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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

1000GM Hollywood Masters (October 26-30)



IM Raymond Kaufman
(photos from the 1000GM Facebook page)



FM Max Gedajlovic

As we reported in [Bulletin #426](#), since July [1000GM](#) have been organizing norm events, mainly in Los Angeles but also in St. Louis. The latest of these, the Hollywood Masters, has just taken place at the Hilton LAX Hotel in Los Angeles. As part of the norm process 1000GM alternates two round robin events with a super Swiss, and the Hollywood Masters was one of the latter, in fact their largest event to date with seventy-eight participants including sixteen GMs and nineteen IMs. Among the field were four Canadians, FM Anthony Atanasov, FM Zachary Dukic, and from BC FM Max Gedajlovic and IM Raymond Kaufman. The overall winners were GM-elect Viktor Gazik (Slovakia) and GM Benjamin Gledura (Hungary) with 7.0 points each from nine games. The tournament fulfilled one of its aims as seven norms were earned, one GM and six IM; one of the latter went to Max Gedajlovic who was the top-scoring Canadian with 5.0 points – congratulations! Dukic was a half-point behind him with 4.5, while Atanasov and Kaufman finished with 4.0 points each. Unfortunately Raymond castled long to start the event and thereafter only faced one opponent over 2000. [Standings](#) [Facebook photos](#)

Wang, Tianqi (2431) – Gedajlovic, Max (2317) [C47] 1000GM Hollywood Masters Los Angeles (4.20), 27.10.2022

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.d4 exd4 5.Nxd4 Bb4 6.Nxc6 bxc6 7.Bd3 0–0 8.0–0 Re8 9.Re1 d6 10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 g5 12.Bg3 Bg4 13.f3 Bh5 14.Qd2 Bg6 15.a3 Bc5+ 16.Bf2 Bxf2+ 17.Qxf2 Nh5 18.Bf1 Qf6 19.g3 Rab8 20.Rab1 a5 21.Bh3 d5 22.Bg4 Ng7 23.Qc5 dxe4 24.fxe4 Re5 25.Qa7 Rbe8 26.Qxc7 R5e7 27.Qb6 Bxe4 28.Rf1 Qg6 29.Rbe1 Bxc2 30.Rxe7 Rxe7 31.Qxa5 Qd6 32.Bf3 Qd4+ 33.Rf2 Re1+ 34.Kg2 Nf5 35.Nd5 Rc1 36.Qd2 Qxd2 37.Nf6+ Kg7 38.Nh5+ Kg6 39.Rxd2 Bd1 40.Be4 Bxh5 41.Rd6+ f6 42.h3 Re1 43.Bxf5+ Kxf5 44.g4+ Bxg4 45.hxg4+ Kxg4 46.Rxf6 h5 47.Rxc6 Re2+ 48.Kg1 Rxb2 49.Rc4+ Kg3 50.Rc3+ Kh4 51.Rc5 Ra2 52.Rc3 g4 0–1

Fus, Jakub (2417) – Gedajlovic, Max (2317) [D77] 1000GM Hollywood Masters Los Angeles (7.18), 29.10.2022

1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4 Nf6 5.0–0 0–0 6.c4 dxc4 7.Na3 Ne4 8.Nxc4 Nd6 9.Nce5 Bf5 10.Bf4 Be4 11.h4 c6 12.Qc1 Nd7 13.Rd1 Nf6 14.Bh6 Bxh6 15.Qxh6 Nf5 16.Qf4 Qd6 17.Bh3 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 Qxf4



19.gxf4 e6 20.e3 a5 21.Rdc1 Rfd8 22.Bf1 a4 23.a3 Kf8 24.Bd3 Ke7 25.Kg2 Ra5 26.Rc2 Nd5 27.Kh3 Nxf4+ 28.exf4 Nxd4 29.Nxd4 Rxd4 30.Be2 Rxf4 31.Kg3 Rd4 32.Rac1 e5 33.Bf3 f5 34.Rc4 Rd3 35.R1c3 Rad5 36.Kg2 e4 37.Be2 Rd2 38.Re3 Rxb2 39.f3 Rd3 40.Kf2 Rxe3 41.Kxe3 Rb3+ 42.Kf4 exf3 43.Bxf3 Rxa3 44.Rb4 h6 45.Kg3 b5 46.Kf2 Rc3 0–1

Schitco, Ivan (2530) – Gedajlovic, Max (2317) [A20] 1000GM Hollywood Masters Los Angeles (9.11), 30.10.2022

1.c4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Bc5 5.e3 Bxd4 6.exd4 d5 7.Nc3 Nge7 8.Be2 Be6 9.Bf3 0–0 10.0–0 Qd7 11.Be3 Rad8 12.c5 Nf5 13.Qd2 Rfe8 14.Rae1 b6 15.cxb6 axb6 16.b3 h6 17.Be2 Nce7 18.Bb5 c6 19.Bd3 Nxe3 20.Rxe3 Bf5 21.Be2 Nc8 22.Na4 Qa7 23.Rc1 Rxe3 24.fxe3 Bd7 25.Bd3 Re8 26.Re1 c5 27.Nc3 Bc6 28.Bb5 Bxb5 29.Nxb5 Qd7 30.Nc3 Ne7 31.dxc5 bxc5 32.e4 d4 33.Na4 Qa7 34.Qc2 c4 ½–½

Anatomy of a norm

The FIDE title regulations are long and complex, but in light of Max's achievement a little explanation might be helpful. So what exactly is a norm, and how does one get one? A norm is a result of a given standard in a particular strength of tournament; attainment of several of these results is necessary for the awarding of a title, in this case International Master. (Titles can be won in other ways, particularly in FIDE organized championships, but this is the general method.) Achieving a norm is dependant on several factors: score, strength of opposition, titles of opposition, and federation of opposition. For a nine-game IM norm, the type won by Max, the opposition must include at least five titled players, of which there must be a minimum of three GMs or IMs, there must be players from at least two other federations, there can be no more than six players from one federation, and a minimum of seven players must be FIDE rated. From the table below it can be seen that Max's opposition met these criteria.

Zhou, Jianchao	GM CHN	2570	0.5	Raja, Harshit	GM IND	2461	0.0
Mikaelyan, Arman	GM ARM	2556	0.0	Fus, Jakob	FM POL	2417	1.0
Deng, Henry	USA	2069	1.0	Chasin, Nico	FM USA	2429	0.5
Wang, Tianqi	IM USA	2431	1.0	Schitco, Ivan	GM MDA	2530	0.5
Siddharth, Jagadeesh	IM SGP	2415	0.5				

The next important factor is the average rating; for the purposes of an IM title the lowest-rated opponent can be raised to a minimum rating floor of 2050, but that was not necessary in this case. For Max's opponents the average was 2431. Finally, for an IM norm a performance rating of 2451 must be achieved; FIDE saves that calculation by providing tables which show the score required against opposition of a given average. For a nine-round IM norm the table indicates a score of 5.0 points for an average rating of 2407-2449; this is what Max scored, hence his IM norm.

So what's next? Sufficient norms are needed to cover a total of twenty-seven games, and potentially the harder part, a FIDE rating over 2400 must be achieved at some point. A lot of work, but at least these days there are no time restrictions on obtaining norms - title results remain valid for life, they don't expire after a given length of time as was previously the case.

17th SPF National Open for Girls and Boys (October 22-23)

Now in its seventeenth year, this prestigious junior event is sponsored by the Susan Polgar Foundation as a means of providing more opportunities for young chess players. For the years 2020-2023 the event is being co-hosted by the Foundation and the Washington Chess Federation, and was held at the Seattle Marriott in Bellevue, WA. The main tournament consists of one- and two-day events, ten sections separated by grade, gender, and rating, but also occurring on the weekend were several side events, including a blitz tournament, a problem-solving contest, a simul with Susan Polgar, various workshops, and analysis and blitz with Washington Champion WIM Megan Lee. The four hundred entrants included from this province Justin Gao (K-12 Open) and Ruijia Yu (K-8 Open) who competed in the two-day events, and Elliot McCallum, Samuel Xu, and Daniel Zhu (K-1 U800), Siobhan McCallum (4-8 U900), and Zachary Chua (4-12 Open), all one-day sections. Most successful were the K-1 contingent as Daniel placed first with a perfect 5.0/5 were Samuel and Elliott were respectively second and third after tiebreaks. In the side events Zachary won a trophy in the [K-5 Blitz](#) tournament while Elliot placed third in the U1000 division of the problem-solving contest. [Event webpage](#) [USCF crosstables](#) [NWSRS crosstables](#) [Facebook photos](#) [Google page](#)

Vancity Rapid #5 (October 22)



(photo by Victoria Doknjas)

Held in the Banquet Hall of the Thompson Community Centre in Richmond, the fifth edition of the Vancity Rapid events was the largest yet with one hundred and seventeen players. The fifty-one player Open Section included eight rated over 2000 plus Hani Albitar who doesn't have a CFC Quick rating yet so was paired as unrated; notably three of these players (Albitar, Neil Doknjas, and Raymond Kaufman) just finished competing in the BC Closed. The first round featured a number of upsets as John Doknjas, Arpak Qanee, and David Miller all lost; thereafter the top players tended to beat the rest of the field and only give up points to each other, which after five rounds left Joshua Doknjas with a slim half-point lead over seven(!) other players. In the last round Joshua drew while Raymond Kaufman, Mayo Fuentesbella, and Jorge Nunez Asencio won, leaving all four tied for first with 5.0 points but Joshua was awarded the trophy on tiebreak. David Miller and Hani Albitar finished with 4.5 points, ahead of seven players on 4.0. In the U1400 Section Kendrick Rojas came first with a perfect score while Dioscoro Santos, Jimmy Zhang, Kevin Gilbert, and Ishan Dabholkar all tied for second with 5.0 point. [Rapid #6](#) is coming up on November 27, and Vancity Chess have also announced their first [regular-rated event](#) for December 4 and 11.

[Pairings and standings](#)

JACK TAYLOR MEMORIAL (October 14-16)

Most of the social/health effects of the pandemic are currently in the background, but a continuing issue for those organizing chess tournaments is the availability and cost of rental space. A fixture on the Victoria chess calendar since 1987, this year's Jack Taylor Memorial moved from Victoria to the Mary Winspear Cultural Centre in Sidney, close to the Swartz Bay ferry terminal. One constant in this past year of post-pandemic live chess has been events setting records for attendance or reaching site capacity; the Jack Taylor quickly reached its capacity of one hundred players, although with a few withdrawals the final number was ninety-five, same as last year.

The thirty-player Premier Section included six players over 2000 headed by newly-minted master Ryan Yang, along with the usual selection of ambitious juniors and several who participated in the

last BC Senior (Arpak Qanee, Brian McLaren, Roger Patterson, Joe Oszvald, Paul Leblanc). Ryan, coming off his strong third-place finish in the BC Closed, was the obvious favourite (150 points ahead of the field) but contrived to get his queen trapped against Jason Williamson in the first round, He then proceeded to execute a perfect Swiss gambit, winning the rest of his games to finish with 4.0 point. Joining him on the podium were two other juniors: Zachary Liu, who has been producing strong performances for some time now, but the big surprise was Johan Aljo. Rated only 1666, Johan had the highest performance rating in the entire tournament (2238) and his post-event rating jumped 250 points. He was particularly severe on the senior contingent (2.5/3). Four players tied for fourth, a half-point behind the winners, with Jason Williamson claiming the U2000 prize. Tyler Cruz and Aiden Leong split the U1800 prize.



(photo by Paul Leblanc)

In the U1600 Section Trevor Yonkman was clear first with 4.5/5, Scott Gray placed second and Mark Gulbinowicz and Jacky Wang Luan split the U1300 prizes, the latter three all finished with 4.0 points. And in the U1000 Section David Mitenko won the top unrated prize for his perfect 5.0/5, Kaamran Hafeez, a point behind, was awarded the first rated prize, and Kevin Gao, Dinesh Chanchalani, Aaron Holmgren, Sky Cui, and Martin Lorenz all tied for second/third.

The tournament was organized by Roger Patterson (Victoria Chess) and Marc Moisan handled the director duties. Sponsorship was again provided by the family of [Jack Taylor](#), the former five-time BC Champion who passed away in 1974. [Final standings](#) CFC crosstables: [Premier](#) [U1600](#) [U1000](#) [previous winners](#)

Williamson, Jason (1803) – Liu, Zachary (1934) [B33] Jack Taylor mem 37th Sidney (4.2), 16.10.2022

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Nd5 Be7 10.Bxf6 Bxf6 11.c3 0-0 12.Nc2 Rb8 13.Nce3 Bg5 14.h4 Bh6 15.g4 Bf4 16.Nxf4 exf4 17.Nd5 Re8 18.f3 Ne5 19.Be2 Bb7 20.Qd2 Bxd5 21.Qxd5 Qb6 22.Qd4 d5 23.Qxb6 Rxb6 24.exd5 Nd3+ 25.Kd2

Nxb2 26.Rab1 Na4 27.Bd1 Rd6 28.c4 Nb6 29.Kc3 Rc8 30.Re1 Nxd5+ 31.Kd4 Rxc4+ 32.Kd3 Nc3+ 33.Kc2 Nxd1+ 34.Kb3 Rd3# 0–1

Wang, Ted (1916) – Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2247) [B03] Jack Taylor mem 37th Sidney (4.3), 16.10.2022

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.c4 Nb6 4.d4 d6 5.exd6 cxd6 6.Nc3 g6 7.Be3 Bg7 8.Rc1 0–0 9.b3 Nc6 10.Be2 f5 11.f4 e5 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Qxd8 Rxd8 14.c5 exf4 15.Bxf4 Bxc3+ 16.Rxc3 Nd5 17.Bc4 Be6 18.Bxd5 Bxd5 19.Nf3 Nb4 20.Kf2 Nxa2 21.Rd3 Nb4 22.Re3 Bxf3 23.Kxf3 Nd5 24.Re6 Nxf4 25.Kxf4 Rd4+ 26.Ke3 Rad8 27.Re8+ Rxe8+ 28.Kxd4 Kf7 29.Ra1 Rd8+ 30.Kc3 a6 31.b4 Ke6 32.Re1+ Kf6 33.Re2 g5 34.Kc4 Rd7 35.g3 f4 36.g4 Re7 37.Rf2 Re4+ 38.Kc3 Ke5 39.Rf1 Re2 40.h3 Ke4 41.Kc4 f3 42.Kc3 Ke3 43.Rh1 f2 44.Rf1 Re1 0–1

Aljo, Johan (1666) – McLaren, Brian (2044) [D30] Jack Taylor mem 37th Sidney (5.3), 16.10.2022

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 c6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 b5 6.0–0 Bb7 7.a4 Nd7 8.b3 cxb3 9.Qxb3 a6 10.Rd1 Ngf6 11.Bg5 Qb6 12.Bxf6 Nxf6 13.Ne5 Be7 14.Ra2 0–0 15.Rc2 Rfc8 16.Nc3 Rab8 17.Ne4 Rc7 18.Nc5 Bc8 19.a5 Qxa5 20.Nxc6 Rxc6 21.Bxc6 Qb6 22.Bf3 Nd7 23.Rdc1 Qd8 24.e3 Nxc5 25.dxc5 Qc7 26.Qd3 g6 27.Qe4 Bb7 28.c6 Bc8 29.Rd2 b4 30.Rcd1 Bf6 31.Qf4 Qxf4 32.gxf4 b3 33.c7 Rb4 34.Rd8+ Kg7 35.Rxc8 Rc4 36.Rb8 1–0

IN MEMORIAM LYNN STRINGER (13 April 1928 – 17 October 2022)

As mentioned last issue, Lynn Stringer has passed away at the age of ninety-four. Born Evelyn Minerva Wetherell in Calgary, Lynn trained as a nurse and was working at Victoria's Royal Jubilee Hospital when she met a young pilot named Edward (Ted) Henson who had been admitted suffering from pleurisy. Ted and Lynn were married in 1949; Ted continued his flying lessons and became interested in helicopters, resulting in 1955 (with the assistance of Bill Boeing Jr.) in the founding of Vancouver Island Helicopters. Two years later tragedy struck, as Ted and his helicopter disappeared on a routine flight over Tatyaloko Lake on the Mainland. Lynn took over as company president – she was the best person for the job, as she had arranged contracts, managed the books, and dealt with correspondence while Ted flew. VIH continued to prosper. In 1960 Lynn married Alfred (Alf) Stringer, at that point operations manager of Okanagan Helicopters, and went to live in Vancouver. For three years she continued as president of Vancouver Island Helicopters, running the company over the phone, until in 1963 Alf Stringer parted ways with Okanagan Helicopters and took over the presidency of VIH, giving Lynn more time for the raising of their family. The experience of holding a position of authority in a male-dominated field no doubt served Lynn well when she was an organizer and TD of chess tournaments.



Lynn Henson, helicopter executive

Lynn was taught chess by her father as a child; much later in life she complained that when she knew nothing people did not want to play her, but when she learned something of the game people still didn't want to play her. Always seeking to help where she could, Lynn volunteered in the chess activities at her children's schools, thus coming into contact with [Cyril Large](#) and [Ray Kerr](#); it was the latter who taught her how to direct tournaments. She also met [Dan MacAdam](#), who introduced her to chess administration at the national level by nominating her as a CFC governor for BC; Lynn subsequently served as the CFC Women's Coordinator and eventually took over from MacAdam as Treasurer of the Chess Foundation of Canada.

The following was written by **Paul Leblanc** on the occasion of Lynn's ninetieth birthday:

Indomitable chess player, arbiter and organizer Lynn Stringer celebrated her 90th birthday on April 13th with a room full of family, friends and chess players. Lynn first became involved in BC chess in 1971 as an assistant organizer with Ray Kerr, chess columnist for the *Victoria Daily Colonist*, himself a strong master and organizer. She also worked with Cyril Large in the early 1970's to bring together up to 7,000 school children for the annual Vancouver Island youth championships sponsored by CFA radio. Lynn won the 1974 BC Women's Championship with a come-from-behind win in a match against Bea Snelling after losing the first two games of a five game match. She won the championship again in 1992.



Lynn at a Cyril Large event

In 1978 she organized perhaps the classiest tournament ever held in Victoria, the Canadian Women's Championship won by Nava Shterenberg. Lynn held the event in the Charlotte Room of the Empress Hotel and represented BC with a respectable score of 3.5/8 when the invited BC player did not show up for the first round. The highlight of the side events was a ride in a helicopter, courtesy of Vancouver Island Helicopters, owned by the Stringers. By 1980 Lynn was singlehandedly running everything to do with chess in Victoria and continued to do so for the next 25 years. She travelled extensively within the province directing and playing in chess tournaments including many BC Closed and Keres Memorials.



With Peter Stockhausen at a Keres Memorial

Her most interesting assignment as an arbiter was the 1988 World Chess Festival in Saint John, New Brunswick where she helped direct several events including the World Blitz Championship (won by Tal ahead of Kasparov, Karpov, etc.). She was awarded the International Arbiter title in 2003. At the 2004 Keres Memorial Lynn received the Estonian Canadian Medal of Merit, awarded "for her outstanding contribution to Canadians of Estonian heritage by helping organize the Paul Keres Memorial Chess Tournaments." The same year Lynn was inducted into the Canadian Chess Hall of Fame, and in 2008 the BCCF presented her with a lifetime achievement award "in recognition of her many years of selfless service on behalf of the chessplayers of BC and elsewhere."

Lynn was the mainstay of the Victoria Chess Club for forty years. She rescued the club in the mid 1970s when it temporarily ceased operating. An unknown chess player bequeathed \$1,000 to the Victoria Chess Club, care of Lynn. Since the legal name of the chess club at that time was the Victoria City Chess Club, Lynn decided to re-incorporate the club with the name on the cheque (Victoria Chess Club) and opened a bank account in that name in order to be able to cash the cheque. Lynn also managed the Chess Foundation of Canada for twenty years and often spoke about investing the money at 19% interest rates during the 1980s.

An enduring memory of Lynn is the Lynn Stringer Cup, awarded annually to the most outstanding female junior in Victoria.



Jenna Wild, 2007 winner of the Lynn Stringer Cup (photo: Will Wild)



Bud Ellis and Lynn Stringer, President and Secretary-Treasurer of the Gordon Head Chess Club

My friend and mentor Lynn Stringer by Paul Leblanc

I first met Lynn at the Gordon Head Chess Club in 1973 while I was in Victoria for naval training. The club had a very friendly atmosphere. I remember Dan Scoones, Harry Moore, Ed Seedhouse, George Adelkirchner, Martin Emig, and Alois Holzknecht among the many players. Lynn was the heart and soul of the club. The Gordon Head Chess Club merged with the Victoria Chess Club shortly thereafter and Lynn was on the executive for 40 years. Throughout the 1980's and 1990's she was the cohesive force in BC chess, teaching hundreds of juniors and organizing and directing almost all of the tournaments. She often received invitations to travel as a tournament director

including the 1988 Saint John Chess Festival. She was the Treasurer of the Chess Foundation of Canada for quite a few years and spoke with first-hand knowledge of the origins of the Foundation and the founder Dan MacAdam.

In 2007 I retired from the Navy and by coincidence bought a house in Lynn's neighbourhood. We spent many hours playing chess in local coffee shops and discussing the past, present and future of BC chess. I learned a tremendous amount from Lynn and cemented a close friendship. In her later years Lynn reluctantly handed the torch to the next generation of chess organizers and tournament directors but continued to play and mentor the rest of us. During Lynn's final decade, many players attending tournaments in Victoria made a point to call on her. For players of her era it was akin to going to Mecca.

The following also supplied tributes and remembrances of Lynn; others can be found in the guestbook of the [online obituary](#). Many thanks for all these contributions, especially to Paul Leblanc and Henry Chiu who also sent several photographs. Unfortunately, the use of many graphics results in an overly large file size for the bulletin, hence these and other images can be found on this [webpage](#).

Mau-Seng Lee:

My wife and I have fond memories of Lynn as TD as someone whose firm yet friendly mien shone in the sometimes irascible company of men in the rough and tumble world of chess. She was quite a lady.

Kent Cronin:

When my son was about 6yrs old I took him to a beginners chess class after school at the Centennial Rec Center. To my surprise, there was Lynn Stringer, leaning over boards, helping the kids learn how to set up the pieces, showing them rudimentary openings. She even had the patience to play through entire games with these youngsters. She delighted in sharing her love of the game with others.

Leon Piasetski:

Sad to hear ... She was a sweetheart - kind, gentle and generous. Plus she devoted much time and energy to sponsoring and supporting chess and chess players in BC - she will be missed.

Howard Wu:

Lynn was a pillar of the chess community, whose contribution went far beyond directing countless tournaments across the country. She offered her time, doing everything from driving a full car of players to tournaments, billeting several out-of-town players, and entering games into chessbase, among other things. My best memories of playing chess as a junior always involved her help in some capacity – and I'm sure hundreds of others would say the same.

Henry Chiu:

I have known Lynn since 1984. We co-directed several Keres Memorials together in the next few years. We co-directed in the 1988 Saint John World Chess Festival which included the Candidate

Matches, two FIDE-rated Internationals and the World Blitz Championship and qualifiers. We also served together on the BC Chess Federation executive for many years during that period. She had invited me to stay in her home in Victoria on several occasions. Over those years, I came to know her as a very kind and generous woman. She organized and directed numerous Victoria tournaments over the years. She also supported those events financially. She helped many Victoria players with travel costs to attend major events in Vancouver and other cities. She also helped me financially while I was starting up my career



With Francisco Cabanas and Henry Chiu

overseas. I also understand that she provided many chess players with emotional support over the years with her Christian faith. I understand that Lynn started her chess organization/directing career when she helped Cyril Large with the C-FAX (radio station) school chess tournaments on Vancouver Island tournaments in from 1971 to 1976. That annual tournament grew to 6625 players from 162 schools in 1976. (*Per December 1975 CFC Bulletin*) I feel privileged for the opportunity to know her. She is a role model which I will always aspire to. Thank you for your support to BC chess which spanned over five decades! May you rest peacefully in your heavenly home!

Brian MacLaren:

Tournament chess is more popular than ever right now. This is due to a number of factors: a young, athletic world champion (Magnus), the Queen's Gambit TV series, the internet, the popularising efforts of Kasparov, Karpov, Anand and others... and most importantly, the explosion of interest in the game by the two largest populations (India and China). We are fortunate here to have some extremely good local organizers that have created a vibrant local chess culture.

Now, tournaments need to be restricted in size and have waiting lists to enter... whereas in times past, an average tournament was about 40 players and it took dedicated volunteers to keep the chess organizations going (actually it still does) and one such volunteer was Lynn Stringer. Not only did she organize tournaments and quite often play in them, she helped numerous players attend these tournaments by covering their entry fees and arranging transportation or billets. I am sure she did even more that I am not aware of.

Many players were deeply saddened a few years ago when they learned that she was in serious medical trouble. When it was clear she would recover, she received many chess visitors who traveled to her residence to make sure she was OK. Now we have the sad news of her passing and we all remember what a wonderful lady she was... and she will be missed.

Stringer, Lynn – van Zweeden, Bob [E90] Comox Valley op Courtenay (2), 06.02.1982

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 0–0 5.e4 d6 6.Bd3 Nc6 7.a3 Nd7 8.Bc2 e5 9.d5 Nd4 10.Nxd4 exd4 11.Ne2 Ne5 12.Nxd4 Nxc4 13.0–0 Bd7 14.b3 Ne5 15.f4 Ng4 16.f5 Qf6 17.Bb2 Ne3 18.Qd3 Nxf1 19.Rxf1 c5 20.dxc6 bxc6 21.fxc6 Qxc6 22.Rf3 Kh8 23.Rg3 Qh6 24.Nf5 Bxf5 25.Bxg7+ Qxg7

26.Rxg7 Kxg7 27.exf5 Rad8 28.Qg3+ Kf6 29.h4 Rg8 30.Qc3+ Ke7 31.Qxc6 Rc8 32.Qe4+ Kd7
33.Bd3 Rc1+ 34.Kf2 Rgc8 35.Bb5+ Kc7 36.a4 Kb6 37.Qd4+ Kb7 38.Qd5+ Kc7 39.Qxf7+ Kb6
40.Qd5 R8c5 41.Qxd6+ Ka5 42.Qd2+ R1c3 43.g4 Kb4 44.Bc4 Re5 45.Qd6+ Rc5 46.f6 1-0

Gouge, Emily – Stringer, Lynn [B50] BC wom ch Victoria (1), 21.03.1992

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 d6 4.d3 Bg4 5.Be2 Nf6 6.Be3 e6 7.0-0 g6 8.d4 cxd4 9.Bxd4 Bg7 10.Bb5
0-0 11.Be2 Nxd4 12.Nxd4 Bxe2 13.Qxe2 Nd7 14.Rad1 a6 15.Qe3 Ne5 16.Qe2 Rc8 17.h3 Qc7
18.Rd2 Nc4 19.a3 Nxd2 20.Qxd2 Qc4 21.Nde2 Rfd8 22.Rd1 b5 23.Qe3 a5 24.b3 Qc6 25.Rd3 b4
26.axb4 axb4 27.Na2 Qxc2 28.Nxb4 Qb1+ 29.Kh2 Be5+ 30.g3 Qe1 31.Na2 Rc2 32.Nac3 Bxc3
33.Nf4 Rxf2+ 34.Ng2 Qf1 35.Qxf2 Qxf2 36.Rxc3 Ra8 37.Rc1 Ra2 38.Rg1 Rb2 0-1

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Banff Open

Banff, November 11-13

[Details](#)

BC Junior Championship

UBC, November 19-20

[Details](#)

Vancity Rapid #6

UBC, November 27

[Details](#)

Vancity Multi-week Classical

Richmond, December 4 and 11

[Details](#)

Comox Chess Day

Comox, December 10

[Details](#)

2nd Jun Bandong Memorial Blitz

December 17

[Details](#)

BC Open

Richmond, February 18-20, 2023

[Details](#)

16th Grand Pacific Open

Victoria, April 7-10, 2023

[Details](#)

Okanagan Open

Salmon Arm, May 5-7, 2023

[Details](#)

BC-Alberta Match

Salmon Arm, May 5-7, 2023

[Details](#)

47th Keres Memorial

Richmond, May 20-22, 2023

[Details](#)