

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #311

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); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Happy New Year to everyone!

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

European Excursions

Leon Piasetski participated in the [Qatar Masters Open](#) (December 19-30), an extremely strong event and one of the very few open tournaments in history to feature a reigning world champion (Magnus Carlsen; the only others that come to mind were the 1971 Canadian Open in Vancouver followed by the 1971 CNE Open in Toronto – Boris Spassky played in both). Carlsen was the overall victor after winning a playoff against last year's winner Yu Yangyi; both scored 7.0/9. Tied for third were Vladimir Kramnik, Sergey Karjakin, Sanan Sjugirov, Ni Hua, and Vassily Ivanchuk. Leon found the going rather rough, losing his first four games and finishing with 2.5 points (three draws and a forced bye after Samuel Shankland withdrew due to health reasons).

We left Max Gedajlovic playing in the [2nd Sunway Sitges Festival](#) (December 12-20) in Catalonia. He finished the tournament on 50% having faced four grandmasters; the overall winner was Marc Narciso Dublan with 7.0/9, just a half-point ahead of the seven players who tied for second, including previous leader Julio Granda Zuniga. Then it was north to Holland for the [53rd Groningen Festival](#) (December 21-30). Here Max scored 5.0/9. The overall winner was soon-to-be GM Jorden van Foreest on tiebreak from Sundar M. Shyam – both finished with 7.5 points. [ChessBase report](#)



Piasetski, Leon - Ezat, Mohamed [E90] Qatar Masters op Doha (7.62), 27.12.2015

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0–0 6.h3 c5 7.d5 a6 8.a4 e6 9.Bd3 exd5 10.exd5 Re8+ 11.Be3 Nh5 12.0–0 f5 13.Re1 Nd7 14.Bg5 Ndf6 15.Rxe8+ Qxe8 16.Qb3 Qd8 17.Re1 Rb8 18.Bd2 Nd7 19.Ng5 Ne5 20.Be2 Bf6 21.Ne6 Bxe6 22.dxe6 Ng7 23.Bf3 Kh8 24.Bd5 Qe7 25.Qb6 g5 26.Qa7 Re8 27.Qxb7 Qxb7 28.Bxb7 Nxe6 29.Bxa6 Nd4 30.Bb7 Rb8 31.Bd5 Nb3 32.Rd1 Na5 33.Nb5 Nexc4 34.b3 Nxd2 35.Rxd2 Be5 36.g3 Kg7 37.Kg2 h5 38.f4 gxf4 39.gxf4 Bxf4 40.Rf2 Kf6 41.Rxf4 Ke5 42.b4 Nb7 43.Nc7 Kxf4 44.a5 Nxa5 45.bxa5 Rb2+ 46.Kf1 c4 47.Bxc4 Rc2 48.a6 Rxc4 49.a7 Ra4 50.a8Q Rxa8 51.Nxa8 Kg3 52.Nb6 Kxh3 53.Nc4 Kg4 54.Nxd6 f4 55.Ne4 h4 56.Kg2 f3+ 57.Kh2 Kf4 58.Nf2 Ke3 59.Ng4+ Ke2 60.Kh3 f2 61.Nxf2 Kxf2 62.Kxh4 ½–½

Gedajlovic, Max - Kasparova, Tatiana [A58] Groningen op 53rd (8.16), 29.12.2015

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 b5 4.cxb5 a6 5.bxa6 g6 6.Nc3 Bg7 7.e4 0-0 8.a7 Rxa7 9.Nf3 d6 10.Be2 Na6 11.0-0 Nd7 12.Nb5 Ra8 13.a4 Nc7 14.Rb1 Nb6 15.b3 f5 16.Bd3 Nxb5 17.axb5 fxe4 18.Bxe4 Bf5 19.Qd3 Qd7 20.Bb2 Bxb2 21.Rxb2 Ra5 22.Re2 Qxb5 23.Qd2 Ra7 24.Qe3 Qd7 25.Qh6 e5 26.dxe6 Qxe6 27.Rfe1 Qf7 28.h4 Bxe4 29.Rxe4 Nd5 30.Qd2 Nf6 31.Re6 d5 32.Ng5 Qb7 33.Qc3 Qb4 34.Qxb4 cxb4 35.Rb6 Rd7 36.Rxb4 d4 37.Rd1 d3 38.Nf3 Rfd8 39.Rc4 Rb8 40.Rc3 Rdb7 41.Rdxd3 Rb4 42.Rd6 Nh5 43.Rd7 Rxb3 44.Rcc7 Nf6 45.Rg7+ Kh8 46.Ng5 Re8 47.g3 Rb1+ 48.Kg2 Ree1 49.Rgf7 Rg1+ 50.Kf3 Rb3+ 51.Ke2 Rb2+ 52.Kd3 Rd1+ 53.Kc3 Rb8 54.Kc2 Rd6 55.Rxh7+ Nxh7 56.Nf7+ Kg8 57.Nxd6 Nf6 58.Rc4 Rd8 59.Nb5 Rd5 60.Nc3 Rf5 61.Nd1 1-0

25th North American Open (December 26-30)

As usual, a number of B.C. players spent the holidays playing in the North American Open, held at Bally's Casino Resort in Las Vegas. These included Juni Caluza, Daniel Chen, Constantin Rotariu, and Michael Su (U1900), Alec Chung, Daniel Du, James Li, Kevin Li, and Kai Wang (U1700), and Ethan Su and Daniel Wang (U1250). Two of them won 'big' money: Michael Su tied for first with four others and earned \$4311.67, while James Li tied for second with two others, worth \$3285.00. Other money winners were Kai Wang, Alec Chung, and Daniel Wang. Alexey Dreev, Gata Kamsky, and Eylon Nakar tied for first in the Open Section with 7.0/9; best Canadian was Michael Song who scored an IM norm. [Tournament website](#)

Active Grand Prix (December 19)



Held at the Vancouver Chess School on December 19, the tournament brought together the twelve winners of the 2015 VCS monthly actives (or the next highest-placed individual, if that month's winner had already qualified). With such a field the competition was tough, especially since there was only one prize in each section – \$500 for the open, a trophy for the juniors, winner takes all. With anyone being capable of beating anyone else on a good day it all came down to who was in form (or lucky), and on this particular day it was Alfred Pechisker. By the start time we were already

down to ten players – Brian McLaren had to withdraw at the last minute, and Mayo Fuentebella got his days confused. While the various contenders beat up on each other it was Alfred who won game after game, finally giving up a draw in the last round to clinch first place with 5.5/6. Madiyar Amerkeshev placed second a full point behind, while Grigoriy Morosov and Tanraj Sohal tied for third. In the Junior Section Andrew Hemstapat was unstoppable, cruising to victory with a perfect score ahead of Ping Yu, Connor Chai, and Jerry Wang. Watch for upcoming VCS actives, where with a good result YOU could qualify for the next Grand Prix finale. [Crosstables](#)

PAUL KERES CENTENNIAL

Last year we commemorated the fortieth anniversary of the death of Paul Keres, which occurred on June 5, 1975. This year the chess world celebrates the centennial of his birth, January 7, 1916. As a consequence FIDE has designated 2016 the year of Paul Keres, and there will be numerous tributes to the Estonian legend in the coming months. There is currently an [active tournament](#) in his memory in Tallinn, and recently Estonia released a special [two-euro coin design](#) incorporating Keres. Beginning in 1967 Keres had a fruitful relationship with both Canada and British Columbia; for more details we refer readers to [Bulletin #298](#) from last June. (We have included the Keres games from that Bulletin in this issue's PGN file.)



BCCF Junior Membership (by Paul Leblanc)

The executive has passed the following motion: that the regulations of the tournament fees for BCCF sanctioned events be amended as follows:

1) BCCF Player Rating Fees – Junior only events: \$3.00 / player (multi-day events), \$1.50 / player (single day events)

2) BCCF Rating Fees from all-junior events will be administered separately by the BCCF Treasurer and is designated for the support of BCCF junior event expenses.

3) This motion takes effect January 1, 2016

Note: Previously, BCCF fees were waived for tournaments where all participants were juniors. Effective January 1st, junior event organizers will be required to submit BCCF fees to the CFC when submitting events for rating.

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent - Harper, Bruce [B06] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

1.e4 [0:03:00] 1...g6 [0:03:00] 2.d4 [0:02:58] 2...Bg7 [0:02:59] 3.Nc3 [0:02:57] 3...d6 [0:02:59] 4.Nf3 [0:02:57] 4...a6 [0:02:58] 5.a4 [0:02:55] 5...Bg4 [0:02:56]



The idea of this variation is that ...Bg4 is more effective if White can't respond by pinning Black's c6-knight with Bb5. The insertion of a2–a4 and ... a7–a6 is therefore to Black's advantage - at least in that line.

6.Be3 [0:02:53] **6...Nc6** [0:02:56] **7.Be2** [0:02:51]
7...e5 [0:02:55]



8.d5 [0:02:49] The most ambitious, and perhaps most natural, move. 8.dxe5, which I once thought insipid (mainly based on a nice game I won with Black against Carl Storey in the 1980 B.C. Championship) is actually not so bad. I have therefore promoted 8.dxe5 from "insipid" to "annoying". **8...Nce7** [0:02:54] **9.Nd2** [0:02:45]



9...Bc8!? [0:02:52] There is a lengthy explanation (or at least an attempt at a justification) of this bishop retreat (after 9.0–0, rather than 9.Nd2) in *Chess on the Edge*, Volume 1, at page 16 (as well as the complete score of my game with Storey, mentioned earlier). It's enough here to say that "Suttles played it", and save time. **10.0–0** [0:02:33] **10...f5** [0:02:51] **11.f3** [0:02:32] Suttles faced 11.exf5 and 11.f4 (twice). 11.f3 is passive and gives Black no problems, although he certainly has many ways to create problems for himself. **11...Nf6** [0:02:49] This is more interesting than 11...Bh6, getting rid of Black's "bad" bishop. **12.a5** [0:02:20]



The battle lines are now clearly drawn. Given time, White will develop a strong initiative on the queenside. Black can either maintain the tension in the centre by castling (the sane option), or close the position and start a race. Since it's a three-minute game and I'm playing Black, guess what happened? "To thine own self be true..."

12...f4!? [0:02:48] **13.Bf2** [0:02:18] **13...g5** [0:02:47] My dubious logic was that if Black is going to attack on the kingside with his pawns, it's a wonderful thing that his rook is still on the h-file. That might even be true, but it also means that Black's king is still on e8, which isn't quite so wonderful. **14.Na4** [0:01:31] **14...h5** [0:02:44] **15.c4** [0:01:30] **15...Ng6** [0:02:43] **16.c5** [0:01:29] The engine now gives White a plus, as his attack has arrived first. **16...Bf8** [0:02:42] Black decides on the somewhat drastic expedient of recapturing on d6 with his dark squared bishop. **17.Rc1** [0:01:25] **17...g4** [0:02:39] **18.cxd6** [0:01:23] **18...Bxd6** [0:02:35] **19.Nc4** [0:01:22]



Since White now threatens to capture on d6, then invade b6 with his other knight, Black has to do something to get his kingside attack going. **19...g3!** [0:02:29] The engine approves of this thematic sacrifice, although it still gives White a slight edge. **20.hxg3** [0:01:21] **20...fxg3** [0:02:27] **21.Bxg3** [0:01:21] **21...h4** [0:02:26] **22.Bf2?!** [0:01:16] 22.Bh2, covering f4 and g3, as well as blocking the h-file, was more natural. **22...Nh5** [0:02:24] The immediate **23...Nf4** was also possible. **23.Nxd6+** [0:01:14] **23...cxd6?** [0:02:23]

I have to agree with the engine and give this a "?". After **23...Qxd6!**, White's attack on the queenside is significantly slower, while Black's kingside attack isn't particularly weakened by the temporary diversion of his queen to d6. One line given by the engine is **23... Qd6 24.Bb6 Ngf4!** - which just shows how important the b6-square is to White's attack. Now White has it for free. **24.Nb6** [0:01:12] **24...Qg5** [0:02:16]



Believe it or not, this was the position I was playing for, although I didn't have much faith in it. **25.Kh2?** [0:00:43] My lack of faith, while disturbing, would have been justified had White found 25.f4!, freeing f3 for his light squared bishop. The variations are amusing if Black persists on attacking: 25.f4! Ngxf4 26.Bf3 h3 27.Nxa8 hxc2 28.Rxc8+ Kf7 29.Rxh8, and even though Black can make a new queen with double check with 29...gxf1Q+, after 30.Kxf1 his extra queen is gone and the attack ends, as all Black has left is his original queen and two knights. **25...Ngf4** [0:01:39] **26.Rg1** [0:00:39]



26...Ng3? [0:01:36] With the idea of blocking White's g2-pawn, so that 27...h3 can't be met by 28.g3 or 28.g4. But Black had a much stronger move - 26...Qg3+! It's easy to see that 27.Bxg3? hxg3 28.Kh1 Nf6 is mate. But how does Black continue after 27.Kh1?



The answer is with the beautifully quiet move 27...Nf6!!, which threatens 28...h3!, breaking through on the h-file. Black's queen still can't be captured, and his g1-rook can't move because of the mate on g2. White, in fact, has no move at all and Black wins.

27.Qa4+ [0:00:25] Now, on the other hand, Black is getting crushed. **27...Ke7** [0:01:29] **28.Rc7+** [0:00:23] **28...Kf6** [0:01:26]



It's not clear how bringing the Black king into the attack is going to help... **29.Nxc8?** [0:00:18] **29.Qa3!** or **29.Qb4!**, attacking Black's d6-pawn, was the right way to continue. **29...Raxc8?** [0:01:23] Missing a chance opportunity - if that's the right term to use in a three-minute game where White has less than 20 seconds remaining. Black could now have played **29...h3!**, forcing **30.Rf7+ Kxf7 31.Qd7+ Kf8 32.gxh3 Rxh3+ 33.Qxh3 Nxh3 34.Rxg3 Qf4**, and Black emerges with a decisive material advantage. In the unlikely event that White had found this defence, he still would have lost. **30.Qd7** [0:00:15] Now White again has an advantage, although the position is by no means clear. White also has only 15 seconds left, and being a minute behind on time turns out to be decisive. But there are more adventures before the end.



30...Rxc7 [0:01:12] **31.Qxd6+** [0:00:15]

31...Kg7? [0:01:09] This allows White to capture Black's c7-rook with check. Instead the surprising **31...Ne6!** would have kept White's advantage to a manageable level. **32.Qxc7+** [0:00:15] **32...Kh6** [0:01:08] **33.Qb6+** [0:00:14] **33...Kh5** [0:01:01]



The culmination of Black's attack on the h-file - not. But having missed several opportunities to make full use of the h-file, I can hardly complain. **34.Bd1?** [0:00:14] Geometry and common sense called for **34.Bc4!**, which leaves White with a winning position. But White was now moving instantly, and he presumably planned to bring his light squared bishop into the attack via d1 and a4. **34...Nf1+** [0:00:37]



A surprising resource. I actually thought about this move for 30 seconds, looking for something stunning to better take full advantage of White's time shortage. But there wasn't anything else. **35.Rxf1** [0:00:12] White seeks a decisive result, with immediate success. After 35.Kh1 Ng3+ the game ends in a perpetual check, because 36.Bxg3 hxg3 allows the long-delayed invasion down the h-file - but by Black's queen (...Qh4+), not his rook. **35...Qxg2#** [0:00:35] White is checkmated. The threat of mate on g2 had been defended against for so long that White must have thought it had disappeared. An "uneven," but entertaining, game - and Black's missed opportunity on move 26 was worthy of note. **0-1**

ALFRED ("FRED") SCHULZ (August 19, 1932 - June 29, 2003)



Three Nanaimo-ites: Fred Schulz, Brian Foan, Brian McLaren at the 1969 Peace Arch Open (apologies for the poor quality, scan of a photocopy)

Fred wrote this about his early life when he joined the CCA (Canadian Correspondence Chess Association) executive in 1961: "I was born in Poland of German descent and moved to Germany with my parents in 1936. I learned to play chess when I was 15 [while hospitalized recovering from pneumonia - ed.] and took a keen liking to the game. I came to Victoria, B.C. in 1951 and played in the Victoria City Chess Club. I moved to Nanaimo in 1954 and as there was no chess club here joined the B.C. Correspondence Chess Club and had my first taste of postal play. I enjoyed it so much, I also joined in the C.C.L.A. and Chess Review tourneys. My first major victory was in the B.C. Club where I became co-champion for 1956-57. In 1956 I organized a Chess Club in Nanaimo of which I was president for four years and now am Tournament Director. I am also Tournament Director for the Vancouver Island Chess League and 2nd Vice-President of B.C. Chess Federation. I was a member of the Canadian Team in the 4th World Team Championship (Postal). My correspondence chess record is 112 wins, 2 draws and 6 losses. I am a machinist, 29 years old

and married to an Irish Colleen. We have 3 little boys aged 7, 5, and 5 months old." [CCCA Bulletin #288, May 1961, p. 4]

Fred remained on the CCCA executive for ten years; he donated the Schulz Trophy, initially for just the BCCCC, later for the entire CCCA, for the best-played game each year. During the same time he also served on the BCCF executive in various capacities, including President for 1963-65. A tireless organizer and promoter of the game, Fred's best individual result was probably the 1969 BC Closed (i.e., not Championship), where he finished second to Peter Biyiasas but ahead of Bob Zuk, Jonathan Berry, Russ Vogler, Dave Shapero, and Alan Ludgate, among others. A machinist by trade, Fred was also a would-be farmer, and is reported to have analyzed many of his correspondence moves whilst milking a cow.

In the 1970s Fred's interest in chess waned in favour of square-dance calling, which he threw himself into with the same passion as he had for chess. He called at all the BC Provincial Festivals and at several National Conventions; Fred felt that chess actually helped his square dance calling, with its memorization of dance steps and patterns. He was also a stalwart member of the Rotary Club.

Reshevsky, Samuel - Schulz, Fred [C70] Simul Victoria, 14.02.1956

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Bc5 5.c3 Qe7 6.0-0 d6 7.d4 Ba7 8.h3 b5 9.Bb3 Na5 10.Bc2 Bb7 11.Nbd2 Nf6 12.Re1 0-0-0 13.a4 Bb6 14.axb5 axb5 15.b4 Nc6 16.d5 Nb8 17.Qe2 c6 18.dxc6 Bxc6 19.Nb3 Qb7 20.Na5 Bxa5 21.Rxa5 Na6 22.Bg5 Kd7 23.Rea1 Ra8 24.Bxf6 gxf6 25.Nh4 h5 26.Nf5 Nc7 27.Qd3 d5 28.exd5 Nxd5 29.Bb3 ½-½

Collier, R. - Schulz, Fred [C01] BC ch Vancouver (4.1), 05.1969

1.e4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.d4 Bg4 5.Qe2+ Be7 6.Qb5+ Nd7 7.Qxd5 c6 8.Qb3 Nb6 9.Be2 Nf6 10.0-0 0-0 11.Rd1 Bd6 12.Qd3 Qc7 13.h3 Bh5 14.b3 Bg6 15.Qd2 Ne4 16.Qe1 Rfe8 17.Bb2 Nd5 18.Nfd2 Nxf2 19.Qxf2 Bg3 20.Qf3 Re3 21.Qf1 Rae8 22.Nc3 Rxe2 23.Nf3 Rf2 24.Qc4 Nxc3 25.Bxc3 Ree2 26.Re1 Rxc2+ 27.Kh1 Bxe1 0-1

Schulz, Fred - Forbes, Gerry [B21] Northern Vancouver Island op Nanaimo, 02.1975

1.e4 c5 2.f4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.b3 d5 5.e5 Nge7 6.Bb5 a6 7.Bxc6+ Nxc6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bb2 0-0 10.Kh1 d4 11.d3 Nb4 12.a4 Nd5 13.Bc1 Bd7 14.Qe1 Bc6 15.Bd2 Qc7 16.Qg3 b5 17.a5 Rac8 18.Na3 Qb7 19.h4 Rfd8 20.h5 Bf8 21.Ng5 Ne7 22.Kh2 Nf5 23.Qf2 h6 24.Nh3 Be7 25.g3 Bd5 26.Ng1 Rd7 27.Nf3 Bd8 28.g4 Ne7 29.Nh4 Nc6 30.Kh3 Bxa5 31.Bxa5 Nxa5 32.g5 hxg5 33.fxg5 Nc6 34.Qg3 Qc7 35.Rae1 Ne7 36.Nb1 g6 37.Rf6 gxh5 38.g6 Nxg6 39.Nxg6 fxg6 40.Rxc6+ Rg7 41.Rg1 Rxc6 42.Qxc6+ Kh8 43.Qh6+ Qh7 44.Qf6+ 1-0

2015 IN REVIEW

The end/beginning of the year is often a time for reflection and review of the events that occurred in the previous twelve months. With this in mind, here is a list of B.C. tournament winners for 2014, along with a few other highlights:

Active Grand Prix – Tanraj Sohal

B.C. Active Championship – Tanraj Sohal and Alec Chung
Vancouver West Open #3 – Mayo Fuentebella
B.C. Open – Tanraj Sohal
Vancouver West Open #4 – Alfred Pechsker
Grand Pacific Open – John Doknjas and Jason Cao
2nd Stan Rogers Memorial – Gerry Neufahrt and Steve Kelso
Vancouver Rapid Chess League – B.C. Juniors
B.C. School Team Championship – St. George’s Junior School
Keres Memorial – Jason Cao
Vancouver West Open #5 – Tanraj Sohal
Peter Yee Memorial – Brian McLaren
B.C. Senior Championship – Mayo Fuentebella
D.C. International – IM norm for Jason Cao
Vancouver West Open #6 – Madiyar Amerkeshev
Maurice Ashley/Amy Lee visit
Langley Open – Tanraj Sohal
Oregon Open – Leon Piasetski tied for first
Vancouver West Open #7 – Raymond Kaufman
B.C. Championship – Jason Cao
Vancouver Open – Luke Pulfer
Millionaire Chess – Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj, fourth U2200
UBC Round Robin – Jason Kenney
Vancouver West Open #8 – Grigoriy Morozov
Jack Taylor Memorial – Roger Patterson
B.C. Junior – Joshua Doknjas, John Doknjas

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.

Vancouver Rapid Chess League 2015-16

Ongoing, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

January Active

January 10, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

Victoria Open

January 15-17, Victoria
[Details](#)

Vancouver West Open #9

January 23-24, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

UBCSUO Active Championship

January 30, Kelowna
[Details](#)

Junior Woodpusher Quads

January 31, Burnaby
[Details](#)

B.C. Open

February 6-8, Richmond
[Details](#)

February Active

February 13, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)