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36TH PAUL KERES MEMORIAL (May 20-23)



This year's Keres Memorial saw a mixture of new and familiar elements. Among the former was the site, the River Rock Casino Resort, and a number of the players, several of whom combined to take home the lion's share of the prize fund. Chief among the latter was the presence of Seattle IM Georgi Orlov, who has competed in the last sixteen Keres tournaments, and after tying for first this year has now won the Keres a record ten times! The other titled players in the field were IMs Leon Piasetski and Vicente Lee Jr. and FMs Bindi Cheng and Kevin Gentes; Jack Yoos would have played but was out of province at a wedding. The thirty-five player Open Section also included another six masters and twelve experts, resulting in strong competition for the top prizes; the corollary to this was that anyone who was out of form was going to have a rough time of it. Orlov gave up a draw in the first round and the other masters were gradually nicked for draws (or full points!), which meant no one was able to pull away from the pack. Round five was particularly hard fought, with ten of the top eleven boards ending in draws. Six players were tied for first with 4.5/6 going into the final seventh round; Orlov was the first to finish as he played *va banque* on the black side of a King's Indian and was rewarded with a win against Piasetski. Maxim Doroshenko joined him on 5.5/7 by beating Tarek Toubale on the white side of another King's Indian. This left Bindi Cheng and Butch Villavieja battling it out to see if either of them could take the full point and thus make it a three-way tie for first. A complex dynamic ending was reached which kept the fifteen-plus spectators enthralled for over an hour; in the end they agreed to a draw on the 84th move (the final queen versus rook and advanced passed pawn position is confirmed drawn by tablebases). This left Orlov and Doroshenko alone in first place with Cheng and Villavieja tied for third on 5.0/7; Joe Soliven also scored 5.0 points but was the top U2200. Doroshenko, who was playing in his first regular tournament in Canada (although he tied for first in the B.C. Active Championship back in January) is an MBA student at Simon Fraser University who is returning to chess after a long absence. As a cadet in the 1990s he competed successfully with several players who are now strong GMs, including Levon Aronian, Abhijit Kunte, Emil Sutovsky, and Sergei Movsesian. Doroshenko's performance at the Keres should qualify him for the FM title when the next FIDE ratings list comes out - he also takes the Keres qualifying spot for the next B.C. Championship. Butch Villavieja, a FIDE Arbiter and member of the local Filipino community, is better known through winning a number of the recent monthly active tournaments; the Keres is only his third regular event in this country.

New(ish) players also dominated in the other two sections. In the U2000 Section newcomer Hiva Menbari from Iran tied for first with Igor Kurganskyy, a member of the local Chigorin Chess Club who was also playing in his first CFC event - both scored 6.0/7. The U1800 prize was deservedly

won by Alice Xiao, the current BC U16 girls' champion, with 4.5 points. And in the U1600 Section Gopal Singh Hayer, playing in his second rated tournament, took top honours with 5.5/7, Marcel Holtmann, a German exchange student from Washington State, won the U1400 prize, and Michael D. Greene was awarded the tournament-wide unrated prize - he scored 3.0 points.

As with last year, organizational duties were taken care of by the excellent Victoria team of Brian Raymer, Roger Patterson, and Paul Leblanc; the T.D. was your editor. The site, in the conference centre at the River Rock complex and easily accessible via the Canada Line, was almost ideal and universally praised by those who played, so the drop in numbers compared to last year was both surprising and disappointing. As you are able, support your organizers by playing - otherwise such quality events (and organizers) will disappear ...

Standings, report, and available [games](#); FIDE ratings [report](#); CFC crosstables: [Open](#), [U2000](#), [U1600](#); Previous Keres [winners](#)

Lee Jr., Vicente - Doroshenko, Maxim [E11] Keres mem 36th Richmond (4.3), 22.05.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 Bb4+ 4.Bd2 Qe7 5.Nc3 b6 6.g3 d5 7.Bg2 Bb7 8.cxd5 exd5 9.0-0 0-0 10.Rc1 c6 11.Re1 Nbd7 12.a3 Bxc3 13.Rxc3 Ne4 14.Rc1 c5 15.Be3 c4 16.Nd2 Ndf6 17.Nxe4 Nxe4 18.Bf4 g5 19.Bd2 Nxd2 20.Qxd2 b5 21.Rc3 Rfe8 22.Re3 Qf6 23.Rf3 Qg6 24.Qb4 a6 25.Rc3 Rad8 26.b3 Bc8 27.Rcc1 Qd6 28.Qd2 h6 29.a4 Bf5 30.bxc4 dxc4 31.e4 Bg6 32.d5 f5 33.exf5 Bxf5 34.axb5 axb5 35.Qd4 Bg6 36.h4 gxh4 37.Qxh4 Kh7 38.Rxe8 Rxe8 39.Ra1 Re7 40.Ra8 c3 41.Rc8 c2 42.Qd4 Qe5 43.Qc5 b4 44.Qxb4 Qe1+ 0-1

Orlov, Georgi - Cheng, Bindi [B82] Keres mem 36th Richmond (5.1), 22.05.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.f4 e6 7.Qf3 Qb6 8.Nb3 Qc7 9.Bd3 b5 10.g4 Bb7 11.g5 Nfd7 12.0-0 Be7 13.Qh3 Nc5 14.f5 b4 15.Ne2 Nxd3 16.cxd3 e5 17.f6 gxf6 18.gxf6 Bf8 19.Ng3 Nd7 20.Be3 Qc2 21.Rfd1 Qxb2 22.Na5 Bc8 23.Nc4 Qc2 24.Rac1 Qxa2 25.Nf5 Kd8 26.Rd2 Qb3 27.Rb2 Rg8+ 28.Kh1 Qa4 29.Ncxd6 Nxf6 30.Nxc8 Ng4 31.Nb6 Qa3 32.Rbc2 Bc5 33.Bxc5 Ke8 34.Nxa8 Kd7 35.Nb6+ Ke6 36.Nh6 1-0

Toubale, Tarek - Villavieja, Butch [B31] Keres mem 36th Richmond (5.3), 22.05.2011

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 g6 4.0-0 Bg7 5.Re1 Nf6 6.e5 Nd5 7.Nc3 Nxc3 8.dxc3 Qc7 9.Qd5 a6 10.Bxc6 Qxc6 11.Qxc6 dxc6 12.Be3 b6 13.h3 Bf5 14.Re2 a5 15.Bf4 Be6 16.Rd2 h6 17.a4 g5 18.Bg3 Rd8 19.Rad1 Rxd2 20.Nxd2 0-0 21.Nf1 Rb8 22.Ne3 Kf8 23.Kf1 Ke8 24.Ra1 Kd7 25.Ke2



Kc7 26.f3 Ra8 27.c4 Rd8 28.b3 Rd4 29.Rd1 Kd7 30.Rd3 f6 31.exf6 exf6 32.Be1 Rxd3 33.Kxd3 f5 34.Bc3 Bxc3 35.Kxc3 Kd6 36.Kd3 Ke5 37.Ke2 h5 38.c3 h4 39.Nc2 b5 40.axb5 cxb5 41.cxb5 Bxb3 42.Na3 Bd5 43.c4 Bb7 44.Ke3 a4 45.Nc2 Kd6 46.Kf2 Bc8 47.Ke3 Be6 48.Na3 Kc7 49.f4 g4 50.Kd2 Kb6 51.Kc3 Bc8 52.Nc2 Bb7 53.Ne3 Bxg2 54.hxg4 h3 55.Nxf5 Bf3 56.g5 h2 57.Ng3 Be4 58.Kb2 h1Q 59.Nxh1 Bxh1

(Diagram) 60.f5 Be4 61.f6 Bg6 62.Ka3 Ka5 63.Kb2 Bf7 64.Ka3 Be8 65.Kb2 1/2-1/2

Piaseski, Leon - Orlov, Georgi [E94] Keres mem 36th Richmond (7.1), 23.05.2011

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 0-0 5.d4 d6 6.Be2 Nbd7 7.0-0 e5 8.Qc2 c6 9.Rd1 Qe7 10.Bf1 exd4 11.Nxd4 Ng4 12.Qd2 Nb6 13.f3 Ne5 14.b3 c5 15.Nde2 f5 16.Rb1 fxe4 17.Nxe4 Rxf3 18.Qxd6 Qe8 19.N2g3 Bf5 20.Rb2 Bxe4 21.Nxe4 Nf7 22.Qxc5 Rxf1+ 23.Kxf1 Bxb2 24.Re1 Qe5 25.Bxb2 Qxb2 26.Qe7 Kg7 27.c5 Nd5 28.Qxb7 Rf8 29.Ng5 Kh6 30.Ne6 Nd8+ 0-1

Cheng, Bindi - Villavieja, Butch [A45] Keres mem 36th Richmond (7.2), 23.05.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 Ne4 3.Bf4 c5 4.f3 Qa5+ 5.c3 Nf6 6.Nd2 cxd4 7.Nb3 Qb6 8.Qxd4 Qxd4 9.cxd4 d5 10.Rc1 Nc6 11.e3 e6 12.g4 h6 13.h4 Be7 14.Ne2 Bd7 15.Nc3 a6 16.Na4 Nxd4 17.Nb6 Nxb3 18.axb3 Rd8 19.Bc7 Bc6 20.Rh3 Nd7 21.Bxd8 Bxd8 22.Na4 Ba5+ 23.Kf2 Ke7 24.Bd3 Ne5 25.Be2 Nd7 26.Rhh1 Bb4 27.Bd3 g6 28.Rhd1 Rc8 29.f4 Nf6 30.g5 Ng4+ 31.Ke2 h5 32.e4 d4 33.Rc4 Bd6 34.e5 Bb8 35.Rxd4 Ba7 36.Rd6 Ne3 37.Rc1 Nd5 38.Rxd5 exd5 39.Nc3 Rd8 40.Nd1 a5 41.Nf2 Bd4 42.Rc2 Bb6 43.Rd2 Bd7 44.Kf3 Rc8 45.Bc2 Be6 46.f5 gxf5 47.Nh3 Bc7 48.Kf4 a4 49.Bxf5 axb3 50.Bxe6 Kxe6 51.Re2 Bb8 52.g6 f6 53.Kf3 fxe5 54.Nf4+ Kd6 55.Nxh5



55...e4+ 56.Kg4 Ke6 57.Re3 Be5 58.Rxb3 Rc2 59.Rb6+ Kd7 60.Rxb7+ Kc6 61.Re7 Bxb2 62.g7 Rg2+ 63.Ng3 Bxg7 64.Rxg7 d4 65.Re7 e3 66.Kh3 Rf2 67.h5 Kd6 68.Re8 Kd5 69.Kg4 Kc4 70.h6 d3 71.Re4+ Kc3 72.Rxe3 Kc2 73.Ne4 Re2 74.Kf4 Rh2 75.Kg5 Re2 76.h7 Rxe3 77.h8Q Rxe4 78.Qh7 Rc4 79.Qf5 Kc3 80.Qa5+ Kc2 81.Qa2+ Kc3 82.Qa5+ Kc2 83.Qa2+ Kc3 84.Qa5+ 1/2-1/2

Doroshenko, Maxim - Toubale, Tarek [E92] Keres mem 36th Richmond (7.3), 23.05.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.c4 Bg7 4.Nc3 d6 5.e4 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.Be3 Ng4 8.Bg5 f6 9.Bh4 c6 10.h3 Nh6 11.g4 Qb6 12.Rb1 Nf7 13.d5 a5 14.Na4 Qc7 15.dxc6 bxc6 16.c5 Be6 17.a3 Nd7 18.Qc2 Rfb8 19.Bc4 d5 20.Ba2 Rd8 21.b4 axb4 22.axb4 Nf8 23.exd5 cxd5 24.0-0 d4 25.Bxe6 Nxe6 26.b5 e4 27.Qxe4 Nxc5 28.Nxc5 Qxc5 29.b6 Rab8 30.Rfc1 Qd6 31.Rc6 Qd7 32.Rc7 Qd6 33.Bg3 Qf8 34.Qd3 Ne5 35.Bxe5 fxe5 36.Qc4+ Kh8 37.Ng5 h6 38.Nf7+ Kh7 39.Nxd8 1-0

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE by Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Team BC Captain

On May 22-23, 2011, Victoria, BC hosted the 23rd Annual Canadian Chess Challenge (CCC), where each provincial team brought forth their top Grade 1 to 12 students to compete for the National Championship by grade level. This was the first time that British Columbia has ever hosted this National Championship.

Ida Chong, Minister of Community, Sport and Cultural Development, helped to welcome all the provinces to Victoria, British Columbia and to make the ceremonial first move, with our top Grade 12 student, Loren Laceste, assisting. Loren also led our Team BC into the tournament room

proudly carrying the BC flag. After the traditional handshake and goodwill exchange of provincial pins, round 1 was underway. Time controls for grade 4 to 12 was 25 minutes + 5 sec delay; and grades 1 to 3 had no clock to start, but would have clocks brought in if games were running long.



The first round had BC playing Quebec. BC played hard fought games and was rewarded with a Team BC victory over Quebec (9.5 pts/12 games). This was a very good start for a very strong BC Team, which continued our winning ways by producing team victory after team victory. At the end of the first day, Team BC won all six of our matches and was in a three-way tie for first place with Ontario and Alberta. Four of our players, Luke Pulfer, Joshua Doknjas, FM Jason Cao, and John Doknjas, completed Day 1 with perfect scores (6 pts/6 games). NM Tanraj Sohal and Jack Cheng ended the day undefeated with 5.5 pts/6 games).

The final day began with BC beating New Brunswick and Ontario beating Alberta in the first round (round 7), which left BC and ON tied for first place. Fittingly, BC was matched up with ON in the next round (round 8), and BC fought valiantly, but came up only 1 point short (BC 5.5 pts vs. ON's 6.5 pts). The final round (round 9) paired BC with Alberta, which BC won convincingly with 7.5 pts/12 games; and ON with QC, also with 7.5 pts/12 games.

After playoffs, the final results were as follows:

BC player results:

- Grade 1: Victor Zheng, 5th place
- Grade 2: Luke Pulfer, National Champion
- Grade 3: Joshua Doknjas, National Champion
- Grade 4: Jingzhi (Edwin) Xu, 3rd place after playoffs
- Grade 5: FM Jason Cao, National Champion
- Grade 6: John Doknjas, National Champion
- Grade 7: Matthew Herdin, 2nd place after playoffs
- Grade 8: Ryan Lo, 4th place

Grade 9: NM Tanraj Sohal, 3rd place
Grade 10: Jack Cheng, 2nd place
Grade 11: Roger Luo, 7th place
Grade 12: Loren Laceste, 4th place

Team Ontario won 1st place and Team BC was a very close 2nd.

Many thanks go out to all the volunteers to help make this tournament possible for our kids:

- Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Michael Lo, Wolfram Herdin were the co-Team BC Captains and who, along with Lara Lo, Ken Jensen, and Ron Hui formed the Team BC Committee who spent countless hours organizing and planning for this event starting as early as mid-April (right after the BC Provincial Chess Challenge was completed) up until the last day of the Canadian Chess Challenge.
- Greg Churchill was Team BC's representative for arbiter duties and was tireless in his efforts to providing quality TD duties for all 9 rounds.
- Beau Pulfer and Gasper Xu's help with obtaining the 120 BC Provincial pins was greatly appreciated. Beau and Julie Pulfer were also the Team BC's on-campus Coordinator.

Brian Raymer and Larry Bevand are to be congratulated for organizing a wonderful CCC 2011 that will be memorable for years to come.

More stats and results can be found at the official [results](#) site

[A summary [table](#) of BC results through the history of the Chess Challenge can be found on the B.C. Chess History website. Without taking anything away from Team BC's victory in the first round, it is apparent that the Quebec squad was weaker than usual - normally it is challenging for first, but this year it came fourth, finishing out of the top three for the first time ever in the history of the competition. By comparison, B.C. arguably had its best result ever - scoring more points than the previous high set back in 2000, garnering as many individual trophies as it ever has (eight), and only finishing second to Ontario by the absolute minimum of margins (6.5-5.5). Congratulations to all involved for such a great result! - ed.]

TOROKVES 'A' RR (Budapest, April 15 - May 2) by Michael Yip

Mezei, Csaba - Yip, Michael [A45] Torokves A (9), 02.05.2011

The last round provided for some exiting chess. **1.d4 Nf6 2.e3 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 d5 5.f4** b3 in combination with a Stonewall formation make a poor impression. **5...c5** Starting energetic central play. **6.Nf3 Nc6 7.c3 0-0 8.Bd3 b6?!** Black misses his chance to exploit White's wimpy formation. **8...cxd4!** Concrete play is called for. Now White has no favourable way to recapture. **9.exd4** (9.cxd4 Nb4 10.0-0 (10.Be2? Bf5 11.Na3 Rc8 12.0-0 Ne4-/+) 10...Nxd3 11.Qxd3 Bf5 12.Qe2 Rc8=+ Black has the bishops and a firm hold of e4.) **9...Bh6!** Now it is hard for White to defend the f-pawn. **10.g3** (10.Qd2 Qb6 11.0-0? e5!-/+ White has pin trouble.) **10...Bg4** (10...Bh3! 11.Qe2 Qd7=+) **11.Nbd2 Qb6 12.h3 Bd7 13.Ne5?** This allows Black to cripple White's pawn structure. **13...Nxe5 14.fxe5 Nh5 15.Qf3 Rac8 16.Nf1-/+ 16...f6?!** Trying to open lines to exploit White's uncastled king but there was no need to gambit the d-pawn. (16...Be6! This consolidating move cements Black's advantage.) **17.Qxd5+ Be6 18.Qb5 Qxb5 19.Bxb5 fxe5 20.dxe5 Bg7=+ 21.Rh2?** (21.0-0-0 Bxe5 22.Re1 Bd5 23.Rh2 Bxc3=+) **21...Bxe5 0-1 Blome,T - Kempinski,R (2561)/Bad**

Zwesten 2004 **9.0-0 e6 10.Nbd2 Bb7 11.Qe2 Qc7** Possibly this is inaccurate as the best place for the queen is not so clear. **11...Rc8= 12.Rac1 Rfd8 13.Ne5 Nd7** Black challenges Ne5 as well as prepares for ...f5 to kill the Bd3's attacking potential. **13...Rac8= 14.Qg4 f5=** Blocking the position for approximate equality. **15.Qh4 Nf6 16.Ndf3**



16...Ne4 White's Stonewall attack has been successfully met with a Stonewall defensive formation. **17.Bxe4 dxe4 18.Nxc6** 18.Ng5 Bf6 19.Nxc6 Bxc6 20.Nxe6 Bxh4 21.Nxc7 Rac8 22.Ne6 Re8 23.Ng5 cxd4 24.cxd4 h6 25.Nh3 Kf7 The bishop pair and offside N provide compensation for the pawn. **18...exf3!?** To a certain extent a bluff but Black is willing to take some risks to produce a result. 18...Qxc6 gets a playable equality. Black will have the pair of bishops and will have to defend against the coming g4 break. 19.Ne5 Qe8 unclear. **19.Nxd8 fxc2 20.Rfd1 Rxd8 21.dxc5 Re8!?** The rook needs to remain on the board as part of Black's compensation for the exchange. **22.cxb6 Qxb6!?** Black takes a chance on some activity and hopes to stir up trouble. 22...axb6 leaves Black passive. 23.Rd2 Bc6 24.Rcd1 b5 25.Rd8 Qa7 26.Bc1 Qc5 27.Rxe8+ Bxe8 28.Qd8 Kf7 29.Rd3 Qa7 (29...Bf8 with compensation) 30.Rd6 Bf8 31.Rxe6 Kxe6 32.Qxe8+ Be7 33.Qg8+ Kd7 34.Qd5+ Kc7 35.Qe5+ Kc6 36.c4 bxc4 37.Qe6+ Bd6 38.Qxc4+ Kd7 39.Qf7+ Be7 40.Qd5+ Bd6 41.a4± Black is struggling. **23.Qf2 Be4!?!+-** Hoping to hem White in at least temporarily. 23...e5 is better but Black is still struggling. 24.c4 exf4 25.Bd4 fxe3 26.Bxb6 exf2+ 27.Bxf2 Bc6 28.Bxa7± **24.Rd4?=-** This allows Black to create complications. 24.c4! is the best way to kill Black's temporary initiative. 24...Bxb2 25.Qxb2 Qxe3+ 26.Qf2 Black has nothing tangible. 26...Qxf2+ 27.Kxf2 Re7 28.Rd6 Kf7 29.Rcd1! Black has some compensation for the exchange but White can now force a rook trade which gives White the clear upper hand as Black cannot assist his pawn across the dark squares.. 29...h6 30.Rd7 g5 31.fxc5 hxc5 32.b4 g4 33.c5 Bd5 34.Rxe7+ Kxe7 35.b5+- White's pawns are the more dangerous. **24...e5!?** Black starts some really ambitious play which gave both sides chances. 24...Bxd4 winning back the offered exchange results in equality but I wanted more.. 25.cxd4 (25.exd4 Rd8=) 25...Qb5= **25.Rd7** (1.36) **25...Bh6!?** Continuing with sharp play however the bishop is exposed to Qh4 tempo gaining shots. **26.c4 exf4 27.c5!?!=-** 27.Bd4 fxe3 28.Qh4! is best and neither side can demonstrate an edge in a complicated position. (28.Bxb6?? was what I had seen. 28...exf2+ 29.Bxf2 Bxc1 30.Bxa7 Bf3 31.Kf2 Be3+! Now Black cannot be stopped from queening. 32.Bxe3 Rxe3 33.Kxe3 (33.Rd1 Bxd1-+) 33...g1Q+--+) 28...Qc6 29.Rd8 Rxd8 30.Qxd8+ Kf7 31.Qh8 Bf4 32.Qxh7+ Ke8 33.Qg8+ Ke7 34.Qg7+ Ke8 35.c5 e2 36.Re1 Qa6 37.Bf2 g5 38.c6 Qxc6 39.Rxe2 Qd6= ; 27.exf4 Qxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Bxf4 29.Re1 Bxh2 30.Rg7+ Kf8 31.Rxh7 g1Q+ 32.Rxg1 Bxg1+ 33.Kxg1 a5= **27...fxe3??** Black is playing sharply for the win but makes a serious calculation error that should have lost the game immediately. 27...Qb5 Attacking the rook so as not to lose time 28.Qd2 f3 Qxd7 is the threat. 29.Qd4 Bxe3+ 30.Qxe3 Qxd7 31.Qc3 Re6 32.Qh8+ White gets a series of non-threatening checks that hold the position. 32...Kf7 33.Qxh7+ Ke8 34.Qh8+ Ke7 35.Qh4+ g5!?! Desperately trying to avoid a perpetual. 36.Qxg5+ Kf8 37.Bf6 Qh7 38.Rd1 Bc6 39.Bd4 Qg6 40.Qd8+ Kf7 41.Bf2= **28.Qe2???** (1.30) Believing my incorrect calculation. 28.Qh4! wins but White must see a tricky move. 28...e2 29.Qxh6 Qxc5+ 30.Bd4!+- This key move is what I missed. (30.Rxc5?? was what had seen. 30...e1Q#) **28...Qe6!!--+** Black has nice compensation for the exchange. The bishop pair supports the passed pawns and White's king is the one in danger. The queen stops Qc4+ and together with the rook form a nice supporting column to push the e-pawn forwards. **29.Rd6** 29.Qd1 also loses spectacularly. 29...e2 30.Qd4 Qe5!--+ **29...Qf7** The queen remains on the a2-g8 diagonal to prevent c4+. **30.Rf6** White tries to hang on by harassing Black's queen. **30...Qd5** (0.28) **31.Rd6** (1.26) Continuing to harass the queen. 31.Rd1 White can try giving up the c-pawn to

win some time to activate his pieces but this also loses. 31...Qxc5 32.Rc1 Qb4 33.Bc3 Qb7 34.Qc4+ Qd5—+ (34...Bd5 also wins by forcing a winning ending. 35.Qa4 Bf7 36.Qd4 Bg7 37.Rxf7 Qxf7 38.Qxg7+ Qxg7 39.Bxg7 Kxg7 40.Kxg2 g5—+ Black has a winning rook ending.) 35.Qxd5+ Bxd5 36.Bd4 Trying to defend by preventing ...Be3+ 36...e2 37.Re1 Bg7—+ **31...f4!** (0.19) Is very strong but worth 9 of my remaining 28 minutes . Black gives up his queen for a tempo. 31...Bf3?! 32.Qb5! (32.Rxd5?! Bxe2 33.Re5! Rxe5 (33...Rc8=+) 34.Bxe5 Bf3 35.Bd4 (35.Bg3? f4! 36.Be1 Bc6!—+ 37.b4 f3 38.b5 Bxb5 39.c6? f2+ 40.Bxf2 exf2+ 41.Kxf2 Bxc1—+) 35...Bc6=+) 32...Qe4 unclear **32.Rxd5** White must accept the queen. **32...f3!!** (0.19)



This was the real key. Black declines the immediate win of the rook in order to make another tempo winning intermediate move. **33.Rd2!?** The rook retreats to get out the attack and threatens Qc4+ allowing the queen to escape capture. White is however, willing to return the queen to hold off the attack. I was a bit taken back as I missed this defence in my calculations. 33.Qc4?? f2# is Black's main idea. The queen does not have anywhere helpful to run to.; 33.Qe1 f2+ 34.Qxf2 exf2+ 35.Kxf2 Bxc1 36.Bxc1 Bxd5 Black is ahead a rook.; 33.Qxf3 Bxf3 34.Rd3 Be4 35.Rdc3 e2! The combination of passed pawns and active bishops is deadly. 36.Re1 Rf8!—+ ...Rf1+ will force capitulation.; 33.Rdd1 f2+ 34.Qxf2 exf2+ 35.Kxf2 Rf8+! Black's tactics are based on promoting the advanced g-pawn. 36.Ke2 Bxc1 37.Rxc1 Rf1 38.Rxf1 Bd3+!—+

The final sting that ensures promotion. **33...fxe2??** (0.16) Black has three advanced passed pawns for the queen in a very complicated position. Here materialism overcame me and I put the priority on regaining the queen while hoping the advanced passed pawns would be enough to carry me to victory. This was however not based on correct calculations. Just at the point where there was a glorious finish in site Black falters by missing a long forcing sequence. I spent three minutes on what was believed to be a routine capture not realizing that the game was hanging in the balance. 33...exd2! This forcing move would have been a nice way to crown Black's daring concept. Black wins a rook, continues to attack the queen and the remaining rook. 34.Qc4+ White gets one harmless check only and cannot save himself against all of Black's threats. 34...Kf8 Black threatens the rook and ...Be3#, but during the game I missed that fact that there was mate being threatened and just thought that the rook would move out of danger.. 35.Qc3 Be3# mate is averted but White must lose a rook in the process. (35.Kf2 Bg5! This spectacular non-capturing move wins outright by threatening ...Bh4+ followed by ...f2+. 36.Rg1 Bh4+ 37.Ke3 f2!—+ The three pawns on the seventh rank overpower White.) 35...dxc1Q+ 36.Bxc1 Bg7! Black's RB+P for the queen coordinate beautifully as the pawn on g2 is a monster and White cannot defend his light squares. 37.Qd2 Kg8! Clearing the f-file for ...Rf8. I needed to calculate to here at least to justify taking the rook instead of the queen. However in the heat of battle I was unable to perform this clutch game winning calculation. (37...Bf6 also wins by threatening ...Bh4 and ...f2+. 38.Qf4 Kg7 39.Kf2 (39.b4 Bc6 40.Bd2 To stop ...Re1+. 40...g5 41.Qd6 Re2 ...f2+ is threatened. 42.Qxc6 White has no better defence. (42.Qc7+ Kg6 43.Qxc6 Rxd2 44.Qe4+ Kh6 ...Bd4+ is unstoppable.) 42...Bd4+ 43.Be3 Bxe3#) 39...Bc6 40.Qc7+ Re7 41.Qxc6 Bd4+—+ Black cannot be stopped from promoting the g-pawn.) 38.Bb2 This stops ...Bd4 ideas but Black has other ways to force his way through. **a)** 38.Kf2 Blockading the f-pawn does not work. 38...Bc6!—+ ...Re2+ is threatened. 39.Qe3 White can only give up his queen to prevent ...Re2+. (39.Qd6 Re2+ 40.Kg1 f2#) 39...Rxe3 40.Bxe3 Be5 41.Kg1 Kf7 Black's extra piece should decide easily.; **b)** 38.Qf2 Using the queen to blockade the pawn also loses as Black has pin ideas to work with as well as ...Rd8-d1+. 38...Rd8! ...Rd1+ is the main threat but ...Bd4 pinning the queen is also an idea. 39.Bd2 Bd4 40.Be3 Disaster cannot be averted. 40...Bxe3 41.Qxe3 Rd1+ 42.Kf2 g1Q# ; 38...f2+! A line clearing pawn sacrifice so Black can win

time for ...Rf8-f1+. 39.Qxf2 Rf8 40.Qxf8+ White has no reasonable defence. 40...Bxf8 41.b4 Kf7—+ Black's king enter the battle to decide the ending while White's king remains tied to the g2 pawn. 42.Bd4 Ke6 43.b5 Kd5 44.Bf2 Bxc5 wins easily enough. **34.Rxe2 Bf3 35.Rce1 Rd8 36.c6 Bxc6 37.Bc1 Rd2??+-** (0.11) Black continues to press with a mistaken concept. 37...Bf3 allows Black to reach an equal ending. 38.Rxe3 Bxe3+ 39.Bxe3 a6= Black remains a passed pawn on the seventh rank ahead but cannot really force promotion as White cannot be challenged on the dark squares. **38.Bxd2 exd2 39.Rd1 Bf3 39...Kf7 40.Rdxd2 Bxd2 41.Rxd2+- 40.Rdxd2 Bg5 41.Rxg2 Be3+ 42.Kf1 Kg7 43.Rd7+ Kh6 44.Rg3** Black must lose a piece. CONCLUSION Black was one clever move away from justifying his enterprising play but White missed his share of opportunities to refute Black's risky tactical play. **1-0**

B.C.C.F. EXECUTIVE 2011-2012

The BCCF AGM took place between rounds on Saturday May 21 at the site of the Keres Memorial. The full minutes plus executive reports will be available on the internet shortly, but for the time being here is the new BCCF Executive for 2011-2012:

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FISCHER - TAIMANOV 1971



June 1st, 1971: game 6

Forty years ago Vancouver hosted one of the highest-level chess competitions ever to take place in B.C., the Fischer - Taimanov quarter-final candidates match. Controversy often followed Fischer in the wake of his demands over playing conditions, and this match was no exception. He originally wanted no spectators present, but: "The match was scheduled to be played at the UBC Graduate Centre, but on the 12th the Russians vetoed it. Besides disagreeing with the no spectators rule of Fischer, Taimanov felt claustrophobic in the 20' x 35' room: 'I can't breathe...! Discussions between the USSR, the USA, and the CFC went on until midnight. On the 13th the factions toured UBC, searching for another spot. One was almost found at the Centre's library, but Classics dean McGregor vetoed this. This prompted a flood of anti-UBC, anti-CFC, anti- Canadian rhetoric from Kotov, who declared that Canada was a poor country, for chess especially. 'Spain, yes, Belgrade, yes. But Canada, no, no.' After Fischer rejected Taimanov's proposal of the Education faculty auditorium, the

S.U.B. theatre was agreed upon. For Fischer, this meant spectators; for the Russians, the only victory they won in the match. 'Let's play,' said Fischer, 'I'm willing to play anywhere.'" [*Northwest Chess*, June 1971]

Fischer's subsequent 6-0 demolition of Taimanov is now the stuff of legend, but the games were a lot closer than the final score indicates. Taimanov's play was marred by several blunders, brought on through a combination of Fischer's intense will to win and the pressure of being the first Soviet road-block on Fischer's path to the world championship. Taimanov complained of suffering from high blood pressure, but as Nathan Divinsky noted, "Fischer's play is calculated to give any opponent high blood pressure." Bozidar Kazic was the chief arbiter, Elod Macskasy his assistant. B.C. Champion Peter Biyiasas operated the onstage demo board, while Ken Morton performed similar duties with a second demo board. The ending of the fourth game has since acquired classic status and appears in many endgame texts.

Taimanov, Mark - Fischer, Robert J. [E97] Candidates 1/4-fin Vancouver (1), 16.05.1971

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Bd2 Ne8 10.Rc1 f5 11.exf5 gxf5 12.Ng5 h6 13.Ne6 Bxe6 14.dxe6 Qc8 15.Qb3 c6 16.Bh5 Qxe6 17.Qxb7 Nf6 18.Be2 Rfb8 19.Qa6 Rxb2 20.Rfd1 e4 21.Qa3 Rb7 22.Bf4 d5 23.cxd5 cxd5 24.Nb5 Ng6 25.Nd4 Qd7 26.Qe3 Kh7 27.h3 Rf8 28.Ba6 Rb6 29.Rc7 Qa4 30.Rxg7+ Kxg7 31.Bxh6+ Kf7 32.Be2 Rfb8 33.Nxf5 Rb1 34.Rxb1 Rxb1+ 35.Kh2 Qd7 36.Nd4 Qd6+ 37.g3 Qb4 38.Nc6 Qb6 39.Nxa7 Qxe3 40.Bxe3 Re1 0-1

Fischer, Robert J. - Taimanov, Mark [B44] Candidates 1/4-fin Vancouver (2), 18.05.1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nb5 d6 6.Bf4 e5 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Bg5 Qa5+ 9.Qd2 Nxe4 10.Qxa5 Nxa5 11.Be3 Kd7 12.N1c3 Nxc3 13.Nxc3 Kd8 14.Nb5 Be6 15.0-0-0 b6 16.f4 exf4 17.Bxf4 Nb7 18.Be2 Bd7 19.Rd2 Be7 20.Rhd1 Bxb5 21.Bxb5 Kc7 22.Re2 Bf6 23.Rde1 Rac8 24.Bc4 Rhf8 25.b4 a5 26.Bd5 Kb8 27.a3 Rfd8 28.Bxf7 Bc3 29.Bd2 d5 30.Rd1 d4 31.Bxc3 Rxc3 32.Kb2 d3 33.Kxc3 dxe2 34.Re1 Nd6 35.Bh5 Nb5+ 36.Kb2 axb4 37.axb4 Rd4 38.c3 Rh4 39.Bxe2 Nd6 40.Rd1 Kc7 41.h3 Rf4 42.Rf1 Re4 43.Bd3 Re5 44.Rf2 h5 45.c4 Rg5 (Sealed) 46.Kc3 Kd7 47.Ra2 Kc8 48.Kd4 Kc7 49.Ra7+ Kd8 50.c5 bxc5+ 51.bxc5 Ne8 52.Ra2 Nc7 53.Bc4 Kd7 54.Rb2 Kc6 55.Bb3 Nb5+ 56.Ke3 Kxc5 57.Kf4 Rg6 58.Bd1 h4 59.Kf5 Rh6 60.Kg5 Nd6 61.Bc2 Nf7+ 62.Kg4 Ne5+ 63.Kf4 Kd4 64.Rb4+ Kc3 65.Rb5 Nf7 66.Rc5+ Kd4 67.Rf5 g5+ 68.Kg4 Ne5+ 69.Kxg5 Rg6+ 70.Kxh4 Rxg2 71.Bd1 Rg8 72.Bg4 Ke4 73.Kg3 Rg7 (Sealed) 74.Rf4+ Kd5 75.Ra4 Ng6 76.Ra6 Ne5 77.Kf4 Rf7+ 78.Kg5 Rg7+ 79.Kf5 Rf7+ 80.Rf6 Rxf6+ 81.Kxf6 Ke4 82.Bc8 Kf4 83.h4 Nf3 84.h5 Ng5 85.Bf5 Nf3 86.h6 Ng5 87.Kg6 Nf3 88.h7 Ne5+ 89.Kf6 1-0

Taimanov, Mark - Fischer, Robert J. [E97] Candidates 1/4-fin Vancouver (3), 20.05.1971

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 0-0 6.Be2 e5 7.0-0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Bd2 Ne8 10.Rc1 f5 11.Qb3 b6 12.exf5 gxf5 13.Ng5 Nf6 14.f4 h6 15.fxe5 dxe5 16.c5 Nfxd5 17.Nxd5 Nxd5 18.cxb6 axb6 19.Rc6 Kh8 20.Nf3 Bb7 21.Rg6 Nf4 22.Bxf4 exf4 23.Rd1 Qe7 24.Re6 Qc5+ 25.Kf1 Rfd8 26.Rxd8+ Rxd8 27.Qa4 Qc1+ 28.Kf2 Bf8 29.b4 Be4 30.Re8 Bc6 31.Qxc6 Qxc6 32.Rxd8 Qf6 33.Rc8 Qe7 34.Kf1 Kh7 35.Nd4 Bg7 36.Nb5 Be5 37.a3 Qd7 38.Ra8 f3 39.gxf3 Bxh2 40.Kg2 Qg7+ 41.Kxh2 Qe5+ 42.Kg1 0-1

Fischer, Robert J. - Taimanov, Mark [B47] Candidates 1/4-fin Vancouver (4), 25.05.1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qc7 5.Nc3 e6 6.g3 a6 7.Bg2 Nf6 8.0-0 Nxd4 9.Qxd4 Bc5 10.Bf4 d6 11.Qd2 h6 12.Rad1 e5 13.Be3 Bg4 14.Bxc5 dxc5 15.f3 Be6 16.f4 Rd8 17.Nd5 Bxd5

18.exd5 e4 19.Rfe1 Rxd5 20.Rxe4+ Kd8 21.Qe2 Rxd1+ 22.Qxd1+ Qd7 23.Qxd7+ Kxd7 24.Re5 b6 25.Bf1 a5 26.Bc4 Rf8 27.Kg2 Kd6 28.Kf3 Nd7 29.Re3 Nb8 30.Rd3+ Kc7 31.c3 Nc6 32.Re3 Kd6 33.a4 Ne7 34.h3 Nc6 35.h4 h5 36.Rd3+ Kc7 37.Rd5 f5 38.Rd2 Rf6 39.Re2 Kd7 40.Re3 g6 41.Bb5 Rd6 (Sealed) 42.Ke2 Kd8 43.Rd3 Kc7 44.Rxd6 Kxd6



45.Kd3 Ne7 46.Be8 Kd5 47.Bf7+ Kd6 48.Kc4 Kc6 49.Be8+ Kb7 50.Kb5 Nc8 51.Bc6+ Kc7 52.Bd5 Ne7 53.Bf7 Kb7 54.Bb3 Ka7 55.Bd1 Kb7 56.Bf3+ Kc7 57.Ka6 Nc8 58.Bd5 Ne7 59.Bc4 Nc6 60.Bf7 Ne7 61.Be8 Kd8 62.Bxg6 Nxg6 63.Kxb6 Kd7 64.Kxc5 Ne7 65.b4 axb4 66.cxb4 Nc8 67.a5 Nd6 68.b5 Ne4+ 69.Kb6 Kc8 70.Kc6 Kb8 71.b6 1-0

Taimanov, Mark - Fischer, Robert J. [D80] Candidates 1/4-fin Vancouver (5), 27.05.1971

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.Bg5 Ne4 5.Bh4 Nxc3 6.bxc3 dxc4 7.e3 Be6 8.Rb1 b6 9.Be2 Bh6 10.Nf3 c6 11.Ne5 Bg7 12.f4 Bd5 13.0-0 Nd7 14.Nxc4 0-0 15.a4 c5 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 f6 18.Rb2 Be6 19.Rd2 Qc7 20.Bg4 Qc8 21.Bf3 Rb8 22.Qe2 Rd8 23.Rfd1 Rxd2 24.Qxd2 Qe8 25.exf6 exf6 26.Qd6 Rc8 27.a5 Bf8 28.Qd2 Be7 29.Bd5 Qf7 30.Bxe6 Qxe6 31.Qd7 Kf7 32.Qxa7 bxa5 33.e4 Qc6 34.Rd7 Qxe4 35.h3 a4 36.Bf2 Kf8 37.c4 a3 38.Qxa3 Ra8 39.Qb2 Ke8 40.Qb5 Kf8 41.Rd1 Qxf4 42.Bxc5 (Sealed) Bxc5+ 43.Qxc5+ Kg7 44.Rf1 Qe4 45.Qc7+ Kh6 ("Taimanov had no less than three 'seconds' to help him in Vancouver - grandmasters Vasyukov and Kotov, and the Moscow champion Balashov. In the light of White's next move one wonders how they all spent their time during the adjournments." - Leonard Barden) 46.Rxf6 Qd4+ 0-1

Fischer, Robert J. - Taimanov, Mark [B44] Candidates 1/4-fin Vancouver (6), 01.06.1971

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e6 5.Nb5 d6 6.Bf4 e5 7.Be3 Nf6 8.Bg5 Be6 9.N1c3 a6 10.Bxf6 gxf6 11.Na3 Nd4 12.Nc4 f5 13.exf5 Nxf5 14.Bd3 Rc8 15.Bxf5 Rxc4 16.Bxe6 fxe6 17.Qe2 Rd4 18.0-0 Qg5 19.Rad1 Qf5 20.Rxd4 exd4 21.Ne4 Be7 22.Rd1 Qe5 23.Qd3 Rf8 24.Qxd4 Qxd4 25.Rxd4 d5 26.Nc3 Bc5 27.Rd2 Rf4 28.g3 Rc4 29.Ne2 Ra4 30.a3 Kd7 31.Kg2 b5 32.c3 a5 33.Nd4 b4 34.Nb3 Bb6 35.axb4 axb4 36.c4 Kc6 37.c5 Bc7 38.Nd4+ Kd7 39.f4 e5 40.c6+ Kc8 41.Nb5 Ra2 42.f5 Bd8 43.Rxd5 Rxb2+ 1-0

June Active

Date: Sunday June 05, 2011

Location: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Rounds: 5

Round Times: RD1: 11:00 Rd2: 12:30 Lunch Rd3: 2:20 Rd4: 3:40 Rd5: 5:00

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/25 + 10 sec. increments or G/30.

Entry Fee: \$15, Free coffee and tea.

Prizes: 1st \$100 2nd \$70 BU2000 \$60 BU1700 \$60 Upset \$10 based on 30 entries. The

Vancouver Active rating will be used or the CFC regular.
Registration: On site at 10:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496
Email: lucque@shaw.ca
Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. No membership required

Eac Chess-Arts Club Tournament 7

Date: June 18 - 19, 2011
Place: 14524 - 91b Ave. Surrey
Format: 5 Rounds: Swiss System
Time Control: 75 Mins with 30 Secs Delay or Increment
Round Times: Saturday 10 AM, 2 PM, 6 PM and Sunday 10 AM, 2 PM
Type: Regular Swiss, CFC Rated (CFC Membership Required)
Entry Fee: \$30
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

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UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 157, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia
entry fee \$20 for adults \$15 for juniors
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June Active

June 5, Vancouver
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Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#eac>

B.C. Open

July 30 - August 1, Richmond
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3rd Bishops of Bowser Tournament

August 14, Bowser, Vancouver Island

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