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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

World Senior Championship (November 12-25)

It doesn't rain but it pours – apart from the WYCC (see below) and the Women's World Championship (in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia), there is also the World Senior Championship, now underway in Kamena Vourla, Greece. Restricted to players of sixty years of age or over, the eleven-round Swiss has five Canadian entrants: William Doubleday, Andre Zybura, Ian Finlay, Pierre Maheux, and our own Leon Piasetski. After three rounds Leon is the leading Canadian with 2.0 points. Some of the recognizable names include Sveshnikov, Timoscenko, Balashov, Jansa and Suba, while former world champion Nona Gaprindashvili is playing in the women's section.

[Tournament website](#)

Piasetski, Leon - Baumgarten, Werner [A40] WSCC op Kamena Vourla (2.26), 14.11.2012

1.c4 b6 2.Nc3 Bb7 3.d4 e6 4.a3 f5 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 Be7 7.h3 0–0 8.Nf3 Ne4 9.Nxe4 Bxe4 10.Be2 d6 11.0–0 Kh8 12.b4 a5 13.Qb3 axb4 14.axb4 Rxa1 15.Rxa1 g5 16.Bh2 Nd7 17.Ra7 Rg8 18.Nd2 Ba8 19.d5 e5 20.e4 f4 21.Bg4 Nf6 22.Be6 Rf8 23.f3 Qb8 24.Qa4 Bb7 25.Kf1 Bc8 26.Bxc8 Rxc8 27.Qa6 h5 28.Bg1 Bd8 29.Bf2 g4 30.hxg4 hxg4 31.Ke2 g3 32.Be1 Kh7 33.Nb1 Kg6 34.Nc3 Ne8 35.Nb5 c6 36.dxc6 Rxc6 37.Ra8 1–0

World Youth Chess Championship (November 8-18)

After nine rounds of the WYCC in Maribor, Slovenia the top Canadian scores are held by Harmony Zhu (U8G, formerly of Burnaby), Qiyu Zhou (U12G), and Richard Wang (U14) – 6.5 points each. Currently the best B.C. player is Tanraj Sohal (U16) with 5.0/9. The tournament ends on Sunday; there is a team Canada [website](#), which hasn't been updated much except for photos. The best sources of information are the team [FaceBook](#) page and the official results site at [Chess Results](#). Unofficial live results can be found by clicking on results, then round number and federation at the tournament [website](#), while live games (the top ten boards in each section, excluding U8 and U10) are available at the [ChessBomb](#) site.

12th Sautron Open (October 27 – November 3)

Mikhailo Oleksienko was the winner of the Sautron International Open (France) with 7.5/9, a half-point ahead of Alexander Zubarev and Aleksandr Karpatchev. Leon Piasetski was also part of the one hundred and sixty-seven player field, finishing in a tie for twelfth place with a score of 6.0/8.

[Results](#)

***Brooklyn Castle* in Seattle**

The film documentary [Brooklyn Castle](#) “tells the stories of five members of the chess team at a below-the-poverty-line inner city junior high school that has won more national championships than any other in the country. The film follows the challenges these kids face in their personal lives as well as on the chessboard, and is as much about the sting of their losses as it is about the anticipation of their victories. Ironically, the biggest obstacle thrust upon them arises not from other competitors but from recessionary budget cuts to all the extracurricular activities at their school.” Hopefully the film will eventually be shown or be available in this province, but for those in the area it is currently running at the [Landmark Harvard Exit](#) theatre in Seattle.

27th JACK TAYLOR MEMORIAL (November 10-11) by Roger Patterson



Constantin Rotariu and Paul Leblanc (photo by Mark Dutton)

Eighteen people took part in the 27th annual Jack Taylor Memorial, a typical number for this tournament. Pre-registration at twenty people plus a few late entries was promising to be a larger than usual crowd but a few no-shows and sickness cut down the number somewhat.

The winners were Constantin Rotariu and Paul Leblanc. The deciding game was eventful with Paul establishing a clear and decisive advantage but then things went horribly wrong.



(White: Rotariu, Black: Leblanc - going from memory so a pawn or two might be wrong)

Constantin found 1.Rxg6 in time pressure but after 1...fxg6 followed up with 2.f7+? Kf7 3.Ng5+ eventually drawing. Instead, 2.Ng5! is a pleasing crusher. The spectators were all very disappointed.

Good results were also turned in by many of the juniors who are moving up in the rankings. A [photo album](#) has been posted by the TD on Facebook (tournament photos, historical photos relating to Jack Taylor and misc. other stuff). Thanks to the winners Constantin and Paul for donating their prizes to Victoria Chess! Thanks to Mark for his work as TD. For a biography on Jack Taylor see <http://www.chessville.com/vignettes/JackTaylor.htm>. Organizer: Roger Patterson, TD: Mark S. Dutton, IA. [This report](#) plus crosstable.

JOSEF VAROSI OPEN (Budapest, October 20-22) by Michael Yip

Mester, A won with a perfect 6-0 score. I took =2nd with Mezei, Dombai and Nogrady. In the last round, Juhasz was in control against Mester but blundered a piece. The weather was beautiful for three days so all in all this was another Budapest bargain weekend of chess. The entry fee (net of 10% discount from the Budapest Discount Card - from the Hungarian Chess Federation) was 9.6EUR/12.6/USD/12.5CAD. The discount card costs 1000HUF (3.6EUR/4.7USD/4.6CAD). The only catch is waiting for the card. Participating tournament organizers download a cardholder list before every tournament to give eligible players their discounts. The sad part of this and similar tournaments is that the games will go unpublished and unrecorded by databases and just vanish.

N.B., Michael now operates his own blog, dealing with chess in Hungary and Canada. It can be found at <http://budapestchesnews.blogspot.hu/>.

Yip, Michael – Dombai, Istvan [A41] Josef Varosi op (3), 21.10.2012

1.d4 d6 2.c4 Nd7 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 f5?



This is a serious inaccuracy which White does not notice, let alone exploit. **5.g3** A tame continuation. Now is the time for concrete play but I was completely unaware that the critical moment had already arrived. A. 5.e4! is best. 5...fxe4 6.Nxe4 (6.Ng5 Ndf6 7.dxe5 h6 8.Ngxe4 dxe5 9.Qc2!+/-) 6...Be7 7.dxe5 Nxe5 8.Nxe5 dxe5 9.Qh5+ Kf8 10.Qxe5 Bb4+ 11.Bd2 Bxd2+ 12.Nxd2 Qe7 13.Qxe7+ Nxe7 14.0-0-0 Nc6 15.Nf3 Bg4 16.Be2 Re8 17.Rhe1 Re4 18.h3 Bh5 19.g4 Bg6 20.Ng5 Re8 21.Bf1 Rxe1 22.Rxe1 Nd8 23.f4 h6 24.Nf3 Be8 25.f5 Kf7 26.c5 1-0 Uhlmann,W-Birk,D /Dresden 2001; B. 5.Ng5 is also strong. 5...Nb6? is horrible for Black. (5...Nb8 This unexpected retreat saves Black from the worst at the cost of a pawn. 6.dxe5! 6...h6 This intermediate move saves Black

from disaster. 7.Nf3 Nc6 8.exd6 Bxd6+/- Black is down a pawn with some minor compensation.) 6.dxe5 Be7 7.Nf3 (7.exd6! 7...Qxd6 7...Bxg5 8.Bxg5 Qxg5 9.c5 Nc4 (9...Nd7 10.Nb5 Kf7 11.Nxc7 Rb8 12.h4 Qf6 13.Qb3+ Kf8 14.Ne6+ Kf7 15.e3+/-) 10.Qa4+/-) 8.Qxd6 Bxd6 9.Nb5+/-) 7...dxe5 8.Qxd8+ Bxd8 9.e4 fxe4 10.Nxe4 Nf6 11.Nc3 e4 12.Nd4 0-0 13.h3 c5 14.Ndb5 Be6 15.b3 Nc8 16.Be3 a6 17.Na3 b6 18.g4 Bd7 19.Bg2 Bc6 20.Nab1 Nd6 21.Nd2 h6 22.a4 a5 23.Nf1 Bc7 24.Ng3 Rae8 25.0-0-0 Nf7 26.Nd5 Bxd5 27.cxd5 g6 28.Rd2 Kh7 29.Ne2 g5 30.Nc3 Nd6 31.Bf1 Nd7 32.Nb5 Bb8 33.h4 Kg6 34.Nxd6 Bxd6 35.Bb5 Re7 36.hxg5 hxg5 37.Rh5 Bf4 38.d6 Rg7 39.Bxf4 Rxf4 40.Rh8 Rgf7 41.Rd8 Ne5 42.d7 Nxd7 43.Bxd7 1-0 Lengyel,L-Adamski,A/ Budapest 1962 **5...Ngf6 6.Bg2 Be7 7.0-0 exd4?+/-** Opening the position favours White. A. 7...e4 8.Nh4 Nb6 9.Bh3 g6 10.b3+/- ; B. 7...c6+/- is also possible. **8.Nxd4 Ne5 9.e4** Now the focus is on fast development. **9...fxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 0-0**



12.f4 Takes away the central outpost from the knight with tempo. **12...Ng4?+/-** Now Black suffers from serious tempo loss. **13.Bd5+ Kh8 14.Ne6!** Wins the bishop pair to start with. **14...Bxe6 15.Bxe6** Gains more time by attacking the knight. **15...Nh6 16.Qc2+/-** 16.Qd3 is a better version of the same idea—to limit Nh6 from emerging via f5. **16...Bf6 17.Bd2 Bd4+ 18.Kg2 Qf6 19.f5 Ng4?+/-** 19...Nf7+/- **20.Rae1+/-** 20.Qe4 h5 21.Rae1 c5 22.Bd5+/- **20...Ne5 21.h4!?** Going for the attack with the Bg5 threat. **21...h6?** Quickly played and losing instantly. 21...Rfe8 22.Bg5 Qf8 23.Qd2 Nc6 24.b4+/-



22.Bg5! hxg5 23.hxg5 Qxg5 24.Rh1+ Qh6
 25.Rxh6+ gxh6 26.Qd2 Wins the bishop or
 mates. 1-0

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER



White to play and win

Courtesy of Valer Eugen Demian, this new feature will include exercises designed for juniors and older players who may want to brush up on their tactics. Solution next issue.

A CHESS MASTER'S LIBRARY (first published in Bulletin #42)

I recently had the pleasure of visiting with the grandson of Jack Taylor (former five-time B.C. champion), who has in his possession the chess books and scrapbooks which formerly belonged

to his grandfather. Jack Taylor's biography has already appeared in these columns, but here is a short version for reference.

Taylor, John ("Jack") Monteith (July 11, 1907 - September 9, 1974)

Born in Glasgow, Scotland. The Taylor family immigrated to Canada when Jack was fourteen, arriving at Quebec aboard the S.S. Cassandra on July 1, 1922. They first lived in Regina, Saskatchewan, but settled permanently in Vancouver a few years later. After graduating from UBC Jack worked as a traffic manager, initially for the David Spencer Department Store (bought by Eatons in 1948), later for Forsts Ltd. Jack Taylor did not learn to play chess until he came to Vancouver, but progressed so rapidly that only five years later, in 1929, he won the B.C. Championship. Taylor repeated as B.C. Champion in 1930, 1938, and 1945, and tied for first in 1953; he was also Vancouver Champion on numerous occasions. Jack never made much of a mark nationally, always finishing in the lower half of the Canadian Championships he played in (Saskatoon 1945, Vancouver 1951, Winnipeg 1953, Vancouver 1957). However, he did win a number of miniatures in these competitions due to his sharp eye for tactics; he won games in 12 and 10 moves respectively in the 1945 and 1953 competitions. Jack was a very popular player, and was instrumental in the development of the City Chess Club when it was formed as an offshoot of the Vancouver Chess Club in 1948.

So what exactly did a chess master study in bygone times, before the existence of Informator, ECO, ChessBase, and The Week In Chess? Here are the contents of Jack Taylor's library that have survived, arranged by publication date:

Löwenthal. *Morphy's Games* (1860)
Steinitz. *Modern Chess Instructor vol. 2* (1889)
Graham. *Mr Blackburne's Games at Chess* (1899)
Gossip and Lipschütz. *Chess-player's Manual* (1902)
Sergeant and Watts. *Pillsbury's Chess Career* (1922)
Mitchell. *Chess* (1923)
Emery. *Chess of Today* (1924)
Alekhine. *New York 1924* (1925)
Griffith and White. *Modern Chess Openings*, 4th ed. (1925)
Sergeant. *Morphy's Games of Chess* (1925)
Lasker. *Lasker's Manual of Chess* (1932)
Marshall. *Comparative Chess* (1932)
Capablanca. *Primer of Chess* (1935)
Sergeant. *Championship Chess* (1938)
Fine. *Basic Chess Endings* (1941)
Knoch. *Rubinstein's Chess Masterpieces* (1941)
Fine. *Ideas Behind the Chess Openings* (1943)
Golombek. *Capablanca's 100 Best Games* (1947)
Reinfeld. *Tarrasch's Best Games of Chess* (1947)
Reinfeld. *Nimzovich the Hypermodern* (1948)
Alekhine. *Alekhine's Best Games 1924-37* (1949)
Alekhine. *Alekhine's Best Games 1938-45* (1949)
König. *Chess from Morphy to Botvinnik* (1952)
Korn. *Modern Chess Openings*, 8th ed. (1952)
Ed. Lasker. *Chess Secrets I Learned from the Masters* (1952)

Reti. *Masters of the Chessboard* (1953)

Tartakower. *My Best Games of Chess, 1931-1954* (1956)

Green. *Chess* (1966)

At least one book on the 1972 Fischer-Spassky match.

Undated: booklets on the Janowsky-Marshall, Lasker-Tarrasch, and Lasker-Schlechter matches.

Before proceeding, it should be noted that while Jack Taylor owned the above works, in most cases we do not know when he acquired them - it could have been soon after publication or possibly many years later. The only exceptions are those volumes, won as prizes or received as birthday or Christmas presents, which have the year of acquisition inscribed in them (normally within five years of the date of publication). We also do not know how many items Jack Taylor may have discarded from his library over the years.

It is striking how many of these titles are still available today, in Dover reprints (the titles in Jack Taylor's library are original editions). Most of the books consist of game collections, of players who were largely active before the Second World War - the likes of Botvinnik and Smyslov are conspicuous by their absence. The volumes by Steinitz and Gossip & Lipschütz were among the standard primers of their day, while Lasker's *Manual* is still highly regarded today. There is only one tournament book, but it is a classic - Alekhine's annotations of the games from New York 1924 (another classic, Bronstein's book of Zurich 1953, was not issued in English translation until 1979). There are some reference works (notably the two Fine volumes, both of which are still recommendable), along with two editions of the first English-language openings bible, *Modern Chess Openings* (rather overlooked these days, although still available in its 14th edition). In addition to these monographs, Jack Taylor also had a large number of clipped games from newspaper and magazine columns, arranged in a scrapbook by opening; presumably this is how he kept up-to-date on the openings that interested him. Finally, he had a small collection of his own published games, largely taken from the chess column in the *Vancouver Province* newspaper; of the ninety-two Jack Taylor games available in BCBASE, here are the first and the last:

Taylor,J – Knight,M [C77] VCC minor Vancouver, ???.???.1928

1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. Bb5 a6 4. Ba4 Nf6 5. d3 Bc5 6. c3 O-O 7. Nbd2 b5 8. Bc2 d6 9. Nf1 Ng4 10. Ne3 b4 11. Nxc4 Bxc4 12. h3 Bh5 13. g4 Bg6 14. h4 h6 15. Qe2 f6 16. Bb3+ Kh8 17. Bd5 Qd7 18. g5 fxg5 19. hxg5 h5 20. d4 Bb6 21. Nxe5 dxe5 22. Rxc5+ Bh7 23. Rxc7+ Kxh7 24. Qh5# 1-0

Reeve,J - Taylor,J [C61] BC Class ch Vancouver (7), 14.04.1974

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 Ne7 7.c3 c6 8.Ba4 d6 9.Nd2 b5 10.Bc2 Be6 11.Bb3 0-0 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nf3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qd7 15.a4 a6 16.d4 Bb6 17.e5 d5 18.Ba3 Rfc8 19.Qd3 Ng6 20.Ng5 c5 21.axb5 Bd8 22.Nf3 c4 23.Qd2 axb5 24.g3 Ra4 25.Ne1 Be7 26.Qb2 Bxa3 27.Rxa3 Ne7 28.Nc2 Rca8 29.Rfa1 Rxa3 30.Rxa3 Ra4 31.Nb4 Qa7 32.Ra2 Rxa2 33.Nxa2 Kf7 34.Kf1 Nc6 35.Qxb5 Qxa2 36.Qxc6 Qb1+ 37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.Kf1 Qh1+ 39.Ke2 Qe4+ ½-½

November Active

Date: Sunday, November 18

N.B. note different location: Vancouver Chess School - Arbutus Shopping Centre, #252-4255

Arbutus St., Vancouver

Rounds: 5

Time Control: G/20 + 10 second increments or G/25

Round Times RD1: 11:00am Rd2: 12:15 Lunch Rd3: 2:30 Rd4: 3:45 Rd5: 5:00

Type: Regular Swiss

Entry Fee: \$25 (\$5 discount for Master)

Prizes: 1st \$150 2nd \$100 BU2100 \$100 BU1800 \$100 BU1500 \$75 BU1200 \$50 upset \$25, based on 36 entries. Rating: Not CFC rated. The Vancouver Active rating or the CFC regular will be used for pairing. Players rated 1000 (NWSRS) or 800 (CFC) and above are welcome.

Registration: *Space limited to 60 registrations (first-come basis, pre-register to guarantee your space)*

Pre-registration: Starts Now at: <http://www.eventbrite.com/event/4800567627>

Space will be reserved for pre-registered players till November 18th 10:45am (15 mins before start). Space will be released for on site registration thereafter. Remember to check-in and pay entry fee before 10:45am to claim your reserved space. No exceptions, no complaints please :)

On site registration: Starts at 10:30am. Depends on available space, first-come basis.

Note All chess equipment is provided. No membership required. Free parking on site.

EAC 17

Date: Saturday-Sunday, November 24 – 25

Location: 14524-91B Avenue, Surrey

Rounds: 5

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

[EAC 17](#)

November Scholastic Tournament

Date: Sunday, November 25

Location: Arbutus Shopping Centre, # 252-4255 Arbutus Street, Vancouver

Rounds: 5

Time Control: Game/25 Minutes with 5 second delay.

[November Scholastic Tournament](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia entry fee \$21 Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

For details of the following see www.chess.bc.ca

November Active

November 18, Vancouver Chess School

EAC Chess Arts Open #17

November 24-25, Surrey

December Active

December 29, Vancouver Bridge Centre

January Active

January 6, 2013, Vancouver Bridge Centre

2013 BC Senior Championship

January 11-13, 2013, Burnaby

BC Active Championship

January 19-20, 2013, Vancouver Chess School

BC Open

February 9-11, 2013, Richmond

March Active

March 10, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Grand Pacific Open

March 29 – April 1, 2013, Victoria

Paul Keres Memorial

May 18-20, 2013, Richmond