

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #319

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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

European Excursions

Continuing on his travels, Leon Piasetski played in the [22nd Cutro Open](#) (April 24-30); Cutro is a town in the Calabria region of Italy, on the 'sole' of the Italian 'boot.' The tournament itself seems to have escaped the attention of most sources (e.g., The Week In Chess) and the only information we have is the FIDE rating report, never the easiest item with which to deal. However, it appears the event was won by Mirosljub Lazic (Serbia) and Nikolai Ninov (Bulgaria) on 6.5/9, a half-point ahead of Bogdan Lalic (Croatia) and Vladimir Lazarev (France) – grandmasters all. Leon finished on plus one with 5.0 points, including a draw with another player familiar to us in BC, Nino Maisuradze. Then it was off to the Balearic Island of Mallorca for the [5th Lluçmajor Open](#) (May 8-15). This tournament was a triumph for the veteran Peruvian GM Julio Granda Zuniga, who crushed the one hundred and eighty player field (including twenty-two grandmasters) with the score of 8.5/9, a full point and a half ahead of the second-place finishers. Here Leon scored plus two (5.5 points).



BCCF Annual General Meeting (May 22)

The BCCF AGM took place between rounds on the Sunday of the Keres Memorial. The minutes of the meeting should be available on the website shortly, but for now here is your executive for 2016-2017 (* are CFC Voting Members):

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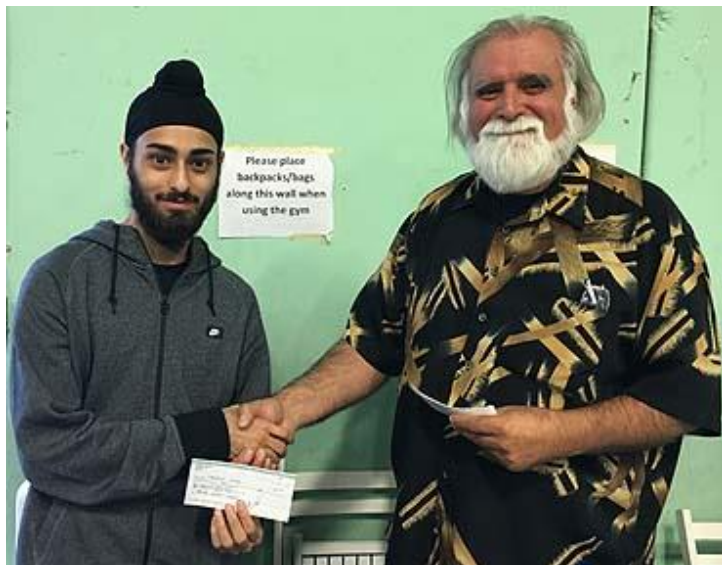
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Any concerns, questions, or ideas on how the federation can best promote chess in B.C., please contact the above persons via the BCCF website.

41st PAUL KERES MEMORIAL (May 21-23)

This year the annual Keres Memorial almost didn't happen. Last year the BCCF instituted a bidding process for official tournaments, but after deadlines had passed there were three events which received no bids – the BC Active Championship, the BCYCC, and the Keres. BCCF President Alonso Campos graciously undertook to organize all three tournaments at the Guru Angad Dev Elementary School in Surrey, the host for the BC Closed and Vancouver Open last Thanksgiving. Unfortunately players have either not warmed to the location or the tournament experience offered to them, because numbers for the Active and BCYCC were down considerably from last year's events.

This trend continued with the Keres, which only attracted sixty-three players this year. Despite the smaller numbers and organizational issues which substantially delayed the first round the tournament remained competitive, with five masters and twelve players rated over 2000. 2013 BC Champion Tanraj Sohal has won many events in the past few years, including four BC Opens, but the Keres had eluded him – until now. Oliver Schulte and Kevin Gentes both gave up several draws and lost key games, to Harry Moore and Howard Wu respectively, which enabled Sohal to take the first prize with four wins and two draws (Alfred Pechisker and Schulte). He also qualifies for this year's BC Closed Championship. Pechisker was also undefeated, but an additional draw left him in clear second, while somewhat surprisingly there was also a clear third – Brian McLaren, who was helped by two (strategic?) byes.



Juniors did not have much of an impact on the standings in the Open Section, but the U1900 Section featured many intergenerational battles. In general the juniors came out on top; Brandon Zhu, ranked twelfth at the beginning, placed first with 5.0/6, Victor Zheng scored 4.5 and Michael Su and Daniel Chen were a further half-point back. Upholding the honour of the older generation was Duncan Haines, the only player to defeat winner Zhu, who tied for second with Zheng. Also having a good event was Mau-Seng Lee, significantly at the expense of other adults. In the U1600 Matthew Ehrenreich was first, also with five points, while Ryan Leong, Ryan Branch, and Clement Cheng tied for second. (We do not have access to a complete list of prizewinners, therefore are not aware if there were any class prizes.) The organizer and director was Alonso Campos. [Standings](#) It should be noted that plans are already under way to place the Keres on a better footing for next year.

Wu, Howard - Sohal, Tanraj [C07] Keres mem 41st Surrey (4), 22.05.2016

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0–0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb3 12...Qe2 is currently the height of fashion, a useful move which does not as yet commit the light-squared bishop to a particular diagonal. 12...Bd6 (12...Bc5 13.c3 h6 14.Nf5 Kf8 15.Nd4 Bd7 16.Bb3 Rc8 17.Be3 Bd6 18.h3 g6 19.Qd2 Kg7 20.Rad1 Rcd8 21.Nf5+ gxf5 22.Qxd6 Qxd6 23.Rxd6 Bc6 24.Rxd8 Rxd8 25.Bd4 Kg6 26.f3 h5 27.h4 Ne8 28.Kf2 Ng7 29.a4 Bd5 30.Bc2 f6 31.b3 b5 32.Ra1 b4 33.Ke3 Kf7 34.cxb4 f4+ 35.Kd2 Bxb3 36.Bxb3 Nf5 37.Kc3 Rxd4 38.a5 Rd7 39.b5 axb5 40.a6 Ra7 41.Kb4 Nd4 42.Bd1 Rc7 43.Ra2 Ke7 44.Be2 Rc1 45.a7 Nc6+ 46.Kxb5 Nxa7+ 47.Rxa7+ Kd6 48.Ra2 Rh1 49.Rd2+ 1–0 (49) Jones,G (2526)-Speelman,J (2511) London 2007) 13.Bg5 0–0 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Bd3 Bxh2+ 16.Kf1 Bf4 17.Qh5 f5 18.Rad1 Bd7 19.g4 h6 20.gxf5 e5 21.Nf3 Rae8 22.Re4 Qc6 23.Nh2 Bg5 24.Rg4 e4 25.Rxg5+ hxg5 26.Ng4 Bxf5 27.Nh6+ Qxh6 28.Qxh6 exd3 29.Qxg5+ Bg6 30.Rxd3 Re6 1–0 (30) Starke,H (2246)-Vossenkuhl,J (2097) GER email 2007. 12...h6 is recommended as leading to equality by Jacob Aagaard and Nikolaos Ntirlis in *Playing the French* (Quality Chess, 2013). **12...Bd6 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 0–0 15.Nxg7 Rd8 16.Qf3 Kxg7 17.Bh6+ Kg6**



Spectacular play but actually all theory, and relatively old theory at that (1990s). One wonders where the dividing line was between analysis and memory for the players. **18.g3** 18.c3 is necessary to allow the light-squared bishop to join the attack, although Black can equalize. 18...Nh5 19.Bc1 Bf4 20.g4 Ng3+ 21.fxg3 Bxc1 22.Raxc1 b6 23.Bc2+ Kg7 24.Be4 Ra7 25.Rc2 Bb7 26.Rh2 Bxe4 27.Qxe4 Qb7 28.Rxh7+ Kg8 29.Qxb7 Rxb7 30.Rh2 Rd3 31.Kg2 Rbd7 32.Re2 Kg7 33.Kh3 Kg6 34.Rhf2 Rd1 35.Re4 Rh1+ 36.Kg2 Rdd1 37.Rb4 b5 38.a4 Rhg1+ 39.Kh2 Rh1+ 40.Kg2 Rhg1+ 41.Kh2 Rh1+ ½–½ (41) Ponizil,C (2398)-Petrik,T (2522) Slovakia 2012 **18...b5 19.Qe3?? 19.Kxh2 19...Bb7+ 20.f3 Qe5?? 20...Qxg3 21.Rf1 (21.Rg1 Bxg1 22.Rxg1 Rd1) 21...Qh4 22.Qg5+ Qxg5 23.Bxg5 Kxg5 24.Kxh2 21.Qxe5 Bxf3+ 22.Kxh2 Ng4+ 23.Kg1 Nxe5 24.Bf4 Ng4 25.c3 h5 26.Bc2+ Kg7 27.Rf1 Be2 28.Rfe1 Bf3 29.Rf1 Bc6 30.Rae1 Re8 31.Bd1 f6 32.Be3 Rad8 33.Bxg4 hxg4 34.Rd1 Bf3 35.Rxd8 Rxd8 36.Kf2 Rh8 37.Ke1 Rh2 38.Bf2 Kg6 39.b3 Kf5 40.Kd2 e5 41.c4 bxc4 42.bxc4 Ke6 43.Ke3 f5 44.a4 Kd6 45.a5 Kc6 46.Kd3 f4 47.gxf4 exf4 48.Bg1 Be2+ 49.Ke4 Rg2 50.Rb1 f3 51.Ke3 Bxc4 52.Kd4 Bb5 53.Rc1+ Kd7 54.Ke3 Be2 55.Rb1 g3 56.Rc1 Rxg1 0–1**

NATIONAL CHESS CHALLENGE by Gyan Awatramani

For the first time in its twenty-eight year history, the annual Canadian Chess Challenge was held in Regina, Saskatchewan, on May 22-23, 2016. Played at the Dr William Riddell Centre at the University of Regina, each province had a team of twelve players, one from each grade (1-12).



After much drama, heartbreak, tears and euphoria, Team BC under the stewardship of team captain Maxim Doroshenko amassed a grand total of 83.5 points. Nine of our players scored 7 points or more out of a possible 9! This is our best performance ever in terms of number of points scored, however it was not enough to surpass Ontario and Quebec. While the overall (83.5) score was reflective of a great all-round performance, team BC needed at least 6 or 6.5/12 in the matches against Quebec and Ontario. That key component was our weakness, and an area where we have lacked the depth, and experience over the years. Also interesting to note was the 25 point difference between third (BC) and fourth (AB)!

Player scores grade 1-12:

Ryan Yang - 7.5
Daniel Wang - 7
Andrew Xu - 4.5
Lucian Wu - 7

Neil Doknjas - 7
Leo Qu - 6
Ethan Low - 6.5
Joshua Doknjas - 7

Matthew Geng - 7.5
Jason Cao - 7.5
Janak Awatramani - 8
Jeremy Hui - 8

Team BC won a total of eleven individual trophies! Many congratulations to ALL players on Team BC for an excellent performance. Every point, every half point added value to the overall team score of 83.5. This, by far, is more important than individual performances at the Canadian Chess Challenge.

Some other highlights:

Jeremy Hui, in his last year (Grade 12), our flag bearer and junior captain, inspired players with his words of encouragement between rounds, and went on to win Gold (National Champion) and the bughouse championship.

Janak Awatramani won the "triple crown [sic]", Gold (National Champion) after a two-hour playoff, the open blitz championship, and the bughouse championship.

Ryan Yang and Joshua Doknjas both finished with Silver.

The junior bughouse championship was won by Leo Qu and Lucian Wu.

Our team dinner at Earl's restaurant was well attended, and we had the pleasure and honour to have Larry Bevand celebrate with us. Larry Bevand is the executive director for the Chess and

Math Association, Canada's National Scholastic Chess Organization. In keeping with tradition Jeremy was treated to a farewell desert, and Larry joined us for an operatic sing song bidding Jeremy goodbye, since this would be his last year representing BC at the Chess Challenge.

Many thanks to team captain Maxim Doroshenko, the tireless efforts of Vivien Lai, our respected coaches, our sponsors, and to all supportive parents. The future looks promising. I'm confident that our BC junior stars will rise to the occasion, and settle scores with our enduring rival provinces in the coming years. Goodluck in Toronto 2017, and congratulations once again!

25th BC - WA SCHOLASTIC MATCH (INTERMAT) (May 14)



(photo by Dave Doknjas)

This year's INTERMAT was held in Vancouver, in a spacious room in the Pharmaceutical Sciences Building at the University of British Columbia – many thanks to Laurent Chaurette and the UBC Chess Club for providing the site. The INTERMAT is a cross-border battle, annual since 1991, between school-aged children representing BC and Washington. The teams are comprised of two players each from grades 1-12 plus kindergarten, who play one game each with their corresponding numbers on the other team. Traditionally BC has scored heavily in the upper grades, Washington in the lower, but this generalization has been breaking down in recent years; a more important factor is the respective teams' difficulty in recruiting their best lineup when playing away from home (the match alternates between BC and Washington).

BC slowly built up a commanding lead in the first round (playing white on all boards) to the tune of 17.0-9.0, which meant they only needed to score 9.5 points in the second round (playing black) to win the match. In the end they scored 15.5, thus achieving victory by 32.5-19.5. This year BC's lowest grades (K-4), aided by strong performances in Kindergarten and grade 2, suffered only a minimal defeat by one game in the twenty games they played, 9.5-10.5. In grades 5-8 BC outscored their rivals 11.0-5.0, and continued this in grades 9-12 where the margin was 12.0-4.0. BC won seven of the mini-matches by grade (K, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12), Washington only three (1, 3, 8), with three ties (4, 7, 10).

In terms of individual results, BC's Leo Qu and Victor Zheng swept their Washington grade 6 opponents, as did Matthew Geng and Max Gedajlovic in grade 9. Other BC players with a perfect score were Codrin Pompas (K), Daniel Wang (2), Kevin Low (5), Luke Pulfer (7), Nathan Shao (10), and Jeremy Hui (12), while Neil Doknjas (5), Janak Awatramani (11), and Hector Rathburn (12) had plus scores. On the Washington side, Jason Yu (4) and Brandon Jiang (3) had perfect

scores, while those with plus scores were Sophie Velea (1), Roman Chivers (1), Joseph Levine (3), Derek Zheng (8), and Daniel He (11).

The match was organized by Michael Lo, Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Curtis Lister, and Brian Sullivan on the BC side and Chess4Life for Washington; the team captains were Victoria Jung-Doknjas and Curtis Lister (BC) and Elliott and Raphael Neff (Washington). The chief arbiter was Stephen Wright. Sponsors were the BCCF, Burnaby Junior Chess Club, chesshouse.com, UBC Chess Club, James Chan, Victoria Chess, Victoria Junior Chess Society, Save On Foods, and chess2inspire – many thanks to all. [Match website](#); [previous results](#)

Overall Washington now has a 13-11 lead in match victories, with one draw:

Year	Location	Victor	Year	Location	Victor
1991	White Rock	BC	2004	Seattle	BC
1992	Mountlake Terrace	WA	2005	Burnaby	BC
1993	Burnaby	WA	2006	Bellevue	WA
1994	Mountlake Terrace	BC	2008	New Westminster	BC
1995	Burnaby	WA	2009	Bellevue	WA
1996	Shorewood	WA	2010	New Westminster	WA
1997	Burnaby	BC	2011	Bellevue	BC
1998	Shorewood	BC	2012	Richmond	tie
1999	Burnaby	WA	2013	Bellevue	WA
2000	Seattle	WA	2014	Vancouver	BC
2001	Burnaby	BC	2015	Bellevue	WA
2002	Seattle	WA	2016	Vancouver	BC
2003	Burnaby	WA			

*the lack of a result for 2007 corresponds to moving the event from December to April/May within the school year. Note that neither team has been able to win the match three years in a row.

Two games from the match, one an endgame, the other sacrificial; the remaining games are in the attached PGN file.

Su, Ethan - Mangipudi, Vishnu [C47] INTERMAT Vancouver (1.6), 14.05.2016 (grade 2)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.Nc3 Nf6 7.Bg5 Be7 8.Qf3 0–0 9.Bc4 h6 10.Bh4 Nh7 11.Bxe7 Qxe7 12.0–0 d6 13.Rfe1 Qg5 14.e5 d5 15.Bb3 Bg4 16.Qg3 Be6 17.Qxg5 Nxf5 18.f4 Nh7 19.h3 d4 20.Ne2 c5 21.c3 c4 22.Ba4 d3 23.Nd4 Bc8 24.Bb5 c5 25.Nf3 Be6 26.Nd2 Rab8 27.Bxc4 Bxc4 28.Nxc4 Rfd8 29.Red1 Rd7 30.Rd2 Rbd8 31.Rad1 f6 32.e6 Re7 33.Rxd3 Rxd3 34.Rxd3 Rxe6 35.Re3 Ra6 36.a3 Kf7 37.b4 cxb4 38.axb4 Re6 39.Kf2 Ke7 40.Rxe6+ Kxe6 41.Ke3 Kd5 42.Kd3 g5 43.g3 h5 44.Ne3+ Kd6 45.Kd4 Nf8 46.Nf5+ Kc6 47.Ng7 h4 48.gxh4 gxf4 49.Ke4 Kb5 50.Kxf4 Kc4 51.Kf5 Kxc3 52.Ne6 Nh7 53.Kg6 Kxb4 54.Kxh7 a5 55.Kg7 a4 56.Nd4 Kc3 57.Nb5+ Kb4 58.Nd4 Kc4 59.Nc2 Kb3 60.Na1+ Kb2 61.h5 a3 62.h6 a2 63.h7 Kxa1 64.h8Q Kb1 65.Qb8+ Ka1 66.Kf7 f5 67.Ke6 f4 68.Kd5 f3 69.Kc4 f2 70.Kc3 f1Q 71.Qb2# 1–0

Low, Kevin - Beck, Alec [C00] INTERMAT Vancouver (1.12), 14.05.2016 (grade 5)

1.e4 e6 2.d3 d5 3.Qe2 d4 4.Nf3 c5 5.g3 Nc6 6.Bg2 e5 7.Nbd2 Be6 8.0–0 Be7 9.a4 Qc7 10.b3 Nb4 11.Nc4 Bxc4 12.bxc4 Nf6 13.Nh4 Nd7 14.Nf5 Bf6 15.Bh3 h6 16.Rb1 Nb6 17.Ra1 a5 18.f4 Qc6 19.Rf2



20...Nxa4 20.Rxa4 Qxa4 21.Nd6+ Ke7 22.fxe5 Bxe5 23.Rxf7+ Kxd6 24.Qg4 Qe8 25.Qg6+ Bf6
26.Rxf6+ gxf6 27.Qxf6+ Kc7 28.Bf4+ 1-0

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

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

Today's game is a relaxing, mid-May positional affair. Are there any tactics in this game at all? Let's see.

1.g3 [0:02:57] 1...c6 [0:02:59] 2.Bg2 [0:02:56] 2...d5 [0:02:59] 3.d3 [0:02:56] 3...Nf6 [0:02:58]
4.Nc3 [0:02:55] 4...g6 [0:02:58] 5.Bd2 [0:02:54]



We've seen this before. **5...d4!**? [0:02:56] Black takes the bull by the horns. White doesn't mind, because the h1-a8 diagonal is opened for his g2-bishop, while the a1-h8 diagonal is now blocked for Black's g7-bishop. That's the idea, at least. **6.Ne4** [0:02:52] **6...Nxe4** [0:02:54] **7.Bxe4** [0:02:51] 7.dxe4 is sharper. **7...Bg7** [0:02:53] The engine likes Black after 7...Qb6, but I don't like the engine, so we're even. **8.Qc1** [0:02:50] **8...h5!**? [0:02:51] Another interesting move - Black prevents the possible exchange of his g7-bishop. **9.h3!**? [0:02:43] **9...Nd7** [0:02:49] Black has taken only 11 seconds up to this point, so it's not as though he's given his moves much thought. That's fine, but this approach soon catches up with him. **10.Bg2** [0:02:40] White withdraws his bishop so he can develop with

Ng1-f3 without getting it trapped. **10...Ne5!**? [0:02:47]



11.c3 [0:02:36] A logical break, although 11.f4 was a viable option. **11...h4** [0:02:43] **12.g4** [0:02:34] 12.cxd4 was better, but 12.g4 was faster. **12...c5** [0:02:38] **13.f4** [0:02:29] **13...Nc6?!** [0:02:36]



This allows White to execute an interesting positional idea, which works to perfection. I took two seconds for the next move, which is revealing. Of what, I'm not quite sure. **14.Bxc6+!** [0:02:26] **14...bxc6** [0:02:35] **15.c4!?** [0:02:24]



At this point the engine slightly prefers Black's position. Maybe it's right, but White at least has a plan - or a concept, at any rate. **15...Qd6** [0:02:29] **16.Nf3** [0:02:21] **16...a5** [0:02:23]



17.Kd1! [0:02:19] I'm giving this an exclamation mark because: a) it's cool; and b) I saw Karpov do it in a similar position. Maybe it should get two exclamation marks? White's king is well situated on c2. How White will exploit Black's mildly weak c-pawns is anyone's guess at this point. There is also Black's wayward h4-pawn to consider, though. **17...a4** [0:02:21] **18.Kc2** [0:02:18] **18...f6** [0:02:15]



19.Qg1 [0:02:14] 19.Qe1 won a pawn, but 19.Qg1 is more photogenic. I didn't want to be greedy, even though I am. **19...Bd7** [0:02:13] **20.e4!?** [0:02:04] Daring Black to take en passant. **20...dxe3** [0:02:12] **21.Bxe3** [0:02:02] **21...a3** [0:02:09] **22.b3** [0:01:59]



I made this move intentionally, setting a positional trap. White isn't yet threatening Black's c5-pawn, by the way, because White's f4-pawn would then be undefended. **22...f5!?** [0:02:05] **23.g5** [0:01:57] The engine recommends 23.Bxc5 anyway, but I had my heart set on sacrificing the exchange. **23...Bxa1?** [0:02:00] The materialistic engine endorses this move, but I think it's awful, because now White gets total control of the dark squares and Black's d7-bishop becomes almost useless. **24.Qxa1** [0:01:55] **24...0-0** [0:01:48] **25.Rd1** [0:01:46] **25...Be6** [0:01:47] **26.Qc3** [0:01:31] **26...Qc7** [0:01:43] **27.Ne5** [0:01:24]



To paraphrase Jabba the Hutt, "this is my kind of position". All of White's pieces are better than Black's, and it's now clear that this is not a good position for rooks. White's e5-knight is especially dominant, while his dark-squared bishop will play the role of the Grim Reaper, harvesting Black's pawns. Chess advice - the only way to screw up this kind of position, other than losing on time, is to capture so many Black pawns (and the wrong ones) that Black's rooks get into play. **27...Rhg8** [0:01:40] **28.Bxc5** [0:01:21] **28...Rd6** [0:01:32] **29.b4** [0:01:06] No thanks. 29.Bxd6? exd6 would be a terrible positional mistake. **29...Rgd8** [0:01:29] **30.Qxa3** [0:01:04] Capturing this pawn, on the other hand, could turn out to be useful, especially since it gets White's queen into the game. **30...Rd4?** [0:01:23]



I'll give this move a question mark, just for fun, and because it loses the house. But Black's position was dreadful anyway. **31.Qa8+** [0:01:01] **31...Qb8** [0:01:21]



32.Qxb8+ [0:01:00] The engine cheekily points out that White can win Black's e6-bishop with 32.Qxc6+. But from a human point of view (at least this human's point of view), Black's e6-bishop isn't worth taking. **32...Kxb8** [0:01:20] **33.Nxc6+** [0:00:59] **33...Kc7** [0:01:19] **34.Nxd4** [0:00:57] Black resigns. Black couldn't stand it anymore. **1-0**

ARTURO POMAR SALAMANCA (1 September 1931 – 26 May 2016)

The legendary Spanish grandmaster Arturo Pomar has passed away in Barcelona at the age of eighty-four. A professional player and the first Spanish grandmaster (1962), Pomar was famous as a child prodigy but never quite fulfilled the promise of his youth. He played in his first international event in Madrid at age eleven in 1943. At twelve he drew with Alexander Alekhine in a tournament at Gijón; if [Wikipedia](#) is to be believed, Pomar still holds the record for the youngest player to draw with a reigning world champion at a normal time control (although they incorrectly state he was thirteen at the time). Pomar won the Spanish championship seven times and played on the Spanish Olympiad team twelve times in succession, 1958-1980.

In 1952 Pomar, after finishing second behind Gligoric at Hollywood 1952 (where one of his victims was [Lionel Joyner](#)), made a cross-Canada tour, with stops in Quebec City, Montreal, Ottawa, Saskatoon, Edmonton, Calgary, and Winnipeg. In Ottawa he drew an exhibition game with Dr. Feodor Bohatirchuk, and in Winnipeg he played a seven-board clock simultaneous display where one of his opponents was Dr. Nathan Divinsky. In honour of Pomar's passing we present these games below, along with games against Suttles, Biyiasas, and Piasetski.

Alekhine, Alexander - Pomar Salamanca, Arturo [C84] Gijón, 1944

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 d6 6.c3 Bg4 7.d4 b5 8.Bb3 Be7 9.Be3 0-0 10.Nbd2 Re8 11.h3 Bh5 12.d5 Na5 13.Bc2 Rc8 14.a4 c5 15.axb5 axb5 16.g4 Bg6 17.Nh4 Nd7 18.Nf5 Bxf5 19.gxf5 Bg5 20.Qe2 c4 21.Kh1 Ra8 22.Rg1 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Qf6 24.Rg4 Kh8 25.Rag1 Rg8 26.Nf3 Nb7 27.Rh4 Ra6 28.Qg5 Nd8 29.Qh5 Nf8 30.Nh2 g6 31.Qh6 Qg7 32.Ng4 f6 33.fxg6 Qxg6 34.Qe3 Qg5 35.Rh6 Qxe3 36.fxe3 Nd7 37.Rf1 Ra2 38.Nxf6 Nxf6 39.Rhxf6 Rxb2 40.Bd1 Rgg2 41.Bf3 Rg3 42.Bg4 Rgg2 43.Ra1 Rh2+ 44.Kg1 Rhg2+ 45.Kf1 Rh2 46.Ke1 b4 47.cxb4 c3 48.Rc1 h5 49.Bd1 Kg7 50.Rf1 c2 51.Be2 Nf7 52.Kd2 Rxb4 53.Rxc2 Ng5 54.Rc7+ Kg6 55.Kc3 Ra4 56.Bb5 Nxe4+ 57.Kb3 Raa2 58.Rg1+ Kh6 59.Rb1 Rad2 60.Bd7 Rxd5 61.Kc4 Rc2+ 62.Kxd5 Rxc7 63.Kxe4 Rxd7 64.h4 d5+ 65.Kxe5 Re7+ 66.Kf5 Rxe3 67.Rb6+ Kh7 68.Rd6 Re4 69.Rd7+ Kh6 70.Rd6+ Kh7 71.Rd7+ Kh6 ½-½

Pomar Salamanca, Arturo - Joyner, Lionel [C06] Hollywood, 1952

1.d4 e6 2.e4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.Bd3 c5 5.e5 Nfd7 6.c3 b6 7.Ne2 Ba6 8.Bxa6 Nxa6 9.0-0 cxd4 10.cxd4 Be7 11.f4 g6 12.Nf3 Qc7 13.Bd2 Rc8 14.Rc1 Qb7 15.Rxc8+ Qxc8 16.Qa4 Qb7 17.Rc1 b5 18.Qa5 0-0 19.Qc3 Nb6 20.Qb3 Nc4 21.Be1 Nb8 22.Bh4 Bxh4 23.Nxh4 Nc6 24.Qh3 f5 25.exf6 Rxf6 26.b3 Nd6 27.Nf3 Nd8 28.Ng5 Qg7 29.Qc3 h6 30.Nf3 Rf8 31.Ne5 g5 32.Qc7 Qxc7 33.Rxc7 gxf4 34.Rxa7 N8b7 35.Ng6 f3 36.Nxf8 fxe2 37.Kf2 e1Q+ 38.Kxe1 Kxf8 39.a4 bxa4 40.bxa4 Nd8 41.g4 Nc4 42.Ra8 Ke7 43.a5 Nc6 44.a6 1-0

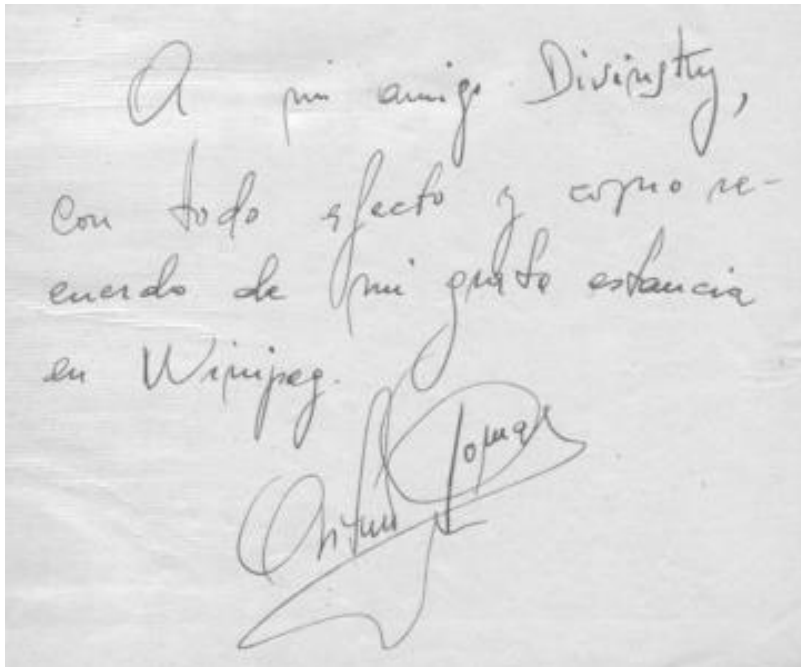
Pomar Salamanca, Arturo - Bohatirchuk, Fedor [A41] Exhibition game Ottawa, 11.06.1952

1.Nf3 d6 2.d4 Bg4 3.e4 Nd7 4.Bc4 e6 5.h3 Bh5 6.Be3 Ngf6 7.Nbd2 d5 8.exd5 exd5 9.Bd3 Bd6 10.Qe2 Qe7 11.g4 Bg6 12.Nh4 Bxd3 13.Qxd3 g6 14.0-0-0 0-0-0 15.Rde1 Rde8 16.Ng2 Ne4 17.f3 Nxd2 18.Bxd2 Qf6 19.g5 Qd8 20.h4 Nb6 21.Ne3 Bg3 22.Re2 a6 [Dummy move - the score gives 22...Bg3 again.] 23.Kd1 Qd7 24.Ng4 Nc4 25.Bc1 Rxe2 26.Qxe2 Re8 27.Nf6 Rxe2 28.Nxd7 Rf2 29.Nf6 Rxf3 30.Nxd5 c6 31.Nf6 Nd6 32.h5 gxh5 33.Nxh5 Nf5 34.c3 Bh4 35.Bd2 Kc7 36.Rh2 Rf1+ 37.Ke2 Rg1 38.Kf3 Bxg5 39.Kf2 Rg4 40.Kf3 Rg1 41.Kf2 Rg4 ½-½

Pomar Salamanca, Arturo - Divinsky, Nathan [C47] Clock simul Winnipeg, 30.06.1952

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 d5 8.exd5 cxd5 9.0-0 0-0
10.Bg5 Bxc3 11.bxc3 Qd6 12.Qf3 Bg4 13.Qg3 Qxg3 14.hxg3 Nd7 15.c4 d4 16.Be4 Rab8 17.Bf4
Nf6 18.Bd3 Rb7 19.Rab1 Rfb8 20.Rb3 Ne8 21.Re1 Be6 22.Be5 Rxb3 23.axb3 Rd8 24.Ra1 f6
25.Bf4 g5 26.Bd2 c5 27.Rxa7 Rd7 28.Ra8 Bf7 29.Rc8 Rc7 30.Rd8 Kg7 31.Ba5 Rc6 32.Rd7 h5
33.Be4 Ra6 34.Bd8 Rd6 35.Bf5 Rxd7 36.Bxd7 Bg6 37.Bb6 Bxc2 38.Bxe8 d3 39.Ba5 Bxb3 40.Bb5
Kg6 41.Kf1 h4 42.gxh4 gxh4 43.Ke1 f5 44.Kd2 Bc2 45.Bb6 f4 46.Bc6 Kf5 47.Bxc5 Ke5 48.Bd5 Bb1
49.Be7 Kd4 50.Bxh4 f3 51.gxf3 Bc2 52.f4 1-0

Alekhine took an interest in Pomar and devoted part of his last book *¡Legado!* (1946) to the prodigy. It appears Divinsky acquired a copy in 1948, and Pomar added a dedication and his signature when he visited Winnipeg in 1952:



Pomar Salamanca, Arturo - Suttles, Duncan [B09] Siegen ol fin (8), 09.1970

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.f4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c5 6.dxc5 Qa5 7.Bd3 Qxc5 8.h3 0-0 9.Qe2 Nc6 10.Bd2
Nh5 11.Qf2 Qxf2+ 12.Kxf2 Bh6 13.f5 Bxd2 14.Nxd2 Nf6 15.g4 Nd7 16.Nf3 Nde5 17.Nxe5 Nxe5
18.Rad1 Kg7 19.Nd5 Be6 20.Nxe7 Rae8 21.Nd5 Bxd5 22.exd5 Kf6 23.Kg3 g5 24.h4 h6 25.hxg5+
hxg5 26.Rh6+ Ke7 27.f6+ Kd8 28.Bb5 Rh8 29.Rdh1 Rxh6 30.Rxh6 Rg8 31.Rh7 Rg6 ½-½

Biyiasas, Peter - Pomar Salamanca, Arturo [B11] Haifa ol (8), 02.11.1976

1.e4 c6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.h3 Bxf3 5.Qxf3 Nf6 6.d3 e6 7.a3 Be7 8.g3 Nbd7 9.Bg2 0-0 10.0-0
Ne8 11.Qe2 Nc7 12.Bd2 f5 13.exd5 exd5 14.Bf4 Bf6 15.Rae1 Nc5 16.Qd2 Qd7 17.Be5 Bxe5
18.Rxe5 Rae8 19.f4 Qd8 20.Ne2 Nd7 21.Rxe8 Rxe8 22.Nd4 Qf6 23.c3 Ne6 24.Re1 Qg6 25.Qe3
Nc7 26.Qf2 Rxe1+ 27.Qxe1 Kf7 28.Kf2 a6 29.Nf3 Qd6 30.Nh4 g6 31.Nf3 Ne6 32.Ne5+ Ke7 33.Nf3
Qc5+ 34.Nd4 Ndf8 35.g4 Qd6 36.Kg3 Kf6 37.Nxe6 Nxe6 38.d4 g5 39.Qe5+ Qxe5 40.fxe5+ Kg6
41.gxf5+ Kxf5 42.Bf3 Kg6 43.Bg4 Nc7 44.Bd7 h5 45.a4 Kf7 46.a5 Ne6 47.Bc8 Nd8 48.b3 Ke7

49.Kf3 Kf7 50.Ke3 Ke7 51.Kd3 Kf7 52.c4 Ke8 53.cxd5 cxd5 54.b4 Ke7 55.b5 g4 56.hxg4 h4
57.Ke2 axb5 58.Bxb7 Ne6 59.a6 Nxd4+ 1-0

Pomar Salamanca, Arturo - Piasetski, Leon David [E69] Alicante ESP (6), 1977

1.d4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 d6 4.Nf3 Nd7 5.c4 e5 6.Nc3 Ngf6 7.e4 0-0 8.0-0 Re8 9.Re1 c6 10.h3 Qb6
11.d5 c5 12.Qb3 Qd8 13.Qc2 Rf8 14.Nh2 Kh8 15.Ng4 Ng8 16.f4 f5 17.exf5 gxf5 18.Nf2 a6 ½-½

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