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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

B.C. Active Championship (January 9-10)

Vicente Lee Jr. repeated as B.C. Active Champion with 8.0/9, a full point ahead of Mayo Fuentebella and Dan Scoones.

Report: <http://wcjc.blogspot.com/2010/01/bc-active-2010.html>

Crosstable:

<http://www3.telus.net/public/swright2/2010%20BC%20Active%20Championship%20Results.pdf>

North American Open (December 26-29)

Two B.C. players, Richard Huang and Greg Bishop, made the trip down to Las Vegas for this traditional holiday event. Varuzhan Akobian, Josh Friedel, Alex Shabalov, Victor Mikhalevski, and Alex Yermolinsky tied for first in the open, with Akobian taking the title on tiebreak.

Crosstables: <http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?200912293801>

Chess Cafe

Vancouver now has a downtown chess cafe, appropriately named **Vancouver's Only Chess Cafe & Creamery**, 1342 Hornby near Burrard bridge. Open seven days a week. Information: Henry 604.688.2155 hendrixfuentes@gmail.com

Canadian Chess News

A reminder that editor Tony Ficzero of Calgary is seeking content for the new CFC newsletter from players and organizers across the country; if you have a contribution, his email address is tficzero@telus.net. Deadline for submissions is the 18th of each month, with issues scheduled to appear on the 21st. If you are a CFC member and have yet to receive a copy, contact CFC executive director Gerry Litchfield at info@chess.ca.

LEON PIASETSKI

We indicated recently that Leon Piasetski had played in tournament in Palma de Mallorca, Spain in November. He remained in Europe for two more events:

Jeruchess IM Hannukah (December 9-18)

This ten-player norm event was held in Jerusalem using the round robin format. Vitaly Neimer and Prasanna Vishnu tied for first and achieved IM norms; Leon's +1 score included a win against the only GM in the field, Yehuda Gruenfeld.



Gruenfeld, Yehuda - Piasetski, Leon [B04] Jeruchess IM Hannukah Jerusalem (3), 11.12.2009

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 dxe5 5.Nxe5 c6 6.Be2 Bf5 7.g4 Be6 8.Nd3 Na6 9.c4 Nb6 10.d5 cxd5 11.c5 Nd7 12.b4 Nc7 13.a4 f6 14.f4 Bf7 15.0-0 e6 16.Ba3 Be7 17.Nd2 0-0 18.Nf3 Re8 19.b5 Bf8 20.Qd2 e5 21.c6 Bxa3 22.cxd7 Qxd7 23.fxe5 Be7 24.Nd4 Ne6 25.Nf5 Ng5 26.h4 Ne4 27.Qf4 Bd8 28.Rac1 Bc7



29.Nxg7 Bb6+ 30.Kg2 Kxg7 31.exf6+ Kh8 32.Bf3 Qd6 33.Qxd6 Nxd6 34.Rfe1 Nc4 35.g5 Ba5 36.Rxe8+ Rxe8 37.Nf2 Bd2 38.Rh1 Ne3+ 39.Kh2 Rc8 40.Nd3 Rc2 41.Kg1 Bc3 42.Rh2 Rxh2 43.Kxh2 Bg6 44.Be2 Kg8 45.Kg3 Nf5+ 46.Kg4 Nd4 47.Bf1 Bd2 48.Ne5 Bf5+ 49.Kg3 Be6 50.Kf2 Bf4 51.Nd3 Bd6 52.Bg2 Kf7 53.h5 h6 54.gxh6 Kxf6 55.Ke1 Nf5 56.Bh3 Nxh6 57.Bxe6 Kxe6 58.Kd2 Nf5 59.Kc3 Kf6 60.Nc1 Kg5 61.Kd3 Kxh5 62.Na2 Bc5 63.Nc3 Ne7 64.a5 Kg6 65.Na4 Bg1 66.Nb6 axb6 67.a6 bxa6 68.bxa6 Nc8 0-1

Piasetski, Leon - Raviajandras, Tejas [D38] Jeruchess IM Hannukah Jerusalem (7), 16.12.2009

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Bb4 5.cxd5 exd5 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.e3 c5 8.Bd3 Qa5 9.Qc2 c4 10.Bf5 0-0 11.0-0 g6 12.Bh3 Re8 13.Nd2 Kg7 14.a3 Bxc3 15.bxc3 Ne4 16.Nxe4 dxe4 17.Bf4 Nb6 18.Bxc8 Raxc8 19.Rfb1 Rc6 20.a4 a6 21.Be5+ Kg8 22.Rb4 f6 23.Bg3 Re7 24.Qb2 Nd5 25.Rxb7 Rxb7 26.Qxb7 Qb6 27.Qd7 Nxc3 28.d5 Rc5 29.Bd6 1-0

Groningen Open A (December 21-30)

Then it was off to Groningen in the Netherlands, site of a famous Canadian chess victory (Yanofsky beating soon-to-be world champion Mikhail Botvinnik in 1946), for a strong open tournament held alongside a match between Jan Timman and Robin van Kampen (Timman won 2.5-1.5). Piasetski scored 4.0/9 in the sixty-eight player Swiss; the winner was Ukrainian junior sensation Ilyya Nyzhnyk, thirteen years old, with 7.5, a point clear of Jan Werle and Dimitri Reinderman.

Vergert Ten, Paul - Piasetski, Leon [B02] Groningen A op Groningen (4), 24.12.2009

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.Bc4 Nb6 4.Bb3 c5 5.d3 Nc6 6.Nf3 d5 7.exd6 e6 8.Nc3 Bxd6 9.Ne4 Be7 10.Be3 Nd5 11.0-0 Nxe3 12.fxe3 0-0 13.Qe2 b6 14.a4 Ba6 15.Nfd2 Kh8 16.Bc4 Bb7 17.Qh5 g6 18.Qh3 f5 19.Nf2 Bf6 20.c3 Ne5 21.e4 Bg5 22.Qg3 Nxc4 23.Nxc4 Ba6 24.Ne5 Bh4 25.Qh3 Kg7 26.Rae1 Bf6 27.Nc4 Qd7 28.exf5 exf5 29.Ne4 Bxc4 30.Nxf6 Rxf6 31.dxc4 Re8 32.b3 Rxe1 33.Rxe1 Re6 34.Rxe6 Qxe6 35.Qg3 Qe4 36.Qc7+ Kh6 37.h3 f4 38.Qb8 Qe1+ 39.Kh2 Qg3+ 40.Kg1 a5 41.Qf8+ Kh5 42.Qf6 f3 43.Qxf3+ Qxf3 44.gxf3 Kg5 45.Kf2 Kf4 46.h4 h5 47.Kg2 g5 48.hxg5 Kxg5 49.Kg3 h4+ 50.Kh3 Kf4 51.Kxh4 Kxf3 52.Kg5 Ke4 53.Kf6 Kd3 54.Ke6 Kxc3 55.Kd5 Kxb3 0-1

Ernst, Sipke - Piasetski, Leon [E94] Groningen A op Groningen (8), 29.12.2009

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nbd7 8.Be3 Re8 9.Qc2 exd4 10.Nxd4 c6 11.Rfd1 Qe7 12.f3 Nh5 13.Qd2 f5 14.Nb3 f4 15.Bd4 Be5 16.Bxe5 dxe5 17.Qd6 Qg5 18.c5 Nf8 19.Rd2 Be6 20.Rad1 Ng3 21.Qd3 Rad8 22.Qc2 Nxe2+ 23.Nxe2 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Rd8 25.Nec1 Rd7 26.Rxd7 Nxd7 27.Na5 Nxc5 28.Qxc5 b6 29.Qxc6 Bh3 30.Qd5+ Kg7 31.Qd2 bxa5 32.Kf1 Be6 33.Qxa5 Kh6 34.b3 Qe7 35.Nd3 Qd6 36.Qc3 Bc8 37.Nxe5 Qd1+ 38.Kf2 Kh5 39.Nc4 g5 40.Qd2 Qa1 41.g4+ fxg3+ 42.hxg3 Bh3 43.g4+ Kh4 44.Ne3 1-0

2009 IN B.C. CHESS

The end of the year is often a time for reflection and review of the events that occurred in the previous twelve months. With this in mind, here is a list of B.C. tournament winners for 2009, along with a few other highlights:

B.C. Active Championship - Vicente Lee Jr.

New Year Open - Tanraj Sohal and Dragoljub Milicevic

Grand Pacific Open - Leon Piasetski, Lawrence Day, Vicente Lee Jr., Valeriya Gansvind

Keres Memorial - Jack Yoos

World Open - second IM norm for Bindi Cheng

B.C. Open - Eric Hansen

Labour Day Open - Sean McLaren and Daniel E. Salcedo

Torekves RR, Budapest - Michael Yip
 NAYCC - gold medal for Janak Awatramani
 B.C. Championship - Jack Yoos
 UBC Thanksgiving Open - Pavel Trochtchanovitch
 Halloween Open - Yiming Han
 B.C. Junior Championship - Janak Awatramani
 Jack Taylor Memorial - Howard Wu
 December Open - Tanraj Sohal

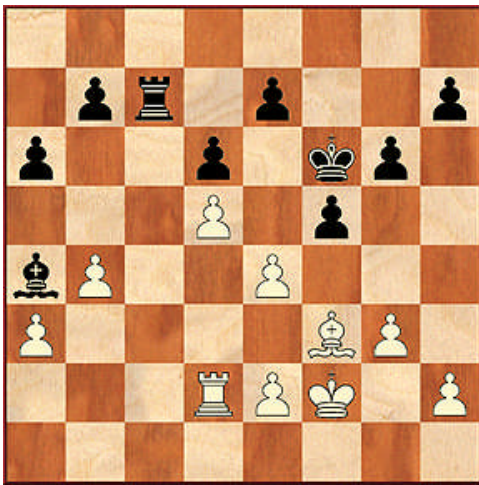
MICHAEL YIP ANNOTATES

Heyl, Thomas - Yip, Michael [E65] FS December FM-B (10), 15.12.2009

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.b3!? **g6 4.Bb2 Bg7 5.g3 0-0 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0-0 c5?!** Attempting to activate while White is still vulnerable on the long diagonal. This however is a dubious plan. Here are a couple of playable moves based on the standard ..e5 break. 7...Re8!? Khalifman shows that preparing ...e5 also has its merits. 8.Re1 e5 9.dxe5 Ng4 10.e4 Ndx5 11.Nxe5 Nxe5 12.Qc1!? c6 13.h3 Bxh3 14.Bxh3 Nf3+ 15.Kf1 Bxb2 16.Qxb2 Nxe1 17.Kxe1 Rxe4+ 18.Kf1 Qg5 19.Nc3 Re7 20.Rd1 d5 21.b4 Rae8 22.b5 Qf6 23.Qb4 Re3 24.Rd3 Rxd3 25.cxd3 Qf3 26.Bg2 Qxd3+ 27.Kg1 d4 28.Na4 Qd1+ 29.Kh2 Qh5+ 30.Kg1 Qxb5 31.Qxd4 Re1+ 32.Kh2 Qh5+ 33.Bh3 Qd1 34.Qxa7 Rh1+ 35.Kg2 Qd5+ 36.f3 Ra1 0-1 Beikert,G-Khalifman,A /Germany 1999/GER-chT; 7...e5 is the normal King's Indian break. 8.dxe5 Ng4 9.c4 Ngxe5 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.Nc3 f5 12.Ba3 Rf6 13.Nd5 Rf7 14.e4 c6 15.exf5 gxf5 16.Qh5 cxd5 17.Bxd5 Qf6 18.Rad1 Qg6 19.Qh4 Bf6 20.Qh3 Nb6 21.Bxf7+ Qxf7 22.Qg2 Be6© 23.Rfe1 Re8 24.Bb2 Bc8 25.Rd6 Nd7 26.f3 Be7 27.Rd5 Bc5+ 28.Kh1 b6 29.Red1 Re7 30.Qd2 Bb7 31.Rd3 Qh5 32.Rf1 Nf8 33.b4 e4 34.Rd8 exf3 35.Qc3 f2+ 36.Rd5 Bd4 37.Qd3 Re3 0-1 Schwalfenberg,J-Avruckh,B /Groningen 1996/EXT 1998 **8.c4 cxd4 9.Nxd4 a6?!** Not really necessary yet. There are two more active moves that should have been considered. 9...Nc5=; 9...Qb6= **10.Nc3 Rb8?!** Not necessary at this point. 10...Nc5 11.Qd2 Qb6= is a better way to organize counterplay. At this point being unfamiliar with the King's Indian and the associated plans really hurt me. **11.Qd2 Re8** Choosing to coil up and wait. Again Black chooses a preparatory move that is not really necessary. 11...Qb6!? **12.Rfd1 Nc5!?!+/=** An attempt to regroup and trade off minor pieces to ease the congestion. 12...Qb6!? **13.b4 Ne6 14.Nd5?!** White played this quite quickly and as I started thinking, my position seemed worse and worse. Black is behind in development and is about to have his kingside pawns crippled so initiating exchanges is forced. **14...Nxd4 15.Bxd4 Nxd5 16.cxd5?!**



The pawn eventually becomes a target and to a certain extent now the B/g2 becomes 'bad' and Black gets some long term hope. White would be better served by capturing on d5 with the bishop. 16.Bxd5+/=; 16.Bxg7 Kxg7 17.Bxd5+/= **16...Bxd4 17.Qxd4 Bd7+/=** White still has an edge but not enough minor pieces to really exploit the extra space effectively. **18.Rac1 Rc8 19.Rc3** Giving up the c-file completely unnecessarily. 19.Qe3+/= **19...Rxc3 20.Qxc3 Qb6= 21.a3?** This is too passive and allows Black to take over the c-file. 21.Rd4 This natural move centralising and holding the c-file and b4 is best. 21...Rc8 22.Rc4= **21...Rc8 22.Qe3?** A blunder. White chooses to enter a lost ending in the hope that I would lack sufficient technique. It turns out that my opponent guessed correctly and I was unable to convert a fairly simple endgame. 22.Qd2=/+ is only slightly worse but still unpleasant. **22...Qxe3 23.fxe3-/+ f6** Almost too conservative. Black plays first to secure the base of his pawn chain on e7 in preparation for ...Rc3xa3 conceding the c-file for Rc1-c7. 23...Kg7!-+ would have been easiest. **24.Kf2 Kf7 25.Be4 Ba4 26.Rd2 Rc3 27.Rd3!? Rc7** This ultra conservative 'allow no counterplay' move seemed logical at the time but Black is being paranoid. 27...Rc2-/+ was more active. **28.Rd2 f5 29.Bf3 Kf6-/+ 30.e4**



30...Ke5?!=/+ Too fancy and quickly played. This is a serious breakdown in self-discipline and poor endgame technique. Black, closing in for the kill should have been extra vigilant and began calculating the finish out. 30...fxe4 This preliminary capture was better. 31.Bxe4 Ke5 Now Black would have achieved the same type of position but with no pawn weaknesses. 32.Bf3 (32.Ke3+ Rc3+ 33.Rd3 Rxd3+ 34.Kxd3 Bb3-+) 32...Rc3-/+ **31.exf5 gxf5** I thought that the pawn would be useful in helping to control e4. **32.Rd3!? Bc2 33.Re3+ Be4 34.g4!?** An unexpected defensive resource. White finds a way to liquidate a pair of pawns and complicate the winning procedure a bit. **34...Rc4 35.gxf5 Kxf5 36.Kg3** Up to here Black has conducted a reasonable ending. But from now starts to misplay the ending horribly. Time was not a factor. **36...b5?** Played after some consideration with the idea of tidying up the queenside and preparing for a pawn race. However, the simplest plan should have taken priority. 36...Ke5-/+ Black should just continue with the plan that was started so long ago and go after the weak d5 pawn. This should have won the game without any trouble. **37.Bg4+ Ke5** Arriving one move too late. Now White has enough time to guard the pawn and Black in a moment of careless technique has squandered the bulk of his advantage. **38.Be6 Kd4? = 38...Rc1=/+ 39.Kf4!?** Now White has managed to activate his forces and Black has lost the edge. **39...Bg6?!+/=** Black continues to misplace his pieces and is about to make a tragic blunder. 39...Bb1!? 40.Bf7 Rc7 41.h4= **40.Bf7!? Rc1?!** I thought that this was the winning move but I was sadly mistaken. 40...Rc2!? 41.Bxg6 hxg6 42.Rxe7 Kxd5 43.Kg5 Rc3 44.e4+! Kc6 45.h4 Rg3+ 46.Kf6 Rxa3 47.Kxg6+/= **41.Bxg6 (0.39) 41...Rf1+??+- (1.17)** Handing the game over to White. Better is 41...hxg6 42.Rxe7 Rh1 43.Re6 Rxh2 44.Rxd6 Rf2+ 45.Kg5 Rxe2 46.Kxg6 Rf2+/= **42.Rf3** I overlooked this simple interposition. **42...Rxf3+ 43.exf3??** White returns the blunder in a comical fashion. 43.Kxf3+- wins easily. **43...hxg6= 44.Kg5 Kxd5 45.Kxg6 Kc4 46.h4 d5 47.h5 d4**

48.h6 d3 49.h7 d2 50.h8Q d1Q 51.Qc8+= I yawned rather loudly to which my opponent promptly offered a draw. After I accepted IM Paschall (USA) walked by the board and tapped my clock and game me the evil eye for having so much time remaining. 1/2-1/2

UBC January Open

Dates: January 16-17

Place: Henry Angus Building room 417, University of British Columbia

Rounds: 4

Times: 10 am and 2 pm

Type: regular Swiss

Time controls: game/90 with a 30 second increment (digital), or game/120 (analog)

Entry fee: adults \$35, juniors/seniors \$25 (CFC membership required)

Prizes: \$\$BEN

Registration: in advance or at site 9:30 – 9:50 am, January 16

Tournament Director: Stephen Wright

Miscellaneous: two sections as numbers permit; BCCF membership included in entry fee

For more information please contact the organizer: Stephen Wright: 604-221-7148,

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Please bring equipment if you have it

New Year Open Chess Tournament

Dates: January 23-24

Place: Sprott Shaw Community College, 1176 8th. Ave. NW

Prizes: \$250 Guaranteed first place. Rest based on entries.

Format: 5 round swiss

Times: Saturday 9:30, 1:00 and 5:00 or ASAP, Sunday 9:30 and 1:00

Time Controls: G90. Total game time 3 hours.

Entry: \$35 includes BCCF membership fee CFC Regular rated. CFC membership required.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

January 17	Island Junior Open #5, Victoria
January 24	Scholastic (K-12) Open, New Westminster
January 24	All-Girls Tournament, Vancouver
February 20	Chess Challenge Vancouver Regional
February 28	Chess Challenge Fraser Valley Regional
February 28	Victoria Regional CYCC

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

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UBC January Open

January 16-17, Vancouver

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

New Year Open

January 23-24, New Westminster

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

Olympiad Active Fundraiser

February 20, Victoria

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/Active-Fundraiser-For-the-2010-Olympiad>

4th Grand Pacific Open

April 5-7, Victoria

Details: <http://grandpacificopen.pbworks.com/>

35th Paul Keres Memorial

May 22-24, Richmond

Details: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/>