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HERE AND THERE

Canadian Open (July 8-16)

The 2017 Canadian Open is taking place in Sault Ste. Marie in Northern Ontario. Organized into sections rather than one big open tournament, this year there are also two different schedules, a single round per day over nine days or a compressed six-day schedule with two rounds per day for the first three days. This is partly to accommodate players in the adjunct CYCC, which is overlapping the Canadian Open for the first three days. The nine-day schedule began on July 8 with some fifty-five players in three sections (Masters, U2200, and U1800); there are six grandmasters in the Masters Section but only one BC player in the nine-day schedule, Paul McNichol from Langley. Another eighty players joined the event on July 11 in the six-day schedule, including from BC Kate Jiang, William Jiang, Daniel Wang, Kai Wang, and Henry Yang. Unfortunately the conflicting NAYCC begins in Morristown, NJ on July 12 and has drawn away many of the CYCC players who would normally participate in the Canadian Open. The early leader in the nine-day schedule is IM Kaiqi Yang with 3.0/3, closely followed by GMs Andriy Vovk, Aryan Chopra, Alexander Cherniaev, and IM Artiom Samsonkin with 2.5 points. [Tournament website pairings and results on Chesstalk](#)

CYCC (July 6-10)



(photo by Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

The annual youth championships by two-year age groups and gender are also taking place in Sault Ste. Marie this year and have attracted some two hundred and sixty entrants, including William

Bremner, Brian Butchart, Kevin Butchart, Alec Chung, John Doknjas, Joshua Doknjas, Neil Doknjas, David Eirew, Milo Eirew, Pepi Eirew, Dylan Fox, Patrick Huang, Winston Huang, Kate Jiang, William Jiang, Callum Lehingrat, Jungmin Shinn, Ethan Song, Anna Van, Emilia Vozian, Daniel Wang, Stanley Wu, Brian Yang, Henry Yang, Ryan Yang, and Joyce Zhang from this province. After seven rounds of competition BC had five prize winners: Ryan Yang (U8) tied for first but was third after tiebreaks; Kate Jiang (U10G) tied for first and was first after tiebreaks; Patrick Huang (U12) was first with a perfect score; Joshua Doknjas (U16) was third; and John Doknjas (U18) came first. Also winning a trophy was Pepi Eirew for the best score by a junior player (the younger half of the age bracket) in the U16G. Mention should also be made of Ethan Song (U8), Emilia Vozian (U10G), and Anna Van (U12G), who all placed fourth (either tied or clear). Congratulations to everyone for representing us so well on the national stage. [Final standings in this thread](#) [scanned scoresheets](#)

Hua, Michelle - Jiang, Kate [C50] CYCC U10G Sault Ste. Marie (1), 06.07.2017

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.d3 Bc5 5.Be3 Bb6 6.c3 d6 7.h3 h6 8.Nbd2 0-0 9.d4 Re8 10.Bd3 d5 11.exd5 Nxd5 12.0-0 exd4 13.Bxd4 Nxd4 14.cxd4 Nf4 15.Nb3 Nxd3 16.Qxd3 Qf6 17.Rad1 Bf5 18.Qc3 Rad8 19.Rfe1 Be4 20.Kh1 Bxf3 21.Qxf3 Qxf3 22.Rxe8+ Rxe8 23.gxf3 Re2 24.Rd2 Rxd2 25.Nxd2 Bxd4 26.b3 Bxf2 27.Kg2 Bb6 28.Kf1 Kf8 29.Ke2 Ke7 30.Kd3 Kf6 31.Nc4 Kg5 32.Ke2 Kh4 33.Ne5 f6 34.Ng4 Kxh3 35.Nf2+ Bxf2 36.Kxf2 g5 37.f4 g4 38.f5 g3+ 39.Kg1 g2 40.a3 h5 41.a4 a5 0-1

Zhao, Ian - Huang, Patrick [B22] CYCC U12 Sault Ste. Marie (6), 09.07.2017

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb5 d5 9.0-0 Bf5 10.Nc3 e6 11.Bg5 Be7 12.Bxe7 Qxe7 13.Rc1 0-0 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Na4 Nxa4 16.Qxa4 Be4 17.Nd2 Bxg2 18.Kxg2 Qg5+ 19.Kh1 Qxd2 20.Rc2 Qd3 21.Rfc1 Rac8 22.Qxa7 Ra8 23.Qb6 Rxa2 24.Rxc6 h6 25.Qb4 f6 26.Qe7 Qf3+ 27.Kg1 Rxb2 28.Qxe6+ Rf7 29.Rc8+ Kh7



30.R8c2 Rc7! 31.exf6 Rxc2 0-1

Petersen, Caleb - Doknjas, John [A65] CYCC U18 Sault Ste. Marie (5), 08.07.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.Nge2 Bg7 8.Ng3 0-0 9.Be2 Re8 10.h4 h5 11.Bg5 Nbd7 12.0-0 a6 13.a4 Qc7 14.Qd2 c4 15.Bh6 Bh8 16.Rae1 Ne5 17.Be3 Nfg4 18.Bd4

Qe7 19.Bxg4 Nxg4 20.f3 Ne5 21.f4 Ng4 22.Bxh8 Qxh4 23.Rf3 Qh2+ 24.Kf1 Kxh8 25.Qd4+ Kg8
 26.Qxc4 h4 27.Nge2 h3 28.gxh3 Qh1+ 29.Ng1 Nh2+ 30.Kf2 Nxf3 31.Nxf3 Qxh3 32.Rg1 Bg4
 33.Rg3 Qh5 34.Qc7 Bxf3 35.Rxf3 Qh2+ 36.Ke3 Qxb2 37.Rf2 Qb4 38.Ne2 Qxe4+ 39.Kd2 Rac8
 0-1

28th Pan-American YCC (July 1-6)



The 28th Pan-American youth championships took place in San José, Costa Rico at the beginning of July. Despite conflicting with both the CYCC (above) and the World Open (below) Canada sent a record nineteen-player contingent, including four from this province: Ethan Su, Michael Su, Sherry Tian, and Aiden Zhou. The Pan-American is a continental championship, similar in format to the CYCC or WYCC but consisting of players only from the Americas; one of its main attractions is the possibility of earning FIDE direct titles. Canada had its best result ever: only one player finished with less than 50%, and fully ten had top ten finishes. Michael Song (U18) and Emma He (U14G) led the way with gold medals, Constance Wang (U18G) and Anthony Atanasov (U10) placed second, and Greta Qu was third in the U08G. Aiden Zhou (U12) finished fifth and Sherry Tian (U12G) seventh; Sherry was a contender for a high place through most of the event, but a last round loss left her out of the prizes. In fact, the last round was not kind to the BC players, as only Aiden escaped with a draw. [Tournament website results](#)

Zhou, Aiden - Shih Gould, Danny [A45] Pan-Am YCC 28th U12 San Jose (5.4), 03.07.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.d5 Qa5+ 5.c3 d6 6.f3 Nf6 7.e4 g6 8.Nd2 Nbd7 9.Bd3 Bg7 10.Nc4
 Qc7 11.a4 b6 12.Ne2 Bb7 13.Rc1 0-0 14.0-0 a6 15.b4 h6 16.h3 b5 17.axb5 axb5 18.Na5 c4
 19.Bb1 Qb6+ 20.Kh1 g5 21.Bh2 Nh5 22.Bg1 Qc7 23.Be3 Ne5 24.g4 Nf6 25.Nd4 Qd7 26.Nf5 Ng6
 27.Qd2 Nh7 28.f4 f6 29.Nd4 Rf7 30.Ne6 Nhf8 31.f5 Ne5 32.Qd4 Ra6 33.Nxb7 Qxb7 34.Nd8 Qc7
 35.Nxf7 Kxf7 36.Bc2 Qb8 37.Ra1 Rxa1 38.Rxa1 Nfd7 39.Qa7 Qh8 40.Bd1 h5 41.gxh5 g4 42.hxg4
 Bh6 43.Be2 Qg7 44.Rg1 Nf8 45.g5 fxg5 46.f6 1-0

Castano, Saray - Tian, Shi Yuan [C42] Pan-Am YCC 28th U12G San Jose (6.3), 04.07.2017

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.c4 dxc4 5.Bxc4 Nf6 6.Nc3 Be7 7.Nf3 0-0 8.0-0 Bg4 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4
 Bg6 11.Ne5 Bb4 12.f4 Bxc3 13.bxc3 Be4 14.Qe2 Bd5 15.Bd3 Qe7 16.h4 Nfd7 17.g5 Nxe5 18.fxe5

Nc6 19.Rf6 Rfe8 20.Qh5 g6 21.Qg4 Nxe5 22.dxe5 Qxe5 23.Bd2 h5 24.Qf4 Rad8 25.Qxe5 Rxe5 26.Bf4 Re7 27.Bf1 c6 28.Rd1 Rde8 29.Rd6 Re4 30.c4 Rxf4 31.cxd5 Rxh4 32.dxc6 bxc6 33.Rd8 Rg4+ 34.Bg2 Rxd8 35.Rxd8+ Kg7 36.Rc8 Ra4 37.Rxc6 Rxa2 38.Bd5 Ra4 39.Bc4 Ra3 40.Bd5 0–1

45th World Open (June 29 – July 4)

The annual World Open was held at the Downtown Marriott in Philadelphia in the day leading up to the American independence celebrations. The tournament continues to be an attraction for players from this province, and this year Severo Caluza, Leo Chung, Daniel Du, Stephanie Gu, Patrick Huang, Eric Jiang, Marionito Jose, Jofrel Landingin, Ryan Leong, Ethan Low, Kevin Low, Robert North, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj, Uranchimeg Nyamdorj, Leo Qu, Kai Richardson, Daniel Wang, Kai Wang, Lucian Wu, Nathan Wu, Henry Yang, and Sophia Yu participated (sorry if I missed anyone). Last year it was James Li who won one of the main section prizes; this year it was the turn of Daniel Wang, whose 8.0/9 was sufficient for clear first in the U1400 Section and a payout of \$8,000 (U.S.). Also in the prize money was Daniel's father Kai, who tied for fourth in the U1800 Section, worth \$1,075, and Sophia Yu in the U1200, who won \$725 by tying for third. And BC players also won prizes in some of the many side events: Leo Chung in the U2000 Blitz championship, Patrick Huang (U13 Open), Ryan Leong (G/7, G/10 U1900, and Action U1800), and Daniel and Kai Wang again (Action U1800). Congratulations to all! The overall winner was Armenian grandmaster Tigran L. Petrosian, whose 7.5/9 netted him clear first place. He must be enjoying his trip to the states, as he also won the World Open blitz championship and the recent National Open. [Tournament website](#)

Canadian Closed Championship (June 27 – July 1)

When we left the tournament in the last issue Tanraj Sohal had 4.0 points and was substantially trailing the leaders Nikolay Noritsyn (6.5/7) and Bator Sambuev (6.0). In the last two rounds Tanraj scored one point, ending the event in a tie for sixth place with 5.0/9. Noritsyn gave up one more draw while Sambuev won the rest of his games, leaving them tied for first after the regulation games. Four rapid playoff games followed; white won every game, leaving the players still tied. The playoffs continued, but now at blitz tempo (5+3). The first game was drawn, but in the second game controversy arose. With precious few seconds on the clock Noritsyn sought to promote a pawn, could not find a queen by the side of the board so instead used an upside rook. The game was immediately halted by an arbiter who ordered that the promoted "queen" must be replaced by a (normal) rook (as per the FIDE Arbiter's Manual, although it should be noted this only occurs as an interpretation and is not part of the actual Laws of Chess). Play continued and Noritsyn lost the game, thus Sambuev became Canadian Champion.

Later it was revealed in a video of the game that the missing queen, captured some time previously, was being held (unconsciously) by Sambuev and was only placed at the side of the board after the attempted promotion took place. Needless to say the incident has generated much comment and criticism on various discussion boards (see links below); an appeal to the National Appeals Committee has been [denied](#).

Almost forgotten amid all of this is that there was also a tie for third place between Shiyam Thavandiran and Zong Yang Yu with 6.0 points each. At stake was an IM norm, which went to Yu after a playoff match; it should be noted that Thavandiran has already accumulated enough norms for the IM title, he just needs to meet the FIDE rating requirement of 2400. [Tournament website](#) [Pairings and Results](#) Controversy: [CFC Newsfeed](#) [chess.com report](#) [Emil Sutovsky on Facebook](#)

Sohal, Tanraj S. - Hambleton, Aman [E15] CAN ch 84th Montreal (7.4), 30.06.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.Nbd2 Bb4 6.Qc2 Bb7 7.Bg2 Be4 8.Qd1 Bxd2+ 9.Qxd2 0-0
10.0-0 d6 11.Bh3 Nbd7 12.Nh4 Bb7 13.b3 Ne4 14.Qe3 h6 15.Bg2 f5 16.Ng6 Re8 17.Bb2 Qf6
18.Nf4 g5 19.Nd3 Qg6 20.Rac1 a5 21.f3 Nef6 22.c5 Nd5 23.Qd2 N7f6 24.Rfe1 Ne4 25.fxe4 fxe4
26.Bxe4 Qxe4 27.Nf2 Qg6 28.e4 Nf6 29.cxd6 cxd6 30.d5 e5 31.Rc7 Ba6 32.Ba3 Red8 33.Rc6 Ne8
34.Rxb6 Bc8 35.Nd3 Qh5 36.Qf2 Bh3 37.Nxe5 Ra7 38.g4 Bxg4 39.Rxd6 Nxd6 40.Qxa7 Nb5
41.Qb6 Rc8 42.Bb2 Rc2 43.Qd8+ Kh7 44.Qe7+ Kg8 45.Qd8+ ½-½

Woodpushers' June Challenge (June 25) by organizer and TD, FIDE Arbiter Henry Chiu

The third edition of this free series at the Burnaby Tommy Douglas Library drew a record forty-two players, including eight adults. In total, there were four current or former CFC experts! The event was rated by the Northwest Scholastic Rating System (NWSRS), which requires no membership fees.

The top three sections had six players each. The three adults (or veterans) on each team were paired against the three juniors using Scheveningen pairings. The other sections were four-player round-robins. In section A, the three experts Brandon Zhu (BC Junior Co-Champion), Robert North & Len Molden were paired against juniors Sherry Tian (Canadian Girls Under-12 Champion), Chuyang Gu (BC Under-12 Co-Champion) and Daniel Wang (BC Under-10 Champion). Chuyang pulled off surprising upsets in the last two rounds to defeat North and Zhu. Even more surprisingly, eight-year-old Daniel pulled off 476-point and 590-point upsets to defeat Molden and North in the last two rounds! Together with Sherry's win over Molden, the junior team won the match 5-4!

In section B, the three adults Phillip Harris (former expert), Kai Wang and Kamal Singh faced juniors Brian Yang, Henry Yang and Kane Pan. Brian Yang pulled off three upsets to win the section! This Woodpusher event turned out to be a great warm up for Daniel Wang & his father Kai Wang. A few days after this tournament, they went on to the World Open in Philadelphia to win US\$8000 and US\$1075 in the Under-1400 and Under-1800 sections, respectively. Congratulations & well Done, Daniel and Kai!

In section C, the three adults Jason Feng, Eric Gu and Paul MacDonell faced juniors Eugene Liang, Kate Jiang and Gurbaz Singh. Singh tied with MacDonell at 2.5 points to win the section! Nine-year-old Kate Jiang also pulled off a 203 point upset against an adult! Overall, the three adult (veteran) teams only managed a score of 15.5-11.5 against the juniors even though the 263 points rating difference predicted a score of 22-5!

The winners of the round-robin sections were: Daniel Zhang (Sec. D), Jason Sunardi (Sec. E), Enoch Liang & Cody Ruan (Sec. F), Ethan Lam & Aiden Leong (Sec. G), Biaobiao Guo (Sec. H) & Mengbai Li (Sec. J). For complete standings, please check the [crosstable](#).

The players are all eagerly looking forward to the next edition to be held on Sunday, August 20. If you are rated over 1300, please consider spending a Sunday afternoon to help out a future generation of chessplayers by playing in a future edition of this event. Details are in the [flyer](#) on the BCCF website. Early registration by adults is recommended so that the juniors can be alerted to the presence of strong opposition. On behalf of the juniors, thank you to all the strong players who came to play this time and thank you in advance to those of you who are able to help in the future.

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

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

1.g3 [0:03:00] 1...d5 [0:03:00] 2.Bg2 [0:02:59] 2...c6 [0:03:00] 3.d3 [0:02:58] 3...g6 [0:02:59] 4.Nc3 [0:02:56] 4...Bg7 [0:02:59] 5.Bd2 [0:02:56] 5...Nf6 [0:02:58] 6.Qc1 [0:02:55]



This position, as one of the starting points of the "Suttles System", should be familiar to regular readers of this column (assuming there are any). **6...h5!** [0:02:56] A radical way to prevent White from exchanging dark-squared bishops with 7.Bh6. White will now try to show that the weakening of Black's kingside outweighs the benefits of hampering White's initial plan. **7.h3** [0:02:53] **7...Nbd7** [0:02:55] **8.e4** [0:02:52] **8...dxe4** [0:02:39] **9.dxe4** [0:02:52] **9...Nb6** [0:02:36] **10.b3** [0:02:48]



The position is still equal, but the outlines of White's plan are starting to appear. He intends to restrict the activity of Black's minor pieces, while gradually expanding in the centre. **10...e5** [0:02:14] **11.f4!** [0:02:44] **11...exf4** [0:02:11] **12.gxf4** [0:02:44] **12...h4?!** [0:02:08] Black tries to make his 6th move work, but White isn't afraid of this flank demonstration. Some mild anxiety would have been useful, though. **13.Nge2** [0:02:38] **13...Nh5** [0:01:57] **14.0-0?!** [0:02:32] Poorly timed, as Black could now force White to sacrifice the exchange with 14...Ng3! 15.Rd1 Nxe2+ 16. Nxe2 Bxa1. Better was 14.Qa3!, followed by 0-0-0. **14...Bd7?** [0:01:53] **15.e5** [0:02:26] **15...Qe7** [0:01:44] **16.Ne4** [0:02:22]



16...Nc8?! [0:01:35] Too passive. The engine suggests the weird variation 16...Ng3! 17.Nd6+ Qxd6! 18. Nxg3! Qe7 19.Ne4, and somehow an exchange of knights has occurred, with approximate equality.
17.Qe1! [0:02:12] **17...Bf5** [0:01:32] **18.Bb4** [0:02:04] **18...Qc7** [0:01:26] **19.Nd6+?** [0:02:01] Too hasty. After 19.N2c3!, White would keep his advantage. **19...Nxd6** [0:01:24] **20.Bxd6** [0:01:53] **20...Qb6+** [0:01:20] **21.Kh2** [0:01:50] **21...0-0-0?!** [0:01:19] Neither player seems to realize that White's c2-pawn is hanging.
22.Rd1? [0:01:37] **22...Qe3?** [0:01:16] **23.Rf3** [0:01:31] **23...Qb6** [0:01:04] **24.c4** [0:01:29]



Back on track, although the position has now edged towards equality. **24...Rhe8?!** [0:01:02] 24...Be4! was more precise. This is simply a difficult position to play - certainly in a 3-minute game! **25.c5** [0:01:27] **25...Qa6** [0:00:59]



26.Nd4 [0:01:22] The right square, but the wrong piece. 26.Rd4! would cause Black all sorts of problems. **26...Qxa2?** [0:00:54]



Black misses his final chance to play 26...Ng3!, and instead exposes his king to a sudden and powerful attack. **27.Ra1** [0:01:14] **27...Qb2** [0:00:49] **28.Nxf5** [0:01:11] 28.Qa5! immediately was crushing. **28...gxf5** [0:00:48] **29.Rxa7** [0:01:07] **29...Ng3** [0:00:41]



A bit late. **30.Qa5** [0:00:55] 30.Qb4! was even stronger, because 30...Rd7 loses immediately to 31.Ra8 mate. **30...Kd7** [0:00:31] **31.Qc7+** [0:00:50] **31...Ke6** [0:00:30] **32.Rxb7** [0:00:47] **32...Kd5** [0:00:11]



Surprisingly, moving into a double check doesn't solve Black's defensive problems. **33.Rd3+** [0:00:44] **33...Ke6** [0:00:04] **34.Qxf7#** [0:00:42] Black is checkmated. **1-0**

UPCOMING EVENTS

July Active

July 22, Columbia College

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Semiahmoo Open

August 5-7, Surrey

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August Active

August 12, Columbia College

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9th Bowser Builders Tournament

August 13, Bowser (Vancouver Island)

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Langley Open

September 2-4, Langley

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