

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #362

Your editor welcomes any and all submissions – news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to BC 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.

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HERE AND THERE

CYCC (July 2-5)

This year's national youth championships by two-year age brackets have begun in Quebec City with some forty-five players from BC participating. It's early days yet, but further information can be found at the [tournament website](#). [Results and standings](#)

Philadelphia International (June 28 – July 2)

A warm-up for the World Open but also a significant norm tournament in its own right, the Philadelphia International is a nine-round Swiss which this year included Severo Caluza, Patrick Huang, and Jofrel Landingin from this province. Highest ranked of the twelve grandmasters was another Canadian, Anton Kovalyov, but he was only able to finish in a tie for fourth place behind Samuel Sevian (7.5 points), Aleksandr Lenderman, and Sergey Erenburg (both 7.0 points). The top BC player was Patrick Huang with 3.5/9 points; the best Canadian other than Kovalyov was Ontario's Mark Plotkin, who tied for the U2300 prize, joins his father Victor as an FM, and scored his first IM norm. [Tournament website](#)

Las Vegas International Chess Festival (June 20-24)

Held at the Westgate Las Vegas Resort and Casino, the festival is centred around the National Open but also includes numerous additional and side events. One of these was the [US Women's Open](#), a five-round Swiss which attracted forty-four entrants including the 2017 US Women's Champion, Sabina-Francesca Foisor. However, Foisor lost in round three to Badamkhand Norovsambu, known in these parts as a participant in the 2017 BC – WA matches in Victoria, although she now resides in California. WFM Ramya Inapuri also scored 4.0/5 along with Foisor and together they shared second place behind fifth-ranked Saikhanchimeg Tsogtsaikhan (Mongolian) who won the event with a perfect score. The only Canadian was Kate Jiang, who fell afoul of the yo-yo effect but whose 3.0 points were sufficient for a share of the second U1800 prize.

The main event was the National Open, first held in 1965; players from BC included Severo Caluza, Kate and William Jiang, Marionito Jose, Jofrel Landingin, and Ryan Leong. In the U1900 Section Ryan tied for first with three others, worth \$2338 USD, while his 6.0/7 plus Kate's 4.5/7 in the U1700 Section was sufficient to take third place in the Mixed Doubles competition (two player teams, with one male player and one female, average rating below 2200). Finally, there were various blitz tournaments among the side events. Kate came second and William first in their respective sections of the Friday Blitz, Ryan won his section of the Sunday Blitz, and Ryan also

won the U1900 Section of the Walter Browne Memorial Blitz, adding another \$500 to his total. Congratulations to all! [Tournament website](#)



(photos by Tim Hanks)

European Excursions

Last Bulletin we left Leon Piasetski playing in the [10th Capo d'Orso Open](#) (June 2-9) in Porto Mannu Palau, Sardinia; sharing the lead were GMs Mihail Marin and Karen Movsziszian with 6.0 points. Marin drew his last two games but Movsziszian scored one and a half points to take clear first with 7.5/9; Marin was clear second. Leon also scored a win and a draw in his last two games to finish the event on plus two. Then it was off to Teplice, a city in the northern Czech Republic which lies almost due south of Dresden and incidentally was the birthplace of grandmaster Helmut Pfleger. The thirteenth annual [Teplice Open](#) (June 16-24) attracted one hundred and seventy-five players, including sixteen GMs and nineteen IMs. There was a five-way tie for first between Evgeny Romanov, Evgeny Vorobiov, Muhammed Batuhan Dastan, Viktor Erdos, and Christopher Repka on 7.0 points, grandmasters all. Here Leon finished with 5.0/9, two points off the pace.



Teplice Open

Piastetski, Leon David – Sorensen, Reto Utiger [E07] Capo d'Orso op 10th Porto Mannu Palau (6.12), 06.06.2018

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 c6 4.0–0 Nbd7 5.d4 e6 6.b3 Be7 7.c4 0–0 8.Bb2 c5 9.cxd5 exd5 10.Nc3 Nb6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Rc1 Qe7 13.Qc2 Bd7 14.e3 Rac8 15.Rfd1 Bg4 16.Qd3 Rfd8 17.Ne2 Ba3 18.Bxa3 Qxa3 19.Qb1 Bh5 20.Nf4 Bg4 21.Re1 Rxc1 22.Rxc1 Bf5 23.Qa1 Be4 24.Nd4 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 h6 26.Nf5 Ne8 27.Rc7 d4 28.Rxb7 Qc5 29.Ne7+ Kf8 30.exd4 Rxd4 31.Qe1 Nd7 32.Neg6+ 1–0

Turov, Maxim – Piastetski, Leon David [E76] Teplice op 13th (2.7), 17.06.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 d6 3.Nc3 g6 4.e4 Bg7 5.f4 c5 6.d5 0–0 7.Nf3 e6 8.dxe6 Bxe6 9.Bd3 a6 10.f5 Bd7 11.0–0 Bc6 12.Bf4 Re8 13.Qc2 Nh5 14.Bg5 Bd4+ 15.Kh1 f6 16.Bd2 Be5 17.Nxe5 dxe5 18.Nd5 Bxd5 19.cxd5 Nd7 20.Be2 Ng7 21.fxg6 hxg6 22.Bg4 Rf8 23.Qb3 b5 24.Qh3 Ra7 25.Be3 Rc7 26.Qh6 f5 27.exf5 gxf5 28.Bxf5 Nxf5 29.Rxf5 Rxf5 30.Qg6+ Kh8 31.Qxf5 Qf6 32.Qh3+ Kg7 33.Kg1 Nf8 34.Rf1 Qd6 35.Qg4+ Ng6 36.h4 Kh8 37.Bg5 Nf4 38.Rxf4 exf4 39.Bxf4 1–0

June Vancouver Active (June 9)

Under new or rather old management, the Vancouver monthly active events that until recently were run by Maxim Doroshenko have now reverted back to their previous organizer, Luc Poitras, and their previous location, the Vancouver Bridge Centre on East Broadway. The first edition in June drew a modest thirteen players and was won by Luc Poitras with 4.5/5 a full point ahead of Ryan Leong, Igor Kurganskyy, and Eduardo Moura. The next tournament is on July 21. [Standings](#) (is it not possible to avoid the page break before the fifth round?)

Why not Semiahmoo? (contributed by Paul Leblanc)

What's in a name? How about that funky pink palace hotel? Why would a novice chess player enter the tortuous field of tournament organizing? Who is Jeffrey Street anyways? Some of us can at least partially answer these questions because we attended this not-so-little start-up tournament last August.

Semiahmoo, as it turns out, is a salt-water bay bisected by the Canadian – US border in the vicinity of White Rock. It is the ancient home of the Semiahmoo people. The modern Semiahmoo First Nation has a population of ninety-eight people, exactly equal to the number of entries in the 2017 Semiahmoo Open.

The “Pink Palace” is a colloquialism for the Pacific Inn Resort, 1160 King George Blvd., Surrey. The hotel is constructed in the fashion of a Caribbean villa with a large swimming pool in the lobby set beneath an equally large skylight and surrounded by arches and pillars. The meeting rooms have Spanish names. The hotel has been purchased by the Doubletree Hilton luxury hotel chain and major improvements are underway. In fact, the upgrades are so extensive that we won't be able to afford it next year.

Turning to Jeffrey Street, he is a massage therapist by profession and took up competitive chess in 2017. He has played in twenty



tournaments in his first eighteen months, showing remarkable dedication. His organizing team includes his father, mother, and wife. You gotta like that. This year he joined the BCCF Executive as Secretary. On this trajectory I predict he will be the President of FIDE by 2020.

With all its quirks, this is a destination on the chess circuit that you will want to consider. August 4-6. Details on the [tournament website](#).

BC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (June 22-24) by Paul Leblanc

Qanee, McLaren, and Fuentebella 2018 BC Senior Co-Champions

After a year in Victoria, the BC Senior Championship returned to the Comfort Inn in Surrey on the weekend of 22-24 June. This year marked the sixth annual version of this popular event and among the thirty players were champions from every year since the inaugural event in 2014. Three players emerged as co-champions with 4.0-1.0 scores. Newcomer Arpak Qanee shared first place with past winners Brian McLaren and Mayo Fuentebella. Arpak recently arrived in BC from Iraq and plans to make Vancouver his permanent home. He lived up to his 2166 FIDE rating and is a welcome addition to the BC chess scene. He expects to play in many more tournaments.



Front row: Patterson, Hoshizaki, Haines, Ingram, Swett, Carrol, MacDonell
Middle Row: Rompogren, Lee, O'Brien, Enns, Barron, Harris, Qanee, Escandor, Fuentebella, Bince, Lester-Smith, Kim
Back Row: Kagaoan, McLaren, Monkhouse, Sullivan, Lapenna, Hack, Forman, Pangilinan, Batisse, Campos

The U1900 prize was also split three ways between Neale Monkhouse, Paul Leblanc, and Michael Rompogren of Tacoma, Washington, each scoring 3.0-2.0. The biggest cash prize winner turned out to be Emmanuel Pangilinan who finished with 3.5-1.5 and sole possession of the U1600 prize. The \$1,000 prize fund was guaranteed by Victoria Chess. Other generous sponsors were the BCCF and several of the players. The tournament was organized by Paul Leblanc and directed by International Arbiter Stephen Wright. [Standings](#)



(both photos by Paul Leblanc)

Two critical games for the final standings – the rest can be found in the attached PGN file.

Mohammed Qanee, Arpak Worya – Fuentebella, Mayo [D30] BC sen ch Surrey (4.1), 24.06.2018

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 dxc4 4.Qa4+ c6 5.Qxc4 b5 6.Qc2 Bb7 7.g3 Nbd7 8.Bg2 e6 9.0–0 c5 10.Be3 Nd5 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.dxc5 Bxc5 13.e4 N5f6 14.Nc3 Rc8 15.Bxf6 Nxf6 16.Rad1 Bb4 17.e5 Bxc3 18.bxc3 Nd5 19.Rd4 Nxc3 20.Qd2 Bd5 21.Rg4 g6 22.Ng5 Qc6 23.Bxd5 Qxd5 24.Qe3 Rc4 25.Rxc4 Qxc4 26.Nxf7 Kxf7 27.Qxa7+ Kg8 28.Re1 Qc8 29.Re3 Nd5 30.Rf3 Qc7 31.Qa6 Qd7 32.Rb3 Nc7 33.Qd6 Qxd6 34.exd6 Nd5 35.Rxb5 Kf7 36.Kg2 h5 37.Ra5 Rd8 38.Ra6 Rd7 39.f4 Ne3+ 40.Kh3 Nc4 41.g4 hxg4+ 42.Kxg4 Kf6 43.a4 Nxd6 44.Ra8 Nf5 45.Rf8+ Kg7 46.Ra8 Rd2 47.a5 Rxh2 48.a6 Ra2 49.Kf3 Ra4 50.a7 Nd4+ 51.Kg4 Nc6 52.Re8 Rxa7 53.Rxe6 Ne7 54.Rb6 Kf7 55.Rb5 Ra1 56.Rb7 Rc1 57.Ra7 Kf6 58.Ra6+ Rc6 59.Ra8 Nf5 60.Ra3 Rc1 61.Ra6+ Kg7 62.Rb6 Rc3 63.Rxg6+ Kf7 64.Ra6 Ne7 65.Ra5 Rc1 66.Ra6 Rc4 67.Ra5 Ng6 68.Kg5 Rc1 69.Ra7+ Ne7 70.Kg4 Kf6 71.Ra6+ Nc6 72.Ra8 Ke6 73.Re8+ Kd5 74.Kg5 Rg1+ 75.Kf6 Rf1 76.f5 Kd6 77.Re6+ Kd7 78.Re4 Rf2 79.Ra4 Kd6 80.Ra1 Nd4 81.Ra6+ Kd5 82.Ra5+ Kd6 83.Ra6+ Nc6 84.Kg6 Kd5 85.f6 Ne5+ 86.Kg7 Rg2+ 87.Kf8 Rc2 88.Kg7 Rg2+ 89.Kf8 Rf2 90.Kg7 Nd7 91.f7 Rg2+ 92.Rg6 Rf2 93.Rg1 ½–½

McLaren, Brian - Mohammed Qanee, Arpak Worya [B26] BC sen ch Surrey (5.1), 24.06.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 e6 6.Be3 Qa5 7.Nge2 Nd4 8.0–0 Ne7 9.Nc1 d6 10.Qd2 Nec6 11.Nb3 Qc7 12.Rac1 0–0 13.Bh6 Rb8 14.Bxg7 Kxg7 15.Nd1 Nxb3 16.axb3 Nd4 17.Ne3 Bd7 18.Ra1 a6 19.Ra3 Bc6 20.c3 Nb5 21.Raa1 Rbd8 22.f4 d5 23.e5 d4 24.Ng4 Bxg2 25.Kxg2 dxc3 26.bxc3 h5 27.Nf6 c4 28.bxc4 Qxc4 29.dxc4 Rxd2+ 30.Rf2 Rxf2+ 31.Kxf2 Nxc3 32.Ra3 Nd1+ 33.Ke2 Nb2 34.Rb3 Nxc4 35.Rxb7 Rd8 36.Rc7 Nb6 37.Ne4 Rd7 38.Rc6 Nd5 39.Rxa6 Rb7 40.h4 Rb2+ 41.Kf3 Rb3+ 42.Kf2 Rb2+ 43.Kf3 Rb3+ 44.Kf2 Rb2+ 45.Kf3 ½–½

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

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

It's time to revisit one of our favourite openings - it really works well this time! **1.d4** [3:00] **1...g6** [3:00] **2.Nf3** [2:54] **2...Bg7** [2:59] **3.b3** [2:29]



What can you say about this move? White spent almost 30 seconds on it, which makes me think someone phoned or the dog needed to be let out. **3...d6** [2:58] **4.Bb2** [2:29] **4...Nc6** [2:57] **5.g3** [2:27] **5...Bd7** [2:54] **6.Bg2** [2:26] **6...Qc8** [2:52] **7.0-0** [2:25] **7...Bh3** [2:51] **8.c4** [2:18] We have arrived, via a strange move order, in a "theoretical" position (which just means I've had this position off White's queen from the defence of the d4-pawn, allowing Black's next move. **9...h4!** [2:48] **10.e4?!** [2:04] Too late. Ignoring Black's attack isn't the answer. **10...hxg3** [2:45] **11.fxg3** [2:00] **11...Bxg2** [2:44] **12.Kxg2** [2:00] **12...Qh3+** [2:44] **13.Kf2** [1:55] **13...Nf6** [2:40]



Black has a very strong attack against White's overextended position, which is full of holes. Almost as importantly (to me!), Black has a better pawn structure (one pawn island vs. two pawn islands), so if White manages to survive, he will have a positional disadvantage. But it doesn't come to that. **14.Ke3?** [1:46]



Panic sets in. Not surprisingly, a king in the middle of the board when most of the pieces are still in play spells trouble. **14...Nb4** [2:19] It's interesting that the decisive moves in Black's attack are ...Nb4 and ...Ng4. 14...Ng4+ was more accurate, but White's response makes the issue moot. **15.a3?!** [1:36] **15...Ng4+** [2:17] **16.Ke2** [1:30] **16...Qg2+** [2:15] **17.Ke1** [1:25] **17...Nd3#** [2:13]



White is checkmated. **0-1**

A VANCOUVER CHESS SET

There is seldom mention of the chess sets upon which we practice our hobby in these pages, but there are a few notable examples in BC museums. The Museum of Vancouver has as part of its collection a set which belonged to the late Harry Logan and his wife Gwyneth.





This is a Regency style set, among the most popular before it and all others were eclipsed by now ubiquitous Staunton style pieces. The wooden pieces themselves are workmanlike rather than elaborate, a playing set rather than one for show, and the horse heads on the knights are varnished differently – perhaps they were added at a later date to replace the top of what were originally turned-style pieces similar to the bishop (to avoid the expense of hiring a carver for the head).

Harry Logan had a storied life in academia and beyond – the following is a biographical sketch included in the Logan Family fonds at the UBC Archives:

“Professor of Classics at the University of British Columbia for many years, Harry Tremaine Logan was born on March 5, 1887, in Londonderry, Nova Scotia. He was educated at Vancouver High School; McGill University (Honours Classics, 1908); Oxford University (1908-11), where he was a British Columbia Rhodes Scholar; Presbyterian College (McGill, 1911-12); and New College Edinburgh (1912-13), where he studied Theology. Harry Logan and Gwyneth Murray met in Oxford in 1909 and were engaged to be married in 1911, when Logan returned to Canada. They were married in 1916, shortly after the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders arrived in England. Gwyneth Murray was born in 1888 in Oxford, England, daughter of Sir James Murray, the editor of the Oxford English Dictionary. She briefly attended the predominantly Anglican Oxford University but by 1911 had moved to Cambridge University where she felt more at home because of her Congregationalist upbringing. At Cambridge Gwyneth Murray studied mathematics and physics, and also taught at the Perse School for Girls from 1912 to 1916.

Logan taught Classics at McGill University College of British Columbia from 1913-15 until his career was interrupted by war service. He later returned to Oxford where he received his Master's degree in 1919. Harry and Gwyneth moved to Canada in 1919. She became an author and homemaker



while he began teaching at the University of British Columbia where he was successively Instructor, Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, Professor of Classics and Head of the Department of Classics until 1952.

Professor Logan left the University of British Columbia in 1936 to become Principal of the Prince of Wales Fairbridge Farm School, Vancouver Island, where he remained until 1945. In 1946 he became Acting General Secretary of the Fairbridge Society in London, England, and Secretary between 1947-49. He returned to the University of British Columbia in 1949. His many activities with the University include his senate membership (1930-48); Member of the Board of Governors (1941-46); Trustee of the BC Canteen Fund; Editor, *UBC Alumni Chronicle*; and, notably, author of the history of the university, *Tuum Est* (1958).

During World War I Logan served as a trooper in the King's Colonial Cavalry and King Edward Horse in Oxford (1908-11). He was later with the 72nd Seaforth Highlanders of Canada and Canadian Machine Gun Corps (1915-18) as, successively, Lieutenant, Captain, and Major. He was mentioned in dispatches and won the Military Cross. In 1919 he prepared the official history of the Canadian Machine Gun Corps. He later commanded the 12th Canadian Machine Gun Brigade, Vancouver (1924-27), and the UBC Contingent, Canadian Officers Training Corps (1928-30), as Lieutenant Colonel. Harry Logan died in 1971 and Gwyneth died in 1979.”

As stated, Gwyneth Nesta Lilian Murray was the youngest daughter of the renowned Scottish lexicographer Sir James Murray; we can add that the eldest of Sir James' eleven children was [Harold James Ruthven Murray](#) (1868-1955), a name well-known to chess historians as the author of *A History of Chess*, still considered the standard work in the field despite being published in 1913. So H.J.R. Murray was Harry Logan's brother-in-law.



Family group circa 1892: Sir James Murray and his wife seated in the centre, Harold seated next to his father, Gwyneth seated on the ground in front of her mother

We do not have any details of the provenance of this set before it was acquired by Logan; the Museum of Vancouver website unhelpfully notes it “was used in Vancouver during the 1920s.”

Knowing Logan's connection to H.J.R. Murray, it is fun to speculate on the set's age and how it came into the former's possession – picked up in France during his war duty, or earlier (or later) in England or Canada, or a family heirloom, or a gift from his illustrious brother-in-law? Unfortunately these questions cannot be answered, at least not by the sources readily available to this writer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vancouver Active

July 21, Vancouver Bridge Centre

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Cowichan Rapid Open Championship

July 28, Duncan

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Semiahmoo Open

August 4-6, White Rock

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Bowser Builders Open

August 12, Bowser

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Langley Open

September 1-3

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