

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #195

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## HERE AND THERE

### NAYCC (August 16-19)

Winners from the CYCC (Canadian Youth Chess Championship) are eligible to compete in the annual World Youth Championships, but they also qualify to enter various continental championships. One such, the North American Youth Chess Championship, is being held beginning next Monday in Montreal, the first time the event has been held in Canada. B.C. players Michael Su, Raegan and Remei van Raamsdonk, Jack Qian, and Tanraj Sohal are preregistered ([http://www.chess-math.org/nayc\\_2010\\_sections.htm](http://www.chess-math.org/nayc_2010_sections.htm)); good luck to them and to all the Canadian participants. Results, games, etc., will be available via Monroi: [www.monroi.com](http://www.monroi.com)

### Vancouver Actives (July 25, August 8)

Standings for the last two active tournaments, both won by Mayo Fuentebella, can be found at <http://www.chessmastery.com/bcactive/>. The website also includes a short youtube video taken during the August 8 event, held at Jamie's Bistro on Broadway near Main.

### Canadian Open (July 10-18)

As reported last issue, Jack Yoos won the Lexus Brilliancy Prize at the Canadian Open for his round eight win over Felix Barrios - here is the game:

### **Yoos, Jack - Barrios, Felix [B72] CAN op Toronto (8), 17.07.2010**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3  
g6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 Nbd7 8.Qd2 b5 9.0-0-0 h5  
10.Kb1 Bb7 11.h3 Rc8 12.Bd3 Bg7 13.g4  
Nb6



14.e5 dxe5 15.Ne6 Nc4 16.Qf2 Qa5 17.Bxc4 fxe6 18.Bb6 Qb4 19.Bxe6 Rb8 20.g5 Nh7 21.Ne4 Nf8 22.a3 Qxe4 23.Bf7+ Kxf7 24.fxe4+ Kg8 25.Rhf1 Bxe4 26.Rd8 Rxd8 27.Bxd8 Bf5 28.h4 Kf7 29.Qa7 Kg8 30.Bxe7 Ne6 31.Rxf5 gxf5 32.g6 Rh6 33.Qa8+ Bf8 34.Qe8 1-0

## **BC - WA Match**

Joe Oszvald reports that the BC - WA adult match, originally scheduled for August 14, has been postponed, likely until November or December.

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## **LIGHTHOUSE COUNTRY ACTIVE (August 8)**

#	Name	Rtng	Post	Grd	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Tot
1	McLaren, Brian	2200	2195		W10	W8	D6	W4	3.5
2	Raymer, Elliot	1839	1858		D3	W13	W8	W6	3.5
3	Kuun, Willem	unr.	1647	J	D2	W14	W9	W11	3.5
4	Leblanc, Paul	1879	1889		W14	W9	W7	L1	3.0
5	Lathwell, Jordan	703	746		B---	L7	W16	W12	3.0
6	Cao, Jason	1771	1773	J	W11	W16	D1	L2	2.5
7	Martinson, Rick	1692	1684		W17	W5	L4	H---	2.5
8	Plantinga, Brendan	1663	1657		W15	L1	L2	W16	2.0
9	Zingeler, Peter	1601	1584	J	W12	L4	L3	W15	2.0
10	Pauls, Wes	1465	1445		L1	L15	W17	W14	2.0
11	Peters, Jeffrey	741	770		L6	B---	W15	L3	2.0
12	Peters, Nick	622	669	J	L9	W17	W13	L5	2.0
13	Fuerst, Lucette	1565	1500		L16	L2	L12	W17	1.0
14	Green, George	1208	1199		L4	L3	B---	L10	1.0
15	Smithwick, Philip	unr.	1167		L8	W10	L11	L9	1.0
16	Bruhn, Aaron	unr.	1225	J	W13	L6	L5	L8	1.0
17	Wik, Mason	unr.	936		L7	L12	L10	L13	0.0

The Second Annual Lighthouse Country Chess Fest was held at the Legion Hall in Bowser, a small community on the east coast of Vancouver Island some 65 kilometres north of Nanaimo. Organized by Robert McFetridge and the Bishops of Bowser chess club, the event attracted seventeen participants from as far afield as Victoria, Surrey, and Sherwood Park, Alberta. Despite possessing a sizeable rating advantage over the rest of the field, Brian McLaren was held to a draw by Victoria junior Jason Cao in round three and only took the first prize by beating Elliot Raymer in a blitz playoff. Elliott came second while Willem Kuun won the U15 prize; top woman was Lucette Fuerst.

Many photos: <http://bowserchess.pbworks.com/2nd-Annual-Lighthouse-Country-Chess-Fest>

Bowser derives its name from William John Bowser (1867-1933), who was B.C.'s Premier 1915-16. He had the misfortune to be a Conservative when the party wasn't very popular so his term of office was short, although he was also Attorney-General 1907-15 and leader of the opposition 1916-24.



There is also an early chess connection to William Bowser. When the first B.C. Championship was held in 1916 the main trophy was called the B.C. Federation Shield, but by the time of the next competition in 1917 this trophy had been renamed the Bowser Shield. It was given permanently to John [Ewing](#) in the mid-1920s after he had won the championship for the sixth time.

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## **U.S. OPEN** (July 31 - August 8)

Roger Patterson reports: "I just returned from the U.S. Open. There were several B.C. players there besides myself: Greg Churchill (Victoria) and Alexandra Botez [also Sean McLaren - ed.]. I played badly, losing my first two games in an accelerated Swiss Gambit, although as is normal with this type of tournament, that just meant I got weak opposition and was still able to be in contention for prize money if I had won my last game. My final score was 6.0/9 and I did not play any strong players, although I did play someone with a B.C. connection: Theodore Biyiasas, the son of the well-known (to B.C. players) Peter."

For those readers who are not of a certain age, Peter Biyiasas was four-time B.C. champion and two-time Canadian champion (1972 and 1975) before becoming the province's second grandmaster in 1978. He moved to the U.S. in 1980 and has been inactive as a chessplayer since the mid-1980s, instead pursuing a career in computer programming. He was married to WIM Ruth Haring, currently a member of the USCF executive; coincidentally Ruth was Greg Churchill's opponent in round three of the tournament.

**Patterson, Roger - Biyiasas, Theodore [C79] US op Irvine (6), 05.08.2010**

[Patterson]

**1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 Nf6 6.0-0 Bd7 7.Re1 g6 8.d4 Qe7 9.Nbd2** [Like father, like son: the Steinitz Defence Deferred to the Ruy Lopez was an important part of Peter Biyiasas' opening repertoire. Here is one example: 9.d5 Nd8 10.c4 Bg7 11.Nc3 0-0 12.Nd2 Bc8 13.Rb1 Bh6 14.Nf1 Bxc1 15.Qxc1 Nh5 16.Ne2 f6 17.Qc3 Nf7 18.Rbc1 Ng5 19.f3 f5 20.exf5 gxf5 21.c5 f4 22.Nd2 Bf5 23.cxd6 cxd6 24.Qa5 Rf7 25.Bc2 Bd7 26.Be4 Rg7 27.Kh1 Kh8 28.Rc7 Rag8 29.Bf5 Qd8 30.Bxd7 Nf6 31.Nc4 Rxd7 32.Rxd7 Qxd7 33.Qb6 Qg7 34.Qf2 Qc7 35.Nb6 Qc2 36.a4 Qxb2 37.Rf1 Nge4 38.fxe4 Nxe4 39.Qf3 Nd2 40.Qc3 Qxc3 41.Nxc3 Nxf1 0-1 Gonzales-Biyiasas, Buenos Aires 1978 - ed.] **9...Bg7** I usually play d5 in this position but for various reasons decided to use an idea I played in a correspondence game thirty years ago. **10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.Qc2 0-0 13.Nc4 Rae8?** Not the optimum move, although Black does get some compensation. **14.b3 Nh5 15.Ba3 Qe6 16.Bxf8 Rxf8 17.Ne3** Pushing Black into sacking a second exchange which I judged (correctly) to be unsound. **17...f5 18.Nd2 f4 19.Nd5 f3 19...Bxd5 20.exd5 Qxd5** is very good for White as Black's possible squares are all blockaded. **20.Nxf3 Rxf3 21.gxf3 Qh3 21...Bxd5 22.exd5 Qh3 23.Qd3 Nf4 24.Qf1 Qxf3 25.Re3+- 22.Qd3 Bh6 23.Qf1 Qh4** At the time we both thought White had to play carefully here but Rybka tells me I can play pretty much anything and still defend. **24.f4 Bxf4 25.Nxf4** Probably not best. **25...Nxf4 26.f3 Bb5 27.c4 Bd7 28.Rad1?** 28.Re2 was my original intent but my intended plan of 28...Bh3 29.Qf2 Qg5+ 30.Qg3 and I realized now my rook was hanging with check but the win was still there with 28.Re2 Bh3 29.Qd1. **28...Bh3?** I had analyzed 28...Qg5+ 29.Kf2 Nh3+ 30.Ke2 Nf4+ 31.Kd2 as scary but winning but in fact 29...Bh3 forces White to cough up the queen for two minors (29...Bh3 30.Qh1 Bg2 (30...Qh4+ 31.Ke3 Qg5 32.Kd2) 31.h4 Qh5 32.Qxg2) and is roughly equal. **29.Qf2+- Qg5+ 30.Qg3 Qf6 31.Rd2 h5 32.Ree2 h4 33.Qe1 Qb6+ 34.Kh1 Qf6 35.Qd1 Ne6 36.Re3 Nf4 37.Red3 Qg5 38.Qg1 Qf6 39.Qc5 Kh7 40.Qxc7+ Kh6 41.Qd8 1-0**

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**CHARLES BLAKE** (12 June 1880 – 18 May 1961)



Historically the British Columbia chess scene, like the province itself, has been built and enriched by the arrival of immigrants, whether from overseas or from other parts of Canada. A number of Winnipeg players moved to the West Coast, including Dave Creemer, Abe Helman, Nathan Divinsky, Peter Biyiasas, and more recently Jack Yoos. One of Canada's most important early twentieth century players eventually moved to B.C., admittedly long after his best playing days were over: Charles Blake.

Born in London, England in 1880, Blake moved to Winnipeg in 1903. He read law before being called to the Manitoba Bar in 1909; two years later Blake moved to Brandon and set up his own practice. He served in France during the First World War, rising to the rank of major by its end. Blake returned to Brandon after the war but left the province for Ontario in 1925; he was subsequently called to the Ontario Bar in 1929 and the British Columbia Bar in 1949. He was still active as a lawyer when he passed away in White Rock, B.C. at the age of eighty.

Blake learnt chess in 1897 and was already a strong player when he arrived in Winnipeg. He was the only local player who could compete with fellow Winnipegger and Canadian champion Magnus Smith on something resembling even terms, although Smith generally finished ahead of Blake in competitions. After Smith moved to New York in 1907 Blake stepped into his shoes as the premier player in the area; apart from winning the Northwest championship five times in succession, Blake was twice runner-up in the Canadian championship (1909 and 1913) and in 1911 won the Western Chess Association championship (the precursor to the U.S. Open). Moving to Brandon curtailed Blake's chess activities as did the Great War, although he provided a brilliancy prize for the 1918 Northwest tournament whilst on leave. He did make the journey from Brandon to Winnipeg to play in the Northwest competitions 1923-25 and won two of those championships before moving to Ontario.

Blake played in several more Canadian championships in the 1920s, generally finishing in the middle of the field. His last such event was in Hamilton in 1931, when he was apparently living in Windsor. After moving to this province he played in the BC - WA matches of 1949, 1950, and 1951, despite being around seventy years old at the time. His obituary in the *White Rock Sun* makes no mention of his military career or chess accomplishments. There are certainly soldiers who would prefer to forget their wartime service, but more likely by the time of Blake's passing there was no one left in the area who knew his early background: his wife had predeceased him by several years, and they left no offspring.

### **Blake, Charles - Elliott, Edward P [C61] WCA 6th Excelsior, 08.1905**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Bc4 Nxf3+ 5.Qxf3 Nf6 6.Qb3 Qe7 7.Nc3 b6 8.Nb5 Kd8 9.d3 Ng4 10.Be3 Nxe3 11.fxe3 Qg5 12.0-0-0 Qxe3+ 13.Kb1 f6 14.Rhe1 Qf2 15.d4 a6 16.Re2 Qh4 17.g3 Qh5 18.Nc3 Bd6 19.dxe5 Bxe5 20.Bf7 Qf3 21.Red2 Bxc3 22.bxc3 Ra7 23.Bd5 d6 24.e5 Qe3 25.exd6 Qc5 26.dxc7+ Kxc7 27.Bc4 Bg4 28.Be2 Bxe2 29.Qf7+ Kc6 30.Qxa7 Qb5+ 31.Kc1 Qg5 32.Qd7+ 1-0

### **Blake, Charles - Smith, Magnus Magnusson [C30] Match Winnipeg (7), 04.12.1905**

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.d3 d6 5.f4 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.h3 Bxf3 8.Qxf3 Nd4 9.Qg3 Qe7 10.Bb3 exf4 11.Bxf4 Nh5 12.Qg4 Nxf4 13.Qxf4 Bb4 14.0-0 Bxc3 15.Qxf7+ Qxf7 16.Bxf7+ Ke7 17.bxc3 Ne2+ 18.Kh2 Nxc3 19.Bd5 Nxd5 20.exd5 Rhf8 21.Rae1+ Kd7 22.Kg3 b5 23.Rb1 a6 24.Rxf8 Rxf8 25.c4 Rb8 26.cxb5 Rxb5 27.Rxb5 axb5 28.Kf4 c6 29.dxc6+ Kxc6 30.Ke4 d5+ 31.Ke5 Kc5 32.a3 g5 33.g4 h6 34.Ke6 Kd4 35.Kd6 Kxd3 36.Kxd5 Kc3 37.Kc5 Kb3 38.Kxb5 Kxa3 39.Kc4 Kb2 40.Kd3 Kc1 41.Ke4 Kd2 42.Kf5 Ke3 43.Kg6 Kf4 44.Kxh6 Kg3 45.Kxg5 Kxh3 46.Kh5 1-0

### **Spencer, Robert John - Blake, Charles [C31] Northwest ch playoff Winnipeg (3), 07.03.1907**

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe5 Bc5 5.Qh5 Be6 6.Nxf7 Bxf7 7.Qxc5 Ne7 8.d3 Nd7 9.Qd4 exd3 10.Bxd3 0-0 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Qc3 Nf6 13.b3 Nd5 14.Qb2 Ndb4 15.Be4 Qd4+ 16.Qxd4 Nxd4 17.Na3 Ne2+ 18.Kh1 Nxc1 19.Rfxc1 Bd5 20.c3 Bxe4 21.cxb4 Rxf4 22.Rc4 Raf8 23.Kg1 Rg4 24.g3 h5 25.Re1 Bf3 26.Rxg4 Bxg4 27.Nb5 Rd8 28.Nxc7 Rd2 29.Ra1 Bf3 30.Re1 Rxa2 31.Ne6 Rg2+ 32.Kf1 Rxh2 33.Ng5 Rh1+ 34.Kf2 Rxe1 35.Kxe1 Bd5 36.Nh3 Bxb3 37.Nf4 Bf7 38.Kf2 b6 39.Ke3 a5 40.bxa5 bxa5 41.Nd3 a4 42.Kf4 a3 43.Nb4 a2 44.Nxa2 Bxa2 0-1

### **Blake, Charles - Lasker, Emanuel [C79] Simul Winnipeg, 06.1907**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.Nc3 b5 7.Bb3 Bg4 8.d3 Nd4 9.Be3 Nxf3+ 10.gxf3 Bh5 11.Kh1 Qd7 12.Rg1 c6 13.Rg3 h6 14.Ne2 g5 15.a4 Qb7 16.d4 Nd7 17.Rh3 Nf6 18.Ng3 Bg6 19.Bxg5 hxg5 20.Rxh8 0-0-0 21.axb5 axb5 22.Nf5 d5 23.Rxf8 Bxf5 24.Rxd8+ Kxd8 25.dxe5 Qc7 26.Ra8+ Kd7 27.exf6 1-0

### **Morrison, John Stuart - Blake, Charles [D05] CAN-ch playoff Winnipeg, 1913**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Bd3 Bg4 6.Nbd2 e5 7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Bc2 Bd6 9.0-0 0-0 10.Re1 Re8 11.h3 Bh5 12.Nf1 Nxf3+ 13.gxf3 Ne4 14.Ng3 Qg5 15.Bxe4 Bxg3 16.Qxd5 Re5 17.Qc4 Bh4+ 18.Kf1 Rae8 19.Bxb7 Qf6 20.f4 Qf5 21.Kg1 R5e6 22.Qf1 Rg6+ 23.Kh2 Qc2 24.f5 Rg5 25.e4 Bg3+ 0-1

### **Schain, G - Blake, Charles [A28] BC - WA m Seattle, 03.07.1949**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.e3 Be7 5.Be2 d6 6.0-0 Bg4 7.h3 Bh5 8.b3 Bg6 9.Bb2 Qd7 10.d4 e4 11.Nd2 0-0 12.Qb1 Rfe8 13.Ncxe4 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Bd8 15.Bd3 Nb4 16.f3 Nxd3 17.Qxd3 Qe7 18.Rae1 Bxe4 19.fxe4 Qxe4 20.Qxe4 Rxe4 21.Rf3 Bf6 22.Rf4 Rae8 23.Rxe4 Rxe4 24.g3 c5 25.Kf2 Kf8 26.Kf3 Re8 27.Re2 Ke7 28.d5 Bxb2 29.Rxb2 Kd7 30.a3 a5 31.b4 axb4 32.axb4 cxb4 33.Rxb4 Kc7 34.e4 Re5 35.g4 g5 36.Rb5 b6 37.Rb3 Kb7 38.Ra3 Re8 39.Ke3 f6 40.Kd4 Rg8 41.Kc3 Ra8 42.Rxa8 Kxa8 43.Kb4 1/2-1/2

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### **August Active**

When: Aug 22, 2010

Where: Jamie's Bistro, Licensed Karaoke, BBQ, & Grill, 136 East Broadway Vancouver, (604) 707-9990

Rounds: 6 rounds at 2:00 / 2:50 / 3:40 / 4:25 / 5:10 / 6:00

Type: Swiss Active with time control Game/10 +10 sec. increment (game/17 if no digital clock)

Registration: On site from 1:30 pm.

Entry Fee: \$10

Prizes: 1st \$80 2nd \$60 BU1900 \$60, Biggest upset \$20; Based on 22 entries. Tuan (the owner) is kindly contributing to the prize fund.

Info: Joe [ijr18@hotmail.com](mailto:ijr18@hotmail.com)

Bring your own chess equipment. Results posted at <http://www.chessmastery.com/bcactive/>

### **2010 Langley Chess Club Labour Day Weekend Open**

Where: Brookwood Senior Centre, 19899 -36 Ave, Langley, BC

Date: September 4 to September 6, 2010 (Labour Day Weekend).



Type: 6 round Swiss

Rounds: Round 1 - Saturday, September 4, 10:00am Round 2 - Saturday, September 4, 4:00pm  
Round 3 - Sunday, September 5, 10:00am Round 4 - Sunday, September 5, 4:00pm Round 5 -  
Monday, September 6, 9:00am Round 6 - Monday, September 6, 3:00pm or ASAP.

Entry Fee: Before or on August 17, 2010: \$60 After August 17, 2010 or on site: \$70

Time Control: 90 minutes each, with 30 second increment.

Prizes: Based on entries and sponsorship. Please contact Hugh Long (hughraine@telus.net,  
(604)530-4693) if you wish to be a sponsor.

Website: <http://www.langleychess.com/2010-Open.htm>

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Junior events**

Aug. 16-19 North American YCC, Montreal

### **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](mailto:xramis1@yahoo.ca)

### **August Active**

August 22, Vancouver

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

### **Labour Day Open**

September 4-6, Langley

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

### **Active Fundraiser for 2011 Chess Challenge**

September 11, Victoria

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

### **September Active**

September 12, Vancouver

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

### **October Active**

October 3, Vancouver

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

### **B.C. Championship**

October 8-11, Victoria

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

### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

November 20-21, Victoria

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