

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #360

Your editor welcomes any and all submissions – news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to BC players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. To subscribe, send me an e-mail (swright2@telus.net); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

BCCF Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the BC Chess Federation was held between rounds on the Sunday of the Keres Memorial. The minutes should be published on the website shortly, but your executive for this year is as follows:

President – Stephen Wright	Vice-President (Island) – Mark Dutton
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Members at Large – Lyle Craver, Eric Gu	

Any concerns, questions, or ideas on how the federation can help promote chess in BC, please contact me or the above persons via the BCCF website. One result of the meeting which should be immediately highlighted: in 2012 a policy was approved that provided \$100 assistance to BC champions (Closed, Women's, Junior, etc.) to play in their respective national championships. At the AGM it was approved to double the amount of support to \$200 per player.

Vancouver Rapid Chess League (May 12)



The final – Chigorin Chess Club vs. VCS-1

The sixth season of the Vancouver Rapid Chess League which began last September has now come to a close. The league is a team competition, with a regular season followed by playoffs. Each match consists of three rounds, where three members of one team play three members of the opposing team in a Scheveningen format (games against everyone on the other team). The time control is fifteen minutes with a ten second increment or approximately twenty-five minutes per player, allowing all three rounds to be played in a single evening.

This year there ten teams, with eight of them making the playoffs. Final standings after the seven regular season rounds were as follows (match points followed by game points):

1 Chigorin Chess Club	13	44.5	17.5
2 VCS-1	12	48.0	18.5
3 Tri-Cities	9	35.0	12.5
4 UBC	8	36.5	11.5
5 SFU	8	29.0	10.0
6 VCS-2	6	30.5	9.0
7 VCS-3	4	26.0	7.5
8 Ultra Salmons	4	22.5	7.0
9 Lightning	4	22.5	6.5
10 Mavericks	2	20.5	5.0

The Quarterfinals on April 7 saw the Chigorin CC, VCS-2, and UBC narrowly defeat the Ultra Salmons, Tri-Cities, and SFU respectively, while VCS-1 had little difficulty with their fellow students in VCS-3 – the margin was 7.5-1.5. The Semifinals on April 21 pitted the two remaining VCS teams together, along with UBC versus the Chigorin CC. Both VCS-1 and Chigorin CC won by the lopsided margin of 7.0-2.0, which led to a final showdown for the championship on May 12. The second round was a 1.5-1.5 tie, but VCS-1 beat defending champion Chigorin CC in the other two rounds to claim the league championship for 2017-18 – congratulations! The Most Valuable Player award went to Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj, who scored 15.0/18 in the regular season.



Brandon Zhu, Tanraj Sohal, and James Li

Many thanks to all the players and captains, to league coordinator Konstantin Pyryaev, and to Maxim Doroshenko for providing the equipment and default locations (Columbia College and Vancouver Chess School at Jericho Village). [League website](#)

Elementary School Team Championship (May 12)

The eighteenth edition of the B.C. School Team Chess Championship took place at its traditional home, St. George's Junior School, on May 12. Organized by Luc Poitras, the tournament attracted eighteen teams representing ten schools. In the A Section the 2016 winners Marlborough (Burnaby) won the championship for a second time, while multiple-time champions St. George's had to be content with second this year; Erma Stephenson (Surrey) was third. The B Section saw the top two places reversed, St. George's emerging victorious over Marlborough, while Vancouver Christian was third. Standings at the [West Coast Junior Chess](#) website; report in the online [Burnaby Now](#) newspaper.



The winning Marlborough team

The honour roll:

2001 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2002 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2003 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2004 Our Lady of Perpetual Help
2005 Queen Mary
2006 St. George's Junior
2007 St. George's Junior
2008 St. George's Junior
2009 St. George's Junior

2010 St. George's Junior
2011 Lochiel U-Connect
2012 Lochiel U-Connect
2013 Erma Stephenson
2014 Erma Stephenson
2015 St. George's
2016 Marlborough
2017 St. George's
2018 Marlborough

A Club Request

I'm interested in starting a chess club that is more than just drop in and play, but instead also offers opportunities for adult beginners like myself to improve together. For example, I envision a class that is facilitated by a strong player who can help analyze Paul Morphy's games or present interesting chess puzzles. My question: do you know any adult chess beginners who might be interested in this? If so, have them contact me at this email address: simon.chan7@gmail.com

43rd PAUL KERES MEMORIAL (May 19-21) by Roger Patterson



The 43rd annual Keres Memorial drew an astounding one hundred and seventy players, making it a thirty-year high for the event and the fourth largest ever (or maybe fifth largest if you count the inaugural event that Keres played in). Also, compared to recent years, the event managed to attract players from a wider geographic range with players from BC, Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, Washington, and Oregon, not to mention three Irishmen who must have gotten lost. At our venue in Richmond, we've been squeezing more and more people into the main room we use – this attendance required a second room and extra TD. The tournament started off with a bang with no less than seven of the paired to win players in the Premier, including top ranked and multi-time Keres winner IM Georgi Orlov, being upset and opting for a Swiss Gambit. For many of these players, the pickings did not get any easier in round two with that gambit turning into an accelerated Swiss gambit. Orlov was lucky to salvage a half point from that second game despite being down a piece and facing a forced mate in three. Had he lost, we could have had a third round pairing of IM Orlov vs FM Gentes on last board!



Kriventsov and Sohal

Ultimately, FM Tanraj Sohal and IM Stanislav Kriventsov cleared the decks and shared first place to become the 2018 champions. Sohal is well known to most in BC as he is multi winner of the BC Championship as well as most other local events but Kriventsov, is less well known. Despite living in Vancouver for a number of years, he has played only rarely. My understanding is that he will likely play at least occasionally in the future. As always, many thanks to our chief TD IA Stephen Wright, Assistant TD FA Andrei Botez, Michael and Lara Lo of [Chess2Inspire](http://Chess2Inspire.com), co-organizer Paul

Leblanc, and all those who came out to volunteer or played as floaters. Next year, we try for a forty year attendance high! This [report, complete list of prize winners, standings, and more photos](#); previous [Keres Memorials](#)

Yoos, Jack – Schnabel, Bennett [B75] Keres mem 43rd Richmond (3.6), 20.05.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be3 a6 7.f3 Bg7 8.Qd2 h5 9.Bc4 Nbd7 10.0–0–0 b5 11.Bb3 Bb7 12.Rhe1 Rc8 13.Bg5 Rc5 14.Kb1 Ne5 15.h3 Qc7 16.f4 Nc4 17.Bxc4 Rxc4 18.e5 dxe5 19.fxe5 Nh7 20.Ndxb5 axb5 21.Nxb5 Qc8 22.Nd6+ exd6 23.exd6+ Kd7 24.Re7+ Kc6 25.Qa5 Nxc5 26.Rc7+ Qxc7 27.Qxc7+ Kb5 28.Qxb7+ Ka4 29.Qa6+ Kb4 30.Qb6+ Ka4 31.b3+ 1–0

Nyamdorj, Davaa-Ochir – Sohal, Tanraj S. [A47] Keres mem 43rd Richmond (5.1), 21.05.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 c5 4.Nf3 b6 5.Nbd2 Bb7 6.Nc4 cxd4 7.exd4 d6 8.Bd3 Be7 9.h3 0–0 10.a4 Qc7 11.c3 Nbd7 12.0–0 Rfe8 13.Re1 Nf8 14.Na3 Ng6 15.Bh2 a6 16.Ng5 Qc6 17.Ne4 Nd5 18.Bf1 f5 19.Nd2 Ndf4 20.f3 Bf8 21.Qb3 Kh8 22.Qc4 Qd7 23.Qb3 Qd8 24.Kh1 Qg5 25.Nac4 Rab8 26.Ne3 Nh5 27.Qc2 Ng3+ 28.Kg1 Nf4 29.Kf2 Nh1+ 30.Kg1 Ng3 31.Kf2 Nxf1 32.Ndxf1 d5 33.Bxf4 Qxf4 34.g3 Qh6 35.Kg2 Bd6 36.Qe2 Qg6 37.Qd3 a5 38.Kh2 Bc6 39.f4 Qh6 40.h4 g5 41.fxc5 Qxh4+ 42.Kg2 Qxc5 43.Kf2 b5 44.Ng2 bxa4 45.Re2 Bb5 46.Qd2 Qg6 47.Re3 Rg8 48.Rf3 Qf6 49.Nf4 Bd7 50.Re1 a3 51.bxa3 Bxa3 52.Qe3 Bd6 53.Re2 a4 54.Nh5 Qg5 55.Nf4 a3 56.Nxe6 Qxe3+ 57.Rfxe3 Rb2 58.Nf4 Bxf4 59.gxf4 a2 60.Rxb2 a1Q 61.Rbe2 Bb5 0–1

Kriventsov, Stanislav – Kaufman, Raymond [B44] Keres mem 43rd Richmond (5.2), 21.05.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nb5 d6 6.c4 Nf6 7.N1c3 a6 8.Nd4 Be7 9.Be2 0–0 10.0–0 Nxd4 11.Qxd4 e5 12.Qd3 Be6 13.b3 Nd7 14.Be3 Rc8 15.Rac1 Rc6 16.Qd2 h6 17.Nd5 Bxd5 18.cxd5 Rxc1 19.Rxc1 Bg5 20.Bxg5 hxg5 21.b4 Qb6 22.a4 a5 23.bxa5 Qb3 24.Qxg5 Nc5 25.h4 Nxe4 26.Qf5 Qb2 27.Re1 Qd2 28.Kf1 Qc2 29.Kg1 Qd2 30.Kf1 Nc3 31.Qd3 Qb2 32.a6 bxa6 33.Qxa6 Qb4 34.Qc4 Qxc4 35.Bxc4 Nxa4 36.Rb1 Rc8 37.Rb4 Nc3 38.Bb3 f5 39.Rb6 Ne4 40.Ke2 Rc3 41.f3 Nc5 42.Bd1 Ra3 43.Rxd6 Ra2+ 44.Kf1 Ra1 45.Ke1 e4 46.Rc6 Nd3+ 47.Kd2 Nb4 48.Rc8+ Kf7 49.fxe4 fxe4 50.Bb3 Ke7 51.Rc4 e3+ 52.Ke2 Na6 53.Re4+ Kd6 54.Re6+ Kd7 55.Bc4 Nc5 56.Rg6 Rc1 57.Bb5+ Ke7 58.Rxg7+ Kf6 59.Rc7 Ke5 60.Kxe3 Kxd5 61.h5 Rc3+ 62.Ke2 Rb3 63.Be8 Rg3 64.Kf1 Ne4 65.h6 Rg4 66.h7 Rh4 67.Bc6+ Kd6 68.Bxe4 Kxc7 69.g4 Kd6 70.Bg6 Rh6 71.g5 Rh4 72.Bh5 Rh1+ 73.Kf2 Rxh5 74.g6 Ke5 75.g7 Rxh7 76.g8Q Re7 77.Kf3 Re6 78.Qg5+ Kd4 79.Qd8+ Ke5 80.Qd3 Rf6+ 81.Ke3 Re6 82.Qb5+ Kf6+ 83.Kf4 Ke7 84.Kf5 Rf6+ 85.Kg5 Rd6 86.Qc4 Rd7 87.Kf5 Kd6 88.Kf6 Rc7 89.Qd4+ Kc6 90.Ke6 Kb5 91.Kd6 Rc4 92.Qd3 Kb4 93.Kd5 Rc3 94.Qd2 Kb3 95.Kd4 Rc2 96.Qd1 Kb2 97.Kd3 Rc3+ 98.Kd2 Rb3 99.Qc1+ Ka2 100.Qc5 Rb2+ 101.Kc3 Rb3+ 102.Kc4 Rb2 103.Qd4 Rb1 104.Kc3 Rc1+ 105.Kd2 Rb1 106.Kc2 Rb3 107.Qc4 1–0

Kitsis, Stan – Sadoughian-Zadeh, Farshad [B07] Keres mem 43rd Richmond (6.7), 21.05.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Qd2 0–0 6.0–0–0 c6 7.f3 b5 8.g4 b4 9.Nce2 a5 10.Bh6 a4 11.Bxg7 Kxg7 12.Qxb4 Nfd7 13.h4 Na6 14.Qc3 Kg8 15.Qxc6 Nb6 16.a3 Bd7 17.Qc3 Qb8 18.Nf4 Rc8 19.Qe3 Nc7 20.h5 Rf8 21.hxg6 fxg6 22.Nxc6 hxg6 23.Rh8+ Kxh8 24.Qh6+ Kg8 25.Qxg6+ Kh8 26.Rd2 1–0

CANADIAN CHESS CHALLENGE (May 20-21)



Round 7: Quebec (left) versus BC

This annual national scholastic team event took place in St. John's, Newfoundland on the Victoria Day weekend. The BC team, consisting of Jayden Qu, BiaoBiao Boyong Guo, Ethan Song, Eric Jiang, Eugene Liang, Luka Spasojevic, Neil Doknjas, Victor Zheng, Brian Yang, Joshua Doknjas, William Bremner, James Li, and captain Xichi Zheng, took its usual third place behind the two traditional powerhouses, Ontario and Quebec, after defeating Alberta 8-4 in the last round:

- 1 Ontario 91/108
- 2 Quebec 83
- 3 British Columbia 82.5
- 4 Alberta 70
- 5 Manitoba 48.5

- 6 Saskatchewan 42.5
- 7 New Brunswick 36.5
- 8 Nova Scotia 32
- 9 Prince Edward Island 27.5
- 10 Newfoundland and Labrador 26.5

[N.B., primary scoring is match points]

Historically, with a few exceptions BC has normally been considerably behind the two front runners but this year BC trailed Quebec by just a half game point, although Quebec won their individual match 7.0-5.0 and was clear second on match points. One more BC point would have drawn the match and given BC second place on tiebreak (game points). Hopefully this trend will continue next year, when Vancouver hosts the tournament and the Central Canadian teams might be weaker than usual due to having to travel so far.

In the individual board prizes BC garnered a total of eight trophies:

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| 1 Jayden Qu 9/9 – first | 9 Brian Yang 7 – second |
| 2 BiaoBiao Boyong Guo 6 – third | 10 Joshua Doknjas 7.5 – tied for first, first after playoffs |
| 3 Ethan Song 8 – first | 11 William Bremner 7.5 – tied for second, third after playoffs |
| 6 Luka Spasojevic 6.5 – third | |
| 7 Neil Doknjas 8 – second | |

Honourable mention should also be made of Victor Zheng (tied for third, fourth after playoffs) and Eric Jiang and James Li, who placed/tied for fourth. Congratulations to all! Further details can be found at the [event website](#).



The national champions

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent – Harper, Bruce [B09] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

The theme of today's game is that you don't need to have that many pieces to checkmate, as long as they're in the right spots. **1.e4** [3:00] **1...g6** [3:00] **2.d4** [2:59] **2...Bg7** [3:00] **3.Nc3** [2:58] **3...d6** [2:59] **4.f4** [2:57] **4...Nf6** [2:57] **5.Nf3** [2:56] **5...c5** [2:56] **6.dxc5** [2:55] **6...Qa5** [2:55]



7.Qd4!? [2:55] This is an interesting way for White to meet this variation. It has all the hallmarks of a computer discovery, and I don't pretend to have refuted it. **7...0-0** [2:53] Objectively not the best, but it at least doesn't give White what he wants, which is a quiet, positional game in which the queens are traded and he has a nice advantage. In a three-minute game, it's important to have counterplay. **8.cxd6** [2:50] **8...exd6** [2:52] Again not the best - objectively **8...Nxe4** **9.Qxe4 Bxc3+** **10.Kd1!** seems to be right. **9.Qa4?** [2:42] **9.Qxd6?** is bad, but after **9.Qd2!**, White has the sort of position he was hoping for. **9...Qxa4** [2:49] **10.Nxa4** [2:41] **10...Nxe4** [2:49]



Black has slight edge, because, with the destruction of White's centre, his f4-pawn is more of a liability than an asset. **11.Bd3** [2:38] **11...Re8** [2:37] **12.O-O** [2:34] **12...Bd7** [2:36] **13.Bxe4** [2:26] **13...Rxe4** [2:36] **14.Nc3** [2:25] **14...Bxc3** [2:31] **15.bxc3** [2:25] **15...Nc6** [2:26] Black's advantage is small, but permanent in nature. **16.Kf2** [2:18] 16.Rb1 was better. **16...Rae8** [2:24] **17.Re1** [2:15] **17...Rxe1** [2:21] **18.Nxe1** [2:14] **18...Na5** [2:20] **19.Nd3** [2:10] **19...Nc4** [2:17]



Each side has only a rook, bishop and knight, but each of Black's pieces is better than its White counterpart. Still, it's hard to imagine that White will be checkmated in less than ten moves. **20.Nb2** [2:09] **20...Nb6** [2:11] **20...Na3!** **21.Be3** [2:05] **21...Nd5** [2:08] **22.Bd2?!** [2:00] Too passive. **22...Bc6** [2:03] The immediate **22...Nf6!** was more accurate. **23.g3?!** [1:57] **23...Nf6!** [2:01]



Suddenly Black is invading the light squares in White's position. **24.Be1?** [1:41] **24...Ng4+** [1:56] **25.Kg1** [1:39] **25...Re2** [1:54]



And there it is - a classic mating attack, with all three Black pieces cooperating beautifully. The source of White's problem is fairly clear – his a1-rook never moved. **26.h3** [1:31] **26...Rg2+** [1:46] **27.Kf1** [1:26] **27...Ne3#** [1:44] White is checkmated. **0-1**

LIVING CHESS IN VANCOUVER, 1905

"Considerable interest is being taken in living chess games that are to be played in the Drillhall next Saturday evening. There will be two games played, and in connection with each the orchestra will play an overture, entrance march and exit march. The entertainment is under the auspices of the Vancouver Chess and Checker Club, and the games will be between Mr. J. McA. Cameron and Mr. P. Dunne, and Mr. A. C. Brydone-Jack and Mr. W. Francis. The pieces will be represented as follows: Kings, Master H. Minchin and Master Harold Hall; queens, Miss Connie Lucas and Miss Zella Hawe; bishops, Miss Lyndall de la Capilaine, Miss Violet Gardiner, Miss K. Trendall and Miss Maude Ferguson; knights, Miss Ida Gardiner, Miss E. Burns, Miss M. Burns and Miss C. Trendall; Castles, Miss L. Hawe, Miss Alodia Heffing and the Misses Mawdsley; pawns, boys of Christ Church Boys' Brigade. The master of ceremonies will be Mr. J. Schmerl, and the costumes are being prepared by Miss Hicks." [*Daily Province*, Thursday, May 18, 1905]



Beatty Street Drill Hall

"A fair attendance greeted the interesting and elaborately prepared human chess match played in the Drillhall on Saturday evening. The board was laid out on the floor of the large hall, white cardboard squares alternating with the dark of the natural floor. On these squares were stationed the living chessmen. The players were Messrs. J. McA. Cameron and P. Dunne for the red, and

Messrs. A. C. Brydone-Jack and W. Francis for the white. The players occupied stations on the galleries at each end of the hall and as one moved on a small chessboard the other called the play and it was duplicated on the gigantic board on the floor below. Mr. Jacob Schmerl acted as master of ceremonies. In forty-six moves the first game went to the whites, and after fifty moves the second game was won by the reds. To save time both games had been previously played out on small boards. It took the players in the original instance four hours to play the first and six hours to play the second game. The band of the Sixth Duke's Own Regiment was in attendance, and its music greatly enlivened the proceedings. The kings, queens, bishops, knights and castles were becomingly attired in robes of crimson and white. With the exception of the two kings, the figures were represented by young girls. The pawns were boys who wore sashes of red and white." [Daily Province, Monday, May 22, 1905]



Arthur Brydone-Jack

UPCOMING EVENTS

3rd Fischer-Taimanov Thematic Match

May 27, UBC

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Vancouver Active

June 9, Vancouver Bridge Centre

[Details](#)

BC Senior Championship

June 22-24, Surrey

[Details](#)

Knightmare Quads

July 8, Burnaby

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Vancouver Active

July 21, Vancouver Bridge Centre

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August 4-6, White Rock

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Bowser Builders Open

August 12, Bowser

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