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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

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HERE AND THERE

Estonian Championship (March 29 - April 4)

From Roger Patterson: "Valeria Gansvind came 2nd in the Estonian Women's championship. She was tied for first going into the last round but only drew whereas her competition won. However, I'm told that finishing 2nd was important as this is a qualifying spot for the Estonian Women's Olympiad Team."

Crosstable: <http://www.maleliit.ee/turniirid/arhiiv/2008/EMV/index.php?act=11&lang>, games and other information are available via the navigation buttons.

Fomina, Tatjana - Gansvind, Valeria [B06] EST Women's ch Tallinn (2), 30.03.2008

1.e4 g6 2.Bc4 e6 3.Qe2 Bg7 4.Nf3 d6 5.0-0 a6 6.Bb3 Ne7 7.d4 h6 8.c4 0-0 9.Rd1 d5 10.Nc3 dxc4 11.Qxc4 b5 12.Qd3 Bb7 13.a4 b4 14.Ne2 a5 15.Bf4 Nc8 16.Be5 Nd7 17.Rac1 Nxe5 18.Nxe5 Nb6 19.f4 Qe7 20.Qe3 Rfc8 21.f5 gxf5 22.exf5 Nd5 23.Bxd5 exd5 24.Nf4 c5 25.Nfd3 cxd4 26.Qxd4 Qg5 27.Rxc8+ Rxc8 28.Qf2 d4 29.h4 Qe7 30.Re1 Qd6 31.Ng4 h5 32.f6 hxg4 33.fxc7 g3 34.Qf5 Qd5 35.Qh3 Qd6 36.h5 Kxg7 37.Qg4+ Kh6 38.Qf5 Rc2 39.Ne5 Rxc2+ 40.Kf1 Qa6+ 41.Qd3 Qf6+ 0-1

Gansvind, Valeria - Korban, Katrina [D05] EST Women's ch Tallinn (5), 01.04.2008

1.d4 d5 2.e3 c5 3.Nf3 e6 4.b3 Nc6 5.Bb2 Nf6 6.Nbd2 Bd6 7.a3 0-0 8.Bd3 Qe7 9.Ne5 Nd7 10.f4 Bxe5 11.dxe5 a6 12.0-0 b6 13.c4 Bb7 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Qh5 h6 16.Qf5 g6 17.Qh3 Kh7 18.Nf3 Rh8 19.Ng5+ Kg8 20.e6 Nf6 21.Nxf7 Rh7 22.Bxg6 1-0

Championnat Ouvert de la Mauricie (March 28-30)

B.C. resident Luc Poitras participated in the 34th edition of this annual event in Trois-Rivieres, Quebec. He scored 3.5/5 in the Open Section and shared sixth place, behind winner Mihnea Voloaca (4.5) and Anton Kovalyov, Jean Hébert, Steve Bolduc, and Nicolas Arsenault (4.0).

Standings: <http://pages.globetrotter.net/jrboutin/Standings.html>

Poitras, Luc - Djerkovic, Miladin [A13] Championnat Ouvert de la Mauricie Trois-Rivieres (2), 29.03.2008

1.c4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.b3 c5 5.Bb2 Be7 6.Be2 0-0 7.0-0 b6 8.d4 Bb7 9.cxd5 Nxd5 10.Nbd2 Nd7 11.Nc4 Bf6 12.Qd2 Qb8 13.Nfe5 Nxe5 14.dxe5 Be7 15.Rad1 Rd8 16.Qc1 Qc7 17.a3 b5 18.Nd6 a6 19.e4 Nb6 20.Qf4 Bf8 21.Rd2 Rd7 22.Rfd1 Rad8 23.h4 Nc8 24.Qg4 Qc6 25.Nxb7 Qxb7 26.Rxd7 Rxd7 27.Rxd7 Qxd7 28.Qf4 Nb6 29.Qc1 Qc6 30.f3 Be7 31.h5 h6 32.Qd2 c4 33.bxc4 bxc4 34.Bd4 Bxa3 35.Qe3 c3 36.Qxc3 Qxc3 37.Bxc3 Na4 38.Ba5 Nc5 39.Bc7 Bb4 40.Bd6 a5 41.Bb5 Nb3 42.Kf2 Nd4 43.Ba4 Bxd6 44.exd6 e5 45.Ke3 Kf8 46.f4 f6 47.f5 Kf7 48.Kd3 Kf8 49.Kc4 Ne2 50.Kc5 Nc3 51.Kc6 Nxa4 52.d7 1-0

Masse, Hugues - Poitras, Luc [B24] Championnat Ouvert de la Mauricie Trois-Rivieres (4), 30.03.2008

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.f4 d5 6.e5 d4 7.exf6 dxc3 8.bxc3 gxf6 9.d3 Qc7 10.Ne2 Bd7 11.f5 exf5 12.0-0 0-0-0 13.c4 Be6 14.Bf4 Bd6 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Nf4 h5 17.Nxh5 Qd4+ 18.Kh1 Qe3 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Nf4 Qxg3 21.Qe2 Qg4 22.Rae1 Bd7 23.Qf2 Rh4 24.Re2 Qg5 25.Qe3 Rdh8 26.Rg2 Rg4 27.h3 Rhh4 28.Rxg4 fxg4 29.Qf2 g3 30.Qf3 Rxf4 31.Qxf4 g2+ 32.Kh2 g1Q+ 0-1

Malaga Open (February 23 - March 1)

Continuing on from the Pfalz Open, Leon Piasetski played in the 11th Malaga Open (Spain); he scored 5.5/9 in the 160-odd player field, leaving him 41st after tiebreaks.

Standings:

<http://chess-results.com/tnr10811.aspx?tnr=10811&art=4&lan=1&datatyp=2&m=-1&wi=750>

Piasetski, Leon - Ridameya Tatche, Jose [A21] XI Open Malaga ESP (5), 26.02.2008

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Bb4 3.Nd5 Bc5 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.Bg5 Nc6 7.Bxf6 gxf6 8.Qd2 Be7 9.Nxd4 Nxd4 10.Qxd4 c6 11.Nc3 Qb6 12.0-0-0 Qxd4 13.Rxd4 f5 14.Kc2 d6 15.g3 Be6 16.Bh3 0-0-0 17.Rhd1 Kc7 18.b3 Rhg8 19.Rf4 Rg5 20.Rh4 Rh8 21.f4 Rg6 22.Rh5 Bf8 23.e4 Rh6 24.Rxh6 Bxh6 25.Bxf5 Bxf5 26.exf5 Re8 27.Kd3 Bg7 28.Ne4 d5 29.cxd5 cxd5 30.Rc1+ Kb6 31.Nd6 Rf8 32.Nc8+ Ka6 33.Rc7 Bb2 34.Nd6 Ba3 35.Nxf7 Kb6 36.Rd7 Bb2 37.Nd8 Rxf5 38.Rxb7+ Ka6 39.Rxh7 Rf6 40.Nf7 Kb5 41.Ne5 Ka6 42.Rd7 d4 43.Nc4 1-0

Fandino Reyes, Roquelina - Piasetski, Leon [B06] XI Open Malaga ESP (7), 28.02.2008

1.e4 d6 2.d4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Be3 a6 5.Be2 b5 6.Qd2 Bb7 7.f3 Nd7 8.a4 b4 9.Nd1 Rb8 10.Nh3 c5 11.Nhf2 Qa5 12.0-0 Ngf6 13.c3 bxc3 14.Nxc3 cxd4 15.Bxd4 Nc5 16.Ra3 Qb4 17.Be3 0-0 18.Kh1 Nfd7 19.Nfd1 Nb3 20.Qe1 Nd4 21.Bd3 Ne5 22.Qd2 Nc4 23.Bxc4 Qxc4 24.Re1 Rfc8 25.Bxd4 Qxd4 26.Qxd4 Bxd4 27.Rb3 Bc6 28.Rxb8 Rxb8 29.Re2 a5 30.g4 Kf8 31.Rd2 Bc5 32.Kg2 Rb4 33.Nf2 Bd4 34.Nfd1 Bb6 35.Kf1 Bxa4 36.Nxa4 Rxa4 37.Rc2 Bc5 38.Ke2 e6 39.Kd3 Rd4+ 40.Ke2 Rb4 41.Nc3 g5 42.Na2 Rb3 43.Nc3 Kg7 44.Nd1 Kf6 45.Nc3 Ke5 46.Nd1 h6 47.Rc4 Rb4 48.Rxb4 axb4 49.Kd3 Kf4 50.Ke2 Bg1 51.b3 Bxh2 52.Nf2 Ke5 53.Nd3+ Kd4 54.Nxb4 Kc3 55.Nc6 Kxb3 56.Nd8

Kc2 57.Nxf7 d5 58.exd5 exd5 59.Nxh6 d4 60.Nf5 d3+ 61.Kf2 Bf4 62.Nd4+ Kd1 63.Nb3 Bb8
64.Ke3 d2 65.Kd3 Bf4 0-1

2008 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

1. The 2008 B.C. Championship will be an 8-player round robin, to be held on the Thanksgiving weekend.
2. The following players qualify for the Championship:
 - a. The 2007 B.C. Champion. (Brian McLaren)
 - b. The 2007 B.C. Junior Champion. (Bindi Cheng)
 - c. The highest finisher in each qualifying tournament who has not already qualified for the Championship and who has had a regular CFC rating of 2000 or higher.

Silver Star Classic - David Moore

Grand Pacific Open - Roger Patterson

- 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 March 23, 2007, excluding the 2007 B.C. 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. Each participant from outside the region where the Championship is held will receive travel expenses, to a maximum of \$100 per participant.

5. The following prizes will be provided by the BCCF:
- a. First place: \$300.
 - b. Second place: \$200.
 - c. Third place: \$100.

SIR GEORGE THOMAS IN NORTH VANCOUVER

[British champion Sir George Thomas (1881-1972), who was awarded an IM title by FIDE in 1950, had his best chess result at Hastings 1934-5, where he tied for first with Euwe and Flohr, ahead of Botvinnik and Capablanca. However, he was better known to the general public as a sportsman: he played at Wimbledon 1919-1926, and was also a champion badmington player. It was in this capacity that Sir George began his visit to Vancouver:]

TO THE EDITOR OF THE *MORNING POST*:

Sir,

some time ago Sir George Thomas visited Vancouver with a Badmington team and showed us how the shuttlecock should be shuttled. There are some chess enthusiasts living in North Vancouver who have built a little shack for a club. They were aware that Sir George was a British

chess champion, and they determined to get hold of him for an exhibition game. He was very sorry, he told us, that he could not accept the invitation. He had refused to play in Montreal and Toronto. The strain of travelling had been great. He had got in at five o'clock that morning, and was leaving on Monday. He was booked up every moment.

His refusal was accepted with a casual mention of the little shack we had built, and, like a good sport, he cancelled all his other arrangements and played our first twelve boards simultaneously. We did our best, but very courteously he defeated all of us. The sportsmanlike disregard for his own comfort shown by Sir George Thomas in visiting our shack to help our chess has given us much pleasure. We have made a chess board from British Columbia wood which bears this inscription: "Presented by the North Vancouver Chess Club to the City of London Chess Club in appreciation of our visitor, your member, Sir George Thomas."

The chess board has started out on its 6,000 miles journey to the Agent-General for British Columbia in London for presentation.

Yours, etc., R.F. Cruise
Vancouver Club,
Vancouver, B.C. April 3rd [1926]

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

Apr. 19 INTERMAT, New Westminster
Apr. 26-27 BCYCC, New Westminster

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

6:30 pm, **Thursdays**, Henry Angus Building room 417, University of British Columbia
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

Apple Blossom Open

April 19-20, Vernon
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events3.html#Apple>

33rd Paul Keres Memorial

May 16-19, Vancouver
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events3.html#KeresMemorial>