

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #367

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.

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

World Junior (September 4-15)

We left Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux (Open) and Sherry Tian (Girls) with two rounds remaining at the World Junior Championship in Gebze, Turkey. Iran's Parham Maghsoodloo scored 9.5/10 before losing his last-round game but he still took first place, a full point ahead of the trio who tied for second; he is currently leading his country's team at the Olympiad in Batumi. Shawn won his last two games to finish with 6.0/11, thereby gaining 65 FIDE rating points. In the Girls Section the five-way tie after nine rounds resolved itself into a two-way tie after eleven, with Aleksandra Maltsevskaya (Russia) taking the title on tiebreak; Sherry fought hard but lost her last two games to finish with 3.5 points. [Tournament website](#); [standings](#)

BC Closed (October 5-8)

The 103rd BC Closed Championship will take place this weekend at Room 156 of the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre at UBC, with rounds at 5:45pm on the Friday and 10am and 3pm on the following days. Spectators are welcome. The field is as follows:

William Bremner (ratings list)
Joshua Doknjas (ratings list)
Andrew Hemstapat (BC Junior)
Raymond Kaufman (Langley Open)

Stanislav Kriventsov (Keres Memorial)
Grigorii Morozov (defending champion)
Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj (ratings list)
Tanraj Sohal (defending champion)

Chess book by BC authors

We seem to be living in a golden age in terms of the writing and publishing of chess books. It was not so long ago that Lev Polugaevsky stated "90% of chess books you can open, read page 1, and close the book forever." But now there are many more books being produced, often of very high quality. Until recently very few of the authors involved were from this country, but the last few years have witnessed a number of volumes written by Canadians, e.g., [The Chess Attacker's Handbook](#) by Razvan Preotu and Michael Song, [The Hyper Accelerated Dragon](#) by Raja Panjwani, and [Opening Repertoire: The English](#) by David Cummings. And soon to appear in the latter series is [Opening Repertoire: The Najdorf](#) by BC juniors John and Joshua Doknjas. The book is due to be published on November 19 in the United Kingdom, but we will have to wait until January 14, 2019 for its publication in the United States.

Vas Sladek

Vas has begun coaching and publishing training material. Here is a sample on [Attacking with Rook Lifts](#).

Keres the ballet

There is now a ballet on the subject of Paul Keres, the great Estonian player who died shortly after winning the Vancouver 1975 tournament. The Republic of Estonia declared its independence from the Russian Empire on February 24, 1918, and centenary celebrations in the country are being held from April 2017 until February 2020. One facet of the celebrations is the new ballet, composed by Sander Mölder and Timo Steiner with direction and choreography by Teet Kask. The ballet was performed three times at the beginning of September in Tallinn and Tartu, and is also scheduled for Keres' home town of Narva next year. One suspects that performances on this continent are highly unlikely, but we can hope that a film/DVD of the production will eventually appear.



[Ballet website](#) [Estonian world article](#)

Incidentally, last March marked the fifty anniversary of a Canadian interaction between music and chess. On March 5, 1968 at the Ryerson Theatre in Toronto in a work called *Reunion*, composer John Cage and artist Marcel Duchamp contested games of chess on a specially-constructed board, where moving pieces to a given square would result in the playing of excerpts of electronic music by Gordon Mumma, David Behrman, David Tudor, or Lowell Cross. [Hyperallergic article](#)

VICTORIA CHESS CLUB HOLDS ANOTHER POPULAR ACTIVE EVENT by Paul Leblanc

On Saturday 15 September, thirty-six players convened at the Greater Victoria Public Library, central branch for a five-round active event. These one-day tournaments have proven to be quite popular with club members, many of whom use them as stepping stones to the major tournaments with slower time controls. The event was sponsored by the library and Thrifty Foods, both of whom have been instrumental in the recent rejuvenation of the Victoria Chess Club. Since the club moved to the public library in February 2015, membership and attendance have increased steadily.

Patrick Huang won the tournament with a very solid performance of 4.5-0.5, giving up only one draw to Paul Leblanc and defeating NM Roger Patterson in the final round to seize the first place trophy. Amir Afshar, a recent arrival from Iran, proved that he is ready for his first serious tournament, the Jack Taylor Memorial on 26-28 October, by downing Paul Leblanc in the final round to take the U1700 trophy. Vincent Pineault captured the U1500 prize.

Full results and photos at <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com>

The tournament was organized and directed by Marc Moisan. Marc is a petty officer in the RCN who heads the logistics section on board HMCS Vancouver. He recently took up serious chess and has quickly become one of the key assets of the club.



Foreground James vs Holzknacht, Stanley vs Afshar. Right Felver vs Sardari, Leblanc vs Huang, Stanford vs Richardson, and Haines vs Patterson.

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

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

In this game the "Suttles System" claims yet another victim.

1.g3 [3:00] **1...d5** [3:00] **2.Bg2** [2:59] **2...c6** [2:59] **3.d3** [2:58] **3...g6** [2:58] **4.Nc3** [2:57] **4...Bg7** [2:57] **5.Bd2** [2:56] **5...Nf6** [2:57] **6.Qc1** [2:55] **6...0-0** [2:54] **7.Bh6** [2:52] **7...e5** [2:51] **8.h4** [2:50]



We've seen all this before. The engine gives Black an edge here, but familiarity with the position counts for something too, as this game shows. **8...Be6** [2:47] **9.h5** [2:48] **9...Qe7?** [2:43] **10.Bxg7** [2:45] **10...Kxg7** [2:42] **11.hxg6** [2:44] **11...fxg6** [2:41] **12.Qh6+** [2:43] **12...Kg8** [2:40] This type of position favours White, not because of the tricks around Black's king, but because he now has a better pawn structure. **13.Nf3** [2:35] **13...Nbd7** [2:39] **14.Ng5** [2:32]



14...Ng4? [1:56] This aggressive attempt to punish White backfires, because White's rook becomes super-active, and White's f2-pawn isn't that important.
15.Qxh7+ [2:28] **15...Qxh7** [1:54] **16.Rxh7** [2:21]
16...Rxf2 [1:48] **17.Bf3** [2:16] Now Black must keep a knight on g4. **17...Ndf6** [1:19]



18.Rxb7 [2:08] The engine spots **18.Rh4!** in the twinkling of an eye, but destroying Black's pawn chain is also strong. **18...Bf5** [0:55] **19.Rc7** [1:44] **19...Rh2** [0:49] **20.Rxc6** [1:35] There is nothing beautiful about the way White is playing. **20...e4** [0:46] More or less forced, as Black's d5-pawn is hanging. Passive defence with **20...Rd8** offers little hope after **21.0-0-0**. **21.dxe4** [1:30] **21...dxe4** [0:45] **22.Ncxe4** [1:28] **22...Nxe4** [0:43] **23.Nxe4** [1:26] **23...Ne3** [0:32]



24.Rc7 [1:11] The engine favours **24.Rc3!**, but I wanted to make less threatening moves, given that Black now had less than 30 seconds for the rest of the game. **24...Rd8** [0:22] **25.Rc1** [0:45] **25...Kh8** [0:21]



26.c4 [0:40] 26.Ng5 was more incisive, but why not just start advancing the passed c-pawn? Black is then forced to do something, if he can. **26...Re8** [0:20] **27.Nf6** [0:32] **27...Re6** [0:17] **28.Nd5** [0:28] **28...Ng4** [0:15] **29.Kd2** [0:20] **29...Ne5** [0:13] **30.Kc3** [0:19] **30...Nxf3** [0:12] **31.exf3** [0:18] **31...Ree2** [0:11]



32.Rb7 [0:13] 32.g4! was now winning, but I think around here I suddenly realized that I had been enjoying my position too much and Black had almost caught up on time! So from here on, it was bullet mode. **32...Rc2+** [0:10] **33.Rxc2** [0:12] **33...Rxc2+** [0:08] **34.Kd4** [0:12] **34...Rd2+** [0:06] **35.Kc5** [0:11] **35...Rd3** [0:05] **36.Nf6** [0:09] **36...g5** [0:03] **37.g4** [0:08] **37...Bg6** [0:02] **38.Rxa7** [0:07] **38...Rxf3** [0:01] **39.b4** [0:06] Black forfeits on time. **1-0**

CANADIAN CHESS MAGAZINE, 1919-1920



Last issue we discussed the *BC Chess Magazine*, founded and edited by multiple-year BC champion John Morton Ewing in North Vancouver. The following year the magazine evolved into a national entity:

“Last year the *BC Chess Magazine* began as a purely local paper, catering to the public of a single province. Experience has shown the futility of setting up any such limitation, for already at least fifty percent of our subscribers live outside the bounds of BC.

We therefore venture forth as the *Canadian Chess Magazine*, with a staff more representative of Dominion chess, and with a vastly broader outlook. We wish to print the games, problems, and chess news of all Canada, and to that end we exhort players from all provinces to contribute to our pages.”

As before, each issue was eight 5” by 8” pages and cost 15 cents, or \$1.00 for the season. The format was the same, with Games, News, and Problem departments; Mr. Melhuish was unable to continue as editor of the latter and was succeeded in that capacity by Mr. Malcolm Sim of Toronto. The magazine began in October 1919 and continued on a monthly basis until January 1920, That issue had the following plea on the front cover:

WANTED – the help of every one of our Subscribers to build up the *Canadian Chess Magazine*. There are lots of ways of helping us, but we only show three:

First – Secure some new subscribers among your chess friends, or

Second – Send us their names and addresses and we will write them.

Third – Send us items of chess new from your section.

Apparently the plea went unheeded because no further issues of the magazine were published.

Pdf files of all four issues of the Canadian Chess Magazine are available on the [BC Chess History](#) website.

Two games from the first two issues:

Sim, Malcolm – Powell, J [C42] Toronto CC ch Toronto CAN, 1919

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.0–0 0–0 8.c4 c6 9.Qc2 f5 10.Nc3 Be6 11.Qb3 b6 12.cxd5 cxd5 13.Nxe4 fxe4 14.Bxe4 Nc6 15.Bc2 Qf6 16.Be3 Rac8 17.Rac1 Na5 18.Qd3 g6 19.Bg5 Qg7 20.Qb5 Rc4 21.Rfe1 Rb4 22.Qd3 Bf5 23.Qc3 Rc8 24.Qe3 Nc4 25.Bxf5 Nxe3 26.Be6+ Kh8 27.Rxc8+ Bf8 28.Rxe3 Rxb2 29.Bf4 Qxd4 1–0

Scott, T.W – Jenkins, H. Martyn [C24] GVCL Vancouver, 1919

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Bc5 3.d3 Nf6 4.Nf3 0–0 5.Bg5 d6 6.Nc3 Be6 7.Nd5 Nbd7 8.0–0 c6 9.Nxf6+ Nxf6 10.Bb3 Qc7 11.Bxf6 gxf6 12.Nh4 d5 13.Qd2 Kh8 14.Kh1 Rg8 15.f4 dxe4 16.dxe4 Rad8 17.Qc1 Rd4 18.fxe5 Qxe5 19.Nf3 Qxe4 20.Bxe6 fxe6 21.Qh6 Qe2 22.Qxf6+ Rg7 23.Ng5 Rdd7 24.Qf3 Qe5 25.Ne4 Bb6 26.Qf8+ Rg8 27.Qf6+ Qxf6 28.Nxf6 Rd2 29.Nxg8 Kxg8 30.Rac1 e5 31.Rf5 e4 32.c3 Bf2 33.g4 e3 34.Kg2 Rxb2 35.Rd1 Bh4+ 36.Kh3 e2 37.Rd7 e1Q 38.Rdf7 Qe3+ 39.Rf3 Qh6 40.R7f5 Bg5+ 41.Kg3 Qxh2# 0–1

UPCOMING EVENTS

Vancouver Rapid League 2018-2019

Monthly until May 2019

[Details](#)

New West Open

October 6-8, New Westminster

[Details](#)

Jack Taylor Memorial

October 26-28, Victoria

[Details](#)

BC Junior Championship

November 10-12, UBC

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Banff Open

November 10-12, Banff

[Details](#)

Nanaimo Winter Open

November 17-18, Nanaimo

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Victoria Open

January 18-20, 2019, Victoria

[Details](#)

BC Open

February 16-18, 2019, Richmond

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