

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #373

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](mailto:swright2@telus.net)); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright

---

### HERE AND THERE

#### Important announcements for junior players

CFC Youth Coordinator Christine Tao has issued an important document indicating the eligibility and deadlines for Canadian junior players wishing to participate in national and international (North American, Pan-American, World) events – read the document [here](#). Note especially that due to time constraints applications for this year's World Cadet Championships (scheduled for Weifang, China at the end of August) will be accepted BEFORE the CYCC in Regina (July 6-10) – see posting on the [CFC Forum](#).

---

#### 2019 BC OPEN by Paul Leblanc



A full house

The BC Open (16-18 February, Executive Plaza Hotel, Richmond) easily exceeded last year's record attendance with an amazing turnout of one hundred and eighty-five players. The key to success, as usual these days, is to attract a large contingent of juniors. The U1000 section, with sixty-seven players, was large enough to merit a private playing hall and a dedicated tournament director.

The Premier Section was led all the way by FM Grigorii Morozov. Only a last round loss to five-time BC Open champion FM Tanraj Sohal prevented Morozov from claiming clear first, instead

tying with Sohal at 5.0-1.0. First and second place prize money was equally split (\$600 each). Since Sohal and Morozov both had already qualified for the 2019 BC Closed by virtue of being 2018 co-champions, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj was given the nod based on a third place tie-break. An interesting appearance in the Premier Section was Joe Oszvald, former BC Champion and winner of the 1975 BC Open. After a long absence from competitive chess, Joe is back!



Co-winners of the 2017 BC Closed, the 2018 BC Closed, and now the 2019 BC Open

Jaylord Talosig captured first place in the U1900 Section. Jaylord has been competing in Vancouver Chess School tournaments for the past two years and decided to enter his first major event, with outstanding success, giving up only one draw to second place finisher Ryan ZhiQi Huang. The U1500 section winner was Pavanpal Singh Bhasin at 5.5.

The U1000 section standings were rather unusual with two unrated players, Ace Palolan and John Beddoes, topping the cross-table with 6.0-0.0 and 5.5-0.5. As unrated players are ineligible for place prizes, first place was shared by three players with 5-1 scores – AryaCyrus Boroomand, Sina Soleimani Pari and Neo Huang. Palolan and Beddoes captured the two unrated prizes.

The BC Open seems to have found a good niche in the chess calendar, occupying the Family Day Weekend.

Chief Arbiter: Stephen Wright, TD U1000 Eric Gu. Organized by Victoria Chess. [This report plus standings](#)

**Kaufman, Raymond – Mohammed Qanee, Arpak Worya [E60] BC op Richmond (3.2), 17.02.2019**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 c5 4.d5 Bg7 5.e4 d6 6.Ne2 Na6 7.Nec3 Nc7 8.Be3 a6 9.a4 0–0 10.Be2 Rb8 11.0–0 e6 12.Na3 exd5 13.cxd5 Nfe8 14.Qd2 f5 15.Nc4 b5 16.axb5 axb5 17.Na5 Qf6 18.Nc6 Rb7 19.e5 dxe5 20.Bg5 Qd6 21.Ne7+ Kh8 22.Nxc8 Qd7 23.Ne7 Nd6 24.Rfd1 e4 25.Nc6 exf3 26.Bxf3 Nc4 27.Qf4 Nxb2 28.Re1 Nd3 29.Qh4 Nxe1 30.Rxe1 Re8 31.Rxe8+ Nxe8 32.Ne2 Rb6 33.Nf4 Rxc6 34.dxc6 Qd4+ 35.Kf1 Qa1+ 36.Qe1 c4 37.Nd5 Qxe1+ 38.Kxe1 b4 39.Nxb4 Bc3+ 40.Bd2 Be5

41.g3 Kg7 42.Nd5 Kf7 43.Bf4 Bxf4 44.gxf4 Ke6 45.Kd2 Kd6 46.Nc3 Kc5 47.Na4+ Kd4 48.Nc3 Kc5 49.Ke3 h6 50.h4 Nc7 51.Nd5 Nxd5+ 52.Bxd5 Kd6 53.Kd4 1-0

### **Sali, Zulfikar – Tang, Edward [B12] BC op Richmond (3.4), 17.02.2019**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.f3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.exd5 exd5 6.Bf4 Qe7+ 7.Kf2 Nf6 8.Bd3 0-0 9.Qd2 c5 10.Re1 Qd8 11.a3 Ba5 12.Qc1 cxd4 13.b4 Bb6 14.Nce2 Nc6 15.Ng3 Ne8 16.Nh3 f6 17.Re2 Nd6 18.Bxd6 Qxd6 19.Rhe1 Ne5 20.Nf4 Nc4 21.Ne6 Ne3 22.Nxf8 Kxf8 23.Kg1 f5 24.f4 Qxf4 25.Nf1 Qg4 26.Nxe3 dxe3 27.Rf1 Kg8 28.Qb2 Bd4 29.Qb3 Be6 30.h3 Qg5 31.Bxf5 Bf7 32.Qd3 Bf6 33.Bxh7+ Kh8 34.Rxe3 d4 35.Rg3 Qh6 36.Bg6 Bg8 37.Rf5 Qc1+ 38.Kh2 Be6 39.Rxf6 gxf6 40.Qxd4 Kg7 41.Bh5+ Kh7 42.Qe4+ 1-0



Round 5. Grigorii Morozov calmly disposes of Andrew Hemstapat. Unseen danger lurks at the other end of the table opposite Joe Roback. Tanraj Sohal is about to arrive on board one. (photo by Paul Leblanc)

### **Morozov, Grigorii – Hemstapat, Andrew [E81] BC op Richmond (5.1), 18.02.2019**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Qxd8 Rxd8 9.Bxc5 Nc6 10.Rd1 Nd7 11.Ba3 Bxc3+ 12.bxc3 b6 13.Ne2 Ba6 14.Nd4 Nde5 15.Nb5 Rxd1+ 16.Kxd1 Rd8+ 17.Kc2 Na5 18.Bxe7 Rd7 19.Bg5 Nexc4 20.a4 Kg7 21.Bf4 Bxb5 22.axb5 f6 23.Bxc4 Nxc4 24.Ra1 g5 25.Bb8 Rd2+ 26.Kb3 Na5+ 27.Rxa5 bxa5 28.Bxa7 a4+ 29.Ka3 Rc2 30.b6 Rxc3+ 31.Kxa4 Rc1 32.b7 Ra1+ 33.Kb5 Rxa7 34.b8Q Re7 35.Kc5 Re5+ 36.Kd6 h5 37.Qb2 1-0

### **Sohal, Tanraj S – Morozov, Grigorii [D43] BC op Richmond (6.1), 18.02.2019**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.Qb3 Nf6 5.Nf3 dxc4 6.Qxc4 b5 7.Qd3 a6 8.e4 Nbd7 9.e5 Nd5 10.Nxd5 cxd5 11.Be2 Be7 12.0-0 Nb6 13.Ne1 f5 14.exf6 Bxf6 15.Bf4 0-0 16.Nf3 Nc4 17.b3 Nd6 18.Rac1 b4 19.Ne5 a5 20.Qh3 Nf5 21.Bd3 Ba6 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Rfe1 g6 24.Nc6 Qd7 25.Be5 Rac8 26.Bxf6 Rxc6 27.Be5 Rxc1 28.Rxc1 Rc8 29.Re1 Qe7 30.Qh6 Bb5 31.h4 Be8 32.Kh2 Qf8 33.Qf4 Qe7 34.Re3 Rc6 35.Rg3 Rc3 36.f3 Rc6 37.h5 Qf7 38.hxg6 Rxg6 39.Rh3 Bb5 40.Qh4 Qd7 41.Rg3 Rxg3 42.Qxg3+ Kf8 43.Qg5 a4 44.Qf6+ Ke8 45.Qh8+ Ke7 46.Qxh7+ Ke8 47.Qg8+ Ke7 48.Qh7+ Ke8 49.Qh8+ Ke7 50.Qf6+ Ke8 51.Bd6 Qf7 52.Qh8+ Kd7 53.Qb8 axb3 54.Qxb5+ Kxd6 55.Qb6+ Kd7 56.Qb7+ Ke6 57.Qxf7+ Kxf7 58.axb3 Kg6 59.f4 Kh6 60.Kh3 Kh5 61.g4+ Kg6 62.Kh4 Kf6 63.Kh5 1-0

## BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Harper, Bruce - Opponent [A00] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

Today's game isn't that well played by either player. Both sides were winning at different times, but ultimately White is able to prove that rooks are greatly overrated...

**1.g3** [3:00] **d5** [3:00] **2.Bg2** [2:59] **c6** [3:00] **3.d3** [2:59] **e5** [2:57] One of Black's most solid ways of handling 1.g3. By supporting his d5-pawn with ... c7-c6, Black ensures that his centre will be difficult to attack and the game will be long and difficult for both sides. **4.Nf3** [2:56] **Nd7** [2:57] **5.e4** [2:54] **dxe4?!** [2:54] It's a mistake to release the tension in the centre so quickly. **6.dxe4** [2:52] **Ngf6** [2:53] **7.Nbd2** [2:50] **Bc5** [2:50]



**8.0-0** [2:48] **0-0** [2:48] **9.b3** [2:48] **h6** [2:42] **10.Bb2** [2:47] **Re8** [2:36] **11.Qe2** [2:41] **a5** [2:31] **12.a4** [2:38] **b6** [2:26] **13.Nc4** [2:35] Was it right for White to invite the pin along the f1-a6 diagonal? I don't know, to be honest. It's inconvenient for White, but it's not easy for Black to exploit the pin - and my hope was that Black would get confused in trying. I think I was more confused, though. **13...Ba6** [2:25] **14.Rfd1** [2:33] **Qc7** [2:23] **15.Bf1?** [2:30]



I didn't actually overlook that Black could now play 15...Ng4, attacking White's vulnerable f2-pawn, but 15.Bf1? is based on a miscalculation. My idea was 15...Ng4 16.Rxd7 Qxd7 17.Bh3, but apart from matching Black's pin of White's c4-knight along the f1-a6 diagonal with a pin of Black's g4-knight along the h3-c8 diagonal, this doesn't accomplish anything. 15.Bf1? was a bluff that ultimately worked, since if Black agrees that he can't play ...Ng4 at some point, White's position is fine. Objectively, 15.Bc3, with the idea of answering 15...Ng4 with 16.Be1, was much better. **15...b5?!** [2:18] **16.axb5** [2:25] **ccb5** [2:16] **17.Nxa5?** [2:22] A perfectly good move, as long as Black sticks to the deal and doesn't play 17... Ng4! Or 17...Bb4!, which also wins. 17.Ne3 was necessary. **17...b4?** [2:30] **18.Nc4** [2:20] **Nb6?** [2:06]



This was the last chance for 18...Ng4. Now the tactics start. **19.Rxa6!** [2:15] **Rxa6** [2:03] **20.Ncxe5?** [2:09] **20.Bxe5!** was the right way to follow up the exchange sacrifice. After Black's queen moves, White continues with **21.Nd6**. **20...Ra2!** [2:02] **21.Bc1?** [1:57]



I really didn't play very well for most of this game. **21...Bd6?** [1:56] Excuse me? Aren't two pieces worth more than a rook? **21...Rxe5** was right. **22.Rxd6!?** [1:45] Okay, this second exchange sacrifice may not be completely sound, but it's fun - and it sets a nasty trap. **22...Qxd6** [1:52] **23.Bf4** [1:37] **Nh5?** [1:44]



**24.Qb5!** [1:34] Even supposedly positional players can play get into positions that are almost pure tactics. Black's e8-rook is attacked. **24...Qe6?** [1:22] **24...Re6** was right. **25.Be3!** [1:23] Now Black's b6-knight is attacked, and it covers the crucial c4-square. Black is up two exchanges, but his army has completely lost its coordination. **25...Nc8?** [1:11] **26.Bc4!** [1:19] Does this obvious move deserve an exclamation mark? I think so, because it is so strong. **26...Nd6** [1:08] **27.Bxe6** [1:15] **Nxb5** [1:07] **28.Bxf7+** [1:14] **Kf8** [1:06] **29.Bc5+!** [1:08] **Re7** [1:04] **30.Bxh5** [1:06]



Black's position is having a bad day. **30...Rxc2** [0:53]  
**31.Nd7+** [0:53] **Kg8** [0:50] **32.Bxe7** [0:52] **Rc3** [0:44]  
**33.Nfe5** [0:48] **Nd4** [0:36] **34.Bf7+** [0:44] **Kh7** [0:28]  
**35.Nf8+** [0:41]



Black resigns - it's mate after 25...Kh8 26.Neg6, which is pretty funny. **1-0**

---

## 1973 BC OPEN

The growth in tournament participation in the last few years has been rather remarkable, with some of BC's traditional events reaching or surpassing levels not seen in thirty or forty years. The rejuvenated BC Open first crossed the hundred-player mark in 2016 and has been expanding by leaps and bounds since then, but the previous high-point was the 1973 tournament, the biggest and (according to the press of the time) the most successful weekend event in BC up to that time. Given the record turnout for this year's BC Open, we look by comparison back to the ground-breaking 1973 edition.

Directed by Ray and Eunice Kerr, the tournament was held at the Marpole Community Centre at Oak and 59<sup>th</sup> (incidentally still the location of a chess program run by the Vancouver Chess School) over the Thanksgiving long weekend, October 6-8. A seven-round Swiss with the last two rounds paired as far as possible by class, two rounds were scheduled for Saturday and Monday, with three

on the Sunday; the time control was 45 moves in 2 hours. There were two sections, the Open itself and a Junior Section, restricted to those aged fifteen years or younger. Entry fee was \$10 in advance or \$13 on site, or just \$3 for the Junior Section. In the September 1973 issue of *Northwest Chess* (the source for most of these details) the guaranteed prize fund was listed as \$1,000, although later newspaper adverts increase that figure to \$1,200. Overall first prize was \$200 + trophy, with prizes down to fifth place of \$120, \$80, \$60, and \$40. The class prizes, for Expert, "A", "B", "C", and Unrated, were all identical: \$50 + trophy, \$30, clock, and text; in the Junior Section first place received a trophy and second a clock, with texts (books) also awarded to the top four finishers. CFC and BCCF membership was required, which at the time stood at \$5 and \$2 for adults and \$3 and \$1 for those under nineteen years of age.



Bruce Harper

"BC history was made on the Thanksgiving Weekend when one hundred and one players entered the BC Open. The winner was Duncan Suttles, who had only a few days earlier received the title of grandmaster. Close behind, with a 6.0-1.0 score, was Alan Hill. Bruce Harper and Elod Macskasy tied third and fourth, followed by Jon Berry (4.5), then Bob Zuk and Dan Scoones (4.0 each).

In the Expert Section, Mike Montchalin and Joe Oszvald tied for the 1-2 position, While Chris Jones and Nigel Fullbrook shared the 3-4 berth. In A Section, Robert Barbeau and Richard Jeanpierre tied for the top position, with Ken Baker, Robert Fancett, Gerry Forbes, and Les Vitanyi each half a point behind. In the B Section, Jeff Reeve and Roger Harper took the 1-2 position with a 5.0-2.0 score each; Gordon Campbell took third. In the C Section, Francisco Herdocia was clear first, followed by Sinclair Coughlin (4.0 points) and Ken Seal (3.5 points).

As for the Unrated Section, first place went to Nitti Khaodhiar, with 2-3 Robert Willoner and A. Beheshti tied for 2-3 place. The Junior Section (fifteen players) was won clearly by Joseph Leung, with 2-3 taken by Tom Strothotte and Rob Linning (Tom taking second on tiebreak); fourth was Kerry Lowe, and 5-6 were Leonard Molden and Michael Paulse." [*Northwest Chess*, December 1973]

[Crosstable](#) [Previous BC Opens](#)

As can be seen in the above report, the tournament was regarded as the first BC weekend event to pass the century mark. However, this claim requires qualification; there were indeed one hundred and one entries, but William Jung ("failed to appear") and Ray Kerr ("T.D. work too much") did not play any games, so the number of actual players was 'only' ninety-nine. Nevertheless, the tournament was a great success, the numbers attributed to the large prize fund, the participation of the newly-minted international grandmaster Suttles, and the fact the event was a BC Closed qualifier, and still stands as one of the high-water marks of BC chess in the Fischer-boom era.

**Zuk, Robert D – Suttles, Duncan [B07] BC op Vancouver (6), 08.10.1973**

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.c3 Nf6 5.Nbd2 0–0 6.Be2 b6 7.0–0 Bb7 8.Qc2 Nbd7 9.Re1 e5  
10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 dxe5 12.Bf1 Bh6 13.Nc4 Bxc1 14.Raxc1 Qe7 15.a4 a5 16.f3 Rad8 17.Rcd1

Kg7 18.Rxd8 Rxd8 19.Rd1 Rxd1 20.Qxd1 Bc6 21.b3 Nd7 22.Qd2 Qc5+ 23.Qf2 Kf6 24.Be2 Ke6  
 25.Qxc5 Nxc5 26.Bd1 f5 27.exf5+ gxf5 28.Kf2 f4 29.g3 Bd5 30.Nd2 h6 31.Bc2 Kf6 32.Kg2 Be6  
 33.Kf2 h5 34.Kg2 Kg5 35.Kf2 h4 36.Kg2 hxg3 37.hxg3 Bd5 38.Kf2 Nd7 39.Kg2 Nf6 40.Kf2 Nh5  
 41.g4 Nf6 42.Bf5 Bc6 43.Ke2 Bb7 44.Kf2 e4 45.Nxe4+ Bxe4 46.fxe4 Nxg4+ 47.Kf3 Ne5+ 48.Ke2  
 Kf6 49.Bh7 Nf7 50.Kd3 Ke5 51.Bf5 Nd6 52.Bh7 Nb7 53.b4 Nd6 54.Bg6 c5 55.bxa5 bxa5 56.c4 Nc8  
 57.Be8 Ne7 58.Bh5 Nc6 59.Bf3 Kf6 60.Bh5 Ne5+ 61.Kc3 Kg5 62.Bd1 f3 63.Kd2 Kf4 64.Bc2 Nxc4+  
 65.Ke1 Ke3 0–1



Suttles and Zuk

**Zuk, Robert D – Scoones, Daniel [C63] BC op Vancouver (7), 08.10.1973**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.c3 f5 5.d3 d6 6.0–0 fxe4 7.dxe4 Nf6 8.Nbd2 0–0 9.b4 Bb6 10.Nc4  
 Bg4 11.Nxb6 axb6 12.Be2 Kh8 13.Nd2 Be6 14.a3 Ne7 15.Re1 Ng6 16.g3 Qd7 17.f3 Rf7 18.c4  
 Ne7 19.Nf1 Nc6 20.Bb2 Raf8 21.Qd3 Ng8 22.Rac1 Qe7 23.Qe3 h6 24.Red1 Nf6 25.Qd2 Nh7  
 26.Qe3 Ng5 27.Nd2 Bc8 28.c5 bxc5 29.bxc5 dxc5 30.Qxc5 Qxc5+ 31.Rxc5 Ne6 32.Rxc6 bxc6  
 33.Bxe5 Rd7 34.Bc4 Ng5 35.Be2 Rfd8 36.Bc3 Ne6 37.Bc4 Nd4 38.Rb1 Nb5 39.Bxb5 cxb5 40.Rb2  
 Rd3 41.Rc2 Rxc3 42.Rxc3 Rxd2 43.Rxc7 Be6 44.Rc5 Rb2 45.f4 Bg4 46.Rc3 Kg8 47.h4 Kf7  
 48.Rc7+ Kf8 49.Rc3 Ke7 50.Rc7+ Bd7 51.Rc3 Re2 52.e5 h5 53.Kf1 Ra2 54.Ke1 g6 55.Kd1 Bf5  
 56.Ke1 Rb2 57.Kf1 Ke6 58.Rc6+ Kd5 59.Rd6+ Kc5 60.Ra6 Kd5 61.Rd6+ Ke4 62.Rc6 Rb3 63.e6  
 Kf3 64.Kg1 Kxg3 65.Kf1 0–1

**Jeanpierre, Richard – Fancett, Robert [B05] BC op Vancouver (7), 08.10.1973**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.Nf3 Bg4 6.Be2 Nc6 7.exd6 cxd6 8.d5 Bxf3 9.Bxf3 Ne5 10.b3  
 Nbd7 11.0–0 g6 12.Nc3 Bg7 13.Bb2 0–0 14.Be2 Nf6 15.f4 Qb6+ 16.Kh1 Ned7 17.Qd2 Nc5 18.Bf3  
 Rae8 19.Rfe1 a6 20.Re2 Bh6 21.Qd4 Bg7 22.Qd2 Qd8 23.Rae1 Bh6 24.Qd4 Bg7 25.Qd2 Kh8  
 26.g4 h6 27.h4 Ng8 28.Rg1 Qc7 29.Reg2 b5 30.cxb5 axb5 31.Rg3 b4 32.Ne4 Nxe4 33.Bxe4 Bxb2  
 34.Qxb2+ Kh7 35.f5 Nf6 36.Bd3 Rg8 37.fxg6+ fxg6 38.h5 Qc5 39.Bxg6+ Rxg6 40.hxg6+ Kg7  
 41.g5 hxg5 42.Rxg5 Rh8+ 43.Kg2 e5 44.Rg3 Qxd5+ 45.Rf3 Qe6 46.Qc2 Rh6 47.Qc7+ Kg8 48.Kf1  
 Kh8 49.Qf7 1–0



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Vancouver Rapid League 2018-2019**

Monthly until May 2019

[Details](#)

### **BCYCC**

March 9-10, Richmond

[Details](#)

### **BC Active Championship**

March 17, Vancouver

[Details](#)

### **Stan Rogers Memorial**

April 6, Chilliwack

[Details](#)

### **Grand Pacific Open**

April 19-22, Victoria

[Details](#)

### **Paul Keres Memorial**

May 18-20, Richmond

[Details](#)

### **BC Senior Championship**

June 29 - July 1, Surrey

[Details](#)