

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #263

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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Washington Open (May 25-27)

Held on the American Memorial Day long weekend, the Washington Open as usual attracted a number of BC players, including James Chan, John, Joshua, and Neil Doknjas, Patrick Huang, Jason Kenney, Alfred Pechisker, and Michael Su, along with IM Raymond Kaufman, who had just played in the Keres Memorial. Of these Neil Doknjas was the only prize winner, coming second in the Booster Section; Michael Wang of Kirkland was the Open winner with 5.5/6. [USCF Crosstables](#)

Sunningdale Congress (May 24-27)

Currently travelling in Europe, B.C. junior Max Gedajlovic took the opportunity to play in the Sunningdale Congress in Ascot, England, scoring a solid fifty percent and taking the U2000 prize. The Open was won by another Canadian, Aman Hambleton, with a blistering 6.5/7, a full point ahead of Mark Hebden in second, while Simon Williams was among those who tied for third. [Tournament website](#)

Gedajlovic, Max - White, David [A58] e2e4 Sunningdale Open Ascot ENG (3), 25.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 Bxa6 6.b3 g6 7.Bb2 Bg7 8.g3 d6 9.Bg2 0-0 10.Nh3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Nb6 12.Nf4 Rb8 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Rd1 Rfc8 15.Nc3 Ng4 16.Bh3 h5 17.Kg2 Re8 18.Bxg4 hxg4 19.Rh1 Bc8 20.h3 e5 21.dxe6 gxh3+ 22.Rxh3 Bxe6 23.Nxe6 Rxe6 24.Rah1 Qc6+ 25.f3 d5



26.Nxd5 Qxd5 27.Rh8+ Bxh8 28.Rxh8# 1-0

Chicago Open (May 23-27)

B.C. players Jofrel Landingin and Juni Caluza made the trip to the Windy City to participate in the Chicago Open (U2100 and U1900 Sections respectively), but the big Canadian winner was Edmonton's Edward Porper. He scored 6.5/9 in the Open Section, good for a GM norm and the U2500 prize, and only a half-point behind winners Ray Robson, Joshua Friedel, and Nikola Mitkov. [Tournament website](#)

Calgary International (May 14-20)

Filipino Wesley So (FIDE rating 2705) was the class of the field at the 6th Calgary International Chess Classic, taking first place with 8.0/9, a full two points ahead of Robin van Kampen, Eric Hansen, and Victor Mikhalevski in second. Leon Piasetski finished on plus one and Jason Cao scored fifty percent, while Cao also came second in the blitz championship to So. In the Reserves Doug Sly won a portion of the U1500 prize. [Tournament website](#)

Ebrahim-Shirazi, Behrooz - Piasetski, Leon [E00] Calgary int 6th Calgary (6), 18.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nf3 a6 7.a4 g6 8.h3 Bg7 9.Bf4 Nh5 10.Bh2 f5 11.e3 0-0 12.Be2 f4 13.e4 Nd7 14.Nd2 Ne5 15.Nc4 f3 16.gxf3 Nf4 17.Bxf4 Rxf4 18.Nxe5 Bxe5 19.Qd2 Bd7 20.Kd1 b5 21.Kc2 bxa4 22.Nxa4 Bb5 23.Ra3 Qf6 24.Nb6 Rb8 0-1

Langer, Michael - Cao, Jason [B20] Calgary int 6th Calgary (6), 18.05.2013

1.e4 c5 2.d3 Nc6 3.g3 g6 4.Bg2 Bg7 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 e6 7.0-0 Nge7 8.c3 0-0 9.Be3 b6 10.a4 Ba6 11.Na3 d5 12.Nb5 Bb7 13.e5 Nf5 14.Bf2 a6 15.g4 axb5 16.gxf5 gxf5 17.axb5 Ne7 18.b4 cxb4 19.cxb4 Ng6 20.Rxa8 Bxa8 21.Bg3 d4 22.Qa1 Qd5 23.Qxd4 Qxb5 24.Rc1 Ne7 25.Qc4 Qd7 26.Qd4 Qxd4+ 27.Nxd4 Bxg2 28.Kxg2 Nd5 29.b5 Ra8 30.Kf3 Ra3 31.Ke2 Bh6 32.Rc8+ Kg7 33.Nc2 Rb3 34.Rb8 Rxb5 35.Ne3 Nxf4+ 36.Kf3 Nxd3 37.Nc4 f4 38.Bh4 Nxe5+ 39.Nxe5 Rxe5 40.Bf2 Rb5 41.Bxb6 Kg6 42.Rg8+ Kf5 43.Bc7 e5 0-1

PAUL KERES MEMORIAL (May 18-20) by Roger Patterson

The 38th Annual Keres Memorial was won by perennial favourite IM Georgi Orlov followed by IM Raymond Kaufman in second. This year's edition drew ninety-eight players which is a nine-year high for attendance. Four IMs played in the top section including a formerly inactive IM Stanislav Kriventsov living in Burnaby who moved here a number of years ago but has never played in Canada. Unfortunately, he was confused about the round times and inadvertently forfeited a game. A number of old timers also signed up after a period of many years of activity. We even pulled in someone from Saskatchewan (which unfortunately, has no CFC tournament activity at all).

The IMs didn't have everything their own way. Ryan Lo delivered a standout performance, beating two of the IMs and also holding many time BC champion Jack Yoos to a draw.

Thanks to all those who helped with setup, Ralph Lavallee for filling in as a floater, and Casey Collins for a generous donation to Victoria Chess.

We have reserved the same venue for next year's event May 17-19, 2014. Be there!



Round six: Orlov-Pechisker in the foreground, Kaufman (obscured)-Yoos behind them, Kolbus in the background. (Photo by Konstantin Pyryaev)

All Prize Winners (\$4000 in prizes)

Premier

1st IM Georgi Orlov \$1000

2nd IM Raymond Kaufman \$600

3rd Jack Cheng \$300

U2200 Alexandra Botez, Ryan Lo, Matthew Herdin \$100 each

U2000

1st Joe Soliven \$600

2nd Hiva Menbari \$400

U1800 Marionito Jose \$200

U1600

1st Anderson Yee \$200

2nd Clement Cheng, Lahiru Jayaweera \$50 each

U1400 Paula Brewster \$100

Unrated Navid Samiei \$100

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Organizers: Roger Patterson and Paul Leblanc

Kaufman, Raymond - Lo, Ryan [D97] Keres mem 38th Richmond (2.5), 18.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Qb3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 0-0 7.e4 a6 8.e5 b5 9.Qb3 Nfd7 10.e6 fxe6 11.Be2 Nb6 12.Be3 Nd5 13.h4 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Qd6 15.0-0-0 c5 16.h5 c4 17.Qc2 Bb7 18.hxg6

h6 19.Rh5 Nd7 20.Rdh1 Nf6 21.R5h4 Bxf3 22.Bxf3 Rac8 23.Ne4 Nxe4 24.Qxe4 c3 25.Bg4 cxb2+ 26.Kb1 Rf6 27.Qd3 Rf2 28.Qb3 Rc4 29.Bf3 Qc7 0–1

Lo, Ryan - Kolbus, Dietmar [D87] Keres mem 38th Richmond (4.3), 19.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 Bg7 7.Bc4 0–0 8.Ne2 c5 9.0–0 Nc6 10.Be3 Qc7 11.Rc1 Na5 12.Bd3 b6 13.f4 e6 14.f5 exf5 15.exf5 Qe7 16.Qd2 Bxf5 17.Rxf5 gxf5 18.Ng3 cxd4 19.Nxf5 Qe6 20.cxd4 Rac8 21.d5 Qe5 22.Rxc8 Rxc8 23.Bd4 Qxd4+ 24.Nxd4 Bxd4+ 25.Kf1 Bg7 26.Qg5 h6 27.Qe7 Rc3 28.Qe8+ Bf8 29.Bh7+ Kxh7 30.Qxf8 Rc1+ 31.Kf2 Rc2+ 32.Kg3 Kg6 33.Qb4 Rc5 34.d6 Nc6 35.Qe4+ Kf6 36.d7 Kg7 37.Qxc6 Rxc6 38.d8Q Rc5 39.Qd4+ Kg6 40.Kf3 h5 41.Ke3 Ra5 42.a4 Kh7 43.Kd3 Kg6 44.Kc3 Kh7 45.Qd7 Kg6 46.Kb4 Kf6 47.Qc6+ Ke7 48.g4 hxg4 49.Qe4+ Kf6 50.Qxg4 Rg5 51.Qf4+ Kg6 52.h4 Ra5 53.Kb3 Kg7 54.Qg4+ Kh7 55.Kb4 Kh8 56.h5 Kh7 57.Qf4 Kg7 58.h6+ Kg6 59.Qh4 1–0

Orlov, Georgi - Pechisker, Alfred [E91] Keres mem 38th Richmond (6.1), 20.05.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 0–0 5.e4 d6 6.Be2 c5 7.0–0 Na6 8.d5 Nc7 9.Bf4 a6 10.a4 b6 11.h3 Bd7 12.Qd2 Rb8 13.e5 Nfe8 14.Ne4 Bf5 15.Ng3 Bd7 16.Bh6 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.b3 Rb6 20.Qc3 Kg8 21.Qe3 Kg7 22.Bd3 bxc4 23.bxc4 Rb3 24.Nh5+ Kg8 25.Qh6 f6 26.Bxg6 hxg6 27.Qxg6+ Kh8 28.Nh4 fxe5 29.Qh6+ Kg8 30.Ng6 1–0

This [report](#), including crosstables

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Previous [winners](#)

NATIONAL CHESS CHALLENGE (May 19-20)

This provincial scholastic team event took place in Ottawa on the Victoria Day weekend. The B.C. team, consisting of Lucian Wu, Patrick Huang, Victor Zheng, Ethan Low, Brian Butchart, Matthew Geng, Nathan Shao, Adam Rahemtulla, Jeremy Hui, Andrew Quinton Lee, Tanraj Sohal, and Nicholas Peters, comfortably placed third behind the two traditional powerhouses, Ontario and Quebec (n.b., the competition used match points, these results show game points):

1 Ontario 95.5/108	6 Newfoundland 40
2 Quebec 85.5	7 Nova Scotia 38.5
3 British Columbia 76	8 Manitoba 36.5
4 Alberta 65.5	9 Saskatchewan 31.5
5 New Brunswick 47.5	10 Prince Edward Island 23.5

In the individual board prizes B.C. garnered a total of seven trophies:

- 1 Lucian Wu 9 - first
- 2 Patrick Huang 8 – second
- 3 Victor Zheng 7- tied for first, second after playoffs
- 4 Ethan Low 7.5 - third
- 6 Matthew Geng 7 - third
- 8 Adam Rahemtulla 7 - third
- 11 Tanraj Sohal 8 – first



Further details can be found at the tournament [website](#). It should be noted that Tanraj has been the provincial champion for each of the eleven grades he has passed through, and nationally has always won a trophy – eight firsts and three thirds. An amazing record!

Many thanks to Larry Bevand, Jonathan Berry, Ken Jensen, Anita Chan, and all the players, parents, coaches and other helpers for making this event and all the qualification tournaments possible.

BCCF EXECUTIVE 2013-2014

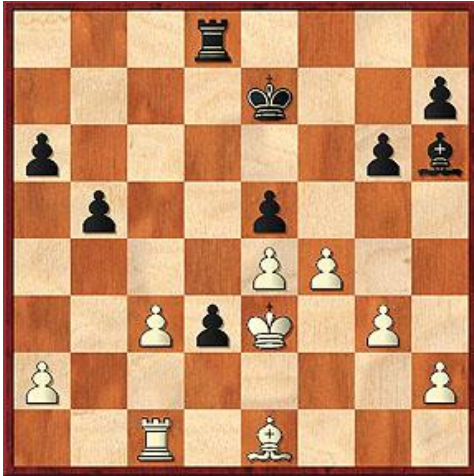
The BCCF AGM took place between rounds on Sunday, May 19 at the site of the Keres Memorial. Here is the new BCCF Executive for 2013-2014:

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CYCC TACTICS

Test your tactical ability with these six positions, chosen by Max Gedajlovic from last year's CYCC in Surrey. Solutions next issue.



Black to play



Black to play



Black to play



Black to play



White to play



White to play

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

In this instalment we will look at the ending that arose in the game between NM Jeff Reeve of Edmonton and Igor Ummel of Arlington, WA at last year's Canadian Open in Victoria.



Reeve – Ummel
Canadian Open, Victoria 2012
White to play

It is clear that White stands better. His pieces are more active and he controls more space. These factors are significant because of Black's somewhat inferior pawn structure. In particular most of Black's pawn moves will simply worsen his position. On the positive side, Black controls almost the entire locus of squares along the fifth rank, which for the moment prevents the White king from joining in an attack. White's plan for the next part of the game is to try to force an entry route for his king through a general advance on the right flank.

29.Kd3 Bc7 30.Ke4 c5 31.Rd1

Perhaps White could have tried 31.a3 with the idea of playing b3-b4 at a convenient moment, thus opening a second front on the queenside. Preventing this with 31...a5 would create other problems for Black.

31...Rf7 32.Rd2

If 32.g5 g6 33.hxg6+ Kxg6 34.gxh6 Re7! (*not 34...Kxh6? 35.f5+ Kg7 36.fxe6 Re7 37.Kf5 and White wins*) 35.Rh1 Kh7, and despite having an extra pawn, White will not have an easy time breaking down Black's position.

32...Re7



33.g5!?

Here too White could consider 33.a3!?. If 33...a5, then 34.b4 cxb4 35.axb4 axb4 36.Rb2 Rf7 37.Rxb4 Rf8 38.Ra4 Bb8 39.Ra6 Rc8 40.Kd3 Bc7 41.g5!?, and White is making definite progress.

33...g6!

Black correctly liquidates the kingside pawns in order to give his king room to move – and to defend

34.hxg6+ Kxg6 35.gxh6 Kxh6

Stronger was 35...Kh7 36.Rh2 Rf7 37.Rh3 Re7, when it is again difficult to see how White can make progress. The move in the game allows White's f-pawn to advance, but even this should not lead to anything decisive if Black defends correctly.

36.f5+ Kg7 37.Rg2+ Kf7 38.f6 Rd7 39.Rg7+ Ke8 40.Bg5

After 40.Bc1 Rxc7! (not 40...Rf7? 41.Rg8+ Rf8 42.Rg6 Rh8 43.Rg7 Rh4+ 44.Kf3 Rh3+ 45.Kg2 Rh2+ 46.Kg1 Bd6 47.Rxa7 Rh5 48.f7+ Kf8 49.Rb7 Be5 50.Kg2 and White wins) 41.fxc7 Kf7 42.Bb2 Bg3!, Black holds the White king at bay, making it pretty well impossible for White to win.

40...Rxc7 41.fxc7 Kf7 42.Bf6 a6 43.a4



43...a5?

Black has defended well but at the last moment he makes a grave error, exposing his a-pawn to attack by White's bishop. Correct was 43...Bg3!; for example, 44.Be5 Bh4! and now:

a) 45.Bc3 Bg5 46.Ke5? Bf6+ and it is Black who wins;

b) 45.Kf4 Bd8 46.Kg4 Kg8 47.Kh5 Kh7 and White cannot win;

c) 45.Bc7 Kxc7 46.Bxb6 Be7 and Black is drawing easily.

44.Be5! Bd8 45.Kf4 Kg8 46.Kg4 Kh7 47.Kh5

White has taken the opposition and will soon destroy Black's defensive blockade.

47...Be7

No better was 47...Kg8 48.Kg6, etc.

48.Bc7 Kxg7 49.Bxb6 Kf6 50.Bxa5 Bd6 51.Bb6 1-0

There is nothing to stop the a-pawn from queening. Black therefore resigned.

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BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #11

Black has an overwhelming positional advantage: all White's pawns are on dark squares with Bg1 behind them; also Bg1 is the last line of defence facing mate, so it cannot move. Kg1 is trapped in the corner. Qe1 struggles to defend the light squares. The magic combo Qh3+Ng4 dominates and together with the h4-pawn looks ready for a final successful assault. Tasks:

1. Black to move and win
2. Is there a connection between bafflers 9, 10 and 11 (the present one)?

#10 Answer:



The first thing we notice is the trapped position of the Ka1, incapable of moving; considering all pawns are blocked and all Black pawns sit on light squares, the first conclusion we draw is the lighted-squared Bishop needs to sacrifice itself to avoid the stalemate. Which Black pawn should it be sacrificed for then?

The next thing we notice is the darked-squared Bishop does not do anything for the time being. How can we get it involved? It cannot attack any Black pawn, nor can it reach the Ka1 for the moment. Still Ka1 sits on a dark square, trapped in the corner!

Right about now an evil idea could jump in front to mix it all together for a solution: how about if we open up the position on the Queen side and put Black in zugzwang? Let's try it:

1.Bc2 bxc2 forced 2.b3 (or 2.b4) 2... cxb3 forced 3.Ba3 b2+ forced 4.Bxb2#

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Henry Angus Building, University of British Columbia
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Knightmare Junior Quads #1

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