | 1843 | * | 1 | 1 | ½ | 1 | 1 | 4.5 |
| 2 | Dan Scoones | 1884 | 0 | * | ½ | ½ | 1 | 1 | 3.0 |
| 3 | Harry Satanove | 1853 | 0 | ½ | * | ½ | ½ | 1 | 2.5 |
| 4 | Bob Irwin | 1641 | ½ | ½ | ½ | * | 1 | 0 | 2.5 |
| 5 | Ken Baker | 1694 | 0 | 0 | ½ | 0 | * | 1 | 1.5 |
| 6 | Charles Balmer | 1628 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | * | 1.0 |

Leaving semantics aside, this is the starting point for the line of champions currently listed on the B.C. Junior Championship plaque, the Dave Creemer Memorial Trophy. This list can also be found on the BCCF website, <http://chess.bc.ca/bcchamps.shtml>. There is a gap from 1970 to 1974; at that time the Canadian Junior was a biennial event, and in 1972 the B.C. representation was decided by rating. The Canadian Junior became an annual event in 1974, as did the B.C. Junior.

Postscript: the older U12 Junior Championship died out in the early 70s, but at the end of that decade a new event appeared for those considerably younger than twenty. FIDE instituted a

Cadet Championship, generally but not always restricted to those under sixteen years of age; Canada and subsequently B.C. followed suit with their own Cadet Championships (again, see Jonathan Berry's <http://members.shaw.ca/berry5868/cad.htm> for more information, particularly for all the vagaries of the FIDE competition). B.C.'s Cadet Champions, like the Junior Champions, are listed on the BCCF website (<http://chess.bc.ca/bcchamps.shtml>); the competition ran from 1980 until 1999, when it was subsumed as an age category of the CYCC. The gap in the list from 1984 to 1987 seems to indicate a lack of interest, as in 1984 the tournament had only four entrants. In 1987 West Vancouver marked its 75th anniversary, and as part of the celebration several chess events took place, including a large junior event incorporating both the B.C. Junior and Cadet at the Park Royal shopping mall.

Harper, Bruce - Scoones, Dan [D25] BC jun Vancouver (3), 17.10.1970

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.e3 g6 5.Bxc4 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Nfd7 8.e4 Nb6 9.Bb3 Bg4 10.Be3 Nc6 11.Ne2 e6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.gxf3 Qf6 14.f4 Rfd8 15.e5 Qe7 16.Rc1 Nb4 17.a3 N4d5 18.Ng3 Bh6 19.Qg4 a5 20.Ne4 a4 21.Ba2 Nc8 22.h4 b5 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Nf6+ Kh8 25.h5 Bg7 26.Rc6 Bxf6 27.Rxf6 Nd6 28.hxg6 hxg6 29.Kg2 Ne4 30.Rh1+ Kg7 31.Qh4 Rh8 32.Rxg6+ 1-0

Satanove, Harry - Harper, Bruce [C00] BC jun Vancouver (4), 18.10.1970

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.g3 Nf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Re1 b5 9.e5 Nd7 10.Nf1 Re8 11.h4 f6 12.exf6 Bxf6 13.Ne3 Nb6 14.Ng4 e5 15.Ng5 h6 16.c4 hxg5 17.hxg5 Bxg5 18.cxd5 Bxc1 19.Rxc1 Bxg4 20.Qxg4 Nd4 21.Rxc5 Rc8 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.Qg6 Nd7 24.Bh3 Nf8 25.Qh5 Qd8 26.Re4 g6 27.Rg4 Qf6 28.Qh6 Qg7 29.Qe3 Rd8 30.Bg2 Qc7 31.Be4 Qc1+ 32.Qxc1 Ne2+ 33.Kf1 Nxc1 34.Bxg6 Nxc6 35.Rxg6+ Kf7 36.Ra6 Rd7 37.f4 exf4 38.gxf4 Nxd3 39.Ra3 Rxd5 40.Rxa7+ Ke6 41.a4 b4 42.Rb7 Kf5 43.Rb5 Rxb5 44.axb5 Kxf4 45.b6 Nc5 46.Ke2 Ke4 47.Kd2 Kd4 48.Kc2 Kc4 49.Kc1 Kb5 0-1

Scoones, Dan - Baker, Ken [E59] BC jun Vancouver (4), 18.10.1970

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.a3 Bxc3 9.bxc3 dxc4 10.Bxc4 Qc7 11.Qe2 e5 12.d5 Na5 13.e4 Bg4 14.Ba2 c4 15.Rb1 Qc5 16.Rb4 b6 17.Bxc4 Rac8 18.Bd3 Qxc3 19.Bb2 Qc7 20.Ba6 Rce8 21.Rc1 Qd6 22.h3 Bh5 23.Qe3 Nd7 24.Nd2 Nc5 25.Bb5 Re7 26.Nc4 Nxc4 27.Rbxc4 Rc8 28.a4 Rcc7 29.Ba3 f5 30.f3 f4 31.Qc3 Qg6 32.Bxc5 bxc5 33.Qa3 Rc8 34.Rxc5 Rxc5 35.Rxc5 Qb6 36.Kf1 Rc7 37.Rxc7 Qxc7 38.Bc6 Qb6 39.Qd3 Bf7 40.Qb5 Qxb5+ 41.Bxb5 Kf8 42.Ke2 Ke7 43.Kd3 Kd6 44.Kc4 a5 45.Bc6 1-0

24th Jack Taylor Memorial

Dates: November 21-22

Place: The Vacation Inn (aka Traveller's Inn) 3020 Douglas St. (make sure you go to the right Travellers' Inn - there are several in the neighborhood. This is a different Travellers' Inn from last year)

Rounds: 5

Times: Sat. 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:30 pm; Sun 10:00 am, 2:00 pm

Type: Swiss

Time Controls: Game/90 with 30 sec. increment.

Entry: \$25 if registered and paid by Nov. 16, \$30 if registered only by Nov. 19, \$35 otherwise

Registration: On line registration will be up soon. Otherwise, contact us at

VictoriaChessClub@gmail.com. You can also register in person at the Victoria Chess Club with

Roger Patterson. On site registration ends at 9:30 on Saturday. Registering after 9:30 does not guarantee a normal Swiss Pairing.

Accommodation: At the Travellers' Inn, 3020 Douglas St. You should be able to get winter rates (about \$60/night).

Organizer: Roger Patterson

Misc.: Rated by the Victoria Chess Club. No chess membership fees required. (BCCF membership included in entry fee.) Equipment provided. There will be no forced TD Byes (you may of course request a bye).

More: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/2009-Jack-Taylor-Memorial>

December Open

Dates: December 5-6

Location: [Spratt Shaw College](#), 1176 8th Ave. New Westminster, BC (Second floor)

Prizes: \$250 Guaranteed first place. Rest based on entries.

Time Control: G90 Total game time 3 hours.

Format: 5 Round Swiss.

Round Times: Saturday 9:30, 1:00 and 5:00 or ASAP, Sunday 9:30 and 1:00

Half Point byes are available by request before the close of registration.

Entry Fee: \$35 includes BCCF membership fee CFC Regular rated. CFC membership required.

Preregister Online or by emailing the information on entry form to ChessBC@shaw.ca, then check in on site Saturday between 8:30 to 9:00 am.

On site registration closes at 9:00 am. If you arrive onsite after 9:00 go to the late registration desk.

[Tournament Flyer](#)

[Register Online](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

November 13-15 B.C. Junior, New Westminster

November 15 Island Junior Open #3, Victoria

December 6 December Junior Open, New Westminster

December 6 Greater Victoria City Championship

January 24 Scholastic (K-12) Open, New Westminster

January 24 All-Girls Tournament, Vancouver

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

24th Jack Taylor Memorial

November 21-22, Victoria

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/2009-Jack-Taylor-Memorial>

December Open

December 5-6, New Westminster

Details: <http://juniorchess.ca/events.html>

December Active

December 12, Vancouver

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#DecActive>

December Active

December 20, Vancouver

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#DecActive>

B.C. Active Championship

January 9-10, 2010, Vancouver

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#BCActive>

New Year Open

January 23-24, 2010, New Westminster

Details: <http://juniorchess.ca/events.html>

4th Grand Pacific Open

April 5-7, 2010, Victoria

Details: <http://grandpacificopen.pbworks.com/>

35th Paul Keres Memorial

May 22-24, 2010, Richmond

Details: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/FrontPage>