

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #446

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.

Best wishes for the holiday season, see you in 2024!

Stephen Wright

Message from the President

Season's greetings to all BCCF members.

It has been another record year for chess in BC and more to come in 2024.

I would like to start by thanking our BCCF executive for doing a wonderful job to serve our members. Special mention to our hard-working BCCF Bulletin editor Stephen Wright and our diligent Webmaster Scott Morgan.

Congratulations to players who achieved titles in 2023 including International Master Max Gedajlovic, National Masters Ryan Yang and Ethan Song and National Arbiters Murray Chu, Penny Pham, Umang Banatwala, Brian Davidson, Quang Long Le, Ryan Leong and Liza Orlova.



BC Chess Federation

Congratulations to the players who won 2023 provincial championships: NM Neil Doknjas (BC Champion), Joyce Zhang (BC Women's Champion), NM Jingyun Ryan Yang (BC Junior Champion), IM Ray Kaufman (BC Active Champion) and our BC Senior Co-champions Arpak Worya and Reza Sardari.

Congratulations to the members of Team BC who defeated Alberta 26.5 – 18 and Washington 36.5 – 23.5 and for the junior team that won the annual junior BC v WA intermat 28-22

Two exceptional achievements deserve special mention. BC captured the team championship at the National Chess Challenge (Grades 1 to 12) in Montreal for the first time ever and Elliot McCallum won the under 7 year-old section of the World School Championship in Rhodes, Greece.

Looking forward to 2024 I'd like to mention a few tournaments coming your way in the near future. Details can be found on the BCCF website <https://www.chess.bc.ca/events.php>

27-30 December **Goodbye 2023 FIDE U1800** by Fraser Valley Chess in Langley. Six rounds with 90/30time control and a Blitz option. 50% of entry fees returned in prizes. Your opportunity to get a FIDE rating

4-6 January **New Year's Open** by Lulu Island Chess in Richmond. Nine rounds of classic chess with a \$4,500 prize fund

20-21 January **Vancouver Tournament 4** by Penny's Chess Club in Burnaby with a \$5,000 prize fund

27-28 January **Vancouver Chess Festival #5** at UBC by Vancouver Chess School with classical and rapid events, a BC Chess Challenge qualifier and a \$5,000 prize fund
17-19 February **BC Open** by Penny's Chess Club in Burnaby. BC's largest chess tournament with a gigantic \$8,500 prize fund
23-24 March **BC Youth Chess Championship** in Burnaby by Chess2Inspire. Opportunity to qualify for the Canadian Youth Chess Championship
29 March – 1 April **Grand Pacific Open** by Victoria Chess. BC's most prestigious chess tournament.

In closing, I am most pleased to say that the **2025 Canadian Open** and **Canadian Youth Chess Championship** will be hosted by Juniors to Masters Chess Academy and VanCity Chess in Surrey.

I wish all of you a great holiday season and look forward to meeting you at some of the 2024 chess events.

Paul Leblanc

HERE AND THERE

Carlos Torre Memorial (December 15-19)

Mérida, Yucatán was the birth place of Mexican chess legend Carlos Torre Repetto (1905-1978), and since 1987 an annual tournament has been held there in his honour. This year's thirty-third edition attracted some eight hundred players in ten sections; the seventy-three player [Master Section](#) included fourteen GMs and eleven IMs, one of whom was BC's Raymond Kaufman. Clear winner with a 7.0/9 score was Cuban GM Carlos Daniel Albornoz Cabrera, a half-point ahead of seven players who tied for second. Raymond scored 4.0 points from eight games played (no draws) for a modest rating gain.

Barrientos, Sergio E. (2441) – Kaufman, Raymond (2153)
[E32] Carlos Torre mem 33rd Merida (4.11), 16.12.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 0–0 5.e4 d5 6.e5 Ne4
7.Bd3 c5 8.Nf3 cxd4 9.Nxd4 Bxc3+ 10.bxc3 Nd7 11.Bf4 Qh4
12.g3 Qh5 13.h4 f6 14.cxd5 exd5 15.Be2 Qe8 16.e6 Ne5 17.c4 Bxe6 18.Nxe6 Qxe6 19.cxd5 Qxd5
20.f3 Qd4 21.Bxe5 Qf2+ 22.Kd1 Rfd8+ 23.Kc1 Qe3+ 0–1

Rapid Chess Tournament WV (December 17)

Twenty-one players participated in the latest [Rapid tournament](#) (seven rounds of 12 + 5) organized by Luc Poitras and held at the West Vancouver United Church. And despite the five players rated over 2000 it was eighth-ranked Zhengyu Chen who took the top honours with 6.5/7, just ahead of



Roman Jiganchine who only lost to Chen. Tommy Trung To, Aiden Yin, and Andrew Yin shared the U1600 prizes, The next West Vancouver Rapid is scheduled for January 14.



Victoria CC Rapid Fundraiser (December 16) by Paul Leblanc

Forty-one players gathered at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre on Saturday 16 December, 2023 for the [final chess tournament](#) of 2023. In fact, forty-six players registered but five did not show up and forfeited in the first round. Overall winner was Hailay Mezgebo Teklemaria who had been inactive since the 2016 Grand Pacific Open. Despite the hiatus from competitive chess he was in fine form with a 5.0-0.0 score.



Hailay Mezgebo Teklemaria (left) in his last round encounter with Conor Haran.

Top U1200 player was Conor Haran at 4.0-1.0, losing only to Hailay in the last round. Conor recently moved to the Victoria area from Ireland where he held an Irish Chess Union rating. Jim McNeill, in his first CFC rated tournament, won the top unrated prize. Prizes were Victoria Chess Club t-shirts, a chess set and chess books. All proceeds went toward paying the rent for the chess

club weekly meetings. Thank you to Cory Farrell for bringing pastries, Marc Moisan for volunteering as arbiter and to all the players for supporting the Victoria Chess Club.



Top unrated player Jim McNeill and organizer Paul Leblanc (photo by Marc Moisan)

Chessengland.com GM B (December 5-9)

Chess England is an organization run by arbiter Adam Raoof, one of the busiest organizers in the United Kingdom. In early December he hosted a norm tournament in three sections, GM A, GM B, and IM C, at the London Mindsports Centre in Hammersmith. Originally all three sections were to use the Schiller system, a Scheveningen-style format involving four teams of three in which players are paired with everyone else except those on their own team. By placing the three required titled players on the same team, this allows for a nine-round norm event with twelve participants rather than the usual ten. As it turned out this system was only used for IM C, the other two sections had fewer players and were regular round robins. Among the aspirants in [GM B](#) was IM Max Gedajlovic from this province; he scored 50%, three wins, three draws, and three losses. The section winner was Lithuanian FM Pijus Stremavicius, whose undefeated 7.0/9 was sufficient for both IM and GM norms.

Rudd, Jack (2314) – Gedajlovic, Max (2390) [E20] Chessengland.com GM B London (9.3), 09.12.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3 d6 5.e4 c5 6.d5 b5 7.Bd2 a6 8.a3 Ba5 9.Bd3 Nbd7 10.dxe6 fxe6 11.cxb5 Ne5 12.Bf4 Nxd3+ 13.Qxd3 d5 14.exd5 exd5 15.0–0–0 0–0 16.Nge2 Be6 17.Qe3 Qc8 18.Na4 d4 19.Qe5 Bb3 20.Nxc5 Re8 0–1

North American Youth Chess Championship (December 2-6)

The Canadian Youth Chess Championships, held in two-year age categories also differentiated by gender, qualify players for world competitions but also for similar continental events. As part of the Americas Canadian players are eligible for the Pan-American YCC which for 2023 took place in Chicago during the summer, also the North American equivalent which includes players from just Canada, the U.S., and Mexico (the Caribbean nations are included in Central American events).



(photo Jifeng Ge)

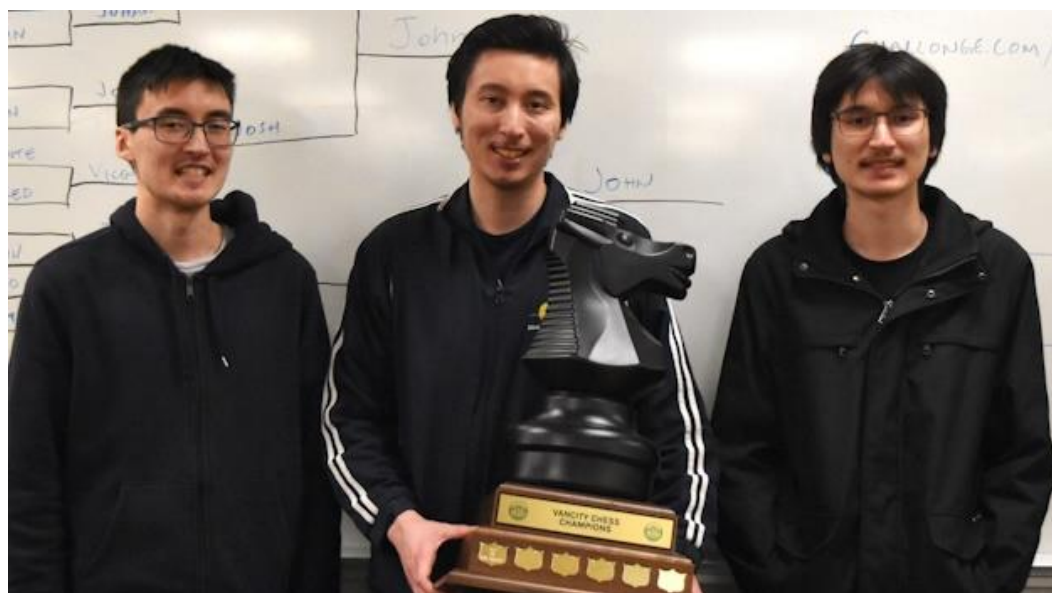
This year's NAYCC was held in Mexico City, and of the two hundred and sixty-two participants eighteen were Canadian, with two from BC, Erwin Jun-Han Mok ([U12 Open](#)) and Zihan (Samuel) Xu ([U8 Open](#)). Unfortunately Erwin became sick during the event and was unable to complete his schedule, finishing with 2.0 points from six games played; Samuel scored 5.5/9 to finish tenth in his section. One of the attractions of these continental events is the availability of direct titles for those finishing in the top three, and four Canadians were successful in this regard. Johnathan Han was first in the U18 Open and qualifies for the IM title, for placing third in the U18 Female Anni Guo is eligible for the WFM title, and Joelle Jing Yao Yang (14 Female) and Deepak Laksshana (U12 Female) both finished second in their respective sections, qualifying for the WCM title. (Some of these titles are provisional until a rating requirement is achieved.) And Richard Zhang placed third in the U18 Open, qualifying for the FM title which he already possesses. Congratulations to all!

Vancity Rapid Championship + Bullet (December 3)



(photos by Victoria Doknjas)

Last year (well, February 2023 actually) a knockout event featuring eight of the top finishers from the Vancity monthly rapid tournaments was held to determine an overall champion for 2022; FM John Doknjas emerged victorious and was the first to have his name engraved on the Vancity Knight Trophy. This year (2023) a seasonal [rapid chess league](#) was inaugurated, with players qualifying for the championship by winning events or accumulating points over the year. The Championship, held at UBC on December 3, was again a knockout format but this time beginning with sixteen players. Rounds 1 and 2 consisted of two-game matches at 10 + 5 with Armageddon Blitz to break ties; the remaining matches had the same format but with a time control of 15 + 10. In the quarterfinals FM John Doknjas, FM Joshua Doknjas, IM Raymond Kaufman, and NM Neil Doknjas faced Johan Aljo, IM Vicente Lee jr., NM Mayo Fuentebella, and Leo Qu respectively. The first named player in each case won, resulting in semifinal matches of John versus Joshua and Raymond versus Neil. John and Neil prevailed; in the all-Doknjas final John was again victorious and repeats as Vancity Rapid Champion. Neil placed second, and Joshua beat Raymond in the third-place match to complete the picture. [Bracket and results](#)



Joshua, John, and Neil

While the championship continued, eliminated players and others participated in an adjunct [bullet tournament](#), held using the facilities of lichess at a time control of 1 + 1. Leo Qu, Johan Aljo, IM Vicente Lee jr., and NCM Brandon Zhu finished at the top of the twelve-player field on 4.5 points each, with Leo taking top honours after tiebreaks.

Chigorin Chess Club Invitational (November 5, December 3) by Roman Jiganchine

		1	2	3	4	
1 Morozov, Grigoriy	2437	* *	½ 1	½ 1	1 1	5.0
2 Jiganchine, Roman	2212	½ 0	* *	½ 0	1 1	3.0
3 Kaufman, Raymond	2364	½ 0	½ 1	* *	½ 0	2.5
4 Pechisker, Alfred	2178	0 0	0 0	½ 1	* *	1.5

FM Grigoriy Morozov won the first place in the Chigorin Chess Club [online invitational event](#), generously organized by Konstantin Pyryaev. It was a four-player double round robin and was

played on lichess.org over the two sessions on November 5 and December 3, using 25 + 10 time controls. At the last moment one of the players was invited to another rapid event happening in town, and some of the games of the second session had to be rescheduled.

Grigoriy went through the event without losses and accumulating four wins. In second place came CM Roman Jiganchine, followed by IM Raymond Kaufman. A newcomer to the tournament (all other players have played in at least one of the previous years' installments), NM Alfred Pechisker came in fourth place. However, he would have in fact tied for second place, had he avoided the unfortunate blunder in the penultimate round against yours truly in the position where the second player was on the verge of resignation. As a curious fact of BC Chess history, the same two players met over the board for the first time exactly twenty-five years ago, in the last round of BC Junior Championship. The memories of that Benko Gambit gone wrong still occasionally come back to me.

The two most entertaining games are shown below.

Starting from White's twenty-ninth move, the players made four consecutive "??" blunders, according to the engine. When the dust settled, the game transitioned into an endgame, where yet more blunders followed, ultimately ending a draw.

Jiganchine, Roman (2212) – Kaufman, Raymond (2298) [C48] Chigorin CC inv lichess.org (3.2), 05.11.2023

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Nd4 5.0–0 c6 6.Bc4 b5 7.Bd3 Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3 g6 9.a4 b4 10.Ne2 Bg7 11.Ng3 h5 12.h3 0–0 13.Re1 Re8 14.c3 d5 15.cxb4 h4 16.Nf1 Rb8 17.b5 dxe4 18.Bxe4 Nxe4 19.Qxe4 cxb5 20.axb5 Bf5 21.Qc6 Rb6 22.Qf3 Bd3 23.Ne3 e4 24.Qf4 Be5 25.Qg4 Bb8 26.Ra6 Rxb5 27.Rc6 Rg5 28.Qxh4 Kg7



29.Rc8 Qd6 30.g3 Rxc8 31.Qxg5 Rc5 32.Qh4 Qc6 33.Qd8 Rxc1 34.Nf5+ gxf5 35.Qg5+ Qg6 36.Qxg6+ Kxg6 37.Rxc1 Be5 38.b4 f4 39.Rc5 f6 40.Kg2 f3+ 41.Kg1 Bd6 42.Ra5 a6 43.Ra4 Bb5 44.Ra3 Bxb4 45.Ra2 Bd3 46.h4 a5 47.g4 Bc4 48.Rc2 Be6 49.g5 fxg5 50.Rc6 Kf5 51.h5 Bf7 52.h6 Bg6 53.Rc7 Bd6 54.Ra7 Be5 55.Rxa5 Kf6 56.Ra7 Bf7 57.Ra6+ Ke7 58.Ra7+ Kf8 59.Ra5 Bf6 60.Rf5 Ke7 61.h7 Bg7 62.Rxg5 Kf6 63.Rg4 Bg6 64.Rh4 Bh8 65.Kh2 Kg5 66.Rh3 Bf5 67.Rg3+ Kh6 68.Rg8 Kxh7 69.Re8 Bg7 70.Kg3 Bh6 71.Rd8 Kg6 72.d3 exd3 73.Kxf3 Bg5 74.Rd6+ Kh5 75.Rd5 Bg4+ 76.Kg3 Be2 77.f4 d2 78.Rxg5+ Kh6 79.Rd5 d1Q 80.Rxd1 Bxd1 ½–½

In the next game that was awarded the "best game" prize, Black committed to a risky g7–g5 with a strategic idea of trapping the White queen. While objectively it was suspect, it gave the game an unusual character. After creative play from both opponents the game also ended in a draw. The perpetual in the final position is a somewhat non-standard and noteworthy construction.

Kaufman, Raymond (2298) – Pechisker, Alfred (2178) [A06] Chigorin CC inv lichess.org (1.2), 05.11.2023

1.Nf3 d5 2.e3 c5 3.b3 Nc6 4.Bb2 a6 5.Be2 d4 6.0–0 e5 7.exd4 cxd4 8.Re1 f6 9.c3 d3 10.Bf1 Bc5 11.Nh4 g5 12.Qh5+ Kf8 13.Ng6+ hxg6 14.Qxh8 Bf5 15.Ba3 Bxa3 16.Nxa3 b5 17.h3 Qd6 18.b4 Re8 19.g4 Bc8 20.Re3 e4 21.Bg2 f5 22.gxf5 gxf5 23.Rg3 Qg6 24.Qh4 gxh4 25.Rxg6 Be6 26.f3 Ne5 27.Rxe6 Rxe6 28.fxe4 fxe4 29.Bxe4 Nf6 30.Bf5 Re7 31.Rf1 Rg7+ 32.Kh2 Ke7 33.Bc8 Rg3 34.Bb7 Nfg4+ 35.hxg4 Nxg4+



36.Kh1 Rh3+ 37.Kg1 Rg3+ 38.Kh1 Rh3+ 39.Kg1 Rg3+ 40.Kh1 ½–½

Vancouver Island University November (November 9, 16, 23, 30)

VIU did its first CFC rated tournament with a “one game a week” format for the month of November. The [event](#) was held on-site in building 210, and was single section. Jason Williamson was first place followed by Frazer Curtis in second place and Jamie Campbell was third place. This tournament was an opportunity for eight unrated players to get a provisional rating, including Frazer, who handed Jamie his one loss for the event. Jamie threw together a [website](#) for the tournament which included a pgn viewer to see the games for each round, as well as [DALL*E3](#) generated images (using [ChatGPT Plus](#)) to give an “impression” of each game.

Washington Class Championships (November 24-26)

Held in Bellevue on the American Thanksgiving long weekend, this year’s Washington Class Championship didn’t attract as many Canadians as usual: as far as we can tell, Severo (Juni) Caluza was the only Canadian in the [Main Event](#), while Paul Leblanc and Don Hack took part in one of the side events, the SCC (Seattle Chess Club) [Adult Swiss](#). Winners of the Master Section were Kyle Haining and Brandon Jiang who tied for first with 5.0/6 each; Juni, playing in the “A” Section, scored 2.0 points. In the SCC Adult Swiss Paul tied with Erkan Chabuk for first place on 5.0 points, while Don finished with 2.0. (A definition of adult is not given in the advertising – non junior?)



Susan Polgar Foundation National Open (November 24-25)

Also happening in Bellevue at the same time as the Washington Class Championships was the Susan Polgar Foundation National Open for Girls and Boys, to give the event its full title. Now in its eighteenth 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 Hyatt Regency in Bellevue, WA. The main tournament consists of one- and two-day events, with sections separated by grade, gender, and rating. As with the Washington Class Championships, Canadian participation was much reduced compared to last year (maybe indicating that BC players now have more events available to them at home); Moses Li and Larry Yang competed in the [K-5 Open Section](#) (2-day) and both won prizes, fifth and second respectively. Given that the director of the SPICE (Susan Polgar Institute for Chess Excellence) at Webster University in St. Louis is now GM Lê Quang Liêm, and his brother and sister-in-law are BC's IM Lê Quang Long and WIM Penny Pham, all three were in attendance over the weekend, giving lectures, workshops, simuls, and participating in an all-comers blitz event.

US Masters (November 22-26)

Immediately following the Charlotte norm events discussed last issue was the [US Masters](#), a two-hundred player Swiss held at the same location in which many of the norm aspirants participated. Entrants from BC included IMs Max Gedajlovic and Raymond Kaufman and Zachary Liu, Ethan Song, and Jingyun (Ryan) Yang; other Canadians were GM-elect Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux, WGM Maili-Jade Ouellet, IM Mark Plotkin, FM Anthony Atanasov, and Aaron Reeve Mendes. Overall there was a four-way tie for first between GM Mikhail Antipov (FIDE flag), and IMs Gleb Dudin (Hungary), Justin Wang, and Bryce Tiglon (both USA). The latter, from Redmond WA, previously played in the Intermat and BC-WA matches – here he achieved a GM norm. Top Canadian was Atanasov with 5.0 points, top BC player was Ethan Song with 4.5 followed by Raymond Kaufman on 4.0. Another participant in the event was Raymond's father GM Lawrence Kaufman, a computer chess expert and author of several opening repertoires.

BC Junior Rapid Championship (November 25) by Alexandra Amini



(photos by Caden Gee)

On November 25, 2023, the BC Junior Chess Association (BCJCA) hosted its first ever, CFC-rated chess tournament. Held at Confederation Park Community Center in Burnaby, B.C., over eighty-five players ranging from grades K to 12 participated in the BC Junior Chess Rapid tournament.

Tournament sections: U1400 and Open, with prizes also for each grade category. Participants enjoyed an afternoon playing chess and met their contemporaries from all over the Lower Mainland. Congratulations to the following winners:

Open: 1st - Lucas Yao; 2nd - Christian Grecu; and 3rd - Aryan Anand

U1400: 1st - Ryder Hsu; 2nd - Felix Fang; and 3rd - Rex Yu; Top unrated - Ivan Gelimson

Grade categories: Grades K-3 - Sky Cui, Ava Chen; Grades 4-6 - Brady Li, Karen Chen; Grades 7-9 - Alp Topcu, May Wangluo; and Grades 10-12 - Leeyo Xu

The BCJCA is a student-led organization representing fifty+ secondary school chess clubs from across British Columbia with the goal to bring together high school chess players through tournaments and to promote a more connected high school chess community. BCJCA hopes to establish outreach programs to teach elementary students the foundations of chess and recently launched after-school chess programs at Anderson Elementary School in Richmond, B.C., and Gilpin Elementary School in Burnaby, B.C. with plans to expand after-school chess programs in North Vancouver and other districts in 2024. For more information, contact: Email: info@bcjca.ca; Instagram: @bcjrchess; Website: <https://bcjca.ca>



Some of the winners – no, they are not standing on stairs ...

VANCOUVER CHESS FESTIVAL #4 (December 9-10)

The fourth monthly Vancouver Chess Festival hosted by the Vancouver Chess School retained the same simultaneous classical/rapid sections as previous editions but also brought back the 3 + 2 blitz as a finale. A total of eighty-six players competed in the Classical portion, five games of 50 + 10, in three sections. In the fifteen player Open two thirds had ratings over 2000, headed by IMs Raymond Kaufman and Vicente Lee jr. Raymond lost in the second round to NM Alfred Pechisker, which resulted in Vicente taking first place with 4.0/5 while Raymond had to be content with a share of second/third along with NM Ethan Song, CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, and Alfred. The Classical U1800 Section saw, for the third festival in a row, Bhell Ortiz at the top of the crosstable, this time with 4.5/5. Here he executed a perfect Swiss gambit, drawing in the first round and winning the remainder of his games. Richard Ingram, Orven Ortiz, Boyong Guo, Daniel Dou, and Emilian Holmgren shared the rest of the prizes. And the Classical U1000 was won by unrated Liam Tu with a perfect score, while Markus Li and Daniel Deng tied for second.



(photo by Gyan Awatramani)

The [Rapid Open](#) attracted only six players, problematic for a six-round Swiss. Instead, the section was run as an all-play-all with an additional round based on the standings from the round robin. NM Keith MacKinnon lost to Zachary Liu but beat NM Mayo Fuentebella twice to place first, Mayo was second, and Zachary third after giving up 1.5 points to players in the lower half of the table. And a log-jam occurred at the top of the forty-four player U1400 Reserve, with Ethan Low, Rio Vilches, Sasikumar Kalyanasundaram, Rex Yu, and Daniel O'Mahony tied for first. Finally, twenty-seven players registered for the Sunday evening [Blitz](#). Ethan Song was the class of the Open Section, scoring a perfect 7.0/7 en route to claiming the first prize; Raymond Kaufman was second and a distant third was Bhell Ortiz. The U1400 Section was won by Dasha Doroshenko, only giving up a draw (to her sister) in the fourth round. Tied for second a full point and a half behind were Aiden Yin and Don Chen. Watch for [Vancouver Chess Festival #5](#) at the end of January.

DAVID ("DAVE") CREEMER (5 October 1902 - 21 December 1953)

Seventy years ago, in the space of a few months, B.C. chess experienced two grievous losses. In September Canon Henry Roy passed away (see [Bulletin #393](#)), followed in December by Dave Creemer. This is the latter's story.

Born in Bessarabia, Russia (now largely Moldova). Trained as a tailor, Creemer emigrated to Canada in 1920 and first lived in Toronto, working for Tip Top Tailors, etc. He married in 1927; shortly thereafter the couple moved to Winnipeg, where Creemer started his own tailoring business. In October 1941 the family moved to Vancouver, where Creemer's brother and sister already lived. He started the Fashion Garment Co., a made-to-measure ladies tailoring establishment whose clientele included visiting celebrities such as Martha Rae and Ella Fitzgerald. Tailoring seems to have been the family trade: Dave's



brother Max was also in the profession, as president of the Reliable Garment Co. Dave Creemer died at age fifty-one of complications from an ulcerated stomach.

Creemer learnt to place chess in Russia; while in Toronto he was secretary of the Judean Chess Club, and played against Emanuel Lasker in a simul. He won the Manitoba championship in 1934 and the Winnipeg championship in 1937, and was an early coach for Abe Yanofsky. After moving to Vancouver Creemer won the Vancouver Chess Club championship in 1942 and was instrumental in the founding of the Vancouver Jewish Chess Club; he was Vancouver champion 1946-48, but his greatest achievement as a player was winning the Open tournament held to celebrate the Vancouver Diamond Jubilee in July 1946.

While Creemer was a strong player, his lasting legacy lies in the realm of chess organization and promotion. He held various positions on the BCCF Executive, including president, secretary, and publicity manager, and was chairman of the organizing committee which brought the Canadian Championship to the West Coast for the first time in 1951. From the summer of 1947 until his death Creemer wrote a weekly chess column in the *Vancouver Province* newspaper: each Saturday the column included a chess problem ladder, news from local, Canadian, and international events, and usually several games. This did much to publicize the BCCF and chess in general throughout B.C.

The current trophy for the B.C. Junior Championship is the Dave Creemer Trophy. After his death a Dave Creemer Memorial Fund was established "for the purpose of introducing and encouraging chess in the schools of Vancouver and throughout B.C., also in high schools and among other youth groups or organizations" (BCCF Special Meeting, 13 January 1954). Monies from the fund were used to supply chess sets to schools and trophies for school competitions; in 1967 a BCCF motion was passed which stated "that the Trustees of the Dave Creemer Fund be instructed to wind up the Fund and to make the money left in the fund available to the Junior Chess Co-ordinator, and that the Junior Chess Co-ordinator ensure that the name of Dave Creemer is suitably perpetuated in the field of Junior Chess." This was done by holding the 2003 junior championship and naming the new trophy in his memory, on the fiftieth anniversary of his passing. This trophy was withdrawn from active duty in 2018, but its replacement still is dedicated to his memory.

Thomas, Sir George Alan – Creemer, Dave [E61] Simul Winnipeg, 19.11.1930

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.Nf3 e6 5.e3 0–0 6.Bd3 b6 7.0–0 Bb7 8.e4 d6 9.Bg5 Nbd7 10.Qd2 Qc8 11.Bh6 c5 12.Qg5 cxd4 13.Nb5 Qc5 14.Qh4 e5 15.Ng5 Rfe8 16.Rae1 Nf8 17.f4 a6 18.Na3 Bxh6 19.Qxh6 Ng4 20.Qh3 Ne3 21.Rf2 f6 22.Nf3 exf4 23.Nc2 Bxe4 24.Bxe4 Rxe4 25.Nd2 Nxc2 26.Nxe4 Qxc4 27.Nxd6 Qc6 28.Rc1 Qxd6 29.Rfxc2 Re8 30.Qd3 Re3 31.Qc4+ Ne6 32.Qc8+ Kg7 33.Qxa6 Kh6 34.Rd1 Nc5 35.Qc8 f5 36.Rcd2 Ne4 37.Rd3 Qb4 38.Qc1 g5 39.Rxd4 Re1+ 40.Rxe1 Qxd4+ 0–1

Yanofsky, Abe – Creemer, Dave [E00] Winnipeg City ch (2), 1937

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e4 Bb4 5.Qc2 d5 6.e5 Ne4 7.Bd3 f5 8.Nge2 Qh4 9.0–0 0–0 10.f3 Ng5 11.a3 Be7 12.Be3 b6 13.cxd5 cxd5 14.Nb5 Bd7 15.Qd2 Nc6 16.Rac1 Nf7 17.g3 Qh3 18.Nf4 Qh6 19.Nc7 g5 20.Nxa8 Rxa8 21.Ne2 Qh3 22.f4 h6 23.Bb5 Ncxe5 24.Bxd7 Nxd7 25.Rc7 Rd8 26.Rfc1 Nd6 27.Rxa7 Ne4 28.Qe1 Bd6 29.Qf1 Qh5 30.Nc3 Ndf6 31.Nxe4 dxe4 32.Rc2 Nd5 33.Bc1 gxf4 34.gxf4 Kh8 35.Rg2 Bc7 36.Kh1 e3 37.Qe2 Qxe2 38.Rxe2 Bxf4 39.Kg2 Rc8 40.Re1 Rc2+ 41.Kh1 Rxh2+ 42.Kg1 Rc2 43.Bxe3 Bxe3+ 44.Kh1 f4 45.Ra8+ Kg7

46.Re8 Kf7 47.Rh8 f3 48.Rf1 f2 49.Rb1 Bc1 50.Kg2 Ne3+ 0-1

Creemer, Dave – Taylor, Jack [D11] Diamond Jubilee tournament Vancouver, 07.1946

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 c6 4.Bf4 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.Nc3 e6 7.e3 Bb4 8.Bxc4 Ne4 9.Qb3 Qa5
10.Rc1 0-0 11.0-0 Bxc3 12.bxc3 b6 13.Rfe1 h6 14.Qb4 Qxb4 15.cxb4 Nd7 16.Ba6 c5 17.Bb7
Rae8 18.Bxe4 Bxe4 19.Bd6 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Rc8 21.Bxf8 Kxf8 22.dxc5 bxc5 23.bxc5 Rxc5
24.Rxc5 Nxc5 25.Rc1 Nxa4 26.Rc8+ Ke7 27.Rc7+ Kf6 28.Rxa7 Nb6 29.f4 Nd5 30.Kg2 Kg6
31.Kf3 f5 32.Kg3 Nf6 33.f3 Nh5+ 34.Kh4 Nf6 35.Re7 Kh7 36.Rxe6 Kg6 37.Rd6 Kf7 38.Rxf6+
Kxf6 39.Kh5 Kf7 40.e4 fxe4 41.fxe4 Kf6 42.h4 Kf7 43.e5 g5 44.hxg5 hxg5 45.Kxg5 1-0

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1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 e5 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.Ng5 d5 5.exd5 Na5 6.Bb5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.Be2 h6 9.Nf3 e4
10.Ne5 Qd4 11.Ng4 Nd5 12.c3 Qb6 13.d4 Bd6 14.0-0 Qc7 15.g3 0-0 16.Nd2 f5 17.Ne5 Bxe5
18.dxe5 Qxe5 19.Nc4 Nxc4 20.Bxc4 Be6 21.Qe2 Rad8 22.f3 Kh8 23.fxe4 Nxc3 24.bxc3 Qc5+
25.Qe3 Qxc4 26.exf5 Bxf5 27.Qe5 Bh3 28.Rxf8+ Rxf8 29.Bf4 Qd3 30.Re1 Kh7 31.Qd4 Qf3
32.Qd2 Re8 33.Qc2+ g6 34.Qf2 Rxe1+ 0-1

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1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.e4 d5 4.e5 Nfd7 5.Nf3 d4 6.Nxd4 Nxe5 7.Nf3 Nxf3+ 8.Qxf3 Nc6 9.Be2
Nd4 10.Qd3 c5 11.0-0 Bd7 12.Bf3 Qc7 13.Ne2 Nxf3+ 14.Qxf3 Bd6 15.Ng3 h5 16.h3 Bc6
17.Qe3 Bf4 18.Qc3 h4 19.Ne2 Bh2+ 20.Kh1 0-0-0 21.f4 Bg3 22.d4 Be4 23.Be3 Qd7 24.dxc5
Qc6 25.Rg1 Rd3 26.Qxg7 Qe8 27.Nxg3 Rg8 28.Nxe4 Rxg7 29.Nd6+ Rxd6 30.cxd6 Qc6 31.Bd4
Rg3 32.Kh2 Qxd6 33.Be5 Qd2 34.c5 f6 35.Bd6 Qxb2 36.Rae1 Qxa2 37.f5 e5 38.Re4 Qf2
39.Rxh4 Rxg2+ 40.Rxg2 Qxh4 41.Rg8+ Kd7 42.Rg7+ Kc6 43.Rc7+ Kd5 44.Rxb7 Qf2+ 45.Kh1
e4 0-1

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