

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #378

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

Fischer-Taimanov Thematic (May 26)



Designed to commemorate the forty-fifth anniversary of the 1971 Fischer-Taimanov Candidates' Match, this tournament has continued annually since 2016. It was conceived as a team event, but like last year a limited turnout necessitated the switch to an individual double round robin with a blitz time control (5 minutes sudden death). However, the players were still restricted to the same openings that occurred in the six games of the original match – 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 or the King's Indian/Grünfeld. Ryan Leong was the winner with 9.0/10, a point ahead of Chris Luu in second place.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 Leong, Ryan	*	2	2	1	2	2	9.0
2 Luu, Chris	0	*	2	2	2	2	8.0
3 Zlotnik, Ilya	0	0	*	2	2	2	6.0
4 Erichsen, Dan	1	0	0	*	1	2	4.0
5 Yasar, Ugur Mert	0	0	0	1	*	1	2.0
6 Saini, Jaiten	0	0	0	0	1	*	1.0

Thanks to organizer Konstantin Pyryaev and Ugur Mert Yasar (UBC Chess Club) for hosting the event. [More photos and videos](#)

Washington Open (May 25-27)

In Canada we have the Keres Memorial on the Victoria Day weekend, the third weekend in May; for Americans their holiday is the week after on the last Monday in May. This is the traditional time for the Washington Open which this year attracted only two BC players, Patrick Huang (Open Section) and Jayden Qu (Reserve) – they scored 5.0/7 and 3.5 respectively. The overall winners were Kyle Haining and Joseph Truelson who tied for first with 6.0 points each. [USCF rating report](#)



Chicago Open (May 23-27)

Also on the Memorial Day weekend was the 28th annual Chicago Open, which somewhat surprisingly had more BC participants than the Washington Open. Severo Caluza, Ethan Low, Kevin Low, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj, and Aiden Zhou made the trip; Aiden Zhou had the best score by a Canadian, 5.0 points in the Open Section. GM Vasif Durarbayli was the sole overall winner, finishing a half-point ahead of the nine players who tied for second. [Tournament website](#)

Yanayt, Eugene – Zhou, Aiden [E99] 28th Chicago Open Chicago (2), 24.05.2019

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.d4 0–0 6.Be2 e5 7.0–0 Nc6 8.d5 Ne7 9.Ne1 Nd7 10.Nd3 f5 11.Bd2 Nf6 12.f3 f4 13.Rc1 g5 14.c5 Ng6 15.Nb5 Rf7 16.Ba5 b6 17.cxd6 cxd6 18.Be1 g4 19.fxd4 Nxe4 20.Nb4 a6 21.Bf3 Ng5 22.Nc3 Nxf3+ 23.gxf3 Qf8 24.Ne4 Bb7 25.Qb3 a5 26.Nc6 Ba6 27.Rf2 Rb7 28.Rfc2 Bf6 29.Qa3 Rd7 30.g5 Bg7 31.Rg2 Kh8 32.h4 Ne7 33.Nxe7 Qxe7 34.Rc6 Bb7 35.Rxb6 Bxd5 36.Rd2 Bxe4 37.fxe4 Qe6 38.Rbxd6 Rxd6 39.Qxd6 Qxa2 40.h5 Qb1 41.Rd1 Qxe4 42.h6 Bf8 43.Qf6+ Kg8 44.Qe6+ Kh8 45.Bf2 f3 46.Rd7 Qf4 47.Qf6+ Qxf6 48.gxf6 Bxh6 49.Re7 Bg5 50.Rf7 h6 51.Bc5 e4 52.Kf2 Rc8 53.Bd4 Rd8 54.Bc3 Bh4+ 55.Ke3 Bg5+ 56.Kf2 Bh4+ 57.Ke3 Bg5+ 58.Kf2 Bh4+ ½–½

BCCF Annual General Meeting (May 19)

The Annual General Meeting of the BCCF was held in between rounds on day two of the Keres Memorial. The minutes of the meeting are available on the [BCCF website](#); these are the members of the incoming board:

President – Stephen Wright
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Members At Large – Lyle Craver, Mark Dutton

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Trustees of the BC Chess Foundation: Paul Leblanc (Chair), Roger Patterson, Howard Wu

The AGM also included the presentation of a lifetime achievement award to our previous secretary Lyle Craver, in recognition of his many years of dedicated service to the BCCF.



BCBASE updated

This is a database of games either played in British Columbia or by BC players elsewhere in the world. These have been assembled from various sources by your editor; the collection, now some 27,090 games, covers material from 1862 to the present. BCBASE has recently been updated, and is available in either ChessBase archive format (CBV) or PGN on the [BCCF website](#). This collection is not definitive, but is very much a work in progress. If readers notice errors, or would like to contribute their own games to the collection, please contact Stephen Wright.

44th PAUL KERES MEMORIAL (May 18-20) by Roger Patterson



The forty-fourth annual Keres Memorial drew one hundred and eighty-five players, blowing by last year's record turnout which was itself a thirty-year record. This year's turnout is surpassed only by the original event (the original Vancouver 1975) and the first annual Keres Memorial. As neither of those two events were weekend events, this is a tie with this year's BC Open for the largest adult weekend tournament ever in BC. On the other hand, both these record setting events were this year so maybe this is just the new normal :-)

Notwithstanding the record attendance, the Premier section was smaller than usual and possibly a bit weaker than usual. Part of the problem was that the annual Chess & Math Chess Challenge was in town causing a

dozen local juniors to opt for that event as well as taking FM Tanraj Sohal as a coach/team leader for the BC team. Other reasons for the smaller Premier section? Hard to say but necessary to ponder for next year.

In the end, perennial favourite IM Georgi Orlov of Seattle and newly local IM Raymond Kaufman shared first place with 5.5/6. They briefly ceded the sole lead to junior Patrick Huang in round 4 after drawing each other then tag teamed Patrick enroute to the final score and first place. Patrick's performance confirmed the evidence of his strength after the breakout result he had at last month's Grand Pacific Open and he joins the ranks of BC's masters.



Round 3, Orlov vs. Kaufman

As always thanks to all those who made this possible - our volunteers, Paul Leblanc, TDs (IA Stephen Wright, Eric Gu), and equipment and logistical support by Chess2Inspire. This [report](#) with complete standings, prize distribution, and links to more photos

Orlov, Georgi – Kaufman, Raymond [C91] Keres mem 44th Richmond (3.1), 19.05.2019

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0-0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 0-0 8.d4 d6 9.c3 Bg4 10.d5 Nb8 11.h3 Bc8 12.a4 Bb7 13.Nbd2 Nbd7 14.c4 c6 15.Bc2 bxc4 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.Nxc4 Nc5 18.Nfd2 Rb8 19.Qe2 Qc7 20.b3 Rfe8 21.Bb2 Bf8 22.Rac1 g6 23.Bc3 Nh5 24.g3 Bh6 25.Rcd1 Ne6 26.Nf1 Nd4 27.Bxd4 exd4 28.Rxd4 d5 29.Nce3 dxe4 30.Qxa6 Bb7 31.Qc4 Qb6 32.Rd7 Rf8 33.Nd5 Bxd5 34.Rxd5 Rbc8 35.Qe2 e3 36.fxe3 Qe6 37.Rxh5 gxh5 38.Kh2 Rc3 39.Bd1 Qf6 40.Kg2 h4 41.Qg4+ Kh8 42.Qxh4 Qxh4 43.gxh4 Bg7 44.Nd2 Rd8 45.Nf3 Rcd3 46.Be2 Rxb3 47.Bc4 Ra3 48.Bxf7 Rxa4 49.e4 Rf8 50.Bd5 Ra5 51.Re2 Rb8 52.Kg3 Bc3 53.Kg4 Kg7 54.Kh5 Re8 55.Rg2+ Kf6 56.Rg5 Ke7 57.Rg3 Rf8 58.Ng5 Be5 59.Rb3 Ra7 60.Nf3 Bf4 61.Nd4 Ra1 62.Ne6 Rf6 63.Rb7+ Kd6 64.Ng5 Rg1 65.Rxh7 Rg3 66.Rg7 Ra3 67.Rb7 Bxg5 68.hxg5 Rxh3+ 69.Kg4 Rff3 70.g6 Rfg3+ 71.Kf5 Rf3+ 72.Kg5 Ke5 73.Re7+ Kd6 74.Re6+ Kd7 75.Ra6 Ke7 76.Ra7+ Kd6 77.Ra6+ Ke7 78.Ra7+ Kd6 79.g7 Rhg3+ 80.Kh6 Rf6+ 81.Kh7 Rh3+ 82.Kg8 Ke5 83.Re7+ Kd6 84.Rf7 Rg6 85.Ra7 Rf6 86.Ra6+ Ke5 87.Rxf6 Kxf6 88.Kf8 Rc3 89.g8N+?? [89.Bf7 wins, as do other moves] Ke5 90.Ne7 Re3 ½-½

Zhou, Aiden – Orlov, Georgi [E11] Keres mem 44th Richmond (6.1), 20.05.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.g3 Bb4+ 5.Bd2 Qe7 6.a3 Bxd2+ 7.Qxd2 d5 8.Bg2 0–0 9.0–0 Rd8
10.Qc2 e5 11.dxe5 Nxe5 12.cxd5 Nxd5 13.Nc3 Nc6 14.Rfd1 Be6 15.Nd4 Nxd4 16.Rxd4 Nxc3
17.Qxc3 c5 18.Rxd8+ Rxd8 19.e3 b6 20.Bf3 Bd5 21.Bxd5 Rxd5 22.Re1 Qe4 23.Re2 Rd1+ 24.Re1
Rd3 25.Qc2 h5 26.Qe2 g6 27.Rd1 c4 28.Rxd3 cxd3 29.Qd2 Qc4 30.Kf1 Qc2 31.Ke1 Qb1+ 32.Qd1
d2+ 33.Kxd2 Qxb2+ 34.Qc2 Qxa3 35.Qc8+ Kg7 36.Qc7 Qb2+ 37.Ke1 a5 38.e4 a4 39.e5 a3 40.e6
a2 41.Qxf7+ Kh6 42.Qf8+ Qg7 43.e7 a1Q+ 44.Kd2 Qad4+ 45.Kc2 Qc5+ 0–1

Huang, Patrick – Sadoughian-Zadeh, Farshad [A45] Keres mem 44th Richmond (6.4), 20.05.2019

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 0–0 7.Be2 c6 8.Nh2 Nbd7 9.g4 e5 10.dxe5
Nxc3 11.Bxc3 hxc3 12.Nxc3 f6 13.e6 Ne5 14.Nxe5 fxe5 15.Bg5 Bf6 16.Bh6 Bxe6 17.h5 g5
18.Bxf8 Qxf8 19.Qe2 e4 20.0–0–0 Qb4 21.Rdg1 Kh8 22.Qd2 Rd8 23.a3 Qc4 24.h6 Kh7 25.Qe2
Qc5 26.f4 Bxc3 27.fxg5 d4 28.g6+ Kh8 29.g7+ Kh7 30.Qg2 Qf5 31.g8Q+ Rxc8 32.Qg7+ 1–0

NATIONAL CHESS CHALLENGE (May 19-20)



The flagship event of the Chess'n Math Association, this annual national scholastic team competition was held for the first time in its thirty-one year history in Vancouver at UBC (and only the second time in BC, previously in Victoria in 2011). The tournament has only ever been won by Ontario or Quebec; the BC team, consisting of Nicholas Wu, Erwin Mok, Biao Biao Bouong Guo, Ryan Yang, Erig Jiang, Kate Jiang, Joshua Imoo, Sherry Tian, Andrew Hemstapat, Brian Yang, Ryan Leong, Max Gedajlovic, and Captain Tanraj Sohal had hoped, with the advantage of home turf, to change that statistic but alas it was not to be. BC scored more points than it ever has before but it was not enough to dislodge the two Central Canadian powerhouses from the top of the standings. [N.B., primary scoring is match points]

1 Quebec 87/108
2 Ontario 88.5
3 British Columbia 84.5
4 Alberta 66.5
5 Saskatchewan 49

6 Manitoba 41.5
7 New Brunswick 32.5
8 Nova Scotia 38
9 Prince Edward Island 29.5
10 Newfoundland and Labrador 23

Congratulations to Quebec who placed first for only the second time since 1997 by defeating Ontario in their individual match 7.5-4.5. Normally the Ontario squad scores in the low to mid-nineties, they definitely had an off-year this time round. BC took 5.0 points off Quebec, the most of any team including Ontario, but it was not enough to affect the match point placings. Notably the game-point gap between BC and Alberta was the widest of any two adjacent places.



(photo by Jay Imoo)

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

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| 1 Nicholas Wu 8/9 – first | 6 Kate Jiang 7 – third |
| 2 Erwin Mok 7.5 – second | 8 Sherry Tian 8 – first |
| 3 BiaoBiao Boyong Guo 7 – second after playoff | 9 Andrew Hemstapat 8.5 – first after playoff |
| 4 Ryan Yang 7 – second | 12 Max Gedajlovic 8 – second after playoff |

Honourable mention should also be made of Eric Jiang, Joshua Imoo, and Brian Yang who all placed fourth in their respective grades. Congratulations to the entire team and all those who assisted! Further details can be found at the [event website](#); there is also a fine vlog of the experience created by the [Quebec team](#). [more photos by Jay Imoo](#) [summary of past events](#)

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

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

1.g3 [0:03:00] **1...d5** [0:03:00] **2.Bg2** [0:03:00] **2...c6** [0:02:59] **3.d3** [0:02:59] **3...g6** [0:02:59] **4.Nc3** [0:02:58] **4...Bg7** [0:02:58] **5.Bd2** [0:02:58] **5...Nf6** [0:02:57] **6.Qc1** [0:02:57] **6...0-0** [0:02:56]



A standard position, at least for me. I called this the "Suttles System" in the books, explaining that all the good openings were taken... **7.Bh6** [0:02:56] **7...Bxh6** [0:02:50] **8.Qxh6** [0:02:54] **8...Qb6** [0:02:49]



Black has played for this by exchanging on h6. To be clear, 8...Qb6 is not a deep positional move to put pressure on the dark squares in White's position. Black is actually playing for a cheap trick - he threatens 9...Qxf2+ 10.Kxf2 Ng4+ and 11...Nxh6, winning a pawn. But White's opening, which is probably one big positional trick, takes this into account. **9.Nd1!** [0:02:51] The exclamation mark isn't because 9.Nd1 is good (it's actually forced), but because it's cool and probably annoying as well, since 8...Qb6 seemed so clever. **9...Ng4!?** [0:02:38] This came as a bit of a surprise - was Black trying to evict White's queen from h6, or was he hoping just to take it? I decided the latter, so at this point I categorized Black as a "one threat wonder," which came into play a few moves later. **10.Qd2** [0:02:45] **10...e5** [0:02:35]



At this point White can play normally, perhaps continuing with 11.c3 or 11.h3, but instead I decided to set a cheap trap of my own. The logic was this: One Threat Wonder fancied himself a great tactician and couldn't help but think that he would always see more than his opponent. I therefore wanted to give him a chance to play an apparent tactical refutation, although actually the "refutation" was a blunder if you looked one move farther (i.e., two moves...). **11.f3!?** [0:02:41]



11...Nxh2? [0:02:17]



This move, which Black took 18 seconds (!) to make, is horrible. Even if it worked, it would fail, because Black's h2-knight threatens nothing and can't escape. What made this game fun was that I thought Black would play this, because he would be convinced that White had just overlooked that 12.Rxh2? loses to 12...Qxg1+. **12.Qh6** [0:02:39]



This also made the game fun, because Black's h2-knight is pinned to the mate on h7, and White is threatening to capture Black's h2-knight – with his h6-queen! **12...Qb4+** [0:02:05] This doesn't help. **13.c3** [0:02:34] **13...Qe7** [0:02:04] **14.Rxh2** [0:02:28] **14...f5** [0:02:03] Black decides not to resign, so he deserves another diagram or two. **15.Nh3** [0:02:22] **15...e4** [0:01:59] **16.dxe4** [0:02:11] **16...fxe4** [0:01:58] **17.fxe4** [0:02:05] **17...dxe4** [0:01:52] **18.Ng5** [0:02:00]



18...Bg4 [0:01:44] 19.Nxh7 [0:01:56] 19...Rf7 [0:01:43]



Now 20.Qxg6+ wins everything, but the move White played is good enough. **20.Ng5** [0:01:52] Black resigns. **1-0**

UPCOMING EVENTS

BC Senior Championship

June 29 - July 1, Surrey

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PNWCC Summer Norm Invitational

July 17-21, Kirkland, WA

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PNWCC FIDE Open – Summer of Seattle

July 24-28, Kirkland, WA

[Details](#)