

Victoria Chess Festival 2008 Grand Pacific Open

March 21st - 24th, 2008

**Come play chess on an island in the Pacific! It doesn't get better than this.
Escape the harsh Canadian winter. Come to Victoria for the Easter Weekend.**

The main event of the Festival, the Grand Pacific Open (GPO) will be a 6 round Swiss with a guaranteed prize fund of \$2000! In addition, there will be a Scholastic Tournament on March 21st and a Bughouse Tournament following the GPO on Monday March 24th.

Check www.victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com for updates and more information

FIDE and CFC Rated

Top B.C. finisher will qualify for the BC Closed.



The tournament will be held in the Hotel Grand Pacific in Victoria, B.C. and yes this photo was taken in March!

www.hotelgrandpacific.com

We hope to see you at the 2008 GPO and Victoria Chess Festival! Please spread the word about this event. The end of March is a great time to visit Victoria. Bring your family and spend an extra day or two. The Hotel Grand Pacific is extending the \$95 rate for 3 days before and after the event.

Bonus Event Grand Pacific Scholastic Tournament on March 21st 10:00 am to 4:30 pm Details.....

www.victoriajuniorchess.pbwiki.com

Bughouse on March 24th at 2:00 pm

Playing Site. Pender Island Ball Room, Grand Pacific Hotel www.hotelgrandpacific.com
Clocks and sets provided.

Playing Schedule. On site registration is from 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM on Friday March 21st. Late arrivals will be paired on an opportunity basis. Rd 1 – Friday, March 21st at 6:00 PM. Rds 2-3 – Saturday, March 22nd at 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM. Rds 4-5 – Sunday, March 23rd at 12:00 noon and 6:00 PM. Rd 6 – Monday March 24th at 10:00 AM. Up to two half point byes for Rds 1 to 5 only.

Chief TD, Mark S. Dutton International Arbiter (I.A.) **Deputy TD,** Lynn Stringer I.A.

Prizes. \$2000 Guaranteed Prize Fund! 1st 500, 2nd 300, 3rd 200, 4th 100. U2000 300, 150, 100. U1600 200, 100, 50. U1200 Trophies. Trophies for 1st and 2nd place in all categories. Unrated players are not eligible for section prizes or trophies. CFC, USCF, FQE, FIDE ratings in order of priority will be used for pairings and class prize eligibility.

Entry Fees. \$45 before Feb 1st, \$50 before Mar 1st, \$60 after Mar. 1st. US checks accepted at par. Non-CFC members add a \$10 tournament fee. Send cheques to: Brian Raymer, 2386 Dalhousie St. Victoria BC V8R 2H6 - payable to the Victoria Chess Club.

Time Control. Game in 90 minutes plus 30 second per move increment.

Accommodation. The organizing committee has arranged an excellent rate for you at the Hotel Grand Pacific. Luxury 5 Star Hotel - \$95/night based single or double occupancy. Children under 18 stay free in same room with accompanying adult(s). The hotel is ideally situated on the beautiful inner harbour and includes free high speed internet, free access to health club and ozonated 25 m pool and many other amenities for hotel guests. The special rate is available for rooms until February 21st, 2008 subject to availability. We expect the rooms will sell out at this rate well before February 21st. Book early to avoid disappointment by calling toll free 1-800-663-7550. Quote: MAR08GRAND when booking. Many other hotels are available within a reasonable distance from the playing site. Contact the organizing committee for more information.

Welcome to out of province and out of country players The organizing committee will help with travel planning and can arrange pick up at the airport or ferry if requested. Please call for any assistance. For information contact:

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Paul Leblanc 250-388-5187 pc-leblanc@shaw.ca Organizer

Roger Patterson victoria_chess@shaw.ca Organizer

Registration Form Grand Pacific Open 2008

Name: _____ Address: _____

CFC Membership Number (if applicable) _____

Rating: _____ (CFC) _____ (USCF) _____ (FIDE) _____ (FQE)

e-mail and phone _____

Amount of cheque enclosed _____

\$45 postmarked before Feb 1st, \$50 before Mar 1st, \$60 after Mar 1st Non-CFC members add \$10 or join the CFC) US Checks accepted at par. Do not mail cheques after March 10th After March 10th send an email to register.

Byes Requested (indicate round numbers) _____

Payable to **Victoria Chess Club.** Mail to Brian Raymer, 2386 Dalhousie St. Victoria, BC V8R 2H6