

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #174

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Stephen Wright

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## HERE AND THERE

### First Saturday (October 3-13)

Michael Yip is continuing his residency in Budapest, Hungary and is participating in the October First Saturday tournament, FM-A section. At the time of writing he has three draws and a loss in the twelve-player round robin.

<http://www.firstsaturday.hu/>

### **Knudsen, Jes West - Yip, Michael [C28] First Saturday October FM-A Budapest (3), 05.10.2009**

1.e4 e5 2.Bc4 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d3 Na5 5.Nge2 c6 6.Bxf7+ Kxf7 7.f4 d6 8.b4 Be7 9.bxa5 Qxa5 10.f5 d5 11.Bd2 Qc7 12.Ng3 Rd8 13.Qf3 d4 14.Nd1 c5 15.Nf2 Bd7 16.a4 a6 17.a5 c4 18.0-0 Bb5 19.Bg5 Rac8 20.Nh5 Kg8 21.Bxf6 Bxf6 22.Nxf6+ gxf6 23.Rfd1 Kh8 24.Ng4 Qg7 25.Qg3 Rg8 26.h3 Qg5 27.Qh2 Rg7 28.Nf2 cxd3 29.cxd3 Rc2 30.g4 Rgc7 31.h4 Qg7 32.Qg3 Re2 33.Re1 Rec2 34.g5 R7c4 35.Rad1 Rc5 36.Qg4 Bd7 37.Rb1 Bc6 38.gxf6 Qxf6 39.Qg5 Qg7 40.Ng4 Qxg5 41.hxg5 Kg8 1/2-1/2

### North American Youth Chess Championship (October 2-4)



Janak Awatramani (right)

This continental event, modeled on the national and world youth chess championships, took place in Mazatlan, Mexico. To date the tournament has not been held consistently; previous versions were in Boca Raton (2004) and Aguascalientes (2007). There were some discussions about holding the event in Canada last year, but nothing came of it.

A total of one hundred and thirty-eight players participated, including four Canadians: James Fu (U12), B.C.'s own Janak Awatramani (U10), Yuanchen Zhang (U08), and Jiaxin Liu (U08G). The field also included ten Americans, with the remaining players from the host country. Despite being the smallest delegation all the Canadians won medals - gold for Janak and Jiaxin, Silver for James and Yuanchen. For his win Janak also qualifies for the Candidate Master (CM) title; by analogy the same should also be true for Jiaxin, but I have yet to see confirmation of this. Congratulations to all for such an outstanding result!

There does not appear to have been a dedicated website for the tournament, but results and photos can be found on the (Spanish language) CCA site. No games are currently available, but judging by similar competitions they should appear in due course.

Results:

[http://www.fideamerica.com/htmltonuke.php?filnavn=2009/octubre/Festival\\_Norteamerica\\_de\\_la\\_Juventud.htm](http://www.fideamerica.com/htmltonuke.php?filnavn=2009/octubre/Festival_Norteamerica_de_la_Juventud.htm)

Photos: <http://www.fideamerica.com/modules.php?name=coppermine&file=thumbnails&album=50>

Comments also appeared on at least two blogs, especially the first one listed; there is discussion of the tournament's various organizational problems, including the lack of medals for the closing ceremony.

<http://claudiachess.blogspot.com/>

<http://2009cyct.blogspot.com/>

### **Victoria Active Fundraiser** (September 27) by Paul Leblanc

The Victoria Chess Club hosted an active chess fundraiser on Sunday, September 27th. The tournament exceeded expectations with a turnout of 26 players and \$352 was raised to help the BCCF improve playing conditions for the various BC Championships (closed, women's and junior).

Gavin Steininger, a recent addition to the Victoria chess scene, had an impressive result including wins over Estonian Women's Champion Valeria Gansvind and a tense last round victory over Roger Patterson to take home the first place trophy. Young up and coming Tian Tian Geng took second overall. The under 1700 trophy was captured by New Zealander Neil Cruden, an occasional visitor to Victoria with a passion for chess. Junior player Timothy Herbst, who together with his brother Matthew have recently moved to Victoria from Germany, finished a half point behind Cruden. Winner of the under 1400 prize was Garth Edgar who has taken up tournament chess only lately and is showing good progress.

The event was held at the Victoria Chess Club, 1728 Douglas Street, in the heart of downtown and provided a friendly atmosphere for all.

TD: Paul Leblanc

Crosstable: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/BC-Championships-Active-Fundraiser>

## September Active II (September 27)

Organized by Luc Poitras at what has become the home for active chess in the Lower Mainland, the Vancouver Bridge Centre, this intended fundraiser was not well attended. We have no other details to hand except the crosstable:

#	Name	Rtng	1	2	3	4	5	Tot
1	Janak Awatramani	2118	D 9	W 5	W 4	W 2	D 3	4.0
2	Dan Scoones	2259	W 6	W 4	W 3	L 1	D 5	3.5
3	Luc Poitras	2113	W13	W 8	L 2	W 6	D 1	3.5
4	Donovan Zhao	1697	W10	L 2	L 1	W11	W 9	3.0
5	Sylvain Gaudreau	1686	W11	L 1	D 9	W 7	D 2	3.0
6	Jeremy Hui	1589	L 2	W12	W 8	L 3	W11	3.0
7	Dejan Radic	1628	D 0	L 9	W10	L 5	W12	2.5
8	Ryan Lo	1593	W12	L 3	L 6	D 9	W10	2.5
9	Jonah Lee	1570	D 1	W 7	D 5	D 8	L 4	2.5
10	Ralph Lavallee	1400	L 4	W11	L 7	L12	L 8	1.0
11	Petr Straka	1212	L 5	L10	W12	L 4	L 6	1.0
12	Kyle Zheng	1158	L 8	L 6	L11	W10	L 7	1.0
13	Gyan Awatramani	1424	L 3	L 0	L 0	L 0	L 0	0.0

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## **TOREKVES ROUND ROBIN** (September 16-30) by Michael Yip

[As regular readers of this Bulletin will be aware, former Vancouver resident Michael Yip has been living in Budapest, Hungary for most of this year, participating in that city's rich chess life. Michael sends a report on his latest completed tournament in which he tied for first - congratulations!]

After a one day break from First Saturday, I played in the Torekves RR tournaments for players <2200. My reduced rating only qualified me for the FM-B section. I was anxious to play as the price was very low (5000HUF) compared to First Saturday (FS) events. My relatively poor showing in the September FS FM-A was more related to fatigue and inability to finish rather than getting blown out. Here I had a decent start with 3/5 so things were looking up. The schedule was nice too as there was a game every other day on most days.

After round 9, I shared =1st so this was quite satisfying:

#	Name	Rtng	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	Tot
1	Barabas, Attila	2048	*	½	½	½	½	½	½	1	1	1	6.0
2	Yip, Michael	2026	½	*	0	½	1	½	1	½	1	1	6.0
3	Csomor, Viktor	2010	½	1	*	0	½	1	1	½	1	0	5.5
4	Bartuszek, Andras	unr	½	½	1	*	½	½	0	1	½	1	5.5
5	Zoltan, Andras	1966	½	0	½	½	*	1	0	½	1	½	4.5
6	Ferenczy, Mate	2010	½	½	0	½	0	*	½	1	½	1	4.5
7	Nagy, Laszlo	2050	½	0	0	1	1	½	*	0	0	1	4.0
8	Mako, Zoltan	1990	0	½	½	0	½	0	1	*	0	1	3.5
9	Lantos, Attila	2026	0	0	0	½	0	½	1	1	*	½	3.5
10	Lakat, Gyula	1975	0	0	1	0	½	0	0	0	½	*	2.0

After the tournament, the organizer made me a CD with a Hungarian picture dictionary so I could pick up some more of the language. This was one of the nicer touches to Hungarian tournament hospitality that I have experienced.

Overall I was of course quite happy with winning a tournament but a close look at my games shows some rather obvious flaws as well as some good points.

**Yip, Michael - Lantos, Attila [A56] Torekves September FM-B (4), 21.09.2009**

[Yip]

White used a Sämisch plan against an unusual Czech Benoni (which seemed more like an E90 KID) and got an interesting murky game. White was in control but then started to overlook Black's well hidden tactical resources. In the end White found enough to bring home the win.

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 d6 4.Nc3 e5 5.e4 g6 6.f3!? a6 7.a4 b6** [The start of a suspicious plan.]  
**8.Be3 Bg7 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.Nge2 Qe7 11.Qd2 h6 12.g4 Nf8 13.h3 g5 14.0-0-0** [14.Ng3] **14...Ng6**  
**15.Ng3 Nf4 16.Nf5 Bxf5 17.gxf5!? N6h5 18.Bc2 0-0 19.Rdg1 b5 20.h4 f6?! 21.hxg5 fxg5**  
**22.cxb5 axb5 23.Nxb5+/- Rfb8 24.Rh2!?** [24.b3+/- seals the queenside with no more fuss. 24...c4  
 25.bxc4+-] **24...Nf6 25.Na3!?** [This gives Black chances on the b-file but the goal was to stop any  
 ...c4 ideas. 25.b3+/-; 25.Rgh1+/-] **25...Nd7 26.b3 Nb6 27.a5! Nc8?** [27...Rb7 28.Kb2 (28.Rgh1  
 Rba7 29.axb6 Rxa3 30.Rxh6 Bxh6 31.Rxh6 Ra1+ 32.Bb1 R8a2 33.Qxa2 Rxa2 34.Bxa2= )  
 28...Rba7 29.b4! cxb4 30.Bxb6 Rxa5 31.Bxa5 bxa3+ 32.Kb3 Qa7 33.Ra1 Qxa5 34.Qxa5 Rxa5  
 35.Rxa3 Rxa3+ 36.Kxa3+/- ] **28.Nc4+- Rb4** [All White has to do is allow no tricks.] **29.Qe1+/-**  
 [29.Rgh1!+/-; 29.Qc3+/-] **29...Qb7** [29...Rxb3 30.Bxf4 Rb4 31.Bxg5 hxg5 32.Rh5+-]



**30.Qd1??** [Completely missing Black's hidden resources. 30.f6!+- This idea had not occurred to me yet.] **30...Rb8?** [Missing a gift. 30...Rxc4! 31.bxc4 Rxa5=/+ 32.Bb1 Qb4 33.Qc2 Qa3+ 34.Kd2 Nb6-/+] **31.f6??+/-** [I thought this was well calculated but no so. 31.Bxf4!+- exf4 32.Qd3+/-] **31...Bf8??** [Another missed gift. 31...Rxc4! 32.fxg7 Qxb3+] **32.Bxf4! exf4 33.Qd3 Rxb3[]**  
**34.Bxb3 Qxb3 35.Qxb3 Rxb3 36.Kc2!+-** [Now White is in complete control.] **36...Rxf3 37.a6 Kf7**  
**38.Ra1** [38.Rb1!+- is even stronger.] **38...g4 39.a7 Nxa7 40.Rxa7+- Kxf6 41.Re2! g3? 42.Nd2!+-**  
 [42.e5+ is even better. 42...dxe5 43.Nxe5 Re3 44.Ng4+ Kg5 45.Nxe3 fxe3 46.Rxe3+-] **42...Rf2**  
**43.Rxf2 gxf2 44.Ra1! Ke5 45.Kd3 Be7 46.Rf1 Bg5 47.Rxf2 Kf6 48.Nc4 Ke7 49.e5 dxe5 50.Ke4**  
**Bh4 51.Rh2 Be1 52.Rxh6 Kd7 53.Rh7+ Kd8 54.Nxe5 1-0**

## Nagy, Laszlo - Yip, Michael [A55] Torekves September FM-B (5), 24.09.2009

[Yip]

There was some cat and mouse in the opening as White started with 1.c4 and Black tried to be clever with 1...c6. Eventually, I chose to defend with an Old Indian which seemed like a good choice against a known 1.e4 player. My opponent was also the organiser of the First Saturday tournaments. In a non-standard line, White made a hole on b4 with 10.a4 so Black eventually got in 12...a5 to stabilize the queenside. Later in the middlegame, Black provoked White into attacking with f4-f5 when Black got a nice outpost on e5 for a knight and good command of the dark squares. Black weathered a pawn sac on f6 with a nice 22...Nfg4! simplifying tactic and eventually converted the extra pawn in a good endgame performance.

**1.c4 c6 2.Nc3 Nf6 3.e4 e5 4.Nf3 d6 5.d4 Nbd7 6.Be2 Be7 7.0-0 0-0 8.h3 Qc7** [It's not so necessary to commit the queen so early. 8...a6!? 9.d5 (9.a4 a5 10.Be3 Re8 11.d5 Nf8!? Keeping the central tension. 12.Ne1 Ng6 13.Nd3 h6 14.Kh2 Rf8 Switching to a flank counter attack. 15.Rc1 Kh7 16.Bf3 Qd7 17.Rg1 Nh4 18.Be2 g5 19.dxc6 bxc6 20.c5 Ng6 21.cxd6 Bxd6 22.Nc5 Qe7 23.Nb1 Nf4 24.Bf1 Kg7 25.Nd2 Rd8 26.Qc2 h5 27.g3 Ng6 28.Ndb3 Rh8 29.Qd2 g4 30.Bg5 gxh3 31.Bxh3 h4 32.gxh4 Bxh3 33.Kxh3 Bxc5 34.Nxc5 Rad8 35.Qe3 Rd4 36.f4 Kf8 37.f5 Nxh4 38.Bxh4 Rxh4+ 39.Kxh4 Nxe4+ 40.Kh3 Nxc5 41.Qh6+ Ke8 42.Rcd1 Kd7 43.Rxd4+ exd4 44.Qf4 d3 45.Rg8 Qe4 46.Qb8 Qxf5+ 47.Kg2 Ne6 48.Qc8+ Kd6 49.Qb8+ Kd5 50.Qb3+ Ke4 51.Qc4+ Ke3 52.Rg3+ Ke2 53.Kh2 Qh5+ 54.Rh3 Qe5+ 55.Rg3 Nf4 56.Qxc6 Qh8+ 57.Kg1 Qd4+ 58.Kh2 Qf2+ 59.Kh1 Qxg3 0-1 De Sousa,J (2285)-Spraggett,K (2530)/Loures 1996/EXT 1998) 9...cxd5 10.cxd5 b5 11.Nd2 Nb6 12.b4 Bd7 13.Nb3 Rc8 14.Bd2 Rc7 15.Na5 Qb8 16.Rc1 Rfc8 17.Qb3 Bd8 18.Qb1 h6 19.a3 Nh7 20.Qd3 Bg5 21.Bxg5 hxg5 22.Qe3 g6 23.g4 Kg7 24.Kg2 f5 25.f3 f4 26.Qd2 Nf6 27.Bd3 Qa7 28.Rfd1 Be8 29.Be2 Ng8 30.Bd3 Ne7 31.Be2 Nd7 32.Na2 Nf6 33.Rxc7 Rxc7 34.Rc1 Rxc1 35.Nxc1 Bf7 36.Nab3 Nxd5 37.exd5 Nxd5 38.Qd3 Ne3+ 39.Kh1 Qc7 40.Qd2 Bd5 41.Na5 Qc8 42.Kh2 Qh8 43.Qe1 Nc2 44.Qc3 Qh4 45.Qxc2 Qf2+ 0-1 Ballon,G (2215)-Spraggett,K (2533)/Sitges 2002/EXT 2003; 8...Re8 9.Be3 a6 10.a3 h6!? Preparing ...Bf8. 11.b4 exd4 12.Nxd4 Bf8 13.Qc2 Qc7 14.Rfd1 b6!? 15.Rac1 Bb7 16.f3 g6 17.Qd2 Kh7 18.Qe1 Qd8 19.Bf4 b5 20.Qf2 Nh5 21.Bh2 Qf6 22.cxb5 cxb5!? 23.Ncxb5 axb5 24.Rc7 Bc8 25.Bxb5 Qd8 26.Rdc1 Nhf6 27.Qa2 Kg7 28.Qa1 Kh7 29.Qa2 Qe7 30.Nc6 Qe6 31.Qxe6 fxe6 32.Na7 Bg7 33.Nxc8 Rd8 34.Bxd7 Nxd7 35.Rxd7 Rxd7 36.Bxd6 Rxa3= 37.b5 Rb3 38.b6 Bd4+ 39.Kh1 Bxb6 40.Nxb6 Rxb6 41.Be5 g5 42.Rc8 Rb5 43.Rh8+ Kg6 44.Rg8+ Kh5 45.Bc3 Rb1+ 46.Kh2 Rc1 47.Bb4 Rc2 48.Be1 Rd1 49.Bb4 Rb1 50.Bf8 Rbb2 51.Rh8 Rxc2+ 52.Kh1 Kg6 53.Rxh6+ Kf7 54.Ba3 Rh2+ 55.Kg1 Rbg2+ 56.Kf1 Ra2 0-1 Banikas,H (2205)-Petursson,M (2560)/Katerini 1993/EXT 2000] **9.Be3 a6 10.a4 exd4 11.Nxd4 Re8 12.Qc2 a5! 13.f4 Bf8 14.Bf3 Nc5 15.Rae1 Nfd7 16.Kh1 g6 17.f5 Ne5 18.Be2 Qd8!?** 19.f6 Ncd7 20.Rf2 Nxf6 21.Ref1 Be7 [21...Nfd7-/+] 22.Bg5



22...Nfg4! [22...Nxe4 23.Nxe4 Bxg5-+ White has some activity so I avoided this.] 23.Bxg4 Bxg5  
24.Bxc8 Rxc8-/+ 25.Nf3 Rc7 26.b3 Be3! 27.Re2 Bc5 28.Qd2 Nxf3 29.Rxf3 Kg7 [29...Rce7-+]  
30.Qf4 Qe7 31.Qg3 Qe5 32.Qh4 Rce7 33.g4 h6 [Just being super careful. 33...Bb4-+]  
34.Rg2 Bd4 35.g5 h5 [35...Bxc3 36.Qxh6+ Kg8 37.Rg4 Bd2 38.Rh4 Bxg5 39.Qh7+ Kf8 40.Rg4 Bf6-+]  
36.Qe1 Qc5 [36...d5-+]  
37.Qf1 Kg8 38.Ne2 Bg7 39.Rgf2 Qxg5 40.Rxf7 Qe5 41.R7f4 Qa1!-+  
42.Ng3 Qxf1+ 43.Rxf1 Rf8 44.Rxf8+ Bxf8 45.Re1 Bg7 46.Nf1 Be5 47.Kg2 Rf7 48.Ne3 Rf4  
49.Nc2 Kf7 50.Re2 Kf6 51.Ne1 Ke6 52.Nd3 Rf7 53.Nxe5 Kxe5 54.Rd2 Rf4 55.Kh2 g5 56.Rg2 g4  
57.hxg4 hxg4 58.Kg3 Rxe4 59.Rh2 Kd4 60.Rh1 Re3+ 61.Kxg4 Rxb3 62.Rh6 Kc5 63.Kf4 Rb4  
64.Rh5+ d5 65.Rh7 Rxc4+ 66.Ke3 b6 0-1

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## 2008 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP

The ninety-fourth B.C. Championship will take place this weekend, featuring the following players:

Lucas Davies  
Roman Jiganchine  
Dragoljub Milicevic  
Brian McLaren  
Alfred Pechisker  
Tanraj Sohal  
Howard Wu  
Jack Yoos

The site is the Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia; round 1 is at 5:30 pm on October 9 in room 195, with the rest of the rounds occurring in conjunction with the UBC Thanksgiving Open listed below. Spectators are welcome.

Results and games from each day's play should appear late the same evening at the [B.C. Chess History](#) website.

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## UBC Thanksgiving Open

Dates: October 10–12, 2009

Place: Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 260, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

Rounds: 6

Times: 10 am and 3:30 pm

Type: regular Swiss

Time controls: game/90 with a 60 second increment (digital), or game/150 (analog)

Byes: Rds. 1-5

Entry fee: adults \$35, juniors/seniors \$25 (CFC membership required)

Prizes: \$\$BEN

Registration: in advance or at site 9:30 – 9:50 am, October 10

Tournament Director: Stephen Wright

Miscellaneous: two sections as numbers permit; BCCF membership included in entry fee; B.C. Championship will be run concurrently

For more information please contact the organizer: Stephen Wright: 604-221-7148, [swright2@telus.net](mailto:swright2@telus.net)

## **October Open**

Dates: October 17-18, 2009

Place: Sprott Shaw Community College, 1176 8th. Ave., New Westminster

Format: 5 Round Swiss.

Time control: G90 Total game time 3 hours.

Round times: Saturday 9:30, 1:00 and 5:00 or ASAP, Sunday 9:30 and 1:00

Entry fee: \$30

Prizes: \$250 Guaranteed first place. Rest based on entries.

Half point byes are available by request before the close of registration.

CFC regular rated. CFC and BCCF membership required.

Further details and registration: <http://juniorchess.ca/events.html>

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Junior events**

October 18 Junior Open, New Westminster

November 8 St. George's Junior, Vancouver

November 13-15 BC Junior, New Westminster

### **UBC Thursday Night Swiss**

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

Contact Aaron Cosenza, [xramis1@yahoo.ca](mailto:xramis1@yahoo.ca)

### **UBC Thanksgiving Open**

October 10-12, Vancouver

Details: see above

### **Silverdale Beach Hotel Classic**

October 10-11, Silverdale, WA

Details: [http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/Silverdale Beach 200910 details.pdf](http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/Silverdale_Beach_200910_details.pdf)

### **October Open**

October 17-18, New Westminster

Details: <http://www.bjdy.com/juniorchess/events.html>

### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

November 21-22, Victoria

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/2009-Jack-Taylor-Memorial>