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### SUSAN POLGAR'S NATIONAL OPEN FOR GIRLS by Andrei Botez



Last weekend Alexandra Botez entered the first edition of the Susan Polgar National Open Chess Championship for Girls, which took place in Corpus Christi, Texas. She played in the grade 3-5 section together with ninety-seven other players. In the four sections there were 213 girls, so far the largest girls tournament in North-American history. In parallel with the main event there was a chess puzzle and a blitz tournament, also Susan Polgar gave a simultaneous display on forty boards. Alexandra tied for 3rd-10th place (8th after tie-breaks) with 5/6, finished 2nd in the puzzle tournament and 5th in the blitz.

As a news flash for Canadian Chess is the fact that Susan's sister WGM Sofia Polgar will move to Canada soon.

Further details

<http://www.chesscafe.com/polgar/polgar.htm> (scroll down)

#### **Polgar,S - Botez,A [D45] Simul Corpus Christi, 27.01.2006**

*[Alexandra Botez]*

**1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6 3. Nc3 c6 4. e3**

In some lines White does not want to develop the bishop along the c1-h6 diagonal, but will build up a centre with b2-b3 and Bc1-b2. Still that bishop looks kind of blocked now.

**4...Nf6 5.Nf3 Bb4 6.Bd2 O-O 7.a3 Bxc3**

7...Be7 was one option, but I did not want to play too defensive; another one could have been 7...Bd6 8.c5 Bc7 9.b4 Nbd7 10.Bd3 e5. This variation is nice because we both are attacking. Will try it some other time.

**8.Bxc3 b6 9.Bd3 Ba6**

Developing the bad bishop. However I should have done that with the intention to exchange it.

**10.b3 b5?? 11.c5!**

It is better for White to block than to exchange here. My move 10 was a positional blunder.

**11...Nbd7 12.b4**

Right now my a6 bishop is out of action.

**12...Re8 13.a4 Qb8** (Of course not 13...bxa4?? 14.Bxa6 drops a piece) **14.Qe2 Ne4**

I did not know what to do to get some play, so I decided to sacrifice a pawn.

**15.Bxe4 dxe4 16.Ng5 Nf6** (16...f5? 17.Qh5) **17.a5 Qc7**

To connect my rooks and bring the a8 rook to the centre.

**18.Qc2 Rad8 19.Nxe4 Nxe4 20.Qxe4 f5**

Weakens the e-pawn. I should have tried to improve my position by bringing Ba6-c8. That bishop is out of play and I kind of forgot about it...

**21.Qf3 Qd7 22.O-O Qd5 23.Qe2**

23.Qxd5 is bad because of 23...exd5 and now it doesn't really matter if Black is down a pawn because it is a blocked position with opposite-colour bishops

**23...Rf8 24.f3 Qb3 25.Rac1 Rd7 26.e4**

Now my Queen looks trapped.

**26...f4**

This pawn seems weak now when I replay the game. I did not like the idea of opening the centre where White has all the pieces waiting for me.

**27.Rfd1 Rfd8 28.Rd3 e5 29.d5!**



**29...cxd5**

Now white wins e5 and gets a pair of passed pawns. The game ends really fast now.

**30.Bxe5 Qa4 31.c6 Re7 32.exd5 Qxb4 33.d6 Re6 34.Qa2 Kf7 35.d7 Qe7 36.Rd6 h6 37.Qd5**

**1-0**

This position is lost for me.

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP 2006

The preliminary round of the 2006 Elementary School Team Championship took place at St. John's School on January 28th. A total of twenty-nine teams from seventeen different schools participated in the five-round Swiss; each team could consist of upto six players, but only four played in each match.

#	Name	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Total
1	St. George's A	W11 [4.0]	W12 [4.0]	W 5 [3.0]	W 2 [4.0]	W 4 [3.0]	18
2	St. George's B	W29 [4.0]	W21 [4.0]	W 3 [3.5]	L 1 [0.0]	W 6 [3.0]	14.5
3	Pauline Johnson	W17 [3.0]	W13 [4.0]	L 2 [0.5]	W18 [3.0]	W 9 [3.0]	13.5
4	Chartwell	D15 [2.0]	D 7 [2.0]	W12 [4.0]	W21 [4.0]	L 1 [1.0]	13
5	Westcot	W16 [3.5]	W 9 [3.5]	L 1 [1.0]	D 6 [2.0]	W11 [2.5]	12.5
6	York House A	W14 [4.0]	D18 [2.0]	W25 [3.5]	D 5 [2.0]	L 2 [1.0]	12.5
7	St. John's A	D20 [2.0]	D 4 [2.0]	D11 [2.0]	W25 [4.0]	W14 [2.5]	12.5
8	York House B	L13 [1.0]	L17 [1.5]	W26 [3.0]	W24 [3.0]	W21 [3.5]	12
9	Nightingale A	W23 [4.0]	L 5 [0.5]	W20 [2.5]	W15 [4.0]	L 3 [1.0]	12
10	Gleneagles	W22 [2.5]	L20 [1.5]	W24 [3.0]	D13 [2.0]	W18 [3.0]	12
11	Our Lady A	L 1 [0.0]	W16 [4.0]	D 7 [2.0]	W20 [4.0]	L 5 [1.5]	11.5
12	St. John's B	W19 [4.0]	L 1 [0.0]	L 4 [0.0]	W29 [4.0]	W26 [3.5]	11.5
13	Caulfeild	W 8 [3.0]	L 3 [0.0]	W22 [4.0]	D10 [2.0]	W16 [2.5]	11.5
14	Osler	L 6 [0.0]	W23 [3.5]	W28 [3.0]	W19 [3.0]	L 7 [1.5]	11
15	Inman	D 4 [2.0]	W22 [3.5]	W18 [2.5]	L 9 [0.0]	W19 [2.5]	10.5
16	Van. Christian B	L 5 [0.5]	L11 [0.0]	W 0 [4.0]	W28 [4.0]	L13 [1.5]	10
17	Edith Cavell	L 3 [1.0]	W 8 [2.5]	L19 [0.0]	W23 [2.5]	W29 [4.0]	10
18	Our Lady B	W 0 [4.0]	D 6 [2.0]	L15 [1.5]	L 3 [1.0]	L10 [1.0]	9.5
19	Beach Grove A	L12 [0.0]	W26 [3.0]	W17 [4.0]	L14 [1.0]	L15 [1.5]	9.5
20	Van. Christian A	D 7 [2.0]	W10 [2.5]	L 9 [1.5]	L11 [0.0]	W25 [3.0]	9
21	Nightingale C	W27 [4.0]	L 2 [0.0]	W29 [4.0]	L 4 [0.0]	L 8 [0.5]	8.5
22	St. John's C	L10 [1.5]	L15 [0.5]	L13 [0.0]	W 0 [4.0]	W24 [2.5]	8.5
23	Ridgeview	L 9 [0.0]	L14 [0.5]	W27 [3.0]	L17 [1.5]	W28 [3.0]	8
24	St. George's C	W28 [3.0]	L25 [1.0]	L10 [1.0]	L 8 [1.0]	L22 [1.5]	7.5
25	Nightingale B	W26 [3.0]	W24 [3.0]	L 6 [0.5]	L 7 [0.0]	L20 [1.0]	7.5
26	Annieville A	L25 [1.0]	L19 [1.0]	L 8 [1.0]	W27 [4.0]	L12 [0.5]	7.5
27	Beach Grove B	L21 [0.0]	L28 [1.5]	L23 [1.0]	L26 [0.0]	W 0 [4.0]	6.5
28	Annieville B	L24 [1.0]	W27 [2.5]	L14 [1.0]	L16 [0.0]	L23 [1.0]	5.5
29	Beach Grove C	L 2 [0.0]	W 0 [4.0]	L21 [0.0]	L12 [0.0]	L17 [0.0]	4

The top six teams were to qualify to the Elementary Finals, to be held in conjunction with the Secondary School competition at West Point Grey Academy on February 25th, but as it turns out three teams tied for the last two qualifying spots with 12.5/20. Rather than applying a tie-break system, we decided the most equitable solution was to invite all seven teams to the Finals (expanding the number of rounds to six instead of five).

Many thanks are due to St. John's School for hosting the competition, and to Sukhbir Bolina and other members of the staff for helping the tournament run smoothly. Thank you also to assistants Elizabeth Towers, Andrew and Alisa Young, and the St. John's business class (for manning a food concession).

## MACADAM MEMORIAL



Held at the University of Victoria on the weekend of January 21-22, this event saw the trend of meagre attendance continue: only eleven players participated, this including TD Lynn Stringer. There are many reasons for not playing, but complacency shouldn't be one of them - don't take your organizers for granted! In fact, Lynn has announced her retirement from running tournaments.

Harry Moore gave up just one draw (to James Chan) en route to first place; Bindi Cheng was second with 3.5/5, just ahead of James Chan and newcomer Charlie Ozkan on 3.

Crosstable: <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200601093>  
More games are available here:

<http://www.chess.bc.ca/danmacadam06.htm>

### **Raymer,E - Brown,P [C01] MacAdam mem Victoria (1.2), 21.01.2006**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 c6 5.Nc3 Nf6 6.Nf3 Be7 7.Be3 0-0 8.c5 Ng4 9.Bd3 Nxe3 10.fxe3 f5 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Qc2 g6 13.h3 Qc7 14.Ne2 Nf6 15.Nf4 Ne4 16.Bxe4 fxe4 17.Ne5 Bg5 18.Qf2 Bxf4 19.exf4 Qe7 20.Qg3 Bf5 21.Qb3 Rae8 22.g4 Bc8 23.Qg3 Qg7 24.Kh2 Re7 25.Rg1 Rfe8 26.Raf1 Qf6 27.f5 g5 28.Qe3 Rxe5 29.dxe5 Qxe5+ 30.Kh1 h6 31.h4 Kf7 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Rg3 Rh8+ 34.Kg1 b6 35.cxb6 axb6 36.Qc3 d4 37.Qb3+ Kf6 38.Rh3 Rh4 39.Rxh4 gxh4 40.g5+ Kg7 41.f6+ Kf8 42.g6 Qg5+ 43.Kh1 Qxg6 44.Rg1 Qf7 45.Qb4+ c5 46.Qxb6 Qd5 47.Qc7 e3+ 48.Rg2 Qb7 49.Qxc5+ Kf7 50.Kg1 Kxf6 51.Qxd4+ Kf5 52.Qg4+ Ke5 53.Qg5+ Kd4 54.Qf6+ Ke4 55.Qxh4+ Kd3 56.b3 Qc7 57.Qc4+ Qxc4 58.bxc4 Be6 59.c5 e2 60.Kf2 Kd2 61.Rg1 Bxa2 62.c6 Bc4 63.c7 Ba6 64.Re1 1-0

### **Jones,C - Cheng,B [B01] MacAdam mem Victoria (2.2), 21.01.2006**

1.e4 d5 2.d3 e5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Ngf3 Nc6 5.c3 Bc5 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 dxe4 8.dxe4 a5 9.a4 Qe7 10.Qc2 Bg4 11.Nc4 h6 12.Be3 Bxe3 13.Nxe3 Bxf3 14.Bxf3 Qc5 15.Rad1 Nd8 16.Nd5 Ne8 17.Qb3 Ra6 18.Rd2 c6 19.Ne3 Nf6 20.Rfd1 Ra8 21.g3 Ne6 22.Qc2 Rfd8 23.Ng4 Ne8 24.Ne3 g6 25.Kg2 Rd6 26.Qb3 Rad8 27.Rxd6 Nxd6 28.h4 h5 29.Qc2 Kg7 30.Rd2 b5 31.axb5 cxb5 32.Rd5 Qc7 33.Rxe5 Nc4 34.Nxc4 bxc4 35.Rd5 Rb8 36.Be2 g5 37.hxg5 h4 38.Qd2 hxg3 39.fxg3 Rh8 40.Bg4 Qc6 41.Bxe6 Qxe6 42.Qd4+ Kg6 43.Qf6+ Qxf6 44.gxf6 Rb8 45.Rxa5 Rxb2+ 46.Kf3 Rb3 47.Ra6 Rxc3+ 48.Kg4 Rc1 49.Rc6 c3 50.Kf3 Rg1 51.Kf4 Rc1 52.e5 c2 53.Kg4 Kh6 54.Rc8 Kg6 55.Rc7 Re1 56.Rxc2 Rxe5 57.Rc6 Re4+ 58.Kf3 Re6 ½-½

### **Chan,J - Moore,H [B49] MacAdam mem Victoria (4.1), 22.01.2006**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Be3 Bb4 9.Na4 0-0 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Nb6 Rb8 12.Nxc8 Qxc8 13.Qd3 d5 14.e5 Nd7 15.f4 Nc5 16.Qd1 Na4 17.Rb1 Be7 18.Qd4 Nb6 19.b3 c5 20.Qd1 Qc7 21.c4 d4 22.Bf2 f6 23.Bg3 fxe5 24.fxe5 Nd7 25.Bg4 Nxe5 26.Bxe6+ Kh8 27.Qh5 Bd6 28.Rxf8+ Rxf8 29.Rf1 Rxf1+ 30.Kxf1 Ng6 31.Qd5 Bxg3

32.hxg3 Nf8 33.Qf5 Nxe6 34.Qxe6 h6 35.Qxa6 Qf7+ 36.Kg1 Qf5 37.Qa8+ Kh7 38.Qf3 Qb1+ 39.Qf1 Qe4 40.Qf3 Qe1+ 41.Kh2 Qc3  $\frac{1}{2}$ - $\frac{1}{2}$

**Moore,H - Brown,P [A94] MacAdam mem Victoria (5.1), 22.01.2006**

1.d4 f5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 e6 5.0-0 Bd6 6.c4 c6 7.b3 0-0 8.Ba3 Bxa3 9.Nxa3 Qa5 10.Nc2 b5 11.Ne5 bxc4 12.bxc4 Nfd7 13.Nxd7 Nxd7 14.Qd3 Rb8 15.Qa3 Qxa3 16.Nxa3 Ba6 17.Rfc1 Rfc8 18.e3 Nb6 19.Bf1 Na4 20.Rab1 Rxb1 21.Rxb1 Nc3 22.Rb2 Na4 23.Rb3 Kf8 24.c5 Bxf1 25.Kxf1 e5 26.Nc2 exd4 27.exd4 Rc7 28.Ne3 1-0

**BCIT JUNIOR SCHOLASTIC OPEN**

The 12th Annual BCIT Junior Scholastic tournament took place on January 22nd and attracted 99 players, including a number from Washington State. There were 25 trophies up for grabs, one for each grade (including Kindergarten) and three to the top-place finishers in each of the four sections. After tie-breaks had been applied the trophy distribution was as follows:

**Kindergarten - Grade 2**

- 1 Janak Awatramani
- 2 John Doknjas
- 3 Harrison Lee

**Grades 3-4**

- 1 Alex Sabaratnam
- 2 Tanraj Sohal
- 3 Donovan Zhao

**Grades 5-6**

- 1 Jack Cheng
- 2 Malina Hapchina
- 3 Foster Tom

**Grades 7-12**

- 1 Lucas Davies
- 2 Clyde Chen
- 3 Thomas Witecki

**Grade Trophies**

- K Frank Wang
- 1 Benjamin Dunnill
  - 2 Izaak Stevens
  - 3 Algerd Karavai
  - 4 Mikayla Chang
  - 5 Alexandra Botez
  - 6 Gabriel Panaitiu
  - 7 Thomas Chow
  - 8 Melissa Jin

9 Vlad Gaciu  
10 Karson Welch  
11 Stoyan Petrov

Crosstables: [http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/BCIT\\_2006.html](http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/BCIT_2006.html)

### 31st PAUL KERES MEMORIAL



**Dates** Friday, May 19 to Monday, May 22, 2006

**Location** Hungarian Cultural Centre, 728 Kingsway, Vancouver BC

**Sections** Open, Under 2000, Under 1600

**Time Control** 40/120, SD/60

**Rounds** Open: 7 Rounds; U2000, U1600: 6 Rounds

**Round Times** Friday 5:30 (Open Section only); 11:30, 5:30 / 10, 4 / 9, 3 or ASAP

**Prizes** Based on entries. Unrated players may play in any section, but are only eligible for prizes if they play in the Open section. Unrated players who place in the other sections will have their entry fee returned.

**Entry Fees** (Open / U2000 / U1600)

Before or on March 30, 2006 \$110 / \$95 / \$80

Before or on May 12, 2006 \$130 / \$110 / \$90

At site \$150 / \$125 / \$100

**Discounts** Born after May 20, 1986: 50% (proof of date of birth required)

Born before May 20, 1941: 50% (proof of date of birth required)

FIDE rated players w/o Titles 25%

FIDE Titled Players Free entry

**Surcharge** \$25 extra for those players who wish to play in the Open Section, but who have a lifetime highest rating under 2000

**Registration** please mail cheques (payable to BCCF) to: British Columbia Chess Federation, PO Box 15548, Vancouver, BC V6B 5B3

**On-site Open Section:** Friday, May 19, 3:00 to 5:00 pm

U2000 and U1600: Friday, May 19, 3:00 to 10:00 pm, Saturday, May 20, 9:00 to 9:30 am

**Those registering after the respective deadlines (5:00 pm Friday for the Open, 9:30 am Saturday for the other sections) will receive pot-luck pairings or a half-point bye in the first round**

**Miscellaneous** CFC rated, Open Section also FIDE rated; half-point byes may be requested for all but the last round; sets and boards provided, please bring clocks. The **BCCF Annual General Meeting** will be held at 9:00 am on Saturday, May 20

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Junior Events**

Feb. 5 Island Junior Open, University of Victoria

Feb. 11 International Chess Jam, Ferndale, WA

Feb. 12 Junior Open, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Feb. 25 School Team Championship Finals, WPGA

Mar. 5 Victoria Regional Chess Challenge

Mar. 25 Vancouver Regional Chess Challenge

Mar. 25-26 Victoria Regional CYCC

Apr. 15 Provincial Chess Challenge

See <http://www.chess.bc.ca/juniorevents.html>

For full details for the events below, see [www.chess.bc.ca](http://www.chess.bc.ca)

### **UBC Tuesday Night Swiss**

Date: Tuesdays - next cycle begins January 10, 2006

Location: Room 213, Student Union Building, UBC

Format: 5-round Swiss

Time control: 2 hours sudden death

Time: 6:30 sharp

Entry fees: \$20 for adults, \$15 for juniors and UBC club members, \$12 under 1100 (excluding unrated)

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### **Chess First! Flex I**

Dates: February 1, 8, 15, 22, March 1

Place: North Vancouver

Details at [www.chessfirst.com](http://www.chessfirst.com)

### **Kelowna Winterfest**

Dates: February 11-12

Place: Best Western Inn, Kelowna

Type: 5-round Swiss

### **February Sunday Open**

Date: February 12

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre

Type: 3-round Swiss

### **Worker's Memorial**

Dates: April 14-15

Place: Village Square, Kamloops

Type: 6-round Swiss