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Stephen Wright

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HERE AND THERE

October Active (October 25)

The latest active tournament at the Vancouver Bridge Centre resulted in victory for Dragoljub Milicevic, who finished a half point ahead of Dan Scoones, organizer Luc Poitras, and Joe Roback - the latter took the U1800 prize. The biggest upset was Jun Bandong (1616) beating IM Vicente Lee Jr.

| # | Name | Rtng | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | Tot |
|----|---------------------|------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Dragoljub Milicevic | 2136 | W12 | W16 | W10 | W 3 | D 2 | 4.5 |
| 2 | Dan Scoones | 2233 | W18 | D17 | W 5 | W15 | D 1 | 4.0 |
| 3 | Luc Poitras | 2106 | W 8 | W11 | W 7 | L 1 | W 6 | 4.0 |
| 4 | Joe Roback | 1686 | L20 | W 9 | W13 | W 7 | W10 | 4.0 |
| 5 | Jun Bandong | 1616 | W15 | W18 | L 2 | D10 | W14 | 3.0 |
| 6 | Joe Soliven | 2001 | D 0 | D 0 | W12 | W16 | L 3 | 3.0 |
| 7 | Jofrel Landingin | 1825 | W21 | W14 | L 3 | L 4 | W11 | 3.0 |
| 8 | Alice Xiao | 1481 | L 3 | L13 | W22 | X20 | W16 | 3.0 |
| 9 | H. Rathburn-Mackay | 1436 | L10 | L 4 | W 0 | W18 | W17 | 3.0 |
| 10 | Romeo Ranile | 1813 | W 9 | W20 | L 1 | D 5 | L 4 | 2.5 |
| 11 | Sylvain Gaudreau | 1710 | W13 | L 3 | D14 | W19 | L 7 | 2.5 |
| 12 | Ryan Lo | 1585 | L 1 | W22 | L 6 | D13 | W21 | 2.5 |
| 13 | Mavaddat Javid | unr. | L11 | W 8 | L 4 | D12 | W19 | 2.5 |
| 14 | Nito Jose | unr. | W23 | L 7 | D11 | W17 | L 5 | 2.5 |
| 15 | Vicente Lee Jr. | 2329 | L 5 | W21 | W17 | L 2 | L 0 | 2.0 |
| 16 | Donovan Zhao | 1711 | W22 | L 1 | W20 | L 6 | L 8 | 2.0 |
| 17 | Iraj Alipour | 1725 | W19 | D 2 | L15 | L14 | L 9 | 1.5 |
| 18 | Jonah Lee | 1603 | L 2 | L 5 | W21 | L 9 | D22 | 1.5 |
| 19 | Ralph Lavallee | 1364 | L17 | W 0 | D 0 | L11 | L13 | 1.5 |
| 20 | Duane Angelvette | 1660 | W 4 | L10 | L16 | F 8 | L 0 | 1.0 |
| 21 | Roberto Zentino | 1439 | L 7 | L15 | L18 | W22 | L12 | 1.0 |
| 22 | Timur Zaruev Jr. | unr. | L16 | L12 | L 8 | L21 | D18 | 0.5 |
| 23 | Jay Zhao | unr. | L14 | L 0 | L 0 | L 0 | L 0 | 0.0 |

Halloween Open (October 17-18)

Held in conjunction with the first junior tournament of the season in the Lower Mainland, the prizes were swept by strong juniors. First was Yiming Han (4.0/5), who gave up draws to the second place finishers, Jeremy Hui and John Gong. Thirteen players participated.

Results: <http://juniorchess.ca/results.html>

Halloween Junior (October 18)

The section winners were Tommy Zhao, Rick Yang, and Hector Rathburn-Mackay; thirty-eight took part.

Results: <http://juniorchess.ca/results.html>

B.C. Championship Redux

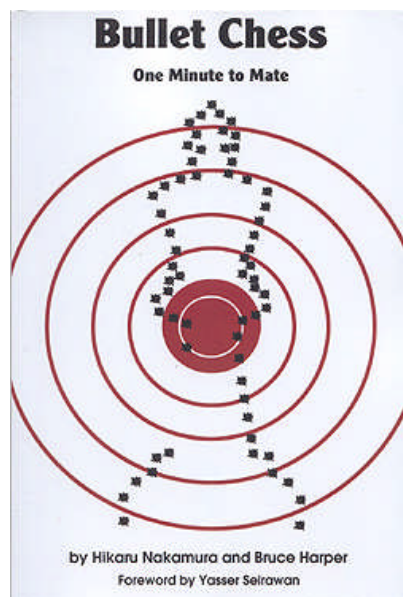
There have been comments about the B.C. Championship on two local blogs. Roman Jiganchine gives a general overview and presents his game against Alfred Pechisker, while Dan Scoones analyzes the Yoos - Davies ending from round six:

<http://roman-chess.blogspot.com/2009/10/bc-championship-2009.html>

<http://dadianchess.blogspot.com/2009/10/jyoos-vs-ldavies-vancouver-2009.html>

BULLET CHESS

Hikaru Nakamura and Bruce Harper, ***Bullet Chess: one minute to mate***. Milford: Russell Enterprises, 2009.



The last couple of decades have seen the rise of several tendencies which have had a profound impact on the game of chess. The rate of play has increased: traditional six-hour playing sessions have been eroded to five or four hours, while active chess (thirty minutes) has become common and five-minute blitz has given way to three minutes (at least online). The development of computers and the internet have allowed players to indulge in their favourite pastime at any time of the day and night and with opponents anywhere in the world, all without leaving the comfort of home. These tendencies have coalesced in bullet chess, an online chess game in which the time control is a mere minute per player. (It is possible to play bullet over the board, but use of a computer eliminates the inevitable insanity involving physical piece movement and clock handling with very limited time available. It should also be noted that ICC, one of the most popular online sites, defines bullet as any game with a time control less than three minutes, but the present work equates it with one-minute chess).

Playing a game in one minute may seem ridiculous to those of us who grew up with 40/2, 20/1, but it is possible, as long as one realizes that bullet is not the same as chess, a point the authors make explicit at the beginning of the book: "This is the fundamental truth about bullet chess that many players fail to understand. Bullet is certainly a form of chess, and much of what you've learned about chess applies to bullet, but bullet should never be confused with conventional chess itself!" To put it another way: five years ago GM Larry Christiansen wrote an [article](#) in which he compared chess with literature. Christiansen equated correspondence games with scholarly journals and epic novels; at the other end of the scale, he felt bullet games were on a par with comic books, graffiti, and chess columnists [*sic*]. In other words (and with apologies to any serious comic book collectors or graffiti artists reading this), he values bullet purely as entertainment. Nakamura and Harper concur - the only reason they give for playing bullet is "Because it's fun!"

This is the first book to be written on bullet chess, so for any interested party the only relevant question will be, "Is it worth acquiring?" The answer is an unequivocal "Yes!" The authors are no strangers to B.C. chess players: Hikaru Nakamura, current U.S. champion and sometime resident of Vancouver, is regarded as the world's best bullet player, while five-time former B.C. champion Bruce Harper needs no introduction from me. Together they guide the reader through all aspects of playing bullet chess - pre-moving, openings, the initiative, strategic and tactical considerations, endings, typical errors, and much more. Divided into twenty chapters, the breezy text includes many complete games and fragments to illustrate the points made. ECO codes are given for all examples, which seems a little odd in the case of the fragments. The games were all played on ICC at one minute per player; names have been omitted to protect the guilty (although handles are almost universally used online, so players are usually anonymous anyway), but we are told that many of them were played by former Canadian Junior champion Tyler Johnson. The ratings of the players are given, in the range 1700 - 3000+; likely any player above 2800 is Nakamura himself. A significant thread through the entire book is the fine balance that must be maintained between the position on the board and the time left on the clock, there is also much emphasis on the psychological aspects of play.

Physical attributes: roughly six inches by nine, two hundred and forty-eight pages, soft cover, copious diagrams, high production values by Russell Enterprises. The cover price is \$19.95. There is no index, but the chapter headings should be sufficient to locate specific topics. Foreword by Yasser Seirawan. The book is written entirely from the human perspective, so there is no advice on how to play bullet against computer programs (assuming people engage in such a masochistic endeavour). Technical matters are also not addressed, such as the different computer interfaces available or dealing with lag. Nakamura and Harper rightly emphasize the fun aspects of bullet, but in so doing perhaps present an overly rosy view of the online community. My own experience is that there are more than a few who approach bullet too intensely - they would be wise to read the very last paragraphs in the book, "A word on etiquette."

Recommended for anyone who has an interest in chess in the fast lane.

Book Launch

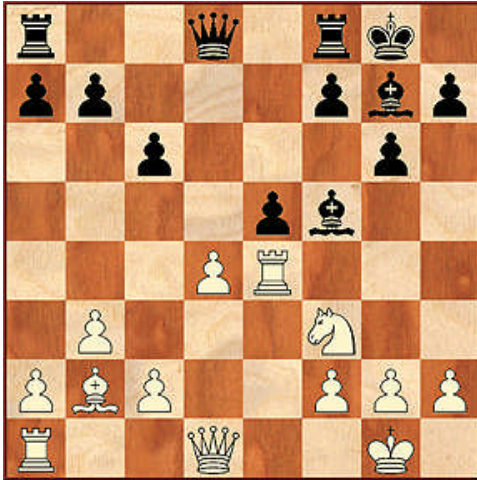
For those in the Vancouver area, the book will officially be launched on the evening of Friday October 30, with an opportunity to watch Nakamura playing bullet live. Details at the link below.

http://www.suttlesbook.com/bullet_book_launch_notice.pdf

MICHAEL YIP ANNOTATES

Farkas, Laszlo - Yip, Michael [D94] FS March FM-A (1), 14.03.2009

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 c6 Black loses a bit of flexibility here by committing to ..c6 so early. 2...Nf6 gives Black options with ..c5 if White plays passively. 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 g6 I should have a closer look at the Schlechter Slav. 5.b3 Bg7 6.Bb2 Nbd7 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nbd2 e5!?= 9.e4?! dxe4 10.Nxe4 Nxe4 11.Bxe4 Nf6 12.Re1 Nxe4 13.Rxe4 Bf5



14.Re2?-/+ After this Black piles on the pressure until the end. 14.Re1 e4 15.Ne5 Qg5 16.Qe2 Rfe8 and Black has a nice game. 14...e4 15.Ne1 Bg4 16.f3 exf3 17.gxf3 Bh3 18.Qd2 For the next 20 moves Black has problems identifying the tactical resources of his opponent and attacking continuations. There are many calculations that were stopped prematurely and many candidates not even thought of. 18...Qh4 Swinging over to the weak White kingside. 18...Qd7!? Keeping an eye on the light squares is also logical. 19.Rd1 Rae8 20.Rxe8 Rxe8 21.c4 Qd6-/+ 19.Ng2 Bxg2!? 20.Rxg2 Better is 20.Re4 (I missed this intermediate hit) 20...Qh3 21.Qxg2 Qf5 22.Qe2 Rad8=/+ 20...Rad8 In the next two moves Black completes his development before continuing the pressure. 21.c3?!-/+ Rfe8 22.Re2 Rxe2 I was looking to trade off White's developed pieces first before working up threats. 22...c5! 23.Rd1 (23.Rxe8+ Rxe8 24.d5 I saw until here but overlooked the following forcing continuation. 24...Bh6 25.Qg2 Re1+ 26.Rxe1 Qxe1+ 27.Qf1 Be3+ 28.Kg2 Qd2+-) 23...Be5 24.Re4 Bxh2+ 25.Qxh2 Rxe4 26.fxe4 Qg4+ 27.Qg2 Qxd1+++ 23.Qxe2 c5 24.Rd1 cxd4 25.Qd3-+ This came as a surprise to me. Better is 25.cxd4 Rd5 26.Kh1-/+ 25...Bf6-/+ I only considered the impact of the pin and how to break it. Better is 25...Be5! (this I missed) 26.Qe2 dxc3 27.Rxd8+ Qxd8 28.Qxe5 Qd1+ 29.Kg2 Qd2+++ 26.cxd4 Rd5 27.Qe4-+ 27.Qe3-/+ 27...Rg5+ 28.Kh1 Qf2 29.f4 Rg4?! I was looking at hemming in the king only. Better is 29...Ra5-+ (this possibility I missed) 30.Qg2 Qxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Rxa2 32.Rd2 Bxd4! 33.Rxd4 Rxb2+ 34.Kg1 Rxb3 30.Ba3!? This and the following bishop regrouping was completely overlooked. 30...Kg7 31.Bd6 h5 32.Be5 Bxe5 33.dxe5 Rh4 33...Rxf4 34.Qg2 (34.Qxb7? I saw to here. 34...Qe2!-/+ This I missed. 35.Rg1 h4!-/+) 34...Qe3-+ 34.Qg2 Qxf4 35.Re1 Qb4 36.Qe2 Qd4 37.e6 Qd5+ 38.Kg1 fxe6 Better is 38...Rg4+ 39.Qxg4 hxg4 40.e7 (I stopped calculating here) 40...Qc5+ 41.Kf1 Qb5+ 42.Kg2 Qe8-+ 39.Qe5+ 39.Qxe6 Rg4+ 40.Kf2 Rg2+ 41.Kf1 Qf3# 39...Qxe5 40.Rxe5 Kf6 41.Rb5 b6 42.a4 Rf4 43.Kg2 Rf5 44.Rb4 g5 45.h3 Rc5 46.Rd4 Rc3 47.b4 Ra3 48.b5 Ke5 49.Rc4 Kd5 50.Rb4 e5 51.Kh2 e4 52.Kg2 Ke5 53.Kf2 Kf4 54.Ke2 Ra2+ 55.Kd1 g4 56.hxg4 hxg4 57.Ke1 Kf3 0-1

Yip, Michael - Borda, Lajos [A42] FS March FM-A (2), 09.03.2009

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Bd3 Played quite stereotypically and without much deep thought other than to keep an eye on the f5 break. [6.g3 Nd7 7.Bg2 Ne7 8.h4!? The knight on e7 invites the h4-h5 plan. 8...Nf6 9.Nf3 0-0 10.0-0 a6 11.Rb1 Nd7 12.h5!? h6 13.hxg6 fxg6 14.Bh3! Nb6 15.Bxc8 Qxc8 16.b3 Qh3 17.Nh2 h5 18.Ne2 Nd7 19.Kh1 Nf6 20.Ng1! Qd7 21.Qe2 Rf7 22.Kg2 Raf8 23.Nh3 Nh7 24.b4 Rc8 25.bxc5 Rxc5 26.Be3 Rc7 27.Rfc1 Nc8 28.Rb2 Qa4 29.Nf3 Bf6 30.Nd2 Qe8 31.Nb3 b6 32.Nd2 Rb7 33.Rcb1 Bd8 34.Nb3 Rbc7 35.Nd2 Rb7 36.c5! dxc5 37.Bxc5 Ra7 38.Be3 Ra8 39.Rc1 Kg7 40.Rbc2 Nd6 41.Rc6 Rf6 42.Ng5 Nxg5 43.Bxg5 Rf7 44.Rxd6 Bxg5 45.Rcc6 Rf6 46.Rxf6 Bxf6 47.Rxb6 Qa4 48.Rb7+ 1-0 Razuvaev,Y (2490)-Bednarski,J (2395)/Polanica Zdroj 1972/MCL] **6...Ne7** [6...Nd7 7.Nge2 (7.h4 Ngf6 8.Bg5 h6 9.Bd2 Nh5 10.g3 0-0 11.Be2 Ndf6 12.Kf1 Bd7 13.Kg2 a6 14.a4 a5 15.Nh3 Qc8 16.Ra3 b6 17.Rb3 Rb8 18.Qc1 Kh7 19.f3 Ne8 20.g4 Nhf6 21.h5 gxh5 22.Nf2 Rg8 23.Kf1 Bf8 24.Nb5 Rb7 25.Ra3 Rg6 26.gxh5 Rg3 27.f4 Nxe4 28.Nxe4 Bh3+ 29.Ke1 Rxa3 30.bxa3 Bg2 31.Qc2 f5 32.Bg4 Kh8 33.Rg1 Bxe4 34.Qxe4 fxg4 35.fxe5 dxe5 36.Qxg4 Qxg4 37.Rxg4 Rg7 38.Re4 Rg1+ 39.Kf2 Rh1 40.Rxe5 Nf6 41.Rf5 Bg7 42.d6 Rh2+ 43.Ke1 Rh1+ 44.Ke2 Rh2+ 45.Kd3 Rh3+ 46.Kc2 Rh2 47.Re5 Kg8 48.Re6 Rf2 49.Kd3 Nd7 50.Re8+ Bf8 51.Be3 Rf6 52.Rd8 Ne5+ 53.Ke4 Nf7 54.Rb8 Re6+ 55.Kf3 Nxd6 56.Nxd6 Rxd6 57.Bf4 Rf6 58.Ke4 Kf7 59.Rb7+ Be7 60.Be5 Rf1 61.Rxb6 Re1+ 62.Kd5 Rd1+ 63.Kc6 Rh1 64.Kb5 Rxh5 65.Bf4 Bf8 66.Kxa5 Rh4 67.Bd2 h5 68.Kb5 Rh3 69.a5 Rxa3 70.a6 h4 71.Bf4 h3 72.Kc6 Bh6 73.Bc7 Bd2 74.Bb8 Ba5 75.Rb1 Bc7 76.Bxc7 Rxa6+ 77.Kxc5 Ke8 78.Rd1 Rg6 79.Rd2 Rg7 80.Bh2 1-0 Malakhatko,V (2543)-Kislinsky,A (2441)/Kiev 2004/CBM 098 ext; 7.h3 Bh6 8.Bxh6 Nxh6 9.Qd2 Ng8 10.g3 Ngf6 11.h4 Nh5 12.Be2 Ndf6 13.Kf1 h6 14.Kg2 a6 15.Rf1 Qe7 16.Nh3 Bd7 17.a4 0-0-0 18.a5 Kb8 19.Rb1 Bxh3+ 20.Rxh3 Qc7 21.b4 cxb4 22.Rxb4 Qxa5 23.Qb2 Qc7 24.Rh1 Ka7 25.Ra1 Qe7 26.c5 dxc5 27.Rb6 c4 28.Bxc4 Kb8 29.Bxa6 Rd7 30.d6 Nf4+ 31.gxf4 Qe6 32.Rxb7+ Kc8 33.Rb8# 1-0 Kuljasevic,D (2521)-Tate,E (2339)/ICC INT 2008/EXT 2009) 7...a6 8.Be3 Ne7 9.Qc2!? h5?! 10.h4 Nf6 11.f3 Bd7 12.a3 0-0 13.b4! b6 14.Rb1 Be8 15.bxc5 dxc5 16.a4 a5 17.0-0 Nd7 18.Nb5 Nc8 19.Qd2 Nb8 20.Bg5 f6 21.Be3 Nd6 22.f4!? Bxb5 23.cxb5 Nd7 24.Rbc1 Qe7 25.Bb1 Rae8 26.f5! gxf5 27.exf5 Kf7 28.Ng3 Rh8 29.Ne4 Reg8 30.Nxd6+ Qxd6 31.Rc4 Bf8 32.Qe2 Ke7 33.Rd1 Rh7 34.Kh1 Rhg7 35.Be4 Rg4 36.Bf3 Rxc4 37.Qxc4 Rh8 38.Qc1 Kd8 39.Be4 Kc8 40.g3 Rg8 41.Kh2 Rg4 42.Qc4 Be7 43.Kg2 Nf8 44.Qc2 Bd8 45.Bf3 Rb4 46.Bxh5 Bc7 47.Be2 Nd7 48.h5 Nf8 49.Bc4 Nh7 50.h6 Kb8 51.Bd2 Ka7 52.Re1 Qf8 53.Bxb4 axb4 54.d6 Bxd6 55.Qd2 Ng5 56.Rh1 Bc7 57.Qd7 Kb8 58.Bd5 1-0 Conquest,S (2546)-Storey,C (2218)/Great Yarmouth 2007/CBM 119 ext; 6...Nh6 7.h4! 0-0 8.h5 g5 9.Qd2 f6 10.Nge2 Na6 11.a3 Bd7 12.Ng3 Rf7 13.Qc2 Bf8 14.Be3 Be7 15.f3 Kh8 16.Kf2 Qf8 17.Nf5 Nxf5 18.exf5 Bd8+/- 19.g4 h6 20.Rab1 Be8 21.Rhc1 Qe7 22.Kg2 Kg7 23.Qf2 Bc7 24.b4 b6 25.Rb2 Bd8 26.Rcb1 Rc8 27.Qe2 Qf8 28.Ne4 Rfc7 29.bxc5 Nxc5 30.Bxc5 bxc5 31.Bc2 Rf7 32.Qd1 Bb6 33.Ba4! Rd8 34.Bb5 Rc7 35.Qa4 Bxb5 36.Rxb5 Rcc8 37.Qa6 1-0 Vukic,M (2480)-Jansa,V (2505)/Novi Sad 1978/EXT 2004] **7.Nge2** White is completely unaware of the possibility of the fast g4 plan. [7.g4!? f5 8.gxf5 0-0 9.Nf3 gxf5 10.Rg1 f4 11.Ng5 Rf6 12.Bf1 Rh6 13.Be2 Ng6 14.Bg4! Nf8 15.Bf5 Rh4 16.Qf3 h6 17.Ne6 Nxe6 18.dxe6 Nc6 19.Qg2 Qg5 20.Qh1 Qd8 21.Nd5 Kh8 22.Bd2 Bxe6 23.Bxe6 Nd4 24.Bg4 Nc2+ 25.Kd1 Nxa1 26.Kc1 b5 27.Kb1 Nb3 28.axb3 b4 29.Qg2 a5 30.Be1 a4 31.Bd1 Qg5 32.bxa4 Qxg2 33.Rxg2 f3 34.Bxf3 Rxa4 35.Bg4 b3 36.f3 Rxg4 37.Rxg4 Rxc4 38.Bc3 Rd4 39.Bxd4 exd4 40.Nb6 1-0 Petursson,M (2555)-Karlsson,A (2275)/Hafnarfirdi 1992/CBM 029; 7.h4!? f5 8.h5 f4 9.hxg6 Nxg6 10.Be2!? Nd7 11.Bg4! Nf6 12.Bxc8 Qxc8 13.Qf3 h5 14.a4 Qg4 15.Qh3 Bh6 16.Nf3 Kd7 17.a5 a6 18.Ke2!? Rag8 19.Bd2 Kc7 20.Kd3 Ne7 21.Nh4 Bg5 22.Nf3 Bh6 23.Rag1 Rh7 24.Nh4 Bg5 25.Nf3 Bh6 26.Nh4 Rhg7 27.f3 Qxh3 28.Rxh3 Kd7 29.Be1 Rg5 30.Rh2 Bf8 31.Ne2 Bh6 32.b4 cxb4 33.Bxb4 Rc8 34.Rb1 Rgg8 35.Ba3 Rc7 36.c5 dxc5 37.Rb6 c4+ 38.Kc2 Bg5 39.Bxe7 Bxh4 40.Bxf6 Bf2 41.Rb1 1-0 Brunello,S (2482)-Shengelia,D (2569)/Sabadell 2008/CBM 126] **7...0-0 8.Be3 f5= 9.f3 Nd7 10.Qd2** White still thinks this is a Saemish KID but its not. 10.Qc2 **10...Nf6 11.a3!?** A waiting move and preparation for Rb1/b4. 11.exf5 Nxf5 (11...gxf5 12.Bg5+/=) 12.Bxf5 gxf5 13.Bg5 and it's not clear what White has achieved. **11...fxe4 12.Nxe4** 12.Bxe4!? Nxe4 13.Nxe4 Nf5 14.0-0 Nd4 15.Rab1 **12...Nf5**

13.Bg5 13.Nxf6+?! Bxf6 14.Bxf5 gxf5 15.Bh6 Rf7= **13...Rf7 14.N2c3** 14.0-0!? Nd4 15.Nxd4 exd4 16.b4 b6 17.Bxf6 Bxf6 18.Rfe1 **14...Nd4 15.Rb1 Qf8 16.0-0 Nh5 17.Nb5?!** Right idea but wrong timing. Better is 17.b4!? b6 18.bxc5 bxc5 19.Nb5 Nxb5 20.Rxb5 Nf4 21.Rfb1+/- **17...Nxb5 18.cxb5 Nf4 19.b4 cxb4 20.Rxb4 h6 21.Bxf4!?** 21.Bh4!? [Kosic] 21...b6 22.Rc1 Bb7 23.Bf1 Bxd5! (23...Nxd5 24.Bc4+/-) 24.g3 Bxe4 25.fxe4 Ne6 26.Bc4 Qe8 27.Bb3 g5=/+ 28.Qxd6 Nc5 (28...Re7 29.Rc6=) 29.Bc4 Rd8 30.Qg6 Rd4-/+ **21...exf4**



22.Nf2?! Too cute. White needs to fully mobilise first. 22.Rc4!? is more active and logical. 22...Bd7 23.Qb4 Be5 24.Rfc1= White has the simple plan of advancing his a-pawn+invasion on the c-file. 24...a6!= 25.bxa6 bxa6 26.Nf2 White has to be very careful. (26.Kh1? Bb5-/+; 26.a4 a5 27.Qb6 Qd8 28.Rb1 Rf8=; 26.Rc7 Rb8 27.Qa5? Bd4+ 28.Kf1 Bb6=/+) 26...Rb8 27.Qa5 Kg7 28.Be4 Bb5 29.Rc7 Bd4 30.a4 Bd7 31.R7c2 Rb6= **22...g5 23.Re1=** A superficial and aimless move. White really needs to come up with a decent plan. 23.Rc4= **23...Bd7 24.a4 Rc8 25.Rc1 Rxc1+ 26.Qxc1 Qd8!?** Equalises but it's hard to tell that White is not much better here. **27.Rc4 Qb6= 28.Kf1 Re7 29.Be4 Bd4?! 29...a6!=/+ 30.Nd3 30.Qc2= 30...Kg7? 30...Bf6= 31.h4?** White completely misses the opportunity given to him. Better is 31.a5+/- Qxa5 32.Rxd4 Bxb5 33.Qb2 Kf7 34.g4 Rc7 35.Rb4 a6 36.Kg2+- **31...Bf6 32.hxg5 hxg5 33.Nf2 Bd4** Better is 33...a6=/+ **34.Nd1 Kf6?!=** Better is 34...a6 **35.Qd2 Be5 36.Bc2 36.Bb1 a6! 37.Qd3 (37.Qc2 Rg7 38.bxa6 Qxa6 39.Kg1 Qb6+ 40.Kf1 Qa5 with counterplay) 37...Rg7 38.bxa6 Qxa6 39.Nf2 Ke7 40.Rb4 Kd8 41.Qxa6 bxa6 42.Bd3 a5 43.Rb8+ Kc7 44.Ra8 Bxa4 45.Rxa5 Bd7= 36...Rg7 37.Nf2 Ke7 38.Qd3 Kd8 39.Ng4 Bxg4 40.fxg4 Rc7 41.Rxc7 Qxc7 42.Ke2=/+** Drawn on white's offer. 1/2-1/2

24th Jack Taylor Memorial

Dates: November 21-22

Place: The Vacation Inn (aka Traveller's Inn) 3020 Douglas St. (make sure you go to the right Travellers' Inn - there are several in the neighborhood. This is a different Travellers' Inn from last year)

Rounds: 5

Times: Sat. 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:30 pm; Sun 10:00 am, 2:00 pm

Type: Swiss

Time Controls: Game/90 with 30 sec. increment.

Entry: \$25 if registered and paid by Nov. 16, \$30 if registered only by Nov. 19, \$35 otherwise

Registration: On line registration will be up soon. Otherwise, contact us at

VictoriaChessClub@gmail.com. You can also register in person at the Victoria Chess Club with Roger Patterson. On site registration ends at 9:30 on Saturday. Registering after 9:30 does not

guarantee a normal Swiss Pairing.

Accommodation: At the Travellers' Inn, 3020 Douglas St. You should be able to get winter rates (about \$60/night).

Organizer: Roger Patterson

Misc.: Rated by the Victoria Chess Club. No chess membership fees required. (BCCF membership included in entry fee.) Equipment provided. There will be no forced TD Byes (you may of course request a bye).

35th Paul Keres Memorial

Details have just been announced: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/FrontPage>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior events

| | |
|----------------|---|
| November 8 | St. George's Junior, Vancouver |
| November 13-15 | B.C. Junior, New Westminster |
| November 15 | Island Junior Open #3, Victoria |
| December 6 | December Junior Open, New Westminster |
| December 6 | Greater Victoria City Championship |
| January 24 | Scholastic (K-12) Open, New Westminster |
| January 24 | All-Girls Tournament, Vancouver |

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

Brain Wellness: the secrets of longevity

October 29, Richmond

Details: http://www.richmond.cmha.bc.ca/news_events

Bullet Chess Book Launch

October 30, Vancouver

Details: http://www.suttlesbook.com/bullet_book_launch_notice.pdf

24th Jack Taylor Memorial

November 21-22, Victoria

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

December Open

December 5-6, New Westminster

Details: <http://juniorchess.ca/events.html>

December Active

December 20, Vancouver

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#DecActive>

B.C. Active Championship

January 9-10, 2010, Vancouver

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#BCActive>

New Year Open

January 23-24, 2010, New Westminster

Details: <http://juniorchess.ca/events.html>

4th Grand Pacific Open

April 5-7, 2010, Victoria

Details: <http://grandpacificopen.pbworks.com/>

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