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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Farewell Blitz Tournament (February 28) by Konstantin Pyryaev



Today we played our first and last tournament on Burrard Street. The café [European Breads Organic Crepe Café, 1262 Burrard] will be closing due to construction in that block and moving to Fraser Street. Twelve players attended our friendly blitz tournament, plus some others who preferred to play only a few games without the tough time control: 5 minutes with no increment. The winner of the competition was George Kim who scored 10.0 out of 11! Second and third places were shared by two participants with 9.0 points and two 3-minute games were played to break the tie. Narek Nalbandyan finally won the silver and Brandon Andrew Zhu finished in third place. Also Agata Seyfi was awarded a small prize as the best female and the youngest player. Thank you everyone for participating in this farewell blitz tournament and hope to see you some day at the new location. More details will be announced later. [Photos](#)

B.C. Active Championship (February 27-28)

The 2016 B.C. Active Championship was held at the Guru Angad Dev Elementary School in Surrey. Organized and directed by Alonso Campos, the tournament had a disappointing turnout of only twelve players (in comparison to forty-two last year and twenty-two two years ago, the last time it was held in Surrey). Furthermore there were only two participants rated above 2000, IM Raymond Kaufman and Philip Kim, who unsurprisingly took the first and second places with 8.0/8 and 7.0 points respectively (Kim lost to Kaufman). Most of the other players scored 50%, including U1800 prize winners Brock Bishop and Brian Sullivan, Jerry Chen (U1400), and Ripdaman Singh Malhans, Kaiser Nahidnzzan, Hemanth Kumar, and Jake Bishop (U1000 winners). [Crosstable](#)

Provincial Chess Challenge (February 21)



The Chess Challenge Finals were held at Columbia College near Terminal and Main, the current event site for the Vancouver Chess School. One hundred and fifteen players competed in grade sections to determine who will represent B.C. at the National Chess Challenge, coming up in Regina on the Victoria Day weekend. The following are the trophy winners for this year - congratulations to all!

Kindergarten – Codrin Pompas, BiaoBiao Boyong Guo, Ethan Zheng
Grade 1 – Ryan Yang, Ethan Song, Hovey Hodak Ma
Grade 2 – Daniel Wang, Ethan Su, Eric Jiang
Grade 3 – Andrew Xu, Veronica Guo, Stanley Wu
Grade 4 – Lucian Wu, Aiden Zhou, Elvin Sun
Grade 5 – Neil Doknjas, Patrick Huang, Andy Zhang
Grade 6 – Leo Qu, Andrew Hemstapat, Victor Zheng
Grade 7 – Ethan Low, Alec Chung, Connor Chai
Grade 8 – Joshua Doknjas, Brian Butchart, Ryan Leong
Grade 9 – Matthew Geng, Kevin Li, Maven Zheng
Grade 10 – Jason Cao, Nathan Shao, James Li
Grade 11 – Janak Awatramani, John Doknjas, Uranchimeg Nyamdorj
Grade 12 – Jeremy Hui, James Zhang

Many thanks to organizer Maxim Doroshenko, the arbiters, volunteers, parents and players for making the event a success. [Crosstables](#) and photos (scroll down)

International Chess Jam (February 20)

In previous years this annual junior event at Ferndale, WA had a strong Canadian turnout. Some of our juniors have graduated; last year the date clashed with the B.C. Open so there was only one player from this province. This year the tournament was the day before the B.C. Chess Challenge, so only one B.C. participant made the trip – Denman Hertz, the same player as last year. However, he was rewarded by winning the thirty-four player grade 4/5 section with a perfect 5.0/5. [Crosstable](#)

B.C. Women's Chess Championship - Criteria for Selection

The BCCF Executive recently passed the following motion:

1. The B.C. Women's Chess Championship will be a round robin event where up to 8 players will compete.
2. Invitations will be sent to eligible players based on the last CFC rating list to be published at least six weeks before the B.C. Women's Chess Championship.
3. Participants in the B.C. Women's Chess Championship must have played 5 CFC regular rated games in British Columbia in the preceding 12 months not including the previous B.C. Women's Chess Championship.
4. All participants in the B.C. Women's Chess Championship must reside in B.C. and: a. have resided in B.C. for a total of at least six months in the 12 months prior to the start of the B.C. Women's Chess Championship; or b. have resided in B.C. for the three months prior to the start of the B.C. Women's Chess Championship.
5. The following prizes will be provided by the BCCF: a. First place: \$100 b. Second place: \$50.
6. Participants in the B.C. Women's Chess Championship must be members of the CFC. A tournament membership is not allowed for this tournament.

PETER STOCKHAUSEN (20 August 1948 – 18 February 2016)

It is reported on Kevin Spraggett's blog that former CFC President and B.C. resident Peter Stockhausen has passed away at the age of sixty-seven. Born in Düsseldorf, Germany (a cousin was the influential avant-garde composer Karlheinz Stockhausen), Peter first became active in tournament chess after witnessing the 'Tournament of Stars' in Montreal in 1979 and eventually achieved a lifetime highest rating of 1735. However, it was in the area of organizing that he excelled. A hotel manager by profession, Stockhausen either hosted events in the hotels where he worked or had the connections to obtain favourable conditions at other locations. The first events he organized were in Belleville, Ontario about an hour's drive west of Kingston. These weekend tournaments soon became legendary for their quality and strength, attracting the likes of Kevin Spraggett, Jean Hébert, Bryon Nickoloff, and Roman Pelts.



Stockhausen moved to Vancouver in 1984 and then to Edmonton in 1988, helping to obtain the Canadian Open for that city in 1989. He was subsequently involved in the organization of Canadian Opens in Winnipeg (1994 and 1997) and Richmond (1999), the latter at the Delta Pacific Resort and Conference Centre as it was called at the time. Peter also hosted the Canadian Closed at this same hotel in 2002, along with a match between Larry Christiansen and Pascal Charbonneau

(2002) and the Western Canadian Open (2004). He also organized the Keres Memorial tournament in 1992 and again from 2001 to 2003. In a 2004 interview for *Chess Canada Échecs* Stockhausen stated his organizational philosophy as follows, noting as particular influences the 1988 Saint John Chess Festival and the 1994 National Open in Las Vegas:

The best way to organize a good, successful tournament is to think of all the things you would like to see in a tournament as a player yourself! Good lighting, no excessive noise, ample space, pleasant temperature, easily accessible facilities, close accommodations and restaurants, good directing, starting the rounds on time, an up to date crosstable, etc.... Also, an important thing to remember is that the organizing team should be separate from the TD team.

In chess governance Peter was CFC President 1986-87 and 2002-03; he also served as CFC Treasurer 1997-2001. He also had an interest in chess history, and was collaborating with Nathan Divinsky in the latter's research on the nineteenth-century German player, author, historian, and diplomat von der Lasa.

The last seven years of Stockhausen's life are shrouded in mystery. In 2009 he disappeared, abandoning his wife and daughter; it was subsequently revealed he was living in the B.C. Interior, but for whatever reason did not want to be found. He died in Cranbrook Hospital after refusing treatment for a broken leg and respiratory problems. Peter had continued to vote in the CFC's online meetings, but was otherwise inactive in the wider chess community.

Veszely, Frank - Stockhausen, Peter [A00] Silver Star Challenge Vernon (5), 11.11.1985

1.b4 e5 2.Bb2 Bxb4 3.Bxe5 Nf6 4.a3 Ba5 5.e3 0-0 6.Nf3 d5 7.c4 Bg4 8.Qb3 Nc6 9.Qxb7 Nxe5 10.Nxe5 Qd6 11.f4 Bb6 12.cxd5 Bxe3 13.dxe3 Qc5 14.Nc4 Rfe8 15.Nc3 Rxe3+ 16.Nxe3 Qxc3+ 0-1

Stockhausen, Peter - Kindret, Mike [C37] Silver Star Challenge Vernon (4), 14.11.1999

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Nf3 g5 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.e5 Ng4 6.0-0 Bc5+ 7.d4 Bb6 8.Kh1 0-0 9.Nc3 c6 10.Ne4 h6 11.h3 Ne3 12.Bxe3 fxe3 13.Nf6+ Kg7 14.Nxg5 hxg5 15.Qh5 Rh8 16.Qxf7+ Kh6 17.Ng4# 1-0

Stockhausen, Peter – Duncan Suttles/Oliver Schulte/Roman Jiganchine [C31] Multi-master simul Vancouver (1), 07.09.2003

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.exd5 exf4 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bc4 Nf6 6.0-0 0-0 7.d4 c6 8.Nc3 Bg4 9.Qd3 b5 10.Bb3 b4 11.Ne4 Nxd5 12.Nxd6 Qxd6 13.Ne5 Bh5 14.Bxf4 Nxf4 15.Rxf4 Nd7 16.Qf5 Nxe5 17.Qxh5 Ng6 18.Rg4 Rab8 19.Rf1 Rb5 20.Qh3 Rb7 21.Qf3 Re7 22.h4 Nh8 23.h5 Rd8 24.Qf5 g6 25.Qg5 Rde8 26.Rgf4 Re4 27.Qf6 Qxf6 28.Rxf6 Kg7 29.Rxc6 ½-½

Ferguson, Peter - Stockhausen, Peter [B52] VCC Canada Day op Vancouver (6), 02.07.2007 [Neufahrt, Fritz, Stockhausen]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.c3 Nf6 7.Re1 g6 An obvious alternative is **7...e6 8.d4 Bg7** I did not like the alternative **8...cxd4 9.cxd4**, preferring instead to develop another piece. **9.d5 Nd8** Clearly Black has a bit of a cramped position, but not really any weaknesses. I had not thought that White's next move was "legal." **10.e5?!** 10.c4 0-0 and White is

a little better. **10...dxe5 11.Nxe5** 11.c4 e4 and I thought that I would be a little better here; 12.Nfd2. **11...Qxd5 12.Qa4+ Nc6 13.c4** 13.Nxc6 Qxc6 14.Qxc6+ bxc6 15.Be3 Nd7 with play for both sides, or 13.Nd2 0–0 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.Qxc6 bxc6. **13...Qd6 14.Bf4 0–0?** Definitely second best. Much more in the spirit, and also almost winning would be something like: 14...Ng4 15.Rd1 (not 15.Nxg4 as this leads to a strong advantage for Black: 15...Qxf4 16.Ne3 Bxb2) 15...Qe6. **15.Nc3 Nxe5 16.Bxe5 Qd2** The text looks much stronger than it is. A better plan is 16...Qb6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Nd5 Qd6 and Black is in very good shape. **17.Re2 Qg5 18.Bxf6** 18.Rae1 e6. **18...Bxf6 19.Ne4 Qf5 20.Nxf6+ Qxf6 21.Qd7 e6 22.Qxb7 Qd4 23.Qe4 Rad8 24.Qxd4 Rxd4 25.b3 Rfd8 26.f3 Kf8** Much more accurate is 26...Kg7. **27.Re5** A critical position has been reached. I decided to sacrifice a pawn for the benefit of having rooks on the seventh rank. **27...Rd2 28.Rxc5 Rb2** Played instantly and wrong! The rook belongs on the c-file to prevent any future counterplay on that file: 28...Rc2. **29.Rg5 Rdd2 30.c5 f6 30...Rdc2** is the correct plan. **31.Rg4 Ke7 32.Rc1 f5** Around here I became fixated on two objectives, namely entombing the rook and getting the white king with my rooks. **33.Rg3 f4 34.Rg4 e5 35.b4 Kf6 36.c6 h5 37.c7 hxg4 38.c8Q Rxf2+ 39.Kf1 Rgf2+ 1/2–1/2**

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent - Harper, Bruce [A40] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

This game is a light-hearted affair, even by 3–minute chess standards. It really appears here because there is a single high point.

1.d4 [0:03:00] **1...g6** [0:03:00] **2.Nf3** [0:02:59] **2...Bg7** [0:02:52] **3.c3** [0:02:57] **3...d6** [0:02:52] **4.Bg5** [0:02:56]



A "modern" move, it seems, as it is often played with either colour. Naturally Black tries to refute it. **4...h6** [0:02:49] **5.Bh4** [0:02:55] **5...f5** [0:02:49]



Threatening to trap White's h4-bishop. Sometimes White will (unsoundly) sacrifice his bishop. Here he just overlooks the threat and loses it. **6.Nbd2?** [0:02:54] **6...g5** [0:02:47] **7.Bg3** [0:02:50] **7...f4** [0:02:46]



A piece is a piece. **8.Bxf4** [0:02:49] **8...gxf4** [0:02:44] **9.Ne4** [0:02:47] **9...e5** [0:02:37] **10.dxe5** [0:02:43] **10...dxe5** [0:02:35] **11.Qc2** [0:02:41] **11...Qe7** [0:02:26] **12.Rd1** [0:02:40] **12...Nf6** [0:02:22] **13.Nxf6+** [0:02:39] **13...Qxf6** [0:02:20] **14.e3** [0:02:32] **14...0-0** [0:02:12]



15.Bd3 [0:02:28] White is doing his best to get counterplay, but is isn't easy since he's a piece down and isn't even ahead in development. Black now decides to try to push his opponent around a bit. **15...Bg4?!** [0:02:00] **16.exf4** [0:02:23] White should have accepted Black's offer with 16.Qb3+ and 17.Qxb7. I don't recall clearly whether the offer was intentional or unintentional, but I think I deliberately offered the pawn in order to attack. **16...Qxf4** [0:01:55]



17.Nh4!? [0:02:09] After nearly 15 seconds thought, White plays a move that looks like it's strong, but it's not. There weren't many other choices, though.

17...Bxd1! [0:01:45] I worked it out. **18.Bh7+** [0:02:03]

18...Kh8 [0:01:40]



This is the high point, such as it is. At first glance, 19.Ng6+ appears to be crushing - it's almost impossible not to play such a powerful move. 19.Ng6+ forces Black to capture White's h7-bishop, and after 19...Kxh7 White can play 20.Nxf4+, capturing Black's queen with check. And if that's not good enough, he can also play 20.Nxf8+, which is double check. The problem is that it's all smoke and mirrors. After 19.Ng6+ Kxh7 20.Nxf4+ Bxc2, White is down a rook and two bishops, and his f4-knight is hanging. 19.Nxf8+ isn't much better, as after 19...Kg8, White's queen and knight are both attacked, and 20.Qh7+ Kxf8 solves one problem, but not the other. White ends up down "just" two pieces. Korchnoi once famously moved his king onto a square where his opponent had

a double check. I might be making that up - but it was at least a discovered check. I might be as good as Korchnoi! Okay, I'm definitely making that up. But it's still good to overcome your instinctive fear of discovered check. **19.Kxd1** [0:01:49] **19...Qxh4** [0:01:35] White resigns. White counted the material and it wasn't pretty. **0-1**

ONLINE CHESS by Paul Burke

I have just completed my first year of online international speed chess, picking up 52 trophies for Canada [on chess.com - ed.]. My rating peaked at 1832. This might be the equivalent of 2000 CFC. My best victory (but not my best game) was against a 2350 player, although, his rating was provisional, and he immediately dropped 100 points for losing against me. Recently, I finished in a tie with two other dudes for 2nd-4th with 5.0/7. We were rated 1700-1950. The winner had a nickname resembling "animalistic" but then I discovered it actually was the name of a person, and a chick (age unknown). When I enlarged her caption photo, she was wearing a flowery dress but her face was hidden as she was taking a picture. A crime scene indeed. She finished 7.0/7 and had an established speed rating in the 900's.

PNEPaul (1681) - nyuk_lyn (2350) [B21]

1.e4 c5 2.d4 cxd4 3.c3 d3 4.c4 e6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Bc5 7.Bxd3 Qb6 8.0-0 Nf6 9.Na4 Qa5 10.a3 Be7 11.b4 Qc7 12.Nc3 d6 13.Nb5 Qb8 14.Bb2 a6 15.Nc3 Qc7 16.Qe2 0-0 17.Rac1 Rd8 18.Rfd1 h6 19.Bb1 b6 20.Nd5 Nxd5 21.cxd5 Bb7 22.dxc6 Bxc6 23.Nd4 Rac8 24.Rxc6 Qxc6 25.Nxc6 Rxc6 26.Rc1 Rdc8 27.Rxc6 Rxc6 28.h3 e5 29.Qxa6 f5 30.Qa8+ Kf7 31.Qxc6 1-0

anamsial (992) - PNEPaul (1704) [A49]

1.g3 d6 2.Bg2 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.d4 0-0 6.0-0 h6 7.Bf4 g5 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Bd2 f5 10.a4 c6 11.e4 f4 12.gxf4 gxf4 13.Ne2 e5 14.h3 h5 15.dxe5 Nxe5 16.Nxf4 Nxf3+ 17.Qxf3 Qf6 18.Rad1 Nd7 19.Qxh5 Ne5 20.Ne2 Be6 21.b3 Bf7 22.Qg5 Nf3+ 23.Bxf3 Qxf3 24.Bc3 Qxc3 25.Nxc3 Rae8 26.Rxd6 Kh7 27.f4 Rh8 28.Kh2 Kg8 29.Rg1 Rh7 30.Rh6 Re6 31.f5 Rexh6 32.Qd8+ Be8 33.Qxe8# 1-0

Browsing for Endgames by Dan Scoones

Today we will analyse the conclusion of a little-known game by the young Bobby Fischer, who at age 13 was already a player of astonishing maturity.

Nash, Edmund - Fischer, Robert James [B95] Eastern States op Washington DC, 25.11.1956

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 h6 8.Be3 Ng4 9.Nb3 Nxe3 10.Qxe3 Nc6 11.Be2 Be7 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rad1 b5 14.f4 Bd7 15.Bf3 Na5 16.Be2 Nc4 17.Bxc4 bxc4 18.Nd2 Qc7 19.Kh1 Rfc8 20.Nf3 Rab8 21.Rb1 a5 22.f5 a4 23.fxe6 fxe6 24.a3 Qc5 25.Qxc5 Rxc5 26.Na2



In trying to cope with Fischer's favourite Sicilian Najdorf, Edmund Nash has had to make a few concessions, one of them being the bishop pair. He now has the challenge of defending his pawns on b2 and e4, and to this end he has just played 26.Na2 with the obvious idea of 27.c3 followed by 28.Nb4. Fischer is ready with a sharp response.

26...Rcb5!! This merits two exclamation marks because Fischer has calculated the subsequent complicated variations with considerable depth – and accuracy. His line is much stronger than 26...c3 27.Nxc3 Bf6 28.e5!? dxe5 29.Rfc1, when White still has some defensive chances.

27.Nb4 c3! 28.Nd4 Rc5! 29.Na6 White is pretty well forced to accept Black's exchange sacrifice. He would lose in straightforward fashion after 29.bxc3 Rf8 30.Rxf8+ Bxf8 31.Ne2 Rc4 32.e5 dxe5 33.Nd3 Bd6 34.Rb6 Bxa3 35.Nxe5 Re4 36.Nxd7 Rxe2, etc. **29...Rxb2 30.Nxc5 dxc5 31.Nf3 c4**



32.Ne5?!

In his book *Bobby Fischer* (Russell 2009), Dr. Karsten Müller recommends the stronger defence 32.Rbd1!? Bc6 33.Rfe1 Bxa3 34.Rd8+ Kh7 35.Rc8 Bd7.



Now there are two main lines:

A. 36.Rd8!? (trying for counterplay) 36...Bb5 37.Nd4 Be7 38.Ra8 a3 39.Nxb5 Rxb5 40.g3 Rb2 41.Re2 a2 42.Kg2 Bg5 43.h4 Bd2 44.h5 Rxc2 45.Rf2 Rb2 46.Rff8 (White has worked up a dangerous counterattack, but Black can neutralise it with an accurate defensive manoeuvre) 46...Bf4+! 47.Kf3 Bb8! 48.Rfxb8 Rxb8 49.Rxa2 g6 50.g4 Kg7 51.Kf4 gxh5 52.gxh5 Kf6 53.e5+ Ke7 54.Ke4 (54.Ra7+? Ke8 55.Ra2 Rb2 and wins) 54...Rb2 55.Ra7+ Kd8 56.Ra3 Re2+ 57.Kd4 (57.Kf3 Rh2! 58.Kg3 Rd2 59.Rxc3 Rd3+! 60.Rxd3+ cxd3 61.Kf3 d2 62.Ke2 d1Q+ 63.Kxd1 Kd7 and wins) 57...c2 58.Ra1 Kd7 59.Kxc4 Rxe5 and Black is winning easily.

B. 36.Rxc4 (trying for simplification) 36...Rxc2 37.Rc7 Be8 38.Rc8 Bg6 39.Ra1 Be7 40.Rc7 (40.Rxa4 loses immediately to 40...Rc1+ 41.Ng1 Bg5, etc.) 40...Bd6 41.Rc4 a3 42.e5 Bb8 43.Ne1 Rf2 44.Nf3 a2 45.Rxc3 Rb2 46.Rcc1 Be4 47.Re1 Bd5 48.h3 Kg6 49.Rg1 Ba7 50.Rgd1 Bxf3

51.gxf3 Kg5 52.h4+ Kf4 53.Rd3 Bc5 54.Rf1 Bb4 55.Ra1 Rb1+ 56.Rd1 Rxd1+ 57.Rxd1 Bc3 followed by ...a1Q and wins.

The conclusion is that White can put up much stronger resistance with Muller's 32.Rbd1, but it does not appear to save the game if Black plays accurately. **32...Bb5!** After this Black is winning without much difficulty. **33.Rxb2 cxb2 34.c3**



34...Bf6 Here the computer finds a much faster win with the non-standard shot 34...Bb4!?, but in the hurly-burly of tournament play, safety is often preferable to beauty. **35.Rb1 Bxe5 36.Rxb2 Be8 37.Rb4 Bxc3 38.Rxc4 Bb2 39.Rb4 Bxa3 40.Rb6 Kf7 41.Rb7+ Be7 42.e5 a3 43.Kg1 Bc6 44.Ra7 Bd5 45.Kf1 a2 46.Ke2 Kg6 47.g4 Bc5 48.Ra5 Bd4 0-1**

This game was played just a few weeks after Bobby Fischer's famous victory over Donald Byrne in the 1956 Rosenwald tournament. In my opinion it is just as impressive as the so-called "Game of the Century."

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vancouver Rapid Chess League 2015-16

Ongoing, [Details](#)

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BCYCC

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41st Keres Memorial

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Washington Open

May 28-30
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