

# BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #405

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## HERE AND THERE

### Northwest Online Events

Online tournaments in the Pacific Northwest have continued apace, and Richard Ingram was an entrant in three of the most recent. The [Portland Winter Open](#) was held over the weekend of December 5-6 as a four-round Swiss with a time control of 90 + 30; Richard placed clear second in the seven-player Open Section with 2.5/4. A week later the one-day [Winter Open](#) (December 13) served as a fund-raising event for Northwest Chess magazine; Richard tied for third in the five-round Active (25 + 5), the overall winner was Valentin Razmov. Finally on the weekend after Christmas was the [Washington Winter Classic](#) (December 26-27), an eight-round slow Active (45 + 5) held over two days. The overall winners of this seventy-three player event were GM Aleksandr Lenderman, IM Mitrabha Guha and FM Rohan Talukdar who all tied with 6.5/8; Lenderman beat Guha and Talukdar but was himself defeated by IM David Shahinyan. Richard scored 3.0 points.



Ingram, Richard – Guha, Mitrabha [B12] WA Winter Classic chess.com (1), 26.12.2020

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0–0 8.Qc2 h5 9.Ne2 Re8 10.Be3 Nd7 11.0–0–0 Nf8 [A variation which has become popular at the highest levels of late. Compare Duda-Carlsen, Altibox Norway Chess 2020: 11...b5 12.d5 c5 13.Bxb5 Rb8 14.c4 a6 15.Ba4 Re7 16.Ng3 Ne5 17.Ne4 Reb7 18.b3 Rb4 19.Bd2 Rxa4 20.bxa4 Bf5 21.Rde1 h4 22.h3 Ng6 23.Re3 Nf4 24.g4 Bg6 25.Kd1 f5 26.Nxd6 Qxd6 27.gxf5 Bh5+ 28.f3 Qf6 29.Bc3 Qg5 30.Qe4

Qg2 31.Rhe1 Qxa2 32.Qc2 Qxc4 33.Re8+ Kh7 34.Rxb8 Qxd5+ 35.Qd2 Bxf3+ 36.Kc1 Qxf5 37.Re3 Ne2+ 38.Kb2 Nxc3 39.Qxc3 Qf4 40.Qd3+ f5 41.Rf8 Qb4+ 42.Kc1 Be4 43.Qb3 Qd4 44.Qc3 Qd6 45.Rf7 Qg6 46.Rd7 Qg1+ 47.Kb2 c4 48.Rxe4 fxe4 49.Rd4 Qf2+ 50.Qd2 c3+ 51.Kxc3 Qg3+ 52.Kb2 Qxh3 53.Rxe4 Qg3 54.Qd4 Qg2+ 55.Kc3 Qf3+ 56.Kb4 Qf8+ 57.Ka5 Qf5+ 58.Kxa6 g5 59.a5 h3 60.Re7+ Kg6 61.Qg7+ Kh5 62.Qh7+ Kg4 63.Re4+ 1-0] **12.h3 Be6 13.Kb1 b5 14.Bf4 a5 15.Bxd6 Qxd6 16.Ng3 Qd5 17.b3 a4 18.b4 h4 19.Ne4 Ng6 20.g3 Kh8 21.Nc5 Ne7 22.Nxe6 Qxe6 23.Rde1 Qd6 24.Qe2 g6 25.Qg4 hxg3 26.fxg3 [26.Qxg3] 26...Nd5 27.Kb2 a3+ 28.Kb3 Ne3 29.Qh4+ Kg7 30.Qf4 Qd5+ 31.c4 bxc4+ 32.Kc3 cxd3 33.Rxe3 Rxe3 0-1**

**BC-WA Match (online)** (January 16-17)

Paul Leblanc has provided an update to the composition of Team BC for the 16-17 January match with Washington State. There has been considerable interest in the match and the protagonists have agreed to expand the team size from the previous players to twelve. Here is the latest Team BC roster:

IM Quang Long Le	NM Jason Kenney	WIM Bich Ngoc Pham	Gabriel Brown
IM Ray Kaufman	Patrick Huang	Brandon Zhu	WFM Sherry Tian
NM Keith MacKinnon	NCM Andrew Hemstapat	Scott Morgan	Jose Kagaoan

The match will be played on chess.com and results and games will be posted on the [BC Chess History](#) website as they become available. Round times will be Saturday 10am, 1pm and 4pm then Sunday 10am and 1pm.

**BC Open (online)** (February 20-21)

[Details](#) for the upcoming BC Open have just been announced. The tournament is limited to one hundred entrants, so register early if you wish to play.

**VICTORIA CUP**



T.T.D.A.  
 Chess Trophy  
 for  
 Victoria Chess  
 Championship

Previously a trophy for the Victoria city championship, the Victoria Cup is now awarded to the highest finishing Victoria play in the annual Victoria Open.

The tournament for the 1936 Victoria city championship was announced in the *Daily Colonist* of 12 January 1936 as follows:

Open to residents of Victoria and vicinity, the annual chess championship tournament will get under way on Friday, January 24...Donated by the Tourist Trade Development Association, the challenge cup bearing its name, will go to the champion.

So that at least explains the T.T.D.A. acronym. But why was a tourism organization donating a chess trophy?

Tourism had been an important part of Victoria's economy since the end of the nineteenth century, when it was found the capital city could not compete with Vancouver in terms of commerce and industry. In the 1930s the importance of tourism was considered even more crucial in combatting the effects of the Great Depression, and five-time Victoria Mayor David Leeming was "an ardent believer in the value of the tourist business to the city and Vancouver Island, he was unstinting in his efforts to advance the interests of the Victoria and Island Publicity Bureau." Another organization which Leeming helped found in late 1934 was (to give it its full name) the Tourist Trade Development Association of Victoria and Vancouver Island. Serving as the T.T.D.A.'s general secretary was one Thomas Henry or (in some sources) Tollemache Heriot Eslick, a self-proclaimed architect/engineer of amusement parks on five continents. To what degree Eslick's C.V. is to be trusted is open to [debate](#), but it is apparent his strongest abilities were in the areas of publicity and public relations.

One event which the T.T.D.A. sponsored was a Winter Fair, held 4-7 December 1935 at the Bay Street Armoury. The *Victoria Daily Times* of 30 November 1935 published an article highlighting the fair, including the following paragraph:

A giant chess tournament will be one of the unusual features of the fair. On an eight-foot board, and with chess men built in proportion, members of the Victoria Chess Club [i.e., City Chess Club] will take on all comers. A.G. Moody, captain of the club, is co-operating with Mr. Eslick in staging the event. Seats will be erected around the table, so that visitors may watch the play which will go on continuously during the four days of the fair. A silver cup will be presented to the winner of the tournament. Mr. Eslick and Tom Ainscough will also play a game during the fair.



This photograph was in the papers of Daniel MacAdam, with the caption “Mr. A.G. Moody moving a black bishop, about 1935;” we cannot be absolutely certain of the occasion, but the image matches the information given in the newspaper. The article also indicates T.H. Eslick knew how to play, as did Mayor Leeming; another former Victoria Mayor and longtime member of the Victoria Chess Club, William Marchant, coincidentally died during the fair, and the *Victoria Daily Times* of 6 December 1935 quoted Leeming: “Always a great chess player, Mr. Marchant and I had many enjoyable games, and I look back with some pride upon a victory I scored over him in a city championship several years ago.” Eslick’s fair opponent, Thomas Edward Ainscough, was a founder and first president of the new City Chess Club which emerged in 1932 and quickly supplanted the older Victoria Chess Club (although press reports frequently confused the two entities, as above).

The fair article also mentions the awarding of a silver cup to the tournament winner. Given that the fair and by extension the cup was sponsored by the T.T.D.A., the subsequent Victoria city championship trophy was also donated by the T.T.D.A., and there can’t have been too many silver cups in circulation in the economically depressed 1930s, it follows the two mentioned trophies are one and the same – the silver cup awarded at the 1935 Winter Fair is now the Victoria Cup awarded to the top city resident in the Victoria Open.

The first name engraved on the cup is that of Lawton Partington, winner of the Victoria city championship tournament announced in the first quote at the beginning of this article. Yet press reports of his victory indicate this was not the first time he had won the trophy:

Lawton Partington, city chess champion, successfully defended his title on Friday evening when he defeated K.S. Patrick in the final, 2 to 1.... He again holds the Tourist Trade Development Association Cup symbolic of the championship, having won the city honours last year. [*Daily Colonist* 29 March 1936]

As we have no other reference to a city championship in 1935 other than the competition to be held on a giant board in conjunction with the Winter Fair, presumably that tournament served as the city championship for that year, although why this is not recorded on the cup is unknown. Incidentally Partington’s opponent mentioned in the final, K.S. Patrick, was a member of the older Victoria Chess Club rather than the City Chess Club which Partington belonged to, indicating the competition was definitely city-wide rather than just a club championship.

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## **IN MEMORIAM RUSTY MILLER**

With sadness we note the unexpected passing of Russell Wallace (Rusty) Miller on December 29 at age seventy-eight. Born in 1942 in Hood River, Oregon, Miller learned to play chess at age ten and was chess champion at his high school. He played in his first US Open in 1963 and was an important figure in Washington chess circles for decades. A former president of the Washington Chess Federation, Miller was editor of *Northwest Chess* for almost eighty issues between 1966 and 1999 and for several years printed the magazine in his Seattle home, he also served as Business Manager for *Northwest Chess* and for a decade worked for International Chess Enterprises. He was married to Kathryn (Kathy) Eddy, the sister of another stalwart of the Northwest chess scene, [Buz Eddy](#). The Millers were part of the directing team for Vancouver 1975 along with another couple, Ray and Eunice Kerr, and Jonathan Berry. At the 2012 US Open in Vancouver, WA Rusty was presented with a Meritorious Service Award by the US Chess Federation while Kathy received the Honorary Chess Mates Award. A particular interest was chess

history: "One thing I really like is the history of the game. You can play chess games that were played 150 years ago. There may be more chess books out there than there are for all other sports, combined." It was in this capacity that Rusty would send periodic emails to your editor, noting BC-related information he had come across. I am particularly indebted to the Washington reports he forwarded on the BC – WA matches. Rusty, you will be missed.

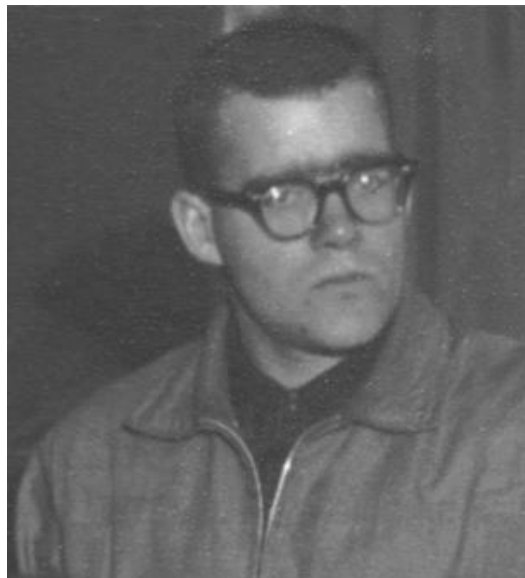


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### **ZDRAVKO KRZNARIĆ A.K.A. RAY KERR (31 October 1931 – 26 June 2008)**

These days one has to be of a certain age to recognize the name Ray Kerr, but not so long ago he was an extremely important figure in BC chess, as a player, director, organizer, and journalist. Yet because of his particular history and personality much about Kerr remains unknown or veiled in secrecy; the following tribute, long overdue, is based on the information we do have along with comments by Dan Scoones, Jonathan Berry, and Ray's niece Vlasta.

Born Zdravko Krznarić in the village of Slatinski Drenovac in Croatia, even his exact date of birth was not generally known until recently. Jeremy Gaige, normally the most scrupulous of researchers, gives 31 October 1933, but the actual date from his birth certificate was two years earlier, 31 October 1931. Krznarić grew up and attended high school in Zagreb where he also developed as a chess player. As a junior he played for the Zagreb sports society Mladost and won its championship in 1951, the same year he also won the Zagreb Championship. Krznarić only participated in the Yugoslavian Junior Championship once, in 1948, where he finished tied for fourth but defeated tournament winner Aleksandr Matanović. In the summer of 1951 he was a member of a Mladost team which engaged in a number of international team matches, a privilege for a player from a communist country; Krznarić was consistently on fifth board, behind IM Rabar, Fuderer (future GM), Bertok (future IM), and Nikolac (future GM). Winning all their matches, mostly by substantial margins, the team first played Hietzing Wien from Vienna (with Grünfeld on board one) in Zagreb before heading to West Germany and meeting a team in Freiburg (Bogoljubow on board one) on August 25. Further matches followed against Dortmund (August 28-29) and Essen (August 30) but by this point Krznarić was not on the team.



According to family lore the team was travelling on a joint passport and Krznarić took the opportunity to defect during a trip to Germany, which matches the available information – he does not appear in subsequent Yugoslav crosstables. His family believes his status as a defector led to Krznarić subsequently keeping to himself, afraid of both Croat extreme nationalists and the Yugoslav secret service.

The next occurrence of Krznarić we have been able to find is in *Canadian Chess Chat* of December 1955, where “newcomer” R. Krznarić is leading one of the sections of the Toronto Chess Club Championship. The following May he tied for second in the Ontario Championship with Paul Vaitonis behind Geza Fuster, tied for thirteenth in the [First Canadian Open](#) in Montreal later that summer, and in the fall tied for second behind Geza Fuster but ahead of Canadian Champion Frank Anderson in a tournament sponsored by the Harmonie Chess Club in Toronto. By September 1957 Krznarić was rated 2274 and ranked sixth on the 4<sup>th</sup> CFC Ratings List. His residence during all of this period is given as either Sudbury or Garson Mine (near Sudbury) and his first initial as “R” rather than “Z,” indicating the adoption of Ray as a first name. This is confirmed by the reports he wrote for the *Toronto Daily Star* on the World Junior Chess Championship in Toronto in August 1957, where the bylines have Ray Krznaric. We do not know what Krznaric was doing between 1951 and 1955, possibly working as a miner while studying English but there is no evidence. At least by 1957 he was working in his chosen profession, journalism.



At some point in the next eight years Krznaric moved to British Columbia, first to Powell River, subsequently to Victoria. By the time of the [1965 BC Championship](#) (in which he tied for second behind Brian Potter) he was playing as Ray Kerr, shortening his last name to just its first syllable. He was also a participant in the next six championships except 1966 and 1968, his best result occurring in [1969](#) when he tied for first with Peter Biyiasas and Alan Ludgate. Kerr also played in the [1965](#) and [1969](#) Canadian Championships (5.0/11 and 6.5/17 respectively) and was clear first in the [1967 Centennial BC Open](#) with 5.5/6. Illness forced his withdrawal from the 1972 and 1973 BC championship cycles and it was around this time he gave up tournament play entirely for medical reasons.

Kerr then switched hats, from player to organizer and tournament director, the latter often in conjunction with his wife Eunice. As noted by Jonathan Berry, he introduced (at least to BC) important innovations in a number of areas:

Ray Kerr invented Rapid Chess. Well, OK, other people invented Rapid Chess (Active Chess, Allegro Chess) independently. This is what happened in BC. We had been used to playing weekend events at 50/2, championship events at 40/2:30 (and two games per day!), when suddenly the 30/30 made its wave up from the USA. Ray Kerr looked at the 30/30 and had a better idea. A few months after the Vancouver 30/30 event (circa 1973), he held the Victoria 30. No /30. It was game in 30 minutes, Rapid Chess. You could play the regular five-round weekend tournament in one day (or even in an afternoon) and have the other day free.

Ray Kerr invented the big-money Class Tournament. Again, others were having similar ideas. It was the Fischer boom, and lots of players were showing up at every tournament.

Ray phoned Bill Goichberg, and they cross-pollinated. Both intended to organize big-money class tournaments in 1974. In Vancouver, the idea fell through and Goichberg was the first to market with the 1974 World Open. But already by the time that announcements for that event appeared, Ray Kerr had secured funding for Vancouver 1975 (see [Bulletin #394](#)). Ray obtained funding from the BC Government, convinced the BCCF, somewhat calmed fears at the CFC, and recruited his co-organizer. I did most of the leg-work, but I was dispensable. Without Ray Kerr, Vancouver 1975 could not have happened. With 320 players, it is still the largest Canadian tournament held west of Toronto, and with a \$16,000+ prize fund, it ranks up there, especially if you translate into today's dollars. Ray and Eunice also directed a couple of large sections.

Ray Kerr invented class pairings, the idea and technique of pairing by class in single-section events. This was a way to hold a tournament in one section but still have meaningful competition. By rights, his class pairings refinement should be the dominant method in Swiss System events, it is simply better than the default class tournaments (mixed events with class prizes) which have become the norm. One occasional annoyance is that magazines would publish the crosstables in incorrect order, assuming it was an ordinary Swiss.



The other major area in which Ray Kerr contributed to the chess community was as a columnist. A journalist by profession, Kerr began writing chess reports on a weekly basis in the *Daily Colonist* in April 1967. At the very end of 1969 the column acquired its own name, 'Checkmate,' which it retained until the newspaper merged with the *Victoria Times* in the summer of 1980 to become the *Times-Colonist*; thereafter the column was simply called 'chess.' Initially the column only contained news, local, national, and international, but in 1969 sporadic games began to be published, and by the following year at least one game appeared each week, sometimes more. This continued until the column was discontinued in April 1982. Kerr's column did much to promote and publicize chess to the general public as well as enthusiasts in Victoria and Vancouver Island.

To conclude, a few more reminiscences:

There never was a more intense competitor than Ray Kerr. "Tough Ray" was his nickname. He loved coffee. Somebody (Biyiasas?) was highly amused by the thought of Ray absentmindedly taking a captured piece, putting it into his coffee (like a sugar cube), stirring and then drinking it right to the bottom. [Jonathan Berry]

Kerr was a lifelong adherent of the Scandinavian (Centre Counter) Defence with 2...Qxd5. He showed me many important lines that he had discovered himself. Of course these were later (re)discovered and credited to players such as Ian Rogers... In recognition of his contributions to chess in Victoria, Ray Kerr was made an Honorary Life Member of the Victoria Chess Club in 1970. [Dan Scoones]

After the first day of play [at the 1967 BC Championship] we got a motel room near the tournament hall. I flipped on the TV and began watching a Bugs Bunny cartoon that was based on the opera *The Barber of Seville*. To my great astonishment, Ray Kerr began singing along with the aria, and very beautifully. It turned out he had had some opera training as a young man, and it definitely showed. While I think of it, I was impressed by another display of his abilities. He gave me the score of a Fischer game from Havana 1966 that had been published in Isaac Kashdan's chess column. While Ray was unpacking his suitcase I began to analyse this game. What astonished me here was that he was able to analyse it along with me from the other side of the room, without seeing the board and pieces. And of course he saw a number of things that I missed! [Dan Scoones]

#### **Fuster, Geza – Krznaric, Ray [E65] CAN op 1st Montreal (2), 26.08.1956**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 0–0 5.Nf3 d6 6.0–0 c5 7.dxc5 dxc5 8.Nc3 Nc6 9.Be3 Qa5 10.Qa4 Nd7 11.Qc2 Nd4 12.Qc1 Qxc3 13.bxc3 Nxe2+ 14.Kh1 Nxc1 15.Raxc1 Re8 16.Rfd1 Rb8 17.Bf4 e5 18.Be3 b6 19.Ng5 Nf6 20.Ne4 Nxe4 21.Bxe4 Bb7 22.Bxb7 Rxb7 23.Rd5 e4 24.a4 f5 25.a5 Re6 26.Rd8+ Kf7 27.a6 Rc7 28.Kg1 Ree7 29.Rcd1 Bxc3 30.Bf4 Be5 31.Bg5 Bf6 32.Bf4 Be5 33.Bg5 Bf6 34.Bf4 ½–½

#### **Krznaric, Ray – Sobel, Robert [E56] CAN op 1st Montreal (10), 02.09.1956**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 d5 5.Bd3 0–0 6.Nf3 c5 7.0–0 Nc6 8.a3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 Ba5 10.Qd3 Qe7 11.Ne4 Bb6 12.Nxc5 Bxc5 13.dxc5 Qxc5 14.b4 Qh5 15.b5 e5 16.e4 Ne7 17.Rd1 Bg4 18.h3 Rad8 19.Qxd8 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Ng6 21.Kf1 Rxd8 22.Rxd8+ Nf8 23.Kg2 Qh4 24.Rc8 g5 25.Be3 Nh5 26.Rd1 Kg7 27.Rc7 Kh6 28.Rxf7 Ng6 29.Rd6 Nhf4+ 30.Bxf4 gxf4 31.Rdd7 1–0

#### **Kerr, Ray – Biyiasas, Peter [C01] Vancouver op Vancouver (6), 1969**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 exd5 4.Bd3 Nf6 5.Ne2 Bd6 6.Ng3 Bxg3 7.hxg3 Nc6 8.c3 Be6 9.Bf4 Qd7 10.Qc2 0–0–0 11.Nd2 h6 12.Nf3 Ng4 13.Ng1 g5 14.Bd2 Kb8 15.Ne2 Ne7 16.f3 Nf6 17.g4 b6 18.b4 Nc8 19.a4 Nd6 20.a5 b5 21.0–0–0 Rdg8 22.Ng3 h5 23.Nxh5 Nxh5 24.Rxh5 Rxh5 25.gxh5 g4 26.Rh1 gxf3 27.gxf3 Rg2 28.h6 Qe8 29.h7 Qh8 30.Qd1 Nc4 31.Bxc4 dxc4 32.Qe1 1–0



## Kerr, Ray – Suttles, Duncan [A42] BC ch New Westminster, 05.1970

Ray Kerr's best game is acknowledged to be his win over Suttles from the 1970 BC Championship in New Westminster. I was playing in the Reserve Section in that event, and I can reveal that Kerr had a large proportion of the game on his analysis board the night before. [Dan Scoones]

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 d6 4.e4 e5 5.Be3 Nc6 6.d5 Nce7 7.g4 a6 8.f3 f5 9.c5 Nf6 10.h3 0–0  
11.Qd2 Kh8 12.Nge2 c6 13.dxc6 d5 14.c7 Qd7 15.g5 Nxe4 16.fxe4 d4 17.Bf2 dxc3 18.Qxd7 Bxd7  
19.Nxc3 Bc6 20.Bg2 Rac8 21.Nd5 Rf7 22.0–0–0 Bf8 23.Bg3 f4 24.Bf2 f3 25.Bf1 Rf5 26.Nxe7 Bxe7  
27.exf5 Bxg5+ 28.Kb1 gxf5 29.Rg1 Be7 30.Bc4 Be4+ 31.Ka1 1–0

## Kerr, Ray – Zuk, Robert D. [A01] BC ch Burnaby (2.1), 05.1971

The epithet "Tough Ray" was bestowed by Peter Biyiasas after the 1971 BC Closed. In a key component of Biyiasas's victory, Ray Kerr ground down the new champion's chief rival, defending champion Robert Zuk. The game went many hours and had at least two adjournments, Kerr finally winning an ending of N+P vs. B. [Dan Scoones]

1.b3 e5 2.Bb2 Nc6 3.c4 g6 4.e3 Bg7 5.a3 d6 6.d3 f5 7.g3 Nf6 8.Bg2 0–0 9.Ne2 d5 10.cxd5 Nxd5  
11.Nbc3 Be6 12.0–0 f4 13.Bxd5 Bxd5 14.Nxd5 Qxd5 15.exf4 Rad8 16.fxe5 Qxd3 17.Nf4 Qf5  
18.Qb1 Rd2 19.Qxf5 Rxf5 20.Bc3 Nxe5 21.Kg2 Rc2 22.Rfc1 Rxc1 23.Rxc1 g5 24.Ne6 Bh8  
25.Bxe5 Bxe5 26.Nxc7 Bb2 27.Rd1 Bxa3 28.Rd8+ Rf8 29.Rd5 h6 30.Nb5 Bb4 31.Nxa7



31...Be1 32.f3 Ra8 33.Nb5 Ra2+ 34.Kh3 Bf2 35.Kg4  
Rb2 36.Rd3 Bc5 37.h4 gxh4 38.Kxh4 Kg7 39.Nc7 Kg6  
40.Kg4 h5+ 41.Kf4 Rc2 42.Ne6 Ba3 43.Ke4 Re2+  
44.Re3 Rxe3+ 45.Kxe3 Bd6 46.Nf4+ Kg5 47.Ke4 Bb8  
48.Nh3+ Kf6 49.f4 Ba7 50.Ng5 Bf2 51.Kf3 Bb6 52.g4  
hxg4+ 53.Kxg4 Bd4 54.Kf3 Kf5 55.Nf7 Bc5 56.Nh6+  
Ke6 57.Ke4 Bf8 58.Nf5 Bc5 59.Nd4+ Kf6 60.Kd5 Bb6  
61.Ke4 Bc5 62.Kd5 Bb4 63.Ke4 Bc5 64.Nb5 Bf8 65.f5  
Bc5 66.Nc3 Bd6 67.Nb5 Bh2 68.b4 Be5 69.Nd4 Bh2  
70.b5 Bg3 71.Ne2 Bc7 72.Nf4 Bd6 73.Ne6 b6 74.Nf4  
Bc5 75.Nd5+ Kg7 76.Ke5 Kf7 77.Nc3 Bg1 78.Ne4  
Bh2+ 79.Kd5 Bg1 80.Nd6+ Kf6 81.Ke4 Bc5 82.Nc4  
Bf2 83.Ne5 Bg1 84.Ng4+ Kg5 85.Ne5 Kf6 86.Ng6 Bc5  
87.Nf4 Bf2 88.Nd5+ Kg7 89.Ke5 Kf7 90.Kd6 Bg1  
91.Kd7 Bd4 92.Kc6 Bg1 93.Nxb6 Kf6 94.Nd7+ Kxf5  
95.Nc5 Kf6 96.b6 Ke7 97.b7 Bh2 98.Na6 Kd8 99.Kb6

Bg3 100.Nc5 Bb8 101.Kc6 Ba7 102.Na6 Ke7 103.Kc7 Ke6 104.Nb4 Bc5 105.Kc8 1–0

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## 2020 IN REVIEW

The end/beginning of the year is often a time for reflection and review of the events that occurred in the previous twelve months. With this in mind, here is a list of BC tournament winners for 2020, along with a few other highlights:

BC-WA match – 32.0-18.0 for BC

Victoria Open – Tristan Taylor

BC Open – Grigori Morozov, Keith MacKinnon, Tanraj Sohal, Jorge Nunez Asencio

(At this point Covid-19 forced the cancellation of all upcoming over-the-board events; the remainder of the tournaments listed below were all conducted online.)

Clark Harmon Memorial – Raymond Kaufman tied for first

Intermat – 22.5-29.5 for WA

BC Senior Championship – Dale Hoshizaki

BC Active Championship – Andrew Hemstapat

Susan Polgar Foundation National Open – Andrew Hemstapat, Veronica Guo, Ethan Low

Jack Taylor Memorial – Joshua Imoo

Vancouver Rapid Chess League – Chigorin Chess Club

National Youth Active Championships – U10, Justin Gao

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

See also the listings at the [CFC](#) and [Northwest chess](#) websites.

### **BC-WA Match**

16-17 January

[Details](#)

### **BC Open**

20-21 February

[Details](#)