# **BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #283**

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#### HERE AND THERE

## International Chess Week by Konstantin Pyryaev

As you know July 20th all chess players celebrate International Chess Day. It's not so easy to change your busy schedule and visit the local Chess Club every week. Maybe the birthday of FIDE is a good reason to refresh some skills and meet old and new friends. Here is my proposal of possible chess activities where you can join us and show your chess pride:

July 14, Monday - Victoria Chess Club, Langley Chess Club

July 15, Tuesday - Abbotsford Seniors Chess Club

July 16, Wednesday - Nanaimo Chess Club

July 17, Thursday - Chess at UBC Thursday Night, PoCo Chess Club

July 18, Friday - SFU Chess Club

July 19, Saturday - Friendly match on Giant chess board in Surrey at Morgan Crossing at 5pm.

Langley CC vs Chigorin CC

July 20, Sunday - Blitz Chess Tournament: Vancouver West End

Schedule is subject to change. All details about chess club locations and time are available on official web-site of <a href="BCCF">BCCF</a> and should be checked to make sure the club is actually operating during the summer months. You are welcome to show up any day at Vancouver Art Gallery and Park Royal Mall in West Vancouver as well.

Thank you for your support!

# Leon Piasetski in Europe

IM Leon Piasetski is currently playing in a series of events in Europe. First stop was Hilversum in the Netherlands and the 10<sup>th</sup> HSG Open (June 10-22) where Piasetski withdrew after four of six rounds due to jetlag; Robin van Kampen was the winner with 5.5/6, while Canadian Aman Hambleton scored with 3.5. Then it was on to the Spanish circuit, beginning with the 22<sup>nd</sup> Montcada Open (part of metropolitan Barcelona, June 25 – July 3). Here tiredness was still a factor as Leon didn't play the last two games, finishing with 3.0/7; the top three were Hua Ni (China), Yaroslav Zherebukh (Ukraine), and Jorge Cori (Peru). Then with barely any respite followed the 34<sup>th</sup> Benasque Open (July 4-12), a four hundred player event. Piasetski began the tournament well, scoring 4.0 from the first five games to tie for twentieth, but then an unfortunate loss to Davorin Komljenovic



(Croatia) put a damper on things and he ended the event with 5.5/9. There was a seven-way tie for first, with Hrant Melkumyan (Armenia) topping the group on tiebreak. Piasetski is subsequently scheduled to play in the Sant Marti Open (July 13-21) and the Sitges Open (July 22-31).

## World Open (June 30 – July 6)

This year's World Open in Arlington, Virginia attracted the usual smattering of Canadians, including three from this province: James Chan (2.5/9 in the Open), and Kevin (U1800) and Ethan (U1600) Low, both of whom scored 5.5. The big Canadian news was the GM norm achieved by FM Razvan Preotu, who played eight(!) GMs in the event. The overall winners were Ilya Smirin, Illia Nyzhnyk, and Conrad Holt on 7.0/9, with Smirin taking the title on tiebreak. Tournament website

# Shimanov, Alex (2644) - Chan, James (2023) [D15] World op 42nd Arlington, Virginia (3), 03.07.2014

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 a6 5.g3 g6 6.Bg2 Bg7 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3 b5 9.Ne5 e6 10.e4 Bb7 11.Bg5 Qa5 12.Qd2 b4 13.Bxf6 Bxf6 14.Ng4 Bg7 15.Na4 dxc4 16.Nc5 Ra7 17.bxc4 Rd8 18.Nb3 Qb6 19.c5 Qc7 20.Qxb4 a5 21.Qb6 Ba6 22.Rfc1 a4 23.Na5 Bb5 24.Qxc7 Rxc7 25.Rab1 Bxd4 26.Bf1 Bxf1 27.Kxf1 f5 28.exf5 gxf5 29.Ne3 Nd7 30.Rc4 Ne5 31.Rc2 Bxe3 32.fxe3 Rd3 [32...Ra7 33.Nc4 Nxc4 34.Rxc4 Rd2] 33.Ke2 Rcd7 34.Rb6 Rc7?? 35.Nxc6 Rd5 36.Nxe5 Rxe5 37.c6 Ra5 38.Rb7 Rc8 39.c7 Raa8 40.Rcb2 1-0

## FIDE Award for Jonathan Berry

Our own Jonathan Berry is one of the recipients of the 2014 Arbiters' Awards, as announced by the chairman of the FIDE Arbiters' Commission, Takis Nikolopoulos, on July 3. The awards were introduced in 2012 as a form of lifetime achievement award for arbiters (Long Service Meritorious Awards); requirements include holding the International Arbiter title for thirty years or more and working in at least three major FIDE events. The initial awardees included Canada's Phil Haley and Russia's Yuri Averbakh; the current batch of eight includes, apart from Berry, Stewart Reuben and Gerry Walsh (England) and Casto Abundo (Philippines). (There don't seem to have been any awards in 2013). From Jonathan Berry's own website:

"After Vancouver 1975, John Prentice, who was the President of the CFC and Canada's FIDE Representative, suggested that I might be eligible for the title of International Arbiter. I needed to speak two languages (English and Spanish), and to have been chief arbiter in at least four important competitions, (1973 Mexican Regional Qualifier, Guadalajara, 1974 Pan American Individual Championship, Winnipeg, 1974 Canadian Junior Championship, Vancouver, 1975 Vancouver 1975) and to have displayed competence and impartiality. Mr. Prentice kindly sponsored my application, and in the fall of 1975, at the tender age of 22, I became the youngest International Arbiter in the history of FIDE. A few years later, Sophia Gorman became an arbiter at a younger age, but it was fun while it lasted."

A list of tournaments directed can also be found at the same link. Congratulations!

#### **Ashley Tapp in Europe**

Ashley finished her stay in Hungary by taking part in the <u>Caissa June Rating</u> tournament, a triple round robin against three other competitors held in Kecskemet (June 20-29). She scored four draws out of nine games against considerably higher-rated opponents. Now she is preparing for the <u>Kavala Open</u> in Greece, August 2-9.

## **B.C. Senior Championship** (June 20-22)



The second annual B.C. Senior Championship was held at the Comfort Inn Hotel in Surrey on a late June weekend, in contrast to last year's inaugural event which was at SFU in January. Perhaps this was an important element in attracting participants; or maybe it was because the age of eligibility dropped from sixty last year to fifty this year, to stay in line with current FIDE regulations; or perhaps it was the outstanding job done by organizers Victoria Jung-Doknjas and Paul Leblanc in canvassing and approaching individual prospective players; or maybe it was the possibility of avoiding all those underrated juniors for one event. Whatever the reason, this year's championship doubled in size to thirty players, compared with fourteen last year. Two players, Jose Kagaoan and Joe Soliven, led throughout the tournament while their competitors gradually fell by the wayside. The only players with perfect scores after four rounds, they drew in round five to finish tied for first but Kagaoan was named B.C. Senior Champion on tiebreaks. Paul Leblanc won the U1800 prize, Robert L. Barron the U1600, and Brian Sullivan and Edward Enns received trophies for Most Sportsmanlike Player and Most Amiable Opponent respectively. Joe Roback was the TD, assisted by Victoria Jung-Doknjas. Tournament website

## Nishida, Harold - Tate, William [B03] BC Senior ch Surrey (2), 21.06.2014

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.f4 dxe5 5.dxe5 Bf5 6.Bd3 Bxd3 7.Qxd3 Nc6 8.c3 e6 9.Nf3 Bc5 10.Nd4 Bxd4 11.cxd4 Ndb4 12.Qc3 Qxd4 13.Na3 Nd3+ 14.Ke2 Qe4+ 15.Be3 Nxf4+ 0-1

# **Emerald City Open** (Seattle, June 20-22)

Apart from several events happening in this province, the June 20-22 weekend was also home to the Emerald City Open, a five-round Swiss held at the Seattle Chess Club. Among the participants was grade 5 champion Luke Pulfer, who scored 3.5 in the thirty-four player Open Section and boosted in USCF rating almost 200 points. Crosstable

## Stan Rogers Memorial (June 21)



Matt Ehrenreich with Ian MacKay

No, not the famous folk musician – the Stan Rogers in question was a prominent Chilliwack businessman and former federal Liberal Party riding president who died suddenly last April. He was also a member of the Chilliwack Chess Club (3C); the club had been planning to hold the first tournament in living memory in Chilliwack since the beginning of the year, but after Rogers' untimely passing it was only natural to dedicate the event to his memory. The tournament attracted fourteen players and was won by newcomer Matt Ehrenreich with a perfect score, ahead of Miklos Baranvay (second) and Lorne Kay, Brian Selby, Manobhiram Nellutla, and Mel Mellison (tied for third). Report in the Chilliwack Times.

## July Active (July 6)



Davaa-Ochir and Leo

The July Active marked an excellent turnout with 32 players. The talented Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj won a clear 1st place and was awarded the \$150 prize conceding only a single draw for a 5.5/6. He is pictured among the portraits in the hall of the Vancouver Chess. TD, Joe Roback, tied for 2nd

place with the prodigious rising-star Leo Qu and Jaylord Talosig who recently immigrated from the Philippines.

Alec Chung was the sole winner of the 1st U1500 prize and Aiden Zhou won the 2nd U1500 of \$40. Experienced Friday Quad veteran Ping Yu was awarded the 1st U1200 prize of \$40.

To keep the tournament running on schedule, don't forget to preregister on the event page. Also try to bring the exact change of \$25 for the entry. Also, special thanks to Tyler Stephens for helping read out the names and previous pairings when I needed to redo the pairings. Thanks and see you in August!

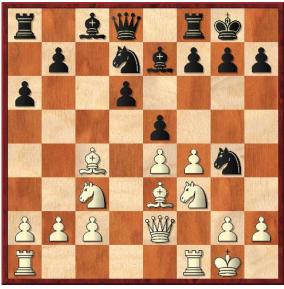
#### **Standings**

The following two tactics occurred in my games this July Active.



## **Position 1 White to Play**

The forcing 1.Rxd6! is a powerful in-between move that leaves white ahead by a pawn. The passed d-pawn promotes before the en-prise g3 knight can be captured. In the game, White answered 1.Rxd6 with 1...Re8.



## **Position 2 Black to Play**

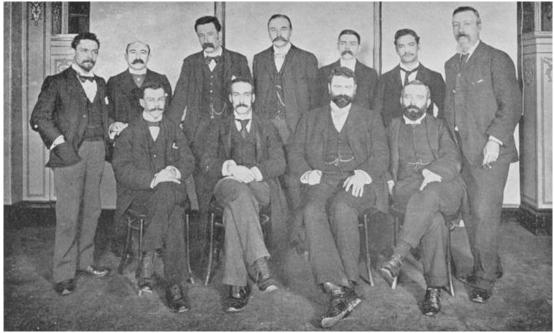
White developed his Bishop to e3 too early. After 1...Nxe3! 2.Qxe3 d5! White cannot defend both dxc4 winning the bishop and Bc5 winning the Queen due to the pin.

#### STEPHEN FRANCIS SMITH AND THE FOUNDING OF FIDE

July 20th of this year marks the ninetieth anniversary of FIDE, the World Chess Federation. Canada is known as one of the fifteen founding nations of FIDE, with one S.F. Smith signing the organization's 1924 draft constitution on Canada's behalf. But who exactly was S.F. Smith, and how did he come to be representing this country in Paris in 1924?

According to obituaries in the *British Chess Magazine* (BCM) and the [London] *Times*, Doctor Stephen Francis Smith died in London on May 12th, 1928, at age sixty-seven. This would place his date of birth around 1861. Census records give his place of birth as Ontario, Canada; he had a younger sister who was born in Seaforth in 1870. It is almost certain his father was the Doctor William R. Smith of Seaforth who played in the first completed Canadian Championship in 1873, making it through to the third round before being eliminated by eventual winner Albert Ensor; presumably young Stephen's introduction to chess was via family circles. Sometime in the mid-1870s the Smith family emigrated to London, England. Following in his father's profession Smith trained as a doctor, eventually becoming a Member of the Royal College of Surgeons and a Licentiate of the Apothecaries' Society, the normal qualifications to be a general practitioner at the time. However, census records describe both Smith and his father as homeopathic medical practitioners, this at a time when considerable friction and antagonism existed between the traditional medical community and homeopathy.

Little else is known for certain about the rest of Smith's life; his profession would have made him a man of means, which allowed him to travel fairly frequently in later life. He visited both Ostende and Paris for tournaments, and seems to have left the British Isles for much of the duration of World War One. This time he appears to have spent in North America. Perhaps he still had family in Ontario, but it is known Smith was in Vancouver from late 1914 till at least April 1915, and was also in Southern California in 1917.



The City of London Chess Club team which fought a team from Yorkshire in a radio match, played December 18th, 1897. The umpire was Leopold Hoffer (standing, second from the left), Joseph Blackburne was the referee (standing at the right), Dr. Smith is seated, second from the right. On the evidence of this photo he was a large, imposing man.

Dr. Smith's first B.C. mention was in the [Vancouver] Daily News Advertiser of December 6th, 1914, which noted he would give a simultaneous exhibition on the following Wednesday at the Vancouver Chess Club. Smith went on to win the club championship in the spring of 1915, along with giving a lecture on endings (February 2nd) and drawing with Frank Marshall in a Vancouver simul by the latter on February 17th. After this he seems to have left the province: there is no further mention of his presence in local sources. [A number of later sources, e.g., the BCM in 1925, refer to Smith as the B.C. Champion for 1915, but this appears to be a "fisherman's tale" of chess exploits stemming from his win of the Vancouver CC championship in 1915. The first B.C. Championship did not take place until the following year and was won by John M. Ewing.] However, this does not end his association with Canada. At the end of 1920 the BCM reported that a match for the "championship of Canada has been arranged between Sidney E. Gale, the Canadian champion, and Dr. S.F. Smith, late champion of Vancouver and ex-champion of the City of London Chess Club, England." The match was to be the best score out of nine games, draws excluded. Gale lived in Hamilton; if Dr. Smith still had relatives in Ontario, this may explain how the match came to take place. In any event, the match was abandoned after each player had scored one victory, "Mr. Gale being obliged to withdraw because of business reasons." [Victoria Daily Colonist, February 6th, 1921]

In 1924, in conjunction with the Olympic Games in Paris, a chess team event was organized. Unlike future chess olympiads, this event followed the ideals and organization of the Olympic Games: only non-professionals were allowed to take part, and everyone competed as an individual, the number of players on a "team" being variable. Dr. Smith played in the tournament as the sole representative of Canada; he scored only one draw in his qualifying group, but did respectably well in the Consolation Final (4.5/8). The winner of the Championship Final was Hermanis Matisons of Latvia (see OlimpBase). During the event meetings and discussions took place with regard to the formation of an International Chess Body. The Federation was duly inaugurated at the end of the Paris tournament, with fifteen countries signing the roll on July 20th, 1924 as first members; Dr. Smith signed on behalf of Canada. The other countries were Argentina, Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Finland, France, Great Britain, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Spain, Switzerland, and Yugoslavia (see Edward Winter's The History of FIDE for further details). The first president was Dr. Alexander Rueb of Holland, who lost to Smith in the Consolation Final.

So by whose authority did Dr. Smith represent Canada at the formation of FIDE? Based on the scant sources currently available, apparently his own. Despite having lived over half his life in England Smith still competed in Paris as a Canadian - the line dividing the nations of the commonwealth has always tended to be blurry. By comparison, William Pollock had only spent a short time in Montreal when he represented Canada at Hastings 1895. Winter has noted that the Paris meeting was improperly planned and occurred largely as the result of a moment of enthusiasm; one can well imagine Dr. Smith stepping forth, possibly on the spur of the moment, as a signatory for the country of his birth. He seems to have done this on his own initiative — no evidence has come to light that he was acting as an agent for, or under the authority of, the Canadian Chess Association. For example Malcolm Sim, who was secretary of the CCA at the time and who presumably would have been aware of such an official undertaking, makes no mention of Smith in his [Toronto] *Evening Telegram* chess column. Hopefully additional research will shed more light on these questions, but for the moment it appears that Canada owes its initial place in FIDE to a doctor's son from the village of Seaforth, Ontario, who appropriately enough was likely a spectator at the first (completed) Canadian Championship.

As a chess player Dr. Smith was a strong amateur who was bested by the lower echelon of professional masters. For example, Smith often played in the British Championship but nearly always in one of the minor sections; he played several times at Hastings but never in the Premier. The Minor "Tourney" of the 1899 London International is typical - Smith scored 50% to finish seventh out of twelve, behind the likes of Marshall, Marco, and Mieses. A long-time member of the City of London Chess Club (he joined in 1887), Smith won its championship in 1895 and placed second in 1905-06. His best individual games were wins against a young Max Euwe in the 1919 Hastings Victory Congress and Vera Menchik at Hastings 1927-28; at his worst he suffered from the tactical oversights which John Nunn states were a common feature of play in that era (see the games against Marshall and Koltanowski below).

#### Smith, Stephen - Marshall, Frank [D00] London-B London (1), 05.1899

1.d4 d5 2.e3 e6 3.Nf3 f5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Ne5 Bd6 6.f4 0-0 7.0-0 Bxe5 8.fxe5 Ng4 9.Qe1 Bd7 10.Qg3 Kh8 11.e4 dxe4 12.Bxe4 Bb5 13.Rd1 Be2 14.Rd2 fxe4 15.c3 Rf1# 0-1

#### Smith, Stephen - Stevenson, Archibald [B18] VCC ch Vancouver 1915

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 c6 5.Ne4 Bf5 6.Ng3 Bg6 7.Nf3 e6 8.c3 Bd6 9.Bd3 Bxg3 10.hxg3 Bxd3 11.Qxd3 Nf6 12.g4 g6 13.g5 Nfd7 14.Bf4 f6 15.O-O-O O-O 16.Rh6 Rf7 17.Rdh1 f5 18.Qe3 Qe8 19.Ne5 Nxe5 20.Bxe5 Nd7 21.Rxg6+ Kf8 22.Rgh6 Ke7 23.Rxh7 Nf8 24.g6 Rxh7 25.gxh7 Ng6 26.Qg5+ Kd7 27.h8=Q 1-0

#### Smith, Stephen - Yates, Bertram [C61] VCC Vancouver 1915

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.d3 Nf6 6.O-O c6 7.e5 cxb5 8.exf6 Qxf6 9.Re1+ Be7 10.Qe2 d5 11.Nd2 Be6 12.Nf3 Bg4 13.Bg5 Qxg5 14.Nxg5 Bxe2 15.Rxe2 Kf8 16.Nf3 Bf6 17.a4 b4 18.a5 Rc8 19.Ra4 b3 20.cxb3 Rc1+ 21.Re1 Rxe1+ 22.Nxe1 Ke7 23.Rb4 Rb8 24.Kf1 Kd6 25.Ke2 Kc5 26.Nc2 Re8+ 27.Kd1 b5 28.axb6 axb6 29.Ra4 Re7 30.Ra8 Rc7 31.Rb8 h6 32.g3 Be5 33.Kd2 Kb5 34.Rd8 Kc5 35.b4+ Kc6 36.b5+ Kxb5 37.Rxd5+ Rc5 38.Rd7 Ka4 39.b4 Rc7 40.Rxc7 Bxc7 41.h4 Bd6 42.Nxd4 Bxb4+ 43.Ke2 b5 44.Nf5 Bf8 45.Kd2 Ka3 46.Kc2 Ka2 47.Ne3 Bc5 48.Nd1 Bd4 49.f3 b4 50.g4 b3+ 51.Kc1 Be3+ 52.Nxe3 b2+ 53.Kd2 b1=Q 54.h5 Qb2+ 55.Ke1 Kb3 56.Nc4 Qg2 0-1

#### Smith, Stephen - Holloway, Edith [C64] olm final B Paris (2), 07.1924

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.Nxe5 Bxf2+ 5.Kxf2 Nxe5 6.d4 Ng6 7.Nc3 N8e7 8.Rf1 c6 9.Bd3 d5 10.Be3 0–0 11.Kg1 f5 12.exd5 Nxd5 13.Nxd5 cxd5 14.c3 Be6 15.Qh5 Qd7 16.Rae1 Nh8 17.Bf4 g6 18.Qd1 Nf7 19.Qd2 Nd6 20.Bxd6 Qxd6 21.Re5 Kg7 22.Rfe1 Rae8 23.Bb5 Bd7 24.Rxe8 Rxe8 25.Rxe8 Bxb5 26.Re5 h5 27.Qg5 Kf7 28.h3 Bc6 29.Qf4 Qf6 30.b3 b5 31.Re3 Qd8 32.g4 hxg4 33.hxg4 Bd7 34.Qd6 fxg4 35.Qxd5+ Kg7 36.Qd6 Kf7 37.c4 bxc4 38.bxc4 1–0

#### Smith, Stephen - Duchamp, Marcel [B03] olm final B Paris (4), 07.1924

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.f4 dxe5 5.fxe5 Bf5 6.c3 e6 7.Bd3 Bxd3 8.Qxd3 Nc6 9.Nf3 Be7 10.0–0 0–0 11.Nbd2 f6 12.Ne4 fxe5 13.Neg5 Bxg5 14.Nxg5 Rxf1+ 15.Kxf1 Qf6+ 16.Kg1 Qf5 17.Ne4 g6 18.Bh6 exd4 19.Rf1 Qh5 20.Qd2 dxc3 21.bxc3 Ne5 22.h3 Nf7 23.Be3 Qh4 24.Nc5 Nxe3 25.Qxe3 Qg5 26.Qf2 Qe7 27.Nxb7 Nd6 28.Nc5 e5 29.Re1 Rf8 30.Qe2 Re8 31.Ne4 Kg7 32.Qf2 Nxe4 33.Rxe4 Qa3 34.Qe3 Qa5 35.c4 Qxa2 36.Rh4 h5 37.g4 Qb1+ 38.Kh2 Qc2+ 39.Kg3 Qxc4 40.gxh5

Qe6 41.hxg6 Rh8 42.Rxh8 Qxg6+ 43.Kh2 Kxh8 44.Qxa7 Qc2+ 45.Kh1 Qe4+ 46.Kh2 Qf4+ 47.Kh1 e4 48.Kg2 Kg7 49.Qd4+ Kh7 50.Qd7+ Kh6 51.Qe6+ Kg7 52.Qe7+ Kh6 53.Qe6+ Kg5 54.Qe7+ Kf5 55.Qc5+ Ke6 56.Qc6+ Ke7 57.Qc5+ Qd6 58.Qg5+ Kd7 59.Qf5+ Qe6 60.Qb5+ c6 61.Qb7+ Kd6 62.Qb8+ Kc5 63.Qa7+ Kd5 64.Qa2+ Kd6 65.Qd2+ Qd5 66.Qf4+ Kc5 67.Qc1+ Qc4 68.Qa3+ Kd5 69.Qa5+ c5 70.Qd8+ Kc6 71.h4 Qe2+ 72.Kg3 Qf3+ 73.Kh2 Qf4+ 74.Kh3 e3 75.Qe8+ Kd5 76.Qd7+ Ke4 77.Qc6+ Kd4 78.Qa4+ c4 79.Qd1+ Ke4 80.Qb1+ Kd4 81.Qb2+ Kd3 82.Qb1+ Ke2 83.Qb2+ Ke1 84.h5 Qf3+ 85.Kh4 Qf2+ 0-1

#### Smith, Stephen - Wreford Brown, Charles [D00] olm final B Paris (8), 07.1924

1.d4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Bd3 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nd2 e6 6.f4 Qc7 7.Ndf3 Bd6 8.Ne5 Bd7 9.Qf3 cxd4 10.exd4 Rc8 11.Ne2 h5 12.0–0 Ne7 13.Bd2 Qb6 14.Rab1 Bb5 15.Bc2 Qa6 16.Rfe1 Nc6 17.Nc1 Nxd4 18.cxd4 Rxc2 19.Bc3 0–0 20.Qd1 Ba4 21.Nb3 Rxc3 22.bxc3 Rc8 23.Qf3 Be8 24.Rb2 Ba3 25.Rc2 b5 26.f5 Ne4 27.Qxh5 Rxc3 28.Rxc3 Nxc3 29.fxe6 Qxe6 30.Nd3 Ne4 31.Nf4 Qf6 32.Qxd5 Bc6 33.Qe5 Qxe5 34.dxe5 Ng5 35.Kf1 a5 36.Nd4 Bd7 37.Rb1 Ne6 38.Nfxe6 fxe6 39.Nxb5 Bb4 40.Nd6 Kf8 41.Rb3 Ke7 42.Rg3 Kd8 43.Rxg7 1–0

#### Smith, Stephen - Koltanowski, George [C22] Hastings27-28 Hastings, 1927

1.e4 e5 2.d4 exd4 3.Qxd4 Nc6 4.Qe3 Nf6 5.Nc3 Be7 6.Bc4 0-0 7.h3 a6 8.Bd2 Re8 9.0-0-0 d6 10.Nd5 Nxd5 11.Bxd5 Bf6 12.g4 Be6 13.Bxe6 Rxe6 14.f4 Qe7 15.e5 dxe5 16.f5 Rd6 17.Nf3 e4 18.Ng5 Rxd2 0-1

#### Smith, Stephen - Menchik, Vera [B00] Hastings27-28 Hastings, 1927

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.0–0 0–0 7.d5 Nb8 8.Be3 c5 9.h3 h6 10.Qd2 Kh7 11.Nh2 b6 12.Ng4 Nxg4 13.hxg4 Ba6 14.g3 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Nd7 16.Kg2 Rh8 17.Rh1 Kg8 18.g5 hxg5 19.Rxh8+ Bxh8 20.Bxg5 b5 21.Rh1 b4 22.Nd1 Bf6 23.Qg4 Bxg5 24.Qxg5 Qf8 25.Qh4 Kg7 26.Ne3 e5 27.Nf5+ 1–0

#### **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

#### **Knightmare Summer Quads**

July 13, Burnaby Details

#### West End Blitz

July 20, Exile Café, Vancouver <a href="Details">Details</a>

# **BC Day Open**

August 2-4, Vancouver Chess School Details

## **Vancouver Open**

August 9-10, Vancouver, WA Details

# **Bishops of Bowser Open**

August 10, Bowser Details

## **August Active**

August 17, Vancouver Chess School Details

# **Knightmare Summer Hexagonals**

August 23, Vancouver Details

# **Langley Open**

August 30 – September 1, Langley Details