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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

February Active (February 4)

Perhaps the new location (Jericho Village at 4th and Alma) is not as appealing, or maybe the tournament scene was a little saturated (Chess2Inspire Junior Championship the weekend before, BC Open the weekend after), but for whatever reason only six players entered the Open Section of the VCS February Active, the smallest turnout ever. One small silver lining from the TD's perspective was the pairings were easy – Berger tables for a six-player round robin. Top-ranked Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj took the top prize with 4.5/5 but second was a surprise. Despite being ranked third by over 300 points and also losing to Andrew Xu in the second round, Ryan Leong drew with Davaa in round three and then beat second-ranked Vas Sladek to claim the second prize by half a point.



Ryan and Davaa seeking inspiration

The eleven player Junior Section was a more normal size for this event. The overall winners were Justin Jin and Borna Amjadi, with Justin taking the U1300 trophy on tiebreak; the U1000 and U600 trophies went to Codrin Pompas and Arcadi Konoval respectively; and medals were awarded to Borna, Rohan Wessels, and Alex Yu. The next active is on [March 4](#) – if you enjoy these events please patronise them, otherwise they will disappear from the tournament calendar. [Standings](#)



Women in Chess

Recently Langara journalism student Desirée Garcia wrote a short article on gender bias in chess; the article can be found in the online edition of the Langara [Voice](#) newspaper. There are comments from current BC Women's Champion Sherry Tian and former junior player Jamie Harper, son of Bruce Harper.

Comox Chess Club

There is a new chess club in the Comox Library and it is held every Wednesday, from 5:30 pm till 8 pm, located at the Portside Building, 1720 Beaufort Avenue, Comox, BC V9M 1R7. Admission is free. Bring a chess set if you have one. The contact name is Philip Boyle phpboyle@hotmail.com Tel. 250 871 3998. The club is in the formative stage, and there is currently a wide range of players attending, from beginner to master level.



Pictured (1) local master Ian Martinovsky in action against Berlin U18 Champion Bennett Schnabel (visiting on a one year student exchange from Germany). Jelke Hoekstra in the foreground.

KAUFMAN AND MOROZOV SHARE BC OPEN HONOURS (February 10-12)

For the third year running, the BC Open shattered the all-time attendance record with 139 players. This year's edition, the fiftieth BC Open since the inaugural event in 1964, was held in the familiar confines of the Westminster Room at the Executive Plaza Hotel in Richmond. The Premier Section featured last round come-from-behind wins by IM Ray Kaufman and FM Grigorii Morozov, enabling them both to overtake front-runner Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj and tie for first place with final scores of 5.0-1.0. Ray's game against Davaa featured a promising kingside attack by Davaa that fizzled, allowing the more experienced IM to counter-attack in the centre and carry the day.



The tide turns in the last-round battle on board one (Kaufman left, Nyamdorj right)

As Kaufman is not a BC resident and Morozov qualifies automatically for the next BC Closed as 2017 co-champion, the spot in the 2018 Closed was decided on tie-break between the three players tied for third place, Keith MacKinnon, Jason Kenney and Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj, all with 4.5-1.5 scores. Keith MacKinnon, who recently moved to Vancouver from Saskatchewan, won the position on tie-break.

The tournament was held on BC Family Day weekend and fittingly a father and son captured clear first in the next two sections. And for these two, it was not the first time. Kai Wang won the large 44-player U1900 Section with 5.5 points while his son Daniel was sweeping the U1500 section with a perfect 6-0. It was an odd repeat of their performance in the 2016 GPO when they won the U1700 and U1400 Sections.

The Wangs started learning chess together at the beginning of 2014. Daniel attended Vancouver Chess School between 2015 and 2016 and his dad was kindly allowed to be with him in the classroom where he learned how to improve himself as well as how to train a young chess player. Daniel stopped going to chess lessons in late 2016 because of other interests but has been informally coached by Kai. In 2017, both travelled to the World Open in Philadelphia and Daniel won the U1400 grand prize of \$8000.



Kai and Daniel

Wrapping up the section winners were Frank Zhou, Luka Spasojevic and Yawen Zheng (co-winners U1100, all scoring 5-1). Simar Thukral, an SFU student from India won top unrated with 4.5 points, playing in the U1100 Section. The prize fund was a BC Open record of \$3,500.

Organizer and Report: Paul Leblanc, NATD: Stephen Wright, IA [Standings](#)

Morozov, Grigorii – Nyamdorj, Davaa-Ochir [D56] BC op Richmond (4.1), 11.02.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bh4 0–0 7.e3 Ne4 8.Bxe7 Qxe7 9.Qc2 Nxc3 10.bxc3 dxc4 11.Bxc4 c5 12.0–0 b6 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.f4 Nd7 15.Bd3 Rac8 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Qd2 cxd4 18.exd4 b5 19.Rab1 a6 20.Rfe1 Qc7 21.Rbc1 Qd6 22.Bb1 Rfd8 23.Rcd1 Qc7 24.Rc1 Qd6 25.Red1 Qd5 26.Qe2 Rc7 27.Qb2 b4 28.cxb4 Rxc1 29.Rxc1 Qxd4+ 30.Qxd4 Rxd4 31.a3 Rd2 32.Rc7 Rxc7+ 33.Kf1 Rxh2 34.Bd3 Rd2 35.Be2 Bg2+ 36.Ke1 Ra2 37.Rc3 g6 38.Bxa6 h5 39.Bc4 Rb2 40.Rb3 Rc2 41.Bd3 Ra2 42.Be2 h4 43.Bg4 f5 44.Bh3 Bd5 45.Rc3 Kf7 46.b5 Rb2 47.Bf1 e5 48.fxe5 g5 49.a4 g4 50.a5 g3 51.Rc7+ Ke6 0–1

MacKinnon, Keith – Sohal, Tanraj [B33] BC op Richmond (4.2), 11.02.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bf4 e5 8.Bg5 a6 9.Na3 b5 10.Nd5 Be7 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.c4 b4 13.Nc2 Rb8 14.b3 Bg5 15.g3 0–0 16.h4 Bh6 17.Bh3 Be6 18.Kf1 Qd7 19.Kg2 a5 20.Qf3 Kh8 21.Rad1 Qa7 22.Nce3 Bxe3 23.Qxe3 Qe7 24.Rd3 Nd8 25.Rhd1 Nb7 26.f3 Bxh3+ 27.Kxh3 f5 28.exf5 Rxf5 29.Kg2 Rbf8 30.Qe2 Qf7 31.Rf1 Qg6 32.Ne3 R5f7 33.Rd5 Nc5 34.Qd1 Rf6 35.h5 Qxh5 36.Rxd6 Qg6 37.Rxf6 Qxf6 38.Qd5 Qe7 39.Ng4 Rd8 40.Qc6 h6 41.Rf2 Nd3 42.Re2 Qg5 43.Qc7 Rf8 44.Qd6 Rd8 45.Qb6 Rf8 46.Qe3 Qf5 Black offered a draw. 47.Qe4 Qxe4 48.Rxe4 Rd8 49.Re2 Kh7 50.Nf2 Kg6 51.Ne4 Kf5 52.Kf1 Nc1 53.Rc2 Rd1+ 54.Kf2 g5 55.c5 g4 56.c6 gxf3 57.c7 Kxe4 58.Rc4+ Rd4 59.Rxc1 Rd2+ 60.Kf1 Rh2 61.Re1+ Kd3 62.c8Q Rh1+ 63.Kf2 1–0

Kaufman, Raymond – Nyamdorj, Davaa-Ochir [C65] BC Open Richmond (6.1), 12.02.2018

(Annotations by Raymond Kaufman)

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 The popular Berlin Defence, very solid and a great last round choice for safety. I chose the d3 variation on my next turn to create the most dynamic chances. **4.d3 Bc5 5.Bxc6** 5.0–0 0–0 6.Bxc6 bxc6 7.Nxe5 d5 8.d4 Bb6 9.Nxc6 Qd6 10.exd5 Nxd5 11.Ne5 Ba6 12.Re1 Rfe8 13.Na3! planning Nc4, and Black has insufficient compensation. **5...dxc6** 5...bxc6!? is a tricky popular move: 6.Nxe5 d5 7.0–0 dxe4 (7...0–0 8.d4 Bd6 9.Nxc6 Qe8 10.e5 Qxc6 11.exf6±) 8.Nc3 Qe7 9.d4 Bb6 10.a4 a5+/- **6.0–0 Nd7 7.Be3 Bd6 8.Nbd2 c5** Black creates a solid but passive set up. He clamps down on d4 and most importantly, keeps the option open of castling queenside and starting a potential counterattack against my king. **9.Nc4 Qe7 10.Nfd2** Planning f4, but maybe too time consuming. **10...Nf6?** Now White has a strong opportunity. Better is 10...f6, a good all-round move. If I do nothing Black plans Nd7–f8 g5 Be6–d7 and 0-0-0 with a great position. 11.Qh5+ Qf7 12.Qxf7+ Kxf7=. **11.Kh1?** 11.Bg5! h6 12.Bxf6 gxf6 (12...Qxf6 13.f4! Qd8 14.f5 Be7 15.Kh1 Bf6 16.a4 0–0+/- I can muster enough pressure to tie the B/f6, my knights remain effective though I have no attack on the kingside despite my pawn wedge there.) 13.Ne3 Be6 14.Qf3 0–0–0 15.Nd5 Bxd5 16.exd5+/- A nice positional edge. Having doubled black's f pawns and controlling the light squares in the centre and the kingside, Black has no realistic chances for an attack. **11...Ng4 12.h3 Nxe3** [12...h5 13.Kg1 Nxe3 14.fxe3 Be6 is similar to the game but Black gains a tempo on my Kg1. Play is roughly equal though I prefer Black. **13.fxe3 h5?!** 13...Be6 14.a3 0–0! Now that I have gone a3 indicating play on the queenside he goes short. Davaa is completely fine here, the two bishops are solid and strong. Of course a future Nxd6 is answered by cxd6 completely fixing his pawn structure. **14.Qf3 Be6 15.a3**



15...Rh6? Too slow and allows the following complications for me to mix it up. After 15...0-0-0 perhaps he feared b4 counterplay. 16.b4 cxb4 17.axb4 Kb8 18.Nxd6 Qxd6 19.Qg3 Rhg8 20.Ra5 Qxb4 21.Rfa1 Qxd2 (21...a6 22.Rxa6! bxa6 23.Rb1 Qxb1+ 24.Nxb1 f6 25.Qg6+/= The well-known queen and knight combo is effective here. I can create threats against Black's open king soon enough.) 22.Rxa7 Kc8 23.Qxe5 Kd7 24.Rxb7 Qxc2 25.Ra6 Rc8 26.Qd6+ Ke8 27.Qe5 Qc1+ 28.Kh2 Kd8 29.Qd4+ Ke7 30.Qd6+= draw by repetition.

16.d4! Rf6?! 16...cxd4 17.exd4 exd4 18.e5 Bc5 19.b4 Bb6 20.a4 (20.Qxb7 Rd8 21.Qf3 Kf8 22.Qd3 Bd5=, the B/d5 is a strong piece) 20...d3 21.cxd3 0-0-0! with counterplay. **17.Qxh5 Rh6 18.Qf3 Qd7?!** Better is 18...cxd4 19.exd4 exd4 20.e5 Bc5=. **19.Kg1 Rg6 20.Kh1 Rh6 21.Nxd6+!** Finally. **21...cxd6 22.Kg1 cxd4 23.exd4 exd4 24.Qf2 0-0-0** 24...Bxh3 25.gxh3 Qxh3 26.Qxf7+] **25.Qxd4!+/=** Defending everything in the nick of time! **25...Kb8** 25...Bxh3?? 26.Qc4+ Kb8 27.Rxf7 **26.Rf3 Rg6 27.Kh2 d5 28.e5** 28.Qe5+ Ka8 29.Re1 f6 30.Qf4 d4 31.Rd3± **28...f6?** 28...Rh8 29.Nb3 Rg4 30.Rf4 Rxf4 31.Qxf4 g5 32.Qg3+/= **29.exf6 Qd6+ 30.Qf4** Trading queens. Now in the resulting endgame not only is he a pawn down, but f6 is extremely weak and Nd2-f3 or b3-d4! is coming, the N/d4 will dominate the board. The win is now a matter of technique. **30...Qxf4+ 31.Rxf4 gxf6 32.Re1 Rdg8 33.Re2 Kc7 34.Nf3 Kd6 35.Ra4 a6 36.Rb4 Bc8 37.a4 Kc5 38.c3 R8g7 39.a5 Bf5 40.Nd4 Bd3? 41.Ne6+ Kd6 42.Rb6+ Ke7 43.Rxb7+ Kd6 44.Rb6+ Ke7 45.Rd2! Rg8 46.Nf4** This double attack effectively ends the game. **46...Be4 47.Nxg6+ Rxg6 48.Rxa6 Kd7 49.b4 Kc7 50.Ra7+ Kc6 51.Rf7** All in all a decent but not great game. I should have achieved nothing from the opening. Rh6-f6 was a tad ambitious and gave me enough play. However if after my d4 he took twice right away (instead of Rf6) he would have great dynamic play. A good final round struggle nonetheless! **1-0**

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent – Harper, Bruce [B06] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club, 19.02.2018

This game really only gets (mildly) interesting near the end. Until then, neither side plays particularly well, but the finish struck me as funny.

1.e4 [0:03:00] **g6** [0:03:00] **2.d4** [0:02:59] **Bg7** [0:03:00] **3.c3** [0:02:59] **d6** [0:02:59] **4.f3** [0:02:58] **Nc6** [0:02:56] **5.Be3** [0:02:58] **e5** [0:02:56] **6.Bb5** [0:02:55] This move isn't bad - at the cost of a tempo (c2-c3-c4), White plans to close the centre and exchange his "bad" bishop. **6...Bd7** [0:02:53] **7.d5** [0:02:53] **Nce7** [0:02:53] **8.Bxd7+** [0:02:52] **Qxd7** [0:02:52]



And here we are. White has achieved his positional goal, but Black's lead in development counts for something too. **9.Ne2** [0:02:51] **f5** [0:02:51] **10.Nd2** [0:02:50]



10...Bh6!? [0:02:50] The natural 10...Nf6 is fine, but I decided to exchange bishops in order to annoy White. I thought White would be upset to realize that, after all the trouble he took to exchange the light-squared bishops, Black then exchanged the dark-squared bishops too. **11.Bxh6** [2:48] **Nxh6** [0:02:50] **12.Qb3** [0:02:47] **b6** [0:02:47] This wasn't really necessary - Black could have just castled kingside. However, Black had in mind a kingside pawn advance without castling. **13.0-0-0** [0:02:44] **Nf7** [0:02:46] **14.Kb1** [0:02:43] **f4** [0:02:44] **15.h4** [0:02:39] **h6** [0:02:42] **16.Nc4?!** [0:02:34]



16...g5 [0:02:38] The engine recommends 16...c6!?, breaking down White's strongpoint on d5, which is difficult for White to properly defend. **17.hxg5** [0:02:32] **hxg5** [0:02:38] **18.Rxh8+** [0:02:29] **Nxh8** [2:38] **19.Rh1** [0:02:28] **Nf7** [0:02:35]



Black has started his pawn attack on the kingside, but needs a few moves to bring his pieces into the right position to support his attack. Fortunately White allows this. **20.Na3** [0:02:24] **Kf8** [0:02:32] **21.g3** [0:02:19] **Kg7** [0:02:27] **22.gxf4** [0:02:16] **gxf4** [0:02:27] **23.Qc4** [0:02:14] **a6** [0:02:21] **24.Rg1+** [0:02:11] **Ng6** [0:02:20] **25.Nc2** [0:01:58] **Kf6** [0:02:16]



White has frittered away whatever advantage he had, and now chases a mirage with his more active knight. **26.Nb4?** [0:01:57] **b5?** [0:02:11] Missing a chance to immediately strike at the key to White's position with **26...Qh3!** **27.Qd3** [0:01:53] **Ng5** [0:01:57] **28.Rg4?!** [0:01:46] **a5** [0:01:50] **29.Nc6** [0:01:44] **Rh8** [0:01:47]



Black has burned his bridges and committed himself to winning on the kingside. If White takes either of the offered queenside pawns, his kingside, and then centre, collapses. Instead White defends his f3–pawn, hoping to reap the queenside harvest later. **30.Ng1** [0:01:20] **Rh1** [0:01:41] **31.a3** [0:01:18]



31...Nh4?! [0:01:39] If Black had been more opportunistic, he would have noticed 31... Nh3!, winning a piece (32.Qf1 Qxg4!). **32.Ka2** [0:01:15] **Nhx3** [0:01:19] **33.Nxf3** [0:00:52] **Qxg4** [0:01:17]



Black's kingside attack has arrived first, and White's only chance is a counterattack against Black's king. Black thwarts this with a nice kingwalk. **34.Nxg5** [0:00:52] **Kxg5** [0:01:15] **35.Qxb5** [0:00:36] **f3** [0:01:13] Not just to get another queen, but also to provide a haven for Black's king. **36.Nd8** [0:00:26] **Kf4** [0:01:08] 26....f2 was good enough, but in a three-minute game, king safety can never really be a bad thing. **37.Ne6+** [0:00:25] **Kg3** [0:01:06] **38.Qd3** [0:00:20] **Kg2** [0:00:59]



White resigns. Black's king has completed its journey, his f3–pawn is ready to be escorted to its promotion square, and White's beautifully placed e6–knight is completely out of play. **0–1**

ROBERT GRAHAM WADE IN BC

In the summer of 1947 the New Zealand (later English) master Bob Wade played in the Canadian Championship and U.S. Open, among other events. In the fall he gave two simultaneous displays in this province, in Vancouver on 9 October 1947, and the following day in Victoria, scoring +21 =0 -3 in the latter display.

“Robert Wade, twenty-six, globe trotting chess master of New Zealand, acquitted himself in fine style against thirty of British Columbia's better players during an exhibition of simultaneous play in Vancouver. After four hours of grueling competition, the visitor had scored nineteen decisive wins, held five of his opponents to drawn positions, and was defeated by six of Vancouver's leading exponents. Successful against the champion were George Panton and C.F. Millar, City Chess Club; D. Creemer, Vancouver Jewish Chess Club; A. Hammond and O. Hawes, Vancouver Chess Club, and Oscar Bock. Draws were scored by A. Helman, B.C. Champion; A. Stevenson, B. Weston, G. Gulbert and C.G. Carroll. Mr. Wade astonished his opponents by the incredible speed with which he opened his performance, making well over 200 moves in the first half-hour of play. At the conclusion of play no one doubted his abilities and all realized that in individual games Mr. Wade would easily have swept the entire field. His opening lecture on tactics, openings, middle and end game objectives was of great instructive value to local enthusiasts. The game score below is that of the first loss suffered by Mr. Wade at Vancouver and is a Caro-Kann defence. George Panton's play was direct, accurate and decisive. It reflects credit upon Vancouver chess standards notwithstanding the fact that Mr. Wade was occupied with twenty-nine other contestants.” [*Vancouver Daily Province*, 11 October 1947]



Wade, Robert - Panton, George [B16] Simul - Wade Vancouver, 09.10.1947

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ gxf6 6.c3 Bf5 7.Ne2 Nd7 8.Ng3 Bg6 9.h4 h6 10.h5 Bh7 11.Bc4 Nb6 12.Bb3 Qc7 13.Qf3 Bg7 14.Bf4 Qd7 15.0-0 0-0-0 16.a4 e5 17.Be3 f5 18.dxe5 Bxe5 19.a5 Nd5 20.Bxa7 f4 21.Ne4 Rhg8 22.Bb6 Rxc2+ 23.Kxc2 Rg8+ 24.Kh2 Bxe4 25.Qxe4 Qg4 0-1

“Undaunted by the presence of twenty-four experienced chess players of the Victoria Chess Club, diminutive Robert Wade, twenty-six year old New Zealand chess champion, deftly moved from one chess board to another Friday night to defeat methodically many of the local players

Mr. Wade has just completed an exhibition in Vancouver, another milestone in his 36,000 mile tour during the past sixteen months.

Chess is a game which pays little heed to the moving hands of the clock, but the chess exhibitionist was not one to waste time. A short, slight man, he darted from player to player, taking only seconds to conclude each move. As competing club member F.W. Plant said after Mr. Wade had made a brilliant move ending his game, “that was too fast for me.”

However, one young member, Peter Wyllie, nineteen year old UBC student and runner-up in last year's city chess championships, scored an upset by defeating, in thirty-nine moves, the touring champion. Among other winners were J.H. Lacey and Rev. G. Kinney.

Wade's formula for making a world chess champion is simple: take a young boy with good memory, imagination, and concentration and give him a good teacher. "He'll be a world beater at twenty." The young winner in the contest, Peter Wyllie, is considered one of the most promising juniors in the Dominion." [*Victoria Colonist*, 15 October 1947]

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Monthly until May 2018, Jericho Village

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March 3-4, Nanaimo

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BC Active Championship

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