

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #365

Your editor welcomes any and all submissions – news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to BC players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. To subscribe, send me an e-mail (swright2@telus.net); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

2nd Seattle Chess Classic (August 15-19)

First held last summer, this Seattle tournament is a nine-round event in two sections with the top section rated by FIDE as well as the USCF. This year's event attracted forty-three players, down from seventy-four last year, including from this province Kate and William Jiang and Brian Sullivan. Most of the field seems to have been either juniors or retirees, a result of several of rounds being held on weekdays. James Tarjan was the only grandmaster present and placed first with 7.0/9, while FM Steven Breckenridge and Joseph Truelson tied for second; Kenji Hiebert was among those sharing the second U2400 and U2250 prizes. The Reserve Section was won by V. Anand (that's Vignesh, not Viswanathan); Brian and Kate both scored 5.0/9, while William's 4.0 points was sufficient for a share of the second U1450 prize. The tournament was organized by Josh Sinanan, directed by Fred Kleist, and held at the Seattle Chess Club. [Standings and photos on facebook](#)



Brian Sullivan and William Jiang



Kate Jiang

Johar, Mudit – Jiang, Kate [D31] Seattle Chess Classic 2nd U2000 Seattle (6), 18.08.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e3 e6 5.Bd2 Nbd7 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.Nf3 0–0 9.0–0 Re8
10.Re1 Ne4 11.Qc2 Ndf6 12.Bc1 Qc7 13.g3 Qd7 14.Nd2 Nxd2 15.Qxd2 Qh3 16.Bf1 Qh5 17.Qd1
Bg4 18.Be2 Qh3 19.f3 Bxg3 20.hxg3 Qxg3+ 21.Kh1 Ne4 22.Nxe4 dxe4 23.fxg4 Re6 24.g5 Qxg5
25.Bh5 Rh6 26.Re2 Qxh5+ 27.Kg2 Qh2+ 28.Kf1 Qh1+ 29.Kf2 Rf6+ 30.Kg3 Rf3+ 31.Kg4 Qh3+
32.Kg5 h6# 0–1

11th Calgary International (August 14-19)



Jofrel Landingin

Severo Caluza

This year's edition of the Calgary International was, not unsurprisingly, dominated by the visiting players. There were five GMs in the field of twenty-four but like last year there wasn't a selection of beatable players with relatively high ratings, i.e., IMs, which meant the chance of achieving a norm was remote at best. This indeed was the case – Rafael Arruebarrena placed fifth with 5.5 points, but would have needed another 1.5 points to make an IM norm against the opposition he faced. Victor Mikhalevski and Steven Zierk (you may remember both of them from the Victoria Canadian Open in 2012) tied for first with 7.5/9, a full point ahead of Melikset Khachiyan in third – grandmasters all. Aman Hambleton was fourth but didn't win a prize, Arruebarrena was fifth and was top U2400. The other grandmaster, Enrico Sevillano, had an off event, losing to three players rated below 2200 for a final total of 5.0 points. Among those tied with him was Ian Zhao, who won the U2000 prize. Jofrel Landingin and Severo (Juni) Caluza were the two participants from BC but found it tough going, only scoring 2.0 points each. [Tournament website](#) [standings and photos on facebook](#)

Canadian Junior Championship (August 8-12)

The Canadian Junior lost a lot of its prestige around twenty years, when it converted from a round robin to a Swiss and the CYCC was introduced (incidentally Pascal Charbonneau won the last round robin in Vancouver in 1999). In the last dozen years the tournament has been on life support; Larry Bevand ran the championship as an invitational round robin again in 2013 (but without any BC representation), then it simply wasn't held for three years. Last year it was organized as a two section Swiss in Mississauga (near Toronto) and attracted around hundred players but was rather Ontariocentric.

This year, organized by [Elevate My Chess](#), the championship made use of the facilities of Humber College in Toronto and was divided into four sections, a round robin invitational and three open sections by rating. Almost one hundred and fifty players participated, but the vast majority were from Ontario; there were five from BC, two from Quebec, and one from Manitoba. One hopes for a more nationally-representative event in future, but at least the championship seems to be reviving.

The entrants from this province were Brandon Zhu and William Bremner, completing their circuit of Central Canadian events (CYCC, Canadian Open, Quebec Open, Montreal Classic); they were

joined by Sherry Tian, Rowan James, and Henry Yang. Brandon qualified for the Invitational Section from the BC Junior and received funding from the BCCF, Sherry was also an invited participant by rating (three of the ten invitees were girls); all except Brandon also received financial aid from the [Chess2Inspire Junior Championship](#) last January.



Brandon thinking, Sherry observing (photo by John Upper)

The new Canadian Junior Champion is FM Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux from Quebec. The contest was extremely close, with the lead changing hands several times, and in fact Shawn only emerged victorious after a four-game playoff with FM Mark Plotkin – they tied for first with 7.0 points, a mere half point ahead of FM Nicholas Vettese and CM Hairan Liang. Brandon was largely outclassed in this company; he finished with 2.5 points, but these were scored against the three (lower-rated) girls. Brandon did sportingly allow at least a couple of his opponents to execute pretty checkmates. The story of the tournament from a BC perspective was Sherry Tian, whose 3.5 points were sufficient to garner the Top Girl trophy. However, it is the distribution of those points which is surprising; she scored four draws against the top six finishers, including both the players tied for first. The draw against Plotkin was somewhat miraculous (in a winning position Mark missed something and unsoundly gave up a piece to stand worse but Sherry didn't press the issue) but otherwise her opponents found her slightly passive but solid positions difficult to overcome. Witness Rodrigue-Lemieux, who achieved a good knight versus bad bishop ending but the position was so blocked he could not win, despite trying for over one hundred moves. He and Sherry now qualify for the World Junior Championship, scheduled for Turkey next month.



(photo by John Upper)

In the other sections, Jeffrey Zu was first in the Open with 7.5 points while William Bremner had another good result in tying for third; Ahmed Syed Ibrahim and Mao Fengxi tied for first in the U1800 Section with Ibrahim winning the playoff; and Harry Xue came first in the U1300 Section. [Tournament website](#) [standings](#) [DGT games](#) [Facebook report/photos](#)

Wang, Constance – Tian, Sherry [C02] CAN jun Toronto (6), 11.08.2018

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.Be2 Qb6 7.0–0 Nge7 8.Na3 a6 9.dxc5 Qc7 10.Be3 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxe5 12.Qd2 Qc7 13.b4 Nf5 14.Bg4 Nxe3 15.Qxe3 Be7 16.c4 dxc4 17.Nxc4 Bc6

18.a4 0–0 19.Nb6 Rad8 20.Rab1 Kh8 21.Rfc1 h6 22.Rd1 Rxd1+ 23.Rxd1 Rd8 24.h3 Rxd1+ 25.Bxd1 Kg8 26.Bf3 Bxf3 27.Qxf3 a5 28.Nc4 axb4 29.Nd6 Bxd6 30.cxd6 Qxd6 31.Qb3 Qc5 32.Kf1 Qd5 33.Qxb4 Qd1+ 34.Qe1 Qxe1+ 35.Kxe1 Kf8 36.Kd2 Ke7 37.Kc3 Kd6 38.Kc4 Kc6 39.h4 h5 40.f3 f6 41.g4 g6 42.gxh5 gxh5 43.Kd4 Kb6 44.f4 Ka5 45.Kc5 Kxa4 0–1

European Excursions

Last issue Aiden Zhou was playing in the Pan-American Youth Championships in Santiago, Chile; this issue we find him, skipping a few time zones, in Latvia as a participant in the **8th Riga Technical University Open** (August 6-12). The A Section in which Aiden played had almost two hundred and sixty participants, including twenty-four GMs and forty-four IMs. The overall winners were Armenian grandmasters Robert Hovhannisyanyan and Manuel Petrosian who tied for first with 7.5/9; Aiden performed slightly below his rating expectations in scoring 3.0 points. [Tournament website](#) [standings](#) Aiden is currently playing in the [20th Sants Open](#) (August 17-26) along with Ethan and Kevin Low who have spent the summer on the Barcelona tournament circuit – report next issue.

Canadian Senior Championship (August 3-6)

Since 2010 the Canadian Senior has usually been held as part of the Kitchener Chess Festival in Southwestern Ontario – indeed, your editor helped direct the 2015 edition (my, how time flies!). In 2016 the tournament was held in conjunction with the BC Senior in Surrey, and the winner of the 65+ Section was our own Leon Piasetski. After returning to Kitchener for 2017, this year the event was hosted by the Calgary Chess Club and included six players from BC (presumably travelling to Alberta is more palatable than journeying to Ontario) – Severo Caluza, Richard Lapenna, Stephen Lester-Smith, Brian McLaren, Leon Piasetski, and Arpak Qanee. In the 50+ Section FM Ian Findley was the winner with a perfect 7.0/7; tied for second was BC senior co-champion Arpak Qanee and FM Dale Haessel with 5.0 points each. And in the 65+ Section IM Leon Piasetski repeated as champion, also with a perfect score, while Brian McLaren (another BC senior co-champion) scored 5.5 points for clear second place. [Tournament website](#) [50+ standings](#) [65+ standings](#)



Leon Piasetski

McLaren, Brian – Piasetski, Leon [B12] Canadian Senior ch Calgary (3), 04.08.2018

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.h4 h5 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 e6 7.Nf3 Ne7 8.Bg5 Qb6 9.Nbd2 Qa6 10.Qb3 Nd7 11.0–0 0–0 12.c4 Kb8 13.Kb1 Rc8 14.Be3 f6 15.exf6 gxf6 16.Rhe1 Ka8 17.Rc1 dxc4 18.Rxc4 Nd5 19.Ne4 Rg8 20.g3 Rg4 21.Nfd2 N7b6 22.Rcc1 Qa4 23.Nc5 Bxc5 24.dxc5 Qxb3 25.Nxb3 Nd7 26.Re2 e5 27.Bd2 Kb8 28.Kc2 Kc7 29.Be1 Rcg8 30.Kd3 f5 31.Rc4 Rxc4 32.Kxc4 b6 33.cxb6+ axb6 34.Rc2 Kd6 35.Kd3 c5 36.Ke2 b5 37.a3 c4 38.Nd2 Nc5 39.Nf3 Nb3 40.Bc3 Nxc3+ 41.Rxc3 Nd4+ 42.Ke3 Kd5 43.Rc1 f4+ 0–1

Montreal Summer Classic (July 30 – August 3)

Last issue we left William Bremner about the play his last round game in the Open Section of the Montreal Summer Classic, Brandon Zhu having withdrawn after round four. William drew the game, finishing the event tied for third with 3.0 points including a first-round bye. The overall winner was Bora Yagiz on 4.0 points ahead of Ellis Steinberg with 3.5, but William actually beat both of them in the second and third rounds respectively. Brandon finished with 2.0/4. American IM Aleksandr Ostrovskiy won the adjunct invitational round robin, but no norms were registered. [Standings](#)

BC Closed

With one more qualifying event (the Langley Open) to go, here are those currently qualified for the BC Championship to be held on the Thanksgiving weekend at UBC:

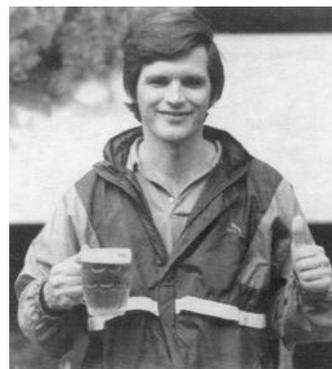
Grigorii Morozov (defending co-champion)
Tanraj Sohal (defending co-champion)
Andrew Hemstapat (BC Junior)

Keith Mckinnon (BC Open)
Zulfikar Sali (Grand Pacific Open)
Stanislav Kriventsov (Keres Memorial)

The remainder of the field will be invited from the ratings list published this coming Wednesday.

Paul Burke NM

These days Paul Burke plays his chess almost exclusively online, but in his halcyon days he was one of our top players, organizer of the pre-master series of tournaments, and also a long-time editor of *British Columbia Chess Reports/Counterplay* (BC's former provincial chess magazine, for those young than thirty). Paul was recently awarded the national master title for his earlier playing exploits – congratulations!



Burke, Paul – Badii, Maziar [B21] Civic Holiday Bonanza Burnaby, 1991

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 dxc3 4.Nxc3 Nc6 5.Nf3 d6 6.Bc4 e6 7.0–0 Nf6
8.Qe2 a6 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bg5 Be7 11.Rac1 Qb8 12.Bb3 0–0 13.Bc2 Rd8 14.e5 dxe5 15.Bxf6 gxf6
16.Ne4 f5 17.Nfg5 fxe4 18.Qh5 Rxd1+ 19.Rxd1 Bxg5 20.Qxg5+ Kf8 21.Bxe4 Nd4 22.Qd8+ Kg7
23.Rd3 Ne2+ 24.Kf1 Nf4 25.Rg3+ Ng6 26.Bxg6 hxg6 27.Rf3 1–0

Chess Lessons From a Chess Master

BC Senior Co-Champion Arpak Worya is offering chess lessons to interested players. For more information, please contact Arpak at arpakchess44@gmail.com

Chess books for sale

We have received a request from the father of a former junior player – the latter was regularly involved in tournaments when he was in high school, but is no longer playing since he attended university. Which leaves a number of barely-used chess books in near-mint condition for sale: a list can be found [here](#). If interested, please contact Albert at avergara@telus.net

BOWSER BUILDERS TOURNAMENT (August 12) by Robert McFetridge



(photo by Victoria Doknjas)

Thanks very much to all participants in the 10th Bowser Builders Chess Tournament. Though it was a smaller turnout this year the competition was tough. As in recent years the Doknjas family prevailed, providing high level of competition for everyone. The local favourite, Ian Martinvosky of Courtenay, was held to a draw against Victoria Doknjas and John Doknjas and he was defeated by Joshua Doknjas. Ian was the only person to garner a half point from John, the eldest of the Doknjas brothers. Paul Leblanc of Victoria and Philip Boyle of Courtenay were the only ones to garner half points from Neil Doknjas, the youngest of the brothers. Two other juniors, Declan and Brodin, both of Qualicum Beach, played in their first Bowser Builders Tournament. Declan gained one point through forfeiture by his opponent who was absent in round one. Though they did not gain other points we think they learned through exposure in the tournament and their participation is appreciated.

Special thanks are due to the sponsors at Bowser Builders, Mac Snobelin and Betsy Poel who provided breakfast and lunch for the players going above and beyond their sponsorship of the primary tournament prizes. [Standings](#) [more photos](#)

Doknjas, Neil – Boyle, Philip [C45] Bowser Builders op Bowser (4), 12.08.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Be3 Qf6 6.c3 Nge7 7.Bc4 Bb6 8.0-0 0-0 9.Na3 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 Bxd4 11.cxd4 a6 12.f4 d6 13.Kh1 b5 14.e5 Qh6 15.Bd3 Bf5 16.g4 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 dxe5 18.dxe5 c5 19.Qd6 Qxd6 20.exd6 Nd5 21.Rf3 Rad8 22.Rd1 Rxd6 23.Rfd3 Rfd8 24.Nb1 R6d7 25.Nc3 Nb6 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Re1 Kf8 28.Ne4 Re7 29.Kg2 c4 30.Kf3 g6 31.Rd1 Rd7 32.Rxd7 Nxd7 33.h4 Ke7 34.g5 f5 35.gxf6+ Nxf6 36.Nc5 a5 37.Ke3 Nd5+ 38.Ke4 Nb4 39.a3 Nd3 40.Nxd3 cxd3 41.Kxd3 Ke6 42.Ke4 a4 43.Kd4 Kd6 44.Ke4 Ke6 ½-½

SEMAIHMUO OPEN (August 4-6)



(photos by Lawrence Thiessen)

Last year the inaugural Semiahmoo Open, the brainchild of first-time organizer Jeffrey Street, was held at the Pacific Inn Resort on the outskirts of White Rock and attracted ninety-eight participants including three IMs. This year's second edition returned to the same site but a different room, one with windows; we managed to largely keep the boards away from the direct sunlight, and the natural light and fresh air compensated for a somewhat dim interior. The three IMs were missing as were any other title holders, but ninety-four players still entered the tournament, basically an identical number as last year if one acknowledges the Canadian Senior on the same weekend syphoned off several potential entrants.

The tournament was held in four sections but the rating boundaries differed slightly from last year. The Premier had nineteen participants, ten of them over 2000. On paper the leading competitors should have been the two masters in the field, Jorge Nunez Asencio and Andrew Hemstapat, but Andrew lost his first two games and instead it turned into a race between Jorge and the returning Alisher Sanetullaev. They pulled ahead of the pack and were tied with 4.5 points going into the last round (one draw with each other). In round six Jorge had a quick draw with Kenji Hiebert but Alisher won his game, thus Alisher took clear first place and the associated trophy while Jorge was clear second. Louis Cheng tied for third with Kenji Hiebert, and Daniel Salcedo, Neil Doknjas, Callum Lehingrat, and Maven Zheng split the U2000 prize. With their fine results Neil and Callum also pushed their ratings over 2000 for the first time, thus becoming BC's newest experts.

The twenty-six player U1900 Section included a visitor from the Czech Republic and a brother and sister from the Netherlands, but it was Brian Yang, Paul Leblanc, and Kate Jiang who tied for first and split the first, second, and U1700 prizes; Brian won the trophy on tiebreak. Ethan Song went undefeated in winning the U1500 Section with 5.0 points, a half-point ahead of Eric Gu in second place, while Yawen Zheng was the top U1300. And the U1100 Section was won by Jason Sunardi who gave up just a single half-point bye; Frank Zhou and Jayden Qu shared second and the U900 prize, and Jesse Bateman earned the top unrated prize and trophy. Various board prizes were also randomly awarded. The Sunday night blitz tournament attracted thirty-eight participants and was won by Jorge Nunez Asencio and one of our Dutch visitors, Sebastiaan Janse – they scored 5.5/6 each. Carson Roesch from Blaine and ZhiQi Ryan Huang sared the U1500 prize.



Alisher Sanetullaev and Jeffrey Street

Thanks go to our enthusiastic but now more experienced organizer Jeffrey Street, his mum and step-dad Sandi and Lawrence, Paul Leblanc, Michael Lo for the equipment rental, to all the participants, and the parents who brought their kids to play. [Tournament website](#) [standings, games, and photos](#)

Cheng, Louis – Nunez Asencio, Jorge [D20] Semiahmoo op 2nd White Rock (4.1), 05.08.2018

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.e4 e5 5.d5 a6 6.Bxc4 Bd6 7.Qc2 Nbd7 8.a3 Nf8 9.f4 exf4 10.Nf3 Ng6 11.0–0 0–0 12.b4 Ng4 13.Rb1 Qe7 14.Bd2 N4e5 15.Be2 Nxf3+ 16.Bxf3 Bd7 17.Rbe1 Rae8 18.Qc1 Ne5 19.Be2 g5 20.Kh1 h6 21.Qd1 Ng6 22.Bd3 Qe5 23.Qh5 Qg7 24.Be2 f5 25.exf5 Bxf5 26.Bg4 Bxg4 27.Qxg4 Ne5 28.Qh5 Qg6 29.Qxg6+ Nxc6 30.Ne4 Ne5 31.h3 Kg7 32.Bc3 Kg6 33.Nc5 Bxc5 34.Bxe5 Bd6 35.Bxd6 cxd6 36.Kg1 Kf5 37.Kf2 Re5 38.Rc1 Rf7 39.g4+ Kf6 40.Rfd1 Rfe7 41.Rd3 Re2+ 42.Kf1 R7e3 43.Rc7 Re1+ 44.Kf2 Rxd3 45.Kxe1 Rxa3 46.Rxb7 Ke5 47.h4 gxh4 48.Rh7 Rg3 49.Rxh6 Rxc4 50.Ke2 Kxd5 51.Kf3 Rg3+ 52.Kxf4 Rb3 53.Rh5+ Kc6 54.Ra5 Rxb4+ 55.Kf3 0–1

Sanetullaev, Alisher – Hiebert, Kenji [B10] Semiahmoo op 2nd White Rock (4.2), 05.08.2018

1.e4 c6 2.Bc4 d5 3.Bb3 dxe4 4.Qh5 e6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Qh4 Be7 7.f3 exf3 8.Nxf3 c5 9.Qg3 0–0 10.d3 Bd6 11.Qh4 Nc6 12.Be3 Be7 13.Qg3 Nd4 14.Bg5 Nxb3 15.axb3 Nh5 16.Bxe7 Qxe7 17.Qe5 Nf6 18.Na4 Nd5 19.0–0 Bd7 20.Rae1 Bxa4 21.bxa4 Qf6 22.Qe4 Qf4 23.Qe2 Qxa4 24.Qf2 Nf6 25.c3 Rad8 26.Ne5 Ng4 27.Qh4 1–0

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent – Harper, Bruce [B06] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

I like this game for two reasons. The first is that White was a (non-elite) grandmaster, with a higher ICC rating than mine. The second is that White got destroyed.

1.c4 [3:00] 1...g6 [3:00] 2.d4 [2:58] 2...Bg7 [3:00] 3.e4 [2:57] 3...d6 [2:59] 4.Nc3 [2:56] 4...Nc6 [2:58] 5.Nge2 [2:55] 5...e5 [2:57] 6.Be3 [2:53] 6...Nh6 [2:55] 7.f3 [2:49] 7...f5 [2:54] 8.d5 [2:44] 8...Ne7 [2:52] 9.Qd2 [2:43] 9...Nf7 [2:51]



A tableau in this variation. White normally continues with 10.c5, 10.g3, 10.h3?! or, most commonly, 10.O–O–O. In any case, it's clear that the correct plan for White involves opening lines with c4–c5. **10.f4?** [2:37] What's this? Spending a tempo (7.f3, 10.f4) to open the centre and activate Black's pieces cannot be good. The idea behind 10.f4? must be to prevent Black from blocking the position with ...f5–f4. If White's hope was to have a game where there are open lines and active pieces, he is not disappointed. **10...0–0** [2:47] **11.g3** [2:35] **11...fxe4** [2:36] Naturally Black opens up the position, since he has a lead in development. **12.Nxe4** [2:33] **12...Nf5** [2:33]



13.Bf2 [2:11] White thought for a long time on this move, as the realization of what was happening sank in. **13...exf4** [2:22] **14.gxf4** [2:11] Of course White would prefer to have played 14. Nxf4, but then comes 14...Re8, with a painful pin on the e-file. **14...Re8** [2:17] **15.Qd3** [2:08] **15...Qe7** [2:06] Naturally enough, the engine likes 15...Bxb2 - not just for the pawn, but to prevent White from castling queenside. **16.Bg2?!** [2:01]



16...Nh4 [2:04] **17.Bxh4** [1:59] **17...Qxh4+** [2:04] **18.N4g3** [1:55] **18...Bf5** [1:52] **19.Qb3** [1:53]



19.Qd2 was more tenacious. I thought it was now time to become violent, although 19...Qxf4 was simple and strong. **19...Rxe2+!**? [1:42] **20.Kxe2** [1:48] **20...Re8+** [1:41] **21.Kd1** [1:34] **21...Qxf4** [1:38]



White's king is now caught in a terrible crossfire.
22.Bf3 [1:14] **22...Qd4+** [1:24] White resigns. **0-1**

JOHN PRENTICE AND GEORGE BRYANT

We are coming up on the fortieth anniversary of the death of George Herbert Bryant (January 2, 1907 – August 28, 1978), a name which is likely unfamiliar to the vast majority of chess players. A more familiar name should be that of John Gerald Prentice (February 26, 1907 - February 19, 1987), previously discussed in [Bulletin #334](#). Simply put, Bryant was Prentice's right hand man, his secretary both in the world of business (Prentice was a founder and sometime President and CEO of Canadian Forest Products) and chess:

For many years BCCF and CFC Secretary and FIDE Secretary for the CFC, George Bryant was the silent force behind organized chess in Canada for many years. During the late 1950's and early 1960's the very existence of the CFC depended on the hard work of George Bryant and John Prentice. As a player, he was a strong Class "B"; in his later years he did not compete in tournaments. His nature seemed too amiable and relaxed for the rigours of tournament play. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him and by many who didn't. [CFC *Bulletin* #32, January/February 1979]

Prentice and Bryant were both from affluent Jewish families in Fin-de-Siècle Vienna. Born Georg Heinrich Breuer, Bryant was a descendant of the textile industrialist Isaac Mautner. His grandfather was [Doctor Josef Breuer](#), whose pioneering work with a patient known as Anna O. laid the foundation for psychoanalysis – he was a mentor to Sigmund Freud. Georg Breuer trained as a lawyer as did Hans Pick (Prentice), but Hans joined his family's textile manufacturing firm along with his brother-in-law, Leopold Bloch-Bauer. [The latter's aunt was Adele Bloch-Bauer, subject of two portraits by Gustav Klimt; Leopold's sister was [Maria Altmann](#), noted for winning a successful [court case](#) against the Austrian government for return of these and other works by Klimt which had been stolen by the Nazis.] Both Hans Pick and Leopold Bloch-Bauer fled Austria with their families at the time of the Anschluss in 1938; Breuer remained behind to help other Jews emigrate, but himself was forced to leave the following year. Pick and Bloch-Bauer settled in BC (Leopold had visited the Rockies on hunting trips earlier in the 1930s and had fallen in love with Canada), changed their names to John Prentice and Leopold Bentley, and started a lumber manufacturing firm, Pacific Veneer in New Westminster. The company flourished during the war years due to the demand for plywood for aircraft production; a saw mill and logging operations were added to the company, and the enterprises formed the nucleus of the later Canadian Forest Products (Canfor).



Adele Bloch-Bauer I by Gustav Klimt (detail)

After fleeing Austria Breuer went to England, and when the war started he joined the Auxiliary Military Pioneer Corps (renamed simply Pioneer Corps soon thereafter). The corps was designed for light engineering tasks, and at the time was the only British military unit in which enemy aliens such as Breuer could serve. He was one of the last to leave when the British Expeditionary Force was withdrawn via Dunkirk in 1940. In 1943 Breuer was recruited by the Special Operations Executive, Churchill's "Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare," and trained as a secret agent. At this point his name was anglicised but retained the same initials – thus Georg Heinrich Breuer became George Herbert Bryant. Late in the war he was parachuted into the Upper Styria region of Austria where he helped prevent the destruction of the Zeltweg airport by the retreating Germans. From 1945 to 1948 Bryant was part of the British Austrian Legal Unit, an advisory body to the British Occupation Authority in Vienna. He immigrated to Canada and joined the management of Canadian Forest Products, acting as the private secretary for John Prentice. Bryant was treasurer or auditor for the BCCF in the 1950s, and was Prentice's secretary in all the latter's chess undertakings, be it BCCF President, CFC President (for sixteen years), or FIDE Vice-President (FIDE representative for thirty years).



Georg Heinrich Breuer (passport photo)

George H. Bryant was an old friend of mine. Our relationship goes back to the early 20s when we grew up together in Vienna, Austria. While the family came to Canada in the late 30s, George stayed in Europe. He was with the British Army parachuting into Austria during

the late stages of the war. He came to Canada about two years later, helping my late father and me in various aspects of our endeavours. He has been Secretary of the BC Chess Federation, the Chess Federation of Canada, and FIDE at various periods. These offices overlapped at some periods of time.

His contributions to the development of Chess in Canada were quite significant and cover a period from the early 50s to last year. This is a long time to work for a cause you believe in. It is not stating too much if I go on record that without George's assistance I could not have possibly managed to make what little contribution I made to Canadian Chess. He deserves that his memory be held in high respect by Chess players in Canada. [John Prentice, CFC *Bulletin* #33 (March/April 1979)]



Mrs. and Mr. Prentice, Mark Schulman, Mrs. Bryant, Brian Potter, Mr. Bryant (1965 Canadian Championship)

We only have one game played by George Bryant, a loss to the man who would share the BC Championship later that spring with Jack Taylor, Tauno Saila.

Saila, Tauno – Bryant, George H. [D05] Vancouver CC ch Vancouver, 1953

1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Bb2 e6 5.d4 Nf6 6.Nbd2 a6 7.c4 b6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.Rc1 Bb7 10.0-0 0-0 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Ne4 Be7 14.Qe2 f5 15.Ng3 Bf6 16.Nh5 Bxb2 17.Qxb2 Nf6 18.Nf4 Qe7 19.Bc4 Nd8 20.Nd4 Bc8 21.Nxf5 Qb7 22.Nd6 Qe7 23.Nxc8 Rxc8 24.Bxa6 Rb8 25.a4 Kh8 26.Qe5 Nd7 27.Rc7 Ra8 28.Qb5 Rf7 29.Rd1 1-0

Saila, Tauno - Prentice, John G. [A06] Vancouver CC ch Vancouver, 1952

1.Nf3 d5 2.b3 Nd7 3.Bb2 Ngf6 4.e3 e6 5.d4 Bd6 6.Nbd2 b6 7.Bd3 Bb7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Rc1 Ne4 10.Ne5 f5 11.c4 Rf6 12.c5 bxc5 13.Nxd7 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 Rh6 15.Nf3 Bg3+ 16.Kg1 Bxf2+ 17.Rxf2 Rh1+ 18.Kxh1 Nxf2+ 19.Kg1 Nxd1 20.Nxc5 Nxb2 21.Nxb7 Qe7 22.Be2 Qa3 23.Rxc7 Qxa2 24.Nc5 Na4 25.Nxe6 Qxe2 26.Nfg5 Qd1+ 27.Kh2 Qh5+ 28.Kg1 Qh6 29.bxa4 Qf6 30.Kf2 h6 31.Rxg7+ Qxg7 32.Nxg7 Kxg7 33.Ne6+ Kf6 34.Nf4 Rd8 35.Kf3 Rd6 36.Ke2 Kg5 37.Kd3 Ra6 38.Nxd5 Rxa4 39.Nc3 Rb4 40.e4 fxe4+ 41.Kxe4 a5 42.Ke5 a4 43.d5 a3 44.d6 Rb3 45.d7 Rb8 46.Ke6 Kg4 47.Kd6 Kg3 48.Kc7 Rh8 49.d8Q Rxd8 0-1

Prentice, John G. - Macskasy, Elod [E80] City CC op Vancouver, 1961

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 a6 6.Be3 e6 7.Qd2 0-0 8.g4 Nc6 9.Bg5 h6 10.Be3 e5 11.d5 Nd4 12.h4 Nd7 13.Bxh6 Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Nc2+ 15.Kd1 Nxa1 16.g5 Re8 17.h5 Nf8 18.hxg6

Nxg6 19.Nge2 c6 20.Ng3 Qb6 21.Bd3 Qe3 22.Be2 Bg4 23.Nf5 Bxf5 24.exf5 Qd4+ 25.Kc1 Qf4+ 26.Kb1 Qxf5+ 27.Ne4 cxd5 28.cxd5 f6 29.gxf6 Re7 30.Rh5 Qxh5 31.Qxh5 Rh7 32.Qxg6+ Kh8 33.Qg2 Rg8 34.Qf1 and Black resigned within a few moves. 1-0

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