

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #36

A mixture of good and bad news to start the New Year - hope you enjoy this issue.

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Stephen Wright

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CHESS IN CALGARY (with thanks to Vas Sladek)

Yes, you read it correctly - Calgary. So why is the BCCF Bulletin covering events in Alberta? Well, the chess scene in B.C. has been pretty quiet over the holidays, but a number of B.C. players participated in tournaments held to the east:

Western Canadian New Year's Open

This series of events attracted over 45 players. The 24-player Open tournament was won by Greg Huber with 5.0/6; North Vancouver native Vas Sladek finished with 4 points, good enough to tie for fourth place. Kevin Breel of Victoria won the U1400 junior round robin with a perfect 5/5, while one of the adjunct events was a bughouse tournament directed by Ben Daswani.

Brian Millar - Vaclav Sladek [E11] Western New Year's Open Calgary (2), 02.01.2004 [Deep Junior 8.ZX (4s)]

33.Nd3? [Black has a winning position and now has a good move at his disposal. What's the move?] [33.Nd2-+]



33...Nxd5! 34.exd5 A pinning theme [34.cxd6 Qxd6 35.Kc2 Rxf2 36.Nxf2-+] 34...Bxd3 Eliminates the defender d3 35.Qxd3 Rxf2 36.Nd2 Rgg2 37.Nf1 [37.cxd6 Rxd2+ 38.Qxd2 Rxd2+ 39.Kxd2 Qxd6 40.Ke2 Qxd5 41.Rd1 Qc4+ 42.Ke1-+] 37...Rg1 38.cxd6 Rgxf1+ [38...Qxd6 39.Rc2 Rgxf1+ 40.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 41.Ke2 Ra1 42.a3 Qg6 43.Rb2 Qg1 44.Rb1 Qxb1 45.Kd2 Ra2+ 46.Kc3 Qc2#] 39.Qxf1 Rxf1+ 40.Kd2 Qxd6 [40...Rf2+ 41.Ke1 Qh4 42.dxc7 Rxh2+ 43.Kd1 Rh1+ 44.Kc2 Qh7+ 45.Kb2 Rxc1 46.Kxc1 Qxc7+ 47.Kb2 h2 48.d6 Qxd6 49.Kc2 h1Q 50.a4 Qhd1+ 51.Kb2 Qe2+ 52.Ka1 Qdd1#] 41.Rxf1 Qxd5+ 42.Kc3 Qc4+ [42...Qc4+ 43.Kd2 Qxf1-+] 0-1

Vaclav Sladek - Nenad Ristic [D29] Western New Year's Open Calgary (3), 02.01.2004
 [Deep Junior 8.ZX (8s)]
 35.Nxf4



[White got completely outplayed in this game. Can you find Black's next move?][35.Nxg4 Bxg4 36.Nxf4-+] 35...g3+! [Now it's all clear: Black takes on f4 and penetrates on the h file, 0-1] [35...exf4?! 36.Nxg4 Bxg4 37.hxg4-+; 35...gxf4?! 36.Nxg4 Bxg4 37.fxg4-+] 36.Kg2 gxf4 37.Nf5 [37.Ng4 Bxg4 38.fxg4 b4-+] 37...Bxf5 38.exf5 Rh7 [better is 38...b4!? 39.Rcc1 c3 40.Qe2-+] 39.Rcc1 Kg7 40.Re2 [40.Be4-+] 40...Reh8 41.Rh1 Nf7 [41...Nf7 42.b4 cxb3-+] 0-1

Greg Huber - Nenad Ristic [D00] Western New Year's Open Calgary (5), 04.01.2004
 [Fritz 8 (7s)]
 1.d4 d5 2.Bg5 c6 3.Nf3 Qb6 4.b3 Bf5 5.e3 Nf6 6.Bxf6 gxf6 7.Bd3 Bg6 8.0-0 Bg7 9.Nh4 e5 10.Nf5 Bf8 11.Qg4 Nd7 [11...h5 12.Qh3=] 12.a4 [12.c4 dxc4 13.Bxc4 h5=] 12...0-0-0 13.a5 Qc7 14.c4 Kb8 15.cxd5 cxd5 16.a6 b6 17.Ra2 e4 [better is 17...h5!? 18.Qh4 e4 +=] 18.Rc2+- Nc5 19.Bb5 Qc8 [19...h5 20.Qh3 Qc8 21.Qg3+ (21.dxc5?! Bxf5 22.Qh4 bxc5= (22...Bxc5?? 23.b4+-)) 21...Ka8 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.Nh4+-]

20.Qf4+ [20.dxc5?! Qxf5 21.Qxf5 Bxf5 22.cxb6 axb6] 20...Ka8??
 [20...Qc7 21.Qxc7+ Kxc7+-] 21.dxc5
 bxc5 22.Nd4! Bd6 [22...cxd4 Exploits the pin 23.Rxc8+ Theme: Double
 Attack] 23.Qxf6 Rhg8 [23...Qc7
 24.Bc6+ Kb8 25.Bxd5 Bxh2+ 26.Kh1+-] 24.Bc6+ Kb8 25.Bb7 Qg4 [25...Qd7
 26.Nc6+ Kc7 27.Nc3+-] 26.Nc6+
 Kc7 27.Nc3 Bh5 [27...Qe6 28.Nxd8 Qxf6 29.Nxd5+ Kxd8 30.Nxf6 Rf8+-]
 28.Nxd5+ Kd7 29.Ne5+ [29.Ne5+
 Ke8 30.Nxg4 Rxg4 31.Bc6+ Kf8 32.Qxd8+ Kg7 33.Qf6+ Kg8 34.Qxd6 Bg6
 35.Nf6+ Kg7 36.Nxg4 h5 37.Qf6+
 Kh7 38.Bxe4 c4 39.Qxf7+ Kh8 40.Qf8+ Kh7 41.Nf6#] 1-0

Canadian Junior Championship

This 9-round, 19-player event was held in Calgary January 2-6. For some reason the organizers have not seen fit to make the final results available on the internet (at least not at the time of going to "press"), but these were the scores after 8 rounds:

7.5 - Zhe Quan (ON)
 7.0 - Fanhao Meng (BC)
 5.5 - Victor Kaminski (AB)
 4.5 - Daniel Kazmaier (AB), Noam Davies (BC), Samuel Lipnowski (MB),
 Anastasia Kazakevich (AB),
 Ben Daswani (BC)
 4.0 - Raja Panjwani (ON), Wylon Wong (ON), Trevor Vincent (MB), Lucas
 Davies (BC), Andrew Boik
 (AB)
 3.5 - Cornelia Dinca (AB), Thomas Kaminski (AB), Jordan Palmer (ON)
 2.5 - Jason Hutchison (NB), Sadiq Juma (ON)
 2.0 - Arthur Baser (AB)

It is know that Quan won his last round game to claim the title of junior champion with 8.5/9, his only draw being with Fanhao Meng. Fanhao obviously placed second, but we will have to wait for the final scores and hopefully some games.

DR. RODOLFO ERIC PLANAS (April 1, 1915 - December 26, 2003)



Gerhard Neufahrt:

Yes, my closest friend for the last 17 years, Rodolfo Planas, passed on to the next phase of life during the night of Dec.26-27, 2003 at the age of more than 88 years. His birthday was April 1, the so called foolsday. But, believe me, this great man was no fool (at least not most of the time - ha,ha). We became friends in 1986 meeting at chess tournaments and quickly joined as chess partners, travelling together to countless tournaments all over North America - often by car for thousands of miles, and sometimes even my wife came along. He learned chess only in his late 60's, but when in good form even beat an expert once in a while.

There was an incredible harmony and meeting of minds between us, facilitated by having 3 languages in common: German, Spanish and English (he also was fluent in French, where I couldn't keep up with him at all). He was born in Bremen, Germany, myself in nearby Hamburg, but he had a Spanish father and as a young child grew up in Barcelona. Therefore I soon nicknamed him "Don Quijote" and one morning in a hotel somewhere, instead of calling him "Don Quijote de la Mancha", I called him "Don Rodolfo de la plancha" (meaning someone who always "falls on his face"). Well, he almost died with laughter, good humoured as he always was.

He truly was like that Spanish knight and nobleman "Don Quijote" of Cervantes' world famous masterpiece.

A real "caballero" (meaning so much more in Spanish than just gentleman) was Rodolfo: high moral principles, honorable, and above all extremely generous. Always compassionate towards people that were struggling in life and not as well off as he was. Example: we were sitting in the car waiting to board the ferry to Victoria and it was pouring hard, cold winter rain, when a young woman newspaper vendor approached, Rodolfo rolled down the window and said: "paper please," and handed her a \$20 bill, "keep the change" were his next words and he added: "anybody that has to work so hard in this kind of weather, deserves a little extra." Well, you should have seen her face. I could tell dozens of those stories.

If "Don Quijote" fits him, I don't mind to have been his "squire," friend and sidekick like "Sancho Panza."
He loved the "royal game" and was ready to jump on a plane or into the car at any given moment to go to tournaments. We had already planned to drive to California for the Western Class

Championship in the middle of January. It was supposed to be one of our last "faraway" trips. Well, he did go on a "faraway" trip, alone this time and too far for me and all those that knew and loved him. It still hurts. The chess world and for that matter the rest of the world lost a great "caballero."

Peter Stockhausen:

Rodolfo's father was Spanish and his mother was German. He grew up in the vicinity of Barcelona and went to the University of Zurich (Switzerland) where he obtained a PhD in Economics. He worked for a few years in a bank in Barcelona but then worked for the Swiss Pharmaceutical company Hoffmann La Roche for many decades. He was posted in Spain, Germany, Switzerland and from the early 50s in New York city. Upon his retirement he and his wife moved to Kelowna in the late 70's.

Amongst his lifelong passions was tennis. He played competitively till he turned 70. He started playing chess in 1985 after his wife of 40 years passed away.

I'm not sure how much chess he played before that but he mentioned to me that he knew Hans Kmoch personally.

Rodolfo was extremely well read and had particular interests in history, politics, sociology, literature and poetry. He spoke Catalan, Spanish, German and English flawlessly. We spent many hours in animated discussions. If it is true that "great minds discuss ideas.." then he was truly blessed with a great mind.

Rodolfo remained amazingly active even in his later years, traveling at least twice a year to Europe. Beside playing in tournaments in BC he played regularly in Las Vegas, Los Angeles and Seattle. I had the good fortune of going with him to a number of tournaments in BC as well as the Canadian Opens in Edmonton in 1989 and Windsor in 1991(?).

Rodolfo was a gentlemen in the true sense of the word and very generous. His financial contributions helped to bring the 1999 Canadian Open and the 2002 Canadian Closed to Vancouver.

Chess in BC has lost a great fan and friend.

Jason Feng:

It is with a heavy heart that I must say farewell to my good friend Rod Planas. It will be strange going to a chess tournament in BC and not seeing him there.

What I will treasure most about my friend was his kindness and generosity. I still remember the 1994 Canadian Open in Winnipeg. I had decided (I really don't know why) to attend the tournament, but instead of taking a flight from Vancouver, I would experience the Greyhound bus ride. The ride lasted a torturous 31 hours, and when I arrived at the site for preregistration, I was in a state of disarray. And who was one of the first face that I would see but that of Rod (who went to the tournament with Bruce Meharg). I told him about my trek for the last two days and he immediately told me that he would be more than happy to give me a ride back to Kelowna. The idea sounded wonderful, and I returned by offering to share driving duties with him and Bruce. As it turned out, I did none of the driving, and spent most of the time asleep at the back of the car. I wanted to at least offer some sort of monetary thanks for driving me, but as most of Rod's friends know, he would never have anything to do with "monetary thanks." One of the toughest accomplishments in the world is to treat Rod to dinner or coffee, as he would never accept it.

Another thing that sticks in my mind about Rod was his passion and love of chess, game after game and tournament after tournament. Whether he had won the last game brilliantly or lost it atrociously, he would play the next game with the same desire. I know after I lose a bad game (or a series of them), I would think about quitting chess. But not Rod; he loved the game so much his result and rating were totally irrelevant.

He had already made plans to attend a tournament in Las Vegas at the end of December, but passed away a day before. If anything it is fitting that he left us still planning to do what he has loved for so many years.

I feel honored to have met such a fine gentleman. Goodbye my friend, and rest in peace.

Planas,R - Feng,J [C44] Vancouver op Vancouver, 1996
1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Bc4 Bc5 5.c3 d3 6.b4 Bb6 7.Bxd3 d6 8.Nfd2
Qf6 9.Qf3 Nxb4 10.cxb4
Qxa1 11.a3 Qf6 12.Qe2 Ne7 13.Nc4 0-0 14.Nxb6 axb6 15.0-0 Ng6 16.f4 Re8
17.Bb2 Qe7 18.Nd2 Bd7
19.Qe3 c5 20.bxc5 bxc5 21.Qf2 d5 22.e5 c4 23.Bb1 Rec8 24.Bd4 Rxa3
25.Re1 b5 26.f5 Nf8 27.f6 Qe6

28.Qh4 Qg4 29.Qf2 Ne6 30.Bb2 Raa8 31.Bf5 Qf4 32.Qxf4 Nxf4 33.Bxd7 Rc7
34.Bg4 Nd3 35.Ra1 Rxa1+
36.Bxa1 c3 37.Nb3 c2 38.Bb2 Nxb2 39.Nc1 Nd3 40.Nxd3 c1Q+ 41.Nxc1 Rxc1+
42.Kf2 b4 43.e6 fxe6
44.Bxe6+ Kf8 45.fxc7+ Kxc7 46.Bxd5 Rb1 47.Ke2 b3 48.Kd2 b2 49.Kc2 Rh1
50.Kxb2 Rxh2 51.Kc3 Kf6
52.Kd3 Kg5 53.Ke3 h5 54.Kf2 h4 55.Be6 Rxc2+ -

Planas,R - Nathani,K [B01] CAN op Edmonton (3), 09.07.2000

1.e4 d5 2.c3 dxe4 3.Qa4+ Nc6 4.Qxe4 Nf6 5.Qc2 e5 6.d3 Bf5 7.Bg5 Be7
8.Nd2 Qd7 9.f3 0-0-0 10.Ne4
Nd5 11.Bd2 Nf4 12.Bxf4 exf4 13.0-0-0 Be6 14.Qa4 f5 15.Nf2 Bc5 16.d4 Bb6
17.Ngh3 Qe7 18.Bb5 Qd6
19.Rhe1 h6 20.Nd3 g5 21.Nhf2 Ne7 22.Nb4 a5 23.Nc2 c6 24.Bf1 Nd5 25.Nd3
Rhe8 26.Ne5 Bg8 27.Nc4 Qc7
28.Nxb6+ Qxb6 29.Bd3 Be6 30.Re5 Bd7 31.Rde1 Rxe5 32.Rxe5 Rf8 33.a3 g4
34.Bc4 Qc7 35.Qb3 gxf3
36.gxf3 Kb8 37.Kb1 Nb6 38.Bd3 Nd5 39.c4 Nb6 40.Qc3 a4 41.Qd2 c5 42.Rxc5
Bc6 43.Bxf5 Nxc4 44.Qb4
Nd6 45.Be6 Qe7 46.Rxc6 1-0

Haley,P - Planas,R [B15] CAN op Edmonton (10), 16.07.2000

1.e4 g6 2.d4 c6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e5 h5 5.Bd3 Nh6 6.Nce2 e6 7.c3 Nd7 8.Qc2 Nf5
9.Nh3 Be7 10.Bd2 c5
11.Bxf5 gxf5 12.Be3 h4 13.Nhf4 cxd4 14.cxd4 Nb6 15.b3 Bd7 16.0-0 Bc6
17.Qd2 Kd7 18.Nh3 Qg8 19.Bg5
Nc8 20.Kh1 Rh5 21.f4 Qg7 22.Neg1 f6 23.exf6 Bxf6 24.Nf3 Nd6 25.Bxf6
Qxf6 26.Ne5+ Kc7 27.Qa5+ Kb8
28.Rac1 Rh7 29.Ng5 Rc7 30.Qb4 Nb5 31.a4 a5 32.Qd2 Nd6 33.Rc5 Ne4
34.Nxe4 dxe4 35.Rfc1 Ra6 36.Kg1
Qg7 37.Nxc6+ Rxc6 38.Rxc6 Rxc6 39.Rxc6 bxc6 40.Qc3 Qc7 41.g3 h3 42.b4
Qb6 43.b5 cxb5 44.Qb2 b4
45.Kf2 Qc6 46.d5 Qc5+ 47.Ke2 Kb7 48.dxe6 Qc4+ 49.Ke1 Qxe6 50.Qh8 b3
51.Qb2 Qd5 52.Qg7+ Kc6 53.Qf6+
Kc5 54.Qc3+ Qc4 55.Qxa5+ Kd4 56.Qd2+ Qd3 57.Qb4+ Ke3 58.Qb6+ Kf3
59.Qf2+ Kg4 60.a5 Qb1+ 61.Ke2
Qc2+ 0-1

Planas,R - Barabana,P [A45] Winterfest Kelowna (3), 16.02.2002

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 d5 6.Be2 Be7 7.Ngf3 Bd7 8.Ne5
0-0 9.g4 Ne8 10.Bg3 Nxe5
11.dxe5 f6 12.f4 fxe5 13.fxe5 Bh4 14.Nf3 Bxc3+ 15.hxc3 Rxf3 16.Bxf3 Qg5
17.Qd3 g6 18.0-0-0 Qxe5
19.Rh3 Nd6 20.Rdh1 Rf8 21.Rxh7 Rxf3 22.Qxc6+ Kf8 23.Rh8+ Ke7 24.R1h7+
Rf7 25.Qh6 Qf6 26.Qf8# 1-0

Whitman,A - Planas,R [B13] Winterfest Kelowna (5), 17.02.2002

1.e4 c6 2.d4 g6 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 cxd5 5.Be2 Nc6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.c3 h5 8.Re1
Bg4 9.Ng5 Qd7 10.Bxc6 hxc6

11.f3 Nh6 12.fxg4 Nxg4 13.h3 Nh6 14.Nd2 0-0-0 15.a4 Nxd4 16.cxd4 Bxd4+
17.Kf1 Nf5 18.Ndf3 Ng3# 0-1

CANADIAN CHESS HALL OF FAME - from David Cohen

Lynn Stringer of Victoria, BC, is the 2004 inductee into the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame. Mrs. Stringer is a long-time contributor to the Canadian Chess community, as a player, organizer and trustee. She competed in the 1975, 1978 and 1981 Canadian Women's Championships. In addition to organizing many local tournaments, she has also organized the Canadian Women's and Cadet Championships. She also serves as a trustee of the Chess Foundation of Canada. The Canadian Chess Hall of Fame was created in 2000 to honour members of the Canadian Chess community. The 28 inductees are listed on the permanent plaque which resides in the offices of the Chess Federation of Canada in Ottawa.

JANUARY 2004 FIDE RATINGS

The new FIDE ratings list is now out, and seems to include at least three new FIDE-rated players from B.C.:

Jesse Bouvier 2197
Valentina Goutor 1909
Yamei Wang 2125

Congratulations! (Apologies if I missed anyone).

The complete list of B.C. players can be found at <http://www.chess.bc.ca>

PRE-COLD WAR DETENTE

On considering B.C.'s involvement in international chess during the Cold War period, the event that immediately comes to mind is the 6-0 drubbing of Soviet G.M. Mark Taimanov by the American soon-to-be world champion Robert J. Fischer in Vancouver, 1971. However, Vancouver also hosted another international match at the very beginning of the cold war, a team match between members of

the Vancouver Jewish Chess Club (V.J.C.C.) and Soviet naval officers who were stationed in North Vancouver.

The V.J.C.C. only came into existence in the fall of 1945. The club was founded by two ex-Winnipeggers, Dave Creemer (see Bulletin #31 for more on him) and Abe Helman, presumably using the Winnipeg Jewish Chess Club as a model. The catalyst was likely Helman, as Creemer had been living in Vancouver since 1942. A former Manitoba Champion, Helman arrived in Vancouver in 1945 and subsequently won the 1947 and 1948 B.C. Championships before his premature death in 1952 at age forty-four.

"The newly organized Jewish Chess Club will have the rare privilege to be host to a number of Russian Officers of the Red Fleet, who happen to be temporarily stationed in North Vancouver. A friendly chess match with seven players a side is arranged for Wednesday, December 26th, at 7:30 p.m., in the club rooms at the Community Centre. The following are the players of the Jewish team: A. Helman, D. Creemer, F. Atnicoff [sic - Atnikov], W. Sapiro, A. Braverman, W. Eisenstein. Visitors are very welcome."

[Jewish Western Bulletin, Friday, December 21, 1945]

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

"A friendly chess match held between a team of Russian Naval Officers and the Vancouver [Jewish] Chess Club on December 26th, will long remain in the memory of the community as a very pleasant event. Over a hundred spectators followed with great interest and enthusiasm the progress of the games. The match ended with a score of 5-2 in favor [sic] of the V.J.C.C.

The chairman, Mr. D. Creemer, introduced Mr. A. Helman to welcome the Russian players. Mr. Helman reviewed briefly the progress of Soviet chess in the last twenty-five years, and stated that the aim of the newly organized Jewish club is to promote the royal game of chess in the city of Vancouver, and asked for moral support from the general public to assist in building a club that will be a proud asset to the Jewish community.

Refreshments were served after the match and a toast to the Russian team was made by Mr. Robinson. Lieutenant Glotoeunski replied on behalf of the Russians, thanking the club for the welcome extended to them and expressing the hope that there would be another chance for a return match.

He stated that events of this nature help to strengthen the friendship between Canadian people and the Soviet Union."

[Jewish Western Bulletin, Friday, January 4, 1946]

The lopsided victory is not surprising: Helman and Creemer were former Manitoba champions, while Frank Atnikov (another ex-Winnipeg - he played for Winnipeg in a telegraph match with Vancouver in 1927) was a former Winnipeg city champion. Ironically both Helman and Creemer were born in Russia, but emigrated to Canada in the early 1920s due to pogroms and the political upheavals in Eastern Europe after the First World War. During the Second World War the Soviet authorities were too occupied with the war to be thinking much about anti-Semitism, but this changed in 1948 with the fabricated conspiracy known as the 'Jewish Doctor's plot.' So the match was fortunate to take place at just the right historical moment - after the world war but before the cold war and anti-semitism became too intense.

UPCOMING EVENTS

To save space, from now on I will only give basic information for events - date, place, and type. Full details for all the events listed here may be found on the BCCF site, www.chess.bc.ca.

Junior Events

Jan 11 Grand Prix # 4, Vancouver
Jan 11 Island Junior Open # 4, Victoria
Jan 18 Shawnigan Lake School
Jan 25 BCIT Junior Open, Burnaby
Jan 31 Elementary Team Championship, Vancouver

For full details see www.chess.bc.ca or <http://members.shaw.ca/victoriachess/>

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 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.

UBC Tuesday Night Chess January 2004
Dates: January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd
Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 211
Type: 5-round Swiss

Little Mountain's Regular Swiss - January

Dates: January 12, 19, 26 & February 2.
Place: Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, 3981 Main St., Vancouver, BC (near King Edward Ave.)
Type: 4-round Swiss

North Shore Open

Dates: Jan 17-18, 2004
Place: Capilano College, 2055 Purcell Way, North Vancouver, BC
Type: 4-round Swiss

Kamloops Grand Prix #1

Date: Jan. 24, 2004
Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street, Kamloops, B.C.
Type: 4-round Swiss

The Long And Winding Road

Date: January 24-25
Place: Fatima Church (315 Walker St. Coquitlam)
Type: Regular 4-round Swiss

Victoria Winter Open

Date: January 24-25, 2004
Place: UVic HSD Bldg., Victoria
Type: 5-round Swiss

Vancouver Class Championships

Date: January 30 - February 1
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre
Type: 5-round Swiss
Vancouver Saturday Night Chess (1)
Dates: Saturdays February 7, 14, 21, 29 and March 6.
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver
Type: 5-round Swiss

Little Mountain's Regular Swiss - February

Dates: February 9, 16, 23 and March 1.
Place: Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, 3981 Main St., Vancouver, BC (near King Edward Ave.)
Type: 4-round Swiss

UBC Tuesday Night Chess February/March 2004

Dates: February 10th, 17th, 24th, March 2nd, 9th
Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 211
Type: 5-round Swiss

Kelowna Winter Fest

Date: February 14-15th 2004

Place: Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C. Tel: 250-860-6409

Type: 5-round Swiss

Kamloops Grand Prix #2

Date: Feb. 21, 2004

Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street,
Kamloops, B.C.

Format: 4-round Swiss

Little Mountain's Regular Swiss - March

Dates: March 8, 15, 22 and 29.

Place: Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, 3981 Main St., Vancouver,
BC (near King Edward Ave.)

Type: 4-round Swiss

Vancouver Saturday Night Chess (2)

Dates: Saturdays March 13, 20, 27, and April 3, and 17

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo),
Vancouver

Type: 5-round Swiss

UBC Tuesday Night Chess March/April 2004

Dates: March 16th, 23rd, 30th, April 6th, 13th

Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 211

Type: 5-round Swiss

Love Me Tender Open

Date: Saturday, March 27, 2004

Place: Fatima Church (315 Walker St. Coquitlam)

Type: Regular 4-round Swiss

Little Mountain's Regular Swiss - April

Dates: April 5, 12, 19 and 26.

Place: Little Mountain Neighbourhood House, 3981 Main St., Vancouver,
BC (near King Edward Ave.)

Type: 4-round Swiss

B.C. Championship

Dates: April 9-12

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 8-player round robin

Kamloops Grand Prix #3

Date: April 9,10, 2004

Eligibility: for < 2200 only

Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street,
Kamloops, B.C.

Type: 6-round Swiss

What a wonderful world

Date: Saturday April 24

Location: Fatima Church, Coquitlam (315 Walker st.)

Type: Regular 4-round Swiss

29th Paul Keres Memorial

Date: May 21-24 2004

Location: Croatian Community Centre, Vancouver

Type: 6 or 7-round Swiss

<http://www.keresmemorial.com/>

Western Canadian Open

Date: July 9-18 2004

Place: Vancouver Airport Conference Resort

Type: 10 round single section Swiss

Kamloops Grand Prix #4

Date: Sept. 18, 2004

Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street,
Kamloops, B.C.

Type: 4-round Swiss

Kamloops Grand Prix #5

Date: Oct. 23, 2004

Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street,
Kamloops, B.C.

Type: 4-round Swiss

Kamloops Grand Prix #6

Date: Nov. 20, 2004

Place: South Kamloops Secondary School Cafeteria, 821 Munro Street,
Kamloops, B.C.

Type: 4-round Swiss