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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

International Chess Jam (February 2)

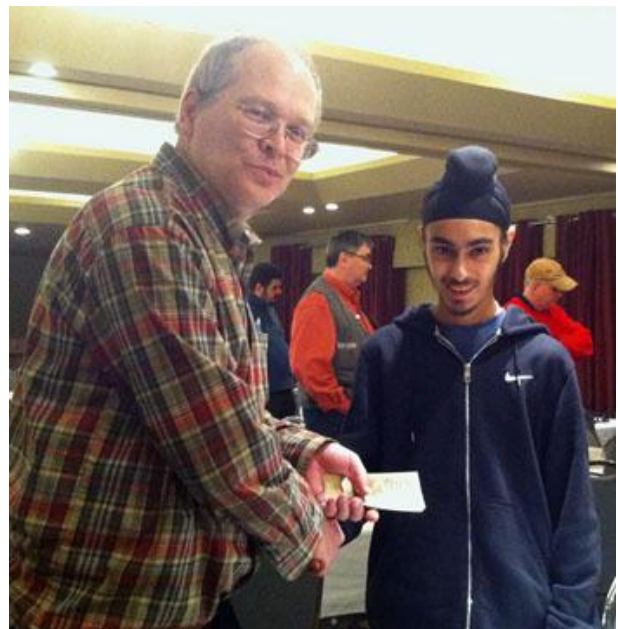
There appear to have been fewer Canadians at this scholastic event in Bellingham, WA than usual, but as usual those who attended placed well, most notably the Doknjas brothers: John finished clear first, Neil tied for second with Ryan Pitcher, and Joshua tied for fourth with Paul Valdez, all in the grade 7-12 Section. [Crosstable](#)

B.C. OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP (February 9-11) by Paul Leblanc

Tanraj Sohal Sweeps to Victory at the 2013 BC Open; Largest Turnout since 1984

The 2013 BC Open took place at the Executive Plaza Hotel in Richmond on the new Family Day holiday weekend 9 to 11 February. The event was not held last year because of the unusually heavy regional chess schedule with the Canadian Open in Victoria and the U.S. Open in Washington State.

The resurgence of chess in B.C. was again evident with seventy-eight players turning out for the five-round event. This was the largest attendance since 1984 when Gordon Taylor topped a field of eighty-seven players. Most remarkable was the turnout among juniors who comprised well over half of the competitors. There were also eleven seniors (aged over sixty), most of whom competed in last month's inaugural B.C. Senior Championship, and eight women. There was some international presence as well. Subinoy



Tanraj accepts the \$600 first place prize from B.C. Open co-organizer Roger Patterson (Photo by Neena Sohal)

Biswas from India and Hector Juarez Velazquez from Mexico were visiting Vancouver and found out about the tournament. Catherine Smith from Washington State is a regular at B.C. tournaments.

Sohal notched a perfect 5.0-0.0 score, clinching first place with a last round victory against pre-tournament favourite Butch Villavieja. 1999 B.C. Open champion Alfred Pechisker, handicapped by a first round bye, could not catch up to Sohal despite a win over Jason Cao in the last round and had to settle for clear second place and a \$300 prize. In the U1800 Section, Hector Rathburn, a relative underdog finished first with 4.5. Rathburn gained an impressive 101 CFC rating points for his performance. Other prize winners included John Doknjas, Roger Patterson, Hector Velazquez and Matthew Herdin (four-way tie for top U2100), Mau-Seng Lee, Constantin Rotariu, Andrew Hoyer and Duncan Haines (four-way tie for second U1800), Doug Sly, Nicolas Peters, Ashley Tapp and Yekta Saremi (four-way tie for first U1500), with the latter pair also sharing the top woman prize.

Due to health reasons, Stephen Wright had to withdraw as TD. Alonso Campos was kind enough to fill in and did an admirable job. Best wishes to Stephen for a speedy recovery. Organizers: Victoria Chess (Roger Patterson, Brian Raymer, Paul Leblanc)

[This report, crosstable, and games](#) [Previous B.C. Open winners](#)

Cao, Jason - Herdin, Matthew [C95] BC op Richmond (2.2), 10.02.2013

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.h3 d6 9.c3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 c5 12.Nf1 Bb7 13.d5 Nb6 14.Ng3 Nfd7 15.Nh2 g6 16.Bc2 c4 17.f4 Bh4 18.Qf3 Kh8 19.Rf1 f5 20.exf5 Bxd5 21.Be4 Bxg3 22.Bxd5 Nxd5 23.Qxg3 gxf5 24.fxe5 dxe5 25.Bg5 Qb6+ 26.Kh1 Qe6 27.Rad1 Nc5 28.Rde1 f4 29.Qh4 Nd3 30.Re2 Qg6 31.Ng4 Rf5 32.Nh6 Raf8 33.Nxf5 Rxf5 34.Bh6 Rh5 35.Qd8+ Qg8 36.Qd6 Rf5 37.Qxa6 Rf6 38.Qxb5 Rxh6 39.Qxc4 Ne3 40.Qxg8+ Kxg8 41.Rb1 Nf5 42.Rd2 e4 43.b4 Rd6 44.b5 e3 45.Rc2 e2 46.b6 Rxb6 0-1

North, Robert - Sanetullaev, Alisher [E69] BC op Richmond (2.5), 10.02.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 c6 9.h3 Qb6 10.d5 cxd5 11.cxd5 Nh5 12.Kh2 f5 13.Nd2 f4 14.Qe2 Rf7 15.g4 f3 16.Nxf3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.Qe3 Nc5 19.Nd2 Bh6 20.Nc4 Qd8 21.f3 Rxe4 22.Qxh6 Rxc4 23.f4 Nd3 24.fxe5 Nxe5 25.Ne4 Rxe4 26.Bxe4 Bxg4 27.Rf4 Be2 28.Rg1 Qe7 29.Rg2 Bd3 30.Bxd3 Nxd3 31.Rxg6+ hxg6 32.Qxg6+ Qg7 33.Qe6+ 1-0

Sohal, Tanraj - Cheng, Jack [E99] BC op Richmond (4.1), 11.02.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.Bd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.c5 g5 14.Rc1 Ng6 15.Nb5 Rf7 16.Ba5 b6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Be1 a6 19.Nc3 h5 20.Nb4 Bf8 21.Nc6 Qe8 22.Qb3 Nd7 23.Bf2 Nc5 24.Qxb6 Rb7 25.Qd8 Qxd8 26.Nxd8 Rxb2 27.Nc6 Bd7 28.Rb1 Rxb1 29.Rxb1 g4 30.Rb6 gxf3 31.gxf3 h4 32.Nb8 Na4 33.Nxa4 Bxa4 34.Rxa6 Rxb8 35.Rxa4 Rb1+ 36.Bf1 h3 37.Ra8 Kf7 38.a4 Be7 39.Ra7 Kf8 40.a5 Kg8 41.a6 Bh4 42.Rb7 Ra1 43.a7 Ra2 44.Bb6 Bg3 45.Rb8+ Kg7 46.a8Q Bxh2+ 47.Kh1 Rxa8 48.Rxa8 1-0

Villavieja, Butch – Sohal, Tanraj [B22] 2013 BC op (5), 11.02.2013

Annotations by Tanraj Sohal

This was the final round of the tournament and I was playing the current B.C. Closed Champion Butch Villavieja. I was leading the tournament with 4.0/4 and Butch had 3.5 and Alfred Pechisker had 3.5. I knew if I drew I would at least tie for first but I didn't want to take any chances in tiebreaks because I knew a spot in the B.C. Closed was also on the line.



34...Ne3!! At first I did not see Ne3 but I knew with my rook on c1 and bishop on a8 that I had to have some kind of tactic. **35.fxe3 35.Bxa8 Nf1+ 36.Kg2 Nxd2. 35...Bxe4 36.g4?? 36.Kh3 Rh1+ 37.Rh2 Re1 38.Rf2 Bxe5 39.dxe5 Rxe3. 36...Bxh4** Easier would have been 36...Rh1+ 37.Kg3 Bxh4+ 38.Kf4 Bd5 39.Nf3 g5+ 40.Ke5 Bxf3. **37.Kh3 Be1! 38.Nb3 Bxd2 39.Nxd2 Bd5** At this point Black is clearly winning and the rest of the moves are straight-forward. **40.e4 Rc2 41.Nef3 Bb7 42.b3 Ra2 43.Kg3 Rxa3 44.Kf4 f6 45.Ne1 Ra2 46.Ke3 Rxd2 47.Kxd2 Bxe4 48.b4 Kf7 49.Ke3 f5 50.Kf4 Kf6 51.gxf5 exf5 52.d5 g5+ 53.Ke3 Ke5 0-1**

This is one of the more interesting games that I have played and I am extremely pleased with the final result.

Pechisker, Alfred - Cao, Jason [E81] BC op Richmond (5.2), 11.02.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Bg5 a6 7.Qd2 c5 8.d5 Nbd7 9.Nh3 b5 10.cxb5 Qa5 11.Nf2 axb5 12.Nxb5 Qb6 13.a4 Ba6 14.Be2 Rfc8 15.0-0 c4 16.Be3 Qb7 17.Qb4 Ne5 18.f4 Nd3 19.Nxd3 cxd3 20.Bxd3 Bxb5 21.axb5 Nd7 22.Rxa8 Qxa8 23.b6 Nc5 24.Bb5 Rb8 25.Qc4 Bxb2 26.Bxc5 dxc5 27.Bc6 Qa5 28.b7 Bd4+ 29.Kh1 Qb6 30.Qe2 Kg7 31.e5 e6 32.Qe4 exd5 33.Bxd5 Rd8 34.g3 Qc7 35.Rb1 Rb8 36.Bc4 Bc3 37.Rb5 Bb4 38.Kg2 Rd8 39.Kf3 Kf8 40.e6 fxe6 41.Qxe6 Kg7 42.Qe5+ Qxe5 43.fxe5 Rb8 44.Ke4 Kf8 45.Kd5 Ke7 46.Kc6 g5 47.Kc7 1-0

BUDAPEST TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP (2012/2013) by Michael Yip

[Michael Yip now operates two chess blogs, [Budapest Chess News](#) and [Canada Chess News](#) – check them out!]

Yip, Michael - Bodrogi, Laszlo [E12] BTCH Div I (6), 20.01.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 b6 3.c4 e6 4.a3 Bb7 5.Nc3 Be7 6.d5 Now White begins the game with more space and a slightly more active position as Bb7 is passively placed. **6...0-0 7.e4 d6 7...exd5 8.cxd5 Re8 9.Bd3 c6 10.0-0 cxd5 11.exd5 d6 12.Nd4 Nbd7 13.Nc6 Bxc6 14.dxc6 Nc5 15.Bc4 Qc7 16.b4 Ne6 17.Bb2 Rad8 18.Nd5 Qxc6 19.Rc1 Qd7 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Qd3 Qb7 22.Bb5 Rf8 23.Bc6 Qb8 24.Nxf6+ gxf6 25.Qg3+ Ng7 26.Rfe1 Qc8 27.Qh4 Qf5 28.Be4 Qh5 29.Qxf6 Rfe8 30.Rc3 Kf8 31.Rce3 Qe5 32.Qh4 d5 33.Bxh7 Qb2 34.Bd3 Ne6 35.Bb5 Re7 36.Re5 Kg8 37.Qxe7 1-0** Ghaem

Maghami,E-Toufighi,H /Teheran 2006 **8.Be2** 8.Bd3 Nbd7 9.Nd4 e5 10.Nf5 Re8 11.Be3 Nf8 12.Qf3 Bc8 13.g4 N6d7 14.h4 Nc5 15.Bc2 a5 16.0–0–0 Ng6 17.g5 Bf8 18.Rdg1 Nf4 19.h5 g6 20.hxg6 fxc6 21.Bxf4 exf4 22.Rxh7 Bxf5 23.exf5 Kxh7 24.f6 Kg8 25.Bxg6 Re7 26.Qh5 Bg7 27.Rh1 Kf8 28.Qh8+ 1–0 Gupta,A-Dao Thien Hai /Vishakapatnam 2008 **8...Re8** 8...e5 9.0–0 Nbd7 10.b4 a5 11.Be3 Nh5 12.g3 g6 13.Bh6 Ng7 14.Qd2 Kh8 15.Rab1 axb4 16.axb4 Nf6 17.c5 bxc5 18.bxc5 Bc8 19.c6 Ng4 20.Bxg7+ Kxg7 21.Ra1 Rb8 22.Rfb1 Rxb1+ 23.Rxb1 f5 24.Rb8 fxe4 25.Nxe4 Bf6 26.h3 Nh6 27.g4 Be7 28.Qa5 Rf4 29.Qa8 Rxe4 30.Rxc8 Qxc8 31.Qxc8 Rxe2 32.Qxc7 Ng8 33.Qd7 e4 34.Nd4 Re1+ 35.Kg2 e3 36.fxe3 Rxe3 37.g5 1–0 Ivanov,S-Kolbus,D /Stockholm 2005; 8...a5 9.Rb1 Nbd7 10.0–0 Nc5 11.Qc2 a4 12.Be3 Nfd7 13.Nd4 Bf6 14.Ndb5 Re8 15.Rfd1 g6 16.Bf1 Bg7 17.Re1 Qb8 18.Rbd1 Bf8 19.Bf4 Ra5 20.Bg3 Bg7 21.f3 Qd8 22.Bf2 Kh8 23.Bd3 Nxd3 24.Qxd3 Ba6 25.Qc2 Nc5 26.dxe6 fxe6 27.Bd4 e5 28.Bxc5 bxc5 29.Qd2 Bxb5 30.cxb5 Bf8 31.Qd5 Ra7 32.Qf7 Qe7 33.Qc4 Qe6 34.Qd5 h5 35.Qc6 Rb8 36.Qd5 Qg8 37.g3 Bh6 38.Qxg8+ Kxg8 39.Kf2 Kf7 40.Ke2 c4 41.Kf2 Ke6 42.Re2 Ra5 43.Rd5 Rf8 44.Rc2 Rb8 45.Ke2 Bg5 46.Nd1 Rxb5 47.Rxb5 Rxb5 48.Rxc4 c5 49.Rxa4 Rb3 50.Rc4 h4 51.gxh4 Bxh4 52.Rc2 Bg5 53.Nc3 Rb7 54.Kd3 Kd7 55.Kc4 Kc6 56.b4 cxb4 57.axb4 Bd8 58.b5+ Kd7 59.Ra2 Rc7+ 60.Kb4 g5 61.Ra8 Rc5 62.Ra7+ Kc8 63.Rf7 Ba5+ 64.Kxa5 Rxc3 65.Ka6 Rc2 66.b6 Ra2+ 67.Kb5 Rxh2 68.Kc6 Rh8 69.Kxd6 Re8 70.b7+ Kb8 71.Kd7 Rg8 72.Ke6 g4 73.fxc4 Rxc4 74.Kxe5 Rg1 75.Kd5 Rd1+ 76.Ke6 Re1 77.e5 Rb1 78.Rd7 Re1 79.Kf6 Rf1+ 80.Ke7 1–0 Akesson,J-Meijers,V /Gothenburg 2004 **9.0–0 Nbd7 10.Qc2 h6** This is not so useful. **11.Re1+/=** 11.Nd4 Nf8 12.h3+/= **11...Bf8 12.h3** A useful waiting move. It was not clear whether to play the quick b4 as all Black's pieces restrain the c5 advance. 12.Nd4 is also strong. 12...Qc8 13.Be3 c5 14.dxc6 Bxc6 15.Nxc6 Qxc6 16.f4+/= **12...g6 13.b4** Now with the insertion of g6, Black is semi-committed to ...Bg7 which makes the c5 plan more appealing. **13...Bg7 14.Bb2** White's priority is to neutralize potential activity. 14.Be3 exd5 15.exd5 Rxe3 16.fxe3 Qe7 17.Bd3 a6 18.Nd4+/= **14...e5**



15.Na4 15.Bc1 Rc8 16.Be3 c6 17.dxc6 Bxc6 18.Rad1+/= **15...c5** Black played this quickly but now the pawn structure favours White. **16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.Nc3** The hole on d5 is the natural focus of White's attention. **17...Nf8 18.Rad1** White does nothing fancy and just slowly develops to best exploit the new pawn structure. **18...Qc7 19.Bf1** A small move that uncovers the Re1 for a more active role. **19...Ne6 20.Qd2** Piling onto the d6 pawn is the natural plan. 20.Nd5 is also possible. 20...Bxd5 21.exd5 Nf4 22.Qa4+/= **20...Rad8 21.Nd5 Qb7 22.Qc2** Prophylactic play continues. Now e4 gets more protection. **22...Nh7 23.g3** White continues with

general prophylactic play and does not do anything committal. Now ...Nf4 is prevented. 23.Rd2 Rc8 24.Qd3 Red8 25.Qe3+/= **23...Qd7 24.b5** Committal but not so productive. 24.Qd3 continues the massage. 24...Bb7 25.Bg2+/= **24...Ba8** Unclear. **25.h4** Prophylactic play continues. Now Ng5 is prevented. **25...Nc5=** Now the drawback of b5 is revealed as the Nc5 gains an outpost. **26.Kh2!?** The prophylactic phase continues as White takes measures to prevent f5. Now the passive Bf1 will be regrouped to h3 for a more active role. **26...f5?±**



This burst of activity is positionally unsound but Black was tired of the endless massage and makes a break for some activity. **27.Bh3!** Now the kingside pawns are overextended. **27...Rf8 28.h5!** A nice undermining move highlights the instability of the kingside pawns. **28...Ng5?+- 29.Nxg5 hxg5 30.exf5 gxf5 30...Bxd5** also loses. **31.Rxd5 gxh5 32.Bxe5 Bxe5 33.Rxe5+- 31.Bxf5** The bishop is indirectly guarded by the Ne7+ fork. **31...Qf7 32.g4** The kingside is sealed and the massage continues but this time White is pressing for the win. **32...Ne6 33.Rd2 Kh8 34.Re3** White makes two useful defensive rook moves to stamp out any thoughts of kingside counterplay. **34...Bxd5 35.Rxd5 Nd4 36.Bxd4 exd4 37.Re6 Rde8 38.Rexd6** 38.Rg6 is the top Houdini 3.0 choice. **38...Re1 39.Kg2 Qe7 40.Rdxd6+- 38...Re5 38...Be5+ 39.Rxe5 Rxe5 40.Rxd4+- 39.Rd7** Continuing to press but this is not the only way to win. **39.h6 Bf6 40.Rd7 Re7 41.Kg2 Rfe8 42.Rxe7 Qxe7 43.Rd7 Qe2 44.Qxe2 Rxe2 45.Rxa7+- 39...Qe8 40.Rxe5** Eliminating Black's most active piece before continuing the search for the clearest win. **40.h6!** is a flashier win. **40...Bf6 41.Rh7+ Kg8 42.Be6+ Rxe6 43.Rxg5+ Bxg5 44.Rg7+ Kh8 45.Qh7# 40...Qxe5+ 41.Kg2** After the king arrives on a dark square Black has nothing really to do. **41...Re8 42.h6 Bf8 43.Be6** Simply threatening Qh7#. **43.c5!** A nice line-clearing sacrifice to open up the a2-g8 attack diagonal. **43...Qxc5 44.Rh7+ Kg8 45.Qa2+ Qd5+ 46.Qxd5+- 43...Be7**



44.Qg6 White's pieces zoom in on the light squares and Black is helpless. **44...Rf8** Now White must be careful of ...Rf2+. **45.Qg7+!?** Chopping off all the pieces for a winning pawn ending with a checking sequence. **45...Qxg7 46.hxg7+ Kxg7 47.Rxe7+ Kf6 48.Rf7+** The two pawn plus ending is a trivial win. **1-0**

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #6:

Everyone knows developing pieces in the opening beats piece grabbing almost anytime. Here we have a beautiful example, proving it beyond a shadow of a doubt. It works as long as you find the idea and then the first move of the combination; both are more challenging than it appears on the surface. Good luck!



#5 Answer:

White can get a draw, so the first thing is to analyze which type of draw it will be! Let's see:

- Black won't agree to a draw;
- It is very hard to imagine a three-fold repetition;
- The Black king has enough space to run away from any perpetual;

- d) The fifty move rule will not appear here;
e) White does not have the right position and enough time to eliminate both Black pawns.

The only somewhat possible way seems to be stalemate. Let's give it a shot:

1.Ke3 Kxh2 now the g-pawns have a free pass along the g-file 2.Kf2 ... not so fast! 2... Kxh1 the White monarch has no army left 3.Kg3!! ... yet still is able to hold the fort! If 3... Kg1 stalemate; If 3... B anywhere, option "e" seen above is possible. Black loses both pawns. Draw.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

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