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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Montreal Summer Classic (July 30 – August 3)



Brandon Zhu



William Bremner

Organized by Lefong Hua, the Montreal Summer Chess Classic consists of an open tournament in three sections alongside an invitational IM norm round robin. The 'boys from BC' (see below), Brandon Zhu and William Bremner, are playing in the Open Section; with one round remaining Brandon has withdrawn for a final score of 2.0/5, while William has 2.5 points and is tied for second, a half-point behind the leaders. In the IM norm event half the field is tied for first with 4.0 points after seven rounds – should be an exciting finish. [Standings](#)

Cowichan Rapid Open (July 28) by Nigel Hanrahan

The Wood Sense Chess Club in Duncan hosted the first Cowichan Rapid Open on Saturday, July 28. The tournament took place at the Island Savings Centre in Duncan – home of the Cowichan Capitals and the World's Largest Hockey Stick. Thirty players participated, coming from North Saanich near Victoria to Nanoose Bay just south of Parksville on the Island. We even had an Aussie - Tony Weller from Queensland down under - on holiday taking part.

FM Jason Cao went undefeated, as did NM Roger Patterson, over the five-round event. Jason won on tiebreak. NM Mike Stanford came third, winning another tiebreak with three other players: Ross Richardson, Tony Weller, and Kent Cronin. Top junior went to William Li and second went to Declan O'Sullivan.



I wish to thank the Wood Sense Chess Club in Duncan, the staff at the Island Savings Centre, Victoria Chess - for their extreme kindness in loaning the equipment - and the Victoria chess fraternity generally. I hope we can do it again, only bigger and better. A crosstable and set of photos [can be found on the Victoria Chess Club website.](#)

Pan-American YCC (July 21-29)

Held this year in Santiago, Chile, the Pan-American Youth Chess Championship has the same two-year age categories and gender divisions as the CYCC or WYCC but only players from the Americas may enter. The Canadian delegation of fourteen included three players from this province, Aiden Zhou (U12), Kate Jiang (U12G), and James Li (U18). It is winter in South America at this time of year, and conditions inside the playing hall (the gymnasium of the national sports stadium) matched the name of the host country; to what degree this had an impact on the games is uncertain, but there are many pictures of players bundled up in coats.



(photos by Toto Surya)

The big Canadian success story was Max Chen in the U12 Open Section (the Spanish designations “Absoluto” and “Femenino” sound even more sexist than the usual “Open” and “Girls”), who tied for second with 7.0/9 points and won the silver medal after tiebreaks were applied (he won more games than his American counterpart). Other Canadians with top-ten finishes were Daniel Pugach (U8), Alina Yuexi Chen (U8G), and Adam Gaisinsky (U16). Kate was on plus two

going into the last round but lost to finish with 5.0 points; James scored a disappointing 3.5/9; and Aiden was ranked third in the U12 Open Section but gave up too many draws to lower-rated players, finishing in fifteenth place. One highlight before the sixth round was a meet and greet with the Canadian ambassador to Chile, Her Excellency Patricia Peña. [Team standings](#) Photos can be found on the [chess tournaments in Canada](#) [sic] facebook page.

Reyes Mendoza, Tomas – Zhou, Aiden [D02] Pan-Am YCC 29th U12 Santiago (2.3), 23.07.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 e6 3.e3 d5 4.Nf3 Bd6 5.Bg3 0–0 6.Bd3 c5 7.c3 Nc6 8.Nbd2 Qc7 9.dxc5 Bxg3 10.hxg3 e5 11.Be2 a5 12.Qc2 Qe7 13.Bb5 e4 14.Bxc6 bxc6 15.Nd4 Qxc5 16.Rc1 Qb6 17.c4 Ba6 18.b3 Rfe8 19.Qc3 Ng4 20.Rh4 Ne5 21.Rb1 c5 22.Ne2 g5 23.Rh3 Qf6 24.Kf1 Qf5 25.Kg1 Nf3+ 26.Kf1 d4 27.exd4 Nxd2+ 28.Qxd2 e3 29.Qe1 exf2 30.Qd1 g4 31.Rh6 Rxe2 32.Kxe2 Re8+ 0–1

Li, James – Sica, Mauro [B70] Pan-Am YCC 29th U18 Santiago (3.9), 23.07.2018

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 g6 6.Be2 Bg7 7.0–0 0–0 8.Bg5 Nc6 9.Nb3 Be6 10.Kh1 Rc8 11.f4 Na5 12.f5 Bc4 13.Nxa5 Qxa5 14.Bxc4 Rxc4 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Nd5 Rxe4 17.Qd3 Re5 18.Nxf6+ exf6 19.fxg6 fxg6 20.Qxd6 Kg7 21.Rad1 Re2 22.Qd3 Qe5 23.Qb3 Rf7 24.Qd3 Re7 25.b3 Qg5 26.Rg1 h5 27.Qc4 Qg4 28.Rd4 R2e4 29.c3 h4 30.h3 Qf5 31.Qd5 R4e5 32.Qc4 Re1 33.Rd1 R1e3 34.Qf1 Qe4 35.Kh2 Rxc3 36.Re1 Re3 37.Rxe3 Qxe3 38.Qc4 g5 39.Rf1 b6 40.Qc6 Qe5+ 41.Kh1 Qe6 42.Qf3 Rf7 43.Qf2 Re7 44.Qf3 Kg6 45.Qc3 Qe5 46.Qc4 Qe2 47.Rc1 Qxc4 48.Rxc4 Re1+ 49.Kh2 Ra1 50.Ra4 a5 51.b4 axb4 52.Rxb4 Rxa2 53.Rxb6 Ra1 54.Rc6 Re1 55.Ra6 Kf5 56.Ra5+ Kf4 57.Ra4+ Re4 58.Ra6 f5 59.Rb6 g4 60.hxg4 fxg4 61.Rf6+ Ke3 62.Rh6 Kf2 63.Rf6+ Ke3 64.Rh6 Kf2 65.Rf6+ Ke1 66.Rh6 g3+ 67.Kh3 Kf2 68.Rf6+ Ke2 69.Rf7 Ke1 70.Rf6 Ke2 71.Rf5 ½–½

Quebec Open (July 21-28)

Following the CYCC and Canadian Open (see last issue), the dynamic duo of Brandon Zhu and William Bremner continued their summer chess tour of Central Canada by entering the Quebec Open. Held in Longueuil (situated on the south shore of the St Lawrence River opposite Montreal), the tournament attracted one hundred and seventy five players in five sections, with Brandon and William being the only BC entrants – both played in the Open Section. Razvan Preotu was ranked fifth going into the competition but held off the other five grandmasters to claim the first prize with 7.5/9, just ahead of Romain Édouard (France), second, and Bator Sambuev (Montreal) and Victor Mikhalevski (Israel) who tied for third. Brandon played a host of titled players and scored 50%; William finished with 5.5/9. Notably both drew with Canadian Open co-winner IM Raymond Kaufman, no stranger to these parts. Brandon's FIDE rating improved by 50 points, William's by 150; in fact, William gained a whopping 307 points from the CYCC, Canadian Open, and Quebec Open. [Standings](#)

[A technical point of which your editor was unaware; we have become accustomed to large FIDE rating changes for players under the age of eighteen because of their K factor equalling 40, but just over a year ago the rating regulations were changed to include the following: "If the number of games (n) for a player on any list for a rating period multiplied by K (as defined above) exceeds 700, then K shall be the largest whole number such that K x n does not exceed 700." Thus, Brandon played 21 FIDE-rated games for the August list, 700 / 21 equals 33.33, so [Brandon's K](#)

[factor](#) for that list is 33. For William the figures are 700 / 18 which equals 38.88, so his [K factor](#) for the August list is 38. This blunts some of the previous excesses which occurred when an individual played many games within a one month rating period.]

Kaufman, Raymond – Zhu, Brandon [E48] Quebec op Longueuil (1.11), 21.07.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0–0 5.Bd3 d5 6.cxd5 exd5 7.Nge2 Re8 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Bd2 Nf8 10.0–0–0 c6 11.f3 b5 12.g4 a5 13.g5 N6d7 14.e4 Nb6 15.Kb1 Ba6 16.Rhg1 Qd7 17.e5 Bxc3 18.Nxc3 b4 19.Bf5 Qa7 20.Na4 Nxa4 21.Qxa4 Bb5 22.Qc2 Qxd4 23.f4 g6 24.Bc1 Qc4 25.Bd3 Qxc2+ 26.Bxc2 Ne6 27.f5 gxf5 28.Bxf5 Ng7 29.Bc2 Rxe5 30.Rd4 Ne6 31.Rh4 Nf8 32.Rh6 Rae8 33.Rg3 R8e6 34.h4 c5 35.h5 Be8 36.Rf6 Kg7 37.Rgf3 c4 38.Bf5 Rxf6 39.gxf6+ Kxf6 40.Bxh7+ Kg7 41.Bf5 f6 42.h6+ Kh8 43.Bc2 Re6 44.Rg3 d4 45.Rg1 d3 46.Bd1 c3 47.bxc3 bxc3 48.Bb3 d2 49.Bxe6 Nxe6 50.Kc2 Ba4+ 51.Kxc3 d1Q 52.Rxd1 Bxd1 53.Kd2 Ba4 54.Bb2 Be8 55.Bxf6+ Kh7 56.Bg7 Nxg7 57.hxg7 Kxg7 58.Kc3 Kf6 59.Kb2 Ke5 60.Ka1 Kd4 61.Kb2 Kc4 62.Kb1 ½–½

Zhu, Brandon – Van Hoolandt, Patrick [C67] Quebec op Longueuil (6.9), 25.07.2018

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nf6 4.0–0 Nxe4 5.d4 Nd6 6.Ba4 e4 7.Ne5 Be7 8.Nc3 Bf6 9.Bf4 0–0 10.Nd5 Re8



11.Nxf7 Kxf7 12.Qh5+ Kg8 13.Bxd6 cxd6 14.Nc7 Rf8 15.Nxa8 Ne7 16.Bb3+ Kh8 17.Rae1 b6 18.Nxb6 Qxb6 19.Rxe4 d5 20.Rf4 Qe6 21.Qd1 Ng6 22.Rf3 Nh4 23.Re3 Qf7 24.Qd3 d6 25.c3 Bg5 26.Re2 Bf5 27.Qg3 Qg6 28.Rfe1 Be4 29.f3 Nf5 30.Qh3 Bd3 31.Re6 Bf6 32.Bxd5 Nxd4 33.cxd4 Bf5 34.Qg3 Bxd4+ 35.R6e3 Qe8 36.Qf2 Qb5 37.Bb3 a5 38.Bd1 Qb6 39.Kh1 Bd7 40.Qd2 Bxe3 41.Rxe3 Qc5 42.Re7 d5 43.Qe1 Bb5 44.Qe5 Rg8 45.h3 a4 46.f4 Qb4 47.Bc2 Qd2 48.Qf5 1–0

Bremner, William – Kaufman, Raymond [E95] Quebec op Longueuil (7.6), 26.07.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0–0 6.Nf3 e5 7.0–0 Nbd7 8.Re1 c6 9.Bf1 exd4 10.Nxd4 Re8 11.f3 a5 12.Be3 Nc5 13.Qd2 Qc7 14.Rad1 a4 15.Nc2 Nfd7 16.Na3 Be5 17.Kh1 Nf8 18.g3 Bd7 19.Bg2 Rad8 20.Bg5 f6 21.Be3 f5 22.Bg5 Rc8 23.Bf4 Nfe6 24.Be3 fxe4 25.Nxe4 Nxe4 26.fxe4 b6 27.Nb1 Nc5 28.Bd4 Bg4 29.Rc1 Qg7 30.Bc3 Be6 31.Qe2 Rf8 32.Rf1 Qd7 33.Rxf8+ Rxf8 34.Rf1 Rxf1+ 35.Qxf1 Qg7 36.Qe2 Bxc3 37.bxc3 Qe5 38.Kg1 d5 39.cxd5 cxd5 40.Qb5 Bd7 41.Qxb6 dxe4

42.Qb4 Qg5 43.Qd4 Qc1+ 44.Bf1 Bh3 45.Nd2 Bxf1 46.Qd8+ Kf7 47.Qc7+ Kf6 48.Qd6+ Ne6
49.Nxe4+ Kf7 50.Qd7+ Kf8 51.Qd6+ Kg7 52.Qe7+ Kh6 53.Qh4+ Kg7 54.Qe7+ Kh6 ½–½

Bremner, William – Luksza, Arkadiusz [E01] Quebec op Longueuil (9.10), 28.07.2018

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.g3 d5 4.Bg2 c6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Ne4 7.0–0 Bd6 8.b3 0–0 9.Ba3 Bxa3
10.Nxa3 Qe7 11.Nb1 f5 12.Nc3 Ndf6 13.Rac1 Bd7 14.Ne5 Be8 15.Nxe4 fxe4 16.f3 exf3 17.exf3
Rd8 18.c5 Nd7 19.Rce1 Nxe5 20.Rxe5 Rf6 21.Qe2 Bd7 22.Re1 Rdf8 23.Qe3 Rf5 24.f4 Rxe5
25.Qxe5



Qf6 26.Qe3 Qf5 27.Bf1 b6 28.Bd3 Qf6 29.Rc1 Rb8 30.cxb6 Rxb6 31.a3 Be8 32.Re1 Bd7 33.Bc2
g6 34.Qd3 Kg7 35.Re5 Qf8 36.h4 Qxa3 37.h5 Qa6 38.Qd1 Be8 39.hxg6 Bxg6 40.Rg5 Rb8
41.Bxg6 hxg6 42.Qb1 Kf8 43.Qxg6 Qb7 44.Qh6+ 1–0

Susan Polgar Foundation Girls' Invitational (July 21-26)

Held in St. Louis, this year's fifteenth edition of the SPFGI, the most prestigious all-girls tournament in the U.S., continued the practice begun several years ago of accepting participants from individual Canadian provinces as well as from U.S. states and other countries comprising the American continent. BC's representative this year was Lyvia Shan, who won the right in a qualification tournament held under the auspices of the Golden Knights Junior CC in March; the two finishers ahead of her declined to attend.

In addition to a FIDE-rated six-round tournament there were also training sessions, along with tactics, blitz, and bughouse competitions. Facing strong opposition, Lyvia was unable to win a game in the tournament, but the experience will stand her in good stead for the future. The overall winner was Sasha Konovalenko, who finished ahead on tiebreak of Thanh Thuy Nguyen,



Antonella Romero, Shreya B. Mangalam, and Ontario's Svitlana Demchenko – all scored 5.0 points. Other familiar faces were Andrea Botez and Washington's Naomi Bashkansky (4.0 points each). [Final standings and photos](#)

Vancouver July Active (July 21)

The second of the new monthly actives organized by Luc Poitras at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, the July Active attracted twenty-six players, including six juniors participating in an adjunct round robin. The Open Section was headed by Mayo Fuentebella and Andrew Hemstapat, and these two tied for first with 4.5/5 after drawing with each other in round four. Luc Poitras was alone in third, while Edward Tang, Ryan Leong, Sherry Tian, Jofrel Landingin, Brian Yang, Kevin Li, and Callum Lehingrat all won a minimum prize of \$25 for scoring 3.0 points. Richard Ingram won the upset prize, also \$25. In the Junior Section Alexander Jin took first prize with a perfect 5.0/5, while Borna Amjadi and Leonardo Zhou were also in the money with 3.0 points each. [Crosstable](#)
[CMA crosstable](#)

BC Round Robin (July 13-15)

A six-player invitational round robin was held recently at the Irving K. Barber Centre at UBC. With an average rating of 2270 hard-fought draws were the order of the day, but it was Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj who emerged from the pack to take first place with an undefeated 4.0/5. In the last eighteen months Davaa has gradually been ascending the BC ratings list, and this 2510 performance has catapulted him over 2300; he also now qualifies for the National Master title. Alone in second a point back was the veteran Leon Piasetski on plus one, while Keith MacKinnon and Max Gedajlovic tied for third with 2.5 points each. [CFC crosstable](#)

Chess books for sale

We have received a request from the father of a former junior player – the latter was regularly involved in tournaments when he was in high school, but is no longer playing since he attended university. Which leaves a number of barely-used chess books in near-mint condition for sale: a list can be found [here](#). If interested, please contact Albert at avergara@telus.net

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent – Harper, Bruce [A40] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

Not every game in this column can be a positional masterpiece, rich in creative ideas and ideal for improving the reader's play. In fact, now that I think about it, these are pretty rare. In any case, today we have lighter fare. Everything works for Black, so this game might be a manual on how not to play against the Rat. **1.d4** [3:00] **1...g6** [3:00] **2.Nc3** [2:59] **2...Bg7** [3:00] **3.Nf3** [2:58] **3...d6** [2:59] **4.Bg5** [2:57]



It's hard to know what to say about this move. It must do something, but it's hard to know just what. **4...a6** [2:58] **5.Qd2** [2:56] **5...b5** [2:57] **6.a3?!** [2:55] While 6.a3 prevents ...b5-b4 (for the moment), it allows Black to catch up in development, thereby avoiding possible adverse consequences from making four of his first five moves with pawns. **6...Bb7** [2:56] **7.0-0-0?!** [2:52] Another dubious move. An age-old adage tells us that "you shouldn't move the pawns in front of your king". There are so many situations where this isn't so that many players have dismissed the adage (if they are even aware of it) as a relic of a bygone age. The truth is that this principle is still valid in many types of positions, and this is one of them. Black now has a way of opening lines against White's king, which has rashly committed itself to the queenside. **7...Nd7** [2:54]



8.e4?! [2:50] According to the engine, the last chance for White to avoid a disadvantage was to play 8.d5, which leads to a very comfortable Sicilian formation for Black after 8...c5 9.dxc6 Bxc6 10.e4. **8...c5** [2:52] **9.d5** [2:47] **9...Nb6** [2:44] The immediate 9...b4 was also possible, but Black sets his sights higher. And, given the way White has played the opening so far, it isn't unreasonable for Black to hope for more imprecise moves from his opponent. **10.h4?** [2:44] With the pressure on his centre mounting, White cannot afford to waste another tempo. **10...h6** [2:42] **11.Bf4** [2:40] **11...Nf6** [2:40]



11...b4!?, starting an immediate attack against White's king, had a lot to be said for it. But Black reasons that such an attack will be that much stronger if his g8-knight can join in, and there is always a chance that White might overlook the threat to his e4-pawn. **12.Be2?** [2:16] This leads to an immediate collapse. The curious thing is that, up to this point, White has played (too) quickly, using 20 seconds for his first 11 moves. White then used 24 seconds for 12.Be2?, which doesn't even offer any resistance. This makes no sense at all to me, but maybe it's just a sign of the times, since a lot of other things don't make sense these days. **12...b4** [2:36] **13.Nb1** [2:13] **13...Nxe4** [2:32] **14.Qe3** [2:09] **14...Nf6!** [2:30]



The machine recommends 14...f5, supporting the strongly-placed e4-knight. But I think that 14...Nf6 (which isn't a bad move) has some psychological points in its favour - White's d5-pawn falls and his f4-bishop is now also a potential target. **15.axb4?** [2:04] **15...Nbx d5** [2:28] **16.Qd2** [1:54] White had to get rid of one of Black's knights with 16.Rxd5, but that's hopeless. **16...Ne4** [2:21]

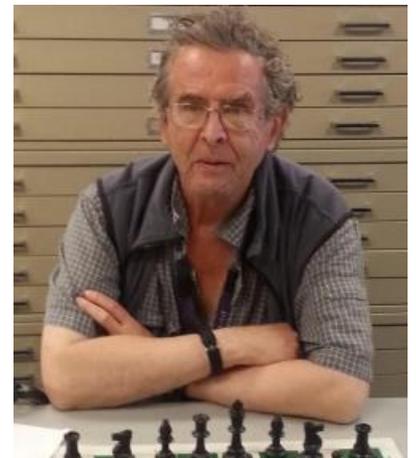


17.Qe3 [1:48] The only good things you can say about this move are that it saves White's dark-squared bishop and that it ends the game. **17...Nxe3** [2:19] **18.Bxe3** [1:47] White resigns **0-1**

CHES PERSONALITY LORNE HUNT contributed by Paul Leblanc

One of the more interesting members of the Victoria Chess Club is Lorne (Darrel) Hunt. Lorne was one of a promising group of Vancouver Island juniors in the early 1970s including Jonathan Berry, Dan Scoones, Brian McLaren, Harold Brown, Harry Moore, Jeff Reeve and Glenn Morin, all of whom became masters. Duncan Haines was also part of this elite group but he gave up chess from 1979 to 2012 to build a successful business. Lorne, too was well on the way to earning the master title when derailed by some health concerns in the mid-1970's.

Lorne is the second longest-standing member of the chess club (after Alois Holzknrecht) and is, in fact, a past-president. The *Victoria Daily Colonist* chess column on 24 October, 1971 featured Lorne: "On the



Island chess scene, Darrel Hunt has become what could be the youngest chess club president in Canada, when he was elected to that position at the Victoria City Chess Club. Darrel is only eighteen.”

In the summer of 1972, Lorne and Brian McLaren travelled across the U.S. randomly playing in chess tournaments and using prize money to pay for gas. Starting in Spokane, the two made it to New York during the height of Bobby Fischer mania, visited the Marshall Chess Club, when Edmar Mednis was introduced as the commentator for the upcoming Fischer-Spassky match. They played in a Bill Goichberg tournament at the McAlpine Hotel that Lorne still remembers vividly. Brian recalls that many of the old masters were in attendance including Edward Lasker. Another New York stop was the 42nd Street Chess Club, known to the locals as the Flea House.

The return trip included chess events in Chicago, and several stops in California. Bob Zuk joined the duo from Chicago to California. Brian remembers “we were using the US chess magazine to look up tournaments and then just driving there – there wasn’t a plan.” Lorne was interviewed by telephone for the *Victoria Daily Colonist* during the trip. Columnist Ray Kerr was intrigued by the extended chess tour. The article ended with a quote from Lorne: “That’s chess baby” and an addendum from Kerr: “You bet it is.”

Shortly after returning to Victoria, Lorne again made the news with a simultaneous exhibit at a local high school.



Lorne made a brief comeback to competitive chess from 2004 to 2007 then returned to the friendly atmosphere of the Victoria Chess Club where he continues to play occasionally.

Lorne was a professional chef and worked at the Empress Hotel in Victoria, the Princess Mary floating restaurant and the Hotel Vancouver. He spoke recently of cooking for the Queen during a royal visit to Victoria and of a gold medal he received in appreciation.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Semiahmoo Open

August 4-6, White Rock
[Details](#)

Bowser Builders Open

August 12, Bowser
[Details](#)

Langley Open

September 1-3, Langley
[Details](#)

Jack Taylor Memorial

October 26-28, Victoria
[Details](#)

Banff Open

November 10-12, Banff
[Details](#)