

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #303

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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

European Excursions

In previous issues we mentioned that **Max Gedajlovic** played a couple of events in Europe (Morzine, Andorra). Two more can be added to this list; one that we missed at the time was the [12th Villard-de-Lans Open](#), held June 27 – July 4 in the town of that name, southwest of Grenoble in France. The seventy-two player nine-round Swiss was won by French GM Jean-Pierre Le Roux with 8.0/9, a full point ahead of second-place finisher IM Jordi Fluvià Poyatos of Spain. Max tied for seventh place with 6.0 points, including a win against Vietnamese IM Quang Long Le. Also in the field was a fistful of Foisors – husband and wife Ovidiu and Cristina, along with daughters Sabina and Veronica; they all scored 5.5.

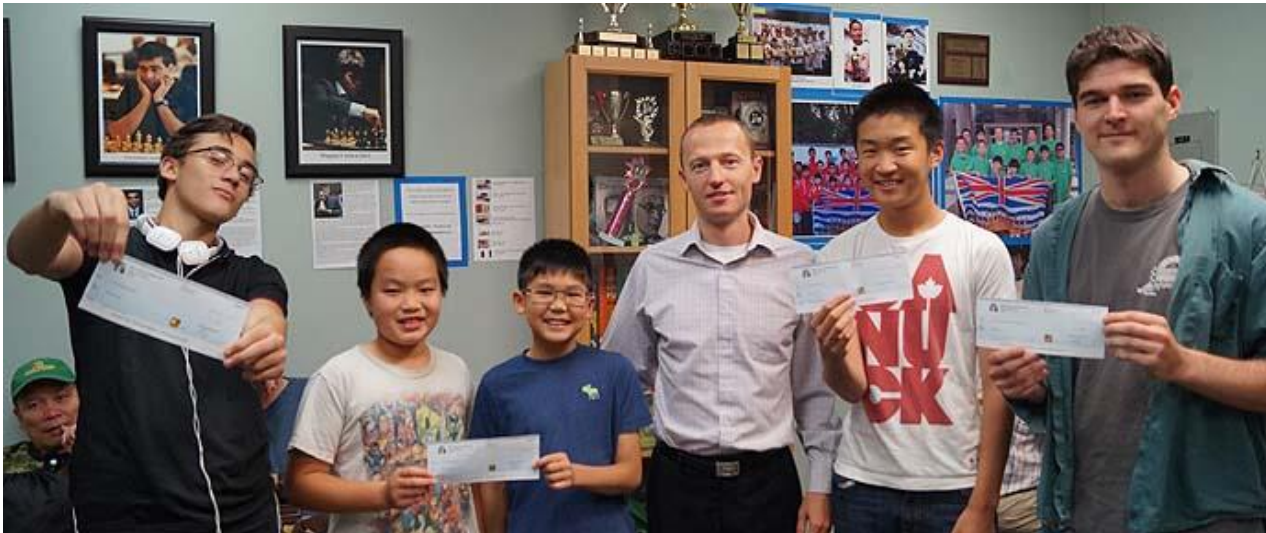
Max most recently participated in a tournament in Montesilvano, Italy (the other side of the peninsula from Rome), the 8th edition of a festival held at the Grand Hotel Adriatica. The twenty-one player [A Section](#) included two grandmasters and four international masters, top ranked being GM Csaba Horváth of Hungary. However, he had to be content with sharing third place, as GM Arkadij Rotstein (Germany) and IM Duilio Collutiis (Italy) tied for first with 6.5/9; Max scored 5.0 points. More importantly, as a result of his good results in the other three tournaments and the introduction by FIDE last summer of K=40 for those players U18 and U2300, Max's [FIDE rating](#) has now risen above 2300, thus qualifying him for the title of FIDE Master – congratulations!

The other B.C. player who has been spending time in Europe of late is James Chan, who has participated in tournaments in Switzerland, Spain, and Austria. First up was the Biel Chess Festival, headlined by the Grandmaster Tournament won for the third year in a row by French superstar Maxime Vachier-Lagrave. Run in conjunction with that event was the [Biel Masters](#) (July 20-31), a seventy-eight player tournament which despite its name included twenty-six grandmasters. This was won by Israeli GM and Association of Chess Professionals President [Emil Sutovsky](#) on tiebreak from Indian GM Baskaran Adhiban, both with 8.0/11; James scored 4.5 points, including a draw against FM Sunil Weeramantry, better known as Hikaru Nakamura's stepfather. Then it was off to Badalona, part of metropolitan Barcelona, for the [41st International Open](#) (August 2-10), where the field of one hundred and twenty also included two other Canadians, Mike Ivanov and Daniel



Wiebe. The overall winner was Argentinian GM Fernando Peralta with 7.5/9, while James finished with 4.0. Finally to Austria and the [Vienna Open](#) (August 15-23), whose top section included four hundred and sixty players. Here there was a five-way tie for first, with sixteen-year old IM Francesco Rambaldi GMs Keith Arkell, Tamas Banusz, Axel Rombaldoni, and Gergely Antal on 7.5/9. James had an excellent result; his 5.0 points included wins against IM Goran Trkulja and WGM Barbara Hund (who played in the 1981 Vancouver [Women's International](#)) and a FIDE performance rating of 2253.

August Active (August 16) by Joe "Throwback" Roback



The August Active had a respectable turnout of thirty-nine players, twenty-three of whom competed in the Open Section. With only four slots left for the looming Grand Prix death-match at the end of the year, several players were gunning for this month's qualifying spot, including myself.

The active-avenger Mayo Fuentebella (CFC 2312) is an old friend who I used to play relentlessly at Robson Square downtown. He is as kind off-the-board as he is ruthless over-the-board. In our last several games together, however, it seems that the player who is winning in the first half of the game usually doesn't leave with the 1-point result. This month was no exception. Though Mayo managed to win the exchange (rook for knight) I re-routed all my forces into a promising passed-pawn which changed the outcome of the game. Another memorable game from this month was Peter Kalisvaart, who I played in round 5. Though I was able to create a two pawn advantage, Peter's endgame technique held the draw. I celebrated my \$250 prize by snatching Tournament Director Stephen Wright's white sunhat for the picture. (Muahaha)



The U1800 class-prize resulted in a three-way tie with Ethan Low, Victor Zheng, and Nathaniel Knox splitting the \$120 prize (see above). All three juniors have been improving rapidly. New-comer and high school freshman Brandon Zhu (second from right) placed clear first in the U1500 category for \$60. The ratings used for the active were typically CFC or CMA if the latter was higher.



Congratulations to Nicholas Yang who won the entire Junior Section and earned the first place trophy. His winning result with 4.5/5 conceded only single draw to the top medalist Daniel Zhang. It was the girls, however, who seemed to dominate the Junior Section, with Anna Van winning the second place trophy and Eva Shu the third overall. Congratulations to our Junior Section medalists: Daniel Zhang, Eric Jiang, Veronica Guo, Ryan Yang, Jerry Wang, Jason Qian, Kevin Lei. Special thanks to Maxim Doroshenko for organizing and FA Stephen Wright for supervising the exuberant Junior Section and looking after pairings. See you guys for the Sunday September 13th Active! [Standings and link to photos](#)

Monthly Active Grand Prix Qualified players (tentative)

	Adults	Juniors
January	Tanraj Sohal	Ping Yu
February	Mayo Fuentebella	Jason Qian
March	Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj	William Ng
April	Alfred Pechisker	Connor Chai
May	Butch Villavieja	Andrew Hemstapat
June	James Li	Reyes Jemelyn
July	Madiyar Amerkeshev	Brian Yang
August	Joe Roback	Nicholas Yang

B.C. Closed Qualifiers

With the one hundredth B.C. Championship scheduled for Thanksgiving, here are the qualifiers from the first five qualification events:

- Jason Cao (defending champion)
- John Doknjas (B.C. Junior Champion)
- Tanraj Sohal (B.C. Open)
- Bindi Cheng (Grand Pacific Open)
- Oliver Schulte (Keres Memorial)

There is only one qualification event left, the Langley Open next weekend, plus two players to be taken from the ratings list. A reminder that to be eligible for the latter, a player must have played ten CFC-rated regular games in B.C. in the last year. [Full regulations](#)

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Harper, Bruce - Opponent [A00] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

1.g3 [0:02:56] 1...Nf6 [0:02:59] 2.Bg2 [0:02:56] 2...g6 [0:02:58] 3.d3 [0:02:55] 3...Bg7 [0:02:58]
4.Nc3 [0:02:54] 4...d5 [0:02:56] 5.Bd2 [0:02:52] 5...0-0 [0:02:55] 6.Qc1 [0:02:51]



I christened this opening the "Suttles System", as GM Duncan Suttles employed it in a number of games, both as White and Black. It comes up surprisingly often in 3-minute play, and is a big time-saver. 6...Re8 [0:02:53] One of many options. Black retains his dark-squared bishop, but this costs him a move and isn't necessarily the best approach to the position. 7.Bh6 [0:02:50] 7...Bh8 [0:02:52] 8.h4! [0:02:48]



Of course! This is White's main idea in this variation - after a few preparatory moves, he launches a kingside attack which is more dangerous than it looks. 8...e5 [0:02:50] 9.h5 [0:02:46]



Exploiting the connection between Black's f6-knight, his d5-pawn and the h5-square. **9...d4** [0:02:49] **10.Ne4** [0:02:44] I learned something when annotating this game - 10.hxg6! is more exact, because 10... dxc3 11.g7! favours White. But no one ever seems to play 10...Nxf5 anyway, so it rarely makes any difference. **10...Nxe4?!** [0:02:48] **11.Bxe4** [0:02:43] **11...Nc6** [0:02:36] **12.hxg6** [0:02:41] **12...fxg6** [0:02:35] **13.Nf3** [0:02:37] Now White is clearly better, not so much because he will deliver checkmate (although Black has to be careful), but because he has a better pawn structure (one pawn island vs. two, and control of the e4-square). **13...Be6** [0:02:28] **14.Ng5** [0:02:19] **14...Bd5?!** [0:02:26]



15.Nxh7! [0:02:12] Alertly grabbing an important pawn. **15...Bxe4** [0:02:24] **16.dxe4** [0:02:11] **16...Qd6** [0:01:54] **17.Ng5** [0:02:04] **17...Rad8** [0:01:39] **18.a3** [0:01:59] **18...Na5** [0:01:38] **19.Qd2** [0:01:35] **19...Nc4** [0:01:37] **20.Qd3** [0:01:34] White's queen is working towards checking on the a2-g8 diagonal. **20...b5** [0:01:26]



21.b3? [0:01:32] The engine recommends the cold blooded 21.0-0-0!, followed by doubling rooks on the h-file. Black should now play 21...Nxa3!, after which White still has an edge, but nothing immediately decisive. **21...Nb2?** [0:01:12] **22.Qxb5** [0:01:23] **22...c6** [0:01:03] **23.Qa5** [0:01:14]



White's position is better in almost every possible way, including time. **23...d3** [0:00:56] **24.exd3** [0:01:03] **24...Nxd3+** [0:00:54] **25.cxd3** [0:00:46] **25...Qxd3** [0:00:53] **26.Qc7** [0:00:31] **26...Qc3+** [0:00:34] **27.Kf1** [0:00:26] One of the most fake sacrifices ever. **27...Qd3+** [0:00:24] **28.Kg2** [0:00:24] **28...Rd7** [0:00:22] **29.Qxc6** [0:00:23] **29...Qd6** [0:00:10]



30.Qxd6 [0:00:22] 30.Qc4+ was better, but Black had only ten seconds left, and I've wrecked better positions. **30...Rxd6** [0:00:10] **31.Rad1** [0:00:21] **31...Rb6** [0:00:09] **32.b4** [0:00:18] **32...a5** [0:00:08] **33.Rb1** [0:00:17] **33...axb4** [0:00:07] **34.axb4** [0:00:15] **34...Rc8** [0:00:05] **35.Rhd1** [0:00:14] **35...Rc2** [0:00:04] **36.Rd8#** [0:00:12] Checkmate. **1-0**

BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

With this issue your correspondent resumes his endgame browsing after an interesting year as a contributor to the *British Chess Magazine*. This time around we are going back to a perennial sourcebook: the *Encyclopaedia of Chess Endings*, which is published by Sahovski Informator of Belgrade in five volumes and covers the entire spectrum of basic endgames.

Stein, Michael - Hartston, William R. [A29] BCF-ch Brighton (9), 23.08.1972

1.c4 Nf6 2.g3 e5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.Bg2 0-0 6.0-0 Re8 7.d3 Bxc3 8.bxc3 e4 9.Nd4 h6 10.c5 exd3 11.Qxd3 Ne5 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Ba3 Nc4 14.Qa4 Nxa3 15.Qxa3 Qe5 16.e4 d6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Rfe1 Bd7 19.Rab1 Bc6 20.f4 Qc5 21.Qxc5 dxc5 22.Nxc6 bxc6 23.c4 Nd7 24.e5 Rac8 25.Rb7 Nb6 26.Rxa7 Nxc4 27.Rc1 Ne3 28.Rxc5 Nxc2 29.Kxg2 Red8 30.Ra6 Rd2+ 31.Kh3 g6 32.a4 Ra2 33.a5 h5 34.Raxc6 Rxc6 35.Rxc6 Rxa5



White to play

This typical four vs three rook ending appeared as position #1137 in the first edition of *ECE 2 – Rooks* (1985). It is “White to play and win” but, as we shall soon discover, that particular assessment can be proven wrong if Black defends correctly.

36.Kh4 Ra2 37.Kg5

White gets nowhere after 37.e6 f6! 38.h3 Kg7 39.g4 hxg4 40.hxg4 Ra4 41.Rc7+ Kh6 42.Kg3 g5! and now 43.f5 Rxf4+! is an immediate draw.

37...Kg7 White was threatening 38.Kf6 followed by 39.Rc8+ and 40.Kxf7, after which his passed e-pawn would quickly decide the game.

38.Rc7 With the transparent threat of 39.e6, again winning Black's vital f-pawn.



38...Re2?

This obvious-looking move is a serious error, one that was likely played quickly since by all appearances the players were approaching the 40-move time control that was standard in those far-off Fischer years. The strategy of controlling enemy pawns from the rear is well-known and generally valid, but in this specific case Black has failed to spot a key White resource. It was easy enough to see that both 38...Kg8 39.e6 fxe6 40.Kxg6 and 38...Kf8 39.e6 fxe6 40.Kf6 were equally disastrous for Black, but a little reflection might have led him to hit upon the pinning move 38...Ra5! Then White has no convenient king move and can only try to mobilise his pawns with 39.h3, when the main line runs 39...Ra3! 40.g4 hxg4 41.hxg4 Re3! 42.Re7 Re1. Here no further progress can be made since 43.f5 is met by 43...Rxe5!, and therefore a draw could reasonably be agreed at once.

39.Ra7 White does not execute the decisive manoeuvre straight away, but instead makes a couple of harmless waiting moves in order to reach the first time control in safety.

39...Re3 40.Rb7 Re2 41.Re7! Taking control of the important square e6 and making possible the corresponding pawn breakthrough.

41...Re1



42.e6! Rxe6 Unfortunately, there is nothing better for Black than allowing the execution of White's plan.

43.Rxe6 fxe6 44.h3! White uses one of his spare pawn moves to force Black's king to give way.

44...Kf7 45.Kh6! Kf6 46.g4 h4 No better was 46...hxg4 47.hxg4 Kf7 48.g5, etc.

47.g5+ Kf5 48.Kg7! White has correctly calculated that after both sides make a queen, he will be on move with a forced simplifying manoeuvre available.

48...Kxf4 49.Kxg6 e5 50.Kf6 e4 51.g6 e3 52.g7 e2 53.g8Q e1Q



54.Qg4+ Ke3 55.Qe6+! Here Black saw that 55...Kf2 56.Qxe1+ Kxe1 57.Kg5 Ke2 58.Kxh4 Kf3 59.Kg5! was an easy win for White and therefore he resigned. **1:0**

The winner of this game, Michael Stean, was the third English player to obtain the grandmaster title. He is the author of the highly-regarded middlegame treatise *Simple Chess*.

SUTTLES AT THE WORLD JUNIOR

In 1965 Canada's representative to the World Junior Championship was Duncan Suttles. Held in Barcelona in August, the tournament consisted of Preliminary and Final stages. In the preliminaries the 28 competitors were divided into five smaller round-robins, two of them having five players, the other three having six. Suttles ended up in the second of the five-player sections; for reasons which are not clear only Platzack had an equal distribution of colours, everyone else had three Whites out of four or three Blacks:

	1	2	3	4	5	
1 Kurajica, Bojan	*	1	1	1	1	4.0
2 Bronstein, Luis	0	*	1	1	1	3.0
3 Suttles, Duncan	0	0	*	1	½	1.5
4 Platzack, Sven	0	0	0	*	1	1.0
5 Halfdanarson, Jon	0	0	½	0	*	0.5

Suttles wrote: "My failure to qualify for the Championship section was the greatest setback I have ever experienced in chess. Everything depended on my last round game in the preliminary, where I had to beat L.M.O. Bronstein to qualify. Although I was very put out at the arrangement of preliminaries with only four games, you can well imagine the consternation of R.D. Keene, who had to draw lots with Tukmakov to settle who was to play in the Championship section! Bronstein proved to be my personal nemesis, as he beat me to qualify, and then in an International Tournament at Gijon a little while later he beat me by half a point to win the first prize, though I had some consolation in a win over him with the Whites in our game at Gijon." [*Canadian Chess Chat*, October 1965]

This relative failure meant that Suttles competed in the "B" Finals, winning it without loss of a game ahead of England's Raymond Keene. Kurajica went on to win the World Junior title in the ten-player "A" Final, beating future GMs Vladimir Tukmakov, Robert Hübner, and Ivan Farago in the process - not a bad result!

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
1 Suttles, Duncan	*	½	½	½	1	1	1	1	1	6.5
2 Keene, Raymond D.	½	*	0	1	1	1	1	½	1	6.0
3 Cordovil, Joao	½	1	*	0	0	1	½	½	1	4.5
4 Weissbacher, Engelbert	½	0	1	*	½	0	1	0	1	4.0
5 Petersen, Svend	0	0	1	½	*	0	½	1	1	4.0
6 Eggmann, R.	0	0	0	1	1	*	0	1	½	3.5
7 Macles, Jacques	0	0	½	0	½	1	*	½	1	3.5
8 Jamieson, Robert	0	½	½	1	0	0	½	*	½	3.0
9 Platzack, Sven	0	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	*	1.0

Bronstein, Luis - Suttles, Duncan [A40] Wch U20 prel Barcelona (4), 08.1965

1.d4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.c3 d6 4.Bg5 f6 5.Bh4 Nd7 6.Nbd2 Nh6 7.e4 c6 8.Bc4 e5 9.0-0 Qe7 10.Qe2 Nb6 11.Bb3 Nf7 12.a4 h5 13.a5 Nd7 14.h3 g5 15.Bg3 h4 16.Bh2 Nf8 17.Ne1 exd4 18.Bxf7+ Kxf7 19.cxd4 d5 20.Qf3 Be6 21.Nd3 Kg8 22.Rfe1 dxe4 23.Nxe4 Rd8 24.Ndc5 Bd5 25.Qf5 Bxe4 26.Rxe4 Qf7 27.Rae1 b6 28.Ne6 Rd5 29.Qf3 Rxa5 30.Bd6 Nxe6 31.Rxe6 Ra1 32.Qe4 f5 33.Qe3 Rxe1+ 34.Qxe1 Rh6 35.Rxh6 Bxh6 36.Qc3 Qd5 37.Bb8 Bg7 38.Bxa7 Bxd4 39.Qd2 Bf6?? [39...f4] 40.Qxd5+ cxd5 41.Bxb6 Bxb2 42.Kf1 Kf8 43.Ke2 Ke7 44.Kd3 Bf6 45.Be3 Ke6 46.Bc5 Kd7 47.f3 Kc6 48.Be3 Kb5 49.Ba7 f4 50.Bf2 Kc6 51.Bd4 Be7 52.Be5 Kc5 53.Bd4+ Kd6 54.Bc3 Ke6 55.Bd4 Bf6 56.Bc5 Kd7 57.Bb6 Kc6 58.Bf2 Kb5 59.Ba7 Bd8 60.Bd4 Kb4 61.Bc3+ Ka3 62.Bd4 Kb3 63.Be5 Be7 64.Kd4 Kc2 65.Kxd5 Kd3 66.Ke6 Bd8 67.Bf6 Bxf6 68.Kxf6 g4 69.hxg4 1-0

Macles, Jacques - Suttles, Duncan [B06] Wch U20 fin Barcelona (3), 1965

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.Be2 Nc6 5.d5 Nd4 6.Be3 Nxe2 7.Ngxe2 Nf6 8.f3 c6 9.Qd2 h5 10.0-0 Bd7 11.a4 Qa5 12.b4 Qxb4 13.Rab1 Qa5 14.Rxb7 Bc8 15.Rb3 cxd5 16.exd5 Ba6 17.Rfb1 0-0 18.Nf4 Rfc8 19.Rb4 Qc7 20.Bd4 Ne8 21.Bxg7 Nxc7 22.Ne4 Qxc2 23.Qe1 Qc7 24.h4 Rab8 25.Kh2 Rxb4 26.Rxb4 Nf5 27.Ng5 Qc3 28.Qb1 Nxc4 29.Nxc5 Bd3 30.Qb3 Qxb3 31.Rxb3 Bc4 32.Rb7 gxh5 33.Rxe7 Bxd5 34.Kh3 Nf5 35.Rxa7 Ra8 0-1

Suttles, Duncan - Petersen, Sven [A00] Wch U20 fin Barcelona (9), 1965

1.g3 g6 2.Bg2 Bg7 3.d3 d6 4.Nc3 c5 5.Nh3 Nc6 6.0-0 e6 7.e4 Nge7 8.Be3 Rb8 9.Qd2 Nd4 10.Nd1 e5 11.f4 0-0 12.c3 Ndc6 13.Ndf2 b5 14.Rad1 Qa5 15.f5 gxf5 16.Bh6 f4 17.Bxg7 Kxg7 18.gxf4 f6 19.a3 Qd8 20.Kh1 Kh8 21.Bf3 Ng8 22.Rg1 Qe7 23.f5 Bd7 24.Rg3 Be8 25.Rdg1 Rb7 26.Ng4 a5 27.Nhf2 Qf7 28.Nh6 Nxc6 29.Qxh6 b4 30.Ng4 Ne7 31.Nxe5 1-0

Suttles, Duncan - Bronstein, Luis [B18] Gijon, 09.1965

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Bf5 5.Ng3 Bg6 6.Bc4 e6 7.N1e2 Bd6 8.h4 h6 9.Nf4 Ne7 10.Nxc6 Nxc6 11.h5 Ne7 12.Qg4 Rg8 13.c3 Nd7 14.Ne4 Nb6 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Bf4 Qd7 17.Bb3 Nbd5 18.Bd2 0-0 19.0-0-0 Kb8 20.Qf3 Nc8 21.Rhe1 Ka8 22.Bc2 Nd6 23.b3 b5 24.Kb2 Rb8

25.Ra1 Rb7 26.a4 Rc8 27.axb5 cxb5 28.Ra6 Rc6 29.Rxc6 Qxc6 30.Bf4 a6 31.Be5 Rc7 32.Bxg7 Qb6 33.Re3 Ka7 34.Bxh6 b4 35.c4 Qxd4+ 36.Kb1 Nc3+ 37.Rxc3 Qxc3 38.Qxc3 bxc3 39.Bg7 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>

“Any interested parties that would like to take over the TD duties at UBC please contact me [Aaron]. It would be preferred that interested parties be able to take over on a long term basis. Thank you.

Langley Open

September 5-7, Langley
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Knightmare Quads for kids

September 13, Burnaby
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September Active

September 13, Vancouver Chess School
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Victoria Active Fundraiser

September 26, Victoria
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Knightmare Quads for kids

October 4, Burnaby
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October Active

October 4, Vancouver Chess School
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LakeCity Open

October 24, Williams Lake
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Knightmare Quads for kids

November 1, Burnaby
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November Active

November 1, Vancouver Chess School
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November 14-15, Victoria
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