

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #200

Issue two hundred, our second century. It is now a little over eight years since Bulletin #1 was published (September 4, 2002). Much has changed in B.C. chess in the interim: online chess has become a major factor, there is little regular activity in the Interior or North, a number of traditional clubs in the Lower Mainland have disappeared, to be replaced by monthly active events and quite recently by other meetings of players. In other words the chess scene is evolving. We won't find out what the future holds until we get there, but we will continue to report on and encourage the B.C. chess community as best we can. Any regrets? My main complaint is that I end up doing too much of the writing myself! This is your Bulletin, and much of the content should be up to you! Your editor welcomes any and all submissions - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to B.C. players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

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Stephen Wright

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## HERE AND THERE

### Oliver Gonzalez Somoza Memorial (October 9-17)

Leon Piasetski was due to play in this month's First Saturday tournament in Budapest, but could not reach an agreement with the organizers. Instead he is playing in a nine-round Swiss in Spain, and currently has 3.5/5 in the 165-player field. (Oliver Gonzalez Somoza was a Spanish FM who died of leukemia last year at the age of twenty eight).

Tournament [website](#) (in Spanish), [results](#)

### **Collado Barbas, Laura - Piasetski, Leon [A41] I Memorial Oliver Gonzalez (3), 11.10.2010**

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.e4 Bg4 5.Be2 Nc6 6.Be3 e5 7.d5 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Nd4 9.Bxd4 exd4  
10.Na3 Ne7 11.0-0 c5 12.dxc6 bxc6 13.b4 0-0 14.Rb1 a5 15.b5 c5 16.Qc2 Rb8 17.Be2 Nc8 18.f4  
Nb6 19.Rbe1 g5 20.e5 f5 21.exf6 Rxf6 22.Bd3 Rh6 23.fxg5 Qxg5 24.Rf3 Be5 25.g3 Nd7 26.Rf5  
Qg7 27.Qg2 Nf6 28.Be2 Kh8 29.Qf3 Rg8 30.Bd1 Rg6 31.Rxe5 dxe5 32.Rxe5 Ng4 33.Rh5 Nxe2  
34.Kxh2 Rxe3 35.Qf4 Rxa3 36.Qe5 Rxa2+ 37.Kh3 Ra1 38.Bf3 Ra3 39.Qxg7+ Kxg7 40.Kg4 Rf8  
41.Bd5 Rf6 42.Be4 Re3 43.Rxe7+ Kg8 44.Bb1 Re1 0-1

### EAC Chess-Arts Club Open #2 (October 9 - 11)

Junior Ryan Lo continued his good results of late by winning outright this twelve-player event with an undefeated 4.0/5 score. He certainly had to pay his dues, as the average length of his games was over sixty moves. A half point back were Nigel Fullbrook and Louis Cheng, while Clement Cheng and Hector Rathburn-Mackay took the U1800 prizes.

The EAC Chess-Arts Club meets every Friday from 7pm to 12am. All players are welcome. Drop in fee \$1. Located at 14524 – 91B Ave., Surrey. For more information, contact Alonso Campos at: [ac-777-ac-888@live.com](mailto:ac-777-ac-888@live.com) or phone him (604-767-5153).

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### **Fullbrook, Nigel - Lo, Ryan [B22] EAC op #2 Surrey (2), 09.10.2010**

1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.cxd4 e6 6.Nc3 Nxc3 7.bxc3 d6 8.exd6 Bxd6 9.Nf3 0-0  
10.Bd3 Nd7 11.0-0 h6 12.c4 b6 13.Bb2 Bb7 14.Re1 Rc8 15.Rc1 Qc7 16.h3 Qb8 17.Nd2 Bf4  
18.Rc3 Nf6 19.Ne4 Nxe4 20.Bxe4 Rfd8 21.Rf3 Bd6 22.Qb3 Ba6 23.Rc1 Qc7 24.c5 bxc5 25.dxc5  
Be5 26.Ba3 Rb8 27.Qc2 Bf4 28.Rd1 Rxd1+ 29.Qxd1 Rd8 30.Qa4 Be2 31.Bh7+ Kxh7 32.Qxf4 Qb7  
33.Rg3 Qb1+ 34.Kh2 Rd1 35.Re3 Rh1+ 36.Kg3 Qg6+ 37.Kh4 Qxg2 38.Qe4+ Qxe4+ 39.Rxe4 g5+  
40.Kg3 Bf1 41.f3 Rxh3+ 42.Kf2 Bb5 43.Kg2 Rh4 44.Rxh4 gxh4 45.Kh3 Bc6 46.f4 Kg6 47.Kxh4 Kf5  
48.Bc1 Bf3 49.Kg3 Bd5 50.Bb2 Bxa2 51.c6 Bd5 52.c7 Bb7 53.Be5 f6 54.Bd6 e5 55.fxe5 fxe5  
56.Kh4 0-1

### **Alberta Open** (October 9-11)

Paul Leblanc and Doug Sly competed in this tournament in Calgary; Paul had the following comments:

The event attracted fifty-one players, the largest turnout since 1995. It was held in the permanent home of the Alberta Chess Club, an upstairs floor in a small industrial strip mall in NE Calgary, not too far from the airport. The club could only accommodate twenty-six boards, but I don't think anyone was turned away. The club was pleasant. It has natural light from large windows and aside from the playing area, there is a separate room for analysis with a chess library, two washrooms, a fridge and a coffee machine.

Time control for the tournament was Game in 110 minutes plus a 30 second increment. I found this a little more to my personal taste than the Game in 90 plus 30 second increments that I am used to. Round times were 10 and 4 on Saturday and Sunday and 9 and 3 on Monday. There was always time for lunch between rounds. The field was quite strong with about ten masters, including IM Edward Porper. Porper, Ristovic and Yearwood tied for first. Yearwood got there via a swindle in the last round against Dale Haessel.

Chess in Alberta benefits greatly from casino funding. The rent for the club is covered by this funding as well as a stipend for the main organizer in Alberta, Tony Ficzere. Tony is doing a great job, and he seems to be well appreciated by the Alberta chess community.

Tournament [website](#), CFC [crosstable](#)

### **Toronto Thanksgiving Open** (October 9-11)

FM Bindi Cheng has been attending the University of Toronto for the past couple of years, but is still active as a player. He just won this major Toronto event with 5.0/6 ahead of Canadian olympiad team members Nikolay Noritsyn and Leonid Gerzhoy.

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## Yamei Wang

WFM Yamei Wang, a former B.C. junior and women's champion who represented Canada at the WYCC in 2000 and 2003, has returned to tournament chess after completing her studies at UBC. Currently in Hong Kong, Yamei is a participant in the ongoing Hong Kong [Open](#), a nine-round Swiss played at the rate of one game a week from September to November. She also just completed playing in the Hong Kong [International Open](#) (September 30 - October 3), finishing tied for third in the forty-player field with 5.0/7.

## World Youth Chess Championships (October 20 - 30)

This year's WYCC begins next week in Halkidiki, Greece and the Canadian team includes six players with a B.C. connection: Alexandra (U16G) and Andrea Botez (U8G), Jason Cao (U10), John (U12) and Joshua Doknjas (U8), and Tanraj Sohal (U14). Good luck to all our Canadian players! Results and live games should be available from the link below:

Tournament [website](#), Canadian [blog](#) (courtesy of Andre Botez)

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## **95th B.C. CHAMPIONSHIP** (October 8 - 11)



BCCF President Roger Patterson congratulating Yoos

Jack Yoos retained the title of B.C. champion over the Thanksgiving weekend with an undefeated 5.0/7 score. Despite having a considerable ratings edge Jack started slowly with three draws, and only pulled into contention by defeating his principal rivals, Valeriya Gansvind and Howard Wu, in rounds four and five. In the last two rounds (whether from tiredness or meeting equal opposition) all the games were drawn, with the exception of Jack's Hamppe-Allgaier Gambit(!) against Roger Patterson; this win gave Yoos his margin of victory. WFM Valeriya Gansvind is only the third woman to compete in the championship, after Anna Sharpe (1961) and Valentina Goutor (2003). Estonian women's champion in 2006 and 2009, Valeriya resides in Sidney but had just returned from playing in the chess olympiad at Khanty-Mansisyk, Russia and was still somewhat

jetlagged. She was the early leader and placed second after losing to Yoos; however, she received a major gift from Patterson, who blundered after his imaginative attack had led to a winning position in their second-round game. Wu deservedly took third, losing to Yoos and Gansvind but racking up 4.0/5 against the other competitors.

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8		
1	Yoos, Jack	2466	*	1	1	½	½	½	1	½	5.0
2	Gansvind, Valeriya	2321	0	*	1	½	1	½	1	½	4.5
3	Wu, Howard	2167	0	0	*	½	½	1	1	1	4.0
4	Sohal, Tanraj	2130	½	½	½	*	½	0	½	1	3.5
5	McLaren, Brian	2203	½	0	½	½	*	½	½	1	3.5
6	Kyriakides, Savvas	2072	½	½	0	1	½	*	0	½	3.0
7	Patterson, Roger	2154	0	0	0	½	½	1	*	½	2.5
8	Steininger, Gavin	2130	½	½	0	0	0	½	½	*	2.0

Howard Johnson Hotel (Elk Lake Drive), Victoria  
Average rating 2205

Cumulative scores:

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1	Yoos, Jack	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.0
2	Gansvind, Valeriya	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.5	4.0	4.5
3	Wu, Howard	0.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.0	3.5	4.0
4	Sohal, Tanraj	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.5
5	McLaren, Brian	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.5
6	Kyriakides, Savvas	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0	2.0	2.5	3.0
7	Patterson, Roger	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.0	2.0	2.5
8	Steininger, Gavin	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.5	2.0

The rest of the field was symmetrically distributed around the 50% scores of Tanraj Sohal and Brian McLaren. The former, playing in his second championship, had a solid result which bodes well for the future - he is still only thirteen, if barely. Not that ratings mean much on any given day, but curiously the three lowest-rated players (Sohal, Steininger, Kyriakides) all drew both their games with the two highest-rated (Yoos and Gansvind). Savvas Kyriakides actually has the third-highest FIDE rating of those in the tournament, a result of his participation in the 1982, 1984, and 1990 olympiads for Zimbabwe. Playing conditions at the Howard Johnson Hotel were good, the championship was organized by Roger Patterson and directed by Mark S. Dutton. Mark has uploaded many [photos](#) to his Facebook page (open to public viewing) - hovering the mouse over a photo reveals the PGN for the game, which is also available at the bottom of the page. An online game viewer for the tournament can be found at this [link](#), and a PGN file can also be [downloaded](#) from the BCCF website.

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Previous [champions and crosstables](#) at the B.C. Chess History site

### Yoos, Jack - Gansvind, Valeriya I. [B06] BC ch Victoria (4.3), 10.10.2010

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 c6 5.Be3 b5 6.Bd3 a6 7.Qd2 Qc7 8.a4 Bb7 9.axb5 cxb5 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Rfe1 h6 12.h3 Kf8 13.Ne2 Ngf6 14.Ng3 e5 15.c3 Kg8 16.Qd1 Kh7 17.h4 Rhe8 18.h5 Nf8 19.d5 Reb8 20.Nd2 Bc8 21.hxg6+ fxg6 22.Qe2 Ng4 23.Rec1 Nxe3 24.Qxe3 h5 25.Ngf1 Bh6 26.Qe2 Qb6 27.Rc2 Bg4 28.Qe1 a5 29.Be2 Bc8 30.c4 Nd7 31.cxb5 Nc5 32.Nc4 Qd8 33.Nxa5 Qh4

34.Rxc5 dxc5 35.Nc6 Qxe4 36.Nxb8 Rxb8 37.Qa5 Rb7 38.Bf3 Qh4 39.Qa8 Rxb5 40.Qxc8 Rxb2  
41.Qxc5 Bg7 42.Re1 Qa4 43.Be4 Qa6 44.Nh2 Re2 45.Rxe2 Qxe2 46.Qc2 1-0

**Gansvind, Valeriya I. - McLaren, Brian [A44] BC ch Victoria (5.2), 10.10.2010**

1.d4 c5 2.d5 e5 3.e4 d6 4.Nc3 g6 5.Be2 Bg7 6.Nf3 Ne7 7.Nd2 0-0 8.Nc4 a6 9.a4 b6 10.h4 Qc7  
11.h5 Re8 12.hxg6 hxg6 13.Bh6 Bxh6 14.Rxh6 Kg7 15.Qd2 Ng8 16.Rh2 Nd7 17.Qg5 Ndf6 18.Qh4  
Bd7 19.Ne3 b5 20.a5 b4 21.Nb1 Bb5 22.Nd2 Bxe2 23.Kxe2 Ra7 24.Ndc4 Rd8 25.f3 Nh5 26.Qg5  
Kf8 27.Rah1 Qe7 28.Rxh5 gxh5 29.Qxh5 Qf6 30.Nf5 Qg6 31.Qh3 Rdd7 32.g3 Ne7 33.Qh8+ Ng8  
34.Rh6 Qg5 35.Nb6 f6 36.Nxd7+ Rxd7 37.Rh7 Qc1 38.Rxd7 Qxc2+ 39.Kf1 1-0

**Yoos, Jack - Patterson, Roger [C25] BC ch Victoria (6.2), 11.10.2010**

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.f4 exf4 4.Nf3 g5 5.h4 g4 6.Ng5 d6 7.d4 h6 8.Nxf7 Kxf7 9.Bc4+ Kg7 10.Bxf4  
Be7 11.g3 Nf6 12.Be3 Bd7 13.Qd2 Qe8 14.0-0-0 Qh5 15.Qg2 Raf8 16.Rhe1 Bc8 17.a3 a6 18.Ne2  
Bd8 19.Nf4 Qe8 20.e5 dxe5 21.dxe5 Qxe5 22.Bd4 Qxd4 23.Rxd4 Nxd4 24.Qd2 Nf5 25.Qd3 Re8  
26.Be6 Bxe6 27.Rxe6 Nd6 28.Qg6+ Kf8 29.Rxf6+ Bxf6 30.Qxf6+ Kg8 31.Qg6+ Kf8 32.Ne6+ Ke7  
33.Nxc7 1-0

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**TOROKVES "A" RR (Budapest, September) by Michael Yip**

I had high hopes coming into this tournament after getting good results all year but the final score of 2.5/9 (+1 -5 =3) was a shock to me. Looking at my progress this year, I felt that it was time to introduce new things to my repertoire so I was ready with the Caro-Kann and Slav defences and as a bonus I threw in a hedgehog against an English and allowed transpositions to my old 1.d4 repertoire. However, all of this flipping around and adding new defences had me off my normal stride and I was in unfamiliar ground in many games. This coupled with my poor calculating form lead to a horrific number of blunders and losses.

As a bonus, IM Leon Piasetski visited me for a few days and looked at my round nine endgame. Leon did not play in the First Saturday GM tournament and went off to Spain to play in an open tournament. We had a few interesting chess discussions on various topics and life in general and I was quite happy for some English speaking company.

**Yip, Michael - Mezei, Csaba (2128) [E65] Torokves A (6), 26.09.2010**

**1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 d6 5.d4 Nbd7 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 0-0 8.b3** 8.h3!? A prophylactic move typical of Karpov's style. 8...a6 9.a4 Again, restricting Black's activity but on the queenside. 9...Rb8 10.a5 b6 11.axb6 Qxb6 12.d5 Ne8 13.Qd3 e5 14.dxe6!? Forgoing the closed centre structure. 14...fxe6 15.Rd1! Now White switches to pressure on the d-file. 15...Ne5 16.Nxe5 Bxe5 17.Bh6 Rf7 18.Rd2! A dual purpose move: b2 is defended and d6 remains under pressure. 18...Qc7 19.Rad1 Rb6 20.e3 Qb8 21.Qc2 Rb4 22.Na4 Rc7 23.Bf4! Stripping the key defender of d6. The massage continues. 23...Bxf4 24.exf4! Now the e-file is also available for frontal pressure against Black's soft pawn centre. 24...Bb7 25.Ra1 Bc6 26.Bxc6 Rxc6 27.Re1 Ng7 28.Re4 Kf7 29.g4! Restricting Ng7. 29...Rc8 30.Nc3 Rc6 31.Nd1 Rb7 32.Ree2! Second rank overprotection. Karpov continues to restrict Black's possibilities to make trouble. 32...Rcb6 33.Qd3 Rd7 34.Nc3 Rb3 35.Qg3 Rdb7 36.Qh4 Kg8 37.Ne4! Ne8 1-0 Karpov,A - Hoffman,A /Buenos Aires 2001/EXT (37...Ne8 38.Nxc5 dxc5 39.Rxe6 Black cannot stop Rxe8 followed by Rd8.) **8...a6 9.Bb2 Rb8 10.a4** Normal preventive play against ...b5. **10...Qa5** 10...cxd4 11.Nxd4 Nc5 12.h3 Ne6 13.e3! White is not committed to e4 with a traditional bind. Now Black will be suffocated by White's pawn

play. 13...Bd7 14.a5 Nxd4 15.exd4 b5 16.axb6 Qxb6 17.Ra3! a5 18.Re1 e6 19.Re3! Nice rook play. 19...Rfc8 20.Na4 Qc7 21.Bc3 d5 22.Nc5 Ra8 23.cxd5 exd5 24.Qe1 Bh6 25.Re5+/- A good lesson in better pawn structure even though both sides have two isolated pawns: Black's weak pawns are easier to attack and he crumbles. 25...a4 26.bxa4 Bf8 27.Ra1?+/- (27.Bb4! is more consistent. 27...Bd6 28.a5 Bxe5 29.Qxe5! Kg7 30.g4 Bb5 31.Qxc7 Rxc7 32.g5!+/- ) 27...Bxc5 28.dxc5 Qxc5 29.Bb4 Qc2 30.Re2 Qc4 31.a5 Bf5 32.Be7 Ne4 33.g4 Nc3?+/- (33...Be6+/=) 34.Re3 Bd7 35.Bf6 Bb5 36.Rxc3 1-0 Gomez Esteban,J - Diez Fraile,D/Subijana de Alava 2002 **11.e3!? Qc7** [11...Qb4 12.Ne1 intending on b5 13.axb5 axb5 14.Nd3+- **12.Qc2 b6 13.d5 Ne5 14.Nd2!** Refusing to trade with a space advantage. **14...Bd7** Wanting to push ...b5 but this takes away a flight square from Ne5 allowing White to gain time. **15.h3! Be8** 15...b5? 16.f4+- **16.f4 Ned7 17.Kh2** A prophylactic move. 17.e4 is also playable right away. 17...Nh5 18.Kh2 Bh6 (18...Bd4 19.g4+/=) 19.Nf3+/- ; 17.Bf3!? **17...h5?!** Loosens the king and does not really prevent White from doing anything. **18.e4 Nh7 19.Rae1** Now White is ready for e4-e5. 19.e5!? dxe5 20.f5 with compensation was also possible; 19.Nf3!+/- is best. 19...e5 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.Rad1+/- **19...e5!? 20.dxe6!** Now is the time to change the central pawn structure and aim for an open game. 20.f5 is a slower plan. **20...fxe6 21.f5!? 21.Nf3!+/-** Clearing the d-file is best so White can target d6. **21...Bf7 22.fxe6 Bxe6 23.Nd5!** 23.e5!? Nxe5 24.Nd5 Bxd5 25.Bxd5+ Kh8 26.Bxe5 Bxe5 27.Nf3!+/- **23...Bxd5 24.exd5 Rxf1 25.Rxf1 Nhf8+/- 26.Ne4!?** 26.Be4 Bxb2 27.Qxb2 also seemed inconclusive. 27...Ne5 28.Kg2+/- ; 26.Bc1 Ne5 27.Nf3 Nxf3+ 28.Bxf3+/- ; 26.Bxg7! is the best. 26...Kxg7 27.Nf3 Re8 28.Ng5 Ne5 29.Be4 Qe7 30.h4+/- **26...Bxb2 27.Qxb2+/- Ne5** Alternatives leave White with a clear advantage. 27...Nh7 28.Re1 Re8 29.Qc3 a5 Else White plays a5. 30.h4 Ne5 31.Bh3+/- ; 27...b5 This break just loses a pawn. 28.axb5 axb5 29.cxb5 Nh7 (29...Rxb5? Black does not have time to take the pawn back. 30.Qf2! Kh8 (30...Rb8 31.Qf7+ Kh8 32.Nf6+-) 31.Qf7 Forces the win of material or mate. 31...Qd8 32.Nxd6+-) 30.Qe2 Qb6 31.Qe3+/- **28.Rf6!** Correctly targeting the weak d6-pawn. Up until now, White's play has been quite forceful. Now for no good reason my play begins to waver. **28...Nf7 29.Rf1?** Missing the point of the buildup. 29.Qd2!? White can play on the dark squares and transfer the queen to the kingside immediately. 29...Qe7 30.Qf4 Rd8 31.h4 Ne5 32.Bh3 Kg7 33.Kg2+/- ; 29.Re6! should win easily. 29...Ne5 30.Rxd6 Ned7 (30...Nfd7 31.Re6+-) 31.h4+- Black is down a critical pawn and is under a massive attack. **29...Ne5 30.Rf6 Nf7**



**31.Rf1?** Obviously played. White misses a nice attacking continuation involving an exchange sacrifice. 31.Re6!! Ne5 (31...Nxe6? Accepting the exchange gives white a massive attack. 32.Nf6+ Kf8 33.dxe6 Ne5 34.Qf2 Kg7 35.Nd5 Qd8 36.e7 Qe8 37.Qf6+ Kh6 38.Qxd6 Nc6 39.Be4+- ) 32.Rxd6 Qe7 33.Qc3 Ned7 34.a5 bxa5 35.Rxa6+- **31...Ne5 32.Rf6 Rd8?** (0.37-1.26) 32...Nf7 33.Re6+- **33.Ng5?=-** White gets bluffed out. This wastes a tempo and declines to win on the spot. 33.Nxd6 Nfd7 34.Re6+- did not seem so clear to me but this is the result of poor analysis. There is no way to exploit the loose looking White pieces as Ne5 is hanging too; 33.Rxd6 Nd3 (33...Ng4+

was my worry but it loses for Black. 34.hxg4 Rxd6 35.Qe5! This is what I had missed. 35...Rd7 36.d6!+- ) 34.Qf6 Rxd6 35.Nxd6+- **33...Qe7** The game starts again. **34.Ne4 h4?+/-** Too ambitious. Black succeeds only in weakening his king. **35.Qf2!** Secures the kingside dark squares to reduce counterplay. 35.gxh4 Nh7 36.Re6 Qxh4 37.Qd2+/- **35...hxg3+ 36.Qxg3 Kg7 37.h4!** This allows the possibility of Bh3-e6 and prevents ...g5/...Ng6-f4. **37...Nfd7? 38.Re6!** Kicking the queen to the back rank before taking the pawn is useful to deny Black's rook access to the h-file. 38.Rxd6 also wins but the text is more precise. 38...Rh8 39.Kh3+- **38...Qf8 39.Nxd6** (time trouble - 0.19) Now White takes the pawn safely. **39...Kh7 40.Qg5 b5**



**41.h5!** Ruthlessly opening lines. 41.Re7+ Kh8 42.Rxe5! Nxe5 43.Qxe5+ Kg8 (43...Qg7? 44.Nf7+!) 44.Ne4+- is faster. **41...Kg8** 41...gxh5?? 42.Be4+ Kh8 43.Rh6+! **42.hxg6** Winning another pawn and keeping things simple. 42.h6?! bxa4 43.bxa4 Rb8 44.Re7 Rb2 45.Rxe5 Nxe5 46.Qxe5 Qxh6+ 47.Kg3 Rb3+ with counterplay; 42.Nf5! I kept missing this over and over due to lack of tactical imagination. 42...Re8 43.Nh6+ Kh8 (43...Kg7 44.Rxg6+ Nxd6 45.Qxg6+ Kh8 46.Nf7+-) 44.hxg6+- **42...bxa4 43.bxa4** 43.Nf5!+- **43...Nf6!? 44.Nf7** This is good enough to win despite the appearance of some Black activity. 44.Rxf6 is also winning but requires a bit more work. 44...Qxf6 45.Qxf6 Ng4+ 46.Kg3 Nxf6 47.Nf5!+- White is close to winning. 47...Kf8 48.Kf4 Nh5+ 49.Kg5 Ng7 50.Bh3 Nxf5 51.Bxf5 Kg7 52.a5 Rd6 53.Be6 Rd8 54.Kf5 Rh8 55.Bf7 Rh1 (55...Kf8 56.d6+-) 56.d6 Rd1 57.Ke6+- ; 44.Nf5! Nfg4+ 45.Kg3+- **44...Nfg4+ 45.Kg3 Rb8 46.Nxe5+-** Black does not have perpetual. 46.Rxe5! is even stronger. 46...Nxe5 47.Qxe5+- 47...Rb3+ 48.Kg4 Qg7 49.Qe8+ Qf8 50.Nh6+ The Q+N coordinate beautifully with the passed pawns while the bishop waits in reserve. 50...Kg7 51.Nf5+ Kg8 52.Qe6+ Kh8 53.Qe5+ Kg8 54.Ne7+ Qxe7 55.Qxe7+- **46...Qf2+ 47.Kxg4 Qxg2+ 48.Kf4 Qd2+ 49.Kg4 Qg2+ 50.Kh5! Qh3+ 51.Qh4 Qf5+ 52.Kh6 Qf1 53.Nd7!** Consolidating by preventing ...Rf8. **53...Qc1+ 54.Kh5 Qd1+ 55.Qg4** 55.Kg5 is faster. 55...Qc1+ 56.Kf6 Qf1+ 57.Ke7+- **55...Qh1+ 56.Kg5 Qc1+ 57.Qf4 Qg1+ 58.Kf6** Hiding in Black's position forces the end of the checks and wins quickly. **58...Ra8 59.Ke7!** Threatening Nf6+ **59...Kg7 60.Qf7+?** Time trouble - missing a quick mate. 60.Qf6+ Kh6 (60...Kg8 61.Qf7+ Kh8 62.Qh7#) 61.Qh4+ Kg7 62.Qh7# **60...Kh6 61.g7+ Kg5 62.Rg6+ 1-0**

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## BROWSING FOR ENDGAMES by Dan Scoones

While analysing the game **Svidler – Morozevich** from the **2003 Russian Championship**, I noticed a big improvement for White that would have greatly simplified the winning process. The game began:

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.Nxe5 d6 4.Nf3 Nxe4 5.d4 d5 6.Bd3 Bd6 7.O-O O-O 8.c4 c6 9.Qc2 Na6 10.a3 f5 11.Nc3 Nc7 12.b4 a5 13.b5 Bd7 14.Rb1 Kh8 15.c5 Be7 16.bxc6 bxc6 17.Bf4 Ne6 18.Be5 Be8 19.Rb6 Qc8 20.Nd2 Bg5 21.Nb3 Bh5 22.a4 Qe8 23.f3 N6xc5 24.Nxe4 Nxe4 25.Rb7 Bf6 26.fxe4 Bxe5 27.dxe5 fxe4 28.Rxf8+ Qxf8 29.Be2 Bxe2 30.Qxe2



Our story so far... From his favourite Russian Defence, Morozevich has fought stubbornly against Svidler's attempts to break his grip on the central light squares. In pursuit of this strategy he has acquiesced to the sacrifice of a piece for several pawns. But the hardened warrior Svidler hasn't exactly been stuck in camp either. Besides taking control of the seventh rank, his major accomplishment has been the stranding of a weak Black pawn on a5, which is now under direct attack.

In the first diagram it is Morozevich's turn to play and his priority task is eliminating the White pawn on e5, which is threatening to advance to e7. However, the specific arrangement of pieces gives Svidler an opportunity to force an advantageous exchange of queens.

30...Qf5 31.Qf2 Qxe5 32.Qg3! Qxg3 33.hxg3 h6 34.Kf2 Rf8+ 35.Ke2 Rf6 36.Nxa5 Rg6



White has made definite progress. The exchange of queens has reduced Black's counterplay, plus White has captured Black's a-pawn. Although it is clear that Black is on the back foot, the second player still has two things going for him. His central pawn phalanx remains intact, and he has counterplay against White's kingside pawns. However, it is hard to imagine that he can hold out in



the long run. It is going to be difficult for Black to advance his pawns without losing at least one of them. If he allows the exchange of rooks, then in most cases he can resign immediately. The only ray of hope is that White might blunder away his a-pawn.

Before getting to the improvement let's see what happened in the game:

### **37.Kf2 Rf6+ 38.Ke1 e3**

Svidler gave 38...Rg6 39.Rb6 d4 (or 39...Rxc3 40.Nxc6 Rxc2 41.a5 Kh7 42.a6 and wins) 40.Nxc6 d3 41.a5 Rxc3 (41...e3 42.Ne5 d2+ 43.Ke2 Rxc3 44.Rg6 and wins) 42.a6 e3 43.a7 d2+ (43...Rxc2 44.a8Q+ Kh7 45.Kf1 and wins) 44.Kd1 Rxc2 45.Rb8+ Kh7 46.Rd8!+ and White wins.

### **39.Re7 d4**

Black can put up stronger resistance after 39...c5! 40.Rc7 c4 41.Rc5 Ra6 42.Ke2 d4 43.Nc6 Rxa4 44.Nxd4 Ra2+ 45.Kxe3 Rxc2 46.Kf4 g6 47.Rxc4, but White must still be winning here. One scheme that makes further progress is rook on c7, knight on e5, and then the move Rc6.

### **40.Nb3 c5 41.a5**

In his notes to the game in *Informant* 88, Svidler gave the laconic 41.Nxc5 "and wins." This line should be continued: 41...Rb6 42.Ke2 Rb2+ 43.Kd3 Rd2+ 44.Kc4 e2 45.a5 Kg8 46.a6 Kf8 47.Re5 Ra2 48.Kb3 Ra5 49.Kb4 Ra2 50.Na4, etc.

### **41...Ra6 42.Ke2 Rg6**

42...c4 43.Nxd4 Rxa5 44.Rc7 Ra2+ 45.Kxe3 Rxc2 46.Kf4 is similar to the note to Black's 39th move above.

### **43.Nxc5 Rxc3 44.a6 Rxc2+ 45.Kd3 Rd2+**

Svidler noted the trap 45...Ra2 46.a7? e2! and Black draws, but he also showed that 46.Kxd4 e2 47.Kd3 wins for White.

### **46.Kc4 Kh7 47.a7 Ra2 48.Kb5 d3 49.Na6!**

Morozevich resigned here. After 49... d2 50.a8Q d1Q White has 51.Qe4+ Kg8 52.Re8+ Kf7 53.Qe6 mate.

Now for the improvement. Go back to the position after Black's move 36...Rg6 and have a look at this idea:

### **37.Nb3!! Rxc3 38.Kf1!**

It turns out that White does not have to worry too much about his kingside pawns or indeed Black's central pawns. With his knight on the correct square he can simply queen his a-pawn before Black can get anything serious going. Here are the two main variations:

**A. 38...d4 39.a5 d3 40.a6 d2 41.Nxd2 Ra3 42.a7 Kh7 43.Nc4 Ra1+ 44.Kf2 Kg6 45.Nb6 and wins;**

**B. 38...Rc3 39.a5 Rc2**

If White had played the less-accurate 38.Kf2?!, he would now be in check and Black would gain a vital tempo for getting his rook behind the a-pawn.

**40.a6 Ra2 41.a7 Kh7 42.Nd4 c5 43.Nc6 d4 44.Rb5!**

Threatening 45.Ra5. Black has one idea left, but it doesn't quite work.

**44...Ra1+ 45.Kf2 e3+ 46.Ke2 Ra2+ 47.Kf3 Rf2+ 48.Kg3 Rf1 49.Rb8! e2 50.Re8 Ra1 51.Rxe2**  
and wins.

A bit long perhaps, but clear-cut and not that difficult to calculate.

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## **Gam Gallery Chess Nights**

Date: Thursday, October 14, and Thursday, October 28, 2010

Place: Gam Gallery, 110 East Hastings, Vancouver

Time: 8 PM

Type: Unrated

Entry Fee: \$3

Registration: On site at 7:45 PM or contact Jamie Reid at: [thegam@live.com](mailto:thegam@live.com) Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. No membership required.

Website <http://www.gamgallery.com>

## **The 25th Jack Taylor Memorial Chess Tournament**

A 5 round Swiss Nov. 20-21, 2010

Rated by the Victoria Chess Club (CFC membership not required)

When: Nov. 20-21, 2010

Where: Royal Scott Hotel and Suites, 425 Quebec St. Victoria BC. (Downtown Victoria at the Inner Harbour, see map at bottom of page)

Rounds: Saturday Nov. 20 at 10:00am, 2:00pm, 7:00pm; Sunday Nov. 21 at: 10:00 pm, 2:00pm

Time Control: Game/90 minutes + 30 seconds increment

Prizes: 1st: \$75, U1800 \$50. (Guaranteed)

Entry Fees: Early Bird (paid on or before Oct. 31) - \$25; Registered on or before Nov. 15 - \$30; On site - \$35.

Accommodation: at Royal Scott Hotel and Suites, \$89/night, (250) 388-5463

Transportation: Close to (walking distance) Pacific Coach Line Terminal, Coho and Clipper ferry.

Registration: Online at <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/Jack-Taylor-Memorial>, at the Victoria Chess Club (see Roger Patterson), by email to [victoriachessclub@gmail.com](mailto:victoriachessclub@gmail.com), or on site 8:30am-9:30am (after 9:30, a Swiss pairing is not guaranteed)

Contact: Roger Patterson at [victoriachessclub@gmail.com](mailto:victoriachessclub@gmail.com) or see the website:

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TD: Mark S. Dutton, IA

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