

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #163

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

April Active (April 19)

Mayo Fuentebella and Dragoljub Milicevic tied for first in the thirty-three player field.

<http://wcjc.blogspot.com/2009/03/vancouver-march-active.html>
<http://chess.bc.ca/Reports/AprilActive.txt>

Secondary School Team Championship (April 18)

Johnston Heights School from Surrey took first prize with 18.5/20 ahead of eight other teams.

<http://wcjc.blogspot.com/2009/04/secondary-team-championship.html>

Susan Polgar Washington Qualifier (March 21-22)



Now in its sixth year, the Susan Polgar National Invitational for Girls is an initiative by the former women's world champion to encourage and promote chess among the top young female players in the U.S. The winners of regional, state and nationwide qualifying tournaments participate in the national event, this year in Lubbock, Texas in July. The Washington State qualifier was held on the third weekend in March and was won by a player who is no stranger to B.C. - Alexandra Botez, who is currently resident in Blaine, WA. Congratulations!

NSRS rating report: <http://www.whsca.org/reports/Polgar.html>
<http://susanpolgar.blogspot.com/2009/02/2009-sp-national-invitational-for-girls.html>

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

B.C. - WA SCHOLASTIC MATCH (INTERMAT) (May 2)

The eighteenth edition of this cross-border battle between school-aged children was won by the home Washington team by the score of 32.0-20.0 (the match was held at the Chess4Life centre in Bellevue, Washington). Curiously, the teams have traded scores in four of the last five matches: last year BC won by the same twelve-point margin, 32.0-20.0, whereas in 2004 and 2006 the winning scores were 28.0-20.0 (no kindergarten players in those years). Traditionally B.C. has scored heavily in the upper grades, Washington in the lower. This year B.C. had some difficulty in recruiting the strongest high-school players (this is always a problem when the match is away, plus the regulations to cross the border are not getting any easier). Indeed, the grade 8 participants were not decided until a couple of days before the contest.

As usual, Washington amassed a huge total in the lowest grades: B.C.'s Zexi Jesse Li was the only player to win a point from the twelve games contested in K-2. Grades 3-6 were balanced, with B.C. losing by a minimal one-point margin (7.5-8.5). When B.C. does well in these competitions it is through a counterbalancing superiority in the upper grades, but B.C.'s relative weakness in this area this year led to a narrow Washington victory in grades 7-12, 11.5-12.5. By comparison, in 2008 B.C. scored 19.5-4.5 in those same grades. In terms of individual results, B.C. players who won both their games were Janak Awatramani (grade 4) and Elliot Raymer (11); others with a plus score were Jonah Lee (3), Tanraj Sohal (7), Joshua Wild (9), Richard Huang (10), Noam Davies, and Evan Raymer (both 12). On the Washington side, Naomi Bashkansky and Freya Gulamali swept their kindergarten opponents, as did Roland Feng and Nicholas Lumiere in grade two. Others on the Washington team with perfect scores were Allistair Yu (1) and Frank Qu (8), while Noah Fields (3), Nicolo Gelb and Brian Hong (both 6), Darren Wu (9), and Kamran Hughes (10) also had plus scores. Thanks are due to the team organizers on both sides of the border, the

Chess4 Life centre for its hospitality, and all the players and parents - this event would not happen without your participation. Overall Washington now has a 10-8 lead in match victories:

Year	Location	Victor
1991	White Rock	BC
1992	Mountlake terrace	WA
1993	Burnaby	WA
1994	Mountlake Terrace	BC
1995	Burnaby	WA
1996	Shorewood	WA
1997	Burnaby	BC
1998	Shorewood	BC
1999	Burnaby	WA
2000	Seattle	WA
2001	Burnaby	BC
2002	Seattle	WA
2003	Burnaby	WA
2004	Seattle	BC
2005	Burnaby	BC
2006	Bellevue	WA
2008	New Westminster	BC
2009	Bellevue	WA

Detailed results: <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/bcwa2009.html>

See also B.C. versus Washington at <http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/homepage.html>

Report: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/news.html>

BCYCC (April 25-26)

This year's provincial championship by age category attracted sixty-three juniors to the New Westminster campus of Sprott Shaw College. Attendance was somewhat lower than last year; given that the national CYCC is in Victoria in July, Island players chose to forego the opportunity to practice their game here. The prize winners are given below. The relatively-new U8 Section featured some familiar names, with young players following in the footsteps of their older siblings. The one new face among the winners was Dezheng Kong, a recent arrival from Manitoba; sporting an 1800+ rating, he tied for first in the U10 Section with established stars John Doknjas and Janak Awatramani. The U12 Section featured one of the tournament's upsets, as top-rated Peter Lai went down in a hail of tactics to eventual winner Jacob Jensen. U14 was the toughest section of all, with three experts and three A-players; Chang He Li and Yifei Han drew ahead from the pack to take the top places. The two eldest age groups were combined (there were only two U18 players); the section included the other major upset, as the attacking Richard Huang suddenly found his own king in mortal danger to Matthew Cheah's forces. Matthew gave up only a last-round draw in winning the section, while Richard came back to take first in the U16. "Thanks to all who have contributed to this tournament and special thanks to Ken and Wolfram for the organizing, Andrei for the videos, Lester for the photos and report....and all the parent volunteers who made this possible."

Standings, photos, video - <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/news.html> (scroll down)

U8 Boys

- 1 Joshua Doknjas
- 2 Jingzhi Xu
- 3 Zexi Jesse Li

U8 Girls

- 1 Maggie Rose MacInnis
- 2 Andrea Botez
- 3 Angellica Sabaratnam

U10 Boys

- 1-3 Janak Awatramani, John Doknjas, Dezheng Kong

U12 Boys

- 1 Jacob Jensen
- 2 Alex Sabaratnam
- 3 Peter Lai, Jeremy Hui

U12 Girls

- 1 Joanne Foote

U14 Boys

- 1-2 Chang He Li, Yifei Han
- 3 Tanraj Sohal, Jack Cheng, Yiming Han

U14 Girls

- 1 Alexandra Botez
- 2 Tse Ning Cheung
- 3 Alice Xiao

U16 Boys

- 1 Richard Huang
- 2-3 Dylan Parker, Jakab Tardos

U16 Girls

1 Karen Lam

U18 Boys

1 Cheah Matthew

2 Henry Ji

Jensen, Jacob - Lai, Peter [A38] BCYCC New Westminster (3), 25.04.2009

1.c4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 g6 5.Bg2 Bg7 6.0-0 0-0 7.d3 d6 8.h3 Bd7 9.Kh2 Re8 10.a3 a6
11.Rb1 Rb8 12.Bd2 b5 13.cxb5 axb5 14.b4 cxb4 15.axb4 e6 16.Qb3 Qe7 17.Rfc1 Rec8 18.Rc2 e5
19.Bg5 Be6 20.Qb2 d5 21.Rbc1 Nxb4 22.Rd2 d4 23.Ne4 Rxc1 24.Qxc1 Rc8 25.Qb2 Nbd5
26.Qxb5 h6 27.Bxf6 Bxf6 28.Rb2 Bg7 29.Qa6 Rc7 30.h4 f5



31.Rb8+ Kh7 (31...Bf8 32.Nxe5) 32.Neg5+ hxg5 33.Nxg5+ Kh6 34.Nxe6 Ra7 35.Qc6 Nc3 36.Bf3
e4 37.Nxg7 Kxg7 38.h5 Qg5 39.Qe8 Kh6 40.Qf8+ Rg7 41.Rb7 exf3 42.Qh8+ 1-0

CFC NEWS

The following message was posted on the CFC's discussion board on April 16:

Dear members:

Over the past few months the Executive and the Executive Director, Bob Gillanders, have tried to come to an agreement over compensation. Regrettably, no agreement could be reached. Bob and his team of Paul Beckwith and Vincent Chow have done a fantastic job and the entire Canadian chess community owes them its thanks. Without their tireless devotion the CFC would

not be in the position it is today.

Fortunately, we have found a very capable replacement. Gerry Litchfield will be returning as the Executive Director, a position he held from 2002 to 2004. He will be very ably assisted by Patrick Smale and his team at E.K. Gillin & Associates. I have spoken with many people who have worked with Gerry in the past and all said that he was one of the best ED's that the CFC has ever had. Patrick's involvement will be in management and marketing. The change will be effective no later than May 4, 2009. The new address is listed below:

Chess Federation of Canada
356 Ontario Street, Suite 373
Stratford, ON N5A 7X6

With this change, the CFC will have an operating surplus in 2010, the first time that the CFC has recorded a surplus in many years. The CFC will finally be able to face the future with optimism, a welcome change after years of gloom.

Best wishes to all
David Lavin
President
Chess Federation of Canada

Fees

A reminder that as of last Friday the CFC fees for tournament memberships and non-automated rating reports have gone up:

Tournament membership for a multi-day event:

\$16 (CFC component) + \$4 (BCCF) = \$20 for an adult

\$8 (CFC component) + \$4 (BCCF) = \$12 for a junior

Tournament membership for a single-day event:

\$16 (CFC component) + \$2 (BCCF) = \$18 for an adult

\$8 (CFC component) + \$2 (BCCF) = \$10 for a junior

Tournament directors and organizers should be aware of these changes, as should any player who normally fulfills the membership requirement for the tournaments they enter by paying such a fee.

Rating fees for those that do not submit tournaments using the CFC's automated system, either via Swiss-Sys or Swiss Assistant, are \$5 per adult player or \$2.50 per junior player. The fees remain the same for events submitted using the automated system, \$3 per adult or \$.50 per junior. These fees came into effect on **May 1, 2009**.

Instructions on using the automated system: <http://www.chess.ca/swissys.htm>

NATIONAL CHESS CHALLENGE

Held on the same weekend as the Keres, the Chess Challenge Finals will pit the grade champions from each province against their respective counterparts in a national team competition. We wish the B.C. team of Zexi Jesse Li, Jingzhi Xu, Jonah Lee, Dezheng Kong, Hector Rathburn-Mackay, Alex Sabaratnam, Tanraj Sohal, Jack Cheng, Jeff De Guzman, Tian Tian Geng, Henry Ji, and Noam Davies the best of luck in Toronto! Results are generally available fairly quickly via the Chess'n Math website (given below) or a linked location.

<http://chess-math.org/ccc2009/>

BCCF AGM

As you are aware, the annual Keres Memorial Tournament is just over a week away. The BCCF Annual General Meeting will be held at the same site, in between rounds of the tournament on Saturday May 16, likely beginning around 3:00 pm. We encourage you to come out and attend the AGM: the executive for the coming year will be elected, and there will also be opportunity to voice concerns, comments, and ideas about how organized chess is run in B.C. The BCCF is your federation - it is only as strong as those involved in it, your help is needed!
BCCF AGM, 3:00 pm, Sprott Shaw College (1176 8th Ave, New Westminster)

34th PAUL KERES MEMORIAL - NEXT WEEKEND!



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>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

May 17-18 National Chess Challenge, Toronto
July 21-24 CYCC, Victoria

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

2nd Calgary International

May 14-18, Calgary
Details: http://www.albertachess.org/Calgary_International.html

34th Paul Keres Memorial

May 15-18, Spratt-Shaw College, New Westminster
Details: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/index.html>

WA Open

May 23-25, Spokane, WA
Details: http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/WA_Open_flyer_2009.pdf

May Active

May 30, Vancouver Bridge Centre
Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#MayActive>

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/>