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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Budapest Spring Festival (28 March – 5 April)



The whale (Bálna), Budapest

The largest cultural festival in Hungary, the Budapest Spring Festival in addition to many concerts and arts displays also includes a chess component. The main event in the latter was a large open tournament in two sections, held at the architecturally spectacular 'whale,' a cultural/commercial/entertainment complex on the banks of the Danube. 7.5/9 was the winning score in both sections, attained by Gyula Pap (Open) and Miklos Kovacs (U1800) respectively. One familiar participant in the Open Section was former Vancouver resident Michael Yip, who finished with 3.0 points, while the U1800 included junior Ashley Tapp, currently studying in Budapest, who scored 5.5/9.

[Open Section standings](#)

[U1800 Section standings](#)

Karpos Open (29 March – 5 April)

Held in Skopje, Macedonia, the 2014 Karpos Open attracted some two hundred and fifty players, including forty-nine grandmasters. The overall winner was Kiril Georgiev with 7.5/9, who finished a half-point ahead of seven players with 7.0 points. B.C.'s Leon Piasetski had a strange event, winning his first game via cellphone disqualification and his second on time. He also won his round eight game by forfeit when his opponent failed to turn up; despite losing in the last round Leon's final score of 5.0/9 was sufficient to garner the senior prize.

[Standings](#)

Piasetski, Leon - Saraci, Nderim [E90] Karpos Open 2014 Skopje MKD (5.63), 01.04.2014

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.h3 e5 7.d5 Nbd7 8.Be3 Nc5 9.Nd2 a5 10.g4 Bd7
11.Be2 Ne8 12.Nb3 b6 13.h4 f5 14.exf5 gxf5 15.g5 f4 16.Bxc5 dxc5 17.Nd2 Nd6 18.Nde4 f3
19.Bd3 Rf4 20.Qc2 Nf5 21.0-0-0 Nd4 22.Qd2 a4 23.Rdg1 a3 24.b3 Bf5 25.h5 Kh8 26.Qe3 Qe8
27.h6 Bf8 28.Nf6 Qg6 29.Bxf5 Rxf5 30.Nfe4 Be7 31.Rg4 Raf8 32.Kd2 Rf4 33.Rhg1 Nf5 34.Rxf4
Nxe3 35.Rxf8+ Bxf8 36.Kxe3 Bxh6 37.Nb5 Bf8 38.Nxc7 h5 39.Ne6 Be7 40.Kxf3 Kh7 41.Nf6+ Bxf6
42.Nf8+ 1-0

2014 B.C. YOUTH CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP



Some of the winners

Organized by Maxim Doroshenko, this year's BCYCC was held at the Vancouver Chess School; the three-day five-round tournament attracted a total of ninety-four players, playing in sections determined by age and gender (although some sections were combined for pairing purposes). Special thanks to Maxim, Vivien, and all the volunteers who helped to make the event a success. The winners were as follows:

U8 Open

- 1 Aidan Zhou
- 2 David Jiang
- 3 Chuyang Gu

U10 Open

- 1 Neil Doknjas
- 2 Kevin Low
- 3 Rowan James

U8 Girls

- 1 Elaine Fan

U10 Girls

- 1 Cindy Ziyi Zhao
- 2 Angelina Yang
- 3 Anna Van

U12 Open

=1 Luke Pulfer
=1 Joshua Doknjas
3 Alec Chung

U14 Open

1 Alex Lin
2 Robin Yu
3 Lahiru Jayaweera

U16 Open

1 John Doknjas
2 Yutong Zhang
3 Karl Cui

U18 Open

1 Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj
2 Alex Sabaratnam
3 Ben Zhang

U12 Girls

1 Annika Zhou
2 Rinna Yu

U14 Girls

1 Pepi Eirew

U16 Girls

1 Uranchimeg Nyamdorj
2 Carina Du

U18 Girls

=1 Joanne Foote
=1 Alice Xiao

[Standings \(scroll down\) and link to more photos](#)

IN MEMORIAM MIERVALDIS JURSEVSKIS (6 November 1921 - 15 March 2014)

It is with sadness that we note the passing of six-time B.C. Champion Miervaldis ("Walter") Jursevskis at the age of ninety-two.

Born in Riga, Latvia. His father was an officer in the Russian and Latvian armies; Walter recalled stories of imperial banquets at which the Tsar rewarded his guests by giving them the expensive place settings as gifts. The family lived in the resort district of Riga Jurmala (Riga Beach), a popular relaxation and holiday locale. Jursevskis studied architecture at the University of Riga for four years, but eventually decided to concentrate on art. In May 1945 he left Riga by sea just before the advancing Soviet forces arrived; he landed at Kiel, and spent the next two years in various D.P. (Displaced Person) camps across Germany. In 1948 Jursevskis emigrated to Canada, and after a year's employment with the CPR at Cameron Lake (to fulfill contractual requirements) he settled in Vancouver, working as a commercial artist for the Eatons company. In later life he carried out freelance work and also repaired porcelain and crystal.

Jursevskis learnt chess from his father at age six or seven, and achieved success in a number of events in Riga Jurmala, including winning the championship on one occasion. Incidentally Riga Jurmala also includes the resort of Kemeris, which hosted several large international tournaments in the late 1930s. As a displaced person after WW2 he played in a number of small international events, including Blomberg and Lübeck (both 1945), Meerbeck (1946), and Hanau (1947). In these events Jursevskis crossed swords with strong players from the Baltic countries who were also in detention, along with German and Austrian masters, including Bogoljubow, Sämisch, Rellstab, Zemgalis, Endzelins, and Arlauskas (the latter two emigrated to Australia and became

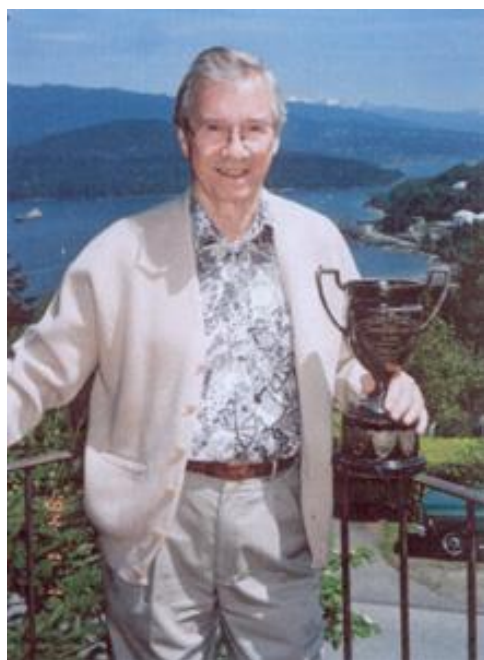
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Jursevskis and Lucius Endzelins, Blomberg, 1945



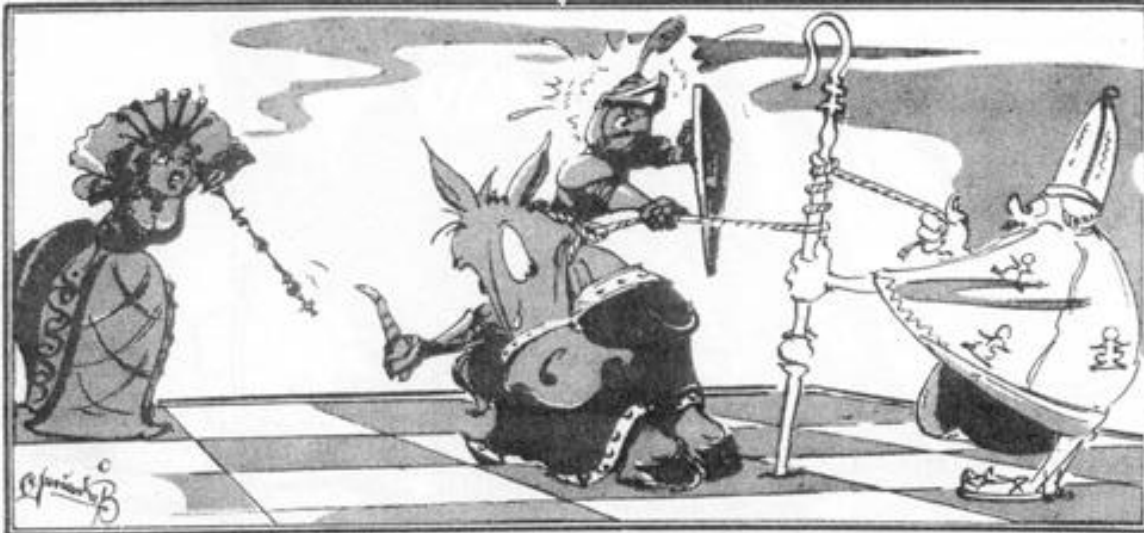
"Chess professor" Endzelins, a caricature by Jursevskis



Walter with the Chris Spencer Cup

After moving to B.C. Jursevskis largely outclassed the local opposition, a situation which continued until the arrival of Elod Macskasy in 1957. Indicative of this is a match Jursevskis contested with Leo Duval soon after coming to Vancouver; Duval was a four-time B.C. Champion, had finished fifth in the 1945 Canadian Championship and was known as a tough opponent, yet Jursevskis easily won the match with a 6-2 score. He entered the 1949 B.C. Championship and won it with a perfect score, repeating that feat the following year. Jursevskis went on to win the championship a further four years in succession, 1954-1957; in recognition of this achievement, he was given the championship trophy, the Chris Spencer Cup, in perpetuity. Jursevskis played in three Canadian Championships, his best result occurring in 1957 when he tied for third behind Vaitonis and Fuster.

Jursevskis was a very good blitz player. The D.P. tournaments that he participated in often had adjunct speed events alongside them; Walter invariably did better against the same opposition in the speed tournaments than in the regular events. He even penned a fourteen-page booklet in Latvian on the subject (*Technique and Tactics of Five Minute Chess*, Memmingen 1946). As a professional artist he contributed drawings to a number of chess magazines and also illustrated several chess books. One particular series consisted of chess terms/concepts interpreted via cartoons:



The B/g5 pinning the N/f6 in the Queen's Gambit Declined

Sämisch, Friedrich - Jursevskis, Miervaldis [D52] American Zone ch, Hanau, 1947

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Nbd7 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Be2 dxc4
 10.Bxf6 Nxf6 11.Nxc4 Qc7 12.0-0 Nd5 13.Bd3 f5 14.a3 Bd6 15.f4 Bd7 16.Rf3 c5 17.Nxd5 exd5
 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.dxc5 Qf6 20.Rc1 Bc6 21.Rg3 g6 22.b4 a6 23.a4 Bd7 24.Rf1 Rfe8 25.Qa2 Kg7
 26.Qa1 Re7 27.Kf2 Bc6 28.Rg5 Kf7 29.Qxf6+ Kxf6 30.Bc2 Rc8 31.Rg3 Rb8 32.Rd1 b6 33.cxb6
 Rxb6 34.Rd4 Re8 35.a5 Rbb8 36.Bd3 Bb5 37.Rxd5 Bxd3 38.Rxd3 Rxb4 39.Rd6+ Re6 40.Rxe6+
 Kxe6 41.Rh3 h5 42.Rg3 Kf6 43.Rg5 Ra4 44.h3 Rxa5 45.g3 Rb5 46.Ke2 a5 47.g4 hxg4 48.hxg4 a4
 49.gxf5 gxf5 50.e4 Rb2+ 51.Kd3 Rb3+ 52.Kc2 fxe4 53.Re5 e3 54.Re4 Ra3 55.Kb2 Kf5 0-1

Heinla, H. - Jursevskis, Miervaldis [D52] Matisons mem Hanau (5.15), 30.09.1947

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Nbd7 5.Nf3 c6 6.e3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 Ne4 9.Ndxe4 dxe4
 10.Bf4 0-0 11.Be2 e5 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.0-0 f5 14.Rac1 Be6 15.a3 Bd6 16.Rfd1 Bb8 17.Na4 Qc7
 18.Qc3 b6 19.Rd2 g5 20.Bxe5 Qxe5 21.Qxe5 Bxe5 22.Nc3 Rad8 23.Rcd1 Rxd2 24.Rxd2 Bxc3
 25.bxc3 Kf7 26.Kf1 Ke7 27.Ke1 Rf6 28.h3 Rh6 29.f3 g4 30.fxg4 fxg4 31.hxg4 Rh1+ 32.Kf2 Ra1
 33.Rd4 Rxa3 34.Rxe4 Rxc3 35.g5 Kd6 36.Ke1 Bf5 37.Rd4+ Kc5 38.Kd2 Rc2+ 39.Kd1 a5 40.Rf4
 Bg6 41.Bf3 Rxc4 42.Rxc4+ Kxc4 43.Bxc6 Kd3 44.Ke1 Kxe3 0-1

Jursevskis, Miervaldis - Duval, Leo [B73] Duval - Jursevskis m Vancouver (1), 1949

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Be2 Nc6 8.0-0 0-0 9.f4 Qb6 10.e5
 dxe5 11.fxe5 Nxe5 12.Nf5 Qe6 13.Nxg7 Kxg7 14.Nb5 Nc6 15.Qc1 Bd7 16.Nc7 Qe5 17.Nxa8 Rxa8
 18.Bf3 Nd4 19.c3 Nxf3+ 20.Rxf3 Qh5 21.Qd2 Bg4 22.Rff1 Kg8 23.Qf2 Be2 24.Rfe1 Ba6 25.Bd4
 Ng4 26.Qg3 e5 27.Bxe5 Nxe5 28.Rxe5 1-0

Taylor, Jack - Jursevskis, Miervaldis [A13] City CC inv Vancouver, 1950

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.g3 b6 5.Bg2 Bb7 6.d4 dxc4 7.Qa4+ Nbd7 8.Bg5 Be7 9.0-0 0-0
 10.Qxc4 c5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Rfd1 Qe7 13.b4 Bd6 14.Nb5 Rac8 15.Qh4 Bb8 16.Rxd7 Qxd7
 17.Bxf6 gxf6 18.Ng5 Rfd8 19.Qxh7+ Kf8 20.Bxb7 fxg5 21.Bxc8 Qxb5 22.Bxe6 fxe6 23.Qh8+ Ke7
 24.Qg7+ Ke8 25.Qg8+ Ke7 26.Qg7+ 1/2-1/2

Jursevskis, Miervaldis - Millar, Charlie [C84] CAN ch Vancouver (4.6), 25.08.1951

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.d3 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 Na5 9.Bc2 c5 10.h3 h6
11.Be3 Bb7 12.Nbd2 Qc7 13.d4 Nc6 14.d5 Nd8 15.Nh2 g5 16.a4 Qd7 17.axb5 axb5 18.Rxa8 Bxa8
19.c4 0-0 20.Qe2 b4 21.Ra1 Bb7 22.Ndf1 Bc8 23.Ng3 Qb7 24.Nh5 Nh7 25.Ng4 Bxg4 26.Qxg4 Nf6
27.Nxf6+ Bxf6 28.h4 Qe7 29.g3 Kh7 30.Qh5 Rg8 31.Bd1 Rg7 32.Bg4 Kg8 33.Bf5 Nb7 34.Ra7
gxf4 35.Bxh6 hxg3 36.Bxg7 gxf2+ 37.Kxf2 Bxg7 38.Kg3 Qc7 39.Bh7+ Kf8 40.Qg5 Qb8 41.Rxb7
Qe8 42.Qf5 1-0

May, Frank - Jursevskis, Miervaldis [D52] BC ch Vancouver (6), 19.04.1954

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 c6 5.e3 Nbd7 6.Nf3 Qa5 7.Nd2 Bb4 8.Qc2 dxc4 9.Bxf6 Nxf6
10.Nxc4 Qg5 11.a3 Be7 12.Ne4 Nxe4 13.Qxe4 0-0 14.Ne5 Bd6 15.Nf3 Qa5+ 16.Nd2 e5 17.dxe5
Bxe5 18.Qc2 Be6 19.Bd3 h6 20.0-0 Rad8 21.Rab1 Rxd3 22.Qxd3 Rd8 23.Nc4 Bxh2+ 24.Kh1 Qh5
25.Qxd8+ Kh7 26.Qd3+ g6 27.Qd1 Qh4 28.Qd4 Bf4+ 29.Kg1 Qh2# 0-1

Carlson, Axel - Jursevskis, Miervaldis [B60] BC ch Vancouver, 04.1955

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.Bg5 Qb6 7.Bxf6 gxf6 8.Nb3 e6 9.Be2 Bd7
10.a3 0-0-0 11.0-0 Rg8 12.Na4 Qc7 13.c4 Ne5 14.Nd2 f5 15.b4 fxe4 16.Nxe4 Bc6 17.Ng3 b6
18.Qb3 Qd7 19.Nc3 f5 20.Rad1 f4 21.Nge4 f3 22.Bxf3 Nxf3+ 23.Kh1 Qg7 24.Ng3 Qh6 25.h3 Nd4
0-1

Jursevskis, Miervaldis - Fuster, Geza [B32] CAN ch Ottawa (5), 08.1955

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Qc7 5.c4 Qe5 6.Be3 Qxe4 7.Nc3 Qe5 8.Be2 e6 9.0-0 Nf6
10.Ncb5 a6 11.Nf3 Qb8 12.Nc3 d6 13.Na4 Nd7 14.Ng5 Be7 15.Qd2 0-0 16.Rfd1 b5 17.cxb5 axb5
18.Nc3 Bxg5 19.Bxg5 b4 20.Ne4 d5 21.Bf4 Nce5 22.Ng5 Ba6 23.Re1 h6 24.Nf3 Nxf3+ 25.Bxf3
Qb5 26.Bd6 Rfb8 27.Bxb8 Rxb8 28.Be2 Qb6 29.Bxa6 Qxa6 30.Rec1 Ne5 31.Qf4 Qd6 32.Kh1 d4
33.h3 d3 34.a4 bxa3 35.bxa3 Qd5 36.Rd1 Rc8 37.Rac1 Rd8 38.a4 g5 39.Qb4 d2 40.Rc2 Nd3
41.Qb6 Rd6 42.Qe3 Nf4 43.f3 Qd4 44.Qxd4 Rxd4 45.Ra2 Ne2 46.Rdxd2 Ng3+ 47.Kg1 Rb4
48.Rdb2 Rc4 49.Rc2 Rd4 50.Ra1 1-0

Jursevskis, Miervaldis - Zemgalis, Elmars [B03] BC - WA match, Mount Vernon, 19.08.1956

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 exd6 6.Be3 Be7 7.Bd3 Nc6 8.Ne2 Nb4 9.Nbc3 0-0
10.0-0 Re8 11.Bb1 Nxc4 12.a3 Nxe3 13.fxe3 Nc6 14.Nf4 Bg5? 15.Qh5! g6 16.Nxg6 Bxe3+ 17.Kh1
Qg5 18.Ne7+ Rxe7 19.Qxh7+ Kf8 20.Bg6! Ke8 21.Qg8+ Kd7 22.Bf5+ Re6 23.Qxf7+ Ne7 24.Bxe6+
Kc6 25.Qe8+ Kb6 26.Rf5! a6 27.Rxg5 1-0

Jursevskis, Miervaldis - Anderson, Frank [C96] CAN ch Vancouver (2.3), 24.08.1957

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.c3 d6 9.h3 Na5 10.Bc2 c6
11.a4 Nc4 12.d4 Qc7 13.Nbd2 Nb6 14.a5 Nbd7 15.Nf1 Re8 16.Ng3 Nf8 17.Nf5 Bxf5 18.exf5 exd4
19.cxd4 c5 20.Bf4 c4 21.Bg5 d5 22.Ne5 h6 23.Bf4 Bd6 24.Re3 Re7 25.Rg3 Kh8 26.Qf3 Rxe5
27.dxe5 Bxe5 28.Bxe5 Qxe5 29.Qa3 d4 30.Rd1 N8d7 31.Qb4 Re8 32.Qd2 Qe2 33.Re3 Rxe3
34.fxe3 Qxd2 35.Rxd2 d3 36.Bxd3 cxd3 37.Rxd3 b4 38.Rd4 b3 39.Rc4 Nd5 40.e4 N5f6 41.Rc3
Nxe4 42.Rxb3 Kh7 43.Rb7 Ne5 44.Ra7 Nc5 45.b4 Ncd3 46.Rxa6 Nxb4 47.Rb6 Nbc6 48.a6 h5
49.h4 f6 50.Rb7 Kh6 51.a7 Nxa7 52.Rxa7 g6 53.fxg6 Kxg6 54.Kf2 Kf5 55.Kg3 Kg6 56.Kf4 Nd3+

57.Ke3 Ne5 58.Ke4 Ng4 59.Ra8 Nh6 60.Kf4 Kg7 61.Ra3 Kg6 62.Rg3+ Kf7 63.Ke4 Ng8 64.Rf3
 Ne7 65.Ra3 Kg6 66.Ra5 Ng8 67.Kd5 Kf5 68.Ra4 Ne7+ 69.Kd6 Ng6 70.g3 Ne5 71.Rf4+ Kg6
 72.Ke6 Ng4 73.Rf5 Kg7 74.Rxh5 Nf2 75.Rf5 Ne4 76.Rf4 Nc5+ 77.Ke7 Nd3 78.Rg4+ Kh7 79.Kxf6
 1-0

VANCOUVER vs. NEW WESTMINSTER, 1887

The following report appeared in the [Vancouver] *Evening Herald* of Wednesday, 26 October 1887:

"The Chess Match between Vancouver and New Westminster players took place at the rooms of the Chess and Draught Club here, last night. Contrary to expectations only two of the Westminster players put in an appearance, viz.: Senator McInnis and Mr. J.C. Brown. Our players had hoped to meet at least four or five players, and were consequently somewhat disappointed. However a very enjoyable game was had, resulting in favor of the home team by seven to one, and one drawn game. The following were the order of the games: -

Vancouver		Westminster
Hirschberg	2-0	Brown
Keith	2-0	Brown
Keith	2.5-0.5	McInnes
Hoffer	1-1	McInnes

At the conclusion of the match the company adjourned to the Gold House [Hotel], where an elegant repast was spread, and to which full justice was done by both victors and vanquished.

After the inner man had been satisfied a pleasant hour was spent in speechmaking, songs, recitations, etc. Our boys expect to go to the Royal City in a short time to play a return match."

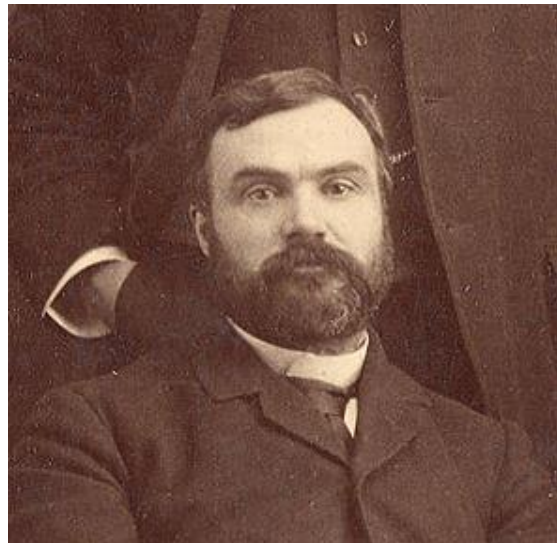
So what does this tell us about the history of chess in this province? Not much from a technical point of view, as none of the games have come down to us, although it appears the Vancouver club was considerably stronger than the one in New Westminster, despite the latter city having the greater population until the first decade of the twentieth century. However, from the use of city directories and a small amount of conjuncture it has been possible to identify all the players involved, and this sheds considerable light on the social history of chess at the time. All the individuals named were in the upper echelons of society, and would have been considered among the movers and shakers of their time. The origin of the New Westminster club remains uncertain, but the beginnings of this edition of the Vancouver CC were the result of a catastrophe the previous year. On 13 June 1886 the newly-incorporated city of Vancouver was almost entirely destroyed by fire. The city quickly rebuilt, and by the following

September a Vancouver branch of the Bank of British Columbia, managed by J.C. Keith, opened in a building which also housed the C.P.R. offices. Within a year the *Daily Herald* could announce the formation of a chess club using the bank's premises – Keith was one of the founding members.



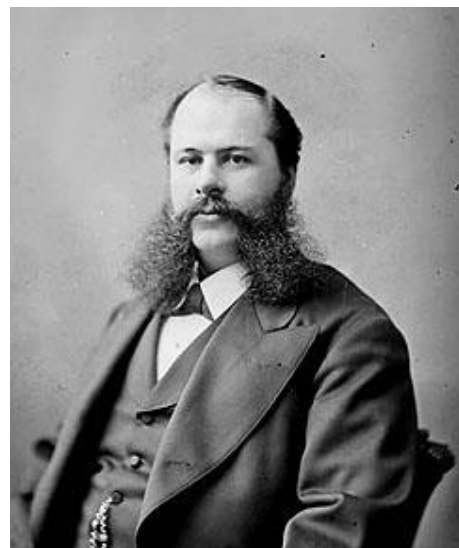
CPR building; Bank of BC offices on the right

Every indication we have is that the club was still meeting there two months later when the match with New Westminster took place. Born in Scotland, James Cooper Keith (1852-1914) came to Victoria in 1876 before settling in Vancouver in 1886. Apart from his career as a banker, Keith later served as President of the Board of Trade and was an important figure in the development of North Vancouver, holding the position of Reeve of the municipality and lending his name to one of its main highways, Keith Road. Another figure with connections to the North Shore was German-born Martin H. Hirschberg (1834?-1896), an accountant connected with the *Daily News Advertiser* newspaper, who was the first Clerk of the District of North Vancouver in 1891. And the third member of the Vancouver team was the resplendently named Noble Stonestreet Hoffar (1843-1907), although his last name was frequently misspelled as Hoffer. Born in Washington, D.C., Hoffar graduated from Georgetown College before moving to the Western states where for a time he was engaged in mining. In 1872 he settled in Los Angeles and adopted his subsequent profession of builder and architect. He spent time in Oregon, Victoria, Nanaimo, and New Westminster before fortuitously arriving in Vancouver the day before the great fire; his skills were much in demand as the city rebuilt and prospered in the following decades.



J.C. Keith

On the New Westminster team were two storied gentleman who incidentally both have pages on Wikipedia. [Thomas Robert McInnes](#) (1840-1904) was born in Nova Scotia of Scottish parents; he studied at Harvard and elsewhere and was trained as a doctor. A veteran of the American Civil War, McInnis settled in New Westminster in 1874, serving as a physician and surgeon, coroner, and superintendent of the Provincial Lunatic Asylum. He entered politics, becoming mayor of New Westminster (1877-78) and was elected to the commons before being named to the senate by John A. Macdonald in 1881. McInnis subsequently resigned from the senate to become B.C.'s sixth Lieutenant Governor (1897-1900). While in Ottawa McInnis had the opportunity to play in the minor division of the Dominion chess championship in 1884 and also took a board in a blindfold simultaneous display given by Zukertort. [John Cunningham Brown](#) (1844-1929) was born in Ireland but came to B.C. in 1862, living first in Victoria but moving to New Westminster the following year. He established what was later named the *British Columbian* newspaper, but sold his part of the business in 1880 to become postmaster. Brown was mayor of New Westminster 1890-91; he was elected to the provincial legislature and served as Provincial Secretary 1900-01. In 1907 Brown was named warden of the British Columbia Penitentiary.



Senator McInnes

Thus we see the participants in this match and presumably the members of the clubs in general were all from the upper strata of society. British Columbia may have been thousands of miles from the Victorian home country, but the pioneer immigrants still perpetuated the class divisions ingrained in them since birth. Chess may have been a 'rational recreation,' encouraged in the lower

classes of society via Mechanics' Institutes and reading rooms as an alternative to the saloon, but the formal chess club remained the domain of the upper classes, a division which would not break down until the arrival of different social standards following the Great War.

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #23:

"All Rook endings are drawn" is a well-known chess quote the majority has attributed to Tarrasch, while Kortchnoi considered it to be by Tartakover. You don't need to do research to see who is right, but something more interesting: prove it wrong! White to move and win.

#22 Answer:



The Black King already stuck on the h4-square helps with narrowing down the choices. It is obvious the White King must move, so we look at all options:

- I. 1.Kf7 makes no sense
- II. 1.Kf5? h6 2.Rg5 (to avoid stalemate) 2...hxc5 and Black wins after his King moves to the g4-square
- III. 1.Kf6!! h6 2.Rg5 hxc5 3.Kf5! we have reached the same position as in line (II) except it is Black's turn to move: 3...g4 4.Kf4 g3 5.hxc3#

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Blitz (note the change of format)

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Henry Angus Building, University of British Columbia
Entry fee \$10+, depending on number of players and whether rated or not
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca, or see <https://www.facebook.com/UBCChess>

Vancouver Rapid Team Ch. 2013-14

September 2013 - April 2014
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WGM Aarthie Ramaswamy

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April 18-21, Victoria
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April Active

April 26, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

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April 27, Burnaby
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May Active

May 10, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

Keres Memorial

May 17-19, Richmond
[Details](#)

West End Blitz

June 1, Exile Café, Vancouver
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June Active

June 8, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

West End Blitz

June 15, Exile Café, Vancouver
[Details](#)

B.C. Senior Championship

June 20-22, Surrey
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West End Blitz

June 29, Exile Café, Vancouver
[Details](#)

July Active

July 16, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)

West End Blitz

July 17, Exile Café, Vancouver
[Details](#)

August Active

August 17, Vancouver Chess School
[Details](#)