

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #256

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## HERE AND THERE

### North American Open (December 26-30)

At last year's NAO two B.C. players, Tanraj Sohal and Constantin Rotariu, were able to win big money. Both played again this year, but were unable to repeat their previous triumphs. Instead Bindi Cheng and Ruining Ray Wu were the only players with a B.C. connection to win money this year, but it was under \$100 in both cases. Other B.C. players were Jason Cao, Jeremy Hui, Jill Ding, Joe Roback, Jofrel Landingin, and Severo Caluza – apologies if I missed anyone.

[Tournament website](#)

### Groningen Chess Festival (December 19-30)

The “A” Group of the Groningen (Holland) Chess Festival finished in a three-way tie between GMs Zaven Andriasian (Armenia), Alexander Kovchan (Ukraine), and Sipke Ernst (Netherlands) with 7.0 points each. Canadian GM-elect Eric Hansen had a late finishing spurt of 3.5/4 to tie for fourth in the final standings. The other Canadian in the field, Leon Piasetski, was not so fortunate; after beating Italian GM Sabino Brunello in the fourth round he lost four games in a row. Piasetski stemmed the tide with a victory in the last round, for an overall score of 4.0 points. [Tournament site](#)

### **Piasetski, Leon - Brunello, Sabino [A31] SFG 2012 Groningen (4), 24.12.2012**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 c5 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 d6 7.f3 Nc6 8.Be3 0–0 9.Qd2 Bd7 10.Be2 Rc8 11.0–0 Ne5 12.b3 Ne8 13.Rad1 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.Nd5 Ng6 16.Bg5 Nc7 17.Nf4 Nxf4 18.Qxf4 Rf7 19.Bh4 Qf8 20.Qd2 f4 21.Rfe1 Be5 22.Bf1 Qh6 23.Bf2 Qh5 24.Nc2 Rf6 25.Rxe5 Qxe5 26.Bd4 Qg5 27.Bxf6 Qxf6 28.Nb4 Kg7 29.Re1 b6 30.Kh1 Be8 31.Re4 e5 32.Re1 Bf7 33.Rd1 a5 34.Nd3 Ne6 35.Nf2 Nd4 36.Ne4 Qe6 37.Nc3 Qh6 38.Bd3 Kf8 39.Ne2 Ne6 40.Bf5 Rd8 41.Bxe6 Qxe6 42.Nc3 Qc8 43.Qf2 Qc5 44.Qh4 Rd7 45.Qxh7 Qf2 46.Qh6+ Ke7 47.Qg5+ Kf8 48.Ne4 Qxa2 49.Qh6+ Ke7 50.Qf6+ Kf8 51.h3 Qxb3 52.Rxd6 Rxd6 53.Qxd6+ Kg8 54.Nf6+ Kg7 55.Qxe5 Qxc4 56.Nd7+ Kh7 57.Qg5 1–0

### December Active (December 29)

Held like the November Active at the Vancouver Chess School (Arbutus Shopping Centre), the December event attracted thirty-eight players. The field included three rated over 2200, but none of them won any prize money. It was sixth-ranked Jack Cheng who took first prize, giving up but a single draw along the way. Tied for second were John Doknjas and Aram Arzumanyan; the latter had two sisters also playing in the tournament, one of whom, Armine, won the U1500 prize. Max

Gedajlovic was the U1800 winner, Samuel Chen the U1200, and Kevin Butchart took the biggest upset prize. Many thanks to organizer Maxim Doroshenko. Watch for the B.C. Active Championship, coming up at the same location on the weekend of January 19-20. [Crosstable](#)

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## **KNIGHTMARE JUNIOR TOURNEY #1** (December 29) by Henry Chiu

A total of eleven keen juniors participated in the first event of this new exciting series of free training tournaments for young beginners held at the Vancouver Fraserview Library. The boys were divided into two all-play-all competitive groups based on rating. As most of the players are new to tournament chess, this casual and relaxed setting was perfect for learning the tournament rules and for practicing.

Many of the players and some parents took advantage of the opportunity to play friendly games against candidate masters Toni Deline and Henry Chiu. The tournament director also offered provided free instruction to interested players and parents during the lunch break. This lunch-n-learn opportunity was much appreciated by everyone.

Every player in the tournament received a beautiful commemorative certificate for his final standing at the end of the tournament. The top three players in each group also received some special chess-themed prizes donated by the organizer.

The players really enjoyed the relaxing fun-filled learning day. The parents really liked the opportunity to observe some games up close and to share experiences with each other in the friendly and casual setting. For anyone who missed this event, the much anticipated next edition which will be held at the end of March. [Crosstable](#)

TD, Organizer and Report: National Tournament Director Henry Chiu

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## **BUDAPEST TEAM CHAMPIONSHIP** by Michael Yip

### **Yip, Michael - Donischite, L. [E44] BTCh Div I, 09.12.2012**

This was the last game to finish and Rakosligeti (RAC) won 6.5–5.5. **1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3** A new addition to my repertoire. **4...0–0 5.Nge2 b6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.Nxc3 Bb7 8.f3** I played this reasonable move quickly. 8.Bd3! Schandorff 8...d5 (8...Bxg2 9.Rg1 Bb7 10.e4 White has massive compensation. 10...g6 11.Bg5 d6 12.f4 Nbd7 13.Qe2 Qc8 14.0–0–0 Rb8 15.e5 Ne8 16.f5 exf5 17.Bxf5 Ng7 18.Bh3 Re8 19.Qd2 a5 20.Bf6 Ne6 21.Qh6 Nxf6 22.exf6 1–0 Kasparov, G-Androuselis, T/Patras 2001) 9.0–0 Nbd7 10.cxd5 exd5 11.b4 c5 12.bxc5 bxc5 13.Rb1 Rb8 14.Be2 c4 15.e4 Bc6 16.Rxb8 Qxb8 17.e5 Ne8 18.a4 Qb4 19.Bd2 Qb7 20.Qa1 Nc7 21.Rb1 Qa6 22.Qa3 Ne6 23.Qd6 Nxd4 24.Bg4 Qc8 25.Nxd5 Bxd5 26.Qxd5 Ne6 27.Be3 c3 28.Bxe6 fxe6 29.Qxe6+ Kh8 30.Rc1 Re8 31.Rxc3 Qd8 32.Qd6 Nxe5 33.Qxd8 Rxd8 34.h3 a6 35.Rc5 Nd3 36.Rc6 Nb4 37.Rb6 a5 38.Rb5 Nc6 39.Rc5 Rd6 40.Bf4 Re6 41.Bd2 h6 42.Bxa5 Nxa5 43.Rxa5 Re1+ 44.Kh2 Ra1 45.h4 Kg8 46.h5 Ra3 47.f3 Kf7 48.Kg3 Ra2 49.Rf5+ Ke6 50.Rf4 Rc2 51.Kh3 Rc5 52.g4 Rc3 53.Rf5 Ra3 54.a5 Ra4 55.Kg3 1–0 Kunte, A-Ghane Gardeh, S /Parramatta 2009; 8.d5 d6 (8...exd5 9.cxd5 c6 was the reason I did not like lunging forwards so early.) 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.0–0 a5 11.f3 Nc5 12.b3 e5 13.e4 Re8 14.Be3 Ba6 15.b4 Ncd7 16.Qd2 Qe7 17.Rfc1 Rec8 18.Na4 axb4 19.axb4 h6 20.Bf1 Kh7 21.g3 Rcb8 22.Nc3 Kg8 23.Qc2 Re8 24.Nb5 Bxb5 25.cxb5 Rxa1 26.Rxa1 Rc8 27.Bh3 Qd8 28.Ra7 Ne8 29.Qc6 Nb8 30.Qb7 Nd7 31.Bxd7 Qxd7 32.Qxb6 Qh3 33.Qc6 h5 34.Ra8 Rxa8 35.Qxa8 Kf8 36.Qd8 f6 37.b6 cxb6 38.Bxb6 h4 39.Bf2 hxg3 40.hxg3 Qh5 41.Kg2 f5 42.Qh4 Qf7

43.b5 fxe4 44.fxe4 Nf6 45.b6 Qd7 46.Qh8+ Kf7 47.Qh3 Qa4 48.Qe6+ Kg6 49.Qf5+ Kf7 50.g4 Kg8 51.g5 Nxe4 52.b7 1-0 Peralta,F-Corriguelas Armillas,F /La Pobra de Lillet ESP 2012 **8...d5** 8...d6 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.0-0 Qe7 11.b4 c5 12.Bb2 Rac8 13.Rc1 h6 14.Re1 cxd4 15.exd4 e5 16.Nb5 a6 17.Nxd6 Qxd6 18.dxe5 1-0 Dao Thien Hai-Aung Aung /Bangkok 2004 **9.cxd5** 9.Bd3 c5 10.0-0 cxd4 11.exd4 dxc4 12.Bxc4 Nd5 13.Ba2 Nxc3 14.bxc3 Nd7 15.Qe2 Rc8 16.Bb2 Qg5 17.c4 Rfd8 18.f4 Qg6 19.Bb1 f5 20.a4 Re8 21.Bd3 a5 22.Ra3 h5 23.Re1 h4 24.h3 Bc6 25.Qf2 Nf6 26.Bf1 Qh6 27.d5 exd5 28.Rxe8+ Rxe8 29.Qxb6 Re6 30.Qxa5 Kh7 31.Rd3 Qxf4 32.cxd5 Nxd5 33.Rxd5 Qe3+ 34.Kh1 Qf2 35.Rxf5 Qxb2 36.Qd8 Rh6 37.Rf8 Qc1 38.Kh2 Qe3 39.Bd3+ Be4 40.Rh8+ Kg6 41.Rxh6+ gxh6 42.Qe8+ Kf5 43.Qxe4+ Qxe4 44.Bxe4+ Kxe4 45.Kg1 Kd4 46.Kf2 Kc4 47.Kf3 Kb4 48.Kg4 1-0 Dao Thien Hai-Juswanto,D /Kuala Lumpur 2005 **9...exd5 10.Bd3 c5 11.0-0** 11.Bc2 Re8 12.0-0 Nc6 13.Qd2 Rc8 14.Qf2 Na5 15.Rd1 Qe7 16.dxc5 bxc5 17.Rb1 Nc4 18.Ba4 Red8 19.Ne2 Qe5 20.Bb5 Nd6 21.Bd3 Nf5 22.Bd2 d4 23.Bxf5 ½-½ Lein,A -Finegold,B /Las Vegas 2004 **11...Nc6 12.Bc2** An unconvincing retreat. 12.Ne2 is better and more logical. 12...Re8 13.Rf2 Qd6 14.g4 g6 15.Bd2 Re7 16.Rc1 Rae8 17.Bb5 Nd7 18.b4 c4 19.e4 dxe4 20.Bf4 Qf6 21.fxe4 Rxe4 22.Bg3 Qg5 23.Bxc4 Nf6 24.Qf1 b5 25.Bd3 Nxd4 26.Bxe4 Nxe4 27.Nxd4 Nxf2 28.Rc7 Nh3+ 0-1 Tisdall,J-Rivas Pastor,M /Stockholm 1988; 12.b3= **12...a5** 12...Ba6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Ba4 Rc8 15.Bd2 Re6= Black has a fine position. **13.b3=** Taking measures against ...c4 when Black would have nice queenside counterplay. 13.Qd2 Re8 14.Rd1= **13...Re8 14.Rf2 g6**



**15.Ne2?** White starts some clumsy maneuvering. 15.Bd3 Re6 (15...cxd4 16.exd4 Nxd4 17.Bxg6 Nxb3 18.Bxf7+ Kxf7 19.Qxb3 Re1+ 20.Rf1 Rxf1+ 21.Kxf1 Qd6 22.Be3 Qxh2 23.Qxb6 Ba6+ 24.Kf2 Rg8 25.Qa7+ Ke8 26.Qa8+ Kd7 27.Qa7+ Ke8= White should take the perpetual.) 16.Bb5 Rc8 17.Ne2= **15...Qe7** Too routine. 15...Ba6! puts more pressure on White. 16.Bd3 Bxd3 17.Qxd3 a4! 18.Rb1 axb3 19.Qxb3 Qd6 20.Nc3 Rab8 21.Nb5 Qd7 22.a4 c4 23.Qc2=/+ **16.Bd3=** Now White is fine. **16...Qd6 17.Ra2 Re7 18.Bb5 Na7 19.Bd3 Rc8 20.Bd2 Nc6 21.Qa1!?** Starting some Reti style long-range fighting. **21...Nd7 22.Rf1 cxd4 23.exd4!**= I thought my position was slightly better with the bishops coming alive and Bb7 being passive but Houdini 2.0 throws cold water on this assessment. 23.Nxd4 was the natural choice but I sensed that Black's knights would get too much freedom. 23...Nc5 24.Nxc6 Qxc6 25.Qb1 a4 26.bxa4 Nxd3 27.Qxd3 Qxa4 28.Re1= **23...Qf6 24.b4** Starting queenside play. **24...Rce8 25.b5 Nd8 26.Nf4** Missing a chance for a favourable queen regrouping. 26.Qe1 is best. 26...Ne6 27.Qf2+/- **26...Nf8 27.g3** Loosening the kingside up but guarding Nf4 but now White is losing thread of the game. 27.Nh3 Nfe6 28.Be3= **27...Nfe6 28.Ne2 Ng5 29.Bxg5?=/+** 29.Nf4 is better but needed a long calculation. 29...Nde6 30.Kg2 Nxf4+ 31.Bxf4 Bc8 32.h4 Bh3+ 33.Kh2 Bxf1 34.hxg5! Re1 35.gxf6 Rxa1 36.Rxa1 Bxd3 37.a4= **29...Qxg5**

**30.Qc1=/+** Inviting an ending. **30...Qf6?=/+** 30...Qe3+! 31.Qxe3 Rxe3 32.Rd1 Rxf3 33.Nf4 Ne6 34.Nxe6 Rxe6 35.Rc2 Re7 36.a4=/+ White is down a pawn for nothing. **31.Qf4** Trying to stay active. **31...Qg7 32.Qd6** Keeping Black busy with complex play. **32...Re3=** Finally the confusion play works and Black goes astray. 32...Re6!? 33.Qf4 f5 34.Kg2 Re3 35.Rd1 Qe7= **33.Rd2 Qf8 34.Qxf8+** Now an even ending is reached and White can start to show some sensible ideas. **34...Kxf8**



**35.Kf2 f6 36.Rc1 R8e7 37.h4+/=** Slow preparations begin. The kingside pawns are discouraged from advancing and Nf4 is next. **37...Nf7 38.Nf4 Nd6 39.a4+/=** 39.Rc6! is a nice idea which escaped my attention. 39...Nc4 (39...Bxc6 40.bxc6 Re1 41.Nxd5 Ra1 42.Nxe7 Kxe7 43.Re2+ Kd8 44.Re6±) 40.Nxd5 Nxd2 41.Nxe3 Bxc6 42.bxc6 Rc7 43.Bb5± **39...Nc4 40.Bxc4 dxc4 41.d5 c3 42.Rd4!+/=** The most active option. **42...Ke8 43.Ne6!? R7xe6 44.dxe6 Rxf3+ 45.Ke2 Rxc3**



**46.Rd6!?=** Apparently not so strong although I was convinced that some activity was needed. 46.Rd3 This was my first candidate. 46...Rg2+ Black must keep the rook. (46...Rxd3? 47.Kxd3 Ke7 48.Rxc3 Kxe6 I misevaluated this as drawable for Black. 49.Rc7! Bit looking harder gives the correct assessment. 49...Bf3 50.Rxh7 Ke5 51.Kc3+-- ) 47.Ke3 c2 48.Rd6+/= ; 46.Rc4 Rg2+ 47.Kf1 Bd5 48.R1xc3 Bxc4+ 49.Kxg2 Bxe6 50.Kg3 Kd7 51.Rc6 Bb3 52.Rxb6 Bxa4+/= White has a



nominal edge. **46...Rg2+?+-** A panicky reaction but now White is in command. **47.Ke3 Rg3+ 48.Kd4** The king gets a couple of free tempos to march up the board and Black's pieces lose coordination. **48...Rg4+ 49.Kxc3 Rxa4** Black has lost the key passed c-pawn and now White's rooks take command. **50.Rxb6 Bd5 51.Rd1+-** Not the best but good enough. **51.Kd3!+- 51...Rc4+ 52.Kb2 Rb4+** Black gets some harmless checks. **53.Ka3 Bc4 54.Rd7?±** Flashy but weak. **54.Rb8+!** is correct. **54...Ke7 55.b6 g5 (55...Kxe6 56.b7 Ba6 57.Re8+ Kf7 58.b8Q Rxb8 59.Rxb8+- ) 56.hxg5 fvg5 57.b7 Ba6 58.Rh1 h5 59.Rxh5 Bxb7 60.Rh7+ Kxe6 61.Rxb7+- 54...Bxe6??** Now my idea is justified. **54...Rxb5** lets Black hang on. **55.Rxb5 Bxb5 56.Rxh7 Bc4 57.Rg7 Bxe6 58.Rxg6 Kf7 59.Rg1 f5 60.h5 f4 61.h6 Bf5 62.Rf1 Bg6 63.Rxf4+ Kg8±** This is not such a clear win if at all possible. [According to tablebases the position is a draw. The a5-pawn can be quickly picked up, but the h6-pawn is too far forward – if it is possible to reach this position with the pawn on say h4, White would be winning – ed.] **55.Rxh7 Bc8 56.Rb8 Rc4 57.b6 1-0**

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**BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER** by Valer Eugen Demian



#04 Baffler: the New Year brings with it a new puzzle with a very simple yet direct task - White to move and mate in 3.



#03 Answer: the fastest way to win is to force the Queens exchange; anything else give Black a long string of moves with check. Once you get the right idea, finding the moves offers added pleasure: 1.g4! Qxg4 2.Qd4+!! Qxd4 (2... K anywhere 3.Qxg4 hxg4 4.c8Q ... 1-0) 3.Kxd4 ... followed by 4.c8Q ... 1-0

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **UBC Thursday Night Swiss**

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### **January Active**

January 27, Vancouver Chess School

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