

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #266

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HERE AND THERE

NAYCC (August 14-18)

The Canadian Youth Chess Championships are not only a qualifier for the world championships, they are also the means by which Canadian representatives are determined for regional and continental events. One of these, the North American Youth Chess Championship, is this year being held in Toronto beginning next Wednesday. The competition has been lengthened to nine rounds, which allows the awarding of FIDE titles to section winners. Presumably this is part of the reason the event has a record number of players preregistered, including a number from B.C. See the [tournament website](#) for details, also for pairings and results.

U.S. Open (July 27 – August 4)

Last year's U.S. Open was held in Vancouver, WA, and not surprisingly attracted a large number of B.C. participants. This year three players from this province made the trek to Madison, Wisconsin, host city for the 114th event: Doug Sly, Juni Caluza, and Jofrel Landingin. They scored 3.5, 4.0, and 4.5 points respectively in the 519 player, one section tournament. Overall winners were GMs Julio Sadorra and Joshua Friedel and IM Mackenzie Molner on 8.0/9, with Friedel taking the US Open title. [Tournament website](#)

EAC Open #24 (July 27-28)

Perhaps a reflection of general chess exhaustion after the CYCC and Canadian Open, the latest EAC open event organized and hosted by BCCF President Eugenio Alonso Campos attracted just five players. Campos himself won the resultant round robin with a perfect score, followed by Peter Yee on 2.5. [Results](#)

July Active (July 28)

Numbers were also down for the July Active, but the event still attracted a field of twenty-nine players, including five rated 2000 or above. The overall winner was Tanraj Sohal, who scored a perfect 6.0/6; second was Alfred Pechisker, who lost only to Sohal. Six players finished with 4.0 points, four of whom were eligible for class prizes; thus Luke Pulfer, Constantin Rotariu, Nathan Shao, and Ryan Leong split the U1800, U1500, and U1200 prizes between themselves. In addition, Ryan Leong also won the biggest upset prize. The event was hosted at the Vancouver Chess School and organized by Maxim Doroshenko. [Results](#)



Maxim Doroshenko and Tanraj Sohal

CYCC (July 10-13)

The first half of the Ottawa double-header was the CYCC; perhaps because free accommodation is being offered at the WYCC this year, a record 276 young players entered. However, this was a bit of a mixed blessing, as the tournament organizers strove to cope with the logistics of such a large event during a heat wave. Some problems resulted (a room without air conditioning, subpar arbiting, confusion over tiebreak procedures) and the event did not have a large web presence (no live games from Monroi, a cost-saving choice by the organizers), but our youth champions for 2013 were duly determined. Here are the prize winners from B.C. (apologies if I missed anyone):

U8

2. Neil Doknjas
3. Rowan James

U10

1. Luke Pulfer

U14

1. Jason Cao
2. John Doknjas

U16

3. Ryan Lo

Girls

U12

2. Rinna Yu

U16

2. Joanne Foote

U18

1. Alice Huanyi Xiao
2. Alexandra Botez

[Tournament website](#)

CANADIAN OPEN (July 13-20)

For this year's fiftieth edition the Canadian Open returned to Ottawa. The last time the tournament was held in the nation's capital was 2007; that event was exceptional in a number of ways, most notably the twenty-two grandmasters in a field of 280. For no obvious reason this year's version only attracted 178 entrants, substantially less than the 255 who travelled to Victoria last year and in fact the lowest turnout for a Canadian Open since Kapuskasing ten years ago. As in 2007 the tournament was headlined by Nigel Short and fittingly he tied for first with last year's winner Eric Hansen; both scored 7.5/9, but Short took the Canadian Open title on tiebreak. Five players tied for third: GMs Ivan Sokolov and Lazaro Bruzon Batista, and IMs Aman Hambleton, Edward Porper, and Arthur Calugar.

This province was well represented at the tournament, and a number of players with B.C. connections were among the prize winners:

U2200, 3 rd -7 th	James Chan
U2000, 3 rd -10 th	Jeremy Hui, Max Gedajlovic, Paul Leblanc
U1600, 1 st -3 rd	Jill Ding, Rinna Yu
Women, 2 nd	Alexandra Botez
Senior, 1 st -2 nd	Leon Piasetski

Apart from cash there were also rating points to be garnered, and our players did particularly well in this regard. As noted by CFC Rating Auditor Paul Leblanc, "twenty-eight B.C. players (including Alexandra Botez) brought home 2,140 rating points from the 2013 Canadian Open." This included triple-digit gains by a number of players: Rinna Yu, Clark Zhang, Rowan James, Paul Leblanc, Annika Zhou, Alex Reny, Daniel Du, Ashley Tapp, Aiden Zhou, Jill Ding, Kai Richardson – (potentially) under-rated juniors all, with the exception of the Rating Auditor himself.

Live coverage during the event was hampered by the absence of Monroi due to the illness of one of the operators, and it was only during the last two rounds that live games were broadcast. A PGN file of most of the top games has since been made available on the [tournament website](#), and from this selection we present two games by Victoria's Jason Cao:

Cao, Jason - Porper, Eduard [B07] CAN op 50th Ottawa (3), 14.07.2013

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.f3 e5 4.d5 Nh5 5.Be3 Be7 6.Qd2 h6 7.g3 Bg5 8.Bh3 Bxe3 9.Qxe3 0–0 10.Bxc8 Qxc8 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.0–0–0 Qd7 13.h4 c6 14.g4 cxd5 15.exd5 Rc8 16.g5 Nh5 17.gxh6 g6 18.Nge2 b5 19.Rhg1 Qc7 20.Rd2 b4 21.Ne4 Nd7 22.Qg5 Kh7 23.N2g3 N2g3 24.Rxg3 Qc4 25.b3 Qc7 26.h5 Rg8 27.Qe7 1–0

Cao, Jason - Song, Michael [B90] CAN op 50th Ottawa (7), 18.07.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f3 h5 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.Nd5 Bxd5 11.exd5 Qc7 12.c4 a5 13.Rc1 b6 14.Be2 Be7 15.0–0 0–0 16.Na1 Qd8 17.Nc2 h4 18.Na3 Nh5 19.Rfe1 Nc5 20.Nb5 g6 21.Bd1 f5 22.Bc2 Bf6 23.b3 Be7 24.a3 h3 25.g3 Nd7 26.Kh1 f4 27.gxf4 Nxf4 28.Bxf4 Rxf4 29.Bxg6 Bg5 30.Rg1 Rg4 31.Qd3 Rg2 32.Qf5 Qe7 33.Qxh3 Rxg1+ 34.Rxg1 1–0

LANGLEY – CHIGORIN MATCH

As part of a “Week of Chess in BC” event, the Langley Chess Club and the Chigorin Chess Club arranged a friendly match over a giant chess set at [Morgan Crossing](#) in South Surrey. The event took place on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 and ran for about ninety minutes. There were some one-on-one games, a team game where players alternate moves, and one consultation game where players on a team could discuss options.



Discussing a plan during the team consultation game

The area around the large tiled chess board has a number of stores and restaurants, which made for a lot of spectators. At any given time there were on average ten people watching, and over the course of the games, we might have had up to two hundred people stop to look for a few seconds or a few minutes.



The Chess Players: Andrew, Konstantin, Pavel, Maryna

Also, thanks to the [White Knights Chess Academy](#) for lending us the giant chess pieces (Morgan Crossing has them available during business hours).

An event like this has a lot of potential for repeat performances, and is a great way to promote chess to the general public. Want to join in next time? Watch for an event announcement and make plans to be there!

QUEBEC OPEN (July 21-28)

After the CYCC and Canadian Open in Ottawa, some intrepid B.C. players travelled further east to participate in the Quebec Open in Montreal. Held in its traditional sectional format, entrants from this province included Leon Piasetski, Jason Cao, Butch Villavieja, and Ryan Lo in the Invitational Section and Max Gedajlovic and Michael Su in the A Section. The strong Invitational, which featured twelve grandmasters, was won by Lazaro Bruzon Batista with 7.0/9, a half point ahead of the trio of Eduardas Rozentalis, Elshan Moradiabadi, and Anton Kovalyov. The highest scoring B.C. players were Jason Cao and Leon Piasetski, who both finished on fifty percent, while Max Gedajlovic tied for sixth in the A Section. [Invitational results](#) [A Section results](#)

Cao, Jason - Shetty, Atulya [B67] COQ inv Montreal (1.26), 21.07.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 a6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 9.f3 Qc7 10.Kb1 Be7 11.h4 h6 12.Be3 h5 13.Bg5 Ne5 14.f4 Neg4 15.Bd3 Qb6 16.Bc4 Rc8 17.Qe2 Nf2 18.Qxf2 Rxc4 19.Qd2 d5 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.e5 Be7 22.Nce2 Qc7 23.Nf3 0-0 24.Ned4 Rc8 25.Rhg1 Ra4 26.g4 hxg4 27.Rxg4 Qa5 28.Qg2 Rxa2 29.Nb3 Rxb2+ 30.Kxb2 Qc3+ 31.Ka2 g6 32.Nfd4 Rc4 33.Rxg6+ fxg6 34.Qxg6+ Kf8 35.Rg1 Bg5 36.Qxg5 Be8 37.Nxe6+ 1-0

Panjwani, Raja - Villavieja, Butch [E73] COQ inv Montreal (3.16), 22.07.2013

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Be2 Nc6 6.d5 Ne5 7.c5 0-0 8.cxd6 cxd6 9.Nf3 Nxf3+ 10.Bxf3 b5 11.a3 Nd7 12.0-0 Rb8 13.Be2 a6 14.Be3 Nc5 15.Rc1 f5 16.exf5 Bxf5 17.b4 Nb7 18.a4 bxa4 19.Nxa4 a5 20.Bb6 Qe8 21.bxa5 Nxa5 22.Bxa5 Ra8 23.Nb6 Rxa5 24.g4 Bd7 25.Rc7 Bb5 26.Qe1 Ra1 27.Bxb5 Rxe1 28.Bxe8 Rxf1+ 29.Kxf1 Rxe8 30.Nc8 Kf8 31.h4 h5 32.Kg2 hxg4 33.Kg3 Bd4 34.Kxg4 Bxf2 35.Kg5 Bg3 36.Kxg6 Bxh4 37.Kf5 Bg3 38.Ke6 Bh4 39.Rc4 Bg5 40.Kf5 Bh6 41.Kg6 Bg7 42.Na7 Be5 43.Nc6 Bf6 44.Ra4 Kg8 45.Ra2 Bg7 46.Rh2 e5 47.Rb2 e4 48.Rb7 Bf8 49.Nd4 Re7 50.Rxe7 Bxe7 51.Kf5 e3 52.Kf4 Bd8 53.Kxe3 Bf6 54.Ke4 ½-½

Zhang, Yuanchen - Piasetski, Leon [A40] COQ inv Montreal (9.18), 28.07.2013

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Nf3 c5 5.d5 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 f5 7.Bf4 Qa5 8.Qc2 Nf6 9.e3 Nbd7 10.Bd3 Nb6 11.Nd2 Bd7 12.f3 Ba4 13.Qb2 0-0 14.0-0 Rf7 15.e4 Nh5 16.Bg5 f4 17.Rae1 Nd7 18.Qa3 Qa6 19.Rb1 Ne5 20.Be2 Kg7 21.Bd1 Bb5 22.Qb3 Nxc4 23.Rf2 Na3 24.Rb2 c4 25.Qb4 h6 26.Bh4 g5 27.g4 Nf6 28.Rg2 gxh4 29.g5 hxg5 30.Rxg5+ Kh6 31.Rg2 h3 0-1

Wen, Jean-François - Gedajlovic, Max [E68] COQ op Montreal (5), 24.07.2013

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0-0 5.0-0 d6 6.d4 Nbd7 7.Nc3 e5 8.e4 exd4 9.Nxd4 Re8 10.h3 a6 11.Rb1 Rb8 12.Re1 Ne5 13.b3 c5 14.Nde2 b5 15.f4 Ned7 16.cxb5 axb5 17.Qxd6 b4 18.Na4 Nxe4 19.Qd3 Nc3 20.Naxc3 bxc3 21.Kf1 Rb6 22.Bd5 Nf6 23.Nxc3 Bxh3+ 24.Kf2 Ng4+ 25.Kf3

Nh2+ 26.Kf2 Bd4+ 27.Be3 Ng4+ 28.Kf3 Nxe3 29.Rxe3 Rxe3+ 30.Qxe3 Bxe3 31.Kxe3 Qe7+ 32.Kf3 Bf5 33.Kf2 Bxb1 0–1

BC DAY OPEN (August 3-5)

Held on the August long weekend, this event was the first regular weekend Swiss to be held at the Vancouver Chess School, also the first to be FIDE rated (the top section). The field divided neatly into two sections of twelve and thirteen players respectively. The sections were relatively small but competitive; the Open included seven players over 2000, which meant the masters and experts were paired together as early as the second round. Tanraj Sohal won his first four games, which left him a point ahead of the field going into the last day. In round five Sohal was held to a draw by newcomer Carlos Rodriguez, but his chief rivals also drew; this, coupled with a last round defeat of B.C. Champion Butch Villavieja, enabled Sohal to maintain his lead and win the tournament with 5.5/6. Jack Cheng placed second, while Alfred Pechisker was third with 4 points. In the last game to finish, Richard Ingram overcame Joe Soliven to claim the U2000 prize.

In the U1800 Section Karl Cui gave up a draw in round two but beat all his other rivals to take the first prize. Mau-Seng Lee and Payam Mousavi tied for second, a full point and a half behind Cui. And the U1500 and U1200 class prizes were split five ways, between Ethan Low, Jeffrey Dawson, Navid Samiei, Alec Chung, and Jerry Jiang; each scored 3.0 points. Organizer Maxim Doroshenko intends to hold FIDE-rated weekend Swisses at the Vancouver Chess School on a monthly basis, so watch for future such events in the fall. [Results](#)

Cheng, Jack - Sohal, Tanraj [C02] BC Day op Vancouver (3), 04.08.2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Qb6 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.Be2 cxd4 7.cxd4 Nh6 8.b3 Nf5 9.Bb2 Bb4+ 10.Kf1 0–0 11.Bd3 f6 12.Bxf5 exf5 13.a3 Be7 14.Kg1 Be6 15.Nc3 fxe5 16.Na4 Qb5 17.Nc3 Qb6 18.Na4 Qa6 19.dxe5 d4 20.Rc1 Qb5 21.b4 b6 22.h3 Rfd8 23.Kh2 a5 24.Qc2 Rdc8 25.Qd1 axb4 26.Nxd4 Nxd4 27.Rxc8+ Bxc8 28.Qxd4 Rxa4 29.e6 Bf6 30.Qd6 Qc5 31.Qd1 Qc7+ 32.g3 Ra7 33.Qd5 Qe7 34.Bxf6 gxf6 35.Re1 bxa3 36.Qc6 Qc5 37.Qe8+ Kg7 38.Re2 Re7 39.Qd8 Rxe6 40.Rd2 Qf8 41.Qc7+ Re7 42.Qxb6 Be6 43.Rd8 Qf7 44.Ra8 a2 45.Qd4 Bd5 46.Ra5 Re1 47.g4 Qc7+ 48.f4 Qxa5 0–1

One that got away:

Sohal, Tanraj - Pechisker, Alfred [A57] BC Day op Vancouver (4), 04.08.2013

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.Qc2 e6 5.e4 bxc4 6.Bxc4 exd5 7.exd5 d6 8.Ne2 g6 9.0–0 Bg7 10.Nbc3 0–0 11.Bf4 Nh5 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Nf4 Nxf4 14.Bxf4 Ne5 15.Be2 Bf5 16.Qd2 Rb8 17.b3 Rb4 18.Be3 Re8 19.Rac1 Bg4 20.Nd1 Bxe2 21.Qxe2 f5 22.Bd2 Rh4 [22...Nc4] 23.h3 f4 24.f3 Nf7 25.Qb5 a6 26.Qxa6 Ng5 27.Nf2 Bd4 [27...Nxf3+ 28.gxf3 Qg5+ 29.Ng4 Rxh3] 28.Rfe1 Rf8 29.Kf1 Rh5 30.Ne4 Nxe4 31.Rxe4 Re5 32.Rxe5 dxe5 33.b4 Qxd5 34.Qc4 Qxc4+ 35.Rxc4 cxb4 36.Bxb4 Ra8 37.a3 Kf7 38.Ke2 Ke6 39.Kd3 Bb2 40.Rc6+ Kd5 41.Rd6# 1–0

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #14

Another simple looking position with a simple task: make sure the b-pawn wins the game for White! Black of course will try his hardest to force White to trade the pawn for his Knight in order to save half a point. Can you stay focused and accomplish your task? Of course White moves first.

#13 Answer:



Garry Kasparov once said: "Attackers may sometimes regret bad moves, but it is much worse to forever regret an opportunity you allowed to pass you by." This is such an opportunity for White! The attack must start now and the positioning and role of each piece is more important than their values. Ne4 is in the way and eliminating it properly is the key:

1.Rxe4! dxe4

[If 1...Qxe6 this line leads to mate after
2.Rxe6 Rxe6 3.Qxe6+ Kf8 4.Qf6+ Ke8
5.Re1+ Kd7 6.Qe6+ Kd8 7.Qe8#]

2.Nf5 h6 3.Nxh6+ Kh7 4.Ng5# 1-0

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

Bowser Builders Supply Open

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

Langley Open

August 31 – September 2, Langley
[Details](#)

Oregon Open

August 31 – September 2, Portland, OR
[Details](#)