

GM Chess Fest

World class Grandmasters don't come to town every day. On July 4 and 7, 2004, you will have an opportunity to take part in a several chess events with four famous chess Grandmasters.

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July 4, 2004 - Simuls

Location – To be announced

Vancouver

1:00 pm: GM Cramling simultaneous exhibition (*girls only*).

GM Cramling will simultaneously play all challengers. This event is restricted to female opponents, and will be followed by a brief lecture on "How to Beat Boys".

3:30 pm: GM Bellon simultaneous exhibition (*open to all*).

GM Bellon will simultaneously play all challengers. This event is open to all players.

Registration Deadline: 15 minutes before each event. Pre-registration is encouraged, as the number of players in the simultaneous exhibitions is limited.

Equipment Boards and sets will be provided.
Entry fee \$20 per event, \$30 for both. Participants in the Western Canadian Open and juniors receive a 50% discount. These discounts are cumulative, for a maximum discount of 75%.

Prizes Donated by Chess First Enterprises - eight prizes in total; maximum four per simul. Prizes go to winners first, then players who draw. Retail values are indicated:

GM Cramling simul: First successful player: Shredder 7 engine-many-times world champion (\$65). Second successful player: ChessBase 87 magazine (400 annotated games, endings, strategy, theory, multimedia and tactics, total 5,300 games) (\$30). Next two successful players: ChessBase Extra 91, 94, 97 and 97 database CDs, each with 2000-5000 games. (\$20 each).

GM Bellon simul: First successful player: Fritz 7 engine (\$45). Second successful player: ChessBase 86 magazine (1,802 games in main database, endings, strategy, theory, tactics and multimedia) (\$30). Next two successful players: ChessBase Extra 91, 94, 97 and 97 database CDs, - each with 2000-5000 games. (\$20 each).

July 7, 2004 - Pairs Tournament

Location – To be announced

Vancouver

7:00 pm: Pairs Exhibition tournament (*spectators welcome*).

GMs Cramling, Bellon, Seirawan and Suttles will play a three 30-minute Pairs exhibition games, rotating partners each game. In each game, in both events, one player makes the first move for White, then the players alternate, each making two moves in a row. Partners may not talk about the game while playing or otherwise give hints or advice to their partner. They may tell their partner to move ("It's your move.") and tell them to move quickly ("Hurry up, we have 20 seconds left!!"). Profanity and physical violence is not allowed except under extreme circumstances.

Spectator fee \$20. Participants in the July 4, 2004, simuls, Western Canadian Open and juniors receive a 50% discount. These discounts are cumulative, for a maximum discount of 75%.

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Who are the Grandmasters?

Four world class Grandmasters will be taking part in the GM Chess Fest at **locations to be announced** in Vancouver on July 7, 2004:

Pia Cramling **GM – Sweden**

Swedish Grandmaster Pia Cramling took part in the Vancouver Chess Congress in 1981, when she was 18, and all those who met her have been fans of hers ever since.

Pia has been one of the top women players in the world for many years, and has successfully competed against (male) Grandmasters frequently. Her most recent accomplishment was winning the 2003 European Women's Championship in a dramatic, come-from-behind victory. Married to Spanish Grandmaster Juan Bellon, Pia has an adorable daughter Anna, who will also be in Vancouver.



Juan Manuel Bellon Lopez **GM – Spain**

Spanish Grandmaster Juan Bellon has been active since 1969, and has played virtually all those famous players we've heard about – getting his fair share of wins against them. He's never visited Vancouver, but will be playing in the Western Canadian Open this July in Vancouver.

Married to Swedish Grandmaster Pia Cramling, he is the recent father of Anna, who will be joining her parents at the Western Canadian Open.



Yasser Seirawan **GM – United States**

Seattle Grandmaster Yasser Seirawan is a frequent and delightful visitor to Vancouver – except if you have to play him. Not only has Yasser won the World Junior Championship, the U.S. Championship (a number of times), and defeated World Champions, past and present; he is a formidable blitz and bughouse player, the true mark of a great player.



Duncan Suttles **GM – Canada**

Vancouver Grandmaster Duncan Suttles is famous both in British Columbia and throughout the world for his unique and creative approach to the game. He has won the Canadian Championship and competed against the world's top players on many occasions. He can always be counted on to have new insights into even the most standard positions.

