

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #254

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Best wishes for the holiday season - Stephen Wright

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### B.C. JUNIOR CHAMPIONSHIP



Tanraj Sohal and Jack Cheng with Maxim Doroshenko (Jason Cao was absent)

This year's B.C. Junior Championship included four players around the 2200 mark, so it was expected that these four would be the main contenders for the title. As it turned out three of them, Jack Cheng, Tanraj Sohal, and Jason Cao, tied for first with identical 4.0-1.0 records. Jason lost in the second round to John Doknjas and Jack beat Tanraj in round four, so going into the last round Jack had a perfect 4.0/4, a point ahead of Tanraj, Jason, and John and Joshua Doknjas. However, in the last round Jack succumbed to Jason's kingside attack in a Ruy Lopez while Tanraj's queen proved stronger than John's rook and bishop, setting up the three-way tie. All alone in fourth was Matthew Herdin, whose 3.5/5 was a mere half point away from first. The other 2200 in the field, Ryan Lo, had a position get away from him against Joshua Doknjas in round four and finished in a tie for fifth place. Joshua and Robin Yu tied for the U1900 prize.

Robin's sister Rinna was perfect in the Reserve Section, closed followed by Jeffrey Dawson and Neil Doknjas, Lahiru Jayaweera, and Danny Liu. The tournament was hosted by the Vancouver Chess School and organized by Maxim Doroshenko, Stephen Wright was the TD. Many thanks to Maxim for taking this on on short notice, and to all the other volunteers who helped out. Fifty-two players in total took part. [Standings](#); [a history](#) of the B.C. Junior Championship.

A file containing the games of the Championship Section can be downloaded [here](#). N.B., many of the games finished in time scrambles where neither player was recording, so often the game scores are incomplete.

**Doknjas,John - Cao,Jason [E84] BC jun Vancouver (2.2), 01.12.2012**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 Nc6 7.Qd2 a6 8.Nge2 Rb8 9.Nc1 e5 10.d5 Nd4 11.Nb3 Nxb3 12.axb3 c5 13.g4 h5 14.h3 Nh7 15.gxh5 Qh4+ 16.Kd1 Qxh5 17.Be2 f5 18.h4 f4 19.Bf2 g5 20.Kc2 g4 21.fxg4 Bxg4 22.Bxg4 Qxg4 23.h5 Kh8 24.Rag1 Qd7 25.Rg6 Bf6 26.Bh4 b5 27.cxb5 axb5 28.Bxf6+ Rxf6 29.Qg2 b4 30.Rg1 Qf7 31.Nd1 f3 32.Qg3 Rc8 33.Qg4 Re8 34.Rg7 f2 35.Rxf7 fxg1Q 36.Rxh7+ Kxh7 37.Qxg1 Rg8 38.Qh2 Rf4 39.Qh3 Kh8 40.Qe6 Rg2+ 41.Kd3 Rg3+ 42.Kc4 Rxe4+ 43.Kb5 Rf4 44.Qxd6 Rf5 45.Qh6+ Kg8 46.Qe6+ Rf7 47.d6 Rd3 48.Qg6+ 1-0

**Cheng,Jack - Sohal,Tanraj [B45] BC jun Vancouver (4.1), 02.12.2012**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e6 6.Ndb5 Bc5 7.Nd6+ Ke7 8.Nxc8+ Rxc8 9.Bd3 a6 10.0-0 Qc7 11.Kh1 h5 12.Bg5 Kf8 13.Bxf6 gxf6 14.f4 Bd4 15.Rb1 Ke7 16.e5 fxe5 17.f5 d5 18.fxe6 fxe6 19.Bg6 Rcf8 20.Rxf8 Rxf8 21.Qxh5 Qb6 22.Rd1 Bxc3 23.bxc3 Qf2 24.h3 Qf6 25.Qh7+ Kd6 26.Bh5 1-0

**Cao,Jason - Cheng,Jack [C84] BC jun Vancouver (5.1), 02.12.2012**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.d3 Be7 8.a4 d6 9.Nc3 b4 10.Ne2 Na5 11.Ba2 c5 12.Ng3 0-0 13.c3 bxc3 14.bxc3 h6 15.Nf5 Bc8 16.N3h4 Re8 17.Qf3 Bxf5 18.Nxf5 Kh7 19.Qg3 g5 20.Qh3 h5 21.Bxg5 Kg6 22.Bxf6 Bxf6 23.Qg3+ Bg5 24.h4 f6 25.hxg5 fxg5 1-0

**Sohal,Tanraj - Doknjas,John [A72] BC jun Vancouver (5.2), 02.12.2012**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 g6 7.Bf4 a6 8.a4 Bg7 9.e4 0-0 10.Be2 Nh5 11.Be3 f5 12.exf5 Bxf5 13.Qb3 Qe7 14.0-0 Nd7 15.Rfe1 Nhf6 16.Bf4 Nh5 17.Bc4 Qxe1+ 18.Rxe1 Nxf4 19.Nd1 Bg4 20.Ng5 Bd4 21.Ne3 Ne5 22.Nxg4 Nxg4 23.Qxb7 Nf6 24.Ne6 Nxe6 25.dxe6 d5 26.Bxd5 Nxd5 27.Qxd5 Bxf2+ 28.Kh1 Rfd8 29.Qa2 Bxe1 30.e7+ Kg7 31.exd8Q Rxd8 1-0

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**AMATOR CUP** (Budapest, November 15-24) by Michael Yip

Czibulka,Zoltan and Bodrogi,Laszlo shared first place with 6.5/9. I was equal third with a modest 5/9 after suffering a quick last round loss.

<http://budapestchesnews.blogspot.hu/>

**Yip, Michael - Katona, Jozsef [A42] Amator Cup (5), 20.11.2012**

**1.d4 g6 2.e4 d6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 Nd7 5.Nf3 b6 6.Bd3 Bb7 7.0-0 e6 8.Re1** A reasonable move but nothing special. 8.Bg5 Ne7 9.Qd2 h6 10.Be3 Nf6 11.h3 d5 12.cxd5 exd5 13.e5 Ne4 14.Qc2 Nxc3 15.bxc3 0-0 16.Qd2 Kh7 17.Nh2 Bc8 18.g4 f6 19.exf6 Rxf6 20.f4 Qd6 21.Nf3 a5 22.Ne5 Ba6 23.Bxa6 Rxa6 24.Bf2 Rf8 25.Bh4 Raa8 26.Qd3 Bf6 27.Bg3 Bxe5 28.fxe5 Qe6 29.Rf6 Rxf6 30.exf6 Ng8 31.Re1 Qxf6 32.Rf1 Qe6 33.Qf3 g5 34.Be5 h5 35.Qf7+ Qxf7 36.Rxf7+ Kh6 37.Rxc7 hxg4 38.hxg4 b5 39.Rc5 b4 40.Rxd5 bxc3 41.Rd6+ Kh7 42.Rd7+ Kg6 43.Rg7+ Kh6 44.Rc7 Ne7 (better

is 44...Kg6 45.d5 Re8 46.Bxc3 Ne7 47.d6 Nd5 48.Rg7+ Kh6 49.d7 Rb8 50.Bd4 a4 51.a3 Rd8 52.Kf2 Rf8+ 53.Kg3 Rb8 54.Kf3 Rd8 55.Ke4 Nf4 56.Bf6 Ne6 57.Kd5 Rb8 58.Kxe6 Rb6+ 59.Kf7 Rxf6+ 60.Ke7+-) 45.Rxe7 Rc8 46.Bc7! c2 47.Re6+ 1-0 Ibragimov,I-Stefanova,A /Pulvermuehle 2000/Hecht; 8.Be3 Ne7 9.Qd2 h6 10.b4 c6 11.Rac1 g5 12.d5 e5 13.dxc6 Bxc6 14.Rfd1 Ng6 15.h3 Bf6 16.c5 dxc5 17.Bb5 Rc8 18.bxc5 Nxc5 19.Qc2 Qe7 20.Nd5 Qe6 21.Bxc5 Bxb5 22.Qb2 bxc5 23.Qxb5+ Kf8 24.Rxc5 Kg7 25.Rdc1 Rxc5 26.Rxc5 Rc8 27.Nh2 h5 28.Nf1 Rxc5 29.Qxc5 Qd7 30.Ng3 Nf4 31.Nf5+ 1-0 Kasparov,S-Singh,D /Mumbai 2010 **8...Ne7 9.d5** 9.Be3 h6 10.Qd2 g5 11.d5 Ng6 12.Nd4 Qe7 13.Ncb5 Nc5 14.Bc2 a6 15.Nc3 a5 16.b3 0-0 17.Rab1 Nd7 18.Ncb5 Nde5 19.f3 Bc8 20.Bd3 Nxd3 21.Qxd3 Bb7 22.a3 Rfc8 23.Red1 Be5 24.Qd2 Kh7 25.Qd3 Rg8 26.Qd2 Rg7 27.Kh1 Rgg8 ½-½ Brynell,S-Spassky,B /Malmo 1998 **9...e5 10.a3 Nc5** Gains a tempo but will also lose a tempo when White plays b4. **11.Bc2 a5 12.Rb1 0-0 13.b4 axb4 14.axb4** The simple plan is to play c5 as in the King's Indian. **15.Be3 Nf6 16.h3 Nh5 17.c5 Bc8 18.cxb6** Creating a pawn target before Black has a chance to play ...bc. **18...cxb6 19.Ra1** Taking the a-file from Black seemed most logical. 19.Na4 Rb8 20.Rc1+/- **19...Rb8**



**20.Ra3!?**± There are numerous ways to continue but this rook lift is primarily prophylactic. There is one less target on the long diagonal and the rook can assist in the defence of the kingside if needed. **20.Bb3± 20...h6** Black's kingside action is taking place at a very slow rate. **21.Nb5 f5 22.exf5 Bxf5 23.Bxf5?** Even though I thought quite hard I did not really understand the position and now find the completely wrong idea. **23.Nh4!** Hitting g6 right away is the most precise way to increase the advantage.

23...Bxc2 24.Qxc2 g5 25.Ng6 Nxg6 26.Qxg6 Nf4 27.Bxf4 Rxf4 28.Qe6+ Kh7 29.Ra7± **23...Nxf5+/-** White's advantage has shrunk considerably. **24.Bc1 Nh4 25.Nxh4 Qxh4** I did not notice that f2 and b4 were both attacked so now I had to take a long think. **26.Be3!** The b-pawn can be ditched as the pawn loss in only temporary. **26...Qxb4 27.Rb3 Qa5**



**28.Nxd6±** The prepared response but not the strongest. **28.Qb1!** is even stronger. **28...Qa4 29.Rb4 Qa5 30.Re2!+-** The threats are Ra2 and Qxg6 and now Black is without a defence. **28...Nf6 29.Nb5** Good enough. **29.Rb5!** is even better. **29...Qa2 30.Re2 Qa7 31.Nc4 e4 32.Qb1+-** Black's pawns collapse. **29...Rfd8 30.d6 Kh7? 31.Bd2!** The queen must be chased from attacking Re1. **31...Qa4 32.Qb1!** Unpinning the Rb3 and now the plan is a sudden switch to the kingside to catch Qa4 offside. **32...Ne8**



**33.Rg3** 33.Re4! Qa6 34.Rg3 Now g6 cannot be held. 34...Ra8 (34...Nf6 35.Ra4 Qb7 36.Qxg6+ Kg8 37.Ra7+-) 35.Re1 Kg8 36.Rxg6+- **33...e4** There was no defence but at least Black can get to the ending. **34.Rxe4 Qa1 35.Qxa1 Bxa1 36.Re7+ Ng7 37.Bc3 Bxc3 38.Rxc3 Kg8 39.g4** Restraining the knight. The key now is to prevent any activity in the technical phase of the extra pawn conversion. **39...Rbc8 40.Rcc7** Doubling on the seventh rank in normal fashion. **40...Rxc7 41.dxc7 Rd1+ 42.Kg2 Rc1 43.Na7** The c-pawn decides the game. **1-0**

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### BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



#3: White is one step away from getting a second Queen, while Black is blocking it. What is the fastest way for White to succeed?

#2 Answer:

This is a "must know" endgame. After the well-known Queen approach method 1.Qd2 Kb1 2.Qb4+ Ka1 3.Qc3+ Kb1 4.Qb3+ Black is not forced to move in front of its own pawn in order to defend it. Sacrificing the pawn gives 4...Ka1 5.Qxc2 stalemate. White has no time to bring the King over for mate. The result of this endgame is a draw.

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### EAC Open #18

December 15-16, Surrey

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## **Christmas Potluck Tournament**

December 16, Vancouver Chess School  
[Flyer](#)

## **Knightmare Junior Tourney #1**

December 29  
Fraserview Library, Vancouver  
[Event flyer](#)

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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](mailto:xramis1@yahoo.ca)

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### **December Active**

December 29, Vancouver Chess School

### **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