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## **BRYON NICKOLOFF (1956-2004)**

We note with sadness the passing of Canadian IM Bryon Nickoloff; about a week before his death he suffered a massive heart attack, likely connected with past radiation treatments to combat Hodgkin's disease. The following appreciations were posted on the [www.chesstalk.com](http://www.chesstalk.com) website, among other locations:

### **Steve Nickoloff**

I am sorry to bring some tragic sad news to the chess community that Bryon Nickoloff my brother has past away at around 12.30AM August 3rd peacefully in his sleep at North Bay General Hospital. As most people knew Bryon had battled cancer for over 5 years couragously and never gave up. I know from seeing him the last few days that he had the strongest will to live and wanted to continue playing chess, one of his passions in life.

On behalf of my family we would like to thank deeply those people who supported Bryon over the years in chess and know that it will never be forgotten.

### **Lawrence Day**

Bryon's first tournament, as a little kid, was the 1971 CNE Open in Toronto. During the 1972 Spassky-Fischer match he fell in love with chess and stopped going to school. Truancy officers eventually arrested him. When he was let out of 'reform school' the Judge told him to stay away from the chess club. How different from a country that supports prodigies, he later reflected.

By 1978 he was qualified by rating to the Canadian Closed and Olympic Team for Buenos Aires. He fell in love with a Mexican Woman's Team member and moved to Mexico for a couple of years where, as a foreigner, he got lots of futurity invitations and picked up 3 IM norms in a row. He had a narrow but deeply prepared opening repertoire.

We shared rooms at many tournaments, including 86, 94 and 98 Olympiads; quite the adventure for me since I believe in the get 8-hours sleep school, while he felt the 'party all night' was just as effective. I lived conservatively and took risks on the board; he was very safe and defensive at the board but lived life 'on the edge,' full of risk. Nevertheless, we were good friends and great rivals of approximately equal strength in the 1977-1999 period. Then he got seriously sick. He considered his best game was the Shirov chaos draw. Also that his peak strength was the Boston 1988 US Open where he was better or equal against several established GM's.

His final tournament was the 2004 Canadian Open at Kapuskasing where he had a solid IM result. We were thinking of sharing a room at the Guelph Pro-Am but fate had other ideas.

Something brilliant and determined, yet wild and untamed, has gone from Canadian chess with his passing. It is a sad moment, condolences to the family.

**Nickoloff,B (2420) - Hulak,K (2515) [A77] New York op New York (3), 1989**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c5 4.d5 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Nd2 Nbd7 8.e4 Bg7 9.Be2 0-0 10.0-0 Re8  
11.a4 Ne5 12.Qc2 g5 13.Nc4 Nxc4 14.Bxc4 Ng4 15.Ne2 Qf6 16.Ng3 Qg6 17.Be2 Be5 18.Bxg4 Bxg4  
19.f4 gxf4 20.Bxf4 Bd4+ 21.Kh1 Re7 22.Ra3 Kh8 23.Qd2 Rg8 24.b4 b6 25.a5 Bd7 26.axb6 axb6  
27.bxc5 bxc5 28.Ra6 Be5 29.Rb6 Rc8 30.Bxe5+ Rxe5 31.Qf4 c4 32.Rb7 Be8 33.Nf5 Qf6 34.Qc1 c3  
35.Rb6 Rxf5 36.exf5 c2 37.Rb2 Ba4 38.Rb4 Bd7 39.Rb2 Qc3 40.f6 Bf5 41.Qh6 Rg8 42.Rb8 Bc8  
43.Qc1 Qd3 44.Re1 Qc4 45.Qd2 Qc7 46.Ra8 Qb7 47.Rea1 Qb1+ 48.Qc1 Qxc1+ 49.Rxc1 Bf5  
50.Rxg8+ Kxg8 51.g4 Be4+ 52.Kg1 h6 53.h4 Kh7 54.h5 Bf3 55.Rxc2 Bxg4 56.Rg2 Bxh5 57.Rg7+ Kh8  
58.Kf2 Bg6 59.Ke3 Bh5 60.Ke4 Bg6+ 61.Kf4 h5 62.Kg5 Be4 63.Kh6 1-0

**Shirov,A (2740) - Nickoloff,B (2390) [C78] North Bay op North Bay, 1994**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 b5 6.Bb3 Bb7 7.d3 Bd6 8.c3 0-0 9.Nbd2 h6 10.d4 Re8  
11.Re1 Bf8 12.Nf1 d6 13.Ng3 Na5 14.Bc2 Nc4 15.b3 Nb6 16.a4 c5 17.dxc5 dxc5 18.Qe2 bxa4  
19.bxa4 a5 20.Nd2 c4 21.Nxc4 Nxc4 22.Qxc4 Rc8 23.Qa2 Rxc3 24.Bb3 Re7 25.Bb2 Rd3 26.Bc4 Rd2  
27.Qb3 Bc6 28.Nf5 Nxe4 29.Nxe7+ Qxe7 30.Rad1 Rxf2 31.Rxe4 Qc5 32.Ba3 Rxg2+ 33.Kxg2 Bxe4+  
34.Kg3 Qxa3 35.Bxf7+ Kh7 36.Bg8+ Kg6 37.Bf7+ Kf6 38.Rf1+ Bf5 39.Qxa3 Bxa3 40.Bd5 Bb4 41.h4  
h5 42.Be4 g6 43.Kf3 Bd7 44.Bc2 Bh3 45.Rg1 Bg4+ 46.Rxg4 hxg4+ ½-½

[Although Nickoloff lived most of his life in Toronto, he did have a small B.C. connection. The fourth Canadian Junior Championship was held at International House at UBC at Christmas, 1974; Nickoloff arrived in Vancouver three months before the event and played in a number of local tournaments during his stay. He tied for second in the 1974 B.C. Open in October, a half point behind winner Brian McLaren, and in November he won the top section of the Vancouver Chess Congress, scoring 4.5/5 against Alan Hill, Bob Zuk, Jonathan Berry, Nigel Fullbrook, and Wayne Crooks! In the actual junior a slow start ruled out first place for Nickoloff (Peter Nurmi won the event with 8.5/9); he was in contention for clear second until a tough loss to Ray Ebisuzaki in the last round left him with 5/9 for the tournament - SW]

**Nickoloff,B - Berry,J [B85] Vancouver Chess Congress - A Vancouver, 11.1974**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Be3 Nc6 9.0-0 Qc7 10.Nb3 b5  
11.a3 0-0 12.Bf3 Bb7 13.Qe2 b4 14.axb4 Nxb4 15.Na5 d5 16.Nxb7 Qxb7 17.Bd4 Nc6 18.Bf2 Qxb2  
19.exd5 Qxc3 20.dxc6 a5 21.Qe5 Qxe5 22.fxe5 Nd5 23.c4 Nc7 24.Bb6 Rfc8 25.Rfd1 Bb4 26.Rd7 Bc3  
27.Bxc7 Bxa1 28.Bd6 Bd4+ 29.Kf1 Ra7 30.c5 Rxd7 31.cxd7 Rd8 32.Bc6 f6 33.Be7 Rxd7 34.Bxd7 Kf7  
35.exf6 gxf6 36.Bd6 e5 37.c6 1-0

**Spraggett,G - Nickoloff,B [D91] CAN jun 4th Vancouver (5.1), 12.1974**

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.d4 d5 5.Bg5 Ne4 6.cxd5 Nxd5 7.Nxd5 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.Qe3+ Kf8  
10.g3 c6 11.Bg2 Qe7 12.Qd2 Bf6 13.Nf3 Kg7 14.0-0 Bf5 15.Rfc1 Nd7 16.e3 Nb6 17.b3 Rhe8 18.a4  
a5 19.Ne1 Nc8 20.Nd3 Nd6 21.Ra2 Ra7 22.Rb2 h5 23.h3 Qf8 24.Ne5 Be7 25.g4 hxg4 26.hxg4 Bc8  
27.f4 f6 28.Rf1 fxe5 29.dxe5 Bxg4 30.exd6 Bf6 31.e4 Qxd6 32.e5 Qc5+ 33.Qf2 Be7 34.Ne2 Qxf2+  
35.Kxf2 Bc5+ 36.Kg3 Bf5 37.Rd1 Ra6 38.Nd4 Bc8 39.Rc2 Ba7 40.Bf1 Rb6 41.Rc3 (Sealed) 41...g5  
42.fxg5 Rb4 43.Nf3 Rg4+ 44.Kh2 Rh8+ 45.Bh3 Rxh3+ 0-1

**Nickoloff,B - Stewart,R [B92] CAN jun 4th Vancouver (6.1), 12.1974**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 e5 7.Nb3 Be6 8.f4 Qc7 9.a4 Nbd7 10.0-0 Be7  
11.Kh1 0-0 12.Be3 Rfd8 13.a5 Bc4 14.Ra4 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Rac8 16.f5 Qc6 17.Rd1 h6 18.Bf2 Qc7  
19.Nc1 Qb8 20.Nd3 Rc7 21.Ra2 Qc8 22.Nb4 Rxc3 23.bxc3 Qxc3 24.Be1 Qc7 25.c4 Rc8 26.Rc1 Qc5

27.Nd3 Qd4 28.Nf2 b5 29.Bd2 Rxc4 30.Rxc4 bxc4 31.Rc2 Kh7 32.Rxc4 Qa1+ 33.Qd1 Qa2 34.Qc2 Qa1+ 35.Nd1 Nc5 36.Bc3 Qa3 37.Kg1 Bd8 38.Bb4 Qb3 39.Bxc5 Qxc2 40.Rxc2 dxc5 41.Rxc5 Nxe4 42.Rxe5 Nd6 43.Rd5 Bc7 44.Nb2 g6 45.fxc6+ fxc6 46.Rc5 Bd8 47.Kf1 h5 48.Nd3 Nf5 49.Nf4 1-0

**Nickoloff,B - Morin,G [D26] CAN jun 4th Vancouver (8.1), 12.1974**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 dxc4 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 e6 5.e3 c5 6.Bxc4 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Qe2 a6 9.dxc5 Bxc5 10.e4 h6 11.e5 Ne8 12.Bd3 f5 13.exf6 Nxf6 14.Ne4 Bb6 15.Ne5 Nbd7 16.Ng6 Nxe4 17.Nxf8 Qxf8 18.Bxe4 Qe7 19.Bf4 e5 20.Rae1 1-0

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**RODOLFO PLANAS MEMORIAL**



A commemorative tournament in honour of much-loved and respected local player Rodolfo Planas is being held this weekend in Kelowna:

Dates: August 7-8th 2004

Site: Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna, B.C., Tel: 250-860-6409

Type: 5-round Swiss

Fee: \$25, \$20 senior, \$15 junior (\$13 non member fee)

Register on site at 8:30 a.m.

Time per player: 30 moves 90 minutes, Rest of game in 60 minutes

Start Times: Sat: 9a.m., 2p.m., 7p.m., Sun: 10a.m., ASAP

Org: Grant Rice 250-979-0009, [ridebike@okanagan.net](mailto:ridebike@okanagan.net)

TD: Lynn Stringer and Grant Rice

Prize Fund: \$BEN\$, plus Kelowna Chess Club Fund Prize

## **PRE-MASTER EVENTS**

Paul Burke reports that due to insufficient player turnout the Summer Pre-Master tournament scheduled for last weekend at UBC was cancelled. Paul is willing to run such events in the future, but would like to know whether there is sufficient interest in the chess community before he commits any further time and energy. If you are rated between 2000 and 2199 (or have been in the past) and are interested in playing in this type of event, please contact Paul Burke at 604 874-1374.

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## **A TALE OF THREE CITIES: THE 1895 PACIFIC CABLE MATCHES**

[Due to the lack of local chess news we are reprinting an article by your editor, originally published in the December 1999 issue of *En Passant*. The four games in the article are the earliest extant games played in British Columbia.]

### **San Francisco vs. Victoria**

The year was 1895. The chess world was buzzing about the international cable match between the Manhattan Chess Club and a team in London, England, which took place on March 9. One interested observer was Mr. W. Christie, manager of the C.P.R. Telegraph Co. in Victoria, B.C. Deciding that this would be an excellent way to advertise his company, he offered the Victoria Chess Club free use of the telegraph for a match with San Francisco players. After negotiations an agreement was reached to play a two-game match, with a team of players in consultation on each board; the match subsequently took place on the night of 31 May - 1 June 1895.

### **The Players**

Foremost among the Victoria team were two Englishmen, Thomas H. Piper (1857-1938) and James R. Hunnex (1854-1938); their arrival from London in 1894 had led to an upswing in the fortunes of the Victoria Chess Club. Piper had once beaten the English champion Joseph Blackburne, and could fairly claim to be the strongest player on the West coast; in 1896 he defeated Joseph Babson, the former president of the Montréal Chess Club, in a match by the score of 7-2. Hunnex played in a few events in 1895 but thereafter seems to have retired from competitive chess, although he was an honorary Vice-president of the B.C. Chess Federation in 1916.

Three of the other Victoria players were from the same family: Peter J.A. Schwengers (1844?-1898) and his sons Conrad (1874-1954) and Bernhard (1880-1946). Peter Schwengers had emigrated to Victoria from Prussia in 1887, and had scored a victory over Louis Paulsen at Düsseldorf 1863. Neither of his sons had much impact on the chess world, but Bernhard later became Canadian singles tennis champion in 1911-1912.

Originally from Sweden, Aaron Gonnason (1865-1938) was a prominent personage in Victoria chess circles for many years. He donated at least two trophies bearing his name, one for the Victoria city championship (which he himself won in 1922), the other for an intercity provincial team championship. And the last member of the team was English-born Dr. Griffith Hands (1837?-1924), a class 2 player at the Victoria club who subsequently became the Victoria public librarian.

The San Francisco players were all members of the Mechanics' Institute; the best known was sometime San Francisco and State champion Dr. Walter R. Lovegrove (1869-1956).

## Propaganda

The San Franciscans regarded their city as the chess centre of the Pacific and assumed that the unknown Canadians would put up scant resistance. This over-confident view was expounded by the San Francisco Chronicle: "Lovegrove or Quiroga may strike terror into the heart of the north by some brilliant combination beyond the scope of the ordinary mortal, but within the reach of genius."

By contrast, the Victorians were quietly confident in their English stars: "It is safe to predict that Victoria will not take second honors in the match, and though our American cousins are jubilant over an anticipated easy triumph, a surprise may be in store for them." One of the players remarked that "I'm not afraid of San Francisco, but of the man from New York," a reference to Wilhelm Steinitz and his recently published *Modern Chess Instruction Part 2*, accessible to the San Francisco players but apparently not yet available in Victoria - even a hundred years ago players were concerned about keeping up with the latest theory!

## The games

(All annotations first published in the *Province* newspaper).

**San Francisco (W.R. Lovegrove, A.S. Howe, V.Q. Quiroga) - Victoria (T.H. Piper, Dr. J.G. Hands, C. and B. Schwengers), C13 International Telegraph Match, 1895.05.31**

[Thomas H. Piper]

**1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Bg5 Be7 5. Bxf6 Bxf6 6. e5 Be7 7. Qg4 O-O 8. Bd3 c5 9. Qh3 h6 10. Nf3**

Better was 10. f4 followed by O-O-O.

**10... Nc6 11. dxc5 Bxc5 12. O-O**

Against the spirit of the opening, which calls for O-O-O and a rapid advance of the King's pawns.

**12... f5**

Closing an important diagonal and freeing Black's game.

**13. a3 a6 14. b4**

Objectionable on general principles, as it leaves the Queen's side weak.

**14... Ba7 15. Rae1 Bd7 16. Re2 Rc8**

Giving Black a clear superiority. Compare the previous note.

**17. Nb1 b5**

Paralysing White's Queen's side.

**18. Kh1 Ne7 19. Ng1**

Imitating his Grace of York, who "marched his army up a hill, then marched it down again."

**19... Bc6**

A forcible reply to White's last move; the two bishops threaten to rake the board.

**20. f4 d4 21. Qh4**

A tacit confession of failure in the attack.

**21... Nd5 22. Qxd8 Rfxd8 23. Nd2 Ne3**

The most potent square the knight could occupy.

**24. Rc1 g5**

Which rudely shoves the White egg off the wall. Vain were now the efforts of "all the King's horses and all the King's men."

**25. fxg5 hxg5 26. Nh3 g4**

Tempting the White knight to enter the Cretan maze at g5, whence he would never emerge.

**27. Nf4 Kf7 28. Nf1 Nd5 29. Nxd5 Bxd5 30. Kg1 Rc3 31. Ra1 Be4 32. a4 Bxd3 33. cxd3 Rd7 34. axb5 axb5 35. Ng3**

Threatening Nxf5.

**35... Ke7 36. Rea2 Bb8 37. Ne2 Rxd3 38. Nf4 Re3 39. Rd2 Bxe5 40. Nd3 Bd6 41. Ra6 e5 42. g3 e4**

White gracefully resigned. The Bradford attack has, it is true, been played in first-class tournaments, but the continuation selected by White at their 10th move was decidedly inferior; besides quod licet jovi, non licet bovi.

**0-1**

**Victoria (J.R. Hunnex, P. Schwengers, A. Gonnason)-San Francisco (R. Kendrick, Dr. Marshall, G. Hallwegan, E. Yerworth), D37 International Telegraph Match, 1895.05.31**

*[Thomas H. Piper]*

**1. d4 d5 2. c4 e6**

If Black takes the offered pawn he cannot maintain it as in the King's gambit, e.g., 2... dxc4 3. e3 b5 4. a4 c6 5. axb5 cxb5 6. Qf3, winning a piece.

**3. Nc3 Nf6 4. Nf3 Nc6**

This is a violation of the basic principle of the close game, which enjoins an advance of the c-pawn before playing the knight.

**5. e3 Be7 6. Be2**

We prefer 6. c5; if Black attempts to break the chain of pawns by 6... b6, White answers 7. Bb5 Bd7 8. Qa4 Nb8 9. c6 Bc8 10. Ne5, and White has a splendidly developed game. He should castle Kingside and attempt to break through on the Queenside.

### **6... b6 7. O-O**

The last move of the Black allies gave White the chance to open a strong attack, herewith: 7. cxd5 exd5 8. Bb5 Bd7 9. Qa4 Nb8 10. Ne5 [The published score gives 10. Kt to Kt, which I assume is a misprint; 10. Ne5 seems more to the point - SW] Bxb5 11. Qxb5+, with a powerful attack.

### **7... O-O 8. b3 Bb7 9. Bb2 a6 10. Rc1 Rc8 11. Bd3 Bd6 12. cxd5 exd5 13. Bf5 Ra8 14. Ne2 Ne7 15. Bd3 Ne4 16. Bxe4**

Two bishops are stronger than two knights or than bishop and knight, therefore we disapprove of this exchange and would advise 16. Nd2, and if 16... f5 17. f3 with the superior game; but if Black plays 16... Nf5 17. Nxe4 dxe4 18. Bb1 Qh4 19. Ng3 we like White's game.

### **16... dxe4 17. Nd2 Ng6 18. Nc4 f5 19. Nxd6 Qxd6 20. g3 Rad8 21. Qc2 Rd7 22. Rfd1 Rfd8 23. Nc3 Ne7 24. Qe2 Qh6 25. Rd2 Nc6 26. Rcd1 Kh8 27. a3 Rd6 28. Nb1 Ne7 29. Nc3 Nd5 30. Nxd5 Bxd5 31. Rc1 c6 32. Rc3 b5 33. Rc5 Qg5 34. Qd1 Rh6 35. Qc2 Qg4 36. f4**

Black threatened 36... f4, f3 and Qh3; if however White plays 37. exf4, then 37... Qh3.

### **36... exf3 37. Rf2 Re6 38. Qc3 Rde8 39. Rxd5 cxd5 40. Rc2 f4 41. exf4 Re1+ 42. Kf2 R1e2+ 0-1**

Piper cited the lack of adequate preparation time and the absence of several of Victoria's stronger players as reasons for the defeat on board 2, but no doubt a major factor was sheer fatigue; despite a theoretical time limit of ten minutes a move, the games started at 6:30 pm on Friday evening and did not end until 6:44 am and 7:15 am respectively Saturday morning!

## **San Francisco vs. Vancouver**

The San Francisco players were eager for a rematch at the earliest opportunity, but this was not possible for the Victorians due to the holiday season. Into the breach stepped Vancouver, where the original match had been followed with great interest. Not to be outdone by their Island neighbours, players from Vancouver arranged to play a similar match with San Francisco, which took place on the night of 14-15 June 1895. Unfortunately the Vancouver players were considerably weaker than their Victoria counterparts; this, coupled with the fact that the San Francisco players were unlikely to underestimate their opposition a second time, led to easy victory for the Americans in both games.

### **San Francisco (R. Kendrick, J.D. Redding, Franklin)-Vancouver (Hoffer, Crickmay, Hooper, Dr. Bell-Irving), C01 International Telegraph Match, 1895.06.14**

1. e4 e6 2. d4 d5 3. exd5 exd5 4. Nf3 Nf6 5. Bd3 Bd6 6. O-O O-O 7. b3 b6 8. Bg5 Be7 9. Re1 Nbd7 10. Bb5 Re8 11. Bc6 Rb8 12. Bxf6 Bxf6 13. Rxe8+ Qxe8 14. Nc3 Bb7 15. Bxb7 Rxb7 16. Nxd5 Bd8 17. Qd3 c6 18. Re1 Qf8 19. Qa6 Rb8 20. Qxa7 cxd5 21. Qxd7 Bf6 22. Qxd5 h6 23. a4 Qb4 24. Qe4 Rd8 25. Rd1 Kf8 26. h3 Re8 27. Qh7 Qc3 28. d5 Be5 29. d6 Bxd6 30. Rxd6 Qc7 31. Rd1 f6 32. Nh4 1-0

As Piper wrote in the Province: "We do not think the game calls for notes. The student cannot fail to be struck with the very superior skill of the White practitioners."

**Vancouver (Keith, M. Smith, Proctor, Grant)-San Francisco (W.R. Lovegove, A.S. Howe, V.Q. Quiroga, C44 International Telegraph Match, 1895.06.14**

[Thomas H. Piper]

[Since originally writing this article, I have come to the conclusion that the M. Smith playing for Vancouver is Magnus Smith, the subsequent three-time winner of the Canadian Championship; he apparently worked in Vancouver as a shoemaker before moving to Winnipeg - SW]

**1. e4 e5 2. Nf3 Nc6 3. d4 exd4 4. Bc4 Bc5 5. O-O d6 6. c3 Bg4 7. Be2**

Cook's *Synopsis* gives 7. Qb3 Bxf3 8. Bxf7+ Kf8 9. Bxg8 Rxd8 10. gxf3 g5 11. Qd5 Qd7 12. b4 Bb6 13. Bb2 d3 and Black is considered to have the better game.

**7... dxc3 8. Nxc3 Nge7 9. Ng5 Bxe2 10. Nxe2 h6 11. Nf3 O-O 12. b3 f5 13. Ng3**

Why not Bb2 and Qd3, and develop the Queen rook, whose fate reminds us of "dejected Marianne's at the moated grange."

**13... fxe4 14. Nxe4 Bb6 15. Ng3 Qd7 16. h3 Rf7 17. a3 Raf8 18. Kh2 Ng6 19. Ra2 Nf4 20. Bxf4 Rxf4 21. Re2 Nd4 22. Nxd4 Bxd4 23. f3 Qf7 24. Rfe1 Be5 25. Re4 c6 26. Rxe5 dxe5 27. Rxe5 Re8 28. Re4 Rfxe4 29. Nxe4 Qc7+ 30. Kh1 Rd8 31. Qc2 Qd7 32. Qc4+ Qd5 33. Qb4 b6 34. Qe7 Qd7 35. Qh4 Qd1+ 36. Kh2 Rf8 37. Qe7 Qxb3 38. Qxa7 c5 39. Qa6 Rd8 40. Qa7 Qe6 41. Qa4 Qe5+ 42. Kh1 b5 43. Qc2 c4 44. Qc1 Kh8 45. Kg1 Rd3 0-1**

Jubilant at their victory, the San Franciscans wanted more than ever to rectify their initial setback, and sent a belligerent telegram to Victoria: "You ought never to let it remain a tie. Either be the Star Club or else surrender. Lovegrove says he would like to have another whack at Piper, but will have to wait till Victoria has trained up for the Stars of the West." Piper responded in tongue in cheek fashion: "Stars of the West is good, and we `pale our ineffectual fire.' We acknowledge ourselves to be but, as it were, a rushlight burning dimly in the presence of a luminary emitting an utterly dazzling and overpowering effulgence." Eventually arrangements were made for a rematch on three boards to be played 1 November 1895, but at the last minute San Francisco found the date unacceptable and the match was postponed indefinitely. Regrettably, as far as I can tell the rematch never did take place.

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## **CHESS IN BRAZIL**

From Eduardo Moura: "Mr. Mauro Amaral - an acquaintance of mine - chess arbiter and organizer from Sao Paulo, Brazil, has asked me if I could help him publize his chess tournaments and web page among the Canadian chess public. Mr. Amaral regularly organizes IM and GM tournaments in Sao Paulo. In June he is running two closed tournaments with IM norms and in July one tournament with GM norms! His web address is: [www.comunic.com.br/xadrez/](http://www.comunic.com.br/xadrez/) Perhaps in the future we could have Canadians playing in his tournaments. I see at Mr Amaral's web page that he already has some US players playing this year, so why not Canadians?! Anyway this may be a good opportunity to strengthen the ties between Canadian and Brazilian chess players."

Mr. Amaral can be contacted directly at [xadrez@estadao.com.br](mailto:xadrez@estadao.com.br)



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

To save space, from now on I will only give basic information for events - date, place, and type. Full details for all the events listed here may be found on the BCCF site, [www.chess.bc.ca](http://www.chess.bc.ca).

### **Vancouver League: Class Round Robins**

In these Round Robins players will be grouped according to their class or within a rating spread of no more than 200 or 300 points. The games will take place at the Vancouver Bridge Centre (2776 East Broadway) during the evening on Saturdays and/or Wednesdays. If you are interested in participating on these events please send an e-mail to the following address: [azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca](mailto:azmitia@interchange.ubc.ca)  
For more information visit: <http://www3.telus.net/chessvancouver/>

### **Rod Planas Memorial Chess Tournament**

Dates: August 7-8, 2004  
Place: Sandman Inn, 2130 Harvey Avenue, Kelowna  
Type: 5-round Swiss

### **UBC Tuesday Night Swiss August**

Dates: August 10, 17, 24, 31  
Place: UBC Henry Angus Building, room 309  
Type: 5-round Swiss

### **Marathon Chess Madness**

Dates: August 28-29  
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre  
Type: various

### **Vancouver League Qualifier #1**

Dates: September 18, 25 & October 2, 9, 16  
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre  
Type: 5-round Swiss

### **Silver Star Challenge (Interior Qualifier)**

Date: Nov. 13 & 14  
Place: Holiday Inn Express, 4716 34th St., Vernon  
Type: 5-round Swiss

### **Vancouver League Qualifier #2**

Dates: November 20, 27 & December 4, 11, 18  
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre  
Type: 5-round Swiss

### **Vancouver League Qualifier #3**

Dates: January 8, 15, 22, 28 & February 5, 2005

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre  
Type: 5-round Swiss

**Vancouver League Qualifier #4**

Dates: March 19, 26 & April 2, 9, 16, 2005  
Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre  
Type: 5-round Swiss