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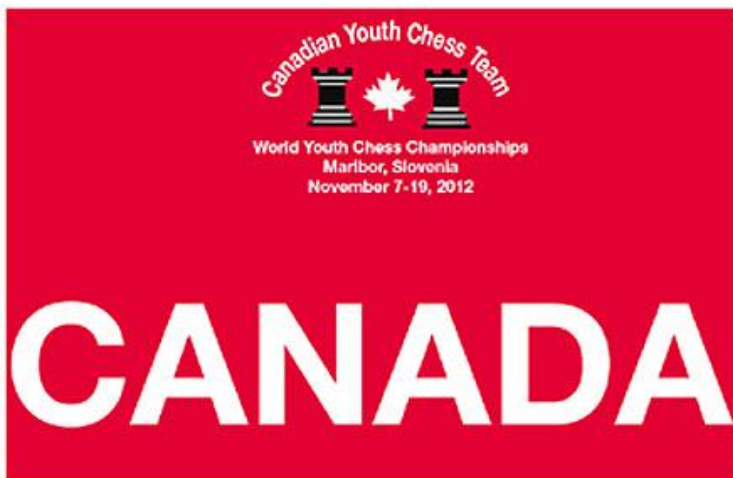
September Active (September 30)

The first monthly active tournament of the season attracted thirty players to the Vancouver Bridge Centre. Tying for first were Mayo Fuentebella and veteran Dragoljub Milicevic – they drew with each other and won the rest of their games to achieve scores of 4.5/5. Best U1900 was Alice Xiao with 3.5; Andrew Toi and Alex Lin split the U1500 prize, while the biggest upset award went to Edward Tang. Luc Poitras was the organizer/director. [Crosstable](#)

BC Senior Championship

Early next year the inaugural BC Senior Championship will be hosted at Simon Fraser University in Burnaby. Those players who are aged sixty years or over as of 2013 are eligible to participate. For more details see the tournament [website](#).

World Youth Chess Championship



This year the WYCC is taking place in Maribor, Slovenia in November. As usual, a number of B.C. juniors are going to participate in the tournament, including Neil, Joshua, and John Doknjas, Ashley Tapp, Jason Cao, and Alice Xiao. A team Canada [website](#) has been set up and you are invited to view it for further information; also, if you wish to support the team financially, donations can be made through the website.

B.C. CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP (October 5-8)

The ninety-seventh edition of the B.C. Championship was held over the Thanksgiving Day weekend at the Point Grey campus of UBC (last year the event was hosted by the Lower Mainland's other major university, SFU). Many thanks to Clyde Chan and the UBC Chess Club for arranging for the site in the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre. And also like last year's event, this year's tournament included three players who were making their debuts in the Closed: Butch Villavieja, winner of several monthly actives, who was also successful in the 2011 Keres Memorial (tied for third) and 2011 Vancouver Open (second to GM Alonso Zapata); Jason Kenney, a recent acquisition from Nova Scotia who was a prize winner in the 2012 Canadian Open in Victoria; and junior Janak Awatramani, already a seasoned, experienced player, who as early as 2009 won both the BC Junior and the North American U10 Championship.

Normally the majority of players in the Closed qualify from one of B.C.'s major events, but unfortunately several of this year's qualifiers had to decline their invitations, including both of last year's champions (Maxim Doroshenko and Loren Laceste) and the winner of the Labour Day Open, Yifei Han. Those who did accept were John Doknjas (2011 B.C. Junior Champion), Lucas Davies (Garnd Pacific Open), and Jack Yoos (Paul Keres Memorial), while the other players were chosen from the ratings list. A five-time previous champion, Jack Yoos was the obvious favourite going into the tournament, while with the exception of John Doknjas (whose rating has dropped considerably in the past year) everyone else was within a fifty rating point spread, including four players within a three(!) point spread.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	Villavieja, Butch	2289	*	0	½	½	1	1	1	5.0
2	Kenney, Jason	2243	1	*	0	½	½	0	1	4.0
3	Pechisker, Alfred	2243	½	1	*	0	½	½	½	3.5
4	Wu, Howard	2264	½	½	1	*	0	0	½	3.5
5	Awatramani, Janak	2241	0	½	½	1	*	½	½	3.5
6	Yoos, Jack	2393	0	1	½	1	½	*	0	3.0
7	Davies, Lucas	2242	0	0	½	½	½	1	*	3.0
8	Doknjas, John	1933	0	0	½	0	½	1	½	2.5

University of British Columbia
Average rating 2231

Cumulative scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Villavieja, Butch	0.5	1.5	2.5	2.5	3.5	4.0	5.0
2 Kenney, Jason	0.0	0.5	1.5	2.5	3.0	4.0	4.0
3 Pechisker, Alfred	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.0	3.5
4 Wu, Howard	0.5	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.5	3.5	3.5
5 Awatramani, Janak	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	3.5
6 Yoos, Jack	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0
7 Davies, Lucas	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
8 Doknjas, John	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.5

Yoos may have been the favourite but for the second year in a row errors in favourable positions resulted in half points or worse. Butch Villavieja and Howard Wu were the early leaders, scoring

2.5 in their first three games for a one-point cushion over the rest of the field. In round four Villavieja was stopped by Jason Kenney while the rest of the games were drawn, leaving Wu in the lead closely followed by Villavieja and Kenney, the latter advancing into contention after losing in the first round. Villavieja got back into the win column in round five and drew level with Wu, the two of them a half-point ahead of Kenney with two games to go. Kenney won decisively in round six to tie for first with Villavieja, while the holiday Monday was not kind to Wu – he reached a somewhat better ending against Yoos but allowed the Black king too much activity. Going into the last round there was the possibility of a five-way(!) tie on 4.0 points, but Villavieja survived a worse position to beat Davies, Wu overextended himself against Awatramani and lost, Kenney went down in flames against Yoos, and Pechisker was unable to overcome Doknjas. This left Butch Villavieja as the new B.C. Champion, a full point ahead of Jason Kenney in second – congratulations! Wu's final day was disappointing after leading for most of the event, Awatramani had a solid 50% in his first appearance in the Closed, Yoos got back to minus one after a horrendous start, Davies was a little out of form, and Doknjas scored two points more than he did last year and brought his rating back over 2000.



Butch Villavieja (photo: Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

The average game length was substantially less than last year – fewer technical players, more open Sicilians – with one notable exception. The game Pechisker-Villavieja from round six went to 113 moves, thus becoming the second longest game in a B.C. Closed that we know of (the longest, 120 moves, was played in 1999 and involved an unsuccessful attempt to mate with bishop and knight). The latter half of the game is not the most interesting, but try fathoming out what was happening in the first half. Overall the tournament was tighter than last year, with two and a half points separating first from last place (five points for last year). There were a few short draws, but most of the games were very competitive, if marred by a number of missed opportunities (Wu-Villavieja, Awatramani-Villavieja, Wu-Kenney, several games by Yoos).

[Link](#) to all the games [CFC crosstable](#)

Wu, Howard - Villavieja, Butch [B99] BC ch 97th Vancouver (1.3), 05.10.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7
10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5 Nc5 14.f6 gxf6 15.gxf6 Bf8 16.Bh3 b4 17.Nce2 Bb7 18.Ng3
0-0-0 19.Nb3 Kb8 20.Rhe1 h5 21.Kb1 h4 22.Nf1 d5 23.exd5 Rxd5 24.Rxd5 Bxd5 25.Qg4 Nxb3
26.axb3 Bd6 27.Ne3 Bb7 28.Rd1 Bf4 29.Nc4 Bxh2 30.Qg7 Re8 31.Rd4 Bg3 32.Qh7 a5 33.Qd3
Bd5 34.Ne3 Bc6 35.Bg2 Rc8 36.Rc4 Qb6 37.Bxc6 Rxc6 38.Rxc6 Qxc6 39.Qd8+ Kb7 40.Qxa5 Bd6
41.Qh5 Qe4 42.Qxf7+ Kc6 43.Qe8+ Kc5 44.Qc8+ Kd4 45.Qd8 Kxe3 46.Qxd6 Qh1+ 47.Ka2 Qa8+
48.Kb1 ½-½

Villavieja, Butch - Yoos, Jack [B60] BC ch 97th Vancouver (2.2), 06.10.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 a6 7.Qd2 Qb6 8.Nb3 e6 9.f3 Qc7 10.0-
0-0 Bd7 11.Kb1 Be7 12.g4 Ne5 13.Qf2 b5 14.Be3 b4 15.Ne2 Bb5 16.Nbd4 Nc4 17.Bc1 0-0 18.h4
Rfc8 19.Ng3 d5 20.g5 Ne8 21.exd5 exd5 22.Ngf5 Bc5 23.Qh2 Qb6 24.h5 Ra7 25.g6 Na3+ 26.bxa3
Bxf1 27.gxh7+ Kxh7 28.Rhxf1 bxa3+ 29.Nb3 a5 30.Rxd5 a4 31.Rfd1 axb3 32.cxb3 Rac7 33.Bf4
Bb4 34.Bxc7 Nxc7 35.Qe5 f6 36.Qg3 Ne6 37.Qg6+ Kh8 38.h6 1-0

Kenney, Jason - Villavieja, Butch [E49] BC ch 97th Vancouver (4.1), 07.10.2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 c5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Ne2 b6 10.0-
0 Nc6 11.Ng3 Re8 12.f3 g6 13.Ra2 h5 14.Raf2 h4 15.Ne2 Qd6 16.Qc2 Nh5 17.Qb1 Re7 18.e4
cxd4 19.cxd4 dxe4 20.fxe4 Nxd4 21.e5 Nxe2+ 22.Bxe2 Qxe5 23.Bb2 Qg5 24.Qd1 Rd7 25.Qb3
Bb7 26.Qc3 f6 27.Bxh5 gxh5 28.Qh3 Qg4 29.Qxg4+ hxg4 30.Rxf6 Rad8 31.Rh6 Rd4 32.Bxd4
Rxd4 33.Rxh4 Bc8 34.h3 Rd3 35.hxg4 Rxa3 36.Rh5 Be6 37.Re5 Bc4 38.Rg5+ Kh7 39.Rf3 Ra1+
40.Kh2 Kh6 41.Re5 Kg6 42.g5 Ra2 43.Kg3 b5 44.Rf6+ Kg7 45.Re7+ Kg8 46.Rc6 Kf8 47.Rb7
Rxc2+ 48.Kxc2 Bd5+ 49.Kg3 Bxc6 50.Rxa7 b4 51.Rc7 Bd5 52.Rc8+ Ke7 53.Rb8 b3 54.Kf4 Kd6
55.g6 Kc7 56.Rb4 Kc6 57.g7 Kc5 58.Rb8 Kc4 59.Ke3 Kc3 60.Rc8+ Kb2 61.Kd2 Be6 62.g8Q Bxg8
63.Rxc8 Ka1 64.Rg1+ Ka2 65.Kc3 b2 66.Kc2 Ka3 67.Rb1 1-0

Doknjas, John - Awatramani, Janak [D55] BC ch 97th Vancouver (4.2), 07.10.2012

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Nf6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nf3 b6 6.cxd5 exd5 7.e3 0-0 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.0-0 Nbd7
10.Rc1 c5 11.Bf5 c4 12.Ne5 g6 13.Bh3 a6 14.f4 b5 15.Qf3 Kg7 16.Bxd7 Nxd7 17.Qh3 Bxg5
18.Qxd7 Qxd7 19.Nxd7 Bf6 20.Nxf8 Rxf8 21.b4 Bc6 22.Ra1 Be7 23.Rfb1 a5 24.a3 Ra8 25.Ra2
Bd6 26.Kf2 f6 27.g3 Kf7 28.e4 dxe4 29.d5 Bd7 30.Nxe4 Bf8 31.Rd2 Bf5 32.Rd4 axb4 33.axb4
Ra2+ 34.Ke3 Ra3+ 35.Kf2 ½-½

Wu, Howard - Kenney, Jason [B94] BC ch 97th Vancouver (5.1), 07.10.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Bc4 e6 8.Qd2 b5 9.Bb3 Bb7
10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.0-0-0 Be7 12.Qe2 0-0 13.e5 Ne8 14.f4 Qc7 15.Kb1 dxe5 16.fxe5 Qb6 17.Ne4
Bxe4 18.Qxe4 Nc7 19.Rhf1 Bc5 20.c3 a5 21.Rf3 Be7 22.Rh3 g6 23.Qf4 f5 24.exf6 Rxf6 25.Qh6
Rf7 26.Bc2 Bf8 27.Qh4 Be7 28.Qe4 a4 29.Nf3 a3 30.b3 Nd5 31.Ne5 Rf4 32.Nd7 Qc6 33.Qe5
Qxd7 34.Qxf4 Rc8 35.Qh6 Bf8 36.Qh4 Rxc3 37.Rhd3 Rxd3 38.Rxd3 Bg7 39.Kc1 Qc7 40.Kd2 Bf6
41.Qe4 Qb6 42.Bd1 Qf2+ 43.Be2 Bg5+ 44.Kc2 Nb4+ 45.Kb1 Nxd3 46.Qxe6+ Kg7 47.Qd7+ Kh6
48.Qh3+ Bh4 49.Qxd3 Qf6 50.Qe3+ g5 51.Qd2 Be1 52.Qc2 b4 53.Bd3 Bc3 54.Qe2 Be5 55.Qe4
Qe7 56.g4 Bf6 ½-½

Pechisker, Alfred - Villavieja, Butch [E81] BC ch 97th Vancouver (6.2), 08.10.2012

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bg5 h6 7.Be3 e5 8.Nge2 Nc6 9.d5 Ne7 10.Qd2 Kh7 11.g4 Ne8 12.h4 c6 13.h5 g5 14.Nc1 f6 15.Be2 a6 16.Nd3 Bd7 17.0-0 b5 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.cxb5 Bxb5 20.Nxb5 axb5 21.Nb4 Qa5 22.a3 Rd8 23.Rfd1 Nc7 24.Qd3 Kh8 25.Rac1 Rfe8 26.Nd5 Ncxd5 27.exd5 Rb8 28.b4 Qd8 29.Rc2 Rf8 30.Rdc1 Rb7 31.a4 bxa4 32.b5 Qa5 33.Ra2 f5 34.Bf2 Qb4 35.b6 Qf4 36.Qd1 Nxd5 37.Rxa4 e4 38.Qxd5 Qxc1+ 39.Kg2 exf3+ 40.Bxf3 fxf4 41.Be2 Rbf7 42.Bd4 Qc2 43.Ra2 Qc8 44.Ra7 Qe8 45.Bb5

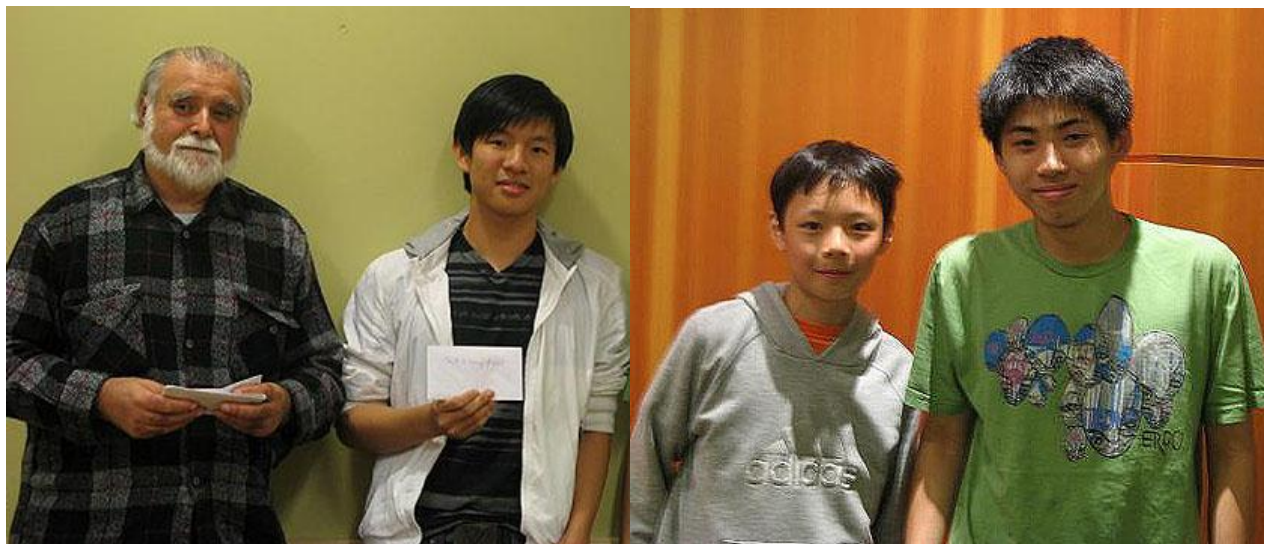


45...Bxd4 46.Bxe8 Rf2+ 47.Kg3 Be5+ 48.Qxe5+ dxe5 49.Bc6 R2f6 50.Rc7 R6f7 51.Bd7 Rf3+ 52.Kg2 Rf2+ 53.Kg1 e4 54.Bxg4 e3 55.Re7 R2f4 56.Be2 R4f6 57.b7 Rb6 58.Bd3 Rb3 59.Rh7+ Kg8 60.Rd7 Rb4 61.Kg2 Rf2+ 62.Kg3 Rfb2 63.Ba6 e2 64.Bxe2 Rxe2 65.Rd8+ Kf7 66.b8Q Re3+ 67.Kg2 Rxb8 68.Rxb8 Re6 69.Kf3 White offered a draw. 69...Ra6 70.Rb7+ Kf6 71.Rb3 Rc6 72.Ra3 Rd6 73.Rb3 Re6 74.Rb8 Kf5 75.Rf8+ Rf6 76.Rg8 Ke5+ 77.Kg3 Ra6 78.Re8+ Kf6 79.Rf8+ Kg7 80.Rb8 White offered a draw. 80...Ra3+ 81.Kg2 Ra6 82.Kg3 Kf6 83.Rf8+ Ke5 84.Re8+ Kf5 85.Rf8+ Rf6 86.Rg8 Ke6 87.Ra8 Kd5 88.Rd8+ Ke5 89.Re8+ Re6 90.Rg8 Ra6 91.Re8+ White offered a draw. 91...Kf6 92.Rg8 Ra3+ 93.Kg2 Kf5 94.Rg6 Kg4 95.Rxh6 Ra2+ 96.Kf1 Kg3 97.Rb6 g4 98.h6 Ra1+ 99.Ke2 Rh1 100.Rg6 Rh5 101.Kf1 Kh3 102.Kf2 Rh4 103.Rf6 g3+ 104.Kf3 Kh2 105.Rg6 Rh3 106.Ke2 Kg2 107.Ke1 Rh2 108.Rf6 Rh5 109.Rg6 Kh2 110.Kf1 Rf5+ 111.Ke2 g2 112.h7 Rh5 113.Kf2 ½-½

Yoos, Jack - Kenney, Jason [B94] BC ch 97th Vancouver (7.1), 08.10.2012

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nbd7 7.Bc4 Qa5 8.Qd2 e6 9.0-0-0 b5 10.Bb3 Bb7 11.Rhe1 Be7 12.f4 b4 13.Nd5 Nxe4 14.Nxe6 fxe6 15.Rxe4 Nc5 16.Rxe6 Nxe6 17.Qe3 Bxd5 18.Rxd5 Qc7 19.Qxe6 Ra7 20.Ba4+ Kf8 21.Rf5+ 1-0

VANCOUVER OPEN (October 6-8)



Eugenio Alonso Campos, Jack Cheng, Jason Cao, Ryan Lo (photo: Michael Lo)

Organized and directed by Eugenio Alonso Campos, this tournament made use of the same site provided by the UBC Chess Club for the BC Championship. It also continued this year's trend of significantly higher or record participation in regular-rated weekend events. Forty-three players participated, making it the largest Swiss held at UBC since the 2000 Keres Memorial. The field included IM Vicente Lee Jr., former BC champion Brian McLaren, and the usual array of ambitious junior players, notably Ryan Lo, Jack Cheng, Yifei Han (winner of the Labour Day Open) and Jason Cao. This time it was the juniors who came out on top, with Cao, Lo, and Cheng tying for first with 5.0/6 – they drew with each other and defeated everyone else they faced. Round five was particularly important, as Cao beat Lee and Lo beat McLaren. The other prizewinners have not been published anywhere, but judging by the pre-tournament advertising Ben Daswani and Matthew Herdin split the U2100 prizes, Primero Landingin and Joanne Foote took the U1800, Michael Su and Andrew Toi divided the U1500, and Rinna Yu and Tony Xun won the U1200 prizes. A number of players made significant ratings gains. Cao, Lo, and Cheng all went over 2200 for the first time; they achieved personal lifetime highs, as did Herdin, Foote, Alice Xiao, Su, Toi, Yu, and Alex Lin. [CFC crosstable](#)

LILA FUTO OPEN (August 31 – September 2) by Michael Yip

This small open was on the weekend immediately after the Budapest Open so I was feeling a bit tired but I also had the feeling that no tournament should be passed up, since my reason for moving to Hungary was to play as much as possible. Forty-one players showed up in this edition of the open (usually twice per year). This is one of the few tournaments where there are mechanical clocks which routinely malfunction, causing small delays to key games. This tournament was very useful as one of my chess friends Laszlo Olah, began teaching me some basic Hungarian chess terms, so I can begin to analyze with my opponents in broken Hungarian. During the lunch breaks we also discovered the fabulous burgers at the Burger House restaurant. For the Saturday and Sunday rounds we would return a few minutes late after feasting on gigantic burgers.

My form was awful for this tournament and I finished with 4.5/6 which included a loss to a young 1460 player. I made up for this by winning an interesting game in round 6 against a strong and promising junior.

Yip, Michael - Peczely, Sebastian [D48] Lila Futo Open Lima (6), 02.09.2012

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Bd3 dxc4 7.Bxc4 b5 8.Bd3 Bb7 9.e4 a6?! 9...b4 10.Na4 c5 11.e5 Nd5 is the main line Wade variation of the Semi-Slav. **10.e5 Nd5 11.Nxd5 cxd5 12.0-0** 12.Ng5!? Beginning aggressive action already. 12...Bb4+ 13.Kf1 g6 14.h4 The h-pawn is a useful attacking weapon. 14...Be7 15.Qf3 Bxg5 16.Bxg5 Qb6 17.Be3 h5 18.Rc1 Rc8 19.Rxc8+ Bxc8 20.Ke2 Bb7 21.Rc1 a5 22.Ke1 b4 23.Qe2 0-0 24.g4 hxg4 25.Qxg4 Ba6 26.Bxg6 fxc6 27.Qxg6+ Kh8 28.Qh5+ Kg8 29.Bh6 Bd3 30.Qg5+ Kf7 31.Qg7+ Ke8 32.Rc8+ Qd8 33.Bg5 1-0 Iotov, V -Gochev, M /Albena 2009 **12...Be7 13.Re1** Useful in a general sense but quite routine. The Bxh7+ idea needs fast rook participation so this was my main intuitive reason for choosing this candidate. 13.Bd2!? I rejected this move as Black has the option of ..h6 and ..0-0 so Bxh6 can be played in one go. 13...0-0 14.a4 b4 15.Qb1 h6 16.Be3 a5 17.Re1 b3 18.Qd1 Ba6 19.Bxa6 Rxa6 20.Qxb3 Rb6 21.Qa2 Qb8 22.Re2 Qb7 23.Rc1 Nb8 24.Rec2 Nc6 25.Bd2 Rb8 26.h3 Bd8 27.b3 Nb4 28.Bxb4 Rxb4 29.Rc3 g6 30.Rd3 Kg7 31.Rcc3 Rc8 32.Rxc8 Qxc8 33.Qd2 Qb7 34.Qc2 Bb6 35.g3 Qa7 36.Qd2 Bd8 37.Kg2 Rb7 38.h4 Be7 39.Nh2 Qb8 40.Ng4 g5 41.hxg5 hxg5 42.Rf3 Rxb3 43.Nf6 Bxf6 44.Rxf6 Qg8 45.Qxg5+ Kf8 46.Qh4 1-0 Pinter, J-Richter, M /Dortmund 1998; 13.Bf4 The bishop could be exposed here to crazy ...g5 ideas so I rejected this move. 13...0-0 14.Qc2 g6 15.Qd2 Re8 16.Bh6 Bf8 17.Rfe1 Rc8 18.Bxf8 Nxf8 19.h4 Qe7 20.Qh6 Rc7 21.h5 b4 22.Re3 Ra8 23.Rae1 a5 24.Ng5 Ba6 25.Bb1 Bb5 26.Rf3 Be8 27.hxg6 fxc6 28.Rxf8+ 1-0 Bagaturov, G-Schaeffner, C /Boeblingen 1996; 13.Ne1!? Gets the queen into action quickly. 13...0-0 14.Qh5 g6 15.Qg4 Qb6 16.Bh6 Rfe8 17.Nf3 a5 18.h4 b4 19.Ng5 Ba6 20.Rad1 f5 21.Qf4 Bxg5 22.Bxg5 h5 23.Rfe1 Bxd3 24.Rxd3 Rac8 25.Rg3 Kf7 26.Bf6 Rg8 27.Rge3 Rc4 28.Qh6 Nf8 29.b3 Rc2 30.R3e2 Rc3 31.Rd1 Qb5 32.Red2 Qe8 33.Rd3 Nd7 34.Qh7+ Kf8 35.Rxc3 bxc3 36.Rc1 Nxf6 37.exf6 Qf7 38.Qh6+ Ke8 39.Rxc3 Kd7 40.Qc1 1-0 Akselrod, V-Keosidi, K /Tomsk 2006 **13...0-0 14.a4** Exercising the option to play on both wings. **14...b4 15.Qe2** Now the Ra8 is temporarily tied to the a-pawn. **15...Qb6 16.a5** Gaining a tempo and fixing the a-pawn seemed optimal. 16.Bg5 Qd8 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Rec1 Nb6 19.Rc5 a5 20.b3+/- **16...Qd8+/-** White has a number of ways to arrange a massage for a slightly better position.



17.h4!? Offers a pawn to get an attack going on the h-file. 17.Qc2 Provoking a loosening pawn move is useful. 17...h6 (17...g6 18.Bh6 Re8 19.Qd2±) 18.Qe2+/- **17...Bxh4 18.g3 Be7 19.Kg2** With compensation. **19...Re8 20.Rh1 Nf8 21.Bd2+/-** White has some nice compensation for the pawn but no concrete threats yet. The main plan is to double on the h-file and bank on the absence of Bb7.Ra8 from the kingside. **21...g6 22.Rh6** Useful not to allow ...h5. **22...Rc8** Black takes the file but cannot infiltrate. The main benefit is ..Rc7 and the rook can hope to play a part in the defence. **23.Rah1!±** Pushing for the attack. **23...f5?** A fatal weakening of the kingside. 23...Rc7 24.Qe1 b3 25.Bb4 Rd7 26.Bxe7

Qxe7 27.Qd2± Now the kingside dark squares look vulnerable. **24.Qe3?!+/-** Dreaming of a Rxh7 sacrifices costs me a chance to end the game immediately. 24.exf6! Decides quickly. 24...Bxf6 25.Bxb4 Taking the pawn and threatening Bxf8 leaves Black tied up but I did not appreciate how bad Black's situation really was. (25.Ne5 This was the main path of analysis but I did not like the

results. 25...Qc7 26.Bxb4 Bxe5 27.Qxe5 Qxe5 28.dxe5 d4+ 29.f3±) 25...Rc7 26.Ne5 Black cannot hold h7-g6 from all the threats of sacrifices. 26...Bg7 (26...Rg7? 27.Bxf8 Rxf8 28.Bxg6! The kingside is destroyed. 28...Bxe5 29.Qxe5 hxg6 30.Qxe6+ Rff7 31.Rh8#) 27.R6h3+- **24...Rc7** Forced. **25.Qe1** Playing both sides of the board to stretch the defence out. 25.Rxh7? Unfortunately my main idea fails. 25...Nxh7 26.Rxh7 Bf8! (26...Kxh7? Taking the rook loses outright. 27.Qh6+ Kg8 28.Qxg6+ Kh8 29.Qh6+ Kg8 30.Qxe6+) 27.Rh1 Rh7 The attack is over.; 25.Qf4 Continues the attack. 25...Qd7 26.b3 Bc6 27.Ng5 Bxg5 28.Qxg5 Rb8+/- **25...Rc4?±** Offers an exchange but losing a tempo. **26.b3! Qa8** 26...Rc7 27.Qg1 Qd7 28.Qh2 Bd8 29.Bxb4± **27.Qe3±** Going back to Rxh7 ideas but with the additional bonus that ...Qa8 has misplaced the queen. 27.Qg1 is an immediate suggestion of Houdini 2.0. 27...Bd8 28.Qh2 Re7 29.Ng5!+- **27...Rc6**



28.Ng5 Too routine. I had rejected Rxh7 before but for no good reason did not look at this idea again much. 28.Rxh7! Now this idea works. 28...Nxh7 29.Qh6 Bh4 (29...Nf8 30.Qh8+ Kf7 31.Rh7+ Nxh7 32.Qxh7+ Kf8 33.Bh6#) 30.Qxg6+ Kh8 31.Rxh4 Rc7 32.Bg5!+- Forces the decision with the primary idea of Bf6+. **28...Bxg5 29.Qxg5** White has a massive buildup on the dark squares. **29...Rc7 29...Qd8 30.Qxd8 Rxd8 31.Bxb4 Rd7 32.Bxf8 Kxf8 33.Rxh7+- 30.Bxb4+- 30...Qd8 31.Qd2** White has a massive position with an attack, the bishops and play on both wings. **31...Rf7 32.f4 32.Bd6 Qc8 33.b4 Qd7 34.Qg5 Rg7 35.Qh4 Qd8 (35...Rc8 36.b5! axb5 37.Bxb5 Bc6 38.Bd3**

Qa7 39.Bc5 Qf7 (39...Qxa5? 40.Bxf8 Rxf8 (40...Kxf8 41.Qf6+ Rf7 42.Qxf7+ Kxf7 43.Rxh7+ Ke8 44.Rh8+ Kd7 45.R1h7#) 41.Rxh7+-) 40.a6+- The passed a-pawn stretches out the defence.) 36.Qf4+- The winning message continues. **32...Nd7 33.Bd6 Nb8 34.b4 Nc6 35.Bc2 Na7 36.Kf2 Qd7 37.Ke3+/-** Overdoing the Steinitz impression. 37.Bc5 Nb5 38.Qe3 Rg7 39.R1h2 Kh8± **37...Bc6 38.g4 Nb5 39.Bc5 Na3 40.Kf2 Nc4 41.Qd3 Bb5 42.Qg3 Nd2**



43.Qh4+/- 43.gxf5! Ne4+ 44.Bxe4 dxe4 45.Qxg6+ crashes through. 45...Rg7 46.fxe6! Rxg6 47.exd7! A key intermediate capture. 47...Rd8 48.Rxh7+- **43...Ne4+ 44.Ke1 44.Bxe4 dxe4 45.Rxg6+ Kh8 46.gxf5 Qd5 47.Rg5± **44...Rg7 45.Bxe4 dxe4 46.Rg1 46...Bd3?! Time trouble. 46...Qd5!=/+ 47.gxf5 exf5 48.Qf2 Qa4 49.Qb2 Rc8 50.Rh2 e3?±** Time trouble panic sets in. 50...Qb5= **51.Rg3 g5 52.Rxe3 Be4 53.fxg5+- 53...Rxg5 54.Qa2±± 54.Qb3+!** Ends the game. 54...Qxb3 55.Rxb3+- **54...Qxa2 55.Rxa2 Rc7 56.Kd2 Rcg7 57.Kc3 Rg1 58.Rf2± Rc1+?+- 58...R7g6± 59.Kb2 Rgg1 59...Rgg1 60.Rxe4!** White cashes in on the passed pawns while the king escapes from the checks via c4.**

60...fxe4 61.e6 Rb1+ (61...Rgf1 62.Rg2+ Kh8 63.e7+-) 62.Ka2 Ra1+ 63.Kb3 Rgb1+ 64.Kc4 Rc1+ (64...e3 65.Rg2+ Kh8 66.e7+-) 65.Kd5 Rxc5+ 66.bxc5 e3 67.e7 exf2 68.e8Q+ Kg7 69.Qe5+ Kg6 70.Qg3+ Kh5 71.Qxf2+- **1-0**

October Active

Date: Sunday, Oct 21, 2012

Location: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Rounds: 4

Time Control: G/30 + 10 sec. increments or G/35

Round Times RD1: Noon Rd2: 1:30 Lunch Rd3: 3:30 Rd4: 5:00

Type: Regular Swiss

Entry Fee: \$15

Prizes: 1st \$100 2nd \$70 BU1900 \$60 BU1500 \$60 Upset \$10 based on 30. The Vancouver Active rating will be used or the CFC regular

Registration: Space limited to 40 registrations (first-come basis, pre-register to guarantee your space)

Pre-registration: Starts October 1st, 2012 <http://vancouveroctoberactive.eventbrite.com>

Space will be reserved for pre-registered players till October 21st 11:45am (15 mins before start).

Space will be released for on site registration thereafter. Remember to check-in and pay entry fee before 11:45am to claim your reserved space. No exceptions, no complaints please :)

On site registration: Starts at 11:00am. Depends on available space, first-come basis.

Note No equipment provided - Bring your chess set and clock

EAC Chess Arts Open #16

Date: Saturday-Sunday, October 27,28

Location: 14524-91B Avenue, Surrey

Rounds: 5

Time Control: 65 Min / 30 Sec. Delay OR Increment

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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

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Jack Taylor Memorial

November 10-11, Victoria

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