

## **BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #15**

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Stephen Wright

### **VANCOUVER REGIONAL CHESS CHALLENGE**

153 students took part in this annual event at BCIT, each playing within their own grade. After five rounds and playoffs where necessary, the trophy winners for each grade were as follows:

Grade 1: Alex Sabaratnam, Owen Chen, Christopher Li Grade 2: Jack Cheng, Alexandra Botez, Narek Bobloyan Grade 3: Marko Mitrovic, David Choi/Diana Durbalau, Julian Katz Grade 4: Duncan Dauvergne, Mihai Costea, Angelo Graffos Grade 5: Bryan Young, Kyle King, Matthew Kwan Grade 6: Noam Davies, Danny Yu, Charlie Yan Grade 7: Brad Wong, Tiffany Tang, Laura Harper Grade 8: Lara Heppenstall, Mihai Beschea, Robby Carlson Grade 9: Lucas Davies, Andrey Kostin, Jamie Harper Grade 10: Ilan Keshet, Gary Yip, Jervyn Ang Grade 11: Alexey Lushchenko, Lawrence Bau, Glen Nogayev Grade 12: Gavin Atkinson

The tournament also has a team element: the best five individual results for each school were combined towards a school trophy. In the elementary category Our Lady of Perpetual Help again came out on top with 18, but with only a one-point margin over second place Florence Nightingale; other school scores were Queen Mary - 14, Quilchena - 11.5 and Maple Grove - 11.

The secondary division was disappointingly lacking in entrants, but the trophy was won by David Thompson Secondary with 14 points, ahead of Sir Winston Churchill on 9 .

### **DEVIANT LEISURE INVITATIONAL (February 22-23)**

This event came down to an exciting last round finish. Geoffrey Ruelland disposed of George Kosinski to reach 3.5/5; and leader James Chan was forced to play on against William Jung because Seid Hee and out-of-form (distracted?) TD Vas Sladek were involved in an epic endgame. By the time Vas Sladek blundered, James Chan's position was ruined, which left Geoffrey Ruelland and Seid Hee tied for first at 3.5/5. Both George and William are coming out of long retirements and I look forward to seeing more of them in local events.

Thank you to Polaris Water for providing free refreshments and to Chess First! Enterprises for providing CD prizes to all participants.

Look for more round robins later this year. Call Vas at 604-787-4553.

Crosstable: Deviant Leisure Invitational

William Jung - James Chan [C01], Deviant Leisure Inv'l (5), 23.02.2003

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Bb5+ c6 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.h3 Bh5 8.0-0 Ne7  
9.Re1 Nd7 10.c3 Qc7 11.Be3 0-0-0 12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nb6 14.Nbd2 h6 15.Qb3  
Nbd5 16.Bxd5 Nxd5 17.a4 g5 18.Ne4 f5 19.Nc3 Nxc3 20.Qxc3 g4 21.hxg4 Bxg4  
22.Ne5 Rhg8 23.Bf4 Kb8 24.b4 Rc8 25.Rac1 Qg7 26.Qg3 Ka8 27.Rc4 Qf8 28.Qc3 Qg7  
29.Qg3 Qe7 30.Qc3 Qh4 31.Bg3 Qf6 32.b5 f4 33.bxc6 fxg3 34.cxb7+ Kxb7 35.Qb3+  
Ka8 36.Rxc8+ Bxc8 37.Qd5+ Kb8 38.Rb1+ Bb4 39.Rxb4+ Kc7 40.Rc4+ Kb8 41.Nd7+  
Bxd7 42.Qxg8+ Kb7 43.Qxg3 Bc6 44.Qb3+ Ka6 45.Qa3 Kb7 46.Rb4+ Ka8 47.Qg3 Qf8  
48.Qb3 Qe8 49.Qd1 Qg8 50.f3 Qg5 51.d5 Bxd5 52.Rb5 Qe3+ 53.Kh1 1-0

NICK BEQO

Nick Beqo has updated his website with more annotated games: [Nick Beqo's Website](#)

CHESS AT THE B.C. ARCHIVES

A few years ago, as part of my research into B.C. chess history, I did a keyword search on "chess" on the website of the B.C. Archives in Victoria.

The search retrieved several matches, one of which was a reference to the personal papers of one Max Enke. Consultation of an online finding aid revealed two relevant items:

Note books - chess, statistics, weather observations

Note books, four sheaves of papers in envelopes, one clipping

Well, thought I, they are probably worth looking at at some point, if I'm lucky maybe there will be a game or two.

When I did finally visit Victoria some months later I was thrilled to discover around 340 games of Mr. Enke!! There were two note books, one with 51 games played in Belgium in the 1930s, the other containing some 210 games played while Enke was interred during World War Two. The "sheaves of papers in envelopes" turned out to be scoresheets, 80 of them, neatly folded vertically down the middle and inserted into envelopes. These were games played by Enke in Victoria in the 1920s; these 80 are more B.C. games than I have collected from all other sources combined for that time period. In other words, the Max Enke papers are a veritable gold mine in terms of chess history.

Who was Max Enke? I will present a detailed biography in an upcoming Bulletin, but basically he was a Victoria businessman who was B.C. champion in 1925 and 1926. Below is probably his best game, which was instrumental in helping him win the 1925 championship. The notes are by Enke himself (original annotations in the B.C. Archives) and Thomas Piper (published in Daily Colonist, June 28, 1925).

Barker, William - Enke, Max [B02] B.C. chp, Vancouver, 18.04.1925

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.Nc3

Piper: In the New York tourney 1924 Maroczy vs. Tartakower there occurred the following: 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 exd6 6.Nc3 Bf5 7.Be2 Be7 8.Be3 N8d7 9.Nf3 O-O 10.b3 Nf6 11.O-O Re8 12.h3 with White for choice.

4...d6 5.f4 dxe5 6.fxe5 Nc6 7.Nf3 Bg4 8.c5 Nd5 9.d4 Qd7

An immediate attack on the centre by b6 would seem the best here, if White replies by 10.Qa4 then 10...Nxc3 and if 11.Qxc6+ Bd7 wins the queen and Black has a better position after 12.Qxa8 Qxa8 13.bxc3 bxc5 14.dxc5 e6. An attack by 11.bxc3 Bd7 12.Bb5 bxc5 13.e6 leads nowhere for White.

10.Bc4 e6 11.0-0 Be7 12.Nxd5

To protect his weak pawn on d4 by blocking the file for Black.

12...exd5 13.Bb3 0-0 14.Be3 Rad8

To protect his d-pawn before withdrawing Nb8 to prepare for an attack on the kingside by f6 and then intending to bring the queen into the game along the diagonal e8-h5. It however leaves White a chance to pin the knight on to the queen. Na5 seems better than the text move.

15.Qe1 Both covering the square on his QR5 and threatening an attack commencing by Qg3.

15...b6

Piper: instead of 15...b6 Mr. Enke agrees that 15...f6 was stronger and if 16.exf6 Bxf6.

16.cxb6 axb6 17.Qg3

If 17.Ba4 (with the intention of 18.Rac1) - then 17...Ra8 18.b3 Rfb8 and White is forced to exchange bishop for knight.

Piper: White missed a chance here, 17.Ba4 gave him the better game, if Black replies 17...Qe8 then 18.e6 and 19.Ne5.

17...Bh5 18.a3? Na5 19.Bd1 c5 20.Rc1 Nc4 21.Qf2 f6

21...Rc8 with threat of Bxf3, Nxe3, cxd4 and Bc5 with win of exchange could be parried by 22.Kh1. The text move is a further attack on the centre and brings the KR into play.

22.b3 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 Bxf3 24.Rxf3 fxe5

This leaves Black with a stronger centre than by playing 24...cxd4 to which White could have answered 25.e6.

25.dxe5 Qe6 26.Bc2 c4 27.b4 Rde8 28.Rh3

This loses a move as White having to check the advance of the Black centre has no time for a successful attack on the king's wing. Black's reply parries the attack and prepares a support for the B at g5.

28...h6 29.Re1 Bg5 30.Qc3 Rf4 31.Bb1 d4 32.Qc2 d3 33.Qc3 b5 34.Ba2 Ref8  
35.Qxd3 Kh8

Black being short of time overlooked the better line of 35...Qb6+ forcing  
36.Kh1 (if 36.R(either)e3 Rf1+ 37.Q(or R)xf1 Bxe3+ 38.R(or Q)xe3 Qxe3+ 39.Kh1  
Rxf1 mate) 36...Kh8 37.Qe2 Rf2 winning the bishop.

36.Rg3

White also being short of time played a weak move. However there was already no defence left, 36.Qd6 being met by 36...Qf7 37.Rf3 Rxf3 38.gxf3 Qxf3 39.Qd4 Rf4 40.Qb2 Rg4+ etc. (39.Qc5 or b6 39...Bh4 and if R leaves the rank Qf1 mates; if R leaves the file Bf2+ wins the queen.

36...Qb6+ 37.Qe3 Rf1+ 0-1

Piper: Mr. Enke's counterattack from move 18 is a skillful concentration upon the opponent's most important line of operations and of the simultaneous employment of this accumulated force. In game No. 44 of Chess of Today Em.

Lasker, 27-year world's champion, was outplayed in the opening by the chess schoolmaster, Dr. Tarrasch. Mr. Enke modelled his development upon the game [editor: Lasker-Tarrasch, Maehrisch-Ostrau 1923].

30 YEARS AGO . . . by Bruce Harper

Today's look back is from the preliminary round of the 1973 B.C.

Championship. The format used that year was to put the top 16 players in four balanced groups of four players each, then play a double round-robin.

The top finisher from each of the four groups advanced to the finals, which was also a double round-robin. The winner of the finals was the B.C.

Champion.

With the B.C Championship having degenerated into a Swiss last year, I recommend this format to the powers that be. If they can use the double round-robin format at Linares (which I believe is considered to be a serious tournament), why not here? Having 16 players in the B.C. Championship would meet the 21st century test of "inclusiveness" (you could even give the players who didn't qualify a participation medal), while the player who finished first would have played all his or her main competitors. The logistics aren't bad as well - most players would only play 6 games (manageable on a long weekend), while the four finalists could play at the same time as an open tournament.

Today's game was played in one of the semi-final events. Jonathan Berry, playing White against Alex Wood, showed not only that he knows some main line theory, but that on occasion he will actually play it!

Berry-Wood, 1973, B.C. Championship Semi-finals

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?!

The first slip. It is too early to commit the bishop. Either Black should exchange with 12...cxd4 or bring his knight back into the centre with 12...Nc6, depending on whether he likes open or closed positions.

13.dxe5?!

White returns the favor. He should leave the centre unresolved and continue with 13.Nf1.

13...dxe5 14.Nf1 Rac8?!

At this point it is clear that both players are faking it to a certain extent (who doesn't?), and Black is faking it more than White. Black's a5-knight is a problem and he should bring it into play via c4.

15.Ne3 Rfd8 16.Qe2 g6?

Here is where Black really goes off the rails. With 16...c4!, Black has play on the queenside and White's attack on the kingside is a long way off.

17.b3!

Now Black's play on the queenside is shut down and White can cut loose on the kingside.

17...c4 18.b4 Nb7 19.Nh2 h5 20.g4

Not exactly subtle.

20...hxg4?! 21.hxg4 Bf8 22.g5 Nh5 23.Nd5 Qd6 24.Ng4 Bxg4?!

Every Black capture on g4 seems to make things worse.

25.Qxg4 Re8 26.Bd1! Be7 27.a4!

Opening a second front.

27...Ra8 28.Qh4 Kg7 29.Bxh5

White has things figured out.

29...Rh8 30.axb5 Rxh5 31.Qg4 Rah8 32.Rxa6 Rh1+ 33.Kg2 Rxe1 34.Rxd6 Bxd6 35.Bd2

This is the position White foresaw on move 29, when he exchanged his bishop. White has a slight material advantage, but his real superiority lies in the fact that his pieces coordinate well, especially his queen and knight, while Black's remaining forces are separated and disorganized.

35...Ra1 36.Qd7! Rb8 37.Be3 Bf8 38.Nc7 Nd8 39.Ne8+ Kg8 40.Nf6+ Kg7 41.Qh3 1-0

Even though Black has two rooks and White has none, White's attack down the open f-file decides the game. White's threat of 42.Qh7 mate cannot be stopped.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Individual Chess Matches

Players interested in participating in rated individual chess matches with other players of comparable or dissimilar ratings can contact Luis E. Azmitia at: [azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca)

Please make sure to include in the e-mail: your name, your rating, type of game preferred (i.e. active), and the rating range of possible opponents. Note that the games will be held in the Vancouver area.

Upcoming junior events:

April 5 Fraser Valley Secondary Regional Chess Challenge April 13 Vancouver Grand Prix #7 April 13 Victoria Regional CYCC April 19 Provincial Chess Challenge May 3-4 Provincial CYCC

For details visit British Columbia Chess Federation or Greater Victoria Junior Chess

#### Empires Fall Invitational

Date: April 4-6, 2003

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: regular 6-player RR

Times: 6:30/10, 3/10, ASAP

TC: FIDE 90+30

EF: \$30

Prizes: 1st \$130 plus ChessBase magazine CD

Reg: interested players e-mail [chessfm@shaw.ca](mailto:chessfm@shaw.ca) TD & Org: Vas Sladek, 604-982-0611

Misc: no smoking, CFC membership required

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Enterprises [www.northshorechess.com](http://www.northshorechess.com)

#### Spring Saturday Chess Fever

Date: April 12, 19, 26, May 3, 10

Location: at the Bridge Centre 2776 East Broadway, Vancouver

Rds: 5

Type: Regular Swiss

Time: Games start at 1:00 p.m.

Time Control: 30/90 G/60

Entry Fee: \$25, \$20 for Juniors and Masters

Prizes: \$\$ BEN CFC Rated

Org: James Kerry 778-773-2761 and Luc Poitras 604-438-0496

#### English Bay FIDE Tournament

Date: April 25-27, 2003

Place: SPEC, 2150 Maple Street, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: Regular 6-player RR, CFC & FIDE rated

Times: 6:30pm/10am, 4pm/10am, ASAP

TC: 120+30

EF: \$40 FIDE rated, \$50 FIDE unrated

Prizes: 1st \$140 plus FREE entry into Keres Open and Fritz 8 software, all players receive CB CD prizes

Reg: interested FIDE rated players and ambitious unrated players please

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Misc: no smoking

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### 28th Paul Keres Memorial Tournament

Dates: Friday May, 16th to Monday, May 19th 2003

Location: Plaza 500 Hotel, 500 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver

Sections: Open, Under 2000, Under 1600

Time Control: 40/120, SD/60

Rated: Open: FIDE + CFC, Others: CFC

Rounds: Open: 7 Rounds, Others: 6 Rounds Round Times: 5:30PM (Open only),  
10,4/10,4/9,3 or ASAP

Prizes: 1st Open \$1.200 Guaranteed

1st Under 2000, \$1.100 Guaranteed

1st Under 1600, \$1.000 Guaranteed

Top Unrated \$ 200 Guaranteed

Additional Prizes dependant on Entries

Entry Fees: Prior to March 31st, 2003 \$ 99 Prior to April 30th, 2003 \$125 Prior to May  
15th, 2003 \$135 At Site \$150

Note: \$15 surcharge for players below 2000 CFC wanting to play in The Open Section.  
US\$1=CAN\$1.40

Discounts:

Born after June 1st 1983: 50%

Fide rated players w/o Titles 25%

Fide Titled Players FREE Entry

Registration: Mail cheques made payable to the BCCF, to: Lyle Craver, Treasurer BCCF,  
PO Box 15548, Vancouver, BC V6B 5B3 At Site: Friday Noon to 6PM, Saturday  
8:00AM to 9:30 AM No cheques are accepted at site, cash only.

TDs: Ms. Lynn Stringer, Mr. Mark Barnes, Mr. Lyle Craver

Organizer: Peter Stockhausen for the BCCF

Misc: The BCCF Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, May 18,  
between rounds.

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### Kelowna Summer Fest

Dates: July. 5 & 6, 2003

Type: 5 Round Swiss

Times: 9/2/7; 9/asap

Place: Sandman Inn Kelowna B.C. 2130 Harvey Ave across from Orchard Park Mall  
(250) 860-6409

Entry: \$25, \$20 Seniors, \$15 Juniors Non CFC pay entry + \$12

Prizes: BEN



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