

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #317

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## HERE AND THERE

### Karpos Open (April 1-7)

IM Leon Piasetski is on the road in Europe again, where his first event was the just-completed [Karpos Open](#) in Skopje, a city with a rich chess heritage. The nine-round Swiss attracted two hundred and five entrants, including twenty-seven grandmasters. The overall winner was the veteran Bulgarian six-time champion Kiril Georgiev with 7.5/9, a half-point ahead of eight players tied for second. Leon finished with 5.0 points after recovering from a nasty surprise in round four:

### **Milanovic, Danilo - Piasetski, Leon [E46] Karpos Open 2016 Skopje, MKD (4.14), 03.04.2016**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Nge2 Re8 6.a3 Bf8 7.Ng3 d6 8.Bd3 e5 9.0-0 exd4 10.exd4 c5 11.d5 Ng4 12.Be2 Qh4 13.h3 Nxf2 14.Kxf2



In my morning game I had a chess hallucination – first time ever. I gave up a piece for a pawn to draw his king out and attack it but thought my g7 pawn was my bishop on f8 ... I saw all kinds of nice tactics based on this misconception but was rudely awakened when I reached out to give a check with my pawn from g7-d4 :-). Jet lag, double rounds, a morning round and only 5 hours sleep is a perfect storm!

g5 15.Qd3 Nd7 16.Kg1 Ne5 17.Qe3 h6 18.Nge4 1-0

### **Piasetski, Leon - Djukic, Nikola [E71] Karpos Open 2016 Skopje, MKD (3.22), 02.04.2016**

1.c4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.Nc3 Nf6 5.h3 0-0 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 a5 8.Bd3 Na6 9.Nge2 Bd7 10.Qd2 c6 11.a4 Nc5 12.Bc2 Qb6 13.Rb1 Qb4 14.b3 cxd5 15.exd5 Ne8 16.Nb5 Qxd2+ 17.Bxd2 f5 18.Nec3 e4 19.0-0 Bf6 20.Be3 Na6 21.Rbc1 g5 22.Bb1 Rf7 23.g4 Re7 24.gxf5 Bxf5 25.Kg2 Nb4 26.Bd4 Bxd4 27.Nxd4 Bg6 28.Rce1 Nf6 29.Re3 h6 30.Rfe1 Rae8 31.Ndb5 Rd7 32.Nxe4 Bxe4+ 33.Bxe4 Rxe4 34.Rxe4 Nxe4 35.Rxe4 Nd3 36.Re3 Nc5 37.Nd4 b6 38.Kg3 Kf7 39.f4 Kf6 40.fxg5+ hxg5

41.Kg4 Kg6 42.Nf3 Rf7 43.Nxg5 Rf1 44.Ne6 Nd7 45.Kg3 Nf6 46.Nd4 Nh5+ 47.Kg2 Rd1 48.Nb5 Nf4+ 49.Kg3 Nh5+ 50.Kf2 Rd2+ 51.Kf3 Rh2 52.Ke4 Nf6+ 1–0

### **B.C. SPFGI Qualifier** (April 3)

The Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational, now in its thirteenth year, is the most prestigious all-girl event in the United States. Last year the competition was expanded to include players from other countries in the Americas, including Canada; this year a further expansion allows Canadian provinces to nominate an official representative to the tournament. The B.C. representative was determined through a qualification event held under the auspices of the Golden Knights Chess Club (Valer Eugen Demian) at the Charles Rummel Centre in Burnaby. The five-round Swiss active tournament was won by Sherry Tian with 4.5 points, second was Agata Seyfi; twelve players participated. [Standings](#)

### **Another FIDE title**

It doesn't rain but it pours; after announcing several FIDE titles for B.C. players in recent issues, there is another one to add to the list: Henry Chiu is now a [FIDE Arbiter](#). Congratulations!

### **Park Royal Chess Players**

Chess has made it into mainstream news sources of late, but unfortunately not in the best of circumstances. The management at the Park Royal Shopping Centre in West Vancouver have decided, on the basis of a cost-analysis, to evict the group of chess players who were meeting casually in the centre's food court, this despite there being a long history of both formal and informal chess playing at Park Royal (see article later in this issue). The story was covered by the [Vancouver Sun](#), [CBC](#), and other local outlets; public reaction to the decision seems to have been almost universally negative. The chess players have subsequently [received offers](#) of a place to play from two other Park Royal tenants, Whole Food Market and White Spot, so it appears that chess may yet continue at the mall.

### **Pawn Endings**

Nick Beqo has created an album of positions on [Facebook](#) for those wishing to test their skills in this area

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### **GRAND PACIFIC OPEN** by Roger Patterson

The 10th Annual Grand Pacific Open drew a blowout record one hundred and fifty-two players from around the world: Brazil, France, six states and seven provinces. Turnout for all tournaments organized by Victoria Chess this last year was at record numbers and it became clear to us back in February that this year's GPO was going to continue the trend but even so, we underestimated the final turnout. A fitting turnout for our 10th anniversary (and check out the fabulous birthday cake the hotel gave us for our awards ceremony!).



The player list was headed by pre-tournament favorite GM Alexandr Fier, IM Bindi Cheng, and a number of FMs, NMs, a WGM, and the usual suspects from the local BC chess playing scene. Players of a certain age will remember the Ross brothers, IM Dave and FM Paul, who apparently were using the GPO as a warmup event prior to their participation in this year's World Senior Team Championship.

Although the clear favorite rating wise by a wide margin, GM Fier had his scored nibbled away by NM Robert Sasata with a round 3 draw and a round 5 draw with BC Champion Jason Cao. He played sharply against Jason and it looks like he missed a win in the middle game. In the end, Fier tied for first with Cao and FM Kevin Gentes with Cao taking the trophy on tiebreak. Congratulations to Jason Cao!



Our Winners: Left to Right - Paul Leblanc (organizer), FM Kevin Gentes, FM Jason Cao, GM Alexandr Fier (TD Mark S. Dutton can be seen in the back)

There were a number of side events starting with a set of simuls against WGM Nino Maisuradze and GM Alexandr Fier. As is the usual case in such events, the featured players scored heavily winning all but one of the games against the roughly twenty-six players with only Andrew

Hemstapat holding a draw against Fier. Next up was the VYCC (Victoria Youth Chess Championship), a qualifying event for juniors to the national Youth Chess Championship. The ever popular Midnight Blitz drew what I think is also a record forty-three players and was won by Becca Lampman with a perfect 8.0/8 score. And as every year, the tournament closed out with a Bughouse tournament.

Finally, a big thank you to our [sponsors](#), both corporate and individual donors, all of those who volunteered in some way, our head TD Mark S. Dutton, IA, side event TD Elliot Raymer, and supervisors for the lower boards Charles Huang and Robin Luo.

**Organizers:** Brian Raymer, Paul Leblanc, Roger Patterson

**Head TD:** Mark S. Dutton, I.A.

This [report](#) plus complete standings, lists of prize winners, links to a PGN file and photos.

### **Fier, Alexandr - Sasata, Robert [C63] Grand Pacific op 10th Victoria (3.1), 26.03.2016**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 f5 4.Nc3 fxe4 5.Nxe4 Nf6 6.Nxf6+ Qxf6 7.Qe2 Be7 8.Bxc6 bxc6 9.Nxe5 Qe6 10.d4 0–0 11.Qc4 d6 12.Qxe6+ Bxe6 13.Nxc6 Bf6 14.0–0 Bd5 15.Nb4 Bc4 16.Rd1 a5 17.Nd3 Bxd4 18.Be3 Bf6 19.c3 a4 20.Nb4 a3 21.b3 Bxc3 22.bxc4 Bxb4 23.Rab1 Ra4 24.g3 Re8 25.Rd5 Re4 26.c5 Kf7 27.h4 Ke6 28.Rg5 g6 29.h5 Kf6 30.Rd5 Ke6 31.Rbd1 Bxc5 32.Bxc5 dxc5 33.Rxc5 Re2 34.Rc6+ Kf5 35.Rd5+ Ke4 36.Rg5 Rxa2 37.Rxc7 gxh5 38.Rxh5 Ra6 39.Rcc5 Rb2 40.Rcd5 Re6 41.Ra5 a2 42.Kg2 Rf6 43.Rh4+ Kd3 44.Rd5+ Kc3 45.Rc5+ Kb3 46.Rb5+ Kc3 47.Rc5+ Kb3 48.Rb5+ ½–½

### **Cheng, Bindi - Cao, Jason [E09] Grand Pacific op 10th Victoria (4.1), 27.03.2016**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 e6 3.Bg2 d5 4.0–0 Be7 5.d4 0–0 6.c4 c6 7.Qc2 b6 8.Rd1 Nbd7 9.b3 Ba6 10.Bb2 Rc8 11.Nbd2 c5 12.Rac1 cxd4 13.Nxd4 b5 14.Qb1 bxc4 15.bxc4 Bb7 16.Nxe6 fxe6 17.Bxf6 Nxf6 18.Qxb7 dxc4 19.Qa6 Qb6 20.Qxb6 axb6 21.Nxc4 Bc5 22.Bf3 Rfd8 23.Ne5 Kf8 24.Kg2 Ke8 25.Bc6+ Ke7 26.Bb7 Rxd1 27.Rxd1 Rc7 28.Bf3 Bd6 29.Nc6+ Kd7 30.Nd4 Rc5 31.e3 g6 32.a4 Ke7 33.Rb1 e5 34.Nb5 Bb8 35.Rb4 Nd7 36.Bg4 Nf6 37.Bf3 Nd7 38.Rh4 Nf6 39.Bb7 Rc2 40.Rb4 Nd7 41.Bd5 Nf6 42.Bf3 Nd7 43.Bd1 Rc1 44.Bg4 Nc5 45.Na3 Bc7 46.Nb5 Bb8 47.Na3 Bc7 ½–½

### **Fier,Alexandr - Cao,Jason [B49] Grand Pacific op 10th Victoria (5.1), 27.03.2016**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.Be2 Nf6 8.0–0 Bb4 9.Na4 0–0 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.c4 Be7 12.Bd3 c5 13.f4 d6 14.Qf3 Bb7 15.Nc3 Nd7 16.Qh3 Rfe8 17.e5 g6 18.exd6 Qxd6 19.Rad1 Qc7 20.f5 exf5 21.Bxf5 Nf6 22.Bf4 Qb6 23.Be5 Rad8 24.Rde1 Rd2 25.Ne4 Nxe4 26.Bxe4 Bxe4 27.Rxe4 Red8 28.Bc3 R2d3 29.Qxd3 Rxd3 30.Rxe7 f5 31.Rfe1 Qd6 32.R7e6 Qd7 33.Re8+ Kf7 34.Rh8 Qa4 35.Rxh7+ Kf8 36.Kf2 Rd1 37.b3 Qxa2+ 38.Re2 Qb1 39.Rh8+ Kf7 40.Rh7+ Kf8 41.Rh8+ Kf7 ½–½

### **Cheng, Bindi - Fier, Alexandr [A07] Grand Pacific op 10th Victoria (6.1), 28.03.2016**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 g6 4.c4 d4 5.0–0 Bg7 6.e3 c5 7.exd4 cxd4 8.d3 0–0 9.Re1 a5 10.Nbd2 Nfd7 11.a3 Nc5 12.Ne4 Nba6 13.Nfg5 a4 14.Rb1 Nb3 15.f4 Rb8 16.Nd2 Nbc5 17.Nde4 b5 18.cxb5 Rxb5 19.Nxc5 Nxc5 20.Ne4 Nb3 21.Bd2 Nxd2 22.Nxd2 Bf5 23.Be4 Bd7 24.Qxa4 Rxb2 25.Qd1 Rxb1 26.Qxb1 h5 27.Nc4 h4 28.Qb6 Ba4 29.Qxd8 Rxd8 30.Nb6 Bb5 31.a4 Ba6 32.g4 e6 33.f5

exf5 34.gxf5 gxf5 35.Bxf5 Bh6 36.Re7 Rd6 37.Nd7 Bb7 38.Nc5 Be3+ 39.Kf1 Bf3 40.Be4 Bg4 41.Ke1 Rf6 42.Bd5 Rf5 43.Ne4 Kf8 44.Rd7 Bh3 45.Rd8+ Ke7 46.Rd6 Rf1+ 47.Ke2 Rg1 0–1

### Cao, Jason - Maisuradze, Nino [B42] Grand Pacific op 10th Victoria (6.2), 28.03.2016

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Nf6 6.0–0 e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.c4 d6 9.Nc3 0–0 10.f3 Be6 11.Be3 Nfd7 12.Nd5 Nc6 13.Qd2 a5 14.Rad1 Bxd5 15.exd5 Ncb8 16.f4 a4 17.Nc1 Bf6 18.Ne2 exf4 19.Nxf4 g6 20.Kh1 Ne5 21.c5 Na6 22.c6 bxc6 23.dxc6 Ng4 24.Bxa6 Rxa6 25.c7 Qd7 26.Nd5 Be5 27.Bf4 f5 28.Bxe5 Nxe5 29.c8Q Qxc8 30.Ne7+ Kf7 31.Nxc8 Rxc8 32.Rc1 Rb8 33.Rc7+ Kf6 34.Rfc1 Rab6 35.h4 Ke6 36.Rd1 f4 37.Qxf4 Rxb2 38.Re1 Kd5 39.Rxe5+ dxe5 40.Qc4+ 1–0

### Gentes, Kevin - Doknjas, John [A04] Grand Pacific op 10th Victoria (6.3), 28.03.2016

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 Nc6 3.Bg2 g6 4.c3 Bg7 5.d4 cxd4 6.cxd4 d5 7.Nc3 e6 8.Bf4 Nge7 9.Qd2 Nf5 10.Nb5 0–0 11.g4 Nfxd4 12.Nfxd4 Nxd4 13.Nxd4 e5 14.Be3 exd4 15.Bxd4 Bxd4 16.Qxd4 Re8 17.Bf3 Qa5+ 18.Qd2 Qb5 19.h4 Be6 20.h5 Rac8 21.b3 a5 22.h6 Qb4 23.g5 Qxd2+ 24.Kxd2 Rc5 25.Rac1 b6 26.Rh4 Rec8 27.Rxc5 Rxc5 28.b4 Rc7 29.Rd4 f6 30.bxa5 bxa5 31.Bxd5 Kf7 32.f4 fxe5 33.fxe5 Rc5 34.e4 Ke7 35.Ke3 Kd6 36.Bb3+ Ke5 37.Bxe6 Kxe6 38.Kf4 Rc2 39.Ra4 Rc5 40.Rd4 Rc2 41.Ra4 Rc5 42.a3 Rb5 43.Rc4 Rb7 44.Rc5 Ra7 45.Rc6+ Kd7 46.Rf6 Ke7 47.a4 Ra8 48.Ke5 Ra7 49.Rb6 Kf7 50.Kd6 Re7 51.Kd5 Rd7+ 52.Rd6 Rb7 53.Ra6 Rd7+ 54.Ke5 Re7+ 55.Kf4 1–0

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## BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

### Opponent - Harper, Bruce [A01] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

In this game, Black comes up with an idea. It was a good idea, but it really wasn't sound and shouldn't have worked. But it did. Does chess get any better than that? **1.b3** [0:03:00] **1...e5** [0:03:00] I don't always play 1...g6 on the first move. **2.Bb2** [0:02:58] **2...d6** [0:02:59] **3.e3** [0:02:57] **3...Nd7** [0:02:58] **4.Nf3** [0:02:56] **4...g6** [0:02:58] **5.d4** [0:02:53] **5...Bg7** [0:02:56]



Played pretty quickly by Black, whose idea is simply to maintain a strong point on e5, to block the a1–h8 diagonal occupied by White's b2–bishop. Larsen-Nimzovich (1.b3) players always want to win on that diagonal. This knowledge played an important part in Black's thinking in this game. **6.h4!?** [0:02:50] It's hard to know what to say about this move, which comes out of nowhere. I think I admire it. **6...e4!** [0:02:54] **7.Nfd2** [0:02:48] **7...f5** [0:02:53] **8.h5** [0:02:48] **8...Ngf6** [0:02:52] Black's idea is to invite either 9.hxg6 hxg6 10.Rxh8+ Bxh8 (when White has opened lines on Black's side of the board) or 9.h6 (when White has blocked his own attack, and left himself with a potentially weak h6–pawn). It follows that White's best move is now 9.Be2, keeping his options open. **9.d5?** [0:02:42]



**9...0-0?** [0:02:47] The all-seeing engine doesn't hesitate for a moment - 9...Nxf5! 10.Bxg7 (10.Rxf5? fails completely after 10...Bxb2) Nxf7 wins a safe pawn and leaves Black with a safe advantage. After 9...0-0?, though, White's idea of opening the h-file starts to work and Black has to play carefully not to get in trouble. **10.hxg6** [0:02:37] **10...hxg6** [0:02:46] **11.c4** [0:02:36] **11...Qe7** [0:02:42]



**12.Be2?** [0:02:31] **12...a6?** [0:02:41] An echo of the double blunder on move 9. 12...Nxd5! snatches an important pawn, because White's b2-bishop is hanging and after 13.Bxg7? Qxg7, his a1-rook is attacked. 11...Qe7 therefore laid a subtle trap, but since Black was expecting the obvious 12.Nc3, he answered 12...a6? more or less instantly (to prevent Nc3-b5). The perils of moving quickly! **13.Nc3** [0:02:27] **13...Ne5** [0:02:39] **14.Qc2** [0:02:26] **14...Bd7** [0:02:37] **15.0-0-0** [0:02:24]



The game has now settled down a bit, with neither player having done anything stupid for several moves. Black now launches his attack on the queenside, as planned. Objectively the position is still balanced. **15...b5!** [0:02:36] **16.f3** [0:02:21] The natural reaction. Otherwise only Black will have play. **16...bxc4** [0:02:32] **17.bxc4** [0:02:19]



**17...exf3?! [0:02:30]** An important moment worth noting. 17...Rab8 was correct, as 18.fxe4? could be met strongly by 18...Nfg4!, threatening both 18...Nf2 and 18...Nxe3. 17...exf3? just opens lines for White's pieces. **18.gxf3 [0:02:19]** **18...Rab8 [0:02:29]** **19.Rdg1 [0:02:13]** **19...Be8 [0:02:19]** Black does not hit upon the very logical 19...c6!, opening more lines to White's king. This would have taken the sting out of White's impending transfer of his d2-knight to d4. **20.Nb3! [0:02:08]** **20...Ned7? [0:02:11]** Now White's advantage is real. **21.Qd2 [0:02:02]** **21...Nc5 [0:02:04]** **22.Nd4 [0:01:52]**



22.Nxc5 was also good. **22...Rxb2!? [0:02:02]**

And here is the "idea" mentioned in the introduction to the game. Black sacrifices an entire exchange, seeking to prove simply that White's b2-bishop is worth a rook. It would be, if the a1-h8 was fully open. If you look only at Black's pieces, the sacrifice seems justified, but if you add White's pieces into the mix, things are not so rosy. So the sacrifice can be termed "optimistic", "far-sighted", or maybe just "bad". But this is also a 3-minute game, and White's position now becomes more difficult to play, because he has to keep control of the position (specifically, he has to avoid excessive dark-square weaknesses, which is easier said than done with the clock ticking). The engine has no trouble assessing the position as winning for White at this point, by the way.

**23.Kxb2 [0:01:50]** **23...f4!? [0:01:59]** The logical continuation, but Black is naive in thinking it will be so easy to conquer the dark squares. **24.e4?! [0:01:46]** White should just capture with 24.exf4! **24...Nfd7 [0:01:57]** **25.Rg4 [0:01:40]** **25.Kc2!** **25...Ne5 [0:01:53]** **26.Rg2?! [0:01:35]** **26.Rgh4!** was more consistent, followed by 27.Rh7. **26...Qf6 [0:01:48]** **27.Rd1 [0:01:31]** **27...Bf7 [0:01:37]** The immediate 27...Ned3+ was possible, but Black either wanted to build up the pressure, by clearing the back rank for his rook, or didn't see it. I actually think it was the former, but I wouldn't rule out the latter. **28.a3 [0:01:28]**



**28...Ned3+!** [0:01:31] **29.Bxd3** [0:01:24] **29...Qxd4** [0:01:30] Now all of Black's positional ideas are bearing fruit and threats are starting to appear. The first one is 30...Na4+. **30.Kc2** [0:01:19] **30...Rb8** [0:01:17] **31.Bf1** [0:01:17] **31...Qe5** [0:01:10]



**32...Rb3!** [0:01:03] **33.Nd1** [0:00:28] **33...Be8!** [0:00:53] Of course Black refuses to trade queens. On e5, Black's queen keeps up the pressure down the now-legendary a1–h8 diagonal and, as an added bonus, defends his f4–pawn. In a 3–minute game, it also doesn't hurt that Black's e5–queen is on the ideal square with respect to White's c3–knight, which can't attack it for three moves (IM Gordon Taylor aptly used the Go term "tesuji" to describe this sort of relationship). **32.Rc1?** [0:00:47] White took 30 seconds for this move, but - for better or for worse - 32.Rb1 had to be played.



An absolutely killer move, preparing to bring Black's last piece into the attack. Things have gone horribly, horribly wrong for White. So naturally this position deserves a diagram. **34.Qa5** [0:00:15] **34...Rxf3** [0:00:41] Destroying the base of White's pawn chain. Checkmate is incidental. **35.Be2** [0:00:08] **35...Qxe4+** [0:00:38]





White's position is really bad. **36.Kd2** [0:00:04]  
**36...Nb3+** [0:00:29] White resigns. **0-1**

## CHESS AT PARK ROYAL

The Park Royal Shopping Centre was opened in 1950 and is regarded as Canada's first covered shopping mall. According to the news reports mentioned earlier chess has been played at the mall for fifty years; presumably this activity was casual and informal and thus undocumented. However, Park Royal was also involved in formal chess events in at least two areas:

### The Chess Square



Jonathan Berry vs. Elena Donaldson, 1992; just visible is a chess clock on the table

On 30 June 1984 a Chess Square was officially inaugurated at Park Royal. Consisting of tiles inlaid in the floor, the board measured 2.5 metres on each side, while the pieces were carved from maple wood; the kings were 60 centimetres tall and weighed 6 kilograms. The set was available to members of the public six days a week and was a popular feature at the mall. To celebrate the first anniversary of the Square the B.C. and Washington champions, Nigel Fullbrook and Jeremy Silman, played a match on 30 June 1985, co-sponsored by the BCCF and Park Royal. These matches continued on an annual basis until 1993, although it should be noted that there were occasional substitutions, the respective champions not always being able to attend. Silman, now a

famous chess author (*How to Reassess Your Chess, Silman's Complete Endgame Course*) won the first match against Fullbrook, but then B.C. roared back with four straight wins. Washington won the next three before Jonathan Berry ended the series by defeating Corey Russell. The matches consisted of two games at a time control of 90 minutes per player; the latter added to the physical nature of the competitions simply because the clock stood several feet away from the board. One memorable instance was one of the Basanta-Pupols games, where Gary managed to make twenty moves in a minute to overcome a time deficit and actually win on time.

	<b>Date</b>	<b>B.C. Representative</b>	<b>Score</b>	<b>WA Representative</b>
<b>1985</b>	June 30	Nigel Fullbrook	0.5-1.5	Jeremy Silman
<b>1986</b>	December 6	David Ross	1.5-0.5	Matt Edwards
<b>1987</b>	June 13	David Ross	1.5-0.5	Bobby Ferguson
<b>1988</b>	June 4	Tom O'Donnell	1.5-0.5	Matt Edwards
<b>1989</b>	July 8	Gary Basanta	1.5-0.5	Viktors Pupols
<b>1990</b>	October 27	Brian McLaren	0.5-1.5	Neil Salmon
<b>1991</b>	July 7	Nicholas Spears	0.0-2.0	Neil Salmon
<b>1992</b>	July 11	Jonathan Berry	0.0-2.0	Elena Donaldson
<b>1993</b>	July 10	Jonathan Berry	1.5-0.5	Corey Russell

The Chess Square was a feature at Park Royal until 2006; in that year the floor tiling was replaced at the mall, but the chess board was not retained. All of the games from the champions' matches can be found in the attached PGN file.

### **B.C. Junior Championships**

In 1987 West Vancouver celebrated its 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; as part of the festivities an open chess tournament was held at the West Vancouver Seniors' Activity Centre, won after a playoff by Leon Piasetski over John Donaldson. Adjunct to this was a three-section junior event at the Park Royal Chess Square site which attracted sixty-three entrants, followed by a twenty-four board simultaneous display by Duncan Suttles. The junior festival at Park Royal became an annual event for the next seven years, 1988-1994; these festivals included the B.C. Junior (U19) and Cadet (U15) Championships, along with other sections for younger players (in various years, U8 and U10, U9 and U11, or sections by grade). In other words, the equivalent of what we now call the BCYCC, except the first CYCC did not take place until 1999. These junior events were jointly sponsored by Park Royal and the BCCF, with total prizes in any given year in the \$1,400 range. It appears these chess collaborations received much support from Per Danielsen, the Park Royal Marketing Manager at the time (pictured at right with five-year-old Andrew Ho).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **Vancouver Rapid Chess League 2015-16**

Ongoing,  
[Details](#)

### **April Active**

April 16, Columbia College  
[Details](#)

### **Stan Rogers Memorial**

April 16, Chilliwack  
[Details](#)

### **BCYCC**

April 23-24, Surrey  
[Details](#)

### **Woodpusher Junior Quads**

April 24, Burnaby  
[Details](#)

### **May Active**

April 30, Columbia College  
[Details](#)

### **41<sup>st</sup> Keres Memorial**

May 21-23, Surrey  
[Details](#)

### **Washington Open**

May 28-30, WA  
[Details](#)

### **Fischer – Taimanov Thematic Match**

May 29, UBC  
[Details](#)

### **Knightmare Junior Quads**

May 29, Burnaby  
[Details](#)

### **June Active**

June 11, Columbia College  
[Details](#)

### **Knightmare Junior Quads**

June 19, Burnaby  
[Details](#)

### **Canadian Senior Championship**

June 24-26, Surrey  
[Details](#)

### **8<sup>th</sup> Bowser Builders Supply Tournament**

August 14, Bowser (Vancouver Island)  
[Details](#)