

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #209

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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Victoria Active Fundraiser (February 20) by Paul Leblanc

Twenty-two players participated in an active chess fundraising event at the Victoria Chess Club on Sunday February 20th. A total of \$231 was raised to help offset expenses for the upcoming 5th annual Grand Pacific Open 22-24 April 2011. WFM Valeria Gansvind finished clear first, giving up only a hard fought draw in the last round to Derek Chu who took second place on tiebreak. Sharing second to fourth with Chu were CFC Vice-President Mark Dutton and World Under 10 Champion Jason Cao. The U1700 trophy was won by Deron Stewart on tiebreak with Phynn Maison who made his debut in Canadian chess having previously played in Britain. Garth Edgar captured the U1400 prize on tiebreak with Braven Rayne. Of interest, Tom Sprandel, President of the Illinois Chess Association happened to be on holidays on Vancouver Island and graced the event with his presence. [report and crosstable](#)

Aeroflot Open (February 8-16)

The Aeroflot Open ended with a three-way tie for first between defending champion Le Quang Liem, Nikita Vitiugov, and Evgeny Tomashevsky, all on 6.5/9. Canadians Mark Bluvshstein and Thomas Roussel-Roozmon did not fare well, but the tournament is one of the strongest Swisses in the world.



Anton Smirnov playing Doug Sly in round three

B.C.'s Doug Sly was a participant in the "C" Section (restricted to those under 2300 FIDE) and scored a respectable 1.5, his points coming early in the event. Here are his comments after his round three victory:

"Today I beat a 9 year-old Russian kid rated 2007 and I am quite mixed about my effort. I was better out of the opening which is very rare for me and I increased my advantage to about Rybka +1.30, then I sacrificed a pawn which Rybka liked very much but gave it all away to about -.50 with some unnecessary zwischenzugs and then I made a big error and had to give up the exchange. The kid started to play too fast and gave a rook away to a simple knight fork?? I didn't know somebody with a rating as high as his, especially a Russian, could play so poorly. His dad is a master. Hope to play more consistently. Met Victor Plotkin from Montreal I think who has played Aeroflot five of the last six years. He is Israeli-Russian-Canadian. He remarked that the competition here is very strong and his rating here is about 2240 whereas his CFC rating is the very inflated 2434 or something. Have a look at Le Quam Liem's fabulous Nh1!!!! to win round 3 and lead the tournament with the sole perfect score. I am almost certainly in over my head here (I play another Russian rated about 2070 tomorrow) but hopefully I will gain some experience and play more solidly next year.

Very cold here today: strong wind and -20 or less I think especially with the windchill. But pretty clear Russian winter. Ice everywhere, lots of snow, footing is treacherous. I went downtown and had a fabulous dinner at a little cafe and it didn't cost too much (430 roubles which is about \$14.50)."

[tournament website](#)

Lenic, Luka - Le, Quang Liem [B38] Aeroflot Open 2011 A Moscow (3), 10.02.2011

1.Nf3 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.e4 c5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 0-0 8.Be2 d6 9.0-0 Bd7 10.Rc1 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Bc6 12.f3 Nd7 13.Be3 a5 14.b3 Nc5 15.Qd2 Qb6 16.Nb5 Rfc8 17.Kh1 Qd8 18.Nd4 Bd7 19.Rfd1 h5 20.Bf1 Kh7 21.Ne2 Bc6 22.Nf4 Bh6 23.Qf2 Qh8 24.Rc2 Qf6 25.Nd5 Bxd5 26.Rxd5 Bxe3 27.Qxe3 Qa1 28.Kg1 Nd7 29.Qg5 Nf6 30.Rxa5 Qd4+ 31.Rf2 Rc5 32.Qxc5 dxc5 33.Rxa8 h4 34.b4 cxb4 35.Ra5 Nh5 36.Rd5 Qe3 37.Rd3 Qa7 38.Rd5 Ng3 39.c5 e6 40.Rd7 Qxc5 41.Rxf7+ Kh6 42.Rxb7



42...Nh1 0-1

CHESS AT LANSDOWNE

On the weekend of February 19-20 chess returned to what has become the new home of BC Junior chess in the Lower Mainland, Lansdowne Shopping Centre in Richmond. As with the January events, the festivities were centred around two rated tournaments, one open, one scholastic, along with various public side events. These included informal play, lessons, simulms, and competition on the giant chess set provided by Branimir Brebrich, Hee Seid, Clement Cheng, and others.

Events such as this do not take place without a large degree of organization and volunteer help, and we extend our thanks to Lansdowne Shopping Centre, Ken and Wendy Jensen, Michael and Lara Lo, Wolfram Herdin, Beau and Julie Pulfer, Ron Hui, Jimmy Han, Richard Reid, Kapila Jayaweera, Anca Datcu, Keith Dawson, Savvas Kyriakides, Kevin Chen, Geoff Napieralski, Sophia Hague, Lester Yee, Susan McFee (apologies if I've forgotten/omitted anyone) for helping to make the weekend a success.

February Open (February 19-20)

The format and organization of this five-round Swiss was exactly the same as the previous New Year Open, with the exception that the time control was altered to include a 15 second increment. From a technical point of view this meant that article 10.2, the quickplay finish, no longer applied, but players could still stop recording when they had five minutes or less left for the game (recording is mandatory only when the increment is 30 seconds or greater). The practical outcome was the elimination of the severest time scrambles, consequently many more of the games reached their logical conclusion without the clock becoming a decisive factor.

The twenty-player field was competitive and included three players over 2300 and two former B.C. champions. After the first day Mayo Fuentebella held a half-point lead over IM Vicente Lee Jr., who had been nicked for a draw by Nicholas Spears in round two. Lee managed to hold an inferior position against Fuentebella in round four, which left Mayo maintaining his half-point lead going into the last round ahead of four players with 3.0/4. Both games on the top two boards were decisive, which resulted in clear winners for all the prizes: Mayo Fuentebella first, Butch Villavieja second, with Jofrel Landingin taking the U2000 prize. We are used to successful chess players being from Russia or from former Eastern Bloc countries, but all of the prizewinners in this event were of Filipino origin!

Strong performances also came from Nathaniel Knox (1058), who scored 2.5 including a draw against a 1729, and Omar Jessa (1410), returning to competitive chess after an absence of several years, who drew against Spears in the last round. Other notable results were Joanne Foote (1448) drawing with Joe Roback (1828) and Alice Xiao (1770) beating Kevin Goodman (2026).

[crosstable](#)

February Scholastic (February 20)

Seventy-three juniors participated in this K-12 event; they competed against players in their own grade, with the exception of K-1 and 7-12 (combined sections) and Luke Pulfer, who sought a stiffer challenge by entering the grade 6 section. The prizewinners were as follows:

Kindergarten

- 1 Harmony Zhu, Kevin Low
- 2 Kevin Butchart
- 3 Ben Pulfer, Matthew Xia, Kabir Mann

Grade 1

- 1 Benjamin Dou
- 2 Mattias Parker, Victor Zheng
- 3 Michael Shu

Grade 2

- 1 Philip Chen
- 2 Reese Watabayashi
- 3 Neo Wu

Grade 3

- 1 Kevin Meng
- 2 Ashton Taylor, Rinna Yu, Eva Shu, Ryan Leong
- 3 Nikolaos Kyriakides, Mason Lee

Grade 4

- 1 Frank Hou
- 2 Lahiru Jayaweera, Henrik Parker
- 3 Danny Liu, Samuel Chen, Maven Zheng

[complete results](#)

Grade 5

- 1 Robin Yu
- 2 Eric Zhang, Jennifer Zhang, Ashley Tapp, Cassidy Fu
- 3 Dalong Hu, James Li

Grade 6

- Section winner Luke Pulfer (grade 1!)
- 1 Owen Napieralski, Kevin Hu
 - 2 Jeffrey Dawson
 - 3 Adam Rahemtulla

Grade 7

- 1 Ziyao Sun
- 2 Jamal Chu
- 3 Ian Leighton

Grade 8

- 1 Kyle Zheng
- 2 Hasara Samayawardhena

Grade 9

- 1 Austin Luo
- 2 Alex Datcu-Romano

Grade 11

- 1 Aravind Rao

JACK YOOS ANNOTATES

Wu, Howard - Yoos, Jack [B67] BC ch Victoria (5), 10.10.2010

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bg5 a6 7.Qd2 e6 8.0-0-0 Bd7 Howard and I have played this variation countless times over the years but this is the first time I was ever on the Black side of it. After all of those games he convinced me of its merit. **9.f4 b5** I won't go into much detail about this opening as I already covered it in annotations to our previous games published in Stephen's bulletin. **9...Qb6 10.Nxc6 Bxc6 11.Qe1 0-0-0 12.Bxf6 gxf6 13.Qh4 Rg8 14.Qxh7 Bg7 15.f5 Qe3+ 16.Kb1 Bxe4 17.Nxe4 Qxe4 18.Bd3 Qg4 19.h3 Qg5 20.fxe6 fxe6 21.Rhe1 e5 22.h4 Qg3 23.Be4+/-** Yoos-Wu, Dan MacAdam Memorial, Victoria 2005 ([Bulletin #62](#)). **10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Nxc6** [11.Kb1 Qb6 12.Nxc6 Bxc6 13.Qe1 0-0-0 14.Bd3 b4 15.Ne2 d5 16.Ng3 (16.e5 f5 17.Nd4 Bb7 18.Nf3 Be7 19.Qe2 Rhg8 with counterplay, Yoos-Wu, RR Invitational, Victoria 2003) 16...h5 17.Qe2 h4 18.exd5 Bxd5 19.Ne4 Bb7 20.f5 with the initiative, Yoos-Wu, BC ch 2004 ([Bulletin #44](#)). **11...Bxc6 12.Qe3** 12.Qe1 Qb6 13.Nd5 Bxd5 14.exd5 e5 15.Qe4 Rc8 16.Kb1 Be7 17.Be2 Rc7 18.Rhf1 h6 19.fxe5 fxe5 20.Rxf7+- Yoos-Wu, RR Invitational, Victoria 2005 ([Bulletin #68](#)). **12...Qe7** This looks odd, but it is by far the most common move played here. Black wants to prevent Nd5, but is not ready to commit to caging the bishop inside the pawn chain with Be7. **13.Bd3 Qa7 14.Qh3** Still all well known. 14.Qe1 was the choice of Radjabov against Miton back in 2006; 14.Qe2 is also reasonable. **14...b4 15.Ne2 Qc5** This keeps the bishop off of c4 and stabilizes many of the key squares. **16.Rhe1** As far as the games I could find online, this is the first new move.

However, it is not unthematic as White has played this a move or two later after moves like Kb1 and f5. **16...a5 17.Kb1 a4?! Risky. 17...Rb8 18.c4 h5**



Considering that Black has a lot of artillery amassed in the centre I thought it was prudent to keep the position closed. **18...bxc3 19.Nxc3 Rb8** could also be considered. **19.f5 e5 20.Qh4 a3 21.b3** White is unable to grab the pawn because **21.Qxf6? Rh7 22.b3?? Be7** traps the queen. **21...Qe3 22.Rf1?! This gives me the time to activate my rook. 22.Ng1+/- 22...Rg8 23.Rf3 Qc5 24.Rg3 24.Qxf6 Rxc2-/+ 24...Rxc3 25.Qxc3 0-0-0 26.Rf1?! Too passive. White had to attack some targets to tie down my pieces. After this my pieces run free. 26.Qh3 Qf2 27.Qxh5 Qxc2 unclear. 26...Bh6 27.Rf3 Bg5-/+**



This may not look so bad for White, but the problem is that Howard is completely lacking any counterplay. The weakness of e4 and b2 paralyzes him. The only question now is how do I break through. **28.h4 Bh6 29.Kc2 Kc7 30.Kb1 Kb6 31.Bc2 Bb7 32.Bd3 Kc7** I knew that to make progress I needed to attack the e-pawn so that I could get control of the g-file. Nothing was happening in this position until I said so, and so I was shuffling around to buy time on the clock as I figured out how I was going to go about it. **33.Bc2 Rh8 34.Bd3 Bc6** I finally decided the set up I would use. The queen is going to b7. **35.Bc2 Qb6 36.Qe1 Qb7 37.Ng1?! Passive. This gives me a free hand. 37.Ng3 Rg8 38.Nxh5 Rxc2-/+ 37...Rg8 38.Rf2 Rg4-+ 39.Re2 Qb6 40.Nf3**

Bf4 41.Bd3 Qc5 42.Bc2 Bg3 43.Qh1 Rf4 44.Qd1 There was nothing better. Other moves also had problems. **44.Bd3 Bxh4 45.Nxh4 Qd4; 44.Kc1 Rxf3 45.gxf3 Qd4 44...Bxh4 45.Nxh4 Rxh4 46.Re1 Rg4 47.Qd2 h4 48.Kc1 Rf4 49.Qd3 Rf2 50.Re2 Rf1+ 50...Rxe2** also wins **51.Qxe2 Qd4 52.Bd3 Qc3+ 53.Qc2 Qe1+ 54.Qd1 Qe3+ 55.Qd2 Qg1+ 56.Kc2 Qa1 57.Qxb4 Qxa2+ 58.Kd1 Qb1+ 59.Ke2 Qb2+ 60.Ke1 a2 61.Qa5+ Kb7 62.Qb4+ Kc8 51.Bd1 Rf2 52.Rd2 52.Bc2 Rxe2 53.Qxe2 Qg1+ 54.Bd1 Qd4 52...Rxd2 53.Kxd2 Qf2+ 54.Be2 Qf4+ 0-1**

Yoos, Jack - Patterson, Roger [C25] BC ch Victoria (6), 11.10.2010

1.e4 e5 2.Nc3 Everyone knows I play the King's Gambit. I also dabble with a few other things such as the Scotch and the Vienna so as not to be entirely predictable. Since this was a must win situation, there was no doubt in my mind that I would play a King's Gambit. But just in case Roger prepared for it, I thought I would fiddle with the move order. In hindsight, this was not the right way to go about it. **2...Nc6 3.f4** It's extremely risky to go for a King's Gambit from this position as the knight on c6 assists in defence in the sharpest accepted variations. **3.Bc4; 3.g3. 3...exf4 4.Nf3?! 4.d4!? 4...g5** About here I started to have some anxiety about my opening choice as the gambit options from here on are highly questionable. **5.h4** Leading to a form of Allgaier Gambit. **5.Bc4?! g4 6.0-0 (6.d4 gxf3 7.Qxf3 d5 8.Bxd5 (8.Nxd5 Nxd4 9.Qc3 Bg7 10.Bxf4 Ne6 11.Be5 Qh4+ 12.Kf1 f6-/+)** **8...Nxd4 9.Bxf7+ Kxf7 10.Qh5+ Kg7 11.0-0 Nf6 12.Qg5+ Kf7 13.Bxf4 Rg8 14.Qh4 Rg4**

15.Qf2 Ne6 16.Be3 Kg7 and White did not find enough compensation in Shabalov-Sherzer, Philadelphia, 1994) 6...gxf3 7.d4 (7.Qxf3 Ne5 8.Qxf4 Qf6-/+) 7...Nxd4! 8.Qxd4?? Qg5-+ **5...g4 6.Ng5 d6** After this uncommon move order I had a panic as I suddenly remembered that Black can force a draw with 7...f6. 6...h6 is more common. **7.d4 7.Bc4?** Ne5 8.Bb3 h6-+ **7...h6 7...f6 8.Nh3 gxh3 9.Qh5+ Kd7 10.Qf5+ Ke8 11.Qh5+ Kd7= 8.Nxf7** This may seem odd, but now I felt relatively comfortable. The forcing variations are done and now we just have a gambit position where White will have dynamic play in exchange for the piece. **8...Kxf7 9.Bc4+ 9.Bxf4** is a worthwhile alternative. **9...Kg7 10.Bxf4 Be7 10...Nf6**



11.g3!? Maybe even dubious. I was actually more concerned about the possibility of having my dark-squared bishop exchanged than losing the h-pawn. But certainly a nineteenth-century player would have just kept developing. 11.0-0 **11...Nf6 12.Be3** I hated to lose time with this, but I didn't want to let my dark-squared bishop be traded off after ...Nh5. **12...Bd7 13.Qd2 Qe8 14.0-0-0** At this point it is a true gambit. There are no combinations evident. The compensation is in the position. A computer would not assess White's position kindly. **14...Qh5 15.Qg2 Raf8 16.Rhe1 Bc8 17.a3** I am not even going to pretend I know what was going on during the next several moves. This is too complicated to analyze with any accuracy and so I was playing it by feel. **17...a6 18.Ne2 Bd8**

19.Nf4 Qe8 20.e5 I decided it was time to make my move. **20...dxe5 21.dxe5**



21...Qxe5?! Roger had indicated after the game that he felt he had no choice but to accept everything. Considering what happened, here would be a good place to look for an alternative. 21...Nh5 22.e6 unclear. **22.Bd4 Qxd4** It was too dangerous to try to keep the queen: 22...Qf5 23.Bd3 Qa5 24.Bc3 Qc5 25.Qe4 with an attack. **23.Rxd4 Nxd4 24.Qd2** I also considered 24.c3 Nf5 25.Be6. **24...Nf5 24...c5 25.c3** with an attack. **25.Qd3 Re8 26.Be6+-** Now White will win the material back and then some. **26...Bxe6** Black cannot maintain the pin... 26...Nd6 27.Kd1. **27.Rxe6 Nd6 27...Ne7 28.Rxe7+;** 27...Rxe6 28.Nxe6+ Kg6 29.Nf4+ **28.Qg6+ Kf8 29.Rxf6+ Bxf6 30.Qxf6+ Kg8 31.Qg6+ Kf8 32.Ne6+ Ke7 32...Rxe6 33.Qxe6 h5 34.c4** and after the posted knight gets dislodged the queen will pick off the stragglers. **33.Nxc7 1-0**

Steinger, Gavin - Yoos, Jack [B60] BC ch Victoria (7), 11.10.2010

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Bg5 a6 7.Qd2 Qb6 8.Nxc6?! Although this is not terrible, I think it must be a concession. **8...bxc6 9.Be2 9.Na4 9...h6?!** I was very unhappy about this move afterward. h6 was a hang nail for the rest of the game. 9...e6 I would have preferred this; 9...Qxb2 I mistakenly spent a lot of time calculating this rabbit hole. Unless you work it out using Fritz ahead of time, taking a pawn like this is not worth the headache. **10.Be3 Qc7 11.0-0 e6 12.f4 Bb7** My danger alarms were going off and so I decided to play rock solid and over protect everything. **13.Rad1 Be7 14.Kh1 Rd8 15.Qe1 d5 16.e5 Nd7 17.Qg3 g6** If I was wanting to go for it, I would have seriously considered 17...0-0. **18.Bg4 Nf8**



Keeping with the plan of being rock solid. The tournament was in my control and so I wanted to wait and see what happened on other boards before taking any risks. **19.Ne2 c5 20.c3 h5 21.Bh3 a5 22.Ng1 a4 23.Nf3 Rb8 24.Ng5 Bc8 25.Bc1 Rb6 26.Rf2 Qb7 27.Qd3 Qa6** At this point I felt the dangers in my position had resolved. Black is a bit better here. **28.Qd2 Nd7** The other games ended in a draw and so I also offered a draw to secure first place.... also with plenty of time to catch the ferry back to Vancouver. **1/2-1/2**

Eac Chess-Arts Club Tournament 5

Date: February 26 - 27

Place: 14524 - 91b Ave. Surrey

Format: 5 Rounds: Swiss System

Time Control: 75 Mins with 30 Secs Delay or Increment

Round Times: Saturday 10:30am, 2:00pm and 6:00pm, Sunday 10:30am and 2:00pm

Type: Regular Swiss, CFC Rated (CFC Membership Required)

Entry Fee: \$35

Prizes: Based on Entries

Registration: Pre-registration or at the club - contact Alonso Campos (Orgz & TD) 604-767-5153 or email him at: ac-777-ac-888@live.com

Misc: Bring your own clock if you have one. No Club Membership Required

First Metropolitan International

In Los Angeles in August there will be a nine-round Swiss offering title norms, a rare opportunity on the West Coast. Featured players included Michael Adams and Loek van Wely. [further details](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior

<http://www.bcjuniorchess.com/calendar/>

<http://victoriajuniorchess.pbworks.com/Tournament-Schedule>

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

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

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EAC Chess Arts Open #5

February 26-27, Surrey

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

March Active

March 27, Vancouver

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

Keres Fundraising Simul by Jack Yoos

March 27, Vancouver

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

April Active

April 10, Vancouver

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

5th Grand Pacific Open

April 22-25, Victoria

Details: <http://grandpacificopen.pbworks.com/w/page/15387541/FrontPage>

36th Paul Keres Memorial

May 20-23, Richmond

Details: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/w/page/1785469/FrontPage>