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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Susan Polgar National Open for Boys and Girls (March 1-3)

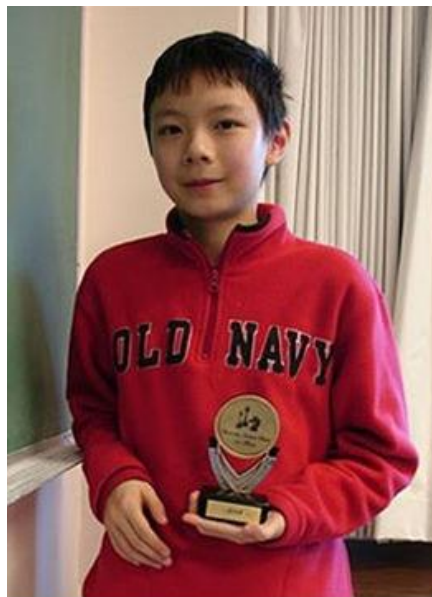
Two years ago readers might recall that Alexandra Botez won the High School Girls' section of the Susan Polgar National Open, and that part of her prize was a scholarship to Texas Tech University. Local junior Tanraj Sohal entered this year's SP National Open, held in New Orleans on the first weekend in March. He won the High School Boys' section with a perfect score, which entitles him to a scholarship at Webster University, St. Louis valued at approximately \$56,000. Congratulations! (Webster is now the home for the Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence (SPICE), previously resident at Texas Tech.)



Tanraj with Susan Polgar

GPO Active Fundraiser (March 3)

On March 3rd, Victoria Chess held an Active Chess fundraising tournament at the University of Victoria. Jason Cao rolled through the opposition to score 5.0-0.0 and capture the first place trophy and book prize. Roger Patterson, whose only loss was to Cao, finished clear second. Eight year old Patrick Huang was the surprise winner of the U1700 section, defeating Paul Leblanc in the last round to clinch the trophy. Other prize winners were Jill Ding (second U1700) and Garth Edgar who took the U1500 prize when Huang who was also under 1500 won the U1700 prize. \$173 was raised to help offset expenses for the 2013 Grand Pacific Open, to be held in Victoria on March 29th to April 1st, 2013.



Jason Cao (photo by Mark Dutton)

Thanks to Derek Chu, Chris Eve, and Duncan Haines for their donations. TD: Paul Leblanc; Organizers: Paul Leblanc and Roger Patterson. [This report, crosstable, and more photos](#)

February Active (February 24)

The latest active event at the Vancouver Chess School barely reached double-digit participation; almost entirely missing was the usual large contingent of juniors, presumably because the Vancouver Chess Challenge had taken place the day before. Nevertheless the field was very competitive, with four players rated over 2000. B.C. Active Champion Mayo Fuentebella again demonstrated his dominance at this time control, winning first prize with a score of 4.5/5 (the draw was with B.C. Champion Butch Villavieja); second was Vicente Lee Jr. with 4.0 points. Kevin Low won the U1800 prize and Karl Manzer the biggest upset. [Crosstable](#)

EAC Open #20 (February 23-24)

The most recent EAC tournament was also down in numbers, perhaps for the same reason. Constantin Rotariu and Peter Yee tied for first in the five-player field with 3.5 points, a half point ahead of TD, organizer and host Eugenio Alonso Campos. [Crosstable](#)

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Two of the regular UBC tournaments, held at the rate of one game a week on consecutive Thursday evenings, have been completed in 2013. In the [first](#), junior Ashley Tapp had her best result to date, taking clear first with 4.5/5, a full two points ahead of Payam Mousavi in second place, while in the [second](#) event Karl Cui took top honours, with Mousavi again taking second.

HST and the BCCF

- 1) The HST for BC is replaced by GST on April 1. This means a small reduction in CFC dues for BC residents. My understanding is that the CFC is implementing the change soon and the new dues will be \$38 adult, \$25 junior.
- 2) This year's Grand Pacific Open ends on April 1. We have received a ruling that those members whose memberships expire on April 1, expire at the end of the day so that their membership is valid for the full tournament.

Roger Patterson, BCCF President

2013 PERENYI MEMORIAL by Michael Yip

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

Terbe, Zsuzsanna - Yip, Michael [C41] Perenyi Memorial (4), 14.01.2013

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 e5 4.Nf3 Nbd7 5.Bc4 Be7 6.Ng5 0-0 7.Bxf7+ Rxf7 8.Ne6 Qe8 9.Nxc7 Qd8 10.Nxa8 b5 Starting active play. The first idea is ...b4 and the secondary idea is ..Bb7 to win the Na8. **11.dxe5 Nxe5**



Black has nice game but this is all theory so far. **12.f3** 12.0-0 Bb7 13.f4 Ned7 14.Nxb5 Bxa8 15.Be3 Nxe4 16.Bxa7 Nb6 17.a4 d5 18.c3 Nc4 19.Qc2 Bf6 20.Kh1 Bh4 21.Bd4 Bg3 22.Rf3 Qh4 23.Rxg3 Nxc3+ 24.Kg1 Ne4 25.b3 Ncd2 26.Nd6 Nf3+ 27.gxf3 Nxd6 28.Qe2 Qxf4 29.Re1 Qg5+ 30.Qg2 Qxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Nf5 32.b4 Nxd4 33.Re8+ Rf8 34.Rxf8+ Kxf8 35.cxd4 Bc6 36.b5 Be8 37.b6 Bc6 38.a5 Bb7 39.Kg3 Ke7 40.Kf4 Kd6 41.Kf5 Bc8+ 42.Kf4 h6 43.h4 g6 44.Kg3 Kc6 45.Kf4 Kb5 46.Ke5 Kxa5 47.Kxd5 Kxb6 48.Ke5 h5 49.Kf6 Bf5 50.d5 Kc5 51.Ke5 Bd3 52.d6 Bf5 53.d7 Bxd7 0-1 Cluster Wraith-Rainer Zufall/playchess.com INT 2006; 12.Bf4 Nc4 13.0-0 Bb7 14.b3 Na3 15.Bc1 b4 16.Bxa3 bxa3 17.Qd4 Qxa8 18.f3 Nd7 19.Nd5 Bxd5 20.Qxd5 Qxd5 21.exd5 Bf6 22.Rad1 a5 23.Rfe1 Nc5 24.Re3 Rc7 25.c3 Nd7 26.Rdd3 Bg5 27.Re8+ Kf7 28.Ra8 Ne5 29.Rd1 Rxc3 30.f4 Bxf4 31.Rf1 Rc1 32.Rxa5 Ke7 33.Rxc1 Bxc1 34.Kf1 Nd3 35.Ra4 Bb2 36.b4 Kd8 37.Ke2 Nc1+ 38.Kd1 Nxa2 39.Kc2 Kc7 40.Kb3 Nc1+ 41.Kc2 Kb6 42.Ra8 Kb5 43.Rb8+ Kc4 44.b5 Na2 45.b6 Nb4+ 46.Kd2 a2 47.b7 a1Q 48.Rc8+ Kd4 49.b8Q Bc3+ 50.Ke2 Qe1+ 51.Kf3 Qe4+ 52.Kg3 Be1+ 0-1 Murey,J-Seret,J /France 2008; 12.f4 Bg4 13.Qd2 Nc4 14.Qd3 Qxa8 15.0-0 Bd7 16.a4 b4 17.Nd5 Nxd5 18.Qxc4 Nf6 19.Be3 a5 20.e5 Qd5 21.Qd4 Bc6 22.Rf2 Ng4 23.Rd2 Qxd4 24.Bxd4 Rxf4 25.exd6 Bxd6 26.h3 Ne5 27.Be3 Rf6 28.b3 Bc7 29.Re1 Re6 30.Bf2 Rg6 31.Kf1 Bxg2+ 32.Ke2 Bxh3 33.Rd5 Bg4+ 34.Kf1 Bh3+ 35.Ke2 Bg4+ 36.Kf1 Nf3 37.Re7 Bd6 38.Rb7 Re6 39.Bg3 Bf8 40.Rd8 Ng5 41.Bh4 Bf3 0-1 Herzog,A-Bezold,M /Austria 2000 **12...Bb7 13.Nxb5 Bxa8=** Routine. There was no need to take Na8 right away. Creating threats is more important. 13...Qa5+! is the most precise. 14.Nc3 d5! 15.0-0 (15.exd5 Nxd5 16.0-0? Nxf3+ 17.Rxf3 Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Nxc3 19.bxc3 Rxf3 20.gxf3 Qf2!-+ ; 15.Bd2 Qc5-/+) 15...dxe4 16.fxe4 Neg4!-/+ There is still no need to take Na8 right away. Creating threats is more important. 17.Bf4 Qc5+ 18.Kh1 Nf2+ 19.Rxf2 Qxf2 20.Bg3 Qe3 21.Qf3 (21.Nc7? Nxe4 22.Nxe4 Qxe4 23.Qg1 Bc5 24.Re1 Bxg1 25.Rxe4 Bxe4 26.Kxg1 Rd7!-+) 21...Qd4 22.Rd1 Qc5 23.Qe2 Bxa8-/+ **14.Nd4?=/+** This is a subtle tempo loss. 14.0-0 holds the position. The priority is to secure the king and then complete mobilization. 14...d5 Black must play actively. 15.exd5 Bc5+ 16.Kh1 Nfg4! 17.fxg4 Rxf1+ 18.Qxf1 Nxc4= Although White is up three pawns and an exchange, Black has enough threats on the kingside to hold. **14...d5 15.exd5 Qxd5!?** Aggressive but not really so clear. 15...Bxd5 was correct. 16.0-0 Bc5=/+ **16.c3** 16.0-0 Bc5 17.c3 Nc6 18.Re1 (18.Be3 Ng4 19.Re1 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Nxd4 21.Re8+ Rf8 22.Rxf8+ Kxf8 23.cxd4 Bxd4+ 24.Kh1 Bxb2 25.Qxd5 Bxd5 26.Rb1 Bf6=/+ The BB+3Ps have excellent chances against the R+4P.) 18...Nxd4 19.cxd4 Bxd4+ 20.Be3 Bxb2 21.Rb1 Be5=/+ **16...Nfg4!?** Flashy but not the best. 16...Qc4! is correct. 17.Qe2 Nd3+ 18.Kd2 Nd5 19.Kc2 Bf6 20.a3 Qa4+ 21.b3 Nxc1 22.Rhxc1 Qa5-/+ **17.0-0**



17...Bd6!=/+ A nice quiet building move to increase the pressure on the kingside. **18.h3**
18...Nh2?=- Flashy but ineffective. 18...Nxf3+ 19.gxf3 Qh5 20.Qa4 Qxh3 21.Qe8+ Bf8 22.Qe2 Qh5
 23.b4 Ne5 24.Qh2 Qg6+ 25.Qg2 Qd3!=/+ **19.Rf2** Forced. **Nhxf3+** The Trojan knight must be
 sacrificed. **20.gxf3 Nxf3+** **21.Rxf3** Only move. **21...Bc5** With correct play this should lead to a
 draw. 21...Qe5? was my first candidate but does not win. 22.Bf4! holds the diagonal and is a cold
 shower on the attack. (22.Kf2? loses in routine fashion. 22...Qg3+ 23.Ke3 Rxf3+ 24.Nxf3 Bc5+
 25.Kd3 Bxf3 26.Qb3+ Bd5+ 27.Kc2 Qf2+ 28.Kd1-+) 22...Rxf4 23.Rxf4 Qxf4 24.Qg4 Qh2+ 25.Kf1
 Bb7 (25...Qh1+ winning Qa1 also loses. 26.Ke2 Qxa1 27.Qe6+ Kf8 28.Qxd6+ Kf7 29.Qe6+ Kf8
 30.Qc8+ Kf7 31.Qxa8 Qxb2+ 32.Kd3 Qxa2 33.Qb7+ Kg6 34.Qe4+ Kf7 35.Qxh7+-) 26.Nf3 Qh1+
 27.Ke2 Bxf3+ 28.Qxf3 Qxa1 29.Qd5+± **22.Be3 Bxd4 23.Bxd4 Qg5+**



24.Kf2?=- Now Black has a massive attack.
 24.Kh2 is the key defence and Black cannot
 break through. 24...Bxf3 25.Qg1 Qf4+ 26.Qg3
 Qd2+ 27.Qf2 Qf4+= **24...Qh4+** **25.Ke3 Rxf3+**
26.Kd2 Qg5+ **27.Kc2 Be4+** **28.Kb3 Qd5+/-**
 This is not the best but should ensure black
 an advantage. 28...a5! is correct. The idea is
 to attack b4 in anticipation of b2-b4. 29.Qe2
 (29.a4 Bd5+ 30.Kc2 Qg2+ 31.Kc1 Rf1-+)
 29...Qd5+ 30.Ka3 Qd6+ 31.Ka4 Qd7+
 32.Kxa5 Rf5+ 33.Kb4 Qb7+ 34.Ka4 Bc6+
 35.Ka3 Ra5# **29.Ka3 Qd6+** **30.Kb3** The
 massive attack continues. 30.b4 is a tougher
 defence. 30...a5! The threat is ...Qxb4# and
 the secondary idea is to open up the a-file.

31.Qa4 (31.Rc1 Qxb4# ; 31.Qb3+ Bd5 32.Qa4 Rf8 33.Bc5 Qg3 34.Qc2 axb4+ 35.Bxb4 Rf2 36.Qd1
 Qg2 37.Ba5 h5!-+) 31...Bc6 32.Qb3+ Bd5 33.Qa4 Rf8! The rook swings to the queenside. 34.Rg1
 g6 35.Kb2 axb4 36.cxb4 Ra8!-+ **30...Bd5+** **31.Ka4 Qa6+** **32.Kb4 Rf7!** Transferring the rook to the
 attack. **33.Qa4** Only move. **Qd6+** Now the forcing moves continue. **34.Ka5 Qd8+** The queen shifts
 to a defensive role with check. **35.Kb4 Qf8+** **36.Ka5 Rb7** 36...Rb7 Not the only way but induces

resignation. 37.b4 Qd8+ 38.Ka6 Rb6+ 39.Ka5 (39.Bxb6 Qxb6#) 39...Rd6+ 40.Kb5 Qd7+ 41.Ka5 Ra6+ 42.Kxa6 Qxa4# 0-1

2012 CANADIAN CHESS PLAYER OF THE YEAR by David Cohen

Congratulations to GM Eric Hansen, 2012 Canadian Chess Player of the Year! Eric also won the Fan Ballot. In the overall vote, soon to be IM Aman Hambleton finished second, Canadian Champion GM Bator Sambuev was third and Canadian Junior Champion IM Richard Wang was fourth. [Player accomplishments in 2012 and past winners.](#)

The purpose is to recognize the achievements of a Canadian chess player in 2012; and to gain some publicity for Canadian chess. Thanks to Michael von Keitz of CFC and Larry Bevand of CMA for help! For the sixth year running, one vote went to the results of a fan poll of chess players, which I counted by hand.



Eric Hansen, winner of the 2012 Victoria Canadian Open

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #7:

Playing chess comes from my father who I was rooting for during my youth. I remember one game he played by correspondence against a Finnish opponent: Queen endgame with my father down 2 pawns, from the same category as this baffler. While my father managed to hold the draw, proving that it is possible even against long odds, this position challenges you more: White to move and win! Tip: look at the positives in White's position



#6 Answer:

The main idea in the opening in the majority of cases is to attack the King and the weak squares around it. This case is no different: the main target is the f7-square. The Black pieces except the d4- and e4-pawns are all boxed in, waiting for the one slight error in White's judgement to explode forward like a spring. Still, as long as it is White's turn, we can look for the decisive blow. The only White piece capable to add pressure to the weak f7-square is the Queen; once we see this, the rest is simple yet beautiful: 1.Qf6!! gxf6 2.Nxf6#, or 1... anything else 2.Qxf7#

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

Spring Open

March 16-17, Vancouver [Details](#)

Knightmare Junior Tourney #2

March 23, Vancouver [Details](#)

March Active

March 24, Vancouver [Details](#)

Grand Pacific Open

March 29 – April 1, Victoria [Details](#)

April Active

April 28, Vancouver [Details](#)

Paul Keres Memorial

May 18-20, Richmond [Details](#)

Bowser Builders Supply Open

August 11, Bowser (Vancouver Island)
[Details](#)