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HERE AND THERE

World Excursions

IM Leon Piasetski is back on the road, playing in several events in Spain. First up was the [31st Roquetas de Mar Open](#) (January 2-7), held in the Mediterranean town noted for its fine beaches. Overall winners of the tournament were GMs Vitaliy Bernadskiy and Karen Grigoryan who tied for first with 7.5/9 each. Leon was not so fortunate, having to withdraw after six rounds with only 2.5 points due to a bad cold/flu. Then it was off to Seville for the [45th Seville Open](#) (January 10-18). Here Leon had something of a yoyo tournament, only meeting players substantially higher or lower rated than himself. As most of his opponents were in the latter category he scored 6.0/9 with no draws. The runaway winner was GM Kirill Shevchenko whose final tally of 8.5 was a full point ahead of those tied for second. Lastly Leon travelled south to the British Overseas Territory of Gibraltar for the first major international open of the year, the [Gibraltar Chess Festival](#). As the name suggests this consists of several tournaments along with other side events. Apart from the ten-day Masters section with games in the afternoon there are two sets of morning sections, Challengers (U2250) and Amateur (U1900), which run for five days each. Leon was an entrant in [Challengers A](#) (January 20-24); by winning in the last round while his competitors agreed to a eight move draw he scored a perfect 5.0/5 to take the first prize – congratulations!



(photo by John Saunders)

Bengherabi, Khalil – Piasetski, Leon [B42] Challengers A Gibraltar (4.2), 23.01.2020

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.Qg4 g6 8.Nc3 d6 9.Qe2 Nd7 10.0–0 Ne5 11.Be3 Nf6 12.f4 Nxd3 13.cxd3 0–0 14.Na4 b5 15.Nb6 Rb8 16.Nxc8 Rxc8 17.Rfc1 Qd7 18.Bd4 b4 19.Rc4 Rxc4 20.dxc4 Qc6 21.Nd2 e5 22.fxe5 dxe5 23.Bf2 Rd8 24.Re1 Bc5 25.Nf3 Ng4 26.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 27.Kf1 Rd3 28.Rc1 Re3 29.Qd2 Rxe4 30.Re1 Ne3+ 31.Rxe3 Rxe3 32.b3 e4 33.Ne5 Kg7 34.Ng4 Qf5+ 35.Kg1 Rd3 36.Qh6+ Kg8 37.h3 f6 38.Qh4 g5 39.Nh6+ Kf8 40.Qh5 Qd7 41.Qe2 Rd1+ 42.Kh2 Qd6+ 0–1

Piasetski, Leon – Levay, Sorin [A41] Challengers A Gibraltar (5.2), 24.01.2020

1.c4 g6 2.Nf3 Bg7 3.e4 d6 4.d4 Bg4 5.Be2 c5 6.d5 Qa5+ 7.Nbd2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 Nd7 9.0–0 Ngf6
10.Be2 Qc7 11.f4 h6 12.Bd3 g5 13.g3 0–0–0 14.Nf3 gxf4 15.gxf4 Rdg8 16.Kh1 Ng4 17.Qe2 Bf6
18.Rb1 Qd8 19.Bd2 e5 20.dxe6 fxe6 21.e5 dxe5 22.f5 exf5 23.Bxf5 Kb8 24.Rbd1 Qe7 25.Bc3 Nb6
26.Bxg4 Rxc4 27.Nxe5 Rd4 28.Bxd4 cxd4 29.Rde1 Qxe5 30.Qxe5+ Bxe5 31.Rxe5 Nxc4 32.Re7
Rd8 33.Rff7 Nd6 34.Rg7 Rc8 35.Rd7 Rc1+ 36.Rg1 Rc6 37.Rg8+ Nc8 38.Rxd4 Rc1+ 39.Kg2 Rc2+
40.Kf3 Kc7 41.Rg2 Rc6 42.Rg7+ Kb6 43.Rb4+ Kc5 44.Rxb7 Rf6+ 45.Kg2 Nd6 46.Rxa7 Kd4
47.Ra6 Ke3 48.Re7+ Kf4 49.Rd7 1–0

Leon is also playing in the ongoing [Masters](#) (January 21-30) along with other Canadians Thomas Roussel-Roozmon, Raja Panjwani, and Victor Plotkin and members of the world elite such as Mamedyarov, Vachier-Lagrave, Wang, Topalov, Ivanchuk, Adams, etc. After five rounds GMs Cheparinov, Wang, Esipenko, Maghsoodloo, and Paravyan are tied for first with 4.5/5. Top Canadian is Victor Plotkin with 3.5 (2561 performance rating), Leon has 2.0 points.

Elsewhere sometime BC junior Ethan Song, national grade 3 champion in 2018, was a participant in the [2nd Binhai Open](#) (January 13-18). Held in the Chinese city of Tianjin, the field of ninety-eight players came from eight countries and included four grandmasters. Unsurprisingly they all finished at the top of the crosstable, with Jianchao Zhou taking first with 7.5/9 ahead of S.P. Sethuraman (7.0) and Yan Liu, IM Rustam Kaiyrbekov, and Tsegmed Batchuluun (6.5). Ethan had an excellent event; rated 1494, his 5.0/9 resulted in a performance rating of 1919 for an expected gain of 132 points.

Lin, Zhaochen – Song, Ethan [C54] Binhai Cup 2nd Tianjin (9.28), 18.01.2020

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.c3 Nf6 5.d4 exd4 6.e5 d5 7.Bb5 Ne4 8.cxd4 Bb4+ 9.Bd2 Bd7 10.0–0
0 Nxd2 11.Nbxd2 0–0 12.Be2 Qe7 13.Nb3 Bf5 14.Rc1 Qd7 15.a3 Be7 16.Bb5 a5 17.Qd2 Qe6
18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Nxa5 Ra6 20.Qc3 c5 21.dxc5 Qh6 22.Nd4 Bg4 23.g3 Rg6 24.f4 Qh3 25.Rf2 h5
26.Nac6 Bd8 27.Nxd8 Rxd8 28.Rg2 Ra8 29.c6 Ra4 30.b4 Ra8 31.b5 Ra4 32.Rcc2 Bc8 33.Rb2
Rc4 34.Qe3 h4 35.Rb4 Qg4 36.Qe2 Rc1+ 37.Kf2 Qh3 38.Rb3 hxg3+ 39.Rbxg3 Rxg3 40.hxg3 Bg4
41.Qd2 Rd1 42.Qb2 Qh1 43.Ke3 Qe1+ 44.Ne2 Bxe2 45.Qxe2 Qc3+ 46.Kf2 Rd2 0–1

Vancouver Chess Club Tournament 1 (September 10, 2019)

This marked the debut CFC-rated tournament from the newly formed Vancouver Chess Club. There were enough players to divide the tournament into two sections: Premier and U1400. The Premier Section was swept by local coffee shop legend Jenesis “Jay” Jaleco who placed clear first with 5.0/5. This was his first official CFC tournament earning him a 2169 CFC rating which would make him the sixteenth highest rated current player in BC in the context of the current ratings. The other Premier winners gave Jenesis a hard time in their games: Aaron Hoffman, a recent transplant from New York, and Omar Jessa, who was up a clear piece against Jay at one point in their game. [Crosstable](#)

In the Reserve Section Robert Evans took clear first (4/5) in front of Shushrutha Bhatt and Alexander Jin who tied for 2nd for 3.5/5. [Crosstable](#) The top three finishers of each section received an engraved trophy. Thank you to organizers Liza Orlova, Nestor De La Zerda for your generous contributions to the club. The CFC-rated tournament meets weekly on Sundays. Players

can enter the tournament at any time. Lecture at 6pm and tournament at 6:30pm. Casual blitz/drop in encouraged.



“Jay” Jenesis Jaleco accepting his first placed engraved trophy for the Premier Section (5.0/5): 2169 CFC rating.

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BCBASE

This database of games played in BC or by BC players elsewhere has been updated. Now with 28,046 games, the coverage has been extended to the end of 2019. The database is available in ChessBase archive (cbv) or zipped PGN formats from the [BCCF website](#).

BC Senior Championship Becomes More Inclusive

The 2020 version of the BC Senior, to be held at the Comfort Inn Victoria June 12-14, will feature an innovation. I have been asked by several players why there is not an adult chess championship. After all, there is a junior championship (up to age 20) and a senior championship (50 or over). What about the 21-49 players? Therefore, we will feature the inaugural BC Adult Championship as a separate event sharing the same playing hall as the BC Senior. Players must be 20 years or older as of January 1, 2020. [Registration](#) is open. (Paul Leblanc, Victoria Chess)

TEAM BC PREVAILS IN 2020 BC VS WASHINGTON MATCH

Annual series now tied 2-2

Led by outstanding 5.0-0.0 performances from IM Ray Kaufman and FM Javier Cortes, Team BC cruised to a 32.0-18.0 victory against Washington State at the Comfort Inn in Victoria over the weekend of 17-19 January. This was the fourth annual match-up; Washington was victorious in the first two years then BC won in 2019 and 2020. Besides the Kaufman/Cortes factor, Team BC was able to field stronger players on the lower boards.

An interesting contrast between the teams was FIDE flags. Team Washington was homogeneously American; Team BC featured players with FIDE flags from Chile, Iraq, Estonia and Canada as well as Ray Kaufman, a recent arrival from the USA. Another team member, Zulfikar Sali (FIDE flag United Kingdom), had to be replaced at the last minute by Reza Sardari. Zulfikar was in Manila for Christmas and could not get a flight home to Victoria due to a volcanic eruption. Team BC's "imports" finished in the top four spots individually.

The event was organized as a five-round Swiss, with all twenty players in one section but team mates were blocked from playing each other. The prize fund was \$2,200. Generous sponsorship was received by the BC Chess Federation and the Washington Chess Federation. In addition, an individual sponsor with a great love for chess contributed a significant sum to the prize fund. Sridhar Seshadri is the president and founder of [Sri Chess Academy](#), training about forty young children to qualify for events in Washington State. He has a track record of winning the Larry Evans Western State Open 1800 section and winning simuls against Michael Lee, Washington State champion, Wesley So, US number two, and Melik Khachiyan, Captain of the US School Olympiad chess team. He frequently plays in Canada and Iceland. The event was organized by Paul Leblanc of Victoria Chess and directed by Nigel Hanrahan. This [report plus crosstable](#)



Ray Kaufman, Sridhar Seshadri and Javier Cortes (right to left at the top). WCF President Josh Sinanan (middle third from right). Paul Leblanc and Nigel Hanrahan to his right.



Final Round Top Three Boards. Javier Cortes v Rushaan Mahajan, Dan Abramson v Ray Kaufman, Curt Collyer v Arpak Worya

Mahajan, Rushaan – Kaufmann, Raymond [D02] BC-WA m Victoria (2.1), 18.01.2020

1.Nf3 c5 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 Nf6 4.0–0 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 Bc5 7.c3 0–0 8.Nd2 e5 9.N4b3 Bb6 10.e4 Bg4 11.Qc2 Be6 12.Re1 d4 13.cxd4 exd4 14.Nc4 Bxc4 15.Qxc4 Nc6 16.e5 Re8 17.e6 fxe6 18.Rxe6 Kh8 19.Bg5 Ne5 20.Rxe8+ Qxe8 21.Qb4 Qg6 22.Bf4 Nd3 23.Qd2 Nxf2 24.Kxf2 Ng4+ 25.Kf1 Nxh2+ 26.Kg1 Ng4 27.Bxb7 Rf8 28.Rc1 h5 29.Nc5 Ne3 30.Nd3 Rxf4 31.Nxf4 Qxg3+ 32.Ng2 d3 33.Rc8+ Kh7 34.Be4+ g6 35.Qe1 Ng4+ 36.Kh1 Qh2# 0–1

Setiadikurnia, Sloan C. – Cortes Orihuela, Javier [C95] BC-WA m Victoria (3.2), 18.01.2020

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 Nf6 5.0–0 Be7 6.Re1 b5 7.Bb3 d6 8.c3 0–0 9.h3 Nb8 10.d4 Nbd7 11.Nbd2 Bb7 12.Bc2 Re8 13.Nf1 Bf8 14.Ng3 g6 15.Bg5 h6 16.Bd2 Bg7 17.a4 c5 18.d5 c4 19.Qc1 h5 20.Bg5 Qc7 21.Qd2 Nc5 22.Nh4 Nh7 23.Bh6 Bf6 24.Nf3 Reb8 25.Nh2 Bc8 26.f4 bxa4 27.Rab1 Qb6 28.Kh1 Bh4 29.Re3 exf4 30.Bxf4 Nd7 31.Nf3 Bf6 32.Ree1 Ne5 33.Bxe5 Bxe5 34.Nxe5 dxe5 35.Bxa4 Ra7 36.Nf1 Bd7 37.Bxd7 Rxd7 38.Ne3 Rc8 39.Qe2 Qb5 40.Nc2 a5 41.Na3 Qc5 42.Rf1 Rd6 43.Rf2 Nf6 44.Re1 Nxe4 45.Qxe4 Qxf2 46.Qxe5 Rxd5 47.Qxd5 Qxe1+ 48.Kh2 Qe2 49.Nb5 Qe6 50.Qd4 Qc6 51.Na3 Qc7+ 52.g3 Rd8 53.Qe3 h4 54.Kg2 Rd3 0–1

Mohammed Qanee, Arpak Worya – Mahajan, Rushaan [E53] BC-WA m Victoria (3.3), 18.01.2020

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.e3 0–0 6.Bd3 c5 7.0–0 b6 8.cxd5 Bxc3 9.bxc3 Qxd5 10.Ne5 Nbd7 11.c4 Qd6 12.Bb2 Rd8 13.f4 Bb7 14.Qa4 Ne4 15.Rad1 f6 16.Nxd7 Qxd7 17.Qxd7 Rxd7 18.d5 f5 19.Bxe4 fxe4 20.dxe6 Re7 21.f5 Ba6



Deja vu – when I published one of Arpak's games from last year's match I wrote: “Okay, so an engine will quickly tell you the following sacrifice is unsound. Instead turn your electronics off and enjoy the fruits of human imagination.” Applies to this one as well ...

22.Bxg7 Rxg7 23.f6 Rg6 24.e7 Kf7 25.Rd8 Rg8 26.Rfd1 Rc8 27.R1d6 h5 28.a4 Re8 29.Kf2 Bb7 30.Kg3 Bc6 31.Rxc8 Rxc8 32.Rd8 Rc7 33.Rf8+ Ke6 34.e8Q+ Bxe8 35.Rxe8+ Kxf6 36.Rxe4 Rd7 37.Re8 Rd3 38.Rf8+ Kg6 39.Ra8 Rxe3+ 40.Kf2 Rc3 41.Rxa7 Rxc4 42.Ra6 Kg5 43.Rxb6 Rxa4 44.Rb5 Rc4 45.Kf3 Rc3+ 46.Ke4 Rc2 47.Rb8 Kh4 48.Rg8 c4 49.Kf4 Rf2+ 50.Ke3 Rf1 51.Rg3 Rf8 52.Kd4 Rf4+ 53.Kc3 Re4 54.Rg8 Re1 55.Kxc4 Rd1 56.Rg3 Rh1 57.Rh3+ Kg4 58.Kd3 h4 59.Ke2 Rg1 60.Kf2 Ra1 61.Re3 Ra2+ 62.Re2 Ra4 63.Rc2 Rb4 64.Rd2 Ra4 65.Ke3 Ra3+ 66.Ke4 Ra4+ 67.Rd4 Rxd4+ 68.Kxd4 ½–½

Collyer, Curt – Lehingrat, Callum [E49] BC-WA m Victoria (4.6), 19.01.2020

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d5 5.a3 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 0–0 7.cxd5 exd5 8.e3 b6 9.Bd3 Ba6 10.Ne2 Re8 11.0–0 Bxd3 12.Qxd3 c5 13.Ng3 Nc6 14.Ra2 Qd7 15.Re2 Rad8 16.Rd1 Re6 17.Bb2 Na5 18.e4 dxe4 19.fxe4 Nc6 20.Ree1 Qc7 21.Qf1 Ree8 22.d5 Ne5 23.c4 b5 24.Qf4 Nfd7 25.cxb5 Qa5 26.Nf5 Qxb5 27.Bc3 c4 28.Kh1 Ng6 29.Qg3 Nde5 30.h4 h5 31.d6 Qd7 32.Bxe5 Rxe5 33.Ne7+ Rxe7 34.dxe7 Qxe7 35.Qg5 Rxd1 36.Rxd1 Qxa3 37.Rd8+ Nf8 38.Rc8 c3 39.Qxh5 Qc1+ 40.Kh2 Qf4+ 41.Kh3 Qxe4 42.Qc5 Qd3+ 43.Kh2 1–0

ANOTHER RECORD TURNOUT FOR THE VICTORIA OPEN

The fifth annual Victoria Open took place 17-19 January at the Comfort Inn Victoria. Seventy-five players competed in two sections (Premier and U1600). The format was a five-round Swiss with one game Friday evening, two games on Saturday and two games on Sunday. The annual BC vs Washington match was held in the same playing hall and provided some interesting chess for the players in the Victoria Open to watch between moves.

Victoria was struck with a significant snow storm the week prior to the event and this may have prevented an even larger turnout. In the end, the usual mild weather returned in time for all travellers to reach the tournament in plenty of time.

Tristan Taylor won the Premier section with a score of 4.5, half a point ahead of second place Louis Cheng. The decisive game came mid-way through the tournament when Tristan defeated Cheng in Round 3. Ross Richardson took clear third with 3.5. In the U1600 Section Harleen Singh Jaspal and Berry de Groot tied for first and split the cash prize. The trophy went to Harleen on tie-break. The tournament was directed by Nigel Hanrahan, report by Paul Leblanc. This [report plus crosstable](#)



Tristan Taylor with the Victoria Open trophy (photo by Nigel Hanrahan)



Berry de Groot (left) and Harleen Singh battle to a draw in the U1600 section last round (photo by Paul Leblanc)

Richardson, Ross – Moore, Harry [A67] Victoria op Victoria (1.11), 17.01.2020

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e6 4.Nc3 exd5 5.cxd5 d6 6.e4 g6 7.f4 Bg7 8.Bb5+ Nfd7 9.a4 0–0 10.Nf3 Na6 11.0–0 Nc7 12.Bd3 a6 13.Re1 Re8 14.Be3 Nf6 15.Bf2 Ng4 16.Bg3 Bd7 17.h3 Nf6 18.Bh4 Qc8 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.e5 dxe5 21.fxe5 Bg7 22.d6 Ne6 23.Nd5 Qd8 24.a5 Kh8 25.Bc4 Bc6 26.Qd2 Rb8 27.Ra3 Rf8 28.Qe3 Re8 29.Ne7 Bxf3 30.Bxe6 Bxg2 31.Kxg2 fxe6 32.Qxc5 b6 33.Qc3 bxa5

34.Nc6 Qg5+ 35.Kh1 Rec8 36.d7 Rxc6 37.Qxc6 Qd2 38.Qc8+ Bf8 39.Rf1 Qd5+ 40.Raf3 Qa8
41.d8Q 1–0

Cheng, Louis – Taylor, Tristan [B23] Victoria op Victoria (3.12), 18.01.2020

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 a6 3.a4 Nc6 4.Bc4 g6 5.f4 d6 6.Nf3 Bg7 7.0–0 e6 8.d3 Nge7 9.Kh1 0–0 10.Ba2 b5
11.Ne2 Bb7 12.c3 b4 13.Rb1 Rb8 14.Qc2 Qd7 15.Be3 Rfc8 16.g4 Na5 17.c4 b3 18.Bxb3 Nxb3
19.Qxb3 Bxe4 20.Qc2 Bc6 21.b3 e5 22.h3 h5 23.Kh2 hxg4 24.Ng5 Nf5 25.Bc1 gxh3 26.Nxh3 Nh4
27.Neg1 Qg4 28.Qf2 Bg2 29.Re1 Nf3+ 0–1

YEAR OF THE RAT

For those of you who follow the lunar calendar, Happy New Year! In terms of the Chinese zodiacal system this is the year of the rat, an animal which has particular connotations for Canadian and specifically BC chess players. For players of a certain age this will not be news, but for our younger readers we offer the following (brief) excursion.

In Canada and the Pacific Northwest the chess opening beginning with the moves 1...g6 2...Bg7 3...d6 in some order came to be called the Rat. Various designations exist elsewhere in the world, including King's Fianchetto, Modern, Robatsch, or Ujtelky Defence, so why Rat? Likely the name emerged as a contraction/vulgarization of Robatsch (Karl Robatsch, the Austrian grandmaster who helped popularize the eponymous defence), although there are earlier occurrences; an article on Purssell's chess resort in the May 1891 *British Chess Magazine* noted:

One popular character at Purssell's is Mr. Manley, a good old Purssellite, who is best known by his 'rat' openings (P to Kt3 and B to Kt2). He takes much care of, or rather sets much store by, his bishops. One of his peculiarities is to give audible expression to his feelings at the sight featherbed soldiers, i.e., pieces undeveloped.

Much later, in the October 1932 *British Chess Magazine*, further comment was made on Mr. Manley's rationale for using a fianchetto:

Another chess amateur at [Purssell's] was a Mr. Manley, proprietor of several public-houses in the City and the West End. He generally patronized Pollock and Mason; and becoming acquainted with me also, he asked me one day whether it was right to develop the pieces in the opening of the game! I hesitated to make a reply, but remarked at last that Pollock and Mason, when they said so, must be right, whereupon Mr Manley retorted: "You are wrong, and I will tell you why. As soon as I develop the pieces, Pollock and Mason take them off."

In our own time the hallmark of the Rat has been its flexibility, one of the reasons it was employed exclusively by BC's first grandmaster, Duncan Suttles. As the leading figure in Canadian chess in the late 1960s and early 1970s Duncan influenced a whole generation of BC and Canadian players, thus the iconic nature of the Rat in Canadian chess circles. The earliest extant Rats in Suttles' own practice date from 1963 but there are earlier examples in BC:

Taylor, Jack – Nixen, M. [B06] BC ch 1929?, 1929

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Be3 e6 4.Bd3 d6 5.Ne2 Bd7 6.Nd2 Bc6 7.c3 Nd7 8.0–0 f5 9.f3 Nb6 10.a4 a6
11.a5 Nd7 12.Rf2 Qe7 13.b4 Nh6 14.Qb3 d5 15.e5 0–0 16.f4 Ng4 17.Rf3 Nxe3 18.Rxe3 b6 19.h3

b5 20.Kh2 Rad8 21.Rg1 Nb8 22.g4 Qh4 23.Reg3 Qe7 24.gxf5 exf5 25.Rg5 Qe6 26.Ng3 Rf7 27.Qc2 h6 28.Rxg6 Qxg6 29.Bxf5 Rxf5 30.Nxf5 Qh5 31.Nxg7 Qe2+ 32.Kh1 Kh8 33.Qg6 1–0

Jursevskis, Miervaldis – Macskasy, Elod [B27] City CC op Vancouver, 1961

1.e4 g6 2.Bc4 Bg7 3.Nf3 c5 4.0–0 e6 5.d4 cxd4 6.Nxd4 a6 7.a4 Nc6 8.Nb3 Nf6 9.Re1 Qc7 10.Nc3 0–0 11.Be3 Ne5 12.Be2 d6 13.Bf4 b6 14.Bxe5 dxe5 15.Bd3 Bb7 16.Qe2 Qc6 17.Nd2 Nh5 18.g3 f5 19.f3 Rad8 20.Nb3 Nf6 21.Bxa6 Bxa6 22.Qxa6 fxe4 23.fxe4 Ng4 24.Qe2 h5 25.Rf1 Bh6 26.Rxf8+ Rxf8 27.Rf1 Be3+ 28.Kg2 Bf2 29.Kh3 Bd4 30.Rxf8+ Kxf8 31.Nxd4 exd4 32.Qb5 Qd6 33.Nd1 e5 34.Qd3 Qd7 35.Qa3+ Ke8 36.Kg2 Qc6 37.Qd3 Qxa4 38.h3 Nf6 39.Nf2 Qb4 40.b3 Nd7 41.Qe2 Nc5 42.Nd3 Qb5 43.Qf3 Nxd3 44.cxd3 Line

Three Rats from Duncan Suttles, from the beginning, middle, and end of his chess career:

Gross, Henry J – Suttles, Duncan [B06] Central California op, 1963

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Bc4 d6 4.c3 Nc6 5.f4 e5 6.Nf3 exd4 7.Nxd4 Nge7 8.0–0 0–0 9.Be3 Kh8 10.Nd2 f5 11.N2f3 fxe4 12.Ng5 Nxd4 13.Bxd4 d5 14.Bxg7+ Kxg7 15.Qd4+ Kg8 16.Rad1 c6 17.Qxe4 h6 18.Nf3 Qb6+ 19.Kh1 Rf7 20.Qc2 dxc4 21.Ne5 Bf5 22.Qa4 Qb5 23.Qa3 Rg7 24.b3 cxb3 25.c4 Qb6 26.axb3 c5 27.Rd2 Nc6 28.Rfd1 Qb4 0–1



Evans, Larry M – Suttles, Duncan [B06] Church's Fried Chicken It San Antonio (4), 23.11.1972

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Be3 c6 5.Qd2 b5 6.0–0–0 Nd7 7.f3 Nb6 8.h4 h5 9.Nh3 a5 10.Nf2 b4 11.Nb1 Rb8 12.g4 hxg4 13.fxg4 Nf6 14.Be2 Nxg4 15.Nxg4 Bxg4 16.Rdg1 Bh5 17.b3 a4 18.Bxh5 Rxh5 19.Rg5 axb3 20.axb3 Rxg5 21.hxg5 Nd7 22.Rf1 Kf8 23.Qd3 Qe8 24.Qc4 c5 25.dxc5 dxc5 26.Re1 Qc8 27.Rf1 Ne5 28.Qxc5 Qa6 29.Rf2 Nd3+ 30.cxd3 Rc8 31.Qxc8+ Qxc8+ 32.Kd1 Qa6 33.Ke2 Qa2+ 34.Nd2 Bc3 35.Rh2 Kg7 36.Rh4 e5 37.Rh1 Bxd2 38.Bxd2 Qxb3 39.Ke3 Qb2 40.Rc1 b3 41.Rc8 Qa1 42.Bc3 Qc1+ 43.Ke2 b2 44.Bxe5+ 0–1

Dimitriadis, Konstantinos – Suttles, Duncan [B06] Thessaloniki ol (11), 30.11.1984

1.e4 g6 2.d4 d6 3.Nc3 a6 4.a4 Bg7 5.Be2 Nf6 6.h4 Nc6 7.h5 gxh5 8.d5 Nb4 9.Bxh5 c6 10.a5 cxd5
11.Nxd5 Nfxd5 12.exd5 Bf5 13.Ra4 Nxc2+ 14.Kf1 Rc8 15.g4 Qd7 16.Rf4 Qb5+ 17.Kg2 Bg6
18.Bxg6 hxg6 19.Rxh8+ Bxh8 20.Nf3 Bxb2 21.Bxb2 Qxb2 22.Qd2 Qb5 23.Ng5 f6 24.Ne4 Qd3
25.Qc1 Rc4 26.Ng3 Qxd5+ 27.Kh2 Ne1 0–1

2010-2019: THE DECADE IN REVIEW

Last time we reviewed, as we usually do in the first issue of a given year, the previous year in BC chess. However, 2020 is not just the beginning of a new year but a new decade, so it is appropriate to expand the time frame to the last ten years. Some highlights:

Jason Cao became World U10 Champion in 2010

Leon Piasetski was the 2016 and 2018 Canadian Senior Champion, also 2018 PanAm Senior Champion

In 2012 the Canadian Open was held in Victoria, the CYCC in Surrey; in 2016 the Canadian Senior was in Surrey

The BC Senior Championship was inaugurated in 2013

The dominant players:

BC Closed has been won by Jason Cao (3 times), Tanraj Sohal (3), Grigorii Morozov (3)



BC Open: Tanraj Sohal (6!), Grigorii Morozov (3)

BC Junior: Tanraj Sohal (3 in decade), John Doknjas (4), Joshua Doknjas (3), Neil Doknjas (2)

(There were also numerous players with multiple wins in the [BCYCC](#) and the [Chess Challenge](#))

Keres Memorial: Georgi Orlov (5), Tanraj Sohal (3)

BC Active: Mayo Fuentebella (4), Tanraj Sohal (3)

For major BC events tournament participation has doubled (or more) in the past ten years: Keres, 81 to 185; BC Open, 48 to 185; GPO, 87 to 154; Langley, 44 to 82; Jack Taylor, 17 to 62

A new membership structure, by event rather than per annum fees, was instituted; financially the BCCF is doing as well as at any time in living memory, and likely ever

UPCOMING EVENTS

BC Open

February 15-17, Richmond

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Stan Rogers Memorial

April 4, Chilliwack

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Grand Pacific Open

April 10-13, Victoria

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Keres Memorial

May 16-18, Richmond

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BC Senior and Adult Championships

June 12-14, Victoria

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