

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #265

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## HERE AND THERE

### **World Open** (June 29 – July 7)

Held at Arlington, Virginia and attracting a field of twelve hundred players, this year's World Open resulted in a ten-way tie for first, with Varuzhan Akobian taking the title after a final Armageddon game. A number of Canadians participated in the various sections, including Janak Awatramani, James Chan, Jofrel Landingin, Juni Caluza, and Gilles Bruneau from this province. The top Canadians were Leonid Gerzhoy and Bindi Cheng, part of a six-way tie for the U2500 prize; they each earned \$462.50 for their 5.5/9 scores. [Tournament site](#)

### **DC International** (June 27 – July 1)

Immediately preceding the World Open at the same site and in fact overlapping the World Open's two-weekend schedule, the DC International was won by India's Parimarjan Negi with 7.5/9 points. In clear second was Bindi Cheng, who missed a GM norm on a technicality but gained \$1,200 for his efforts. Also winning money was Leonid Gerzhoy, while the seventy-one player field also included James Chan. [Tournament site](#)

### **Edmonton International Chess Festival** (June 23 – July 1)

Now in its eighth edition, the International section of this year's festival was also the strongest yet, including GMs Lazaro Bruzon, Nigel Short, Victor Mikhalevski, and Eric Hansen; among the six other norm hopefuls was former B.C. Champion Maxim Doroshenko. Highest rated was Bruzon and he ran away with the tournament, scoring 8.0/9 to finish two points ahead of second-placed Nigel Short; Richard Wang was third with 5.5. (The festival actually used the football scoring system of three points for a win, one for a draw, but as this only seems to make a difference in terms of tiebreaks this report will stick to the traditional method.) Doroshenko had a rough time of it (he hasn't had much practice of late) and scored two wins and two draws; however, the wins were against two of the grandmasters. He also had his chances against Richard Wang in the last round, but eventually lost after a complicated struggle.

The festival also included two other events, an International B Section and a Reserves Section. The B Section was a six-player round robin, won by German FM Christoph Zill with 4.0/5, a half-point ahead of Vladislav Rekhson. Lowest ranked was Alexandra Botez, who finished in fifth place with one point. Presumably this was a good warm-up for the Reserves, held on the last weekend of the festival as a twenty-one player, five-round Swiss. Here Alexandra took first place with a perfect

5.0/5; Zill was second with 4.0 points and John Doknjas and Arnold McKay tied for third. Also in the field from this province were John's brothers Joshua and Neil. [Festival website](#)

**Hansen, Eric - Doroshenko, Maxim [B12] Edmonton int 8th (2), 24.06.2013**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Be2 Ne7 6.0-0 Nd7 7.Nbd2 h6 8.Nb3 a6 9.Bd2 Ng6 10.Ne1 h5 11.h3 c5 12.Bxh5 Qh4 13.Bg4 Bxg4 14.Qxg4 Qxg4 15.hxg4 c4 16.Nc1 f6 17.exf6 gxf6 18.Ne2 Bd6 19.g3 Kf7 20.f4 Ne7 21.Nf3 Rag8 22.g5 Nf5 23.Kg2 Be7 24.gxf6 Bxf6 25.Rh1 Nh4+ 26.Nxh4 Bxh4 27.Bb4 Be7 28.Bxe7 Kxe7 29.Rxh8 Rxh8 30.Rh1 Rxh1 31.Kxh1 b5 32.Kg2 b4 33.g4 a5 34.Kf3 a4 35.g5 Kf7 36.Kg4 Kg6



White is up a healthy pawn, while all Black has been able to do is advance his queenside. The pawn formation on the a- to c-files should be familiar as a potential breakthrough (as discussed in Dan Scoones' Browsing for Endgames column in [Bulletin #261](#)) and would certainly be recognized as such by a player of Hansen's calibre. Perhaps the presence of knights confused his calculations. However, the continuation was 37.c3?? a3! 38.bxa3 b3 39.axb3 cxb3 0-1

**Mikhalevski, Victor - Doroshenko, Maxim [A12] Edmonton int 8th (4), 26.06.2013**

1.c4 c6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.0-0 Nbd7 6.d3 e6 7.Nbd2 Bd6 8.b3 0-0 9.Bb2 Qe7 10.a3 a5 11.Re1 Bh5 12.Qc2 Rfe8 13.e4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Bg6 16.Re3 h6 17.Qc3 Qf8 18.d4 Be7 19.Qe1 Bf6 20.Bc3 a4 21.Bb4 c5 22.dxc5 axb3 23.Rxb3 Nxc5 24.Re3 Bxa1 25.Qxa1 Qd6 26.Qe5 Qxe5 27.Nxe5 Rec8 28.Nxg6 fxg6 29.Bxc5 Rxc5 30.Rxe6 Rc7 31.Rxg6 Rxa3 32.Bd5+ Kf8 33.Rb6 Ra7 34.h4 Ke8 35.Kg2 Kd8 0-1

**Wang, Richard - Doroshenko, Maxim [A55] Edmonton int 8th (9), 01.07.2013**

1.d4 d6 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.c4 Nbd7 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 Be7 6.Be2 c6 7.0-0 a6 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Rd1 Qc7 10.Bg5 Re8 11.Bh4 Nf8 12.c5 dxc5 13.Bg3 cxd4 14.Bxe5 Qa5 15.Bxd4 Ne6 16.Bc4 Nxd4 17.Nxd4 Bg4 18.f3 Qe5 19.Nce2 Bd6 20.g3 c5 21.Qb3 cxd4 22.Bxf7+ Kf8 23.Bxe8 Be6 24.Qxb7 Rxe8 25.Qxa6 g5 26.Rac1 d3 27.Qxd3 Bc5+ 28.Kh1 g4 29.Nf4 gxf3 30.Nxe6+ Rxe6 31.Qxf3 Qxe4 32.Qxe4 Nxe4 33.Kg2 Be3 34.Rc7 Bg5 35.Re1 h6 36.Rc4 Nc5 37.Rf1+ 1-0

**EAC #23** (June 29-30)

Organizer and host Eugenio Alonso Campos won the latest EAC tournament with 4.0 points, a half-point ahead of second place Peter Yee and Luke Pulfer. Seven players participated in the five-round Swiss. [Results](#)

## June Active (June 23)



Daniel Salcedo

A perennial winner of these events, Mayo Fuentebella was also a participant in the June Active but for once had an off day, losing to Omar Jessa (who thereby won the upset prize) and eventual winner Daniel Salcedo in the last round. Salcedo gave up but a single draw to Butch Villavieja on his way to the first prize, just ahead of three players tied for second: Jason Cao, Jack Cheng, and James Chan. Jill Ding took the U1800 prize, Victor Zheng the U1500, and the U1200 went to Navid Samiei. Held as usual at the Vancouver Chess School, the tournament attracted forty-nine players.

[Results](#)

## Las Vegas Chess Festival (June 6-9)

In reporting on the Las Vegas Festival in our last issue we overlooked the exploits of one B.C. player, junior Jay Sawant, who tied for first with a perfect score in the [Under14 Reserve Section](#), and was also the top U1000 player in a [puzzle-solving competition](#). Belated congratulations! Further details at Michael Yip's [CanadaChessNews](#) site.

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## MICHAEL YIP ANNOTATES

### Nagy, A. - Yip, Michael [A21] UKSE RR A (5), 27.06.2013

**1.c4 e5 2.g3 d6 3.Bg2 g6 4.Nc3** 4..d4 Bg7 5.dxe5 dxe5 6.Qxd8+ Kxd8 7.Nc3 c6 8.b3 Kc7 9.Bb2 Nh6 10.Nf3 Bg4 11.Nxe5 Bxe5 12.Nb5+ Kb6 13.Bxe5 Re8 14.Bc7+ Ka6 15.Nc3 Nd7 16.b4 Nb6 17.h3 Bc8 18.c5 f6 19.Bf1 Nf7 20.Nb1 1-0 Granda Zuniga,J-Bellon Lopez,J /Benidorm 2009  
**4...Bg7 5.Nf3** 5..d3 c6 6.e4 a6 7.Nge2 Be6 8.0-0 Ne7 9.b3 0-0 10.d4 b5 11.cxb5 axb5 12.Be3 Na6 13.Qd2 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Bg5 e4 16.Nf4 Nc7 17.Rac1 Qd7 18.f3 d5 19.Nce2 Ng6 20.Rc2 Ra6 21.Bh3 Nxf4 22.Bxf4 Qe7 23.Qc1 Qd7 24.Qe3 b4 25.Qd2 Rb6 26.Kh1 Nb5 27.Bh6 exf3 28.Rxf3 Nd6 29.Bxg7 Qxg7 30.Nf4 Ne4 31.Qe3 Bd7 32.Rf1 Re8 33.Qg1 Kh8 34.Nd3 c5 35.dxc5 Rh6 36.Qg2 Bb5 37.Nf4 d4 38.c6 d3 39.Rc4 Bxc4 40.bxc4 d2 41.Qg1 Rd8 42.Rd1 Rxc6 43.Bxf5 Nc3 0-1 Danielsen,H-Amin,B /Reykjavik ISL 2013 **5...f5** 5...Nc6 6.0-0 f5 7.d3 Nf6 8.Rb1 a5 9.a3 0-0

10.b4 axb4 11.axb4 h6 12.b5 Ne7 13.Bb2 Be6 14.Ra1 Qd7 15.Qb3 Kh7 16.Nd2 c6 17.Ra4 f4 18.Rfa1 Rab8 19.Ra7 c5 20.Nde4 Bh3 21.Nxf6+ Bxf6 22.Ne4 Bxg2 23.Kxg2 Qe6 24.Qc3 Bg7 25.Qe1 Ng8 26.f3 Nf6 27.Nxf6+ Bxf6 28.e4 g5 29.g4 h5 30.h3 Rh8 31.Qe2 Kg6 32.Rh1 Qd7 33.Raa1 Rh6 34.Rh2 Rbh8 35.Rah1 Bd8 36.Bc3 Bb6 37.Kf1 Qd8 38.Qa2 Qa8 39.Qxa8 Rxa8 40.h4 gxh4 41.Rxh4 Ra3 42.gxh5+ Kf7 43.Bd2 Rxd3 44.Ke2 Ra3 45.Rg1 Ba5 46.Bxa5 Rxa5 47.Rg5 Ra2+ 48.Kf1 Ra1+ 49.Kg2 Ra2+ 50.Kf1 Ra1+ 51.Kg2 Ra2+ 52.Kf1 ½–½ Socko,B-Krasenkow,M /Stockholm SWE 2013 **6.d4** Aggressive but nothing special. 6.0–0 Nf6 7.b4 0–0 8.Rb1 h6 9.d3 g5 10.e3 Nc6 11.b5 Ne7 12.d4 e4 13.Nd2 Ng6 14.f3 exf3 15.Nxf3 Be6 16.Qd3 d5 17.Nd2 c6 18.bxc6 bxc6 19.cxd5 cxd5 20.Ba3 Rf7 21.Qa6 Qe8 22.Rfe1 Rd8 23.Qa5 Ne4 24.Ndxe4 dxe4 25.Nb5 Rd5 26.Bf1 f4 27.exf4 Bxd4+ 28.Kh1 e3 29.Qa6 Bb6 30.Nd6 Rxd6 0–1 Zarkua,D-Gagunashvili,M /Tbilisi GEO 2013 **6...e4 7.Ng5 h6** Not so common and by no means obligatory. 7...Nf6 is a more normal response and takes away the Qh5+ idea. 8.f3 exf3 9.exf3 0–0 10.0–0 h6 11.Nh3 Nc6 12.d5 Ne5 13.b3 Nh5 14.Bd2 Bd7 15.Qc2 Qf6 16.Rae1 Rae8 17.Nd1 g5 18.Nc3 ½–½ Jirovsky,M-Golod,V /Ceske Budejovice 1994; 7...Nc6 8.Be3 Nf6 9.0–0 Ng4 10.Nh3 Nxe3 11.fxe3 0–0 12.Nd5 Ne7 13.b4 c6 14.Nxe7+ Qxe7 15.c5 Be6 16.Qc2 a5 17.a3 h5 18.cxd6 Qxd6 19.Qc5 Rfd8 20.Nf4 Bf7 21.Rfc1 axb4 22.axb4 Bf8 23.Rcb1 Qc7 24.Qc3 Qb6 25.d5 Bg7 0–1 Schieder,J-Nikolaidis,I /Graz 1995 **8.Nh3 Nc6** Reasonable. 8...g5 9.f3 exf3 10.exf3 Nf6 11.0–0 0–0 12.f4 g4 13.Nf2 Re8 14.Re1 Rxe1+ 15.Qxe1 c6 16.d5 c5 17.Bf1 Na6 18.Bd2 Bd7 19.Qb1 Ne8 20.Bd3 Qf6 21.Ncd1 Nec7 22.Bc3 Qf7 23.Bxg7 Kxg7 24.Ne3 Rf8 25.a3 Qf6 26.Qc2 Ne8 27.Re1 Nac7 28.Ng2 Kf7 29.Nh4 Ng7 30.Nxg4 f4 31.Bg6+ Kg8 32.Re7 Qxe7 33.Bh7+ Kh8 34.Ng6+ Kxh7 35.Nxe7+ Nf5 36.h3 h5 37.hxg4 hxg4 0–1 Uhlmann,W-Pachman,L /Prague 1958; 8...Nf6 is also possible. **9.e3 g5 10.Qh5+ Kf8** The loss of time is not really serious. **11.0–0** 11.Qe2 Nf6 12.b3 Kg8 13.Ba3 Ne7 14.0–0 Bd7 15.Rac1 Qc8 16.Rfe1 f4 17.Nxf4 gxf4 18.exf4 Bg4 19.Qe3 Nf5 20.Qd2 Bf3 21.Bxf3 exf3 22.Qd3 Nxd4 23.Qf1 Qf5 24.Re7 Re8 25.Rxe8+ Nxe8 26.Re1 Kh7 27.Nd5 Ne2+ 28.Kh1 Bd4 29.Rxe2 fxe2 30.Qxe2 Nf6 31.Qe7+ Kg6 0–1 Stead,K-Lane,G /Canberra 2003; 11.Qd1 Nf6 12.f3! +/- **11...Nf6 12.Qe2? +/-** Quickly played but the queen is exposed here. 12.Qd1 f4 13.exf4 g4 14.Ng5 hxg5 15.f4g5 Nh7 16.Nxe4 Bf5 17.f3 Bxd4+ 18.Nf2 Qe8 19.f4g4 Be4 20.h4 Kg7 21.Bf4 Bxg2 22.Kxg2 Bxf2 23.Rxf2 Qe4+ 24.Kh3 Rae8 Play is complex with mutual chances.



**12...g4?±** Keeping the kingside closed is strategically faulty and misses the key idea that justifies Black's previous play. 12...f4! Closing f4 off from Nh3 so now ...g4 is a real threat is strong. I missed this idea completely in the game. 13.f3 Forced, the only way to save the knight. 13...exf3 14.Rxf3 g4 15.Rxf4 gxh3 16.Bh1 h5 17.Bd2 Rh6 18.Nd5 Bg4 19.Qd3 Kg8 20.Raf1 Nxd5 21.Bxd5+ Kh8=/+ The king is safe and White is struggling. **13.Nf4 Kf7 14.Ncd5** 14.Qc2 Clearing e2 is strong and Black's kingside plan is revealed to be a bluff. 14...h5 15.Bd2 h4 16.Nce2± ; 14.h3!? h5 15.h4 Bh6 16.Nfd5+/- ; 14.h4

**14...h5 15.Bd2 Ne7 16.b4 c6 17.Nxe7 Qxe7 18.b5 Bd7** 18...h4!? +/- ; 18...Bh6+/- **19.bxc6 bxc6 20.Rab1 Rbh8 21.Bc3=** 21.Rfc1+/- ; 21.Bb4+/- ; 21.Rb3+/-





**21...h4!? unclear** Aiming for complex play.  
**22.Rfd1 h3?** +/- Closing the kingside completely is premature but I wanted to fix h2 and reduce the number of lines that I would have to calculate as gxh5 would have to be calculated on almost every turn. 22...Bh6 unclear. **23.Bf1 Bc8 24.Rb2 Rxb2 25.Qxb2 Nd7 26.Rb1=** Taking the b-file is an optical advantage only. 26.Qa3+/- puts more pressure on Black. **26...Rb8 27.Qc2 Rxb1 28.Qxb1 Bh6!** The ...Bxf4 idea is key to Black's survival as the knight is very strong. **29.Qb3 Nf6?! +/-** It was not necessary to allow White to infiltrate. 29...Bxf4 is equal.

**30.gxf4 (30.exf4** allows Black some activity. **30...e3!?** unclear **31.Bd3 Nf6 32.Qc2 Qe6 33.Be1 Kg6 34.Qa4 d5 35.c5 Ne4 36.Qc2 exf2+ 37.Bxf2 Qe7=)** 30...Nf6= **30.Qb8** I thought Black was lost but I did not see deeply enough into the position. **30...Ba6** This should have been good enough to stay in the game. **31.c5=** 31.Bb4 Bxf4 32.gxf4 Ne8+/-



**31...Bxf4?+-** Played after deep thought. This was my whole defensive idea but it loses by force. I had the right idea but played it in the wrong order. 31...Bxf1 This capture has to be inserted first. 32.cxd6 Bxf4! Now Black is fine. 33.gxf4 (33.exf4 Qe6 34.d5 Nxd5 35.Qxa7+ Ke8 36.Qb8+ Kd7 37.Qa7+ Kc8 38.Ba5 Qxd6 39.Qa8+ Kd7 40.Qd8+ Ke6 41.Qg8+= White has a perpetual.) 33...Qe6 34.Qc7+ **a)** 34.d5 is also equal. 34...cxd5 (34...Nxd5 35.Qxa7+ Kf8 36.Qc5 Kg8 37.Kxf1 Nxc3 38.Qxc3 Qxd6=) 35.Kxf1 Nd7 36.Qxa7 Qxd6= ; **b)** 34.Kxf1? Qc4+ 35.Kg1 Qxc3-+ ; 34...Nd7 35.d5 cxd5 36.Kxf1 Qe8= **32.Bxa6 Bh6 33.cxd6 Qd7 34.Bc8!**

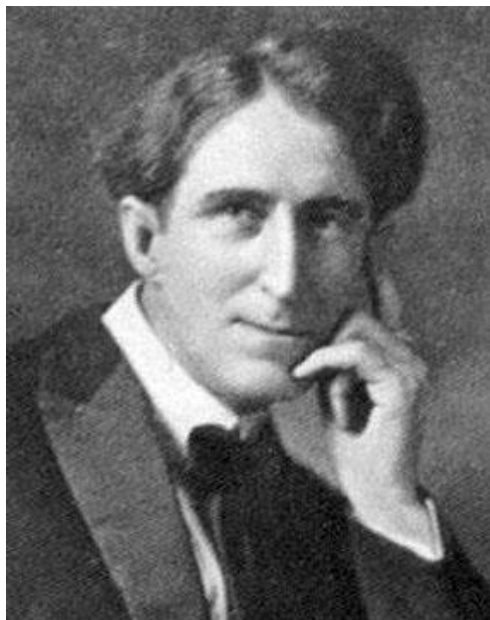
Accurate and deadly. **34...Qe8 35.Qc7+ Kg6 36.d7 Qe6 37.d8Q Qxa2 38.Qa5!** The queen prevents back rank tricks and also attacks f5. **38...Qb1+ 39.Be1** The game was close but a loss is a loss. **1-0**

## 100 YEARS AGO: FRANK MARSHALL IN VICTORIA

"Mr. Frank Marshall, the United States champion chess player, gave an exhibition of wonderful skill at the Camosun Club yesterday. The champion played nine men in the afternoon and seventeen in the evening, playing the boards simultaneously, and lost but two games. Commenting on the class of Victoria chess players Mr. Marshall stated that he had never met better players since he left Montreal. On his arrival in Victoria yesterday, Mr. Marshall was taken for a drive about the city and was afterwards entertained at the Camosun Club by the members of the Chess Club and the Camosun Club. Yesterday afternoon Mr. Marshall met nine local men. He defeated eight and drew

with one, his successful opponent being Mr. Gibson, who should have won. Mr. Gibson allowed himself to be drawn into a perpetual check and thus received a draw instead of a win.

In the evening Mr. Marshall won from all his opponents with the exception of Mr. J.T. Meyers, who won his game, and Messrs. Benson, Marchant and Parsons, who managed to obtain a draw. The champion's opponents were: Messrs. Lombard, Marchant, Meyers, Dodd, Pelly, Fredriekson, Cheater [what a name for a chess player!], Vincent, Read, Parsons, Gonnason, Gibson, T. Brown, Benson, Jenette, Curtis, Gibson [Gibson is listed twice, an error in the report?]." [*Daily Colonist*, Wednesday June 25, 1913. There is some indication that Marshall conducted the afternoon simultaneous blindfolded, but this is not confirmed.]



**Marshall,F - Gibson,A [C01] Simultaneous Exhibition, Victoria, 24.06.1913**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.exd5 exd5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Bd3 Nge7 7.O-O Bxc3 8.bxc3 h6 9.Rb1 O-O 10.c4 Re8 11.Re1 b6 12.Bf4 Na5 13.c5 Be6 14.Qd2 Ng6 15.Bxg6 fxd6 16.Bxh6 gxh6 17.Qxh6 Bf5 18.Rxe8+ Qxe8 19.Re1 Qf8 20.Qg5 Re8 21.Ne5 Nc6 22.cxb6 axb6 23.c3 Nd8 24.g4 Nf7 25.Qh4 Nxe5 26.dxe5 Be4 27.Re3 Re7 28.f3 Rh7 29.Qf6 Qxf6 30.exf6 Bb1 31.Re8+ Kf7 32.Re7+ Kg8 33.Re8+ Kf7  
½-½

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## SUMMER PREVIEW

The summer chess season is upon us, and there are a number of important events happening in the next little while:

**CYCC** (Ottawa, July 10-13)

[Tournament website](#)

**Canadian Open** (Ottawa, July 13-20)

[Tournament website](#)

**Quebec Open** (Montreal, July 21-28)

[Details](#)

There is a large contingent of B.C. players registered for the CYCC, some of whom will be staying on for the Canadian and/or Quebec Opens. Live games and results will likely be available via the [Monroi](#) website – watch for details at the links given above.

**BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER** by Valer Eugen Demian



**Baffler #13**

Emanuel Lasker once said: "The hardest game to win is a won game!" White's attack on the kingside seems to be going well toward a win. Black has been trying desperately to muddy the waters, including with this last move 24... Ne4, attacking both White pieces: Ne6 and Qf6. You are White and your task is to find the quickest win, crushing Black's hopes.

#12 Answer:



Without help from his Knight, White is lost. This simple fact helps us discover the first move with ease:

**1.Nf4 g2** If Black tries: 1... Kg1 2.Ne2+ Kh1

3.Nxg3+ Kg1 4.Ne2+ White saves a draw.  
**2.Nh3** ... this is a simple move, yet full of potential. Going over all possible responses, we discover some unexpected resources for such a position:

**2... g1=N+!** Main line: one more twist looking like an easy win for Black.

If:

- I. 2... g1=Q 3.Nf2+ Qxf2+ 4.Kxf2 stalemate
- II. 2... g1=R 3.Nf2# White wins in unbelievable fashion
- III. 2... g1=B 3.Nf2+ Bxf2 4.Kxf2 stalemate

The White King now fights alone with the last resources it has. Could it keep the Black King in the corner?

**3.Kf2 Nxh3+ 4.Kf1 Nf4 5.Kf2 Nd5 6.Kf1 Ne3+ 7.Kf2**

Yes, it can! The position ends in a draw. This was probably the most likely result you thought about at the beginning and still the road there was full of surprises.

## **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)

### **EAC Open #24**

July 27-28, Surrey

[Details](#)

### **July Active**

July 28, Vancouver

[Details](#)

### **BC Day Open**

August 3-5, Vancouver

[Details](#)

### **Bowser Builders Supply Open**

August 11, Bowser (Vancouver Island)

[Details](#)

### **Langley Labour Day Open**

August 31 – September 2, Langley

[Details](#)

### **Oregon Open**

August 31 – September 2, Portland, OR

[Details](#)