

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #106

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### WORLD JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP

The World Junior Championship continues in the Armenia capital of Yerevan until October 16. The two Canadian participants, Bindi Cheng and Nikita Kraiouchkine, were paired together in today's round nine. Bindi won, giving him 3.5/9 to Nikita's 2.5.

Pairings and results can be found at <http://www.armchess.am/>, along with PGNs of the top thirty boards from each round.

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### B.C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP



Howard Wu

Brian McLaren, Jonathan Berry with booty

Maybe it was the full moon on Friday night, but this year's B.C. Championship had a number of unusual features. With a rating spread of barely two hundred points all the participants were fairly evenly matched; this led to a large number of draws at the beginning of the event. For the

first five rounds the combatants only averaged one decisive game per round. This wasn't for lack of trying - many of the draws were long and hard fought. After five rounds the two former champions, Jonathan Berry and Dragoljub Milicevic, retained a slim lead over the rest of the field, but the title was still very much anyone's for the taking.

This set up the dramatic final day of competition, a delayed blood-letting which resulted in six decisive games in two rounds. After five successive draws, Alfred Pechisker and Brian McLaren each finally won in round six to join the leaders, and Howard Wu survived a technicality to down Berry and set up a five-way tie(!) for first going into the last round. As fate would have it, four of the leaders faced each other in this final showdown. Wu chalked up the full point after a rapidly-played ending against Milicevic; he was joined some time later by McLaren. This left Berry, who had sustained pressure against Pechisker. After some adventures a king and pawn ending was reached; Pechisker thought for a few seconds and resigned, not realizing that the position was in fact a draw. Wu, McLaren, and Berry are thus B.C. co-champions for 2006 - congratulations to all! The total point spread between first and last places was only two points, an indication of how hard-fought and even the competition was.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Wu, Howard	2186	*	=	1	1	=	0	=	1	4.5
2	McLaren, Brian	2220	=	*	=	=	=	1	1	=	4.5
3	Berry, Jonathan	2295	0	=	*	=	1	=	1	1	4.5
4	Milicevic, Dragoljub	2118	0	=	=	*	=	1	=	=	3.5
5	Pechisker, Alfred	2278	=	=	0	=	*	1	=	=	3.5
6	Davies, Lucas	2178	1	0	=	0	0	*	=	=	2.5
7	Jiang, Louie	2090	=	0	0	=	=	=	*	=	2.5
8	Patterson, Roger	2165	0	=	0	=	=	=	=	*	2.5

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Cumulative scores								
1	Wu, Howard	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.5	4.5
2	McLaren, Brian	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.5	4.5
3	Berry, Jonathan	0.5	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.5
4	Milicevic, Dragoljub	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	3.5
5	Pechisker, Alfred	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.5	3.5
6	Davies, Lucas	0.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
7	Jiang, Louie	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.5
8	Patterson, Roger	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5

T.D. Lynn Stringer, organizer Stephen Wright

This is the first time in the history of the B.C. championship that we have had triple champions. The only other three-way tie on record was in 1969 between Peter Biyiasas, Alan Ludgate, and Ray Kerr, but in those years the champion qualified for the Canadian Closed so a playoff was necessary. (Kerr declined, Biyiasas beat Ludgate, and the rest is history.) With this win Jonathan joins a select company of fifteen individuals who have won the title

three or more times (see below) As he himself noted, in 1994 he won the championship outright, in 2000 he tied for first with Milicevic, in 2006 it was a three-way tie, so in 2012 ...

A selection of games - all the games may be found on the BCCF website, [www.chess.bc.ca](http://www.chess.bc.ca):

**McLaren,B - Berry,J [A00] BC ch Vancouver (1.3), 06.10.2006**

1.g3 e5 2.Nf3 e4 3.Nd4 Nc6 4.Nxc6 dxc6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.d3 Bf5 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bxf6 Qxf6 9.Nc3 Bb4 10.Qd2 0-0-0 11.a3 Bxc3 12.Qxc3 Qxc3+ 13.bxc3 Rhe8 14.Kd2 c5 15.c4 Rd6 16.Rhe1 b6 17.Kc3 h5 18.Rad1 e3 19.fxe3 Rxe3 20.Kd2 Rde6 21.Be4 R6xe4 22.dxe4 Rxe4 23.Rf1 Be6 24.Rf4 Rxc4 25.Rxc4 Bxc4 26.e3 b5 27.Rb1 c6 28.e4 a5 29.c3 Kd7 30.Ke3 Ke6 31.Rb2 Ke5 32.h4 Be6 33.Rd2 b4 34.cxb4 cxb4 35.axb4 axb4 36.Rd8 b3 37.Rb8 c5 38.Rb5 Kd6 39.Kd3 f6 40.Rb7 g5 41.Kc3 gxh4 42.gxh4 Ke5 43.Re7 f5 44.exf5 Kxf5 45.Rg7 Kf4 ½-½

**Berry,J - Jiang,L [A17] BC ch Vancouver (2.2), 07.10.2006**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Nbd7 5.Nf3 c5 6.d5 exd5 7.exd5 Be7 8.Bd3 Ne5 9.Nxe5 dxe5 10.0-0 0-0 11.Re1 Bd6 12.Bg5 h6 13.Bxf6 Qxf6 14.Ne4 Qd8 15.Re3 f5 16.Nxd6 Qxd6 17.f3 f4 18.Re2 Bf5 19.Qc2 g6 20.Rae1 Rae8 21.Be4 a6 22.a3 Kg7 23.Qc3 b5 24.b3 Re7 25.Bxf5 Rxf5 26.g4 fxg3 27.hxg3 Qf6 28.f4 b4 29.axb4 cxb4 30.fxe5 Qg5 31.Qe3 Qg4 32.e6 Rf3 33.Qe5+ Kh7 34.Re3 Rf5 35.Qe4 Qg5 36.d6 Re8 37.d7 Ref8 38.e7 1-0

**Wu,H - Pechisker,A [A53] BC ch Vancouver (2.4), 07.10.2006**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.Be2 0-0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.d5 Nc5 9.Qc2 a5 10.Be3 b6 11.Nd2 Bd7 12.b3 Ne8 13.a3 f5 14.f3 f4 15.Bf2 g5 16.b4 Na6 17.Rfb1 g4 18.fxg4 h5 19.gxh5 Qg5 20.h4 Qh6 21.c5 axb4 22.c6 bxc3 23.cxd7 Nf6 24.Bxa6 Rxa6 25.Qxc3 Ra7 26.Qh3 Qxh5 27.Qe6+ Qf7 28.a4 Nxd7 29.Qg4 Nf6 30.Qe2 Rfa8 31.Qc4 Ng4 32.Nf3 Bf6 33.Rb5 Qe7 34.Qc6 Nxf2 35.Kxf2 Bxh4+ 36.Ke2 Bf6 37.Rb4 Rf8 38.a5 bxa5 39.Rb7 Rxb7 40.Qxb7 Qh7 41.Kd3 Bd8 42.Rxa5 Qh1 43.Ra2 Qc1 44.Qa7 c5 45.dxc6 Qxc6 46.Qa4 Qxa4 47.Rxa4 Kf7 48.Ra7+ Ke6 49.Rg7 Be7 50.g3 fxg3 51.Rg6+ Bf6 52.Rxg3 d5 53.exd5+ Kxd5 54.Nxe5 Bxe5 55.Rh3 Ra8 56.Rh5 Ra3+ 57.Kc2 Rg3 58.Rf5 Ke4 59.Rh5 Rc3+ 60.Kd2 Rc6 61.Rh7 Bf4+ 62.Ke2 Rc2+ 63.Kd1 Rd2+ 64.Ke1 Rb2 65.Kd1 Be3 66.Rd7 Rh2 67.Rd8 Bd4 68.Kc1 Kd3 69.Kb1 Rb2+ 70.Kc1 Ra2 71.Rb8 Rc2+ [71...Rf2 wins.] 72.Kb1 Kd2 73.Rb4 Bc3 74.Rd4+ ½-½

**Jiang,L - Pechisker,A [B15] BC ch Vancouver (5.2), 08.10.2006**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.Nf3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.c3 Nd7 10.Be3 Nf8 11.h3 f5 12.Qc2 f4 13.Bd2 Qf6 14.Rfe1 Bd7

15.Rxe8 Rxe8 16.Re1 Rxe1+ 17.Bxe1 g5 18.Qe2 Ng6 19.Nd2 Bc7 20.Ne4  
Qe7 21.Nc5 Bc8 22.Qxe7 Nxe7 23.Ne4 h6 24.Nf6+ Kf8 25.c4 Bb6 26.Bc3 Nf5  
27.d5 cxd5 28.cxd5 Bd8 29.Ne4 Be7 30.Be5 b6 31.Bb5 Bd8 32.b4 Nh4  
33.Nd6 Bxh3 34.Nb7 Bxg2 35.Bd6+ Kg7 36.Nxd8 Bxd5 37.a3 Nf3+ 38.Kf1  
h5 39.Bc6 Bc4+ 40.Kg2 Ne1+ 41.Kg1 b5 42.Be4 f5 43.Bxf5 Nf3+ 44.Kh1  
Bd5 45.Be6 Be4 46.Bh3 Nd2+ 47.Kg1 Kf6 48.Bc8 Nc4 49.Bc5 a5 50.bxa5  
Nxa5 51.Bb4 Nb3 52.Bb7 Bd3 53.Nc6 g4 54.Bd6 Kf5 55.Ne7+ Ke6 56.Bb4  
Nc1 57.Bd5+ Ke5 58.Bc3+ Kd6 59.Bb4+ Kc7 60.Nc6 Ne2+ 61.Kg2 f3+  
62.Kh1 Nf4 63.Ne5 g3 64.Nxf3 gxf2 65.Nd2 Nxd5 66.Ba5+ Kd6 67.Kg2 f1Q+  
68.Nxf1 h4 69.Nd2 Bf5 70.Bd8 h3+ 71.Kh2 Ne3 72.Nf3 Kd5 73.Be7 Kc4  
74.Bg5 Kd3 75.Be7 Bc8 76.Bd6 Ke4 77.Ng5+ Kd5 78.Bf4 Nf1+ 79.Kg1 h2+  
80.Bxh2 Nxh2 81.Kxh2 Kc4 82.Ne4 ½-½

**Davies,L - Wu,H [B26] BC ch Vancouver (5.3), 08.10.2006**

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.d3 e5 6.Be3 d6 7.Qd2 Nd4 8.Nd1  
Nf6 9.c3 Nc6 10.h3 Be6 11.f4 0-0 12.Nf3 c4 13.Nf2 cxd3 14.0-0 Bc4 15.b3  
Ba6 16.Rad1 Re8 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.Ne1 Qa5 19.Nexd3 Qc7 20.c4 b6 21.g4  
Nd7 22.g5 Rad8 23.Ng4 Re6 24.Qf2 Rf8 25.Bc1 Nd4 26.Ba3 Nc5 27.Nb4 Bb7  
28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.cxd5 Rd6 30.Qh4 Ne2+ 31.Kh2 Nf4 32.Bb2 f6 33.Rxf4 exf4  
34.gxf6 Bxf6 35.Bxf6 h5 36.Be5 f3 37.Bxd6 Qxd6+ 38.e5 Qb8 39.Qg5 hxg4  
40.Qxg6+ Kh8 41.Qh5+ Kg7 42.Rd4 1-0

**Davies,L - McLaren,B [B85] BC ch Vancouver (7.2), 09.10.2006**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.0-0 Be7 8.a4 b6  
9.f4 Qc7 10.Kh1 Nbd7 11.Bf3 Bb7 12.Qe2 Rc8 13.Bd2 g6 14.g4 e5 15.Nb3  
Qc4 16.Rae1 Qxe2 17.Rxe2 h6 18.f5 g5 19.Kg2 Rc4 20.Nc1 0-0 21.h4 Nh7  
22.Nd3 Rfc8 23.Rff2 Kg7 24.h5 Nhf6 25.Kg3 b5 26.axb5 axb5 27.Be1 b4  
28.Nd5 Bxd5 29.exd5 e4 30.Nxb4 exf3 31.Rxe7 Ne5 32.Rxe5 dxe5 33.Rxf3  
Rxc4+ 34.Kh2 Rxb4 35.Bxb4 Rxc2+ 36.Kg1 Rxb2 37.Bc3 Rb1+ 38.Kg2 Nxd5  
39.f6+ Kf8 40.Bxe5 Ke8 41.Ra3 Kd7 42.Ra6 Rb6 43.Ra8 Nxf6 44.Rh8 Nxh5  
45.Kf3 Re6 46.Kg4 Nf6+ 0-1

**Berry,J - Pechisker,A [D03] BC ch Vancouver (7.3), 09.10.2006**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bg5 Bg7 4.Nbd2 d5 5.e3 0-0 6.c3 Nbd7 7.h3 Re8 8.Bf4  
c5 9.Be2 cxd4 10.cxd4 Ne4 11.0-0 e5 12.dxe5 Nxd2 13.Qxd2 Nxe5 14.Bxe5  
Bxe5 15.Nxe5 Rxe5 16.Rfd1 Qe7 17.Bf3 Be6 18.Rac1 a6 19.Qd4 Rf5 20.Rc5  
Rd8 21.b4 h5 22.h4 Rd6 23.Rdc1 Qf6 24.Qxf6 Rxf6 25.a3 b6 26.Rc7 Bf5  
27.Rd1 Be4 28.Be2 b5 29.Rc5 Rfe6 30.f3 Bf5 31.Kf2 Re5 32.f4 Re7 33.Rcxd5  
Rde6 34.Bd3 Rxe3 35.Bxf5 gxf5 36.R1d3 Rxd3 37.Rxd3 Kg7 38.Rd6 Re6  
39.Rxe6 fxe6 40.Ke3 Kf7 41.Kd4 Kf6 42.g3



1-0 (42...e5+! 43.fxe5+ Ke6 is sufficient to draw.)

### **Milicevic,D - Wu,H [A00] BC ch Vancouver (7.4), 09.10.2006**

1.g3 c5 2.Bg2 Nc6 3.Nc3 g6 4.d3 Bg7 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.Be3 0-0 9.Bf2 Rb8 10.Qd2 b5 11.e4 b4 12.Nd1 a5 13.Re1 e5 14.c3 bxc3 15.bxc3 Be6 16.Rc1 c4 17.d4 exd4 18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.cxd4 d5 20.e5 Nc6 21.Ne3 Nb4 22.Bf1 Qd7 23.a3 Nc6 24.Bg2 Rb3 25.Rc3 Rfb8 26.g4 Rxc3 27.Qxc3 Rb3 28.Qd2 Rd3 29.Qc2 Nxd4 30.Nxd5 Bxd5 31.Bxd4 Qxg4 32.Bc5 Qxg2+ 33.Qxg2 Bxg2 34.Kxg2 Bf8 35.Bxf8 Kxf8 36.Re4 c3 37.Rc4 Rd2+ 38.Kg3 c2 39.h4 Ke7 40.Kf3 Ke6 41.Ke3 Rh2 42.Kd3 Kf5 43.a4 h5 44.Ke3 Rh3+ 45.Kd2 Rxh4 46.Rc5 Rxf4 47.Rxa5 Rc4 48.Kc1 h4 49.Ra8 h3 50.Rh8 Kg4 51.Rh7 Rxa4 52.Rxf7 Re4 53.Rf6 g5 54.e6 h2 55.Rh6 Re1+ 0-1

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### **B.C. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP**

The B.C. Open was held this past weekend in Kamloops thanks to the efforts of Peter Kerek. Hopefully more details will become available, but we do know that the sixteen-player field was topped by Mayo Fuentebella, who thus qualifies for the 2007 B.C. Closed Championship, tentatively scheduled for next Easter.

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### **GUIDO WERTH MEMORIAL** by Vas Sladek

As reported in an earlier issue of the bulletin, this past summer Guido Werth collapsed at home in front of his wife after a heart attack. Guido was the reigning Royal City Chess Club champion. His 1687 CFC rating was low because many of the club events were unrated. Chessfirst.com and the club

teamed-up to put on a memorial event, complete with its own trophy. The format might change but the event will be held annually at the Royal City Chess Club in New Westminster.

Vas Sladek confirmed his #1 ranking with a steady effort, scoring 4.5/5, Pavel Trochtchanovitch took second with 3.5, and James Kerry came third on tie-breaks, 2.5.

		1	2	3	4	5	6		
1	Vaclav Sladek	2041	*	1	=	1	1	1	4.5
2	Pavel Trochtchanovitch	1945	0	*	=	1	1	1	3.5
3	James Kerry	1923	=	=	*	=	0	1	2.5
4	Gary Serafini	1981	0	0	=	*	1	1	2.5
5	James Taylor	1595	0	0	1	0	*	0	1.0
6	Chris Dickson	1901	0	0	0	0	1	*	1.0

CFC crosstable: <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200610036>

### **Sladek,V - Serafini,G [D37] Guido Werth mem (5), 02.10.2006**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Bf4 c6 6.e3 0-0 7.h3 Bd6 8.Bg5 Nbd7 9.Be2 Qc7 10.c5 Be7 11.Bf4 Qd8 12.b4 Re8 13.0-0 Nf8 14.b5 Ng6 15.Bh2 Nd7 16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Qa4 Bb7 18.Rab1 Qc8 19.Qb4 Ba6 20.Bxa6 Qxa6 21.Qb7 Qxb7 22.Rxb7 Ngf8 23.Rfb1 Bf6 24.Bd6 Rec8 25.a4 a5 26.Ne2 h6 27.Nf4 Bd8 28.Nd3 Bf6 29.Nfe5 Bxe5 30.Nxe5 Nxe5 31.Bxe5 f6 32.Bd6 Ng6 33.R1b6 e5 34.Rd7 Kh7 35.Rbb7 Rg8 36.Ra7 exd4 37.exd4 Nh4 38.Rxa8 Rxa8 39.Rc7 Nf5 40.Rxc6 Nxd4 41.Rb6 Ne2+ 42.Kf1 Nc3 43.c6 Nxa4 44.Rb7 Rc8 45.c7 d4 46.Rb8 Rxc7 47.Bxc7 Nc5 48.Bxa5 Kg6 49.Bd2 Ne6 50.Rb6 Kf7 51.Rb7+ Kg6 52.Re7 Nc5 53.Ke2 f5 54.Re5 Ne4 55.Rd5 Nf6 56.Rxd4 Kf7 57.Ra4 Ne4 58.f3 Ng3+ 59.Kf2 Nh5 60.Bc3 f4 61.Ra7+ Kg6 62.Ra6+ Kf7 63.Ra5 Kg6 64.Bd2 Kh7 65.Rxh5 g5 66.g4 fxg3+ 67.Kxg3 Kg6 68.Kg4 1-0

### **Kerry,J - Trochtchanovitch,P [C56] Guido Werth mem (2), 12.09.2006**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.e5 d5 7.exf6 dxc4 8.Re1+ Be6 9.Ng5 Qd5 10.Nc3 Qf5 11.Nce4 Bb6 12.Qf3 Qxf3 13.Nxf3 0-0 14.fxg7 Kxg7 15.Bg5 f5 16.Ned2 Bd5 17.Ne5 Nxe5 18.Rxe5 c6 19.b3 c3 20.Nf1 Be4 21.Rc1 Bd8 22.Bxd8 Raxd8 23.f3 Kf6 24.Ra5 Bd5 25.Ng3 a6 26.Rd1 Rfe8 27.Kf2 Rd7 28.Ne2 c5 29.Nf4 Rc8 30.b4 Bc4 31.bxc5 Bb5 32.Nd3 Re8 33.Ra3 Re3 34.Nf4 Re5 35.Rb3 Rxc5 36.Rb4 Bc4 37.a3 b5 38.Nd3 Rcd5 39.Rbb1 Re7 40.Nf4 Rd6 41.Rbc1 a5 42.Nd3 Rb7 43.Rb1 Kg5 44.f4+ Kf6 45.Ne5 Ba2 46.Ra1 Bc4 47.Rab1 ½-½

## **RATING ISSUES**

### **Rating "corrections"**

CFC President Christopher Mallon in Governors' Letter #2, 2006-2007:

"The Ratings committee has made a decision on an interim measure to combat recent deflation while a more permanent solution is worked on. Based on tournament reports for all events which ended between July 1st, 2004 and September 6th, 2006, all players will receive points for games played as follows:

<2200: 1 point per game played  
2200-2400: 1/2 point per game played  
2400+: 1/4 point per game played

"Ratings used will be as of the September 6 2006 [*sic*]. If a player crosses a threshold in the process, points will be applied above that threshold at the new rate.

"We are not sure yet exactly when this update will occur; it is likely that a computer program will be written to do the calculations. At this point I would expect it to occur sometime in mid-October."

### **Rating of junior events**

Previously the following regulation applied to the rating of junior events (article 711.2 in the CFC Handbook):

"All pure Junior and Scholastic tournaments will be regular rated unless 50% or more of the participants have regular ratings over 1500, or the time control is less than 30 minutes per player per game."

However, this regulation has been rescinded (see GL#9, 2005-2006), so junior events should now be rated exactly the same as adult events, that is, according to the time control used: active if the players have between fifteen and sixty minutes each for the game, regular if they have more than an hour.

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## **B.C. CHAMPIONS**

So who have been the most successful B.C. champions, at least in terms of the most provincial titles won? The following lists all the players who have won the championship three or more times:

7-time winner:

John M. Ewing (1916, 1919-23, 1936)

6-time winners:

Miervaldis Jursevskis (1949, 1950, 1954-57)  
Elod Macskasy (1958-62, 1967)

5-time winners:

Jack M. Taylor (1929, 1930, 1938, 1945, 1953)  
Bruce Harper (1973, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1980)  
Gordon Taylor (1977, 1979, 1981-83)  
Gary Basanta (1989, 1991-93, 1998)

4-time winners:

Bertram A. Yates (1917, 1918, 1921, 1940)  
Charles F. Millar (1931-33, 1937),  
Leo M. Duval (1941-43, 1946)  
Peter Biyiasas (1968, 1969, 1971, 1972)

3-time winners:

William J. Barker (1924, 1926, 1928)  
Jonathan Berry (1994, 2000, 2006)  
Dragoljub Milicevic (1997, 2000, 2001)  
Jack Yoos (2003-2005)

In considering multiple championship wins, it is also appropriate to mention the championship trophies, since the two are related. The current trophy has only been in use since 1956, and the individual plaques on it only go back to 1944. Before 1956 there was a rule in force to the effect that if a player won the championship three years in a row, he was given permanent possession of the trophy.

The first trophy was the Bowser Shield, which was awarded at the first competition in 1916; it was given to John Ewing in the early 1920s after he won the title for the sixth time, and he responded by donating the Ewing Cup as a replacement. This was taken out of circulation by Charles Millar in 1933, and he offered the Millar Cup in exchange. The Millar Cup was permanently won by Leo Duval in 1943, and its replacement was undertaken by Chris Spencer. Miervaldis Jursevskis was given the Chris Spencer Cup in 1956, at which point the present trophy came into use; the plaques from the Chris Spencer Cup (i.e., 1944 -1956) were copied onto it, which is why the current trophy is younger than the events it commemorates.

The next potential permanent winner of the trophy was Dr. Macskasy in 1960, but either he declined or the BCCF decided it was losing too many trophies, because the 1956 trophy has remained in use ever since. The Chris Spencer Cup is still in the possession of Miervaldis Jursevskis, but the fate of the other previous trophies is unknown, although there is a photograph of



the Ewing Cup amid the Max Enke papers at the B.C. Archives:



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### **WORLD YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP**

The WYCC this year is being held in Batumi, a seaport on the Black Sea, which is the capital of the Adjara autonomous republic in southwest Georgia. Since the breakup of the former Soviet Union this region has been politically volatile. In 2004 FIDE scheduled the Women's World Championship for Batumi, but was forced to move the tournament due to the threat of civil war. Political conflict between Adjara and the central Georgian government has eased since then, but in recent days there has been an escalation of tension between Georgia and Russia; what effect, if any, this will have on the WYCC is unknown, but one questions the wisdom of FIDE for scheduling any tournament, let alone one for children, in such a potentially hazardous region.

The event is an eleven-round Swiss, to be held October 19-28. According to the tournament website fourteen players from Canada are registered, including Richard Huang of Vancouver in the U14 boys class. We wish the Canadian team good luck and safety during their time in Batumi.

Internet coverage can be found at <http://www.gcf.org.ge> (n.b., the site is not very well designed).

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Junior Events**

Oct 15 Island Junior Open #2  
Oct 15 Vancouver Junior Open  
Nov 11-13 BC Junior Championship (tbc)  
Nov 19 Island Junior Open #3  
Dec 10 Greater Victoria City Championship

### **UBC Tuesday Night Swiss**

Date: Tuesdays  
Location: Room 211, Student Union Building, UBC  
Format: 5-round Swiss  
Time control: 2 hours sudden death  
Time: 6:30 pm sharp  
Entry fees: \$20 for adults, \$15 for juniors and UBC club members  
TD info.: Aaron Cosenza, 604 327-4714, [xramis1@yahoo.ca](mailto:xramis1@yahoo.ca)

### **Victoria CC 15 Minute Tournament**

Date: 16 October  
Location: Victoria Chess Club  
Type: 5-round Swiss  
Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/>

### **Right to Play flex RR**

Date: 1 November 2006 - 31 January 2007  
Location: flexible  
Type: Round Robin, 6-10+ players  
Details: [www.chessfirst.com](http://www.chessfirst.com)

### **Silver Star Classic**

Date: 11-13 November  
Location: Vernon  
Type: 6-round Swiss

### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

Date: 25-26 November  
Location: University of Victoria  
Type: 5-round Swiss

### **2007 BC Correspondence Chess Championship**

Start: January 15, 2007

Type: round robin

Mode: all games are played on the ICCF webserver (no e-mails, no postcards!)

EF: \$25

Prizes: 1<sup>st</sup> software prize from chessfirst.com

Registration: Vas Sladek, vas@chessfirst.com, 604-562-3736

Notes: BC residents ONLY and CCCA membership required \$30/year