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HERE AND THERE

Canadian Junior Championship (August 8-11)



Last year, after years of neglect, the championship was organized as a multi-section event by the [Elevate My Chess](#) company at Humber College in Toronto. This year the formula was repeated, the main difference being the top section was an open Swiss rather than an invitational round robin. The tournament attracted just over one hundred and sixty entrants, including Matthew He, Zhiqi Ryan Huang, Winston Huang, Brian Yang, Ryan Yang, Christopher Yu, and Joyce Zhang from BC. The number of non-Ontario players more than doubled from last year but still was only an eighth of the total participants.

Ironically this year's Canadian Junior champion is someone who resides in the US – William Graif, who was only ranked a lowly twelfth at the beginning of the event but overcame favourites Nicholas Vettese, Eugene Hua, and Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux by half a point to claim the title. There were no BC representatives in the championship itself, but the U2100 Section was won by Zhiqi Ryan Huang with 6/8.0 closely followed by Brian Yang who tied for second; both pushed their ratings over 2000 with these performances. [Pairings and standings](#)

Riga Technical University Open (August 5-11)

Elsewhere five Canadians took part in this year's Riga Technical University Open, and all from this province: James Chan, Ethan Low, Kevin Low, Curtis Lister, and Leon Piasetski. The two hundred and seventy-five player A Tournament field included thirty grandmasters headed by Latvian Igor Kovalenko; he lived up to his top ranking by tying for first with Lithuanian Sarunas Sulskis, both scoring 7.5/9. All the Canadians lost rating points, in some cases substantial amounts, with the exception of Leon Piasetski who had a strange event; in round four he mixed up the round times and defaulted to James Chan but followed this with four straight wins for a final total of 5.0 points.

[Pairings and standings](#)



This monument to Riga's most famous son (at least for chessplayers) is on the grounds of the university, but Tal's actual grave is elsewhere in Riga.

Piasetski, Leon – Stauskas, Lukas [A13] Riga Tech Open A 2019 Riga LAT (8.90), 10.08.2019

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 a6 4.b3 b5 5.Nc3 bxc4 6.bxc4 Bb7 7.Bg2 c5 8.Rb1 Bc6 9.0–0 Be7 10.d3 d6 11.e4 0–0 12.Bf4 Nbd7 13.e5 dxe5 14.Nxe5 Nxe5 15.Bxe5 Bxg2 16.Kxg2 Nd7 17.Bf4 Ra7 18.Qf3 g5 19.Be3 Ne5 20.Qe4 Qa8 21.Rfd1 h6 22.Qxa8 Rfxa8 23.Na4 Rc7 24.f4 Ng6 25.Kf3 gxf4 26.Bxf4 Nxf4 27.Kxf4 Rd8 28.Rb6 Rcd7 29.Ke3 Rd4 30.Ke2 h5 31.Rc6 h4 32.Nxc5 hxg3 33.hxg3 Rg4 34.Ne4 f5 35.Nf2 Rxc3 36.Rxe6 Kf7 37.Re3 Rg2 38.Rf3 Kg6 39.d4 Rb8 40.Rd2 Bg5 41.Rc2 f4 42.c5 Kf5 43.c6 Rg3 44.Rc5+ Kg6 45.Rxc3 fxc3 46.Nh3 Be7 47.c7 Rc8 48.Nf4+ Kf7 49.Rc6 Ke8 50.Nd5 Bh4 51.Kf1 Kd7 52.Rh6 Rf8+ 53.Kg1 Bg5 54.Rg6 Bf4 55.Rg7+ 1–0

Leon Piasetski submitted annotations to his best game from the Biel Masters – many thanks, Leon!

Haimovich, Tal – Piasetski, Leon [B06] Biel Master op 52nd Biel (8.30), 30.07.2019

1.d4 g6 2.e4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Be3 Nf6 6.d5 Ne5 7.f4 Ned7 8.Bg2 0–0 9.Nf3 c6 10.0–0 Nb6! 11.Bd4 Bg4?! 11...c5! 12.Be3 e6 13.dxe6 Bxe6= 12.h3 Bxf3 13.Rxf3! cxd5 14.exd5 Rc8 15.a4 a6 15...Rc4 16.Rd3 Rb4 17.b3 Rxd4 18.Rxd4 Nh5 19.Ne2 Bxd4+ 20.Qxd4 a6+/- 16.Kh2?! 16.a5 Nc4 (16...Nbd7+/-) 17.Na4 Nd7 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Qd4+ Kg8 20.b4± 16...Qc7 16...Ne8 17.Bxg7 Nxd7+/- 17.a5 Nc4? 17...Nbd7+/- 18.Na4 18.Ne2 18...Nxd5 19.Bxg7 Nce3 19...Nde3 20.Qd3 Kxg7 21.b3 Nxd2 22.bxc4 Qxc4 23.Kxg2 Qxc2+ 24.Kg1 Qxd3 25.Rxd3 Rc2 26.Nb6 Rd8 27.Rdd1± 20.Qd3 Kxg7 21.Rxe3 21.c3 Qxa5 22.Rxe3 Nxe3 23.Qxe3 b5 (23...Qc7 24.Nb6 Rce8 25.f5±) 24.Qd4+ Kg8 25.Qb6 Qxb6 26.Nxb6 Rc7 27.Nd5 (27.Rxa6=) 27...Ra7 28.Nb4± 21...Nxe3 22.Qxe3 Qxc2 23.Qd4+ 23.Qxe7 Rfe8 24.Qxb7 Re2 25.Rg1 Rc4 26.Nb6 Qe4 (26...Rd4 27.Nd7 Rdd2?? 28.Qa8+—) 27.Qxe4 Rcxe4 28.Rb1 Rb4= 23...e5!? 23...f6 24.Qb6 g5= 24.Qxd6 exf4 25.Qxf4 Rc4? 25...Rcd8+/- 26.Qe5+ f6 27.Qd5 Rf7 28.Nb6? 28.b3± 28...Rb4



29.Ra2? 29.Re1 Rb5 30.Qf3 Rxb2 31.Nd5= 29...Re7 30.h4? 30.Ra3 Rb5=/+ 30...Re2--+ 31.Qxb7+ 31.Kh3 Rd4!!; 31.Ra1 Kh6 32.Rg1 Qc7 33.Kh3 Re3 34.Bf3 Rbb3 35.Rf1 Rbd3 36.Qxb7 Qe5. 31...Kh6 32.Qf3 32.Ra1 Qf5!! 33.Qd5 Qf2 34.Nd7 Rbe4 35.Rg1 Rxh4+ 32...Rf2 33.Qe3+ Kh5 34.Kh3 34.Kh1 Qd1+ 35.Kh2 Qf1. 34...Qf5+ 35.Kh2 Re4 36.Qxf2 Qxf2 37.Nd5 Re1 38.Ra4 g5 39.Kh3 Re2 40.Nxf6+ Qxf6 41.hxg5 Qe6+ 0–1

Canadian Senior Championship (August 2-5)

Our national championship for seniors has often been held as part of the Kitchener (Ontario) Chess Festival and such was the case again this year. Divided into sections for Veterans (50+) and Seniors (65+) with nineteen and eighteen players respectively, this year's event was the strongest yet, with thirteen players rated over 2000. Making the trip from BC were Arpak Worya Mohammed Qanee, Paul Leblanc, and Mau-Seng Lee. In the Seniors Section Ian Finlay (not to be confused with Ian Findley) and Isai Berengolts tied for first with 5.5/7, a half point ahead of Andre Zybura in third; Finlay came first on tiebreak. Paul Leblanc and Mau-Seng Lee both scored 50%.

The Veterans Section featured five players over 2300 and was even more hard fought than usual. In the end Victor Plotkin, David Cummings, and Ian Findlay all drew with each other but Plotkin won the rest of his games to finish first with 6.0/7; Cummings and Findlay each drew an additional game and tied for second, with Cummings placing second on tiebreaks. BC senior champion Arpak Worya had 4.0 points going into the last round and was paired with Plotkin (5.0 points) on board one. This was the result:



Plotkin, Victor - Mohammed Qanee, Arpak Worya [E16] CAN sen (7), 31.07.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 b6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Be7 6.Bg2 Bb7 7.Nc3 Ne4 8.Qc2 f5 9.0-0 Nxc3
 10.Bxc3 Be4 11.Qb3 a5 12.a3 a4 13.Qd1 Bf6 14.Qd2 0-0 15.Rac1 Nc6 16.e3 Na5 17.Qe2 c5
 18.Rfd1 Qc7 19.Nd2 Bxg2 20.Kxg2 f4 [20...d6] 21.exf4 cxd4 22.Bb4 Rfc8 23.Ne4



23...Nc6 [23...Nb3] 24.Qf3 Qd8 25.Nd6 Rcb8 26.Nb5
 Nxb4 27.axb4 Qf8 28.Qa3 Be7 29.Rxd4 Bxb4 30.Qd3
 d6 31.Nc7 Ra7 32.Nxe6 Qf6 33.Ng5 g6 34.Ne4 Qg7
 35.Rd1 Rd8 36.Nc3 Bc5 37.Re4 a3 38.Nb5 a2
 39.Nxa7 Qxb2 40.Nc6 Ra8 41.Re2 a1R 1-0

No, that is not a typo; Arpak looked around for an extra queen, could not find one, and in time-honoured tradition turned a rook upside down. Unfortunately a recent interpretation in the FIDE Arbiter's Manual (but not in the actual Laws of Chess) indicates the transformed pawn must remain a rook, hence the resignation. The reader may recall something similar in a playoff game between Bator Sambuev and Nikolay Noritsyn at the Canadian Championship two years ago. There much of the controversy stemmed from the reason why Noritsyn couldn't find a queen (for the gory details see [Bulletin #341](#)); in Kitchener extra queens had been available, but had been packed up by the

time Arpak needed one. Technically the correct procedure is the player should pause the clock and request the required piece, but this requires considerable presence of mind when in time trouble. Surely it behooves the arbiter, particularly in a national competition, to anticipate the coming promotion and take measures to make sure extra pieces are readily available? [Festival website](#)

Montreal Summer Chess Classic (July 31 – August 4)



We left Raymond Kaufman and Alexandra Botez participating in the second Montreal Summer Chess Classic, Raymond in the invitational IM norm round robin and Alexandra in the adjunct open. Mark Plotkin set a furious pace in the IM event by winning his first four games; a loss and two draws followed, which mean he had to score 1.5 points in his last two games to gain a coveted IM norm. Mark won his round eight game but succumbed to FM Zong Yang Yu (who also previously put paid to FM Dagur Ragnarsson's aspirations) in the last round to 'only' tie for first with American IM Eric Rosen – they scored 6.0/9. Raymond did not have a good tournament, finishing on minus three. The Open Section also featured a tie for first, between Sylvain Barbeau and Kevin Zhong, whose 4.0/5 was a half point ahead of Ananda Saha and Alexandra Botez. [Pairings and standings](#)

Duong, Thanh Nha – Kaufman, Raymond [D30] Montreal Summer IM 2019 (7.3), 03.08.2019

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 e6 4.Bg5 h6 5.Bxf6 Qxf6 6.Nc3 c6 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 g6 10.0–0 Bg7 11.Rc1 0–0 12.e4 e5 13.dxe5 Nxe5 14.Nxe5 Qxe5 15.Kh1 Qe7 16.Qe2 Be6 17.f4 b5 18.Bxe6 Qxe6 19.a3 Rad8 20.h3 Rd4 21.Qf2 Rfd8 22.Rc2 a5 23.e5 b4 24.axb4 axb4 25.Na4 b3 26.Nc5 bxc2 27.Nxe6 Rd1 28.Nxd8 c1Q 29.Kg1 Bf8 30.Nb7 Rxf1+ 31.Qxf1 Qxb2 32.Qa6 Qd4+ 33.Kh1 Qxf4 34.Qxc6 Qxe5 35.Qd7 Qe1+ 36.Kh2 Bg7 37.g3 Qf2+ 38.Kh1 Bd4 39.Qc8+ Kg7 40.Qc1 Qf3+ 0–1

BC Closed

With one more qualifying event (the Langley Open) to go, here are those currently qualified for the BC Championship to be held on the Thanksgiving weekend at UBC:

Grigori Morozov (defending co-champion)
Tanraj Sohal (defending co-champion)
Joshua Doknjas (BC Junior)

Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj (BC Open)
Patrick Huang (Grand Pacific Open)
Raymond Kaufman (Keres Memorial)

The remainder of the field will be invited from the ratings list published on August 28.

New chess club coming to Vancouver this September

From Liza Orlova, yelizavetaorlovachess@gmail.com: our chess club provides casual & tournament play with occasional lectures. We hope the more popular the club gets we will be able to have a lecture every week before the start of the tournament. The tournaments are 5 or 6 rounds and last 5-6 weeks -- you play one game a week! All sections will be CFC rated. We are thinking about making the open section FIDE rated if the club takes off!

Starts: Sunday, September 8th!! Location: 2nd floor, 877 Hamilton Street, Vancouver, BC (BCDance) 360 view of the studio: <https://goo.gl/maps/caREjxTQu7R2>

Dates/times: Every Sunday from 6pm-12am. Tournament game starts at 7pm. When we have a lecture, casual play begins at 6:30pm. *We will continue on long weekends unless a weekend chess tournament takes place in Vancouver area. Food/drinks: water, tea & coffee will be provided each week. There will be pop, juice, muffins, chips, bars & other snacks for sale. Otherwise, we are located in the heart of downtown - there's a ton of choices around! For the grand opening, we will have some finger food. PLEASE RSVP SO WE KNOW HOW MUCH FOOD TO BUY!

Whatcom County Kingmakers

There is a new tournament director in upper Washington State named James Eisert who is organizing a number of different events in Ferndale, Lynden, Bellingham, etc. If these might be of interest to you then take a look at his website for details, <http://jameseisert.com/kingmakers/>

NEW WEST SUMMER OPEN (August 3-5)



For the past two years on the BC Day long weekend we enjoyed the Semiahmoo Open, the brainchild of Jeffrey Street, held at the Pacific Inn Resort on the outskirts of White Rock. The resort

has been undergoing renovations and was unavailable this year and Jeffrey was not able to secure a suitable alternative. Into the breach stepped the West Chess Club, organizers of the New West Open at Thanksgiving for the two years previous. Douglas College in New Westminster, site of the first New West Open, was the selected location and the New West Summer Open was born. Modelled on the previous events, the main innovation this time round was the inclusion of a Reserve Section (U800) at a faster time control, 50 + 10 (which is still rateable as regular), which meant less experienced players could still play six rounds but over two days rather than three.

Record turnouts have been the norm in this province of late and the Summer Open was no exception; the combined total of the five sections was one hundred and thirty players, far surpassing the previous events. The tournament was scheduled for two rooms, the Aboriginal Gathering Place, a sunny space with large glass windows over looking the city on the fourth floor, and a class room down on the first floor (the location of the first New West Open). The gathering place was beautiful, but it quickly became apparent the air conditioning was non operational as the interior temperature soared in the summer heat. Fortunately after the first round college security allowed us to move to another class room near the other sections on the first floor; after some rearranging this is where the tournament remained for the rest of the weekend, not as aesthetically pleasing but much more comfortable for all concerned.



The AGP, renamed the sweat lodge for the occasion

The twenty-player Premier Section included Alfred Pechisker and former BC champions Brian McLaren and Howard Wu but it was the returning Madiyar Amerkeshev who dominated the proceedings. Madiyar has a 2221 FIDE rating from his native Kazakhstan but his Canadian outings have tended to be sub-par. Not this time: he drew with McLaren and Wu but won the rest of his games to take clear first with 5.0/6. Pechisker was clear second, losing only to Amerkeshev. Brian Yang was the best U2000, and each of the sections except the Reserve also had a top woman prize; for the Premier, that honour went to Sherry Tian.

For the rest of the Sections there were ties for first place: Joe Soliven and Jofrel Landingin in the U2000, Henry Yang and Jerald Mamaradlo (U1600), and Tyler Fowler and Samuel Zheng (U1200). David Liao was the top unrated, and the other top woman prizes went to Veronica Guo, Gillian Mok, and Amanda Yang. In the Reserve Section Armaan Randhawa, Hayden Feng, and Peter Gordon won trophies, medals were awarded to Lucas Tran, Walter Zhang, and Matthew Immo. A full list of prizewinners can be found on the [results page](#). The tournament was organized by Eric Gu, Nicole Zhao, and Lily Jia along with junior co-organizers Sherry Tian, Lyvia Shan, and Henry Yang; the latter were also responsible for a well-attended blitz tournament on the Sunday evening. Tournament director for the U1200 and Reserve Sections was Eric Gu. Watch out for the [2019 New West Fall Open](#) coming up at Thanksgiving with GM Andrey Gorovets.

Yang, Brian – Gibbard, Alina Iuliana [B01] New West Summer op New Westminster (3.8), 04.08.2019

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d5 3.exd5 Qxd5 4.Nc3 Qa5 5.Bb5 Bd7 6.0–0 a6 7.Bc4 e6 8.d4 0–0–0 9.Bd2 Qh5 10.Qe2 Nf6 11.Bxa6 Bd6 12.h3 Nb4 13.Bd3 Nxd3 14.cxd3 Bc6 15.Ne4 h6 16.b4 Nxe4 17.dxe4 Bb5 18.Qd1 Bxf1 19.Qxf1 g5 20.Rc1 g4 21.hxg4 Qxg4 22.e5 Be7 23.Qc4 Rd7 24.Rc3 Rg8 25.g3 h5 26.Ra3 Kb8 27.Qb5 Rd5 28.Qa4 Kc8 29.Qa8+ Kd7 30.Qxb7 Qe4 31.Rc3 Rc8 32.Qc6+ Kd8 33.a3 Qb1+ 34.Kg2 Qe4 35.Kf1 Qf5 36.Bc1 Qb1 37.Kg2 Qe4 38.Kf1 Qb1 39.Ke2 Qe4+ 40.Be3 Qb1 41.Rc2 Rd7 42.Ng5 Bxg5 43.Bxg5+ Ke8 44.d5 Qb3 45.Rc4 Qb2+ 46.Kf1 Qxe5 47.dxe6 fxe6 48.Re4 Qxg5 49.Qxe6+ Re7 50.Qxc8+ Kf7 51.Rf4+ Kg6 52.Qg8+ Rg7 53.Qe6+ Kh7 54.Qf5+ Qxf5 55.Rxf5 Kg6 56.Rc5 Re7 57.a4 Re4 58.Rb5 c5 59.bxc5 Rxa4 60.Ke2 Ra2+ 61.Ke3 Ra3+ 62.Kd4 Ra4+ 63.Kd5 Ra1 64.c6 Rd1+ 65.Kc5 Kf6 66.Kb6 Ke6 67.c7 Rc1 68.Rc5 1–0

Amerkeshev, Madiyar – Pechisker, Alfred [A06] New West Summer op New Westminster (5.1), 05.08.2019

1.b3 d5 2.Bb2 c5 3.e3 Nc6 4.Bb5 Nf6 5.Nf3 Bd7 6.0–0 e6 7.d3 Be7 8.Nbd2 0–0 9.Bxc6 Bxc6 10.Ne5 Be8 11.f4 Nd7 12.Qg4 Nxe5 13.fxe5 Rc8 14.Rad1 b5 15.c4 Bc6 16.Rf3 dxc4 17.Rg3 g6 18.dxc4 Qd3 19.cxb5 Qc2 20.bxc6 Qxb2 21.Nc4 Qxa2 22.Qe4 Rfd8 23.Rxd8+ Rxd8 24.Rf3 Qa6 25.Rf1 Qc8 26.Qf3 Rf8 27.Rd1 f5 28.exf6 Rxf6 29.Qe4 Bd8 30.Nd6 Qb8 31.Ne8 Rf5 32.Qxe6+ Kf8 33.Nd6 Rf6 34.Qe8+ Kg7 35.Qd7+ Kf8 36.Ne4 1–0

Pechisker, Alfred – Wu, Howard (2122) [E81] New West Summer op New Westminster (6.2), 05.08.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0–0 6.Bg5 c5 7.d5 a6 8.Qd2 Nbd7 9.Nh3 Qa5 10.Nf2 Rb8 11.a4 Re8 12.Be2 Ne5 13.0–0 Qb4 14.Ncd1 Qxd2 15.Bxd2 e6 16.a5 exd5 17.cxd5 Bd7 18.Ra2 h5 19.Nc3 Nh7 20.h3 f5 21.f4 Nf7 22.Bf3 h4 23.Rb1 Bd4 24.Re1 Nf6 25.exf5 Rxe1+ 26.Bxe1 Re8 27.Kf1 Bxf5 28.Ra3 g5 29.Rb3 Re7 30.Ne2 Be3 31.Bc3 Nh7 32.fxg5 Nfxg5 33.Bg4 Bc2 34.Rb6 Rf7 35.Be1 c4 36.Rxd6 Ne4 37.Rd8+ Kg7 38.Rd7 Rxd7 39.Bxd7 Ng3+ 40.Nxg3 hxg3 41.Bc3+ Kf7 42.Ng4 Bc5 43.Bc8 Bd3+ 44.Ke1 Ng5 45.Ne5+ Ke7 46.Nxd3 cxd3 47.Bxb7 Nf3+ 48.Kd1 Kd6 49.Bxa6 Nh4 50.Be1 Bf2 51.Bxf2 gxf2 52.Bxd3 Nxg2 53.Bf1 Nf4 54.a6 1–0

1951 CANADIAN CHAMPIONSHIP

In 1951 the first Canadian championship to be held on the Pacific Coast took place in the Hotel Vancouver. Following John Ewing's debut in the 1924 Championship in Hamilton there were plans to hold the 1925 event in Vancouver, but these never came to fruition. A substantial fundraising drive was undertaken to provide sufficient funds to sponsor the 1951 tournament, resulting in a final total of just under \$1,700. Of this, \$500 was submitted by John Prentice, one of the first of his many financial donations to the chess community. In the previous championship (held in Arvida, Quebec, in 1949) Maurice Fox had won the national title for a record eighth time (subsequently matched by Abe Yanofsky). He had managed to stave off the challenge of the young Canadian stars Yanofsky (already a four-time champion) and Frank Anderson, as well as the immigrant players Paul Vaitonis (Lithuania) and Feodor Bohatirchuk (Ukraine, Soviet champion in 1927). The question was, could he repeat this performance?



Officials and guests: Millar, Stevenson, Douglas, Yanofsky, Russell, Fox, McCharles, Prentice, Taylor; Mrs. Yanofsky, Canon Roy, MacAdam, Bain, Carroll

"Sessions of play will be daily except Sunday, August 26, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 11:30 p.m., with adjournments being played on the following mornings from 9 o'clock to 12 noon. Registration and directions, 10 a.m., Friday, August 24. Ceremony and luncheon, Hotel Vancouver, 12 noon, August 24. Defending champion's travelling expenses paid. Accommodations to all participants paid. First prize, \$300; second prize, \$200; third prize, \$120; fourth prize, \$80; fifth prize, \$60; sixth prize, \$20. Plus bonuses to all remainder for winning points; brilliancy prize and prize for shortest game, etc. Banquet for all guests and open to the public will take place at the Hotel Vancouver Saturday, September 1: \$2.50 per plate." [*Daily Province*, Saturday, August 25, 1951]

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	1	2	3	
1 Vaitonis, Paul (ON)	*	½	1	½	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.5
2 Anderson, Frank (ON)	½	*	0	1	1	½	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	10.0
3 Bohatirchuk, Feodor (ON)	0	1	*	1	0	1	1	1	½	1	½	1	1	9.0
4 Yanofsky, Abe (MB)	½	0	0	*	1	½	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	8.0
5 Divinsky, Nathan (MB)	0	0	1	0	*	1	½	½	1	1	½	1	0	6.5
6 Fox, Maurice (PQ)	0	½	0	½	0	*	1	½	1	1	½	0	1	6.0
7 Jursevskis, M. (BC)	½	0	0	0	½	0	*	0	1	1	1	1	1	6.0
8 Yerhoff, Frank (SK)	0	0	0	0	½	½	1	*	0	½	½	1	1	5.0
9 Taylor, Jack (BC)	0	0	½	0	0	0	0	1	*	½	1	1	1	5.0
10 Hayes, Rea (SK)	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	½	½	*	1	0	1	4.0
11 Holowach, Walter (AB)	0	0	½	0	½	½	0	½	0	0	*	1	1	4.0
12 Ridout, Howard (ON)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	*	1	3.0
13 Millar, Charles (BC)	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	*	1.0

The championship quickly turned into a race to see if anyone could catch Frank Anderson, who established a substantial lead by scoring 9.5 out of his first ten games. The only other players in the race were Vaitonis and Anderson; Yanofsky lost his first two games (to Bohatirchuk and

Anderson), and a further loss to Hayes in round five eliminated him from contention. However, Yanofsky could be forgiven his lack of concentration - he was on his honeymoon at the time! The exciting race came right down to the wire, as the championship was not decided until the last adjournment of the final round. In round eleven Anderson drew for only the second time, giving him 10 points and a 1.5 point lead over Vaitonis. However, because of the odd number of participants it was necessary for each player to receive a (unscored) bye. Vaitonis had already passed that hurdle and Bohatirchuk had the bye in round eleven, but Anderson's bye was in the last round, meaning that he had to amass as many points as he could and then hope nobody could overtake him. In round twelve Bohatirchuk beat Anderson, setting up the decisive last-round encounter between Bohatirchuk and Vaitonis. Vaitonis won, allowing him to pass Anderson by half a point.

Cumulative Scores

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	
1 Vaitonis	½	B	1	2	3	4	5	5½	6½	7½	8½	9½	10½	10.5
2 Anderson	½	1½	2½	3½	4½	5½	6½	7½	8½	9½	10	10	B	10.0
3 Bohatirchuk	1	2	2	2½	3½	4½	5	6	7	8	B	9	9	9.0
4 Yanofsky	0	0	½	B	½	1½	2½	3½	4½	5½	6½	7½	8	8.0
5 Divinsky	0	1	2	2	2	2	3	B	4	4½	5	5½	6½	6.5
6 Fox	1	1	2	2½	3½	4	4	5	B	5	5½	5½	6	6.0
7 Jursevskis	B	1	2	3	3	3	3	3½	3½	4½	5	6	6	6.0
8 Yerhoff	½	1½	2½	3	3	3	3	3	3½	4	4	B	5	5.0
9 Taylor	1	2	2	2½	2½	2½	2½	3	3	B	4	4	5	5.0
10 Hayes	0	0	0	0	1	B	1	1½	2	2	3	3	4	4.0
11 Holowach	½	½	B	1½	2½	3	3½	3½	3½	3½	3½	4	4	4.0
12 Ridout	0	0	0	0	B	1	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3.0
13 Millar	1	1	1	1	1	1	B	1	1	1	1	1	1	1.0



Standing: Creemer (chairman, organizing committee), Hays, Ridout, Holowach, Russell (T.D.), Jursevskis, Millar, Taylor; sitting: Yanofsky, Vaitonis, Anderson, Fox, Bohatirchuk, Divinsky

"Final results of the Canadian Chess Championships, held in Hotel Vancouver last week, were announced today. Paul Vaitonis, a cost accountant in Hamilton, Ont., won the title Saturday. The forty-year-old immigrant finished with a total of 10.5 points to nose out young Frank Anderson of Toronto by half a game. Dr. Feodor Bohatirchuk of Ottawa was third with 9. Vaitonis' win gave him first prize money of \$300 and possession of the Drewry Cup, symbol of the championship. Vaitonis fled Russian rule of his native Lithuania in 1944 because "all the time you're afraid. Even if you don't do anything wrong you never know when they'll arrest you." He was scheduled to go to Sweden in a small boat, but this boat and his proposed companions were blasted by bombs in a raid. Vaitonis managed to get aboard another ship, scheduled to run the high-explosive gauntlet, and successfully reached Sweden. He married there in 1948 and came to Canada the following year. After a year's work on a farm he took up cost accounting. He has played chess since he was five, but has no real love of tournament chess. "I like better to play a good game with my friends," he says." [*Daily Province*, Tuesday, September 4, 1951]



"The wind-up of the tournament was a banquet at the hotel in the evening. The visiting players and guests were entertained by the amusing remarks of W.T. Money M.C., followed by a sing-song conducted by R.A. Douglas at the piano. The visiting players expressed their appreciation to the tournament committee for the perfect arrangements and are hoping to return to Vancouver to participate in an International Tournament if it can be arranged." [*Daily Province*, Saturday, September 8, 1951]

A few games - the remainder can be found in BCBASE:

Bohatirchuk, Feodor - Yanofsky, Abe [C00] CAN ch Vancouver (1.6), 24.08.1951

1.e4 e6 2.Qe2 Ne7 3.f4 d5 4.d3 c5 5.Nf3 Nbc6 6.c3 g6 7.Na3 Bg7 8.Qf2 b6 9.Be2 a6 10.0-0 Bd7
 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Rac1 0-0 13.Qh4 f6 14.Nc2 Rad8 15.Ne3 f5 16.e5 h6 17.Kh1 Be8 18.Nd1 d4
 19.c4 Qa7 20.Nf2 Kf7 21.Rg1 Rh8 22.g4 Qb7 23.h3 Nb8 24.Kh2 Bc6 25.Qg3 Rdg8 26.b4 Nd7
 27.bxc5 bxc5 28.Rb1 Qc7 29.gxf5 exf5 30.h4 Bf8 31.Qh3 Ke6 32.Ne4 Bxe4 33.dxe4 Kf7 34.Bd3
 Ke8 35.h5 Qc6 36.Rbe1 fxe4 37.Bxe4 Qa4 38.hxg6 Bg7 39.Qe6 Rf8 40.f5 Qxa2 41.Bc6 1-0

Yerhoff, Frank J. - Anderson, Frank [C82] CAN ch Vancouver (6.4), 27.08.1951

This game won the brilliancy prize:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Nxe4 6.d4 b5 7.Bb3 d5 8.dxe5 Be6 9.c3 Bc5 10.Qd3 0-0 11.Nbd2 f5 12.exf6 Nxf6 13.Ng5 Ne5 14.Qg3 Qd6 15.Re1 Nfg4 16.Nde4 dxe4 17.Bxe6+ Kh8 18.Be3 Nxf2 19.Qh4 h6 20.Nxe4 Nxe4 21.Qxe4 Rae8 22.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 23.Qd4 Qxd4+ 24.cxd4 Nd3 25.Red1 Nxb2 26.Rd2 Rxe6 27.Rxb2 Rd8 28.a4 c6 29.axb5 cxb5 30.Rba2 Rdd6 31.Kf2 b4 32.Ra4 Rxd4 33.Rxa6 Rd2+ 34.Kf3 Ree2 35.Rg6 Rf2+ 36.Ke3 Rxc2 37.Ra7 Rxc6 38.Kxd2 Rg2+ 0-1

Bohatirchuk, Feodor - Anderson, Frank [A03] CAN ch Vancouver (12.7), 30.08.1951

1.f4 d5 2.e3 Nf6 3.Nf3 Bg4 4.Be2 Bxf3 5.Bxf3 Nbd7 6.d4 Ne4 7.c4 c6 8.cxd5 cxd5 9.0-0 Ndf6 10.Nc3 Qd7 11.Qd3 Nxc3 12.bxc3 e6 13.c4 Be7 14.c5 0-0 15.Ba3 Rfc8 16.Rfc1 Rc6 17.Qb3 a6 18.Rab1 Rb8 19.Qd3 Qc7 20.Bd1 Bf8 21.Ba4 b5 22.Bd1 Ne4 23.Bb4 Qc8 24.Ba5 Nd6 25.Bc2 Ne4 26.a4 f5 27.Rb2 g5 28.Rcb1 gxf4 29.exf4 Bh6 30.g3 Bg7 31.axb5 Rxc5 32.dxc5 Qxc5+ 33.Kg2 Qf2+ 34.Kh3 Bxb2 35.Rxb2 Qg1 36.Ba4 Rf8 37.Bc3 Nf2+ 38.Rxf2 Qxf2 39.bxa6 Ra8 40.Bb5 Kf7 41.Qd4 1-0

Vaitonis, Paul - Bohatirchuk, Feodor [A42] CAN ch Vancouver (13.2), 31.08.1951

1.d4 d6 2.c4 Nd7 3.Nf3 e5 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.g3 Nh6 7.Bg2 0-0 8.0-0 c6 9.b3 f6 10.h3 Nf7 11.Be3 Re8 12.Kh2 Nf8 13.Qd2 Ne6 14.d5 Nc7 15.Ng1 c5 16.Nge2 Bd7 17.Rab1 b6 18.a3 f5 19.b4 f4 20.gxf4 Qh4 21.f3 exf4 22.Bxf4 Be5 23.bxc5 Bxh3 24.Bxe5 Bxg2+ 25.Kxg2 Rxe5 26.f4 Rh5 27.Rh1 Qg4+ 28.Ng3 Rxh1 29.Rxh1 bxc5 30.Rf1 Rb8 31.e5 dxe5 32.Nce4 Ne8 33.fxe5 h5 34.e6 Nfd6 35.Rf4 Rb2 36.Rxc4 Rxd2+ 37.Nxd2 hxg4 38.Nge4 Nb7 39.Kg3 Kg7 40.Kxg4 Ned6 41.Kf4 Kf8 42.a4 Nf5 43.Kg5 Kg7 44.Nb3 Nfd6 45.Nxd6 Nxd6 46.Nxc5 Nxc4 47.Ne4 Kf8 48.Kf6 Ke8 49.e7 1-0

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