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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 BC players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. To subscribe, send me an e-mail (swright2@telus.net); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

NAYCC (July 12-16)



(photo by Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

The NAYCC, the North American version of the CYCC, took place this year in Morristown, New Jersey immediately after the CYCC, but as previously noted this scheduling conflicted with the Canadian Open. Most of the juniors chose the youth competition, and fifty-two Canadians made the journey to New Jersey, including William Bremner, John Doknjas, Joshua Doknjas, Neil Doknjas, Patrick Huang, Joshua Imoo, Eric Jiang, Gillian Mok, Agata Seyfi, Ethan Su, Michael Su, Sherry Tian, Anna Van, Angelina Yang, and Aiden Zhou from this province. Ten trophies were awarded in each section (two-year age groups further divided into open and girls sections), along with FIDE direct titles for the top three. Of those from BC, Joshua Doknjas (U16) was fourth, Sherry Tian (U16G, although actually U12) was also fourth, and John Doknjas (U18) placed tenth. Canada won twenty-two trophies, including first for Qiuyu Huang (U14), second for Kevin Zhong (U10), and third places for Greta Qu (U8G), Julia Tsukerman (U12G), and Olivier-Kenta Chiku-Ratte (U18). Another familiar face was Bryce Tiglon from Washington State, who was clear first in the U18 Open and thus acquires the IM title. Congratulations to all! [Tournament website](#) [final standings](#)

Canadian Open (July 8-16)

The Canadian Open in Sault Ste. Marie began with two separate schedules but these merged after the sixth round, leaving one hundred and thirty-seven players in four sections fighting for the prizes on the last weekend. The big BC winner was Kate Jiang, the newly-crowned U10 Girls' Champion;

despite being rated only 875 she scored 7.0/9 to place clear first in the thirty-four player U1400 Section. Her last-round victory was against Daniel Wang, who tied for second and thus added to his winnings from the World Open. And as in Philadelphia, Daniel's father Kai made it a family affair again by tying for third in the U1800 Section. The overall winners were Canadians GM Razvan Preotu and IM Aman Hambleton who shared first with 6.5/9; they were closely followed by four GMs, Andriy Vovk (Ukraine), Aryan Chopra (India), Alexander Cherniaev (Russia), and James Tarjan (U.S.). [Tournament website](#) [final standings](#) [scoresheet downloads](#)

Victoria Active (July 15) by Marc Moisan



The 2017 July Active Chess Tournament was held in Victoria on July 15. The event, consisting of five active rounds held on the same day, had drawn a total of thirty-seven players. The event was sponsored by the Greater Victoria Public Library who provided the room where the tournament was held, Victoria Chess who provided equipment and support as well as Thrifty Foods who provided money for prizes. We are most thankful for their sponsorship.

The tournament itself was won by BC Champion FM Jason Cao with a score of 4½ out of 5 and Rowan James won the U1700 Trophy with a score of 4 out of 5. Other prize winners were Shayan Rahimabadi, Stephen Drake and David Greeley who received books for having the best scores of U1500, U1300 and Unrated respectively, they each had a score of 3 out of 5. NM Roger Patterson, on behalf of Victoria Chess, presented FM Jason Cao with \$1000 to assist in travel expenses. Jason will be playing at the Calgary Invitational 2-7 August as well as the Washington DC International 12-16 August. We wish him the best in these tournaments. [This report, standings and more photos](#)

Through the Looking Glass (July 8)

As previously mentioned, chess was a component in the annual Taste of Park Royal at the West Vancouver shopping centre on July 8. Chess Girl Ashley Tapp and former BC Champion Dan Scoones were on hand for simultaneous games but there was also much casual play, along with an Alice Through the Looking Glass theme highlighted by members of the Vancouver Circus School.



Blog entry and many more [photos](#)

B.C. CHESS CLUB OF THE MONTH: The Bishops of Bowser



2016 Bowser Builder Supply Open - Betsy Poel of Bowser Builders and Robert McFetridge front centre (Photo taken by Dave Doknjas)

Who are the Bishops of Bowser?

The Bishops of Bowser (BOB) Chess Club was founded in 2008 as an informal group meeting once a week in a coffee shop in the heart of the village of Bowser on Vancouver Island. In the beginning we brought our own equipment and invited anyone who wished to play or learn about

chess. We had no tournament experience so didn't have plans to get involved in that way and did not have connections to other clubs except for a limited connection with the Calgary Chess Club before the founder Robert McFetridge moved to Vancouver Island in 2005. After a few months we applied to the Nanaimo Regional District for a recreation grant with the idea that we would purchase pieces, boards and clocks to run an annual tournament. That was approved and we were able to purchase equipment for twenty boards. The advent of the internet allowed us to search for good equipment at a very good price. Our distinctive blue and yellow Ultimate pieces from American Chess Equipment in California have become part of brand. These are sturdy, double weighted pieces that were only \$13 and are easily identifiable as BOBCC equipment. We also had enough money left to purchase unweighted pieces and boards for Bowser Elementary School where *Archbishop* McFetridge has been volunteering as an instructor each week for eight years.

Chess has become a part of the village of Bowser and the larger community of Lighthouse Country. Our annual tournament in August at the Bowser Legion Hall has attracted some of the top players in the Province. Our first tournament in 2009 attracted an eight-year-old Jason Cao from Victoria who impressed us all with his skills. A few months later he was in Greece establishing himself as the world champion in the 10 and under class. That first year we had support from the Victoria Chess Club and specifically Elliot Raymer who served as our tournament director. Our prizes were a bit of cash from a modest entry fee but it worked well and gave us encouragement to continue in future years. For many years now we have been supported by a local business, Bowser Builders Supply and the owners Betsy Poel and Mac Snobelen who have allowed us to purchase attractive prizes each year from Chess Bazaar in India.

In 2017 after six years playing on Saturdays at Henry's Kitchen in beautiful Qualicum Bay near Bowser we have had to move to the Lighthouse Country Community Hall also in Qualicum Bay since Henry's was closed due to the death of the manager. Our future looks very active and we now draw regular members from Nanoose Bay and as far north as Campbell River. Perhaps the Bishops of Bowser can be a model for other communities wishing to start chess clubs or existing clubs that want to expand their activities and run tournaments.

When is their next tournament?

Sunday, Aug 13, 2017 - Bishops of Bowser will host their 9th Bowser Builders Open Chess Tournament. To register and for more information go to: bowserchess.pbworks.com or contact Robert by email: mcfetridge@shaw.ca

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent - Harper, Bruce [B07] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

This game, played against a highly related opponent, is something of a joke. It was clear right from the start that White's intention was simply to blow his opponent off the board. He could have, too, but then he went crazy and pieces started flying all over the place. When the smoke cleared, White didn't have many pieces left.

1.e4 [0:03:00] **1...g6** [0:02:59] **2.d4** [0:02:58] **2...Bg7** [0:02:59] **3.c3** [0:02:57] **3...d6** [0:02:58]
4.f4 [0:02:56] A dangerous line for Black.



4...Nf6 [0:02:57] **5.Bd3** [0:02:55] **5...e5** [0:02:56] **6.Nf3** [0:02:53] **6...Bg4** [0:02:54] As played by Canadian GM Duncan Suttles against World Champion Boris Spassky at the Canadian Open in Vancouver, 1971. I saw the game in person, so the least I could do was to follow it. Suttles missed a one-move win in time trouble and lost. **7.0-0** [0:02:50] Spassky played 7.fxe5 dxe5 8.Bg5. **7...Nbd7** [0:02:52] **8.h3** [0:02:48] **8...Bxf3** [0:02:51] **9.Qxf3** [0:02:48] **9...0-0?!** [0:02:49] 9...cxd4 was better. **10.fxe5** [0:02:45] **10...dxe5** [0:02:48] **11.Bg5** [0:02:44] **11...h6** [0:02:44] **12.Bh4** [0:02:42]



12...g5?! [0:02:43] The cure is worse than the disease - Black unpins his f6-knight, but weakens his kingside. 12...c6 was playable. **13.Bg3** [0:02:41] **13...exd4?** [0:02:39]



14.e5! [0:02:39] **14...dxc3** [0:02:10]



Black is lost, but now White gets carried away.

15.exf6? [0:02:34] After the obvious 15.Nxc3, White retains all his advantages without giving up anything.

The perils of thinking you're a genius... **15...cxb2** [0:02:09]



Every picture tells a story. If White continues with

16.fxg7, Black will defend his kingside with his original queen, while using his new one for other things.

16.Qf5 [0:02:08] **16...Nxf6** [0:02:03] This might have been the move that White missed. **17.Be5** [0:02:07]

17...bxa1Q [0:01:54] **18.Bxf6** [0:02:05]



18...Qxd3! [0:01:52]



Or maybe it was this move... **19.Qxd3** [0:01:48]
19...Bxf6 [0:01:46] **20.Nd2** [0:01:47] **20...Qd4+**
 [0:01:44]



White resigns. The exchange of queens was enough
 to quell even White's raging optimism. **0-1**

MATE IN TWO by Bruce Harper



A special chess problem to honour the recent
 Canadian Championship. The terms: White to play and
 checkmate in two moves. There is a special provision,
 however - White gets to hold all of Black's captured
 pieces in his hand out of sight, except for one. Black
 must promote to that piece...

1.Kg3 g1B Black has no choice - he'd like to make a
 queen, rook or even knight, but for some reason those
 pieces don't seem to be available. And he has no other
 move than to advance his pawn to the eighth rank and
 promote it. **2.Be4#** It's checkmate!

1924 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

In 1924 the Dominion chess championship took place at the Royal Connaught Hotel in Hamilton, Ontario at the end of August. The tournament was a sixteen-player round robin; some previous championships had had more participants, but their format had been a variety of Swiss and thus had fewer rounds than the Hamilton event. The tournament was held over the eight days of August 18-25 with games each afternoon and evening and adjournments in the mornings. This was the first time a player from the West Coast participated, multi-time BC Champion [John Ewing](#) (1889-1952). Ewing achieved a creditable result, scoring 8/15; the winner was John Morrison of Toronto, who had previously won the championship in 1910, 1913, and 1922 ([crosstable](#)). Morrison gave up only two draws in scoring 14 points (one of them to Ewing), yet there was an element of controversy:



John Ewing

The most important game of the congress, the adjourned Morrison-Fox contest from the seventh round, was staged for completion Saturday morning last, and while played out to a draw it was awarded to Morrison through Fox overstepping the time limit. Fox claimed there was something wrong with the clock's action at the time, and circumstances seemed to point to some discrepancy. The Federation officials made every effort to sift out something certain in support of his contention but they were unable to do so. However, it is certain that the attitude of one of the officials towards Fox at the time unnerved the player and may be said to be directly responsible for his loss to Rombach Saturday evening. [Malcom Sim, *Toronto Evening Telegram*, 26 August 1924]

Maurice Fox "of Peterborough, the well-known English amateur player, recently come to Canada" placed second behind Morrison, the winning margin being the game between them, while 1920 champion Sydney Gale was third. Morrison also won the next championship in 1926, but then the tide turned toward Fox; relocating in Montreal, he won the Canadian title a total of eight times between 1927 and 1949, a record subsequently only matched by Abe Yanofsky.

Ewing, John Morton - Fox, Maurice [A45] CAN ch Hamilton (1), 18.08.1924

[Malcolm Sim]

1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 Somewhat tardy. **2...g6 3.Bd3** Ewing is partial to the Stonewall formation, but it hardly fits in with this Black defence. **3...Bg7 4.f4 d6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Qe1 e5** We think **7...Re8** should precede this advance. **8.fxe5 dxe5 9.Nbd2 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.e6** equalizes the pawn position, at least. **9...Qe7 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Qxe5 12.Nf3 Qh5 13.Qg3 13.e4** and to develop the queenside was more in order. **13...Ng4 14.h3** Not **14.Qxc7 Be5. 14...Ne5 15.Be2 Nxf3+ 16.Qxf3 Qxf3 17.Bxf3 c6 18.c3 Be6 19.e4 Rad8 20.a3 20.Be3** and if **20...a6 21.Rfd1** followed by **Bb6** with a view to posting the king bishop at **c2** seems the best course. White's **a3** is then free from the drawback that appears in the actual game. **20...Bb3 21.Bf4 h6 22.Rae1 Rfe8** Preventing **23.Bd1. 23.Rf2 Bf8 24.Be3 b6 25.Bd4** An unfavourable manoeuvre, which makes the e-pawn very difficult to hold. The game now enters upon an interesting stage. **25...c5 26.Bf6 Rd6 27.Bh4 Rde6 28.Rfe2** Temporarily preventing **f5**. If White attempts to rid himself definitely of this possibility by **28.R1e2** to follow with **Rd2**, Black steps in with **Ba4** and **Bc6. 28...Bc4 29.Rd2 f5 30.Rd8** If **30.e5** then **30...Bg7** before capturing the pawn. **30...Rxd8 31.Bxd8 Bd5 32.e5 32.exd5** would not serve, as the Black king would come to the rescue. **32...Bxf3 33.gxf3 g5**



34.Kf2 White has thus far dealt with the situation with commendable accuracy, but here he misses the excellent drawing prospects afforded by 34.f4. If 34...gxf4 then 35.Kf2 Bg7 36.Bc7 h5 37.Kf3 Bh6 38.Bd8 (threatening 39.Bg5) 38...Kf7 39.Bf6 with h4 and Bg5 as a possibility. **34...f4 35.Kg2** 35.h4 offers drawing prospects still; if 35...gxh4 then 36.Re4. **35...Kf7 36.Re4 Bg7 37.Bc7 Kg6 38.b4 cxb4 39.cxb4 Kf5 40.Bb8 a6 41.Kf2 Bxe5 42.Bxe5 Rxe5 43.Rc4 b5 44.Rc6 Re6 45.Rc2 Kg6** A winning manoeuvre. **46.Kg2 Kh5 47.Rd2 Re3 48.a4** If 48.Ra2 then 48...Kh4 49.a4 Rb3. The text move is quickly fatal. **48...bxa4 49.Ra2 a3 50.Rf2 Rb3 0-1** [*Toronto Evening Telegram*, 13 September 1924]

Moncur, J.W - Ewing, John Morton [A09] CAN ch Hamilton (3), 19.08.1924
[*Malcolm Sim*]

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 d4 3.d3 c5 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.0-0 e5 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.Ng5 Bf5 9.Nge4 Nxe4 10.Nxe4 Bxe4 11.Bxe4 0-0 12.f4 f5 13.Bd5+ Kh8 14.fxe5 Bxe5 15.e4 fxe4 16.dxe4 Qd6 17.Rxf8+ Rxf8 18.Qg4 Qf6 19.Qf5 Qxf5 20.exf5 Rxf5 21.Bd2 Rf8 22.Re1 Bf6 23.Bf4 Nb4 24.Bd6 Rd8 25.Bc7 Rf8 26.Bd6 Rd8 27.Bc7 Rf8 An extraordinary position. Black is well advised to submit to a draw by repetition of moves. $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$ [*Toronto Evening Telegram*, 23 August 1924]

Morrison, John S. - Ewing, John Morton [B01] CAN ch Hamilton (4), 19.08.1924
[*Malcolm Sim*]

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 Nf6 5.Bc4 Bf5 This developing move is unfavourable. **6.Nf3** The correct continuation against it is 6.Qf3 Qc8 7.Bf4, and White is well ahead in development. If 7...Bxc2 then 8.Nd5 with [a] strong assault. **6...e6 7.0-0 c6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Re1 0-0 10.h3 h6 11.Bf4 Nbd7 12.Bd3 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 Nb6 14.Ne2 c5 15.Ne5 Nbd5 16.Bd2 Nd7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.dxc5 Bxc5 19.Rad1 Qe7 20.Nc3 Rad8 21.Qg3 Nxc3** A mistake. **22.Bxc3 22.Bxh6** is a winning attack; if 22...f6 then 23.Rxd8 Rxd8 24.Rxe6, etc. [But in the subsequent November 15 column:] Here we give 22.Bxh6 to win, but C. Dickson, secretary of the Vancouver C.C., calls our attention to 22...Ne2+ in reply, the full effect of which had slipped us. This would lead to an opposite result. We are always glad of any errors brought to our attention. **22...Qg5 23.Qxg5 hxg5 24.Kf1 Be7 25.Bd4 b6 26.Be5 Bf6 27.Bxf6 gxf6 28.c3 Rfe8 29.Ke2 Kf8 30.Ke3 e5** This appears very weakening, but it is difficult to find a win against it. **31.Ke4 Ke7 32.Kf5 Rxd1 33.Rxd1 Rc8 34.Rd3 Rc4 35.g3 Rc6 36.b3 Re6 37.Ke4 37.f3** would not prevent Black advancing the e-pawn. **37...Rc6 38.Kf5 Re6 39.Ke4 Rc6 40.g4 Ke6 41.c4 Rc8 42.Rc3 Rd8 43.c5** Morrison gave a snap opinion that he could have won by advancing 43.b4 first, but Black's 43...Rd4+ in reply blankets the possibility of demonstrating it. Black might follow up with 44...b5. **43...bxc5 44.Rxc5 Rd2 45.Rc6+ Ke7 46.Rc7+ Ke6 47.Rxa7 Rxf2 48.Ra6+ Ke7 49.Ra7+** There is nothing better than perpetual check; if 49.a4 then 49...Rf4+ and Rb4. **49...Ke6 50.Ra6+ Ke7 51.Ra7+ Ke6 $\frac{1}{2}-\frac{1}{2}$** [*Toronto Evening Telegram*, 11 October 1924]

Ewing, John Morton - Narraway, James E. [D00] CAN ch Hamilton (8), 21.08.1924

[Malcolm Sim]

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 e6 4.Nd2 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.f4 cxd4 7.exd4 Be7 8.Ngf3 Bd7 9.Ne5 Qc7 10.Ndf3 Nxe5 Black might play 10...Ne4 here and avoid a somewhat backward game. **11.Nxe5 Bc6 12.0-0 Bd6 13.Qe2 g6** This move, though it fails to prevent 14.f5, renders that move a rather speculative one for White, Black having some prospect of attack on the open g-file. Offsetting this is the weakness of Black's f-pawn. **14.f5 gxf5 15.Bxf5 Bxe5 16.dxe5 Nd7 17.Bf4** Effectively preserving his advanced forces. **17...0-0-0 18.Bh3** 18.Bc2 would give the bishop more scope and would control the opposing knight when posted on e4. On the other hand, the safety of the White king would be affected. **18...Rdg8 19.Bg3 Nc5 20.Qf2** 20.Bf2 Ne4 21.Bd4 Ng5 22.Qe3 was more prospective for White. **20...Bb5 21.Rfd1 Kb8 22.Qe3** White plays to prevent Ng5. **22...Ne4 23.Bf4 Ka8** There being small chance of Black counter-attacking with sufficient energy against the White king, to meet the onslaught on the other wing, it was advisable to force an exchange of queens by 23...Qc5. Black's plan appears to be to advance f5, but if so he changes his mind on this idea. **24.a4 Bc4 25.g3 Qe7 26.Bg2 Nc5** The manoeuvring of this knight does nothing to meet the attack, but, instead, rather assists it. **27.b4 Nd7 28.Qd4 Nb8 29.b5 Rc8 30.Be3 b6 31.Rdb1 Rc5 32.Qd2 Rc7 33.a5 Kb7 34.axb6 axb6 35.Qc2 Nd7 36.Qa4 Nc5** This costs a whole rook. The only chance was 36...Kc8 37.Qa8+ Nb8 38.Bxb6 Rb7 39.Ra7 Rxa7 40.Bxa7 Qb7 but White's extra "passed" pawn should prove sufficient in the ending. The veteran Narraway gives clear indication here that he was affected by the great strain put on the players in the tourney. **37.Qa7+ 1-0** [Toronto Evening Telegram, 25 October 1924; James Narraway (1857-1947), Canadian champion in 1893, 1897, and 1898, was also one of Canada's strongest correspondence players]

UPCOMING EVENTS

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July 22, Columbia College

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