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HERE AND THERE

Victoria Chess Festival (April 10-13)

The third edition of this festival took place at the Hotel Grand Pacific on the Easter long weekend. The flagship event, the Grand Pacific Open, attracted seventy-six players in two sections; overall winners were IMs Leon Piasestki, Lawrence Day, Vicente Lee Jr., and Estonian women's champion WFM Valeriya Gansvind, all tied with 5.0/6, with Piasetski taking the trophy on tiebreak. This was Piasetski's first tournament in Canada since 1994, but we understand that he will be staying here for the immediate future, so expect to see him in action again soon.

Full report, including games: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Victoria-Chess-Festival-2009>
CFC crosstables: <http://www.chess.ca/xtableSQL.asp?TNum=200904051>,
<http://www.chess.ca/xtableSQL.asp?TNum=200904052>



Piasetski, Leon - Day, Lawrence [A55] Grand Pacific op Victoria (6), 13.04.2009

1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.e4 e5 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qc2 Qe8 9.Rd1 Kh8 10.Rb1 Bd8 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.b4 Nh5 13.c5 Ndf6 14.Nd2 Be6 15.Nc4 Bxc4 16.Bxc4 Nf4 17.b5 Ba5 18.Ne2 Nxe2+ 19.Bxe2 Rc8 20.Be3 b6 21.f3 Nd7 22.Qa4 Qe7 23.cxb6 Bxb6 24.Bxb6 Nxb6 25.Qa6 c5 26.a4 c4 27.a5 Qc5+ 28.Kf1 Na4 29.Rbc1 Nb2 30.Rd7 Qb4 31.Rc2 Qb3 32.Rc1 Qe3 33.Rc2 Qb3 34.Rc1 1/2-1/2

First Saturday April (April 4-12)



As previously reported, Michael Yip has been spending time in Budapest, Hungary, playing in some of the well-known First Saturday tournaments. In his latest event, the FM-A section of the April First Saturday, Michael tied for sixth place with 4.0 points in the ten-player round robin.

Event website: <http://www.firstsaturday.hu/>

Results: <http://www.freeweb.hu/firstsaturday/0904/fma.htm>

Yip, Michael - Vaarala, Eric [D45] First Saturday 2009 April FM-A Budapest (4), 07.04.2009

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 a6 6.b3 Bb4 7.Bd2 0-0 8.Bd3 Qe7 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qc2 Rd8
11.e4 Bxc3 12.Bxc3 dxe4 13.Bxe4 Nxe4 14.Qxe4 Nf6 15.Qh4 b5 16.Rfe1 Bb7 17.Rad1 bxc4 18.bxc4
Qa3 19.Re3 Qa4 20.Rde1 Qxc4 21.Ne5 Qxa2 22.Rg3 Nd5 23.Qh6 g6 24.Rh3 Nf6 25.Qf4 Qc2
26.Qxf6 Qf5 27.Qh4 c5 28.dxc5 h5 29.c6 Bxc6 30.Nxc6 Rd7 31.Ne7+ 1-0

Provincial Chess Challenge (April 4)

The Chess Challenge Finals, normally the largest junior event of the year in these parts, was held at BCIT on April 4. Over two hundred players competed in grade sections to determine who will represent B.C. at the National Chess Challenge, coming up in Toronto on the Victoria Day weekend. The following are the grad champions for this year - congratulations to all!

Kindergarten - Luke Pulfer

Grade 1 - Zexi Jesse Li

Grade 2 - Jingzhi Xu

Grade 3 - Jonah Lee

Grade 4 - Dezheng Kong

Grade 5 - Hector Rathburn-Mackay

Grade 6 - Alex Sabaratnam

Grade 7 - Tanraj Sohal

Grade 8 - Jack Cheng

Grade 9 - Jeff Anthony De Guzman

Grade 10 - Tian Tian Geng

Grade 11 - Henry Ji

Grade 12 - Noam Davies

Full report and photos: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/news.html>

Standings:

<http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/Tournaments/2009/K12Provincials/ChessChallenge2009results.txt>

March Active (2) (March 29)

Crosstable: <http://chess.bc.ca/Reports/2009MarchActive2.txt>

Bowser Chess Club

For those in the area there is a new chess club in Bowser, twenty-one kilometres north of Qualicum Beach:

Time/Place: Sunday, 1-5pm

Location: Bean Counter (Magnolia Court), Bowser, B.C.

Contact: Robert McFetridge mcfetridge@shaw.ca

APRIL 1 FIDE RATINGS LIST

No joke intended, here are the B.C. players on the latest FIDE ratings list - apologies if I've missed anyone. This list could be substantially longer; FIDE now includes those players who have at least one FIDE-rated result but do not yet have the nine-game minimum to have an official published rating. The players listed below either have a FIDE rating or a FIDE title.

As we have reported recently, a number of FIDE rules, regulations, and procedures will change on July 1, 2009, and the ratings list is no exception. Currently the ratings are published quarterly, but after that date the list will appear bi-monthly, with the possibility of monthly lists being issued in the future.

It should be noted that B.C. now has a new titled player. In 2005-2006 Dr. Valerian Adam achieved three IM norms in tournaments in Serbia while simultaneously raising his FIDE rating by almost two hundred points. The title was applied for in 2006, but given that such a rating gain is unusual for a man in his late sixties, the circumstances of the norm events were examined and additional 'proving' tournaments requested. These requirements having been met, FIDE has now seen fit to approve Dr. Adam's title application.

2600056	Suttles, Duncan	gm	2420	1945	i
2603896	Adam, Valerian	im	2407	1937	
4600444	Schulte, Oliver	fm	2380	1968	i
2600242	Harper, Bruce	fm	2330	1954	i
2601265	Basanta, Gary	fm	2324	1968	i
2602270	Ho, Andrew	fm	2305	1983	i
2600072	Piassetski, Leon	im	2288	1951	
2600412	Moore, Harry		2276		i
2600340	Zuk, Robert D.	fm	2270	1947	i
2606127	Lee, Vicente	im	2267		
2601737	Herder, David A.	fm	2266	1968	i
2016885	Cadman, Charles		2262	1977	
4109821	Gansvind, Valeriya	wfm	2231	1965	w
2600463	Berry, Jonathan	fm	2229	1953	
2604612	McLaren, Brian		2222	1953	i
2601729	Demian, Valer		2220	1963	i

2603667	Jiganchine, Roman		2217	1982	
2015757	Wu, Howard		2207	1975	
11000015	Kyriakides, Savvas		2202	1965	i
2602369	Wright, Stephen		2199	1961	i
2603721	Stanford, Mike		2194	1981	i
2600846	Fullbrook, Nigel	fm	2185	1955	i
2606097	Lane, Travis		2181	1979	i
2602393	Scoones, Dan		2179		i
2604388	Davies, Lucas		2170	1988	
2603373	Fuentebella, Mayo		2167		i
2603152	Pechisker, Alfred		2163	1981	i
2602300	Ferguson, Jim		2152	1975	i
2602806	Patterson, Roger		2148	1958	
2604078	Oszvald, Joe		2146		i
715808	Tegzes, Laszlo		2145	1970	
2602660	Afrah, Navid		2141	1980	i
2606062	Davies, Noam		2137	1991	
2603020	Milicevic, Dragoljub		2128	1933	
2601176	Postras, Luc		2124	1964	
2605546	Wang, Yamei	wfm	2124	1986	wi
2604574	Salcedo, Daniel		2122	1958	
2603772	Hladek, David		2108	1963	i
2603314	Martinovsky, Ian		2108	1977	i
2601478	Cabanas, Francisco		2088		i
2604043	Storey, Carl		2084		i
2603292	Niksic, John		2077	1958	
2601303	Yip, Michael		2067	1959	
2602555	Trochtchanovitch, Pavel		2065		
2604086	Sladek, Vaclav		2055	1967	i
2606054	Daswani, Benedict		2053	1987	
2607115	Trandafir, Stefan		2028	1991	i
2605406	Leblanc, Paul		2005		
2682460	Milner, Arie		2005	1996	i
2600960	Stringer, Lynn		2005		wi
2601087	Ozkan, Charlie		1993		i
2605775	Chan, James		1990		
2605520	Goutor, Valentina		1976	1989	wi
2603675	Cheng, Jack		1975	1995	
2605783	Steininger, Gavin		1966		i
2608499	Sohal, Tanraj		1935	1996	
2601010	Huang, Richard		1869		
2606640	Tang, Tiffany		1777	1990	wi
2603365	Botez, Alexandra	wcm		1995	w

1949 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

Sixty years ago the B.C. Championship took place in its traditional Easter time slot; the site was 1173 West Broadway, a building used by the Peretz Institute, but which also housed the Vancouver Chess Club and the Vancouver Jewish Chess Club. Newly arrived on the B.C. chess scene was Latvian war refugee Miervaldis ("Walter") [Jursevskis](#). He quickly established himself by defeating former B.C. champion and Canadian championship participant Leo [Duval](#) in a match by the score of 6-2.

The 1949 championship was a seven man affair; the 1948 title holder, Abe [Helman](#), was unable to compete, so it was felt the championship was very much up for grabs. However, Jursevskis demonstrated his superiority by sweeping the tournament with a perfect score - no one else scored better than fifty percent. This was the beginning of Jursevskis' dynasty; he won the championship a further five times before he himself was eclipsed by the arrival of Elod Macskasy in 1957.

1949 B.C. Championship		15-18 April							
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Jursevskis, Miervaldis	*	1	1	1	1	1	1	6.0
2	Taylor, Jack M.	0	*	0	1	0	1	1	3.0
3	Millar, Charles F.	0	1	*	0	0	1	1	3.0
4	Pratt, Maurice	0	0	1	*	=	1	=	3.0
5	Craigie, Rolf	0	1	1	=	*	0	0	2.5
6	Barrs, L.	0	0	0	0	1	*	1	2.0
7	Carroll, Clarence	0	0	0	=	1	0	*	1.5

Vancouver Chess Club

Unfortunately no games from the event have survived, but we do have one rare photograph of (most) of the participants, taken by Jursevskis; the blurriness stems from the size of the original, less than three by four centimetres. As far as I am aware, this is the earliest extant photograph of a B.C. championship.



Left to right: Rolf Craigie, Clarence Carroll, Maurice Pratt, BCCF President R.A. Douglas, Jack Taylor, Charlie Millar



Dates Friday, May 15 to Monday, May 18, 2009
Location Sprott Shaw Community College, 1176 8th Ave, New Westminster BC
Sections Open, Under 2000, Under 1600
Time Control Game/90 + 60 second increment or game/150
Rounds Open: 7 Rounds; U2000, U1600: 6 Rounds
Round Times Friday 6:30 (Open Section only); 10, 5 / 10, 3:30 / 9, ASAP
Further Details <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/index.html>

APRIL ACTIVE

Date: Sunday April 19, 2009
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver
Rounds: 5
Starting Time: noon.
Type: Regular Swiss.
Time Controls: G/30.
Entry Fee: Adults \$15, Masters/Seniors and Juniors \$12.
Prizes: First Prize guaranteed (**\$150**), and rest based on entries. If 25 entries then 2nd \$60 3rd \$40
Best under 1950 \$40, Best under 1750 \$40 and Best under 1500 \$40
Registration: On site at 11:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496 email queluc@lynx.net
Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. Not CFC Rated.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

April 18 Secondary School Team Championship, Vancouver
April 25-26 BCYCC, New Westminster
May 2 Intermat, Bellevue, WA

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

April Active

April 19, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#AprilActive>

May Active

May 30, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#MayActive>

34th Paul Keres Memorial

May 15-18, Spratt-Shaw College, New Westminster

Details: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/index.html>

June Active

June 13-14, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#JuneActive>

July Active

July 11, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#JulyActive>

Summer Chess Fest, including B.C. Open

July 20-28, Victoria

Details: <http://summerchessfest.pbwiki.com/FrontPage>

B.C. Open: <http://bcopenchess.pbwiki.com/>

2009 Langley Chess Club Open

September 5-7 (Labour Day long weekend), Langley

Details: <http://www.langleychess.com/>