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JACK TAYLOR MEMORIAL



This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the passing of Jack Taylor, which occurred on September 9th, 1974. A five-time B.C. champion (see below), Jack was a very popular player, and after his death his family sought a suitable way to remember him. They generously donated a beautiful trophy, the Jack Taylor Memorial Trophy, which was originally given to the winners of the B.C.C.F. Diamond Jubilee Tournaments. This annual event began in 1974 to celebrate the founding of the B.C.C.F.; it was one of B.C.'s premier events for a number of years, but declining participation led to its cancellation after the 1978 tournament. The trophy lay unused for several years, until it was decided in 1984 (the tenth anniversary) to hold an actual tournament in memory of Jack Taylor. In 1987 the tournament became an annual event, and has been held continuously ever since.

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

This year's edition of the Jack Taylor Memorial attracted twenty-one players to the University of Victoria. Scheduled for five rounds (three on Saturday, two on Sunday)

with a five-hour playing session per game, the tournament ran into problems on the first day: not many lower-rated players were available at the start, which meant the usual round one mismatches were replaced by hard-fought games of considerable length. Consequently there was insufficient time to hold three games on the Saturday, so round three was cancelled and the tournament became a four-round event.

[Personally I feel it is a bit much to ask players to potentially play more than 10 or 12 hours of chess in a day; either the time control for the first couple of rounds should be shortened, or a round should be held on the Friday night, or the event should be scheduled for just four rounds - ed.]

When all was said and done, Ian Martinovsky and Jack Yoos tied for first with 3.5/4 - they drew with each other and won the rest of their games (although Yoos was fortunate to survive, let alone win, his first round game with Matthew Struthers). Five players scored 2.5 points: Dan Scoones and Paul Brown split the third-place prize, while Noam Davies, Manfrei Aquino and Paul Leblanc tied for the U2000 prizes. Josh Wild came first U1600.

Lynn Stringer directed with her usual energy, despite having suffered a serious fall just before the tournament - we wish you a swift recovery, Lynn! Greg Churchill organized the tournament, which was the second event in the 2004/2005 Island Grand Prix; the third is the Dan MacAdam Memorial in January.

Crosstable and games: <http://www.chess.bc.ca/>

Taylor, John ("Jack") Monteith (July 11, 1907 - September 9, 1974)

Born in Glasgow, Scotland. The Taylor family immigrated to Canada when Jack was fourteen, arriving at Quebec aboard the S.S. Cassandra on July 1, 1922. They first lived in Regina, Saskatchewan, but settled permanently in Vancouver a few years later. After graduating from UBC Jack worked as a traffic manager, initially for the David Spencer Department Store (bought by Eatons in 1948), later for Forsts Ltd. Jack Taylor did not learn to play chess until he came to Vancouver, but progressed so rapidly that only five years later, in 1929, he won the B.C. Championship:

"The victory of Mr. J.M. Taylor by 5-0 proclaims the appearance of a new star in the British Columbia chess firmament. The new champion is a British Columbia University man, twenty-one years of age, and is evidently modest and unassuming, for he asks for explanatory notes to the game and helpful information. His opening is scholarly with considerable combinative power in the middle game, is our verdict." [Thomas Piper, *Daily Colonist*, 14 April 1929]

"Mr. J.M. Taylor gave us the pleasure of his company for a few days. The new champion is well versed in the learning of chess, plays over the classical examples from memory, and has a sound position judgment with combinative powers of a high order. He is a most pleasant opponent, courteous and unassuming in manner, and is a valuable acquisition to British Columbia in general and Vancouver in particular." [Thomas Piper, *Daily Colonist*, 4 August 1929]

Taylor repeated as B.C. Champion in 1930, 1938, and 1945, and tied for first in 1953; he was also Vancouver Champion on numerous occasions. Jack never made much of a mark nationally, always finishing in the lower half of the Canadian Championships he played in (Saskatoon 1945, Vancouver 1951, Winnipeg 1953). However, he did win a number of miniatures in these competitions due to his sharp eye for tactics; he won games in 12 and 10 moves respectively in the 1945 and 1953 competitions. Jack was a very popular player, and was instrumental in the development of the City Chess Club when it was formed as an offshoot of the Vancouver Chess Club in 1948.

"We note with regret the passing of Jack Taylor. Jack loved chess and played a very good game. In 1929, Jack won the B.C. Championship. In his last tournament, Jack came second in the 'A' Section of the B.C. Class Championships in April. However Jack will be remembered most for his candour and cheerfulness; whenever you wanted to see somebody enjoying himself, all you had to do was go and watch Jack Taylor, the man with the smile." [*CFC Bulletin*, January/February 1975]

SILVER STAR CLASSIC (November 13-14, 2004) by Wally Steinke

A smaller than usual field of 11 participated in the annual Silver Star Challenge, Interior Qualifier for the B.C. Closed.

Notable results were Chai Phonchiangkong of Vernon who is rapidly improving and finished undefeated with two draws and 4 points. Chai is invited to the B.C. Closed.

Also, junior Kevin Goodman of Vernon with a rating of 1429 had an outstanding performance of 3.5. Kevin drew one game and defeated two players with ratings at least 400 points higher than his.

Peter Labik lost only once to share first place with 4 points. The A class prize was won by Wally Steinke with 2.5

VANCOUVER JUNIOR GRAND PRIX #3

Thanks to the generosity of Sukhbir Bolina and St. John's school, the third event in this year's junior Grand Prix was held in the school's gymnasium at no cost. The new site attracted forty-five participants, including fourteen St. John's school students. The Open section was smaller than usual but hard fought, with Noam Davies emerging the eventual winner with a perfect score; Lucas Davies came second with 2.5/3, while Ivan Petrov claimed the U1700 prize with the same score. In the U1500 Section Imran Khan came first ahead of Richard Huang; Michael Wee and Stoyan Petrov won the U1200 prizes. The largest section was the Booster, which had twenty-three players; David Choi, Donovan Zhao, and Eric Lerer all won trophies, while medallions were awarded to Steve Noh, Kyle Zheng, Edmond Villeneuve, and James Nantal.

The next event will be on January 9th, 2005 at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

WORLD YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004



Stefan on the left, Tiffany in the centre, Alexandra on the right.

As previously reported, the 2004 WYCC took place in Heraklio, Crete from November 4-14. The Canadian delegation included B.C. players Alexandra Botez (U10G), Tiffany Tang (U14G), and Stefan Trandafir (U14B); they scored 5.5 (43rd out of 84 after tiebreaks), 5 (58th out of 93), and 3.5 (118th out of 123) respectively in the eleven-round event. Congratulations to you all: may this experience stand you in good stead in your future chess endeavours.

Commentary at The Knights chess club site (home club for Alexandra and Stefan):
<http://romanians.bc.ca/modules/tinycontent/index.php?id=13>

Normally only games from the top ten boards in each section are generally available; the following games were provided by our players, with special thanks to Alexandra Botez for her annotations.

Owens,M - Botez,A [A84] WYCC G10 Heraklio (1.17), 04.11.2004 *[Alexandra Botez]*

1.d4 f5 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Qc2 d6 6.Bg5 0-0 7.0-0-0 Qe8 8.Bxf6 Bxf6
9.e4 fxe4 10.Qxe4 Taking with the N might have been better because she'd have a very strong centre and the Q in the centre isn't very good. 10...Qc6 11.Qd5+ [11.Qxc6 Nxc6 12.d5 Ne5] 11...e6 12.Qxc6 I should've taken with the N, 12...Nxc6 13.d5 exd5 14.cxd5 Ne5 followed by Bf5. 12...bxc6 13.g4 d5 [13...e5 14.dxe5 Bxe5 15.Nxe5 dxe5, attacking f2 and g4.] 14.cxd5 I should've taken with the c-pawn to untangle my pawns, but I wanted to keep the N from the b5 square. 14...exd5 15.g5 Bg7 [15...Bxg5+ 16.Nxg5 Rxf2 I could've done this little exchange, but I'd be down a pawn.] 16.Bg2 Bg4 17.Rd3 Nd7 18.Re1 Bxf3 19.Bxf3 Rae8 20.Rde3 Rxe3 21.Rxe3 Bxd4 22.Rd3 [22.Re7!? this move might have given White chances after 22...Rxf3 23.Rxd7 Rxf2 24.Rxc7 Rxh2 25.Rxc6 Be3+ 26.Kd1 Bxg5 27.Rc8+ (27.Nxd5 Rd2+) 27...Kf7 28.Rc7+ Ke6 29.Rxa7 Rxb2 30.Ra6+ Ke5 31.Ra5 Rd2+ 32.Ke1 h5 33.a4 Ke6 34.Ra6+ Kf5 35.a5 d4 36.Nb5 h4 37.Rd6 h3 38.a6 h2 39.Rd5+± Kf6] 22...Bxf2 23.Nd1 Bb6 [23...Bh4! Here I'd win a pawn] 24.b4 Now Ne5 with a fork [24.Ra3]. 24...Ne5 25.Bxd5+ So that White doesn't

lose everything yet. **25...cxd5 26.Rxd5 Nf3 27.h3 Rf5** Hoping she'd trade. **28.Rd8+ Rf8 29.Rd5 Ng1 30.Rd3 Ne2+ 31.Kc2 Nd4+ 32.Kc3** [32.Kd2 Rf2+ 33.Ke3? (33.Kc1 Rxa2) 33...Ne6+] **32...Rf3 33.Rxf3 Nxf3 34.a4 a5** I didn't want White to push a5 [34...Nxc5 35.a5 Bg1 36.Nb2.] **35.Nb2 Bd4+ 36.Kb3 Bxb2 37.Kxb2 axb4 38.a5 Ne5** [38...c5 39.a6 Nd2 40.a7 Nc4+ 41.Kb3 Nb6.] **39.a6 Nc6 40.Kb3 Kf7 41.a7 Nxa7 42.Kxb4 Ke6 43.Kc5 c6 44.h4 Kf5 45.Kb6 Kg4 46.Kxa7 c5 0-1**

Tulay,S - Botez,A [B33] WYCC G10 Heraklio (3.10), 06.11.2004
[Alexandra Botez]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.c4 a6 10.Nc3 Bf5 11.Bd3 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 Be7 13.0-0 [13.Qg3! I thought she would play this because then she would have a strong attack on my kingside. 13...0-0? wouldn't be very good because then White would attack my kingside. (13...Rg8 would ruin my castling, but White wouldn't attack my king and my rook would be facing White's Q and K if White castled kingside. 14.Be3 Nd7 15.0-0-0 Qc7 16.f4 e4 17.Nxe4 Qxc4+ 18.Nc3 Rc8 19.Kb1 Now Black has the initiative) 14.Bh6 g6 15.Bxf8+-] **13...0-0 14.Be3** [14.Qg3 Kh8 planning Rg8.] **14...Nd7 15.Rac1 f5** Taking the centre. **16.f4** This is not such a good move because e4 with a passed pawn with tempo. **16...e4 17.Qd2 Rc8 18.Ne2 Nc5 19.Rc2 Qe8** [19...Nd3 20.b4 or Nc1! Qe8 to start an attack on the kingside. 21.Nc1 Nxc1 22.Rfxc1 Qg6] **20.b4** [20.Rfc1 Now I would play: 20...Nd3.] **20...Nd3 21.Nc1 Nxc1 22.Rfxc1 Qd7** [22...Rc7 23.c5 dxc5 24.d6+-] **23.c5 dxc5 24.bxc5 Rfd8 25.d6 Bf6 26.Bd4 Bxd4+ 27.Qxd4 Rc6** Normally that would be a knight's spot, but I didn't have one. So rook c6 to block her pawns **28.Qb4 Rb8 29.a4** [29.Kf2 b6 30.cxb6 Rxb6 31.Rxc6 Rxb4 32.Rc8+ Kf7 33.R8c7 Rb2+ 34.Ke3 Rb7 35.Rxd7+ Rxd7 36.Rc7 Ke6 **A**] 37.Rc6 Rxd6 38.Rxd6+ Kxd6 39.Kd4 Kc6 40.Kc4 a5 41.a4 h6 42.g3 g5 43.fxc5? hxg5 **A1**] 44.Kd4 f4 45.gxf4 gxf4 46.h4 f3 47.Ke3 Kd6 48.h5 Ke6 49.h6 Kf7 50.h7 Kg7 51.h8Q+ Kxh8 52.Kf2 Kg7 53.Ke3; **A2**] 44.Kd4 **A2a**) 44...Kd6 45.Kc4 (45.Ke3 Kc5±) 45...f4; **A2b**) 44...f4 45.gxf4 (45.Kxe4 fxc3 46.hxc3 Kc5 47.Kf5 Kb4 48.Kxc5 Kxa4 49.Kf4 Kb3 50.g4 a4 51.g5 a3 52.g6 a2 53.g7 a1Q 54.g8Q+) ; **A3**) 44.h4 44...f4 45.hxc5 fxc3 46.g6 g2 47.g7 g1Q; **B**) 37.Kd4 37...Rxd6+] **29...b6 30.Qb3+ Kf8 31.Rc4 a5 32.Qb5** This is clearly a draw. **32...Rb7 33.Rb1 h6 34.Rc2 Kf7 35.Kf1 g5 36.g3 g4 37.Ke2 h5 38.Rc3 Qc8 39.Rcc1 Qd7 40.Rc2 Kf8 41.Rcc1 Kf7 42.Rc2 Kf8 43.Rcc1 Ke8 44.Qb3** [44.Rc2 Qf7 45.Rd2 Kd7 Here now my Q would try to win pawns] **44...Qf7** [44...Ra7 45.Qg8#] **45.Qb5** [45.Qxf7+ Kxf7 46.Rc4 Ke6 47.Ke3 Kd7 48.Kd4 Rb8 **A**] 49.Rh1 bxc5+ 50.Rxc5 Rxd6+ 51.Ke5 Ra8 52.h3 h4? (52...Re6+?! 53.Kxf5 Rf8+ 54.Kg5 e3 55.Rxa5 e2 56.Re1 gxh3) 53.hxc4 fxc4 54.Rxh4; **B**) 49.cxb6 49...Rcxb6 50.Rxb6 Rxb6 51.Ke5 Rxd6 52.Rc5 Ra6 53.Rd5+ Kc6 54.Rd6+ Kb7 55.Rxa6 Kxa6 56.Kd4] **45...Qd7 46.Qb3 Qf7 47.Qb5 Qd7 48.Qb3 Kf8 49.Qb5 Kg7 50.Rc2 Kg6 51.Rcc1 Kf7 52.Rc2 Kf8 53.Rcc1 Ke8 54.Qb3 Kf8 55.Qb5 Kg7** There was nothing to do here. ½-½

Tang,T - Ferry,J [B23] WYCC G14 Heraklio (7.36), 10.11.2004

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 e6 3.g3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.d3 d4 6.Ne4 h6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.Ne2 Nxe4 9.Bxe4 Nd7 10.0-0 Nf6 11.Bg2 Bd6 12.h3 0-0 13.c3 Re8 14.Re1 Rb8 15.Bf4 b6 16.Bxd6 Qxd6 17.cxd4 Bf5 18.Qa4 Bxd3 19.Nf4 Bf5 20.dxc5 bxc5 21.Rxe8+ Nxe8 22.Rd1 Qe5 23.b3

Bc2 24.Rc1 Qb2 25.Re1 Nf6 26.Qxa7 Rd8 27.Qxc5 Qxa2 28.b4 Qb3 29.b5 Rb8 30.Bc6
Ne4 31.Qe5 Rd8 32.Bxe4 Bxe4 33.Rxe4 Rd1+ 34.Kg2 Qb1 35.Ne2 Re1 36.Qf5 Rxe2
37.Re8+ 1-0

**Tang,T - Braggaar,L [C78] WYCC G14 Heraklio (9.35),
11.11.2004**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bc5 7.d3 d6 8.c3 0-0 9.h3 h6
10.Re1 Bb7 11.d4 Ba7 12.a4 Re8 13.axb5 axb5 14.Qd3 Qc8 15.Nbd2 b4 16.Ra4 bxc3
17.bxc3 Nd7 18.Bb2 Bb6 19.Rxa8 Bxa8 20.Ra1 Na5 21.Ba4 Bc6 22.Bxc6 Nxc6 23.Qb5
Na7 24.Qd3 Qb7 25.Ra2 Kh8 26.Nh4 Nc8 27.Nf5 Ne7 28.Qf3 Nxf5 29.Qxf5 Nf6 30.f3
Kg8 31.Kh2 Qc8 32.Qxc8 Rxc8 33.Nc4 Nd7 34.Kg1 f6 35.Kf1 Kf7 36.Ke2 Ke8 37.Kd3
Kd8 38.Ra6 Rb8 39.Kc2 Kc8 40.Ba3 Kd8 41.Kd3 Kc8 ½-½

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Junior Events

Nov. 26-28 B.C. Junior Championship, Vancouver

Dec 12 Victoria City Championship

Kamloops Fall Classic

Date: November 27-28

Location: Village Square, 349 Tranquille Rd., Kamloops, B.C.
Type: 6-round Swiss; http://www.chess.ca/british_columbia.htm

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss

Dates: January 4, 11, 18, 25, February 1
Place: UBC SUB, room 215
Type: 5-round Swiss

Vancouver Team Tournament

Dates: January 15, 16
Place: UBC SUB, rooms 214/216
Type: 5-round Swiss or round robin

Dan MacAdam Memorial

Date: January 22-23
Place: University of Victoria
Type: 5-round Swiss

Daffodil Open

Date: April 23-24
Place: University of Victoria
Type: 5-round Swiss

Island Open

Date: June 11-12
Place: University of Victoria
Type: 5-round Swiss