

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #207

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Stephen Wright

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## HERE AND THERE

### **Gibraltar** (January 24 - February 3)

After Seville (see below) Leon Piasetski has headed south to Gibraltar for the annual festival at "The Rock." This year's edition is the biggest and strongest yet, with over three hundred players, eighteen of them rated over 2600, in several sections. After two rounds Leon has a win and a loss against two GMs and faces Victor Mikhalevski in the third. Other Canadians playing are David Cummings, Michael Dougherty, and Stephen Fairbairn. The [tournament website](#) has standings, reports, photos, and live and downloadable games.

### **Piasetski, Leon - Le Roux, Jean-Pierre [A29] Gibraltar Masters (1.33), 25.01.2011**

1.c4 e5 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 g6 5.d4 exd4 6.Nxd4 Bg7 7.Nxc6 dxc6 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Bg5 h6 10.Rd1+ Ke7 11.Bf4 Be6 12.e4 Ne8 13.f3 Nd6 14.c5 Ne8 15.h4 a5 16.Rh2 a4 17.Be3 Be5 18.f4 Bxc3+ 19.bxc3 Nf6 20.Bd4 Rhe8 21.f5 gxf5 22.exf5 Bd5 23.Re2+ Be4 24.Rd3 1-0

### **Seville Open** (January 7-15)

After eight rounds of the Seville Open Leon Piasetski and Kevin Spraggett had identical scores of 6.0/8, leaving them a point behind the leader, Indian GM Deep Sengupta. In the last round Leon lost and Kevin won; Spraggett was part of an eleven-way tie for third place, behind GM Stewart Haslinger of England (winner on tiebreak) and Segupta on 7.5.

[tournament website](#)

### **Aranaz Murillo, Amalia - Piasetski, Leon [A98] Seville op (8), 14.01.2011**

1.Nf3 f5 2.c4 Nf6 3.g3 d6 4.d4 e6 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0-0 0-0 7.Nc3 Qe8 8.Qc2 Qh5 9.e4 Nc6 10.exf5 e5 11.dxe5 Bxf5 12.Qb3 Nxe5 13.Nxe5 dxe5 14.Qxb7 Bc5 15.h4 Bd4 16.Nd5 Bd3 17.Nxf6+ gxf6 18.Qb3 Qg6 19.h5 Qxg3 20.Bh6 Rfb8 21.Qa3 Rxb2 22.Qxb2 Be4 0-1

## **BCBase Update**

BCBase is a database of games either played in British Columbia or by B.C. players elsewhere in the world. The latest version of the database, now with 18,770 games and current to the end of 2010, is available at the B.C. Chess Federation [website](#).

## LANSDOWNE CHESS FESTIVAL

The kiosk court at Lansdowne Shopping Centre in Richmond was the site of a chess festival on the weekend of January 15-16. Arranged by BC Junior Chess organizers Ken Jensen, Michael Lo, Ron Hui, Lara Lo, Wolfram Herdin, and Glen Lee, the weekend featured two rated tournaments, one open, the other for juniors, along with various side events open to Centre patrons and passers-by.

Victoria Jung-Doknjas writes:

Side events had Expert and Master players taking on all comers in crowd-pleasing simul games and friendly games with giant chess pieces. We were very fortunate to have on hand the U14 BC Girls' Champion, Alice Xiao, who played simuls with an appreciative crowd; as well as having other strong players from the chess community who played games and gave instruction to many of our youth players. Mall patrons were also provided with free chess lessons. Thank you to Lansdowne Mall and Colliers International for sponsoring our chess event at this location this weekend. And a big thank you to everyone in the BC chess community who came out. This weekend's success was only possible because of your support!

Simuls and Giant Chess Board: Hee Seid, Branimir Brebrich, Nick Beqo, Omar Jessa, Clement Cheng, Joe Soliven, Luc Poitras, Andrew Hoyer, Anderson Yee, Jeremy Hui  
Chess Lessons: Anna and Joe (from [WMA](#) Chess Club)

### **New Year's Open** (January 15 –16)

A five-round Swiss played over two days, the New Year's Open attracted twenty-three players, including two unrateds and one player who was returning to tournament chess after a ten-year absence. Due to the necessity to vacate the playing site in order to meet the shopping centre closing hours, the time control was a sprightly game/75 minutes for the three Saturday rounds and a somewhat longer game/90 for the two rounds on Sunday. Given that some of the participants are slow thinkers at the best of times, a number of the contests degenerated into ferocious time scrambles which, shall we say, disturbed the logical flow of the games. It also became apparent that article 10.2 of the Laws of Chess, the quickplay finish, is not as well known as it should be - at least two games were lost on time in positions where the loser could have legitimately claimed a draw under 10.2. (We refer the reader way back to [Bulletin #40](#) for a discussion of the quickplay finish.) As an aside, perhaps players (especially juniors) have become too accustomed to fast games and bullet chess on the internet, and still attempt to win positions with seconds on their clock rather than claiming draws.

The overall winner was Butch Villavieja, who was playing in his first regular-rated tournament. However, Butch has been a frequent contender in the monthly active tournaments, and this experience at faster time controls stood him in good stead as he won his first four games without incident and then agreed to a short draw in the last round to claim first. A total of six(!) players tied for the combined second and U2000 prizes, each with 3.5 points: John Doknjas, Ryan Lo, Dan Erichsen, Tanraj Sohal, Jack Cheng, and John Villamin. And Jacob Jensen performed almost 300 points above his rating in winning the U1700 prize with 3.0. TD and report: Stephen Wright.

[CFC crosstable photos](#)

## **K-12 Scholastic Primer** (January 16) by Victoria Jung-Doknjas

The first scholastic tournament of the new year welcomed eighty-eight kids to the new BC Junior Chess tournament location at Lansdowne Mall. Kids played 30 minute games with other kids in their same grade.

The younger grades, Kindergarten and Grade 1, often require a lot of care and attention, because many of them are very new to tournament play. As it turned out, these kids showed great concentration in their games and were very attentive to the direction of the Arbiters, which is great to see. Neil Doknjas was undefeated with 4.5 pts/5 games and won a Gold Medal in the Kindergarten section, followed by Harmony Zhu, winning the Silver Medal, and Kevin Low winning the Bronze Medal. Ben Pulfer also won a Gold Medal (Preschool). In the Grade 1 section, Victor Zheng won the Gold Medal, Benjamin Dou won the Silver Medal, and Michael Shu won the Bronze Medal.

In the Grade 2 section, Luke Pulfer and Philip Chen both won Gold Medals, Alex Dou won the Silver Medal, and three players won Bronze Medals: Daniel Du, Jacob Tapp, and Neo Wu.

The Grade 3 section was very competitive and produced many medal winners:

Gold Medalists: Nicholas Yang and Dylan Fox

Silver Medalists: Eva Shu, Bryce Wong, and Ryan Leong

Bronze Medalists: Nikolaos Kyriakides, Joon Kang, and William Hu

Grade 4:

Gold Medalists: Jingzhi [Edwin] Xu and Lahiru Jayaweera

Silver Medalist: Paul Zeng

Bronze Medalists: Samuel Chen, Frank Hou, and Maven Zheng

Grade 5:

Gold Medalist: Nathaniel Knox

Silver Medalist: Eric Zhang

Bronze Medalist: James Li

Grade 6:

Gold Medalist: Owen Napieralski

Silver Medalist: Adam Rahemtulla

Bronze Medalists: Jeffrey Dawson and Jogit Jagpal

Grade 7:

Gold Medalist: Lizhe Cui (perfect score 5 pts/5 games)

Silver Medalist: Ziyao Sun

Bronze Medalists: Gideon Chang and Sofia Stanescu

Grade 8:

Gold Medalist: Hasara Samayawardhena

Silver Medalists: Jerry Yan, Dk Lin, and Wyatt Verchere

Bronze Medalists: Nick Lin and Henry Chen

Grade 9:

Gold Medalist: Kyle Zheng

Silver Medalist: Raaj Chatterjee

Bronze Medalist: Conrad Burgert

Grade 11:

Gold Medalist: David Dong

Silver Medalist: Roger Luo

Bronze Medalist: Aravind Rao

Grade 12:

Gold Medalist: Jerry Lin

Silver Medalist: Marko Mitrovic

Thank you to the many volunteers who made this event happen: Organizers: Ken Jensen, Michael Lo, Ron Hui, Lara Lo, Wolfram Herdin, and Glen Lee; Tournament Director: Richard Reid  
Tournament Arbiters: K-2: Kapila Jayaweera, Gr. 3-4: Keith Dawson, Gr. 5-6: Savvas Kyriakides, Gr. 7-8: Sukhbir Bolina, Gr. 9-12: Victoria Jung-Doknjas; Registration: Lara Lo, Julie Pulfer, Victoria Jung-Doknjas; Pairings: Lara Lo; Photographer and Video: Sophia Hague, Ron Hui, Lester Yee  
Cleanup Crew: Wolfram Herdin, Ron Hui, Michael Lo, Dave Doknjas, Beau Pulfer, Glen Lee  
Prizes and Awards: Ron Hui, Julie Pulfer, Sophia Hague, Victoria Jung-Doknjas

Thank you also to the other volunteers who helped to keep our kids safe by escorting them to the washroom (including Natasha Knox) and helping them to find their parents after their games finished; as well as providing some fun and excitement on the simul and giant chess boards.

[full standings](#) [photos](#)

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## PERÉNYI MEMORIAL OPEN (Budapest, January 7-15) by Michael Yip

[Béla Perényi was a talented IM who was killed in a car accident in 1988 while travelling to the Thessaloniki Olympiad.]

Ninety-six players took part in the annual premier event of Budapest. The two top seeds were IMs Galyas, M 2456 and Kovacs, G 2493 with twelve other masters rounding out the top of the field. The competition was fierce with the usual number of juniors taking part. The top two seeds shared the victory with a promising Vietnamese junior (one of two brothers) living in Hungary for chess. There were several chess tourists from as far as Turkey and the US which made for some interesting conversations after games.

### Final standings at the top

No.	Player No.	Name	Score	Rating	TPR
1.	2	Galyas, Miklos	7.5	2456	2508
	6	Tran, Tuan Minh	7.5	2284	2446
	1	Kovacs, Gabor	7.5	2493	2494
4.	14	Keschitz, Gyorgy	6.5	2231	2370
	11	Szalanczy, Emil	6.5	2239	2314
	15	Lyell, Mark	6.5	2197	2239
	37	Zala, Gyula	6.5	2023	2076

I finished with a disappointing 4.5/9, losing all three games that I played against players higher rated than me. Sadly, I had white for all the games and could not convert promising positions in

two of the games. My play with black was respectable (scoring 3.5/4) but I really sucked with white, getting 1.0/5. This reflected my overall lack of work on 1.c4, and my big project of the year of beefing up my black openings. I continued to support the French Defence but now I have added the Winawer to complement the Rubinstein variation. With black, I have added the Grünfeld and Slav after having some failed experiments with the Dutch Stonewall and ...a6 Slav. I played only one presentable game (round 8) but had many interesting-to-learn-from losses. However, probably they will provoke only hysterical laughter as I find new ways to make all kinds of mistakes for one reason or another. I drew a 1500 from a position almost impossible not to win in round 1 and this was an omen for the tournament. The biggest letdown was in round 3 where I won a clear extra centre pawn against a master and found a way to let the game slip away and eventually lose. After this heartbreaker, my fighting spirit took a big hit and things did not really go my way in subsequent games. All in all, I had a great time in another tournament and met some new chess friends to exchange stories with. However, the quality of my play continues to be unremarkable.

### Peczely, Zsombor - Yip, Michael [C01] Perényi Memorial (8), 14.01.2011

I was pretty happy with this game. I beat a junior (always a good feeling here) and my play was calm and logical. **1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5** Now I had a sickening feeling. Playing for a win with Black with the exchange French is not so easy. **3...exd5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bb5 Bd7** After some thought, Black simply tries not to fall behind in development. **5...Nge7!?** is Moskalenko's method. **6.0-0 a6 7.Ba4 Bg4 8.c3 Qd6 9.Bg5 f6** A typical move in the exchange variation. **10.Bh4 Nf5 11.Re1+ Be7 12.Bxc6+ Qxc6 13.Qd3?! (13.Bg3 0-0-0=/+)** **13...Qb5! 14.Qxb5+ axb5 15.Bg3 Bxf3 16.gxf3-/+** Now Black has excellent endgame prospects. **16...Kd7 17.Nd2 h5 18.h4 Bd6 19.Kg2 b4 20.Nf1 bxc3 21.bxc3 Rhe8 22.Rxe8 Rxe8 23.Rb1 b6 24.Rb4 Re1 25.f4 Rc1 26.Rb3 Rc2 27.Kf3 Rxa2 28.Ne3 Nxe3 29.Kxe3 f5 30.Kd3 Ra1 31.Kc2 Kc6 32.Rb1 Rxb1 33.Kxb1 Kb5 34.Kb2 Kc4 35.Kc2 b5 36.Kd2 b4 37.cxb4 Bxb4+ 38.Ke3 Bc3 39.f3 Bxd4+ 0-1** Esteban Moreno,F - Moskalenko,V /Cullera 2001 **6.Nc3** Although White develops and attacks at the same time, Black now has a concrete defensive resource, ...Bb4. **6.0-0** makes more sense to me so that Black does not have the Winawer pin option. **6...Bd6 7.Bg5 Nge7 8.Nc3 f6** Again the typical pawn push. **9.Bh4 0-0 10.Bg3 Bg4 11.Bxc6 Nxc6 12.Bxd6 Qxd6 13.h3 Bh5 14.Nb5 Qf4=/+ 15.Qd2?** The ending is awful for White. **15...Qxd2 16.Nxd2 Rf7 17.c4 Rd8 18.cxd5 Rxd5 19.Nc3 Rxd4 20.Nb3 Rd8** Black is up a clear pawn with excellent conversion chances. **21.Rfe1 Re7 22.Rxe7 Nxe7 23.Nc5 b6 24.Re1 Nc8 25.N5e4 c5 26.f4 Bg6 27.Re3 Bxe4 28.Nxe4 Kf7 29.g4 Rd4 30.f5 Ne7 31.Nf2 Rd2 32.Ra3 Nc6 33.Ne4 Rxb2 34.Re3 Rb1+ 35.Kg2 Rd1 36.h4 Rd4 37.g5 Ne7 0-1** Moreno Tejera,E - Giaccio,A /Orense 2000 **6...Bb4** Black's general plan is to develop as quickly as possible. **7.0-0 Bxc3!** Creating a permanent imbalance from which Black can play for a win. **8.bxc3 Nge7 9.Re1 0-0 10.Bg5** Although White provokes ...f6, White cannot say this is an accomplishment as ...f6 is often played in similar positions without any encouragement. **10...f6 11.Bc1 Re8** Continuing with simple development and unpinning the e7 knight. **12.Ba3 Ng6= 13.Qd2 a6 14.Bd3** Black to play and find a plan.



**14...Be6!** This simple move took me a lot of thought. The reasoning behind this move is based on prophylactic thinking: 'What does White most want to do to improve his position?' The answer is c3-c4 to undouble his pawns and open the position up for his bishops. After I understood this, all my

efforts went to controlling c4. **15.Rad1 b5** Continuing with the plan of controlling c4. **16.h3 Qd7**  
**17.Bc5 Na5!** The final part of the c4 domination plan. **18.Bxg6?!** White is without a good plan and  
proceeds to fall apart. **18...hxg6** **19.Qf4** White followed up this move with a draw offer. **19...g5!/+**  
Offer declined and concrete play follows. First White's queen is chased back to a passive position.  
**20.Qg3 Bf5** Now White is tied down to the defence of c2. White's bishop only looks active in  
comparison. On c5, the bishop has no target so is not really doing anything at all apart from  
occupying space. **21.Rc1?-/+** **Nc4**



**22.Nxg5?** Desperation. This sacrifice is doomed to fail as White's pieces are not well placed to  
support any kind of attack on Black's king. **22...fxg5** **23.Qxg5 c6-+** The final tidying up. d5 is  
protected and the queen is released for action. **23...Qf7!-+** consolidates and wins. **24.g4 Be4**  
**25.f4? Nd2** **26.Rf1 Nxf1** **27.Rxf1 Qf7** And White quickly resigned. **0-1**

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## YOOS ANNOTATES

B.C. Champion Jack Yoos has kindly annotated his games from the Closed last October, which we  
will present in the next few issues of the Bulletin. Many thanks, Jack! The tournament report can  
be found in [Bulletin #200](#).

### Yoos, Jack - Kyriakides, Savvas [B12] BC ch Victoria (1), 08.10.2010

**1.e4 c6** I've been getting a lot of practice playing against the Caro-Kann lately. In recent years I  
faced the Caro more frequently than any other opening. The last time I played Savvas he chose a  
Najdorf. **2.d4 d5** **3.e5 Bf5** **4.Nf3 e6** **5.Be2 c5** The most confrontational option. **5...Nd7**; **5...Ne7**  
**6.Be3 Qc7?** An unusual choice. The intention of this is to exploit White's unconstructed pawn  
chain. I think this move is highly questionable as Black is too far behind in development to spend  
time going pawn hunting. **6...cxd4** **7.Nxd4 Ne7**; **6...Qb6** **7.0-0** Throwing in Bb5 at any point in the  
next several moves is an option that should be seriously considered. **7...cxd4** **8.Nxd4 Qxe5** Now  
play will revolve around whether White can break open the position before the Black king can  
escape to the flank. If White succeeds then Black would lose quickly. If Black succeeds then White  
will have to show something for being down a pawn. **9.c4 Nc6** **10.cxd5 exd5** **11.Nxf5 Qxf5** **12.Bg4**  
Bumping the queen off of the d-pawn. **12...Qg6** **13.Re1** **13.Nc3 Nf6** **14.Bf3 Rd8** (**14...0-0-0** **15.Rc1**  
and White has a dangerous attack.) **15.Qb3 Rd7** **16.Rfe1 Be7** **17.Rad1+/-** and Black is in trouble  
as the pawn will be recaptured leaving the two bishops dominating the open board. **13...Be7**



**14.Bc5?** Passing up on the last chance to recapture the pawn with ease. 14.Nc3 Nf6 15.Bf3 0-0 (15...Rd8 16.Bc5 Kf8 17.Bxe7+ Nxe7 18.Qa4 Nc6 (18...a6 19.Qb4 Rd7 20.Rxe7 Rxe7 21.Re1) 19.Rad1+/- and black has problems defending White's initiative because of a lack of coordination caused by his king. 19...Qf5 20.Qa3+ Kg8 21.Nxd5 works because of the back rank.) 16.Nxd5 Nxd5 17.Qxd5 **14...Kf8 15.Bxe7+?** I am not sure what I was thinking with this stupid move - simultaneously giving away the two bishops and developing a piece for Black so he can defend his d-pawn. 15.Be3 Bb4 16.Nd2 Nf6 17.Bf3 with compensation; 15.Bh5 Qf5 16.Bg4 Qg6= as deviation from the repetition leads to an extra tempo for

White with Be3. **15...Ngxe7 16.Nc3 Rd8=/+** White is not getting the pawn back now. For now, the Black king offers White a bit of compensation, but this could be resolved eventually. I was very unhappy at this point. **17.Bh5 Qf5** 17...Qg5 **18.Bg4** I judged that this was going to lead to a long struggle where I would be on the worse side of a draw. Therefore I decided to conserve my strength for future rounds and try to repeat moves. **18...Qg6 18...Qf4 19.Bh5 Qf5 20.Bg4 1/2-1/2**

**Yoos, Jack - McLaren, Brian [B05] BC ch Victoria (2), 09.10.2010**

**1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 c6** This variation is Brian's bread and butter. **6.c4 Nb6 7.exd6 exd6 8.0-0 Be7 8...Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Nxc4?? 10.Qe2+ 9.Nbd2 0-0 10.Qc2 Bf6 10...Re8 11.Bd3 g6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 N8d7 14.Bf4 Nf8 15.a4 Ne6 16.Bg3 d5 17.c5 Nd7 18.a5 a6 19.Qb3 Qc8 20.Qb4 Ndf8 21.Ne5 Nc7 22.f4 f6 23.Nf3 f5** Yoos-McLaren, BC ch 2005 **11.Bd3 g6 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Nxf3 d5 14.c5 N6d7 15.Bf4 Re8 16.Rfe1 Nf8 17.Rxe8 Qxe8 18.Re1 Qd8 19.Qe2 19.Bd6** keeping the bishop outside the pawn chain is worth consideration. **19...Nbd7 20.b4 Ne6 21.Be3 Qf8 22.Qd2+/=**



Not unusual for an Alekhine's, Black is in a defensive crouch waiting for White to make the first leap. White will play for b5 and the question is will that be enough to achieve progress. **22...a6 23.Bh6** A good alternative was getting on with breaking open the queenside with 23.a4 Qg7 24.Bf1 Qh8 25.b5 **23...Bg7 24.Bxg7 Qxg7 25.Bc2 Qf6 26.a4 Kg7 27.Re3 h6?!** Weakening the light squares. This gives White a second target to play off of. **28.h4 Re8 29.g3 Nc7 30.Rxe8 Nxe8 31.Kg2 Nc7 32.h5 Ne6 33.hxg6 fxg6 34.Qd3 h5 35.Qe3 g5 36.Qd3 Ndf8 37.Ne5** I was quite

happy with my position at this point. Black is clearly on his heels. The question is how I will make progress without allowing counterplay. **37...h4 38.Qe3 Kg8**



**39.Kh3?** I have no idea what possessed me to make a crazy move like this. I felt uneasy as soon as I did it. My feeling was justified as it allows a shot. **39...Qh8?** 39...hxg3 40.fxg3 Nxd4 41.Qxd4 Qf1+ and Black will be up a pawn after picking up the bishop on c2. White cannot capture on g5 with the king because of the fork Ne6. **40.Kg2 Qf6 41.Bd3 Kg7 42.b5?** Premature since Black has a defence. 42.Kg1 Black's pieces are already on their optimal squares and so White would gain by waiting and forcing Black to make a move. 42...Kg8 (42...Qe7 43.b5) 43.b5 axb5 44.axb5 cxb5 45.Bxb5 Ng6 46.Ng4 and since the king is on g8 Black does not have the option of Qf5. **42...axb5 43.axb5 cxb5 44.Bxb5 Ng6 45.Ng4 Qf5 46.Be2 46.Bd7 Nef4+ 47.gxf4 Qxd7 48.Ne5 gxf4 49.Nxd7 fxe3 50.fxe3 Kf7 51.Nb6 Ke6 52.Kh3 Ne7 46...hxg3 47.fxg3 Ne7 48.Bf3 Nc6 49.Qb3 Ncxd4 50.Qxb7+ Kg6 51.Qxd5 Qxf3+ 1/2-1/2**

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### EAC Chess Arts Open #4

Date: January 29, 30, 31, 2011

Place: 14524 - 91b Ave. Surrey

Format: 5 round Swiss

Time Control: 75 minutes and 30 second delay or increment

Round Times: (fri) 7pm / (sat) 10:30 am; 2 pm / (sun) 10:30 am; 2 pm

Type: rated

Entry Fee: \$25

Prizes: \$\$ based on entries.

Registration: pre-registration or at the club. Contact Alonso Campos (orgz & Td) 604-767-5153 or email him at: [ac-777-ac-888@live.com](mailto:ac-777-ac-888@live.com). Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. No club membership required.

### Ferndale Chess Jam

Greetings from Ferndale High School, just on the other side of the Canada - USA border.

I'm emailing to say that all chessplayers K-12 from British Columbia are welcome to play in the 14th Annual International Chess Jam. It takes place on Saturday, February 5. It features four sections: K-1st grades, 2nd-3rd grades, 4th-6th grades, and 7th-12th grades.



The main website, with FAQ, is at <http://www.northwestchess.info/jam11.html> .

A one page flyer you can print out (set margins small) is at

<http://www.northwestchess.info/jam11flyer.html> .

To scout out the level of competition, last year's crosstable is at

<http://chess.ratingsnw.com/report09-10/ChessJam.html> . Last year's Grand Champion was Tanraj Sohal of B.C.

Randy Kaech

Ferndale HS Chess Club advisor, Chess Jam director

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Junior**

<http://www.bcjuniorchess.com/calendar>

<http://victoriajuniorchess.pbworks.com/Tournament-Schedule>

### **UBC Thursday Night Swiss**

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

Contact Aaron Cosenza, [xramis1@yahoo.ca](mailto:xramis1@yahoo.ca)

### **EAC Chess Arts Open #4**

January 29-31, Surrey

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

### **Active Fundraiser for the GPO** (see below)

February 20, Victoria

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

### **March Active**

March 27, Vancouver

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

### **5th Grand Pacific Open**

April 22-25, Victoria

Details: <http://grandpacificopen.pbworks.com/w/page/15387541/FrontPage>

### **36th Paul Keres Memorial**

May 20-23, Richmond

Details: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/w/page/1785469/FrontPage>