

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #268

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HERE AND THERE

In these parts Langley is the location for a Labour Day weekend event, but several B.C. players went further afield:

Toronto Labour Day (August 31 – September 2)

CFC Ratings Auditor Paul Leblanc helped redistribute a few ratings points by playing in Toronto; he scored 2.5/6 in the U2200 Section. The overall tournament winners were Nikolay Noritsyn and former B.C. resident Bindi Cheng, each with 4.5 points. [U2200 standings](#)

Oregon Open (August 31 – September 2)

And a little closer to home, albeit in a different country, Alexandra Botez scored 5.0/6 in tying for first with Aaron Grabinsky and Richard Gutman at the Oregon Open in Portland, while Doug Sly had 4.0 points in the Reserve Section. [Results](#)

August Active



Joe Soliven with organizer Maxim Doroshenko

The latest active event at the Vancouver Chess School attracted thirty-two players, including several visitors and new faces. Two of these, Jean-Pierre Trang and Alex Law, emerged as dark horses along with junior Michael Su; Trang beat Jack Cheng, Law also beat Cheng and drew with James Chan and Jason Cao, while Su had victories over Cao and Max Gedajlovic and was leading the tournament with Trang after three rounds. However, all three faltered in the last three rounds, allowing eighth-ranked Joe Soliven to take the first prize with an undefeated 5.5/6. James Chan placed second a half point back, while Peter Yee, Alex Sabaratnam, and Michael Su split the U1800 prize. Navid Samiei won the U1500 prize, Jim Guo the U1200, and Stephen Brock the biggest upset. [Standings](#)

Langley Correspondence 2013

You are invited by director Andrew Hoyer to join a correspondence tournament, run through the facilities of the chess.com playing site. [Full details](#) – the deadline for registration is September 28.

LANGLEY OPEN



Leon Piasetski and Hugh Long

Now in its eighth edition since being transplanted from Victoria, this traditional Labour Day weekend event didn't quite match last year's recent record of sixty players, but the fifty-five entrants was still the second highest turnout in thirty years. The field included a dozen players rated over 2000, but the tournament was competitive at all levels, as evidenced by the number of ties for prizes. Top-ranked Leon Piasetski managed to stay the course while the other masters were beating each other up (Villavieja defeated Sohal, Cao defeated Villavieja, Sohal defeated Cao) to claim the first prize with 5.0 points. The six-way tie for second place included Jason Cao, Tanraj Sohal, Roman Jiganchine, Butch Villavieja, Brian McLaren, and Joe Soliven; Jiganchine took a couple of byes, McLaren lost to Piasetski, and Soliven lost in round two to junior Robin Yu but made the winner's circle by dispatching Jason Kenney in the last round. The U2000 prizes were split five-ways, between Savvas Kyriakides, Andrew Lee, Daniel Salcedo, Michael Su, and

Joshua Doknjas, while the big money winners of the day (apart from Piasetski) were those who tied for the U1700 prizes, because there were only three of them: Joanne Foote, Robert Hamm, and Bill Tate. Many thanks to Hugh Long, Andrew Hoyer, Brian Davidson, Michael and Lara Lo and everyone else who helped make the tournament a success.

[CFC crosstable](#) [Previous winners](#)

Villavieja, Butch - Sohal, Tanraj [C11] Langley op (4), 01.09.2013

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bd3 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.0-0 d4 8.Na4 Bd6 9.c3 dxc3 10.Nxc3 0-0 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 e5 13.Nd5 Be7 14.Bxf6 Bxf6 15.Rc1 Be6 16.a3 Rc8 17.b4 a6 18.h3 g6 19.Bb1 Bg7 20.Ba2 Kh7 21.Qd3 Nd4 22.Nxd4 exd4 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.f4 Bd7 25.Qd2 Bb5 26.Rc1 Qd8 27.e5 d3 28.Kh2 Qd7 29.Bb3 Qf5 30.Re1 Rd8 31.a4 Bxa4 32.g4 Qd7 33.Nb6 Qd4 34.Nxa4 Bf8 35.Nc5 b6 36.Re4 Qa1 37.Nxd3 Qf1 38.Bc2 a5 39.bxa5 bxa5 40.Qe2 Qa1 41.e6 fxe6 42.Rxe6 Qd4 43.Qe4 Qxe4 44.Rxe4 Rc8 45.Ba4 Bd6 46.Rd4 Bf8 47.Kg2 [Notational errors - White won.] 1-0

Cao, Jason - Villavieja, Butch [B78] Langley op (5), 02.09.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.f3 Nc6 8.Qd2 0-0 9.Bc4 Bd7 10.h4 Rc8 11.Bb3 h5 12.0-0-0 Ne5 13.Bg5 Rc5 14.Kb1 b5 15.g4 hxg4 16.h5 Nxh5 17.Nd5 Re8 18.Rxh5 gxh5 19.Qh2 Nc4 20.Qxh5 Rxd5 21.exd5 Bxd4 22.Rxd4 Bf5 23.Bxc4 bxc4 24.Bd2 Qd7 25.Bc3 f6 26.Rf4 e6 27.Bxf6 Rf8 28.Rxf5 1-0

Piasetski, Leon - McLaren, Brian [A04] Langley op (5), 02.09.2013

1.c4 f5 2.Nf3 b6 3.d4 Nf6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 g6 6.0-0 Bg7 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Qc2 e6 9.Rd1 d5 10.cxd5 exd5 11.Bf4 c6 12.b4 a6 13.a4 Nbd7 14.b5 axb5 15.axb5 c5 16.Rxa8 Qxa8 17.Qb2 Ne4 18.Ra1 Qc8 19.e3 cxd4 20.Nxe4 dxe4 21.Nxd4 Nc5 22.Ra7 Rd8 23.Qc2 Rd7 24.Bf1 Bd5 25.Ra3 h6 26.Bc4 Kh7 27.Bxd5 Rxd5 28.Qa2 Qg8 29.Ra8 Rd8 30.Qxg8+ Rxd8 31.Ra7 Re8 32.Bc7 h5 33.Bxb6 Nd3 34.Bc7 1-0

Villavieja, Butch - Piasetski, Leon [B42] Langley op (6), 02.09.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.c4 d6 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Be3 h5 10.h3 b6 11.0-0 Bb7 12.f4 Nbd7 13.Qe2 h4 14.Qf2 Nh5 15.Rfe1 e5 16.f5 Bg5 17.Nd5 Bxe3 18.Qxe3 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Nf4 20.Bf1 Qg5 21.Rac1 Nc5 22.Nxc5 bxc5 23.Qf3 0-0 24.Kh2 Rfb8 25.b3 a5 26.Bc4 a4 27.Rc2 Rb4 28.Rg1 Nh5 29.Qg4 Qxg4 30.hxg4 Nf6 31.Re1 g5 32.fxg6 fxg6 33.g5 Nh7 34.Kh3 Nxc5 35.Kxh4 Nh7 36.Rf2 axb3 37.axb3 Rbb8 38.g3 Kg7 39.Ref1 Rf8 40.Rxf8 Rxf8 41.Ra1 Rf3 42.Ra6 Nf6 43.Rxd6 Nxe4 44.Rd7+ Kh6 45.Kh3 Rxc3+ 46.Kh2 Rf3 47.Re7 Rf6 48.Rxe5 Nd6 49.Be2 Rf5 50.Rxf5 gxf5 51.Kg3 Kg5



White to play and mate in 14 – G.F. Anderson

“Take a few moments, sir, and see if you can solve this problem.”

He made himself comfortable while I sought the solution. I got nowhere, threw my hands up in the air and shook my head.

“The solution has a geometric symmetry that I thought would amuse you. It goes:

1.Bd5 Bb8 2.Bc4 Ba7 3.Kc3 Bb8 4.Bf1 Ba7 5.Kd3 f3 6.Kc3 Bb8 7.Bc4 Ba7 8.Kd3 Bb8 9.Bd5 Ba7 10.Be4 Bb8 11.Ke3 Ba7 12.Bb1 Bb8 13.Kd3 Ba7 14.Bc2#”

There was mild applause. I enjoyed the problem and smiled accordingly. The bishop smiled back at me while the little creatures removed the wall board. He began pacing up and down while he continued:

“But enough of delicate thrusts. I really prefer the sharp clash of battle. One can only reach God vigorously and so it is in all things. Vigour and strength are the things that count. I should like to tell you of a short sharp conflict that occurred in Bled 1961, round 3.

Tal, Mihail - Olafsson, Fridrik [B48]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.a3 Nf6 8.f4

Tal plays the Sicilian like a drum – he beats it hard.

8...d6 9.Qf3 Be7 10.Bd3 0–0 11.0–0 Bd7 12.Rae1 b5 13.Qg3 Kh8 14.Nxc6 Bxc6 15.e5 Ng8 16.Qh3 Nh6



In your modern tradition, Black refuses to weaken his pawn structure with 16...g6 or set up a target with 16...h6. But Tal finds a way.

17.f5! Nxf5 18.Rxf5!

The rook is sacrificed in order to let my sharp sword cut through the enemy defences. A brilliant coup.

18...exf5 19.Bxf5 g6

Of course if 19...h6 20.Bxh6 gxh6 21.Qxh6+ and 22.Qh7#.

20.Bd4

Threatening 21.exd6+ winning the queen.

20...Kg8 21.e6!!

Again I cannot be captured because I take the defence with me: 21...gxf5 22.Qg3+ Bg5 23.Qxg5#.

21...Bg5 22.exf7+ Rxf7

If 22...Qxf7 23.Be6 wins the queen. If 22...Kxf7 23.Qxh7#.



23.Bxg6!

The crushing blow. If 23...hxg6 24.Qh8#. Now Black has no defence left.

23...Rg7 24.Qe6+ Kh8 25.Be8

A final triumph. If 25...Bxe8 26.Qxe8+ Rxe8 27.Rxe8#.

25...h6 26.Bxc6

The rest is easy.

26...Qxc6 27.Ne4 Re8 28.Qg6 Ree7 29.h4 Qd5 30.Bxg7+ Rxg7 31.Qxd6 Qxd6 32.Nxd6 Bxh4 33.Re8+ Rg8

If 33...Kh7 34.Nf5.

34.Nf7+ Kg7 35.Rxg8+ Kxg8 36.Nxh6+ Kh7 37.Nf5 Bg5 38.b3 1-0

You see, sir, it is not necessary to continue to exist in the game, after you have created a triumph. One must accept God's way, vigorously!"

He stood to attention, saluted me, and marched proudly away.

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #16

White is up a Rook, but his King has been forced out in front of his troops; also the position is very much blocked, reducing most pieces to simple spectator roles and possible devastating moves in case of blunders. Black has a few ways to go about it and finish on top. The challenge here is Black to move and mate in three!

#15 Answer:



Since both lines are listed, all we have to do is go over each one with care, move by move, like we do in a real game situation. The purpose of this is to verify that each move is the best for either side.

A) 1... Qg3!! With the devastating threat of mating on h2 2.Qxg3 [If 2.fxg3 Ne2+ 3.Kh1 Rxf1#] [If 2.hxg3 Ne2#] 2... Ne2+ 3.Kh1 Nxg3+ 4.Kg1 [If 4.fxg3 Rxf1#] 4... Nxf1 and wins. This was pretty straight forward.

B) 1... Ne2+ 2.Kh1 Qg3 3.gxh3 ... and the tables have turned. Now we can safely add "???" after 1... Ne2+ and conclude A is the correct line.

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

2nd Enrico Winery Tournament

September 15, Mill Bay (Vancouver Island)
[Details](#)

September Active

September 15, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

September VCS Open

September 20-22, Lansdowne Centre, Richmond
[Details](#)

GPO Active Fundraiser

September 28, Victoria
[Details](#)

Langley Correspondence

Begins October 1
[Details](#)

October Active/Blitz

October 8, Vancouver Bridge Centre
[Details](#)

Vancouver Open

October 12-14, Surrey
[Details](#)