

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #255

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## HERE AND THERE

### **North American Open** (December 26-30)

Now in its twenty-second year, the North American Open is currently taking place at Bally's Casino Resort in Las Vegas. Those with a B.C. connection who are participating in the seven possible sections include Bindi Cheng, Jason Cao, Tanraj Sohal, Jeremy Hui, Jill Ding, Joe Roback, Jofrel Landingin, Severo Caluza, and Constantin Rotariu. Standings are available from the [tournament website](#), along with live games from the top boards of the Open Section.

### **Groningen Chess Festival** (December 19-30)

A slightly older event is the Groningen (Holland) Chess Festival, this year celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. Two Canadians are playing in the "A" Group, Eric Hansen and Leon Piasetski. Eric has been unable to maintain the torrid form he demonstrated in recent tournaments but sits at plus two after six rounds, a point behind the leaders, while Leon has scored three points and had the satisfaction of beating GM Sabino Brunello in the fourth round. [Tournament site](#)

### **EAC Chess Arts Open #18** (December 15-16)

Peter Yee returned to the winner's circle in the latest EAC Open, taking first place with a perfect 4.0/4 and a half-point bye. Brian Sullivan was second, losing only to Yee, followed by Lahiru Jayaweera. The event was organized, directed and hosted by Eugenio Alonso Campos. Eight players participated, which allowed for the use of Swiss pairings. [Standings](#)

### **2013 B.C. Open**

2013 will see the introduction of a new statutory holiday in B.C., Family Day, which will be held on the second Monday in February. This year's B.C. Open will be held on the long weekend thus created; time is passing fast, and it's certainly not too early to think about registering for the tournament. In fact, the first early bird cut-off for entry is December 31, so if you are considering entering, do so before the end of the year and save on your entry fee. Details at the [B.C. Open](#) webpage.

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

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

Yip, Michael - Szlabey, Geza [A84] Amator Cup (3), 17.11.2012

This was my first win of the tournament and I managed to make a long game out of what should have been a quick win. **1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 f5 4.Nf3 c6 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.e3 Be7 7.Bd3 0-0 8.Qc2 Ne4 9.g4!?** An interesting plan. **9...g6?±** 9...Qa5 10.a3 Nd7 11.Rg1 Nxc3 12.bxc3 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nb6 14.Bd3 Nd5 15.Be5 Bf6 16.Bd6 Rd8 17.Bb4 Nxb4 18.cxb4 Qd5 19.e4 Qd7 20.gxf5 exf5 21.e5 Be7 22.Ke2 Qe8 23.Bxf5 Qh5 24.Bxc8 Rdxc8 25.Rg3 Kh8 26.Rag1 g6 27.Qb3 Rf8 28.Qe6 Bh4 29.Rh3 1-0 Nyback,T-Pridorozhni,A /Plovdiv BUL 2012 **10.gxf5 exf5** 10...gxf5 11.Ke2 Nd7 12.Rhg1+ Kf7 13.Bh6 Rg8 14.Rxg8 Kxg8 15.Rg1+ Kf7 16.Rg7+ Ke8 17.cxd5 exd5 18.Rxh7 Bf6 19.Bxe4 fxe4 20.Nxe4 Nf8 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.Neg5 1-0 Matamoros Franco,C-Matito,A /Coria del Rio 1995 **11.Ke2 Nf6 12.Rag1±**



**12.Rhg1± 12...Kh8 13.Bh6 Re8+— 14.Ne5 Be6 15.Bxf5 Ng8 16.Bxe6 16.Bg7+!** I thought about this briefly but thought Black was escaping. **16...Kxg7 17.Rxg6+ hxg6 18.Bxe6 Rf8 19.Qxg6+ Kh8 20.Qh5+ Kg7 21.Rg1+ Bg5 22.Rxg5+ Qxg5 23.Qxg5+ Kh8 24.Qh5+ Kg7 25.Qg6+ Kh8 26.Bxg8+— 16...Nxh6 17.Bf7** Missing another spectacular win. **17.Rxg6! hxg6 18.Qxg6 Bf8 (18...Bg5 19.h4 Bf4 20.Rg1 Rg8 21.Bxg8 Qxg8 22.Qf6+ Kh7 23.Qe7+— ) 19.Nf7+ Nxf7 20.Bxf7+— 17...Bf6 18.Nxg6+ Kg7**



The game should have ended quickly but I managed to make a mess of the winning procedure. **19.Ne5+ Kh8 20.Ng6+ Kg7 21.Nf4+ Kh8 22.Bxe8 Qxe8 23.cxd5 Bxd4 24.Qd3 Be5 25.Kd2 cxd5 26.Rg5 Nc6 27.Nfxd5 Rd8 28.Kc1 Qd7 29.Rd1 Bf6 30.Rh5 Qg7 31.Qe4 Ng8 32.f4 Bxc3 33.bxc3 Nge7 34.Kc2 Qf7 35.Re5 Nc8 36.Qf5 Nxe5 37.Qxe5+ Qg7 38.Qxg7+ Kxg7 39.Nb4 39.e4+— 39...Rxd1 40.Kxd1 Kf7 41.e4 Ke6**



**42.Nd5?** Superficial centralization and the result of fatigue. 42.Ke2+– should win easily. **42...Nd6** Now I realized what damage I had done and now the game is much more work to win. **43.e5! Nc4** 43...Kxd5 44.exd6 Kxd6 45.Ke2 Ke6 46.Kf3+– The extra pawn should win easily enough. **44.Nf6 h6 45.Ke2 Kf5 46.Kf3 Nd2+ 47.Ke2 Nc4 48.Nd5 Ke4 49.Nc7 Nb6 50.e6 Nc8 51.Kf2 Kf5 51...Kxf4 52.Nd5+ Ke5 53.e7 Nd6 54.Nc7+– 52.Kf3** The two extra pawns should eventually decide the game. **52...Ne7 53.Nb5 Kxe6 54.Nxa7 Kd5 55.Nb5 h5 56.Nd4 Ng6 57.Ke3 b6 58.Ne2** A useful retreat. White can now play

slowly and methodically as there is no hope of counterplay. **58...Nh4 59.Kd3 Nf3 60.h3 h4 61.a4** Slowly making small improvements and awaiting the results of my opponent's time trouble to materialize. **61...Ne1+ 62.Ke3 Nc2+ 63.Kf3 Ne1+ 64.Kg4** The king escorts the f-pawn and eyes the weak h-pawn. **64...Ng2 65.Kg5 Ke6 66.Nd4+ Kf7 67.Nc2!**



The N/g2 is conveniently dominated and the game is over. **67...Kg7 68.c4 Kf7 69.f5 Kf8 70.c5** Returning a pawn to create the winning passed pawn finally induced resignation. **1–0**

## 2012 IN B.C. CHESS

The end of the year is often a time for reflection and review of the events that occurred in the previous twelve months. With this in mind, here is a list of B.C. tournament winners for 2012, along with a few other highlights:

B.C. Active Championship - Mayo Fuentesbella

SFU Open – Tanraj Sohal

Grand Pacific Open – Hikaru Nakamura

INTERMAT – for the first time in its history, a draw

Keres Memorial – Jack Yoos

National Chess Challenge - gold medals won by Kevin Low, Joshua & John Doknjas, Tanraj Sohal

EAC Open #11 – Omar Jessa

EAC Open #12 – Peter Yee, Luke Pulfer

CYCC - gold medals won by Neil Doknjas, Joshua Doknjas, Jason Cao, Alexandra Botez

Canadian Open – Eric Hansen

EAC Open #13 – Tanraj Sohal

EAC Open #14 – Eugenio Alonso Campos

Labour Day Open – Yifei Han

EAC Open #15 – Jofrel Landingin

B.C. Championship – Butch Villavieja

Vancouver Open – Jason Cao, Ryan Lo, Jack Cheng

EAC Open #16 – Peter Yee

Jack Taylor Memorial – Constantin Rotariu, Paul Leblanc

EAC Open #17 – Eugenio Alonso Campos

B.C. Junior Championship – Jack Cheng, Tanraj Sohal, Jason Cao

EAC Open #18 – Peter Yee

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### **EAC Open #19**

December 29-30, Surrey

[Details](#)

### **December Active**

December 29, Vancouver Chess School

[Details](#)

### **Knightmare Junior Tourney #1**

December 29, Fraserview Library, Vancouver

[Event flyer](#)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **UBC Thursday Night Swiss**

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Henry Angus Building, University of British Columbia  
entry fee \$21 Contact Aaron Cosenza, [xramis1@yahoo.ca](mailto:xramis1@yahoo.ca)

For details of the following see [www.chess.bc.ca](http://www.chess.bc.ca)

### **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