

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #13

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Stephen Wright

B.C. INTERSCHOOL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP by Bruce Harper

On February 22, 2003, St. George's Senior School hosted the finals of the Elementary School Team Championship and the Secondary School Team Championship. The setting was McLean Hall, a tournament hall reminiscent of the elegant events held in the golden era of European chess.

As expected, Our Lady of Perpetual Help dominated the Elementary School Finals, scoring the same number of points as last year: 18 out of a possible 20. In doing so, Our Lady beat out second place Queen Mary by 4.5 points.

More surprisingly, Queen Mary took second with the same margin over third place Westcot.

Our Lady's command of the event was reflected in the fact that they took all four individual board prizes, based on results in the Preliminaries and Finals:

Board 1

Peter Sum 85.7%

Duncan Dauvergne 85%

Board 2

Bryan Young 80%

Christopher Hu 77.7%

Board 3

Alisa Young 100%

Jason Dowlatabadi 90%

Board 4

Angelo Graffos 71.4%

Arthur Chang 70%

Both Peter and Alisa (who won every single game) graduate this year, and there is speculation Our Lady's three-year run of first place finishes may be in jeopardy next year.

Elizabeth Tower, the driving force behind the dynasty, discounted this and assured this writer that she had "a few surprises" planned for next year.

A disappointing seven schools participated in the Secondary School Championship, which at least allowed a round-robin to be held instead of the planned Swiss. In contrast to the Elementary School Championship, however, this event was exciting right to the end. Last year's winner, Winston Churchill, repeated when second place University Hill was defeated 3:1 by Seaquam A in the final round. This heroic effort put Seaquam A into a three-way tie with Johnson and Lord Byng A. Based on the results of their matches, Lord Byng A took third.

The final results (out of a possible 24 points): Churchill: 19; U. Hill: 17; Lord Byng A, Johnson, Seaquam A: 13; Seaquam B: 5.5; Lord Byng B: 3.5.

The individual board prizes in the Secondary School Championship were awarded as follows:

Board 1

Lawrence Bau 5
Samuel Wong 4.5

Board 2

Glen Nogayev 6
Kian Mintz-Woo 5

Board 3

Kevin Au 4.5
Ryan Mickelson 4

Board 4

Jonathan Bau 5
Gordon Welch 4

Finally, a special thanks to Katherine Davies and Stephen Wright, who helped organize and direct both events.

B.C. JUNIOR SIAMESE FINAL by Bruce Harper

The B.C. Junior Siamese Final was played on March 2, 2003. The four finalists were Gavin Atkinson, Ben Daswani, and former juniors Tyler Johnson and Bruce Harper.

The format was a gruelling 36-game round robin, played in three 12-game cycles. In each cycle, each player partnered with each of the other players for four games, playing two games (one white and one black) against one

opponent, then doing the same against the other opponent. Trust me - it worked.

Three hours later, the result was an astounding tie:

Gavin Atkinson 23
Bruce Harper 23
Tyler Johnson 15
Ben Daswani 11

It was then agreed that the two top finishers would be Co-Champions, and both get their names engraved on the immense B.C. Junior Siamese Championship trophy.

HARRY MOORE SIMULTANEOUS EXHIBITION

Monday night at the Victoria Chess Club B.C. Champion Harry Moore gave a simultaneous exhibition.

Sam Churchill (12 yrs old, 1239 rating) was one of a handful of players to score a full point.

Moore,H - Churchill,S [A59] Simultaneous, Victoria, 03.03.2003
Annotations by Sam Churchill [Editorial comments in square brackets]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Nf3 Nbd7 8.g3 g6
9.e4 Bxf1 10.Kxf1 Bg7 11.Kg2 0-0 12.h3 Qb6 13.Re1 Ne8 (to control e5) 14.Re2
Ne5 (to trade off the Nf3) [14...Nc7!?] 15.Nxe5 Bxe5 16.Bh6 Ng7 (I didn't
want to trade B's yet, Ng7 reactivates the N) 17.Qd2 [17.a4 intending Nb5]
17...Qb4 (an active square for the Q, putting pressure on e4 and c3) 18.Bg5 f6
(creates a hole at e6 but I'm hoping to trade off the B's and N's soon
anyway) 19.Be3 (I expected Harry to play the B to h6 or f4. This drops at
least a pawn) 19...Bxc3 20.bxc3 Qxe4+ 21.f3 Qc4 (now I'm hoping to pick off
the a2 pawn) 22.Bh6 Rf7 23.Rae1 [?; 23.Re4 intending a4] 23...Nf5 24.Bf4 (if
24.g4 Nxb6 25.Qxb6 Rxa2) 24...g5 25.Be3 (if 25.Bxg5 fxg5 26.Qxg5 Kf8 with
Rxa2 to follow) [25.Qc2] 25...Nxe3+ 26.Qxe3 (forced because of Rxa2) 26...Rxa2
[26...Qxd5] 27.Qe4 Rxe2+ 28.Rxe2 Qxc3 29.h4 gxh4 [??; 29...f5!] 30.Qxh4 [??;
30.Qg4+ with a perpetual] 30...Qd3 (to protect at g6) 31.Qg4+ Qg6 32.Qe6 Kg7
(unpins the R) 33.Re4 f5 (forces Qs off with a won R ending.) 0-1

30 YEARS AGO . . . by Bruce Harper

Chess fashions come and go. In Vancouver the Dragon Variation of the Sicilian Defence is played not only by Jack Yoos, who likes his tactics, but

is also employed by the dangerous young players Valentina Goutor and Tiffany Tang. Of course, the Dragon being what it is, it is often at least as dangerous to the person playing it as it is to their opponent!

Thirty years ago, Joseph Oszwald proudly wore the dragon crest. He suffered his share of fatal wounds, but dragons never truly die as long as you believe in them, and Joe believed. Today's game is between Paul Brown (a stalwart warrior in his own right) and Oszwald.

Brown-Oszwald, Vancouver, 1973

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.f3 Bg7 7.Be3 0-0 8.Qd2 Nc6 9.0-0-0

White is employing the dreaded Yugoslav attack - invented when there still *was* a Yugoslavia.

9...Bd7 10.g4

In 1973 I criticized this move as being "too slow", but in fact modern theory doesn't seem to question it.

10...Rc8 11.h4 Ne5 12.h5 b5 13.Bh6?!

It's not at all obvious to me why White can't accept the pawn offer with 13.Ncxb5. And, in fact, Fritz agrees with me! Smart computer!

13...Bxh6 14.Qxh6 Rxc3

I was right in calling this "thematic", but 14...Rxc3 is hardly worth the "!" I gave it. Unless Black eliminates White c3-knight, it will go to d5 and eliminate Black's f6-knight, collapsing Black's defences.

15.bxc3 Qa5 16.Qe3

Through the miracle of Chessbase, I found two other games which reached this position. In Cuijpers-Fornari, Caorle, 1981, White also tried 16.Qe3 and lost in an entertaining fashion after 16...Qa3+ 17.Kd2 Rc8 18.Nxb5?! (18.hxg6! fxg6 19.g5) Nxb5 19.Bxb5 Rxc3! 20.Qxc3 Nxf3+ 21.Kd3 Ne5+ 22.Kd4 Nf3+ 23.Kc4 Ne5+ 24.Qxe5? (White should have settled for a draw) Qxa2+ 25.Kc3 Qa5+ 26.Kc4 dxe5, and 27.Rd8+ was no longer possible. And in Ciurlanti-Diego, Buenos Aires, 1994, White continued 16.hxg6 gxf6 17.g5 Nf7 18.Qh4 Nh5 and lost miserably 11 moves later.

Incidentally, Fritz recommends the ice-cold and rather obvious 16.Kb2!, as after 16...Nc4+ 17.Bxc4 bxc4 White's king will find safety at a1.

In other words, Black's sacrifice is not completely sound, but White must defend efficiently, without giving up his material advantage. This he fails to do.

16...Rc8 17.Kd2 b4 18.Nb3 bxc3+ 19.Ke1 Qxa2 20.Nd4 Qa5 21.Be2 Qc5 22.Qh6 a5

White's attack had better work, as Black intends to get a new queen.

23.hxg6 fxg6 24.Nf5 Bxf5

It is more important for Black to keep his king sheltered than it is to win material. This applies to many Dragon positions - for both sides.

25.exf5 Nf7 26.Qh3 g5

A nice positional solution to Black's problems. Material is equal, but none of White's pieces work and all of Black's do. In time trouble and well aware that his position is falling apart, White goes "berserk" (to quote myself).

27.f4 gxf4 28.g5 Nxc5 29.Rg1? Qxc5+ 0:1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Individual Chess Matches

Players interested in participating in rated individual chess matches with other players of comparable or dissimilar ratings can contact Luis E. Azmitia at: azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca

Please make sure to include in the e-mail: your name, your rating, type of game preferred (i.e. active), and the rating range of possible opponents. Note that the games will be held in the Vancouver area.

Upcoming junior events:

March 9 Victoria Regional Chess Challenge
March 16 Vancouver Grand Prix #6
March 30 Vancouver Regional Chess Challenge

For details visit British Columbia Chess Federation or Greater Victoria Junior Chess

March Saturday Chess Fever

Date: March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Location: at the Bridge Center 2776 East Broadway, Vancouver
Rds: 5
Type: Regular Swiss, 2 sections Open and Under 1700
Time: Games start at 1:00p.m.
Time Control: 30/90 G/60
Entry Fee: \$25, \$20 for Juniors and Masters
Prizes: \$\$ BEN
Org: James Kerry 604-438-7666 and Luc Poitras 604-438-0496

March Kelowna Swiss 2003

Sundays in March starting March 2nd, Noon to 5
Time: 30 moves in 90 / 60 minutes SD
Prize: \$\$\$BEN\$\$\$ plus Chessbase CD for 1st place
Type: 5 round Swiss
Entry Fee: \$15 CFC member / \$25 for non-CFC
CFC Rated
Location: Rotary Centre for the Arts, located on Cawston Ave. Near Skyreach
Place. Downtown
Kelowna.
TD: Grant Rice 250-979-0009 and Parish Barabana parishrules@hotmail.com
Notes: sponsored by Chess First! Enterprises (www.northshorechess.com)
1/2 pt. byes in first three rounds.
Register: by phone or email or at location on first day.

UBC Tuesday Night Swiss - March - April 2003

Dates: March 18th, March 25th, April 1st, April 8th, April 15th
Place: UBC Student Union Building, Room 212
Rounds: 5 round Swiss System (one round per week)
Time: Round 1; a.s.a.p. after 7pm, Rounds 2-5 6:30pm
Time Control: 40 moves / 90 minutes, game / 60 minutes
Entry Fee: \$15, \$12 UBC CC members (available at site), \$8 juniors, \$Free to
masters and those joining CFC/BCCF for the first time
Registration: 6:30 - 7 pm before round 1
Prizes: Based on entries (\$\$BEN)
Org & TD: Lyle Craver (604) 980-2040
Misc: half point byes available for rounds 1-4 when requested at least 24
hours before game time (in person or by phone only please - no e-mail bye
requests!) Please bring sets, clocks, etc.

Victoria U1800 Chess Challenge

Where: University of Victoria, Human and Social Development Building, Room
A260

When: Sunday, March 23rd, 2003

Registration: 8:30AM to 9:00 AM

Start: 9:30AM SHARP.

A maximum of two ½ point byes allowed (must chose rounds at time of registration)

Rounds: 5 rounds starting at 9:30, 11:00, 1:00, 2:30, 4:00

Eligibility: All players rated under 1800 or players who have never played in a rated tournament.

Players from outside Victoria area are welcome. Please call if you need a ride from the ferry terminal.

Entry fee: \$20 plus CFC Membership

Format: 5 Round Swiss, CFC Rated

Prizes: \$150 1st place GUARANTEED. Other prizes for sections based on entries.

Time Controls: Game 45 minutes

Concession: Coffee, Pizza, Fruit Juice

Info: Greg Churchill 250 598 9747

Kitsilano Beach FIDE tournament

Date: March 28-30, 2003

Place: SPEC, 2150 Maple Street, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: Regular 6-player RR, CFC & FIDE rated

Times: 6:30pm/10am, 4pm/10am, ASAP

TC: FIDE 120+30

EF: \$40 FIDE rated, \$50 FIDE unrated

Prizes: 1st \$140 plus FREE entry into Keres Open and Fritz 8 software, all players receive CB CD prizes

Reg: interested FIDE rated players and ambitious unrated players please

e-mail: chessfm@shaw.ca

TD & Org: Vas Sladek, 604-982-0611

Misc: no smoking

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Enterprises www.northshorechess.com

SPEC www.spec.bc.ca

Empires Fall Invitational

Date: April 4-6, 2003

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway, Vancouver, BC

Rds: 5

Type: regular 6-player RR

Times: 6:30/10, 3/10, ASAP

TC: FIDE 90+30

EF: \$30

Prizes: 1st \$130 plus ChessBase magazine CD

Reg: interested players e-mail chessfm@shaw.ca
TD & Org: Vas Sladek, 604-982-0611
Misc: no smoking, CFC membership required
Sponsors: Polaris Water Company www.polariswater.com and Chess First!
Enterprises www.northshorechess.com

English Bay FIDE Tournament

Date: April 25-27, 2003
Place: SPEC, 2150 Maple Street, Vancouver, BC
Rds: 5
Type: Regular 6-player RR, CFC & FIDE rated
Times: 6:30pm/10am, 4pm/10am, ASAP
TC: 120+30
EF: \$40 FIDE rated, \$50 FIDE unrated
Prizes: 1st \$140 plus FREE entry into Keres Open and Fritz 8 software, all
players receive CB CD prizes
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2003 Keres Memorial Tournament

Dates: Friday May, 16th to Monday, May 19th 2003
Location: Plaza 500 Hotel, 500 West 12th Avenue, Vancouver
Sections: Open, Under 2000, Under 1600
Time Control: 40/120, SD/60
Rated: Open: FIDE + CFC, Others: CFC
Rounds: Open: 7 Rounds, Others: 6 Rounds
Round Times: 5:30PM (Open only), 10,4/10,4/9,3 or ASAP
Prizes: 1st Open \$1.200 Guaranteed
1st Under 2000, \$1.100 Guaranteed
1st Under 1600, \$1.000 Guaranteed
Top Unrated \$ 200 Guaranteed
Additional Prizes dependant on Entries
Entry Fees: Prior to March 31st, 2003 \$ 99
Prior to April 30th, 2003 \$125
Prior to May 15th, 2003 \$135
At Site \$150
Note: \$15 surcharge for players below 2000 CFC wanting to play in
The Open Section.

US\$1=CAN\$1.40

Discounts:

Born after June 1st 1983: 50%

Fide rated players w/o Titles 25%

Fide Titled Players FREE Entry

Registration: Mail cheques made payable to the BCCF, to: Lyle Craver,
Treasurer BCCF,

PO Box 15548, Vancouver, BC V6B 5B3

At Site: Friday Noon to 6PM, Saturday 8:00AM to 9:30 AM

No cheques are accepted at site, cash only.

TDs: Ms. Lynn Stringer, Mr. Mark Barnes, Mr. Lyle Craver

Organizer: Peter Stockhausen for the BCCF

Misc: The BCCF Annual General Meeting will be held on Sunday afternoon, May
18, between rounds.

For further Information: Peter Stockhausen (604 276 1111)

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Kelowna Summer Fest

Dates: July. 5 & 6, 2003

Type: 5 Round Swiss

Times: 9/2/7; 9/asap

Place: Sandman Inn Kelowna B.C. 2130 Harvey Ave across from Orchard Park Mall
(250) 860-6409

Entry: \$25, \$20 Seniors, \$15 Juniors Non CFC pay entry + \$12

Prizes: BEN

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