

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #226

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Stephen Wright

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## HERE AND THERE

### UBC Thursday Night Swiss (August 11 - September 15)

Something of an institution in the Lower Mainland, a one-round-a-week event at UBC was first organized by Henry Chiu in January, 1986 and has been operating there ever since. Activity at the event has been down in recent years, but the five-round Swiss played on consecutive Thursdays still provides an outlet for the player who wants to experience tournament chess in a relaxed atmosphere but cannot afford the time to participate in a weekend Swiss. Your editor took the opportunity to play in a recent edition and ended up winning with a perfect score; I had not played for almost six years, but despite a 300+ rating difference my first and last games were a lot closer than one would expect. Daniel Saldanha, Payam Mousavi, and Mavaddat Javid tied for second, while Ashley Tapp won the U1400 prize. The UBC events are currently organized and directed by Aaron Cosenza; the next cycle begins on October 27. [CFC crosstable](#)

An interesting position:



An Albin Counter-Gambit has gone wrong for Black and he has just played 16...b6 to try to develop his queenside. However, this move weakens the c6 square. **17.c5!** A clearance sacrifice; a few days before Judit Polgar had beaten Karjakin's Berlin Defence at the World Cup, and I was reminded of a Kasparov jest in *New In Chess* that the way to beat the Berlin was to wait until Black had protected e6 three times - and then play e6. For e6 substitute c5. **17...Nxc5?** Black cannot take the pawn, although after other moves the White bishop gets access to c4 and d5. **18.Nxc5 (18.Bb5!) Bxc5 19.Bb5 Bb7 20.Nd4 1-0** Here Black, incorrectly believing he was getting mated or losing a piece, resigned. However, the logical conclusion is the forced sequence 20...Bxd4 21.Rxd4 a6 22.Bxc6+ Bxc6 23.Rhd1 Kf8 24.Rd8+ Rxd8 25.Rxd8+ Be8 resulting in:



Initially chess engines only think White has a modest advantage here, but after the further moves 26.h4 g5 27.h5 g4 28.g3 (to keep the rook entombed) they acknowledge Black's difficulties.

### **I. Itkina Memorial** (August 19 - September 2)

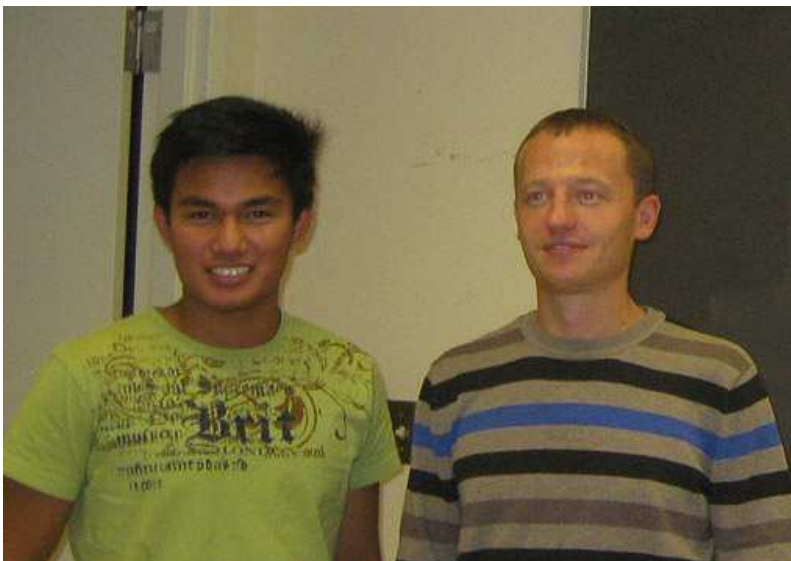
Valeriya Gansvind recently played in a ten-player round robin in Moscow dedicated to the memory of one I.Itkina. Not knowing who this individual was, we can only report that Valeriya scored 4.0/9 in a field where the average rating was around 2300. The overall winner was FM Mikhail Demidov (Russia) with 7.0 points, followed by IM Evgeni Dragomarezkii (Russia) and FM Arman Erzhanov (Kazakhstan) on 6.0. [FIDE rating report](#)

### **Gansvind, Valeriya I. - Kanevsky, Sergei [D36] I.Itkina mem B Moscow (9), 31.08.2011**

1.d4 e6 2.c4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 c6 7.Bd3 Nbd7 8.h3 0-0 9.Nf3 Re8 10.Qc2 Ne4 11.Bxe4 dxe4 12.Nxe4 Qa5+ 13.Qd2 Bb4 14.Nc3 Nb6 15.0-0 Nc4 16.Qe2 Nxb2 17.Nd1 Na4 18.a3 Nb6 19.Qb2 Bd6 20.Qc3 Qf5 21.Bh4 Nd5 22.Qb3 Qg6 23.Kh1 Bf5 24.Ne5 Bxe5 25.dxe5 Bd3 26.Re1 Rxe5 27.Qxb7 Rae8 28.Bg3 Rh5 29.Qb2 Be4 30.Kh2 Nf6 31.Nc3 Rg5 32.Ne2 Nh5 33.Nf4 Rxg3 34.fxg3 Qxg3+ 35.Kg1 Nxf4 36.exf4 Qxf4 37.Qf2 Qxf2+ 38.Kxf2 f5 39.Rab1 Rd8 40.Rb2 Rd3 41.Re3 Rd1 42.Rb8+ Kf7 43.Rb7+ Kf6 44.Rxa7 Ra1 45.Re2 Rc1 46.a4 g5 47.Rxh7 Rc3 48.a5 Ra3 49.Ra7 Ke5 50.Re7+ Kf4 51.Rg7 Rxa5 1-0

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### **B.C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP** (October 7-10)



Loren Laceste and Maxim Doroshenko (photo by Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

Held on the Thanksgiving weekend, the ninety-sixth edition of the B.C. Championship included three players making their event debut - Loren Laceste, Maxim Doroshenko, and John Doknjas. Each earned a place in the Closed by qualifying from one of B.C.'s major events (the Grand Pacific Open, Paul Keres Memorial, and B.C. Open respectively), a result of the current policy to have most of the players qualify via tournaments rather than simply going down the ratings list. On paper at least the players divided neatly by rating, with Yoos and Doroshenko at the top, Gansvind and Pechisker a little lower down, and the remainder of the field below 2200. Yoos had won the last five championships he had participated in and was one of the favourites, but the inclusion of Doroshenko and Laceste produced some uncertainty in terms of predicting a winner. Doroshenko, an MBA student at Simon Fraser University who is returning to chess after a long absence, tied for first in the B.C. Active Championship in January and the Keres Memorial in May. His 2542 rating, obtained from the Keres, is provisional, so there was some question as to Doroshenko's true strength (although it should be noted he also obtained the FM title from the Keres). With Laceste there was the opposite problem; winner of the Canadian U18 Championship last July against considerably higher-rated opposition, he has also had several excellent results in open tournaments. His 2158 rating was obviously on the low side, but by how much?

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Doroshenko, Maxim	2542	*	1	½	½	½	1	1	1	5.5
2	Laceste, Loren	2158	0	*	1	1	½	1	1	1	5.5
3	Gansvind, Valeriya I.	2308	½	0	*	½	½	½	1	1	4.0
4	Sohal, Tanraj S.	2186	½	0	½	*	½	½	1	1	4.0
5	Yoos, Jack	2417	½	½	½	½	*	0	½	1	3.5
6	Pechisker, Alfred	2293	0	0	½	½	1	*	½	½	3.0
7	McLaren, Brian	2186	0	0	0	0	½	½	*	1	2.0
8	Doknjas, John	2075	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	*	0.5

Simon Fraser University  
Average rating 2271

Cumulative scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
1	Doroshenko, Maxim	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5
2	Laceste, Loren	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	5.5
3	Gansvind, Valeriya	0.5	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.5	4.0
4	Sohal, Tanraj	0.5	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.5	4.0
5	Yoos, Jack	0.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.5
6	Pechisker, Alfred	0.0	0.5	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.0
7	McLaren, Brian	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.0
8	Doknjas, John	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5

In the end the tournament developed into a two-man race. Laceste was quick out of the gate, winning his first three games (helped somewhat by the pairings) to establish a one-point lead over the rest of the field by the end of round three, while Yoos and Doroshenko drew their first three games (Yoos was handicapped by an inability to convert several superior positions). In round four all the games were decisive, with three of them going over the seventy-move mark. Doroshenko allowed the pack to get closer by beating Laceste, Gansvind drew alongside by winning her game, while Yoos was effectively eliminated from contention by Pechisker. Round five saw the leaders meet, with Laceste finally prevailing after a marathon ninety-six moves. Doroshenko moved into second place by winning his second game in a row. The sixth round saw no relative changes amongst the leaders, so the tournament was decided in the last round. Laceste had a

half-point lead over Doroshenko but had to face Yoos with black, while Doroshenko was paired with Doknjas. Doroshenko won and Yoos had sustained pressure, but Laceste managed to create counter chances. In a tension-filled complex ending Yoos faltered, Laceste was winning for a few moves but missed his chance (he only had the one-minute increment to play on) and the game ended in perpetual check, leaving Laceste and Doroshenko as deserving co-champions.

Maxim Doroshenko has now tied for first in every B.C. event he has played in - okay, so that's only three events, but they were all of high quality. Loren Laceste joins the select company of those who have become B.C. Champion while still a junior (he is eighteen years old) - by this author's reckoning the others were Maurice Pratt in 1951 (age nineteen), Duncan Suttles in 1963 (seventeen) and Peter Biyiasas in 1968 (also eighteen). Loren should also gain the FM title when the next FIDE ratings list is published. And on the subject of records, it appears John Doknjas (B.C. U12 Champion) is the youngest participant in a BC Closed ever, having just turned twelve in September. He may have been a little overmatched this time around, but he'll be back - the experience should stand him in good stead for the future.

The tournament was held at the Burnaby campus of Simon Fraser University courtesy of Joe Roback, president of the SFU chess club, who also assisted with organizational details and provided refreshments over the weekend - many thanks, Joe! There were an unusual number of long games this year, including nine of sixty moves or over. The average length of game was forty-nine moves, compared with thirty-seven last year. One reason is a number of the players tend toward technical positions, but this is also a reflection of the fighting spirit and determination of the participants. Apart from a few game start times being delayed because of the above there were no particular problems, although an irritant for the arbiter was the way the overnight cleaning staff zealously erased the crosstable from the chalkboard, despite being asked specifically not to do so!

[CFC crosstable](#) [FIDE rating report](#)

Seven games, one from each round. All the games can be found at the [B.C. Chess History](#) website.

### **Gansvind, Valeriya - Doroshenko, Maxim [D78] BC ch Burnaby (1.3), 07.10.2011**

1.d4 g6 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.0-0 0-0 6.Ne5 c6 7.c4 Nbd7 8.Nc3 e6 9.Nxd7 Qxd7 10.Qd3 b6 11.cxd5 exd5 12.Bf4 Bb7 13.Rfd1 Nh5 14.Bd2 f5 15.e3 Nf6 16.Be1 Ne4 17.Rac1 Rfe8 18.Qb1 Ba6 19.b4 Nxc3 20.Rxc3 Bc4 21.a4 a6 22.Rdc1 b5 23.a5 Ra7 24.Rd1 Qd6 25.Rcc1 Rae7 26.Bc3 Kh8 27.Re1 Qf6 28.Bh3 Bh6 29.Bd2 Qg5 30.Qc2 Qh5 31.Bg2 Rf7 32.Qd1 Qg5 33.h4 Qf6 34.Bf3 Bf8 35.Kg2 Bd6 36.Bc3 Kg8 37.Rb1 Kf8 38.Rb2 Ke7 39.Rh1 Kd7 40.Qd2 Kc7 41.Rbb1 h6 42.Rbe1 Rh8 43.Rh3 g5 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.Rxh8 Qxh8 46.Rh1 Qf6 47.Qc2 f4 48.exf4 gxf4 49.g4 Qe7 50.Rh6 Rg7 51.Qf5 Rg5 52.Qh7 Rg7 53.Qh8 Qd7 54.Qa8 Rxc4+ 55.Kh2 Rg7 56.Qa7+ Kd8 57.Rxd6 Rh7+ 58.Kg1 Rg7+ 59.Kh2 Rh7+ 60.Kg1 Rg7+ 1/2-1/2

### **Laceste, Loren - Sohal, Tanraj [A44] BC ch Burnaby (2.1), 08.10.2011**

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.e4 d6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 Bg5 8.Bxg5 Qxg5 9.Nb5 Qd8 10.Qg4 g6 11.Nxd6+ Qxd6 12.Qc8+ Qd8 13.Bb5+ Nd7 14.Bxd7+ Ke7 15.Qxb7 Rb8 16.Qxa7 Qb6 17.Qxb6 Rxb6 18.Bc6 Rxb2 19.Kd2 Nf6 20.f3 Rhb8 21.a4 R2b6 22.g4 Kd6 23.Rhe1 Ng8 24.Bb5 Ne7 25.c4 f6 26.h4 h6 27.Kd3 R6b7 28.Ra2 Ra7 29.Rg2 Rf8 30.Kd2 Rh8 31.f4 Raa8 32.g5 Raf8 33.a5 fxg5 34.fxe5+ Kxe5 35.hxg5 h5 36.a6 Nc8 37.Bc6 Nd6 38.a7 Nxc4+ 39.Kc3 Nb6 40.Rb1 Na8 41.Kc4 h4 42.Rh2 h3 43.Kxc5 Kxe4 44.d6+ Kf4 45.Rf2+ Kg3 46.Rxf8 Rxf8 47.Bxa8 Rxa8 48.d7 h2 49.Kb6 Kg2 50.Kb7 Rd8 51.a8Q h1Q 52.Rxh1 Rxa8 53.Kxa8 1-0



**Gansvind, Valeriya - Pechisker, Alfred [A45] BC ch Burnaby (3.2), 08.10.2011**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Nf6 5.d5 Qb6 6.Nc3 Qxb2 7.Bd2 Qb6 8.e4 d6 9.Rb1 Qd8 10.f4 g6 11.Nf3 Bg7 12.Bc4 Nfd7 13.Qe2 0-0 14.0-0 Nb6 15.e5 Bg4 16.h3 Bxf3 17.Rxf3 dxe5 18.fxe5 Bxe5 19.Bh6 Bg7 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Re1 N8d7 22.Bb5 a6 23.Bd3 Nf6 24.Be4 Nbd7 25.Re3 Qc7 26.Bf3 Rae8 27.a4 Qf4 28.Rb1 b6 29.Re1 a5 30.Kh1 e6 31.Qb5 Qb4 32.d6 Qxb5 33.Nxb5 Rd8 34.Rd1 Nb8 35.Rb3 Nfd7 36.Nc7 Kf6 37.Bb7 Ne5 38.Rxb6 Nc4 39.Rf1+ Kg7 40.Rb5 Nxd6 41.Rb6 Nxb7 42.Rxb7 Rd7 43.Rfb1 Rc8 44.Nxe6+ fxe6 45.Rxb8 Rxb8 46.Rxb8 Rd2 47.Rb5 Rxc2 48.Rxa5 Kf6 49.Ra7 c4 50.a5 Ke5 51.a6 Ra2 52.Rc7 Kd4 53.a7 h5 54.h4 e5 55.Kh2 c3 56.Kg3 c2 57.Rxc2 Rxa7 58.Rc6 Rg7 59.Kf3 g5 60.Rd6+ Kc5 61.Rh6 Kd4 62.Rd6+ 1/2-1/2

**Laceste, Loren - Doroshenko, Maxim [E16] BC ch Burnaby (4.1), 09.10.2011**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Bb4+ 6.Nbd2 0-0 7.0-0 a5 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.a3 Bd6 10.b3 e5 11.c5 bxc5 12.dxc5 Be7 13.Bb2 d6 14.Rfd1 Ra6 15.Nc4 Qb8 16.e4 Nd8 17.Nfd2 Ne6 18.cxd6 cxd6 19.Bc3 Rc8 20.Qb2 Nc5 21.Qc2 a4 22.bxa4 Nxa4 23.Bb4 Qa8 24.Re1 Qa7 25.Qd3 Nc5 26.Qb1 Ba8 27.Ra2 h5 28.Ne3 Ne6 29.Bh3 Rb8 30.Bxe6 fxe6 31.Rb2 Rf8 32.h3 Qd4 33.Nf3 Qxe4 34.Qxe4 Nxe4 35.Nh4 Kh7 36.Rd1 Bxh4 37.gxh4 Rf3 38.Ng2 Rxh3 39.Rc2 Bd5 40.Re1 Nf6 41.Re3 Bxg2 42.Kxg2 Rxe3 43.fxe3 Nd5 44.Kf3 Nxb4 45.axb4 Rb6 46.Rb2 d5 47.e4 Rb5 48.Ke3 Kg6 49.Kd3 Rb7 50.b5 Kf6 51.Kc3 g5 52.Rf2+ Kg6 53.Rg2 g4 54.Kb4 dxe4 55.Kc5 e3 56.Re2 Kf5 57.Rxe3 Kf4 58.Re1 g3 59.Kc6 Rb8 60.b6 g2 61.Kc7 Rxb6 62.Kxb6 Kf3 63.Kc6 Kf2 64.Rxe5 g1Q 65.Rxh5 Qc1+ 66.Rc5 Qe3 67.h5 e5 68.Kd6 e4 69.Rf5+ Ke2 70.Ke5 Kd3 71.Kf6 Qh6+ 0-1

**Gansvind, Valeriya - Laceste, Loren [D13] BC ch Burnaby (5.1), 09.10.2011**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 cxd5 5.Bf4 Nc6 6.Nf3 a6 7.h3 Bf5 8.e3 Qb6 9.Qd2 e6 10.Ne5 Ne4 11.Nxe4 Bxe4 12.Nxc6 bxc6 13.a3 a5 14.f3 Bg6 15.Be2 Be7 16.0-0 c5 17.Bd1 0-0 18.Ba4 Ra7 19.Rac1 c4 20.Rf2 Bd6 21.Bxd6 Qxd6 22.Qc3 h6 23.Rd1 Rb8 24.Rdd2 Ra6 25.Rfe2 Rab6 26.e4 Ra6 27.Rd1 Rab6 28.Rde1 Kh7 29.Rf2 Qf4 30.Bd1 Qh4 31.Re3 Kg8 32.Ba4 Qf4 33.Re1 Qh4 34.Re3 Rd6 35.Rd2 Qf4 36.Ree2 dxe4 37.fxe4 Bxe4 38.Rf2 Qg5 39.Qxc4 Rbd8 40.Qc3 Bg6 41.Rfe2 Rd5 42.Bb3 R5d6 43.Ba4 Qf4 44.Qxa5 Rd5 45.Qb6 Kh7 46.Rf2 Qg3 47.Qb4 Rc8 48.Rd1 Rb8 49.Qe1 Rbd8 50.Rfd2 Qg5 51.Qf2 e5 52.h4 Qg4 53.h5 Bxh5 54.Bc2+ e4 55.Re1 Bg6 56.Qe3 f5 57.Rf1 Rf8 58.g3 Rfd8 59.Bb3 R5d6 60.Bc4 Bh5 61.Kh2 Qg6 62.Rf4 Bg4 63.Kg1 Bf3 64.Kf2 Qf6 65.d5 g5 66.Rxf3 exf3 67.Kxf3 Rf8 68.Re2 Rf7 69.a4 Qg6 70.Qe5 h5



71.Rh2 Rf8 72.Bb5 Rdf6 73.Ke2 Kg8 74.Kd2 Rd8 75.Re2 Rfd6 76.Bc4 Qf7 77.Ke1 Kh7 78.b3 Kg6 79.Kf2 Rf6 80.Qe7 Qxe7 81.Rxe7 Kh6 82.a5 f4 83.a6 fxf3+ 84.Kxg3 g4 85.Re6 Kg5 86.Re5+ Rf5 87.Re6 h4+ 88.Kg2 h3+ 89.Kg3 Rf3+ 90.Kh2 Rf2+ 91.Kg1 h2+ 92.Kh1 g3 93.Re1 Kg4 94.d6 Rxd6 95.Bf1 Rxf1+ 96.Rxf1 Kh3 0-1

**Pechisker, Alfred - Doroshenko, Maxim [D27] BC ch Burnaby (6.2), 10.10.2011**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.a4 e6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 dxc4 8.Bxc4 c5 9.0-0 Qc7 10.e4 cxd4 11.Qxd4 Bc5 12.Qd3 0-0 13.Bg5 b6 14.Ba2 Bb7 15.Rad1 Ne5 16.Qe2 Ng6 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Nd4 Qe5 19.Nb3 Bb4 20.Rd4 a5 21.Qe3 Qf4 22.Re1 Rac8 23.g3 Qg4 24.f3 Qh3 25.Rc1 Ba6 26.Kh1 Ne5 27.Rdd1 Bc4 28.Nd4 Bxc3 29.Bxc4 Bxb2 30.Bf1 Bxc1 31.Rxc1 Qh5 32.Be2 Qg6 33.Nb5 Rb8 34.Rc7 Rfd8 35.Kg2 Rd7 36.Qc3 Rbd8 37.Rxd7 Rxd7 38.Qc2 Kg7 39.Nc7 h5 40.Ne8+ Kh7 41.Qc1 Rd8 42.Bb5 Qh6 43.f4 h4 44.Qc3 hxg3 45.fxe5 Qxh2+ 46.Kf3 Rxe8 0-1

**Yoos, Jack - Laceste, Loren [B82] BC ch Burnaby (7.1), 10.10.2011**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qb6 5.Nb3 Nf6 6.Nc3 e6 7.Bd3 d6 8.Be3 Qc7 9.f4 Be7 10.Qf3 a6 11.g4 b6 12.g5 Nd7 13.0-0-0 Bb7 14.Rhf1 0-0-0 15.Qf2 Kb8 16.Kb1 Rdf8 17.h4 h5 18.Qe2 Nb4 19.f5 Nc5 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Rxf8+ Bxf8 22.Rf1 g6 23.Bd4 e5 24.Bxc5 dxc5 25.Bc4 b5 26.Bf7 c4 27.Nd2 Bc5 28.a3 Nc6 29.Nd5 Nd4 30.Nxc7 Nxe2 31.Nd5 Bxd5 32.exd5 Nf4 33.Ne4 Bb6 34.Nf6 Kc8 35.d6 Bd8 36.d7+ Kc7 37.Be8 Kd6 38.b3 cxb3 39.cxb3 Rf8 40.Rd1+ Ke6 41.Rc1 Kf5 42.Rc8 Ne6 43.Rc6 Nd4 44.Rxa6 e4 45.Kc1 e3 46.Kd1 e2+ 47.Kd2 Bc7



48.Nd5 (48.Rd6!!) Kg4 49.Rf6 Rxf6 50.gxf6 Bg3 51.d8Q e1Q+ 52.Kd3 Kf3 53.Kxd4 Bf2+ 54.Kd3 Qb1+ 55.Kc3 Qe1+ 56.Kc2 Qe4+ 57.Kc1 Qe1+ 58.Kc2 Qe4+ 59.Kc1 Qe1+ 1/2-1/2

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**VANCOUVER OPEN (October 8-10)**



Alonso Zapata, Butch Villavieja, Eugenio Alonso Campos (photo by Lara Lo)

For the last year Eugenio Alonso Campos has been running a chess club on Friday nights out of his own home in Surrey. In addition to club nights he has also organized almost monthly weekend Swisses, the EAC Chess Arts Opens, which have further enriched the tournament scene in the Lower Mainland (the next one is coming up at the end of this month). The next logical step was to sponsor a large weekend tournament with an international guest and a large prize fund. This he did on the Thanksgiving Day weekend with the Vancouver Open - the guest was Colombian GM Alonso Zapata and the prize fund was a guaranteed \$2,650. The original plan was to hold the event at the Harbour Centre campus of SFU in downtown Vancouver (hence Vancouver Open), but that site was not forthcoming. Instead the tournament moved to the [Umoja](#) facilities near the King George Skytrain station in Surrey, but retained the Vancouver name. Due to a lack of communication the tournament unfortunately ended up being scheduled on the same weekend as the B.C. Championship, which obviously affected the turnout. Despite this conflict twenty-seven players took the opportunity to potentially cross swords with GM Zapata and have a shot at the generous prizes. To no one's surprise Zapata did win the tournament, but was nicked for a draw by Butch Villavieja in the fifth round. Butch gave up a further draw to Dragoljub Milicevic in taking second with 5.0/6, while Philip Kim was third. Other prize winners included Howard Wu, Len Molden, Eugenio Alonso Campos, Dragoljub Milicevic, Peter Yee, Jofrel Landingin, Philip Chen, Luke Pulfer, Yekta Saremi, and Roy He; a complete list can be found [here](#). Many thanks to Eugenio Alonso Campos and Umoja for making this tournament possible.

[CFC crosstable](#)

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## B.C. WOMEN'S CHAMPIONSHIP (October 9)



(photo by Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

Largely dormant of late, this year saw the revival of the B.C. Women's Championship. Co-organized by Stephen Wright and Victoria Jung-Doknjas and taking advantage of the B.C. Championship site at SFU, the championship was held as it had previously been in 2008, as a four-player round robin. In fact, to add to the sense of déjà vu, three of the participants were the same (this year Alice Xiao substituted for Victoria Jung-Doknjas), and the results and crosstable

were identical: WCM Alexandra Botez first, Anca Datcu-Romano second, with the remaining point split between Alice and Joanne Foote. Given her rating cushion Alexandra's victory is not surprising, but what has changed is the juniors (Alexandra's exploits are well known, Alice is B.C. U16 Girls' Champion, and Joanne Canadian U14 Girls' Champion) have all gained 200-300 rating points in the past three years. This bodes well for the future of women's chess in the province, as they provide role models for the girls who are now rising through the ranks.

		1	2	3	4	
1	Botez, Alexandra	2076	*	1	1	3.0
2	Datcu-Romano, Anca	1801	0	*	1	2.0
3	Xiao, Alice	1784	0	0	*	½ 0.5
4	Foote, Joanne	1529	0	0	½	* 0.5

[CFC crosstable](#) [Previous crosstables](#)

The women's championship has had an erratic history, periods of interest being interspersed with long periods of neglect. The following are our women's champions, based on my research - if anyone has additions or corrections, I will be very happy to hear from you - editor.

1947 - Anna Sharpe  
 1957 - Erika White  
 1976 - Bea Sarac  
 1977 - Bea Sarac  
 1978 - Bea Sarac  
 1992 - Lynn Stringer  
 1993 - Jackie Brien  
 1994 - Jackie Brien  
 1995 - Anca Datcu  
 1998 - Alice Eslava/Lynn Stringer/Yamei Wang  
 2000 - Yamei Wang/Valentina Goutor  
 2003 - Valentina Goutor  
 2008 - Alexandra Botez  
 2011 - Alexandra Botez

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## Eac Chess-Arts Club Tournament 10

Date: October 29-30

Place: 14524 - 91b Ave. Surrey

Format: 5 Rounds: Swiss System

Time Control: 65 Mins with 30 Secs Delay or Increment

Round Times: Saturday 10 AM, 1:30 PM, 5 PM and Sunday 10 AM, 1:30 PM

Type: Regular Swiss, CFC Rated (CFC Membership Required)

Entry Fee: \$35/40

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)

Misc: Bring your own clock if you have one. No Club Membership Required



## **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 158, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia; entry fee \$21 adult, \$16 junior

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

For details of the following see the [BCCF website](#)

### **EAC Chess Arts Open #10**

October 29-30, Surrey

### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

November 12-13, Victoria

### **December Active**

December 4, Vancouver Bridge Centre

### **December Active (2)**

December 18, Vancouver Bridge Centre

### **B.C. Active Championship**

January 28-29, 2012, Vancouver Bridge Centre

### **Grand Pacific Open**

April 6-9, 2012, Victoria

### **Paul Keres Memorial**

May 19-21, 2012, Richmond

### **Canadian Open**

July 8-13, 2012, Victoria

### **U.S. Open**

August 4-12, 2012, Vancouver WA