

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #217

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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HERE AND THERE

June Active (June 5)

#	Name	Rtng	Rd 1	Rd 2	Rd 3	Rd 4	Rd 5	Tot	Result	Prize
1	Alfred Pechisker	2260	W17	D5	W4	W15	W2	4.5	1st	\$90
2	Mayo Fuentebella	2388	W11	W8	W15	W3	L1	4.0	2nd-Tied	\$17
3	Robert Chow	2259	W25	W19	W7	L2	W9	4.0	2nd-Tied	\$17
4	Dragoljub Milicevic	2158	W26	W21	L1	W5	W8	4.0	2nd-Tied	\$17
5	Chang He Li	2029	W10	D1	W6	L4	W12	3.5		
6	Don Monteith	1848	B---	D11	L5	W18	W13	3.5	U2000 1st	\$50
7	Luc Poitras	2088	W14	W22	L3	L9	W19	3.0		
8	Joe Roback	1939	W24	L2	W17	W19	L4	3.0		
9	Ryan Lo	1921	W18	L15	W24	W7	L3	3.0		
10	Nathaniel Knox	1113	L5	L17	X26	W22	W16	3.0	U1700 1st	\$45
11	Alice Xiao	1843	L2	D6	L13	W17	W18	2.5		
12	Len Molden	1842	L19	W26	D21	W14	L5	2.5		
13	John Wong	1630	L22	D14	W11	W21	L6	2.5		
14	Luke Pulfer	1262	L7	D13	W25	L12	W21	2.5		
15	Butch Villavieja	2219	W20	W9	L2	L1	U---	2.0		
16	Gopal Hayer	1548	L21	W23	L19	W24	L10	2.0		
17	Lionel Han	1500	L1	W10	L8	L11	W25	2.0		
18	Nicholas Peters	771	L9	W20	W22	L6	L11	2.0	Biggest Upset	\$10
19	Howard Wang	unr.	W12	L3	W16	L8	L7	2.0		
20	Yekta Saremi	1400	L15	L18	L23	D25	W24	1.5		
21	Steven Arai	unr.	W16	L4	D12	L13	L14	1.5		
22	George Kosinski	1855	W13	L7	L18	L10	U---	1.0		
23	Kevin Chen	1200	U---	L16	W20	U---	U---	1.0		
24	Philip Chen	1091	L8	W25	L9	L16	L20	1.0		
25	Constantin Rotariu	1478	L3	L24	L14	D20	L17	0.5		
26	Edgardo Lodovica	1393	L4	L12	F10	U---	U---	0.0		

The latest monthly active tournament attracted the usual contenders (Mayo Fuentebella, Butch Villavieja, Robert Chow, Dragoljub Milicevic), but it was a relative newcomer to these events, Alfred Pechisker, who took the first prize. Alfred placed third in the B.C. Active Championship back in January and this time came out on top with an undefeated 4.5/5 score. His single draw was with

Changhe Li, a junior who has been relatively inactive in the last year. Second prize was shared by Fuentebella, Chow, and Milicevic, while Don Monteith, Nathaniel Knox, and Nicholas Peters were the other prizewinners. Twenty-six players took part. After a summer hiatus the tournament, organized by Luc Poitras, will return in September at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.

Washington Open (May 28-30)

The last two weeks in May see long weekends on both sides of our border with Washington, both with chess events: the Canadian Victoria Day weekend is the traditional time for the Paul Keres memorial tournament, while the American Memorial Day weekend follows with the Washington Open. This year three juniors with B.C. connections played in the Washington tournament in Renton, Jason Cao and Jill Ding (scoring 3.5/6 and 3.0 respectively in the Open and Premier), and Alexandra Botez, now of Oregon, who finished with 50% in the Open. The event was won by Keres co-winner Georgi Orlov, playing tournament chess for the first time in his home state in three years, with the score of 5.5/6. [USCF crosstable](#)

Chicago Open (May 26-30)

Jofrel Landingin and Juni (Severo) Caluza were two B.C. players who travelled to the Windy City to participate in the Chicago Open, perhaps tempted by the \$100,000 guaranteed prize fund. Caluza had 4.0/5 but lost his last two games to end with 4.0/7 in the U1900; playing in the U2100 Section, Landingin lost his first three games before re-entering (a different playing schedule with a fast time control), but fared no better the second time around. GM Timur Gareyev was the sole winner of the tournament's first prize with 7.5/9, while Pentala Harikrishna, Robert Hess, and Alejandro Ramirez tied for second a half point back. Top Canadian was Toronto IM Leonid Gerzhoy, who tied for fifth with 6.5. [USCF crosstable](#)

BUDAPEST CHESS WEEKEND III (Budapest, May 21-22) by Michael Yip

The Hungarian Open took place in Zalakaros at the same time but this year I stayed in town for another wonderful local event. Fifty-six players took part in this 90 mins/game open tournament. As usual, many of the top seeds were upset along the way. There was a three-way tie for first with 5/6 and I managed a four-way tie for fourth with 4.5/6. The entry fee because of my new low rating of FIDE 1968 was a bargain 3000HUF (11 EUR) net of team membership discount. A real Hungarian bargain!

Special mention should be made of promising junior Peter Kiss (FIDE 1956) who upset the top rated Adam Kormos (FIDE 2191). My best and worst games came on the first day. I blundered a centre pawn in defending a Closed Sicilian but somehow managed to squeeze out a win. Then I followed up with my best game in round three on the White side of a Leningrad Dutch. Going into the last round I had 3.5/5 I tried a Scandinavian against my veteran opponent and managed to grind out an endgame win. This allowed me a higher placing than usual and I won back my entry fee as well. As usual, various organizers had advertising flyers ready at the results desk eager to scoop up players for coming events. This made it easy to plan my next tournament so now I better get to work.

Yip, Michael - Mester, Attila [A87] Curia St May Quickplay (3), 21.05.2011

1.Nf3 f5 2.d4 Nf6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 d6 7.Nc3 Qe8 8.d5 c6 9.Rb1 Na6 10.dxc6 bxc6 11.b4 Bd7 12.a3 This is one of the big main lines of the Leningrad Dutch. **12...Nh5** A rare

way for Black to continue. **13.Bb2** So far White has done nothing special. **13...f4** This struck me as a big bluff although I could not prove this opinion with any concrete calculations in the game. **13...Nc7 14.Re1 f4 15.Ne4!?** A similar centralization strategy to the main game. **15...fxg3 16.hxg3 Qf7 17.Bxg7 Nxg7 18.Ne5 Qe6 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.Rb2 Qf5 21.e3! a5 22.b5+/-** White can just push forwards unhindered on the queenside now that the kingside has been secured. **22...cxb5 23.cxb5 Nge6 24.b6 Na6 25.Qe2 Nb8 26.Rb5!+- 26...Qf7 27.Nxd6** 1-0 Bagaturov,G - Minor,S /Frankfurt 2005 **14.Ne4!?** **Bxb2 15.Rxb2** Trading off Black's dark bishop is a big strategic accomplishment for White. **15...Nc7** Now White must come up with a coherent plan but this is not so easy.



16.e3!? White plays to open up lines before Black can get organized. **16.Qb3!?** is a normal White move against the Leningrad but I couldn't figure out what it accomplishes. **16...Qf7 17.e3 fxe3 18.fxe3 Qg7 19.Rbf2+/- ; 16.c5** I thought this was too committal. **16...d5 17.Ne5 Nf6 18.Nxf6+ exf6 19.Nxd7 Qxd7 20.gxf4+/- 16...fxe3 17.fxe3 h6?!+/-** An unproductive move that contributes nothing to Black's cause. **18.Rbf2** Now White's pieces all find useful employment. **18...Be6?+-** This looks like it gains a tempo but in fact is a fatal time loss as now Nd4 is with tempo, the weaknesses on c6 and g6 are left exposed. **18...a5 19.Qb3 axb4 20.axb4 Ra7+/- 19.Qc2!+-** A couple of quiet moves have established White's advantage as both the kingside and queenside are under pressure. **19.Nd4! Rxf2 20.Nxf2 Bd7 21.b5+/- 19...a5**

Black tries to open a file for the dormant rook, not realizing what White was setting up for. **19...Bd7** also is very bad for Black. **20.Nh4 Ne6 21.g4 Rxf2 22.Rxf2 Nhg7 23.Ng3+- 20.Nd4** Part of a long calculation. **20...Rxf2 21.Nxf2!** The key retreat which unleashes White's diagonal striking pieces and now Black collapses. **21...Bd7**



22.Nxc6 Black cannot avoid disaster. **22...Bxc6 23.Bxc6 Qxc6 24.Qxg6+ Ng7 25.Ng4!** White has invested a piece for two pawns for a winning attack as Black cannot defend his king as all his queenside pieces have lost touch with the kingside. The knight will play a key role in the attack while Qg6/Rf1 remain stationary but effective. Black has no defence. **25...Qxc4** I checked a couple of knight moves also when playing **22.Nxc6!** **25...Nce8? 26.Nxh6+ Kh8 27.Rf8# ; 25...Nce6 26.Nxh6+ Kh8 27.Nf7+ Kg8 28.Qh6!** and Qh8 is next. **26.Nxh6+ Kh8 27.Nf7+ Kg8 28.Ng5!** The final touch as Qh7# cannot be stopped without giving up the queen. Now I felt somewhat vindicated putting all those hours into solving tactical problems. **1-0**

CFC MEMBERSHIP FEES

CFC memberships are increasing to cover the cost of HST, as noted in a recent message from CFC President Bob Gillanders:

"As a consequence of the loss of our charitable tax status, we are now required to charge HST/GST on our membership dues and rating fees. This change took place effective February 1, 2011. We have absorbed this cost to date, but it is now time to adjust our dues accordingly....The effective date is June 1, 2011. To allow for an easy transition, we will accept membership renewals until June 7th at the old rates, as well as for any tournaments begun before June 1st."

Therefore, the cost of a CFC membership for a B.C. resident is now \$40 for an adult (up from \$36), \$27 for a junior (previously \$24). The cost of a CFC tournament membership covering just one event remains the same at \$16 adult/\$8 junior. As before, BCCF membership is charged per player per event, and is often included in the event entry fee. See the [BCCF](#) website for more details.

V.J.C.C. - SOVIET TEAM MATCH

On considering B.C.'s involvement in international chess during the Cold War period, the event that immediately comes to mind is the 6-0 drubbing of Soviet GM Mark Taimanov by the American soon-to-be world champion Robert J. Fischer in Vancouver, 1971 (reported in the last Bulletin). However, Vancouver also hosted another international match at the very beginning of the cold war, a team match between members of the Vancouver Jewish Chess Club (V.J.C.C.) and Soviet naval officers who were stationed in North Vancouver.

The V.J.C.C. only came into existence in the fall of 1945. The club was founded by two ex-Winnipeggers, Dave Creemer (see [Bulletin #31](#) for more on him) and Abe Helman ([Bulletin #90](#)), presumably using the Winnipeg Jewish Chess Club as a model. The catalyst was likely Helman, as Creemer had been living in Vancouver since 1942. A former Manitoba Champion, Helman arrived in Vancouver in 1945 and subsequently won the 1947 and 1948 B.C. Championships before his premature death in 1952 at age forty-four.

"The newly organized Jewish Chess Club will have the rare privilege to be host to a number of Russian Officers of the Red Fleet, who happen to be temporarily stationed in North Vancouver. A friendly chess match with seven players a side is arranged for Wednesday, December 26th, at 7:30 p.m., in the club rooms at the Community Centre. The following are the players of the Jewish team: A. Helman, D. Creemer, F. Atnicoff [sic - Atnikov], W. Sapiro, A. Braverman, W. Eisenstein. Visitors are very welcome." [*Jewish Western Bulletin*, Friday, December 21, 1945]

"A friendly chess match held between a team of Russian Naval Officers and the Vancouver [Jewish] Chess Club on December 26th, will long remain in the memory of the community as a very pleasant event. Over a hundred spectators followed with great interest and enthusiasm the progress of the games. The match ended with a score of 5-2 in favor [sic] of the V.J.C.C.

The chairman, Mr. D. Creemer, introduced Mr. A. Helman to welcome the Russian players. Mr. Helman reviewed briefly the progress of Soviet chess in the last twenty-five years, and stated that the aim of the newly organized Jewish club is to promote the royal game of chess in the city of Vancouver, and asked for moral support from the general public to assist in building a club that will be a proud asset to the Jewish community.



Refreshments were served after the match and a toast to the Russian team was made by Mr. Robinson. Lieutenant Glotoeunski replied on behalf of the Russians, thanking the club for the welcome extended to them and expressing the hope that there would be another chance for a return match. He stated that events of this nature help to strengthen the friendship between Canadian people and the Soviet Union." [*Jewish Western Bulletin*, Friday, January 4, 1946]

The lopsided victory is not surprising: Helman and Creemer were former Manitoba champions, while Frank Atnikov (another ex-Winnipegger - he played for Winnipeg in a telegraph match with Vancouver in 1927) was a former Winnipeg city champion. Ironically both Helman and Creemer were born in Russia, but emigrated to Canada in the early 1920s due to the pogroms and political upheavals in Eastern Europe after the First World War. During the Second World War the Soviet authorities were too occupied with the war to be thinking much about anti-Semitism, but this changed in 1948 with the fabricated conspiracy known as the 'Jewish Doctor's plot.' So the match was fortunate to take place at just the right historical moment - after the world war but before the cold war and anti-Semitism became too intense.

Eac Chess-Arts Club Tournament 7

Date: June 18 - 19, 2011

Place: 14524 - 91b Ave. Surrey

Format: 5 Rounds: Swiss System

Time Control: 75 Mins with 30 Secs Delay or Increment

Round Times: Saturday 10 AM, 2 PM, 6 PM and Sunday 10 AM, 2 PM

Type: Regular Swiss, CFC Rated (CFC Membership Required)

Entry Fee: \$30

Prizes: Based on Entries

Registration: Pre-registration or at the club - contact Alonso Campos (Orgz & TD) 604-767-5153 or

email him at: ac-777-ac-888@live.com

Misc: Bring your own clock if you have one. No Club Membership Required

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 157, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

entry fee \$20 for adults \$15 for juniors

Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

EAC Chess Arts Open #7

June 18-19, Surrey

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

B.C. Open

July 30 - August 1, Richmond

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/w/page/35682117/BC-Open>

3rd Bishops of Bowser Tournament

August 14, Bowser, Vancouver Island

Details: <http://bowserchess.pbworks.com/w/page/40199252/2011-Tournament>

Portland Chess Club Centennial Open

August 12-14, Portland, Oregon

Details: http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/PCC_Centennial_Open_201108.pdf

Labour Day Open

September 3-5, Langley

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