# **BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #222**

Your editor welcomes any and all submissions - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to B.C. players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

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Stephen Wright

#### HERE AND THERE

### **1st Metropolitan International** (August 17-21)

"Metropolitan Chess, Inc. is a new chess corporation in the greater Los Angeles area. We are committed to providing quality tournaments. It is the goal of Metropolitan Chess, Inc. to promote and support the game of chess through community outreach and local, national, and international partnerships. We also aim to increase awareness of the educational value of chess, and ultimately provide greater opportunities for chess players of all strengths in which to learn, develop and grow. To this aim, we run regular GM/IM norm tournaments." (From the corporation website.) As noted, the organization has already run several small norm events, but this was their first major international open. The nine-round Swiss attracted eighty-six players, including repeating British champion Michaels Adams and six Canadians. Adams demonstrated his class by finishing clear first with 7.5, a point ahead of GMs Loek van Wely, Timur Gareev, Robert Ruck, Dejan Bojkov, Mesgen Amanov, and IM Conrad Holt. Top Canadian was Jonathan Tayar with 5.0 points (tied for twentieth-sixth), while Richard Wang, Dale Haessel, and Vancouver's Leon Piasetski were among those players with 4.5. Other familiar names from the Pacific northwest included Michael Lee and Howard Chen. Standings and videos can be found at the linked site, but to date no games have been made available.

# Bowser Builders Supply 2011 Open (August 14)

The third annual Bishops of Bowser tournament featured Jason Cao as a marquee player, but the U10 champion had an off day, losing two of his four games. This allowed Neil Cruden to take first place with a perfect score. Four players tied with 3.0 points, with Rick Martinson coming second after tiebreaks and Jelke Hoekstra third. Jason Cao was the high scorer under fifteen years of age, while Patrick Huang was awarded a prize as the youngest participant. Robert McFetridge was the organizer, Tom Sprandel the TD for the field of fifteen players. Results and photos

#### **Attention Organizers and TDs**

It has recently come to my attention that some organizers and TDs have been incorrectly submitting events for Regular rating that do not meet the minimum time control specified in the CFC Handbook. Please ensure that you specify the time control in your submission and indicate "Regular" or "Active" as defined in Article 711.

**711. Rateable Tournaments.** To be rated under the CFC "standard" rating system the time control must be at least 60 minutes per player for the game (or for 60 moves with increment). To be rated

under the CFC Active rating system the time control must be at least 15 minutes but less than 60 minutes per player for the game (or for 60 moves with increment)."

Paul Leblanc, CFC Rating Auditor

# **PORTLAND CENTENNIAL OPEN** (August 12-14)



Bindi Chena

Loren Laceste

The Portland Chess Club was founded in 1911, and is thus marking its one hundredth anniversary this year. As part of the celebrations an open Swiss was planned; Roger Patterson sends these comments:

"The Centennial Open was supposed to be run at a loss as a showpiece tournament for the centennial of the Portland Chess Club. Instead, they got a blowout crowd of roughly one hundred and eighty people (including a dozen or so from B.C.) to run a surplus to their great surprise - an example of chess planning gone awry! B.C. players did well in the event. Loren Laceste and Bindi Cheng were part of a four-way tie for first in the championship section and Jack Cheng tied for second in the amateur. Side events included a blitz tournament (Bindi Cheng came second) and a clock simul by Susan Polgar."

There are a number of web reports on the event, including an excellent summary at the <u>Idaho</u> <u>Chess Association</u>, <u>Northwest Chess</u>, and the blog of the chief TD, <u>Frank Niro</u>.

#### Roua, Radu Laurentiu - Laceste, Loren [D40] Portland Centennial op (3), 13.08.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.e3 c5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.a3 a5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Bb5+ Bd7 10.0-0 0-0 11.h3 Bf5 12.Nd4 Bg6 13.f4 Be4 14.b3 Na6 15.Na4 Be7 16.Bb2 Nc5 17.Nc3 Qb6 18.Rc1 Rfc8 19.Re1 Bf8 20.Qe2 g6 21.Na4 Nxa4 22.Bxa4 Nh5 23.g4 Ng7 24.Qb5 Qd8 25.g5 h6 26.h4 Qe7 27.Qd7 Qxd7 28.Bxd7 Rd8 29.Rc7 Rab8 30.Bh3 Ne8 31.Rcc1 Bg7 32.Bc3 hxg5 33.hxg5 Ra8

34.Nb5 Bxc3 35.Rxc3 Kf8 36.Rd1 Ra6 37.Rdc1 Nd6 38.Nd4 a4 39.b4 Raa8 40.Bf1 Kg7 41.Rc7 Rh8 42.Ne6+ Kg8 43.Nc5 Rh1+ 44.Kf2 Rh2+ 45.Ke1 Bf5 46.Nd7 Bxd7 47.Rxd7 Nf5 48.Rxd5 Nxe3 49.Re5 Nxf1 0-1

# Lee, Andy C. - Cheng, Bindi [B23] Portland Centennial op (6), 14.08.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 d6 3.f4 g6 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Bb5+ Bd7 6.Bxd7+ Qxd7 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d3 Rc8 9.Kh1 Nf6 10.f5 gxf5 11.Nh4 fxe4 12.Nf5 Rg8 13.Bg5 Bh8 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Nxe4 Bxb2 16.Rb1 Be5 17.c3 b6 18.d4 cxd4 19.cxd4 Nxd4 20.Nxd4 Rc4 21.Qf3 Qg4 22.Nxd6+ Bxd6 23.Qa8+ Kd7 24.Qb7+ Rc7 25.Qd5 Rg5 26.Rf5 Rxf5 27.Nxf5 Qf4 28.g3 Rc1+ 29.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 30.Kg2 Qc6 0-1

# Laceste, Loren - Breckenridge, Steven [E15] Portland Centennial op (6), 14.08.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 d5 6.b3 Bd6 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.0-0 0-0 9.e4 dxe4 10.Ng5 Be7 11.Ndxe4 c6 12.Bb2 Nbd7 13.Qc2 Nxe4 14.Nxe4 Qc7 15.Rad1 Rae8 16.a3 a5 17.Rfe1 Nf6 18.d5 cxd5 19.Nxf6+ Bxf6 20.Bxf6 gxf6 21.Rd4 f5 22.Qd2 f6 23.cxd5 e5 24.d6 Qd7 25.Rd3 Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Rc8 27.Rd1 Kg7 28.Kg1 Rc6 29.Qe3 Re8 30.b4 axb4 31.axb4 Re6 32.Qd2 h5 33.h4 Rc4 34.Rd5 Re8 35.b5 f4 36.Qe2 Rec8 37.R5d2 fxg3 38.fxg3 Rg4 39.Qe3 Qxb5 40.d7 Rd8 41.Rd5 Qa4 42.Kh2 Qe4 43.Qf2 Rg6 44.R5d3 Qc6 45.Rd6 Qc5 46.Qf3 b5 47.R1d5 Qa7 48.Rxb5 Qa2+ 49.Kh3 Qc4 50.Rbd5 Kf7 51.Kh2 Qg4 52.Qf2 Ke7 53.Rd2 Qb4 54.Rb6 Qa3 55.Ra2 Qd3 56.Raa6 Qd4 57.Re6+ Kxd7 58.Qc2 Rc8 59.Rad6+ Qxd6 60.Rxd6+ Kxd6 61.Qxg6 Ke6 62.Qxh5 Rc2+ 63.Kh3 Rf2 64.Qe8+ Kf5 65.h5 e4 66.h6 Rf1 67.Kg2 Rb1 68.h7 e3 69.h8Q 1-0

#### 1951 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP



Standing: Creemer (chairman, organizing committee), Hays, Ridout, Holowach, Russell (T.D.), Jursevskis, Millar, Taylor; sitting: Yanofsky, Vaitonis, Anderson, Fox, Bohatirchuk, Divinsky

It was exactly sixty years ago that the first Canadian championship to be held on the Pacific Coast took place. Following John Ewing's debut in the 1924 Championship in Hamilton there were plans to hold the 1925 championship in Vancouver, but these never came to fruition. A substantial fundraising drive was undertaken to provide sufficient funds to sponsor the 1951 event, resulting in a final total of just under \$1,700. Of this, \$500 was submitted by John Prentice, one of the first of his many financial donations to the chess community. In the previous championship (held in Arvida, Quebec, in 1949) Maurice Fox had won the national title for a record eighth time (subsequently matched by Yanofsky). He had managed to stave off the challenge of the young Canadian stars Yanofsky (already four-time champion) and Anderson, as well as the immigrant players Vaitonis (Lithuania) and Bohatirchuk (Ukraine, Soviet champion in 1927). The question was, could he repeat this performance?

"Sessions of play will be daily except Sunday, August 26, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., with adjournments being played on the following mornings from 9 o'clock to 12 noon. Registration and directions, 10 a.m., Friday, August 24. Ceremony and luncheon, Hotel Vancouver, 12 noon, August 24. Defending champion's travelling expenses paid. Accommodations to all participants paid. First prize, \$300; second prize, \$200; third prize, \$120; fourth prize, \$80; fifth prize, \$60; sixth prize, \$20. Plus bonuses to all remainder for winning points; brilliancy prize and prize for shortest game, etc. Banquet for all guests and open to the public will take place at the Hotel Vancouver Saturday, September 1: \$2.50 per plate." [Daily Province, Saturday, August 25, 1951]

24 /	August - 1 September	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1	Vaitonis, Paul (ON)	*	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	101/2
2	Anderson, Frank (ON)	1/2	*	0	1	1	1/2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10
3	Bohatirchuk, Feodor (ON)	0	1	*	1	0	1	1	1	1/2	1	1/2	1	1	9
4	Yanofsky, Abe (MB)	1/2	0	0	*	1	1/2	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	8
5	Divinsky, Nathan (MB)	0	0	1	0	*	1	1/2	1/2	1	1	1/2	1	0	61/2
6	Fox, Maurice (PQ)	0	1/2	0	1/2	0	*	1	1/2	1	1	1/2	0	1	6
7	Jursevskis, M. (BC)	1/2	0	0	0	1/2	0	*	0	1	1	1	1	1	6
8	Yerhoff, Frank (SK)	0	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	1	*	0	1/2	1/2	1	1	5
9	Taylor, Jack (BC)	0	0	1/2	0	0	0	0	1	*	1/2	1	1	1	5
10	Hayes, Rea (SK)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1/2	1/2	*	1	0	1	4
11	Holowach, Walter (AB)	0	0	1/2	0	1/2	1/2	0	1/2	0	0	*	1	1	4
12	Ridout, Howard (ON)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	*	1	3
13	Millar, Charles (BC)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1

Main Mezzanine Floor, Hotel Vancouver, Vancouver

"Final results of the Canadian Chess Championships, held in Hotel Vancouver last week, were announced today. Paul Vaitonis, a cost accountant in Hamilton, Ont., won the title Saturday. The 40-year-old immigrant finished with a total of 10½ points to nose out young Frank Anderson of Toronto by half a game. Dr. Feodor Bohatirchuk of Ottawa was third with 9. Vaitonis' win gave him first prize money of \$300 and possession of the Drewry Cup, symbol of the championship. Vaitonis fled Russian rule of his native Lithuania in 1944 because "all the time you're afraid. Even if you don't do anything wrong you never know when they'll arrest you." He was scheduled to go to Sweden in a small boat, but this boat and his proposed companions were blasted by bombs in a raid. Vaitonis managed to get aboard another ship, scheduled to run the high-explosive gauntlet, and successfully reached Sweden. He married there in 1948 and came to Canada the following year. After a year's work on a farm he took up cost accounting. He has played chess since he was five, but has no real love of tournament chess. "I like better to play a good game with my friends," he says." [Daily Province, Tuesday, September 4, 1951]

"The wind-up of the tournament was a banquet at the hotel in the evening. The visiting players and guests were entertained by the amusing remarks of W.T. Money M.C., followed by a sing-song conducted by R.A. Douglas at the piano. The visiting players expressed their appreciation to the tournament committee for the perfect arrangements and are hoping to return to Vancouver to participate in an International Tournament if it can be arranged." [Daily Province, Saturday, September 8, 1951]

#### **Cumulative Scores**

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1	Vaitonis	1/2	В	1	2	3	4	5	5½	61/2	71/2	8½	91/2	10½	10½
2	Anderson	1/2	1½	2½	3½	41/2	5½	6½	71/2	81/2	9½	10	10	В	10
3	Bohatirchuk	1	2	2	2½	3½	41/2	5	6	7	8	В	9	9	9
4	Yanofsky	0	0	1/2	В	1/2	11/2	21/2	31/2	41/2	5½	6½	71/2	8	8
5	Divinsky	0	1	2	2	2	2	3	В	4	41/2	5	5½	6½	61/2
6	Fox	1	1	2	21/2	3½	4	4	5	В	5	5½	5½	6	6
7	Jursevskis	В	1	2	3	3	3	3	3½	3½	41/2	5	6	6	6
8	Yerhoff	1/2	11/2	21/2	3	3	3	3	3	3½	4	4	В	5	5
9	Taylor	1	2	2	21/2	21/2	21/2	21/2	3	3	В	4	4	5	5
10	Hayes	0	0	0	0	1	В	1	11/2	2	2	3	3	4	4
11	Holowach	1/2	1/2	В	11/2	21/2	3	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	4	4	4
12	Ridout	0	0	0	0	В	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3
13	Millar	1	1	1	1	1	1	В	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

The championship quickly turned into a race to see if anyone could catch Frank Anderson, who established a substantial lead by scoring 9½ out of his first 10 games. The only other players in the race were Vaitonis and Anderson; Yanofsky lost his first two games (to Bohatirchuk and Anderson), and a further loss to Hayes in round 5 eliminated him from contention. However, Yanofsky could be forgiven his lack of concentration - he was on his honeymoon at the time!

The exciting race came right down to the wire, as the championship was not decided until the last adjournment of the final round. In round 11 Anderson drew for only the second time, giving him 10 points and a 1½ lead over Vaitonis. However, because of the odd number of participants it was necessary for each player to receive a (unscored) bye. Vaitonis had already passed that hurdle and Bohatirchuk had the bye in round 11, but Anderson's bye was in the last round, meaning that he had to amass as many points as he could and then hope nobody could overtake him. In round 12 Bohatirchuk beat Anderson, setting up the decisive last-round encounter between Bohatirchuk and Vaitonis. Vaitonis won, allowing him to pass Anderson by half a point.



The banquet

A few games - the remainder can be found in BCBASE:

### Bohatirchuk, Feodor - Yanofsky, Abe [C00] CAN ch Vancouver (1.6), 24.08.1951

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 Ne7 3.f4 d5 4.d3 c5 5.Nf3 Nbc6 6.c3 g6 7.Na3 Bg7 8.Qf2 b6 9.Be2 a6 10.0–0 Bd7 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Rac1 0–0 13.Qh4 f6 14.Nc2 Rad8 15.Ne3 f5 16.e5 h6 17.Kh1 Be8 18.Nd1 d4 19.c4 Qa7 20.Nf2 Kf7 21.Rg1 Rh8 22.g4 Qb7 23.h3 Nb8 24.Kh2 Bc6 25.Qg3 Rdg8 26.b4 Nd7 27.bxc5 bxc5 28.Rb1 Qc7 29.gxf5 exf5 30.h4 Bf8 31.Qh3 Ke6 32.Ne4 Bxe4 33.dxe4 Kf7 34.Bd3 Ke8 35.h5 Qc6 36.Rbe1 fxe4 37.Bxe4 Qa4 38.hxg6 Bg7 39.Qe6 Rf8 40.f5 Qxa2 41.Bc6 1–0

#### Bohatirchuk, Feodor - Anderson, Frank [A03] CAN ch Vancouver (12.7), 30.08.1951

1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Be2 Bxf3 5.Bxf3 Nbd7 6.d4 Ne4 7.c4 c6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.0–0 Ndf6 10.Nc3 Qd7 11.Qd3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 e6 13.c4 Be7 14.c5 0–0 15.Ba3 Rfc8 16.Rfc1 Rc6 17.Qb3 a6 18.Rab1 Rb8 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Bd1 Bf8 21.Ba4 b5 22.Bd1 Ne4 23.Bb4 Qc8 24.Ba5 Nd6 25.Bc2 Ne4 26.a4 f5 27.Rb2 g5 28.Rcb1 gxf4 29.exf4 Bh6 30.g3 Bg7 31.axb5 Rxc5 32.dxc5 Qxc5+ 33.Kg2 Qf2+ 34.Kh3 Bxb2 35.Rxb2 Qg1 36.Ba4 Rf8 37.Bc3 Nf2+ 38.Rxf2 Qxf2 39.bxa6 Ra8 40.Bb5 Kf7 41.Qd4 1–0

#### Vaitonis, Paul - Bohatirchuk, Feodor [A42] CAN ch Vancouver (13.2), 31.08.1951

1.d4 d6 2.c4 Nd7 3.Nf3 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.g3 Nh6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.b3 f6 10.h3 Nf7 11.Be3 Re8 12.Kh2 Nf8 13.Qd2 Ne6 14.d5 Nc7 15.Ng1 c5 16.Nge2 Bd7 17.Rab1 b6 18.a3 f5 19.b4 f4 20.gxf4 Qh4 21.f3 exf4 22.Bxf4 Be5 23.bxc5 Bxh3 24.Bxe5 Bxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Rxe5 26.f4 Rh5 27.Rh1 Qg4+ 28.Ng3 Rxh1 29.Rxh1 bxc5 30.Rf1 Rb8 31.e5 dxe5 32.Nce4 Ne8 33.fxe5 h5 34.e6 Nfd6 35.Rf4 Rb2 36.Rxg4 Rxd2+ 37.Nxd2 hxg4 38.Nge4 Nb7 39.Kg3 Kg7 40.Kxg4 Ned6 41.Kf4 Kf8 42.a4 Nf5 43.Kg5 Kg7 44.Nb3 Nfd6 45.Nxd6 Nxd6 46.Nxc5 Nxc4 47.Ne4 Kf8 48.Kf6 Ke8 49.e7 1-0

### 2011 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

- 1. The 2011 B.C. Championship will be an 8-player round robin, held on the Thanksgiving Day weekend at the SFU Campus in Burnaby.
- 2. The following players qualify for the Championship:
- a. The 2010 B.C. Champion.
- b. The 2010 B.C. Junior Champion (subject to 2c below)
- c. The highest finisher in each qualifying tournament who has not already qualified for the Championship and who has held a regular CFC rating of 2000 or higher at some point. Qualifying events:

Grand Pacific Open
Paul Keres Memorial
B.C. Open
Langley Labour Day Open

- d. The remaining qualifying spots will be filled from the last CFC rating list to be published at least six weeks before the Championship. To qualify by rating, a player must have played in at least one regular-rated tournament since the 2010 Championship.
- e. If a player who has qualified through criteria 2.a.-d. is unable or unwilling to play in the Championship, additional players would be taken from the rating list as set out in 2.d.
- 3. All participants in the Championship must have resided in B.C. for at least six months prior to the start of the Championship.
- 4. The following prizes will be provided by the BCCF:
- a. First place: \$300.b. Second place: \$200.

"Participants in the BC Closed must be members of the CFC. A tournament membership is not allowed for this tournament."

Current qualifiers: Jack Yoos, Tanraj Sohal, Loren Laceste, Maxim Doroshenko, John Doknjas. Highest rated players not otherwise qualified, as of August 24:

2419	Tarek Toubale	2307
2342	Harry Moore	2279
2323	Alfred Pechisker	2265
2322	Lucas Davies	2217
2308	Brian McLaren	2178
	2342 2323 2322	2342 Harry Moore 2323 Alfred Pechisker 2322 Lucas Davies

#### **Langley Chess Club Labour Day Open**

#### Last qualifier for the 2011 B.C. Championship!

Date: September 3 - 5, 2011

Location: Brookswood Senior Centre, 19899 -36 Ave, Langley, BC

Format: 6 Rounds

Time Control: 90 minutes each, with 30 second increments

Round Times Sat: Rnd 1: 10am, Rnd 2: 4pm | Sun: Rnd 3: 10am Rnd 4: 4pm | Mon: Rnd 5: 9am

Rnd 6: 3pm or ASAP

Type: Open, Rated, membership required

Entry Fee: \$70, Family Rate: Parent Pays Full Rate, Children Pay Just \$15 each, Free Entry for

Players Rated 2300 or above

Prizes: Based on entries and sponsorship. Please contact us if you wish to be a sponsor.

Registration: Please mail cheques (payable to The Langley Chess Club, c/o Hugh Long) to: 23810-52 Ave, Langley, B.C. V2Z 2P3. On-site registration: Saturday, September 3, 9:15 am to 9:50 am .

Or you can securely pay online using your credit card (Paypal account is NOT needed) to:

http://www.langleychess.com/2011-Open.htm

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

#### **Junior**

http://www.bcjuniorchess.com/calendar/ http://victoriajuniorchess.pbworks.com/Tournament-Schedule

# **UBC Thursday Night Swiss**

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 460 (starting August 11), 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia entry fee \$21 adult, \$16 junior Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

#### Labour Day Open

September 3-5, Langley

Details: http://www.langleychess.com/2011-Open.htm

#### **Active Olympiad Fundraiser**

September 17, Victoria

Details: http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#activefundraiser

#### **September Active**

September 18, Vancouver

Details: http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#septactive

# **EAC Chess Arts Open #9**

September 24-25, Surrey

Details: http://eacchess.com/eac-tournaments/eac-chess-arts-club-rated-tournament-9/

### **October Active**

October 2, Vancouver

Details: http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#octactive

# Vancouver Open

October 8-10, Surrey

Details: http://eacchess.com/eac-tournaments/2011-vancouver-open-chess-tournament

### **EAC Chess Arts Open #9**

October 29-30, Surrey

Details: http://eacchess.com/eac-tournaments/eac-chess-arts-club-rated-tournament-10/

### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

November 12-13, Victoria

Details: tba