

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #281

Your editor welcomes any and all submissions - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to B.C. players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. To subscribe, send me an e-mail (swright2@telus.net) or sign up via the BCCF webpage (www.chess.bc.ca); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

News from Hungary

Still studying and playing in Hungary, Ashley Tapp has participated in two more events. In the twenty-three player [2nd Baranya Hotel International](#) (held May 8-11 in Harkany) she scored 3.0/7 against higher rated opponents, while she is currently playing in the [U2400 Section](#) of the 33rd Zalakaros Open (May 23-31) and has 2.5/8 going into the last round. The [top section](#), dedicated to the memory of Gyula Sax (see last Bulletin), features top Hungarian players such as Richard Rapport and Ferenc Berkes, but also includes 2012 British Champion Gawain Jones, older stars such as Alexander Beliavsky and Oleg Romanishin, and even the legendary Lajos Portisch, now seventy-seven years young.



Lajos Portisch

East Vancouver May Active (May 25)

On May 25 active chess returned to the Vancouver Bridge Centre for the first time in many a moon with an tournament run by Luc Poitras, the previous organizer of the monthly actives until they were taken over by Maxim Doroshenko. The event had a small but competitive field of ten, including five "A" players; the result was a three-way tie for first between Luc Poitras, Edward Tang, and Len Molden with 3.5/5, closely followed by Richard Ingram and Enayat Ganjian. Watch for another such event on June 15, also blitz chess in the West End organized by Luc, June 29 and July 20. [Standings](#)

Chicago Open (May 22-26)

Several Canadians participated in the annual Chicago Open, including GM Anton Kovalyov who tied for third, and IMs Raja Panjwani and Artiom Samsonkin, who finished just outside the money. Overall winners were GM Gabriel Sargissian and IM Priyadharshan Kannappan; the only B.C. representative was Severo (Juni) Caluza, who scored 5.0/7 in the U1900 Section, good enough for a share of tenth prize. [Tournament website](#)

Washington Open (May 24-26)

The second of the two events held consecutively each year on our Victoria Day weekend (Keres Memorial) and the American Memorial Day weekend, the Washington Open usual attracts a number of players from this province but this year only three made the journey: Jason Kenney, James Chan, and Michael Su. (Incidentally all three were also participants last year.) All played in the Open Section but Kenney had the best result, scoring 4.0/6. Roland Feng was the overall winner with a perfect score, while Keres champion Georgi Orlov only tied for third with 4.5.

[Standings](#)

BCCF AGM (May 18)

The Annual General Meeting of the BCCF was held in between rounds on day two of the Keres Memorial. The minutes should be available on the BCCF website shortly, but for now these are the members of the incoming board:

President – Eugenio Alonso Campos

VP, Vancouver Island – Mark Dutton

Secretary – Lyle Craver

Treasurer – Paul Leblanc

Junior Coordinator – Maxim Doroshenko

Bulletin Editor – Stephen Wright

Webmaster – Len Molden

Tournament Coordinator – Michael Lo

Members At Large – Valer Eugen Demian, Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Sean McLaren, Peter Yee

Governors of the Chess Federation of Canada – Eugenio Alonso Campos, Lyle Craver, Valer Eugen Demian, Mark Dutton, Paul Leblanc

Trustees of the BC Chess Foundation: Paul Leblanc (Chair), Roger Patterson, Howard Wu

It should also be noted that an important motion was passed with respect to **BCCF membership dues**: it was decided to reduce BCCF membership dues from \$4 per player for multi-day events and \$2 per player for one-day events to \$3 and \$1.50 respectively.

Vancouver Rapid Team Championship 2013-14 by Konstantin Pyryaev and Nikita Olechko

During this April the second season of the championship took place. This time eight teams competed for the new perpetual trophy; the Vancouver Chess School and Chigorin Chess Club were represented by two teams each. After a round-robin regular season the best four teams fought in the play-offs and the final pair was exactly the same as last year. Also the same two teams, BC Juniors and VCS-1, topped the final standings this season. Without the help of Maxim Doroshenko the VCS-1 team failed to repeat their triumph and the valiant resistance of Butch Villavieja, Max Gedajlovic and Laurent Chaurette was easily overcome by the stronger team of Tanraj Sohal and his friends.



Members of the winning team

At the same time during the final match all the chess players who couldn't play tried to get another trophy in the blitz tournament. Alisher Sanetullaev (UBC team) was the winner once again. According to the statistics of the regular season individual trophies were won: Tanraj Sohal (perfect score 10.0 points out of ten games), Joe Roback (Wildcard) and Butch Villavieja (VCS-1). During the next season of 2014-15 we welcome all of the new teams and players. More details can be found on the web-site of the championship, www.vancouverrapid.ca.

PAUL KERES MEMORIAL (May 17-19) by Roger Patterson



The 39th Annual Keres Memorial drew ninety-six players. This is comparable to last year, although a little disappointing as we had been hoping for a modest uptick in numbers. However, although the total participation is the same, this masks a huge structural shift in who is actually playing. Five years ago when we (Victoria Chess) took over running the Keres, the U1600 group was typically ten to twelve players, almost an afterthought. Numbers in that section had gone up in the last few years to the mid-twenties range which we had attributed (perhaps incorrectly) to sensitivity to the lower entry fees that we had tried for this group. This year, the U1600 section was a mammoth fifty players with attendance in the top two sections an anemic 50%-75% of previous years. Perhaps U1600 is a misnomer - it's actually the large number of U1200 players, typically juniors, who made most of the difference.

One consequence of the smaller top section is that it was a little tougher than usual. Games between contenders for first started as early as round 2. Ultimately perennial favourite Georgi Orlov took first place, giving up two draws along the way. [Georgi has now won the Keres a total of twelve times!] Visiting IM Dietmar Kolbus (for the third year!) tied with FM Jason Cao for second.

This year marks five years that Victoria Chess has taken on the Keres. It will be our last - we are finding new organizers to pass the torch on to. Stay tuned to the BCCF website for updates on details for the 40th Annual Keres Memorial in 2015.



Left to right: Dietmar Kolbus (tie 2nd), Georgi Orlov (1st), Roger Patterson (Organizer), Jason Cao (tie 2nd).

Prize Winners (\$4000 in Guaranteed Prizes)

Premier:

1st: IM Georgi Orlov \$1000
 2nd-3rd: IM Dietmar Kolbus, FM Jason Cao \$500 each
 BC Closed Qualification spot: FM Jack Yoos
 U2200: Joe Roback \$300

U2000

1st: Jofrel Landingin \$600
 2nd-3rd / U1800: Enayat Ganjian, Hector Rathburn \$300 each

U1600

1st: Nathaniel Knox \$200
 2nd: Paul MacDonell \$100
 U1400: Jefferson Lee, Patrick Huang, Frank Hou \$33.33 each
 Unrated: Ali Lamei, Hansen Tong, Trevor van Loon \$33.33 each

Organizing Committee: Roger Patterson, Paul Leblanc; TD: Stephen Wright, FA
 This [report](#), with crosstables and a link to a PGN file of available games.

Orlov, Georgi - Cao, Jason [B86] Keres mem 39th Richmond (3.2), 18.05.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Nbd7 8.f4 Nc5 9.e5 dxe5 10.fxe5
 Nxb3 11.axb3 Nd5 12.0-0 Bc5 13.Ne4 Nf4 14.c3 Bxd4+ 15.cxd4 Qxd4+ 16.Qxd4 Ne2+ 17.Kh1
 Nxd4 18.Nd6+ Kd7 19.Rxf7+ Kc6 20.Be3 Nxb3 21.Ra3 Nc5 22.b4 Nd7 23.Rc3+ Kd5 24.Rxd7
 Kxe5 25.Rc5+ 1-0

Roback, Joe - Piasetski, Leon [B32] Keres mem 39th Richmond (3.3), 18.05.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb5 d6 6.N1c3 a6 7.Na3 Be6 8.Nc4 b5 9.Ne3 Nf6
 10.Ned5 b4 11.Nxf6+ gxf6 12.Nd5 Bg7 13.Be3 0-0 14.Qf3 f5 15.exf5 e4 16.Qxe4 Bxd5 17.Qxd5

Bxb2 18.Rb1 Bc3+ 19.Kd1 Ne5 20.Be2 Re8 21.h4 Nd7 22.Rh3 Qe7 23.Bh5 Nf6 24.Rg3+ Kh8
25.Qxf7 Nxb5 26.Rg8+ Rxb8 27.Qxe7 Rae8 28.Qf7 Nf6 29.Rxb4 Rg7 30.Qb3 Bxb4 31.Qxb4 Nd5
32.Qd4 Nxe3+ 33.fxe3 h5 34.Ke2 Kh7 35.Qxd6 Rxb2+ 36.Kf3 Rg8 37.f6 Rg1 38.c4 R8g6
39.Qe7+ Kh6 40.Ke4 Rf1 41.Ke5 Rg3 42.e4 Rg4 43.Kd6 1-0

Cao, Jason - Yoos, Jack [B63] Keres mem 39th Richmond (6.2), 19.05.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Qb6 8.Nb3 Be7 9.0-0-0 0-0
10.f3 Rd8 11.Kb1 a6 12.h4 Qc7 13.g4 b5 14.Be3 b4 15.Na4 Rb8 16.g5 Nd7 17.f4 Na5 18.Nxa5
Qxa5 19.b3 Bb7 20.Bg2 Bc6 21.Nb2 Nc5 22.Qd4 f5 23.Qc4 Bb5 24.Qd4 Bc6 25.Qc4 Bxe4
26.Bxe4 fxe4 27.f5 d5 28.Qd4 Qc7 29.f6 e5 30.Qd2 Bf8 31.Bxc5 Qxc5 32.h5 Rd6 33.fxg7 Kxg7
34.g6 Kh8 35.Rdf1 Rd7 36.Qg5 Qe7 37.Qg4 Qd6 38.Rhg1 Rbb7 39.Rf7 Bg7 40.h6 Qxg6 41.hxg7+
Kg8 42.Qxg6 hxg6 43.Rxd7 Rxd7 44.Rxg6 Rf7 45.Kc1 Rf1+ 46.Kd2 Rf2+ 47.Kd1 Rf1+ 48.Ke2 Rc1
49.Kd2 Rh1 50.Rg2 d4 51.Nc4 Rh5 52.Nd6 e3+ 53.Ke2 Rh6 54.Nf5 Re6 55.Kd3 a5 56.Ke4 1-0

Villavieja, Butch - Kolbus, Dietmar [B86] Keres mem 39th Richmond (6.3), 19.05.2014

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bc4 e6 7.Bb3 Nbd7 8.f4 Nc5 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Qf3
b5 11.f5 e5 12.Nd5 Nxd5 13.Bxd5 Bb7 14.Nb3 Bxd5 15.exd5 Be7 16.Nxc5 Qxc5+ 17.Rf2 0-0
18.Be3 Qc4 19.b3 Qh4 20.g3 Qb4 21.a3 Qc3 22.Raf1 Bd8 23.Qe4 f6 24.Kh1 Rc8 25.Re2 Rf7
26.Kg2 Rb7 27.Rf3 Qb2 28.g4 Rbc7 29.Rff2 Qxa3 30.h4 Rb7 31.g5 a5 32.gxf6 Bxf6 33.Bg5 Qb4
34.Qxb4 axb4 35.Bxf6 gxf6 36.Re4 Rc5 37.Rxb4 Rxd5 38.Kf3 Rc7 39.h5 Kg7 40.h6+ Kxh6
41.Rh4+ Kg5 42.Rh1 Kxf5 43.Kg3+ Ke6 44.Rh6 Rf7 45.Kf3 Rd4 46.Ke3 Rg4 47.c3 Rg6 48.Rh4
Rg3+ 49.Kd2 Ra7 50.Kc1 Rxc3+ 51.Kb2 Rc5 0-1

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE (May 18-19)



This annual national scholastic team event took place in Winnipeg on the Victoria Day weekend. The B.C. team, consisting of Jason Qian, Aiden Zhou, Neil Doknjas, Leo Qu, Luke Pulfer, Joshua Doknjas, Matthew Geng, Alex Lin, John Doknjas, Joseph Dobrzanski, Alex Sabaratnam, and Tanraj Sohal, squeaked into its usual third place behind the two traditional powerhouses, Ontario and Quebec:

1 Ontario 94/108
2 Quebec 81
3 British Columbia 78
4 Alberta 69.5
5 New Brunswick 46.5

6 Manitoba 44.5
7 Newfoundland and Labrador 37
8 Nova Scotia 33.5
9 Saskatchewan 29
10 Prince Edward Island 27

The table shows B.C. comfortably in third, so why do I say “squeaked” above? Well, the competition was run on match points rather than game points – in the nail-biting last round B.C. only managed to defeat Alberta by the absolute minimum score of 6.5-5.5 to take the match victory.

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

2 Aiden Zhou 7/9 – tied for third, third after playoffs
3 Neil Doknjas 8 – second
5 Luke Pulfer 8.5 – first
6 Joshua Doknjas 8 – first
7 Matthew Geng 6 – tied for third, third after playoffs
12 Tanraj Sohal 8.5 - first

Honourable mention should also be made of John Doknjas, who tied for third with 7.0/9 in grade 9 but placed fourth after playoffs. Further details can be found at the [event website](#).

Special mention needs to be made of Tanraj Sohal, current B.C. (adult) champion, competing in this competition for the last time. In each of his successive school years from grade one to grade twelve, Tanraj has won the B.C. Chess Challenge for his respective grade, gone on to the national competition and there each year earned a trophy, totalling nine first places and three thirds. Both achievements are unprecedented, and in recognition of his accomplishment Tanraj was recently awarded \$1,200 (12 x \$100) by the Chess 'n Math Association, organizers of the Canadian Chess Challenge.

[Global news](#) video on Tanraj; B.C.'s record at the [National Chess Challenge](#).



Tanraj with his twelve Canadian Chess Challenge trophies

MAY ACTIVE (May 10) by Joe Roback (TD)

The winner of the 2014 May Active (and qualifier for the annual Active Grand Prix tournament) from this Month's active is NM Jason Kenney. He is a former Nova Scotia Champion (two-time NS closed and three-time NS Open) and brings some new energy and a highly technical style to BC tournaments. (Not to mention, while representing the UBC team he was the only player who defeated me in a round from this year's Vancouver Rapid League season out of 19 games). This month's active was a pleasure to watch. There were several players of national master strength clobbering each other on the top boards each round. Good luck prepping against them beforehand, kids. It is becoming a trend for the BC stompers to register last minute.



Mayo Fuentebella (1997 BC Closed Champion, four-time Active Champion, and Monthly Active aficionado) ran into tough competition this month, conceding points to NM Kenney in the last round, Alfred Pechisker, and the prodigious Max Gedajlovic (who was wearing his baseball outfit for an impending game). The critical position from the Fuentebella – Kenney game is posted in Position 2. However, my favourite game that I saw from the tournament would have to be the Chan-Pechisker game. James went out of the box and deployed a very innovative Sicilian attack against a very gifted and precise defensive player.

Jason Kenny took the \$100 top prize and BC titans James Chan and Alfred Pechisker split the second place prize. James Li and Ryan Leong split the U1500 Prize. Up-and-coming junior Alex Lin took the \$75 U2000, Enayat Ganjian earned the second U2000 prize and Nathaniel Knox was awarded the U1500 prize.



Position 1: White to Play

The provocative 1.e6! wins a piece.
1...Bxe6 or ...Rxe6 is met with 2.Bxf5!



Position 2: Black to play from Fuentebella-Kenney

Even with the Knight en prise, Black wins a piece after the forcing 1.Rxf3+ Rxf3, 2.Ne4+ Ke2, 3.Rxf3.

Prize amounts and class prize sections are determined the day of by the number of players participating in the tournament and the ranges of their ratings. I jumped in and played a round if there was an odd number so that no one had to take a bye. Special thanks to Kevin Tang for helping translate for one of the Chinese speaking juniors.

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

Today's endgame was played in the last round of the recent Paul Keres Memorial in Richmond. I was visiting the tournament hall during this round and, although my attention was mainly occupied by events on the top boards, I also kept an eye on this game, which turned out to be a long and difficult struggle.

The reader is cautioned that a number of mistakes by both players have been identified, some of them serious. But that should not worry us too much. Without mistakes there would be nothing to analyse, nothing to discover, and nothing to learn!



P. Trochtchanovitch – R. Ingram
Paul Keres Memorial 2014
Black to play

In the starting position Black is a pawn down but has active pieces and pressure against White's queenside. In fact he can recover the pawn immediately but as so often there is a decision to be made.

29...Qxd4?!

Exchanging queens before recovering the pawn allows White to keep his queenside pawn structure intact. Much stronger was 29...Bxa3! 30.bxa3 (or 30.Qxc4 Rxc4 31.Rb1 Bxb2 32.Rxb2 Rxc3 33.Ra2 b4 34.Rxa6 Ra3! and Black wins immediately) 30...Qxd4 31.Rxd4 Rxc3, when Black wins an important pawn and it is doubtful that White can save the game.

30.Rxd4 Bxa3 31.Nd1! Bc5

There were two alternatives:

- a) 31...Bxb2 32.Nxb2 Rxc2 33.Nd3 Rd2 34.Kg1 b4 35.Rxb4 Rxd3 36.Ra4 and White draws;
- b) 31...Be7!? 32.Rd7 Rxc2 33.Rxe7 Re2! 34.Kg1 Re1+ 35.Kf2 Rxd1 36.Re8+ Kg7 37.Ra8 Rd2+ 38.Kf3 Rxb2 39.Rxa6 h6 and Black has good winning chances.

32.Rd7 Bb6 33.c3 Rc4

If 33...b4 34.cxb4 Rc4 35.g3 Rxb4 36.Rd3 and White is managing to defend. Black could also exchange rooks with 33...Rd8 34.Rxd8+ Bxd8 but it does not seem to increase his winning chances.

34.g3 Re4 35.Rd2 g5 36.Nf2 Re1+

Interesting is 36...Bxf2 37.Rxf2 gxf4 38.gxf4 Kg7 but White seems to be holding on after 39.Kg1 (39.Rg2+ Kh6!) 39...a5 40.Rg2+ Kf8 41.Rf2 f6 42.exf6 Kf7 43.Rg2 Kxf6 44.Rg5.

37.Kg2 gxf4 38.gxf4 Be3 39.Rd8+ Kg7 40.Nd3 Rd1 41.Kf3 Bg1 42.Ke2 Ra1 43.h3 h5 44.Rd7 Kg6 45.Kf3



White has defended well but his position remains passive. Everything changes after Black's next move.

45...Rd1?

A bad mistake. Although it sets up a pin, it also sets up a winning tactic for White.

46.Rd6?

Missing the chance to turn things around completely with 46.f5+! Kxf5 (46...exf5? 47.Nf4+ and wins the rook) 47.Rxf7+ Kg5 48.Ke4 Bh2 49.Re7 a5 50.Rxe6 Rd2 51.Re7 and White must be winning.

46...Rd2 47.Kg3 h4+ 48.Kxh4 Rg2 49.Rd8 Kf5 50.Rf8 Rg7 51.Rh8 Ke4 52.Nb4 a5?!

Simpler and more direct was 52...Kxf4 53.Kh5 (or 53.Nxa6 Rg5) 53...Kxe5 54.Nxa6 f5 55.Nb4 f4 56.Rf8 Ke4. White's king is cut off along the g-file and he will have to give up a piece to stop Black's passed pawn. Here and in the sequel Black seems extraordinarily reluctant to get his kingside pawns moving.

53.Nc6 Bf2+?!

Here too much stronger was 53...Kxf4 54.Kh5 a4 55.Kh6 Rg2, etc.

54.Kh5 Kxf4



59.c4 Kd6

More direct was 59...Bb6 60.b4 f5! 61.c5 Bc7 62.Nb3 f4! and wins.

60.cxb5



61.Nb7+?!

A stronger line of resistance is 61.Kg7! f5 62.Kf6! but after 62...Kd5 63.b3 (or 63.Kg5 Bb6 64.b4 Be3+ 65.Kh4 e5 and Black is winning) 63...f4 64.Kg5 f3 65.Nc4 Bc5 66.Kf4 f2 67.Nd2 Kd4 68.Kf3 Kd3 69.Nf1 e5 70.Ng3 e4+ 71.Kg2 Bb6 72.Kf1 e3 White has been reduced to a goal-line stand in which he can never capture Black's e-pawn. The game might conclude as follows: 73.b4 Kc3 74.Ne4+ Kxb4 75.Ng3 Kxb5 76.Ke2 Kc4 77.Nf1 Kd5 78.Kf3 Ke5 79.Ng3 Bd4 80.Nf1 Kf5 81.Ng3+

55.Nxa5? White's e-pawn is partially restraining Black's kingside pawns and therefore it should not be surrendered lightly. A much tougher defence was offered by 55.Kh6! Rg3 56.Rb8! a4 57.Rxb5 a3 58.c4 axb2 59.Rxb2 Be3 60.Kh7 Rxh3+ 61.Kg7 Ke4 62.Kxf7 and neither side can realistically hope to win.

55...Rg3! 56.Kh6 Rxh3+ 57.Kg7 Rxh8 58.Kxh8 Kxe5

After a forced sequence of moves Black has captured White's important e-pawn and should now be winning fairly easily.

60...Kc5?!

A slight misstep. Black's bishop can stop the White b-pawn from a distance, so there is no need to send the king over to do the job. Black wins quickly after 60...Kd5! 61.Kg7 f5!; for example, 62.Kf6 f4 63.Kg5 Bb6 64.Nb3 f3 65.Kg4 f2 66.Nd2 e5 67.Kf3 e4+ 68.Ke2 e3 69.Nb1 Kc4, etc.

Kg5 82.Ne4+ Kh4 83.Ke2 Kg4 84.Nd6 f1Q+ 85.Kxf1 Kf3 86.Nc4 e2+ 87.Ke1 Bc3+ 88.Nd2+ Bxd2+ 89.Kxd2 Kf2 and wins.

61...Kd5 62.Kg7 f5 63.Kg6 Bd4 64.b4 Bc3?

Another misstep, and this time a serious one. White's rear b-pawn poses no danger to Black, so there is no reason to spend time capturing it. If Black simply pushes his f-pawn he wins in a few moves: 64...f4! 65.Na5 f3 66.Nb3 f2 67.Nd2 e5, etc.

65.Nd8?

The other b-pawn should be mobilised with 65.b6! Bxb4 66.Nd8 Bd6 67.Nf7 f4 68.b7 Bb8 69.Ng5 e5 70.Kf5! and by now it is doubtful that Black can win; for example, 70...Kc6 71.Ke6 Kxb7 72.Kd5 is a positional draw since the light-square blockade by White's pieces can never be lifted.

65...Bxb4?

After the simple 65...f4 (yet again!) the f-pawn will cost White his knight.

66.b6!

If 66.Kf6 Bc3+ 67.Ke7 e5 68.b6 e4 69.Kd7 e3 70.Ne6 Be5 71.Nc7+ Kc4 72.b7 Bxc7 73.Kxc7 e2 74.b8Q e1Q 75.Qg8+ and the queen and pawn endgame is winning for Black.



66...Ba5?!

66...Bd6 was a better chance but the play is very similar to the note to White's 65th move.

67.b7?!

White can draw immediately with 67.Kf6! Bc3+ (or 67...f4 68.Nxe6, etc.) 68.Kf7! f4 (not 68...e5? 69.b7! and it is White who wins) 69.Nxe6 f3 70.Nf4+ Ke4 71.Nh3, etc.

67...Bc7 68.Kf7

The final error. As we have seen, White must play 68.Nf7 and work on blockading Black's pawns on light squares: 68...f4 69.Ng5 e5 70.Kf5, etc.

68...e5 69.Kg6 f4 70.Kf7 f3 71.Ke7 e4 72.Kd7 Bd6 73.Ne6 f2 74.Nc7+ Bxc7 75.Kxc7 f1Q 0-1

A difficult win but perhaps an even more difficult loss.

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All feedback on this column is welcome. Email the writer at dscoones@telus.net.

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



#23 Answer:



Baffler #24:

White had no choice but to leave his king in the centre because of the open g-file; also he would like to deliver a nasty Bf1-h3+. Unfortunately it is Black to move. Will you still attack the white king or defend against the nasty check?

John Upper wrote:

"Is the Bi-weekly Baffler #23 set up right? 1.e7 Kf7 2.e8=Q+ Kxe8 3.Ke6 Rf1 4.Ra4 Rc1 5.Rh4 Rf1 is a draw and 1.Rh8+ Kxh8 2.e7 Rd1+ 3.Ke6 c1=Q 4.Qh5+ Qh6+ wins for Black. I guess I'm baffled."

Thank you John for your feedback and the right solution! Obviously the webpage where I got the puzzle from had the wrong information:

"1.e7! and now:

- a) If 1...Rd1+ 2.Ke6 wins as Black cannot stop the promotion with mate
- b) If 1...Kf7 2.e8=Q+! Kxe8 3.Ke6 and Black cannot stop Rh4-h8#?"

It looked right at a first glance and I also missed the simple 3...Rf1 saving the draw for Black. The quote was right then, eh?

A Free Lecture by Branimir Brebrich, “Chess now and then”

Speaker: Branimir Brebrich, professional chess coach since 1964 in former Yugoslavia and from 1969 in Canada. In 1978 Branimir set a simultaneous world record for most opponents played consecutively.

Date: Sunday, June 8, 2014

Time: 6 pm (right after the June Active tournament)

Location: Vancouver Chess School. 252 – 4255 Arbutus street, Vancouver, BC

Organizers: Maxim Doroshenko, Konstantin Pyryaev.

Some highlights: mystery of 6 and 9 month of a student development; computers: what's that to me? student's age as a curriculum factor; some of my observations about the chess books, magazines and other publications; didactic of teaching in general, from my University days in Zagreb, Croatia; they said: some smart quotes about chess; what's in a name? King's Indians and other Indians Openings: how strange is it!? and some other things, if time permits!

Informal discussion after the lecture.

Bishops of Bowser and Bowser Builders Supply Open Chess Tournament

Sunday August 10, 2014 at the Bowser Legion Hall

Four rounds starting at 9 am

Rounds are 25 minutes each with 5 second increments after each move. Rounds begin at 9 am, 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm. Registration at the door is \$30 or \$25 in the week before the tournament. Early bird registration is \$20 until Sunday August 3 inclusive. Payments can be made to my Paypal account at mcfetridge@shaw.ca or mailed to

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UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Blitz (note the change of format)

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Henry Angus Building, University of British Columbia

Entry fee \$10+, depending on number of players and whether rated or not

Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca, or see <https://www.facebook.com/UBCChess>

June Active

June 8, Vancouver Chess School

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Branimir Brebrich Lecture

June 8, Vancouver Chess School

[Details](#)

East Vancouver June Active

June 15, Vancouver Bridge Centre
[Details](#)

B.C. Senior Championship

June 20-22, Surrey
[Details](#)

Stan Rogers Memorial

June 21, Chilliwack
[Details](#)

West End Blitz

June 29, Exile Café, Vancouver
[Details](#)

July Active

July 6, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

West End Blitz

July 20, Exile Café, Vancouver
[Details](#)

Bishops of Bowser Open

August 10, Bowser
[Details](#)

August Active

August 17, Vancouver Chess School
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