

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #482

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### HERE AND THERE

#### **2026 Canadian Online School Team Championship** (May 2)

2026 has been declared by FIDE and the International School Chess Federation the Year of Education in Chess. The World School Team Championship, previously organized by both bodies in 2023 and 2025, this year has a new structure and regulations: four continental championships, in Africa, the Americas, Asian, and Europe, will each produce one champion team which will qualify for the Grand Final to take place in December as a four-team tournament. The Canadian qualifier to the American Continental took place on May 2 on the lichess online platform and consisted of ten teams. Each team consisted of four players from the same school, born between January 1, 2012 and December 31, 2018, and including at least one boy or one girl (but exceptions were given for single-gender schools). The five-round Swiss at 15 + 20 resulted in a tie between Crescent Heights Academy (BC – members Lucas Yao, Aiden Yin, Andrew Yin, and Adela Sun) and Jack Miner PS (ON) on 8 match points each, but Crescent Heights got the nod on tiebreak (they defeated Jack Miner in round three). Three competitors finished the event with perfect scores, FM Calix Marchand, Andrew Yin, and Nafissa Makanjuola Landou. [Team standings CFC crosstable](#)

#### **West Coast Rapid 1** (May 2)



(photo by [Chess Maps](#))

The Fraser Valley Chess Academy has now brought rapid chess to another region of BC, specifically the North Shore of the Burrard Inlet. Held at the North Lonsdale United Church in North Vancouver, the tournament attracted forty-two competitors in two sections, despite there being several other events on the same weekend (a situation which is increasingly becoming the norm these days). There was a tie for first in the [Open Section](#) between Mukul Thakur and Ameet Kumar Dalal, each drew two games and won the rest for a total of 5.0/6. Close behind on 4.5 points were Jofrel Landingin and Adrian Tsz Yui So who tied for third. There was also an age-restricted section, in this case [U12](#), with Kallum Moy claiming clear first with a perfect score, Tiago Moy placing second and Tyler Hun third.

**Okanagan Open** (May 1-3) by Paul Leblanc

### **Davis Iritani Sweeps to Victory**

The 2026 Okanagan Open took place at the Comfort Inn in Salmon Arm on the weekend of May 1-3, sharing the playing venue with the annual BC vs Alberta match. Turnout for the open was thirty-three players, down a little from last year's thirty-seven. A rapid tournament in Kelowna on the previous weekend likely contributed to the low Kelowna representation. Nevertheless, chess in the Okanagan is making steady progress.

Davis Iritani (Summerside, BC) left no doubt about the winner of the Okanagan Open with a perfect 5.0-0.0 score. When asked about his interest in chess, Davis responded: "I've always had a casual interest in chess, but I didn't know much beyond how the pieces moved until a few years ago. I was looking for a new, long-term project to pursue as an adult and chess offered so much with its depth, competitiveness, and opportunities for improvement. The game has also been instrumental in teaching me to value growth over results and how to be honest with self-analysis on and off the board." Cole Toponce (Vernon, BC) finished clear second with 4.5. The top U1600 prize was shared by Prithvi Magoo (Salmon Arm) and Oakley Pankratz (Penticton) at 4.0. The top U1400 prize was also split between James Bridger (Vernon) and Jeudah Crawford (Kaslo). Top unrated was Carson Chambers (Chilliwack) with a score of 2.0. [Standings](#)



Daniel Gyori vs Davis Iritani

## Gyori, Daniel (1409) – Iritani, Davis (1652) [E69] Okanagan op Salmon Arm (5.1), 03.05.2026

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.d4 0–0 5.g3 d6 6.Bg2 Nbd7 7.0–0 c6 8.e4 e5 9.h3 Re8 10.Be3 Nh5 11.Qc2 Nf8 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.Rfd1 Qc7 14.Ne2 Ne6 15.Kh2 c5 16.Nc3 Nd4 17.Nxd4 cxd4 18.Nd5 Qd8 19.Bd2 Be6 20.Rac1 Rc8 21.Qb3 Qd7 22.Bb4 Nf6 23.Ba3 h5 24.Nxf6+ Bxf6 25.Qf3 Be7 26.Bxe7 Qxe7 27.Bf1 Kg7 28.a3 Rh8 29.b4 Bg4 30.Qb3 Bxd1 31.Rxd1 Rc7 32.Bd3 Rhc8 33.Kg2 Qe6 34.Qc2 Qc6 35.g4 hxg4 36.hxg4 Qe6 37.f3 Rh8 38.Rh1 Rxh1 39.Kxh1 Rc8 40.Kg2 Qf6 0–1

### 2026 BC vs Alberta Match (May 1-3) by Paul Leblanc

#### Alberta Rises to the Challenge

The fourth annual BC vs Alberta Match was held at the Comfort Inn in beautiful Salmon Arm on the weekend of 1-3 May. Each team had twelve players. Alberta grabbed a three-point lead in round one and held a small lead throughout the five-round match with a final score of Alberta 31.0 BC 29.0. In general, BC dominated games on the top boards and Alberta showed greater depth and scooped up points on the lower boards. [Standings](#) Both teams featured a mix of titled players and developing players with average team ratings of 2200.



**Team BC.** Adrien Howard, Zachary Chruszcz, Wade Courson, Zhiheng Luo, NM Jojo Nones II, Barath Subramanian Suresh, NM Zachary Liu, Aiden Zhu, NM Bohan (Henry) Yang, Panshul Mishra Jaiman, Joanne Wanglou, NM Yidong (Jason) Chen

Salmon Arm, being equidistant from Vancouver and Calgary has been the host city for this match since 2022 (no match was held in 2025). Special mention to NM Bohan (Henry) Yang who defeated Alberta IM Tymur Keleberda and also to NM Jojo Nones II and NM Zachary Liu for draws with Tymur. Top player on Team BC was NM Yidong (Jason) Chen with 4.5 out of 5. Alberta had three players tied for top player: NM Jonathan Wu, NM Maxim Vasic and Samuel Hoekman at 3.5 out of 5. The match was organized by BCCF President Paul Leblanc and Alberta Chess Association President Alexander Nguyen. Both organizations provided generous sponsorship. TD was Paul Leblanc, NA.

**Yang, Bohan (Henry) (2206) – Keleberda, Tymur (2512) [D30] BC – AB m Salmon Arm (3.3), 02.05.2026**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 a6 4.g3 dxc4 5.Bg2 c5 6.0–0 Nc6 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.Qxd8+ Nxd8 9.Ne5 f6  
10.Nxc4 Rb8 11.Bf4 e5 12.Nxe5 fxe5 13.Bxe5 Ba7 14.Bxg7 Nf7 15.Nc3 Ne7 16.Ne4 Nc6 17.Rfd1  
Be6 18.Bxh8 Nxh8 19.e3 Ke7 20.Ng5 Bg4 21.Rd5 h6 22.Nf3 Nf7 23.h3 Be6 24.Rd2 Nd6 25.b3  
Ne4 26.Rc2 Bf5 27.g4 Bg6 28.Nh4 Bh7 29.Nf5+ Bxf5 30.gxf5 Rg8 31.Kf1 Nc5 32.Bxc6 bxc6 33.b4  
Nd7 34.Rxc6 Bb8 35.Rd1 Nf6 36.Rxa6 Kf7 37.Rb6 Rc8 38.Rb7+ Kf8 39.Rd2 Be5 40.a4 Ke8 41.a5  
Rc1+ 42.Kg2 Ra1 43.f4 Bc3 44.Rc2 Nd5 45.Kf2 Ra3 46.Rb8+ Ke7 47.Rb7+ Kd6 48.Rh7 Nxb4  
49.Rxh6+ Kd5 50.Re2 Ke4 51.f6 Rxa5 52.f7 Rf5 53.Re6+ Kd5 54.Re7 Kd6 55.Rb7 Kc6 56.Ra7  
Kb6 57.Re7 Nd5 58.Re6+ Kc5 59.e4 Rxf4+ 60.Kg3 Rxf7 61.exd5 Kxd5 62.Re7 Rf5 63.Kg4 Rf8  
64.Rd7+ Kc6 65.Rd1 Rg8+ 66.Kf3 Rf8+ 67.Kg2 Rg8+ 68.Kh1 Bb4 69.Rc2+ Bc5 70.Kh2 Rg5 71.h4  
Rh5 72.Kh3 Re5 73.Kg4 Re4+ 74.Kg5 Re5+ 75.Kg6 Kb7 76.Rb1+ Ka8 77.Ra2+ Ba7 78.Rba1 1–0



**Team Alberta.** Back Row: Michael Xu, Felix Zhang, Josiah Trentalance, NM Jonathan Wu, IM Tymur Keleberda, Roy Yearwood, Alex Nguyen  
Middle Row: Mike Zeggelaar, NM Maxim Vasic, Sam Hoekman, Jack Sheng  
Front Row: Kaiser Nguyen, Finley Zhang

**Chen, Yidong (2278) – Wu, Jonathan (2299) [B90] BC – AB m Salmon Arm (4.1), 03.05.2026**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Nd2 Nbd7 9.Nc4 Qc7  
10.a4 b6 11.f3 0–0 12.Be2 Rb8 13.0–0 Nc5 14.Bg5 Be6 15.Bxf6 Bxf6 16.Ne3 Bg5 17.Ncd5 Bxe3+  
18.Nxe3 b5 19.axb5 axb5 20.Kh1 Qb6 21.Qd2 Rfc8 22.Ra5 Qc6 23.Rfa1 Na4 24.b3 Nc3 25.Bf1 g6  
26.Ra7 Rb7 27.Rxb7 Qxb7 28.Qxd6 Ra8 29.Rxa8+ Qxa8 30.Qxe5 Qa1 31.Qb8+ Kg7 32.Qe5+  
Kg8 33.Qd4 Qe1 34.Qd3 b4 35.Kg1 Bd7 36.Nc4 Bb5 37.Qd2 Qa1 38.h4 h5 39.Qf2 Qc1 40.Kh2  
Nd1 41.Qd2 Qa1 42.Bd3 Nc3 43.e5 Nd5 44.e6 fxe6 45.Qg5 1–0

**BC Spring FIDE Festival** (April 30 – May 3)

The latest festival organized by Daniel Rokhvarger took place at Langara College, Vancouver between April 30 and May 3 and featured three events at different time controls, classical (90 +

30), rapid (15 + 5), and blitz (3 + 2). First up in the BC Spring FIDE Chess Festival was the [Rapid](#) which attracted fifteen participants (numbers were low for the festival, if for no other reason there were several competing events on the same weekend). Winner with 4.5/5 was marquee player IM Raymond Kaufman who held a considerable rating advantage over the rest of the field; Ryan Golchin was second and Callum Yoker third. The Classical Open was held in two sections, Crown and U1600. In the [former](#) Raymond Kaufman was again highest rated but this time was defeated in the last round by the visiting Nicolai Woltery, a University of Toronto student originally from England. Woltery was first with 4.0/5, just ahead of Kaufman, Harishkumar Karthikeyan, and Zhengyu Chen who tied for second. Arturo Robiso was the perfect winner of the [U1600 Section](#), Andrew Li was second, and Lan Nguyen, Liam Khang Pham, Tony Bui, Ian Chen, and Danny Dai tied for third with 3.0 points. Finally the [Festival Blitz](#), which actually took place on the Saturday evening, only had five entrants and was run as a double round-robin. Raymond Kaufman was first with 8.0/8, doubling the scores of Andrew Li and Sylvain Gaudreau who tied for second.

### **Play for Life 55+ Wellness Event** (April 25) by Brian Davidson

On April 25 the City of Surrey hosted the Play for Life event, aimed at promoting healthy aging. The BCCF was invited to be one of the fifteen participating groups, as chess is well known to help keep minds sharp and people socially engaged. Over one hundred registered guests listened to a panel of speakers, including five-time Olympian Charmaine Crooks, Surrey mayor Brenda Locke, and several doctors who specialize in aging, speak about aging and health. The attendees then spread out to various rooms in the South Surrey Recreation Centre to try out sports and play chess.

The chess representatives were both Langley Chess Club members – Andries Pruij who also runs Chess Maps, and club president Brian Davidson. Andries manned a BCCF table in the main hall and spoke to dozens of people about the benefits of chess and handed out information flyers that contained addresses of many local clubs, while Brian played passersby upstairs. The event was organized by City of Surrey Healthy Communities programmer Celina Li. There is a strong likelihood we will be back in 2027.



### **2026 BCCF AGM**

The BC Chess Federation will be holding its Annual General Meeting on Sunday, May 17, 2026.

**Location:** Richmond Curling Club. 5540 Hollybridge Way, Richmond BC, V7C 4N3

- Meeting will be in the upstairs skittles room of the venue.

**Time:** 3pm or immediately following Round 3 of the Keres Memorial Tournament.

**Agenda:** Send any discussion items to be added to the agenda to BCCF President Paul Leblanc at: [pc-leblanc@shaw.ca](mailto:pc-leblanc@shaw.ca)

**Voting:** All eligible (please see below for eligibility requirements) BCCF members are welcome and

encouraged to participate in voting on agenda discussions.

Eligibility:

- Must be at least 14 years of age.
- Must be current BCCF member (one event played, organized or directed within the past year), **OR** current CFC member, **OR** lifetime BCCF member.
- Must **sign in** prior to the AGM to confirm above requirements.

New sign in requirement for all members who wish to vote on agenda discussions. Sign in sheets and coordinators will be present at the entrances to the meeting.

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**35th INTERMAT** (May 9)



This year it was Washington's turn to host the International Scholastic Match or INTERMAT, which took place at Hotel 116 in Bellevue on May 9. The INTERMAT is a cross-border battle, annual since 1991, between school-aged children representing BC and Washington. The teams are comprised of two players each from grades 1-12 plus kindergarten, who play one game each with their corresponding numbers on the other team. Traditionally BC has scored heavily in the upper grades, Washington in the lower; these days a more important factor is the respective teams' difficulty in recruiting their best lineup when playing away from home (the match alternates between BC and Washington), particular given the issues that have arisen in crossing the border recently.

Washington dominated the match from the beginning, basically doubling BC's score after the first round (BC playing black on all boards) to the tune of 16.5-8.5. BC won 7.0-1.0 in grades 9-12, but was overrun 11.0-0.0 in K-5 (BC was unable to field a second Kindergarten player) and only managed a point and a half in grades 6-8. In round two BC had white on all boards but the results only improved marginally, Washington scoring 14.5-10.5 for an overall match victory of [31.0-19.0](#).



With the exception of grade 6 (a 2.0-2.0 tie) Washington won all the mini-matches from Kindergarten to grade 8, BC won grades 9-12. In terms of individual results, BC's Minjun Koo and Ryder Hsu swept their Washington grade 10 opponents, as did Aadit Arya and Joey Xu in grade 11. Other BC players with a perfect score were Samuel Lu (6) and Nathan Ping-Ying Wu (12), while Larry Yang (7), Justin Gao and Siyona Singh (both 9), and Danile Ruohan Wang had plus scores. On the Washington side, Louis Xu and Liam Zeng (K), Baoshuo Yao and Liam Pham (1), Easton Ren and Felix Han (2), Harvey Wang and Mikhail Lagzdin (3), Shawn Li (4), Riaan Babbar and Imai Maharaja (5), and Rian Raja (8) all had perfect scores, while those with plus scores were Avyaan Roy Chowdhury (4), Odbayar Yondon (7), and Selina Cheng (8). Curiously Washington had three players with the first name Liam, while there was also a William on the team. The match was organized by FA Umang Banatwala, NM Ryan Leong, Eric Zhu, and Gillian Mok on the BC side and WCF President NM Josh Sinanan and WCF Women and Girls Director WFM Chouchanik Airapetian, for Washington. [Match website](#); [previous results](#) Overall this victory (after BC winning the last three years) means Washington is ahead in the number of match victories by 17 to 16 with two ties.

**Yang, Larry (1757) – Bharathy Mohan, Aarav (1842) [C05] Interimat 35th Bellevue (2.15), 10.05.2026**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 Nf6 4.e5 Nfd7 5.f4 c5 6.Ndf3 Nc6 7.c3 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Nc5 9.Ngf3 Ne4 10.Bd3 Nxd4 11.cxd4 Bb4+ 12.Bd2 Bxd2+ 13.Nxd2 Qh4+ 14.g3 Nxc3 15.Bb5+ Kf8 16.Nf3 Qh6 17.Rg1 Nf5 18.Qd2 a6 19.Bd3 g6 20.Rc1 Bd7 21.Rc7 Bc6 22.Bxf5 exf5 23.Ng5 Be8 24.e6 f6 25.Qb4+ Kg8 26.Qxb7 Rd8 27.Nf3 Rd6 28.Re7 Rd8 29.Rxe8+ 1-0

**Arya, Aadit (2196) – Nam, Jinmo (1748) [C01] Interimat 35th Bellevue (2.22), 10.05.2026**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Bd3 dxe4 4.Bxe4 Nf6 5.Bf3 c5 6.Ne2 Qb6 7.0-0 cxd4 8.Nxd4 Bd7 9.Nc3 Nc6 10.Be3 Nxd4 11.Bxd4 Qc7 12.Qe2 a6 13.Rfd1 Be7 14.Bxf6 gxf6 15.Rd2 0-0-0 16.Nd5 Qc5 17.b4 Qd6 18.Nxf6 Qxb4 19.Nxd7 Rxd7 20.Rxd7 Kxd7 21.Qd1+ Qd6 22.Bxb7 a5 23.Qf3 Kc7 24.Rd1 Qc5 25.Ba6 Rb8 26.Qf4+ e5 27.Qf5 Ra8 28.Qd7+ 1-0

## THE PAUL KERES MEMORIAL – A RETROSPECTIVE

This year the Paul Keres Memorial turns fifty. The tournament was first held in 1976 to honour the great Estonian Paul Keres who died the previous year after winning the Vancouver 1975 event. The Memorial has been held annually ever since with the exception of 2020 when the pandemic forced its cancellation. Last year, on the fiftieth anniversary, the bulletin contained articles on [Vancouver 1975](#) and [the passing of Keres](#); below we present a short retrospective on the Keres Memorial, checking in with the tournament every ten years. [Previous events](#)

**Fifty Years Ago:** American grandmaster James Tarjan dominated Vancouver 1976 (a.k.a. 1st Keres Memorial), scoring 9.0-1.0 to finish two points ahead of the field. After a successful career as a librarian Tarjan returned to BC recently, for the 2024 BC Day Open and 2025 Canadian Open. Tied for second were Elliott Winslow, John Peters, Kevin Spraggett, and Bruce Harper. Winners of the other sections were Neil Salmon, Allan Brown, and Tom Rowan (A), Rainer Rickford (B), Jon Anderson (C), and Marijan Pandic (D/Unrated). The site was the Sheraton Plaza 500 Hotel, two hundred and nine players participated.

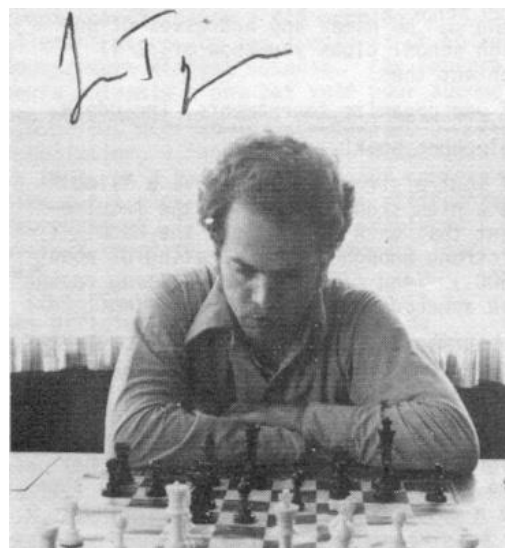
### **Tarjan, James - Macskasy, Elod [D35] Keres mem 1st Vancouver (3), 21.06.1976**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 c6 6.e3 Qb6 7.Qc2 Ne4 8.Nxe4 dxe4 9.Qxe4+ Be6 10.Nf3 Qxb2 11.Rb1 Qc3+ 12.Kd1 Ba3 13.Bd3 Nd7 14.Ke2 h6 15.Bh4 g5 16.Rb3 Qa5 17.Bg3 0–0–0 18.Ne5 Nxe5 19.Qxe5 Qxe5 20.Bxe5 Bxb3 21.axb3 Bd6 22.Bxh8 Rxh8 23.h4 f6 24.hxg5 fxg5 25.g3 Bf8 26.f4 Bg7 27.Bf5+ Kc7 28.Kd3 a5 29.Ra1 Ra8 30.Rh1 Rh8 31.Rh2 Kb6 32.Rh5 gxf4 33.gxf4 Rf8 34.Be6 Re8 35.Bc4 Rf8 36.Rh2 Re8 37.Rg2 Re7 38.Rg6 Kc7 39.f5 b5 40.Bg8 Bf8 41.f6 Re8 42.e4 a4 43.bxa4 bxa4 44.e5 a3 45.Rg2 Rb8 46.Bc4 h5 47.Rg8 Bb4 48.Rg7+ Kb6 49.e6 h4 50.Rh7 Rg8 51.e7 Rg3+ 52.Ke4 Rg1 53.Kf3 Re1 54.Be2 1–0

**Forty Years Ago:** Canada's number one player, Grandmaster Kevin Spraggett, confirmed his status by winning the 11th Keres Memorial with an undefeated 6.0-1.0 score. IM John Donaldson came second, and Bob Zuk, Nigel Fullbrook, and Robert Chow tied for third. Section winners were Graham Swett (U2100), John Damiano (U1900), Jose Lam, Michael Lum-Tung, and James Dentith (U1700), Walter Zuk (U1500), Dave Chang and Tom McKeown (Section Six). The tournament attracted one hundred and forty-four players and was held at Robson Square.

### **Spraggett, Kevin – Zuk, Robert [B01] Keres mem 11th Vancouver (2), 17.05.1986**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qa5 4.g3 Nf6 5.Bg2 c6 6.Nf3 e6 7.0–0 Bd6 8.d4 Nbd7 9.Nd2 Qf5 10.Nc4 Bc7 11.a4 0–0 12.f4 Qh5 13.Bf3 Qh3 14.Ne5 h5 15.Bg2 Qf5 16.Ra3 Rd8 17.Qe2 Nf8 18.Be3 Bb6



19.Rd1 a6 20.h3 Nd5 21.g4 Qh7 22.Ne4 f6 23.Nc4 Bc7 24.gxh5 Bd7 25.Ncd6 Be8 26.Nxe8 Rxe8 27.c4 Nxe3 28.Rxe3 Nd7 29.Nc3 Nf8 30.Ne4 Qh6 31.Rf1 Rad8 32.Nc5 Bxf4 33.Re4 Bd2 34.Nxb7 Rxd4 35.Rxd4 Be3+ 36.Kh1 Bxd4 37.Bxc6 Re7 38.b4 Qg5 39.b5 axb5 40.cxb5 Qh4 41.Qg4 Qxg4 42.hxg4 Nh7 43.Rd1 e5 44.a5 Ng5 45.Nd6 1–0

**Thirty Years Ago:** Georgi Orlov took top honours in the 21st Keres Memorial with 5.0/6; he has since achieved a record-breaking total of fifteen first-place finishes. B.C. Champion Yan Teplitsky came second a half-point back, while six(!) players tied for third: Juri Vetemaa, Jonathan Berry, Viktors Pupols, Valerian Adam, Jim Ferguson, and John Hallam. Alfred Pechisker and Ralph Neumann tied for first in the Intermediate Section and Alex Davies was perfect in the Amateur. The Keres was going through a bad patch: an all-time low (until that point) of sixty-nine players participated at the Vancouver Bridge Centre.



**Berry, Jonathan – Orlov, Georgi [A50] Keres mem 21st Vancouver (4), 19.05.1996**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 Nc6 3.Nf3 e6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bd2 0–0 6.Qc2 d6 7.a3 Bxc3 8.Bxc3 Qe7 9.g3 e5 10.dxe5 dxe5 11.Bg2 Qc5 12.b3 e4 13.Nh4 Ng4 14.0–0 f5 15.h3 Nf6 16.g4 fxd4 17.Bxf6 Rxf6 18.Qxe4 gxh3 19.Qe8+ Qf8 20.Bd5+ Kh8 21.Qxf8+ Rxf8 22.Rad1 Ne5 23.f4 Ng4 24.Rd3 g5 25.fxd5 h2+ 26.Kg2 Rxf1 27.Kxf1 Be6 28.Bxb7 Rf8+ 29.Ke1 Ne5 30.Rd4 Nf3+ 31.Bxf3 Rxf3 32.Ng6+ Kg7 33.Rh4 Rh3 0–1

**Twenty Years Ago:** After inflicting a rare defeat on Georgi Orlov, Alfred Pechisker was the sole winner of the 31st Keres with 5.5/6, just ahead of Orlov and Fanhao Meng. Paul Leblanc and Curtis Lister took the top places in the U2000 Section and Ian Gemmell won the U1600. Seventy-seven players competed at the Hungarian Cultural Centre.



**Pechisker, Alfred – Orlov, Georgi [E38] Keres mem 31st Vancouver (4.1), 21.05.2006**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Qc2 c5 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.e3 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.a3 Be7 9.c5 e5 10.dxe5 Ng4 11.Bb5 d4 12.Bxc6+ bxc6 13.Ne4 Qd5 14.Bf4 d3 15.Qa4 Bf5 16.Nc3 Qxc5 17.0–0 g5 18.Bxg5 Bxg5 19.Nxg5 0–0 20.Nf3 Nxe5 21.Nxe5 Qxe5 22.Qxc6 d2 23.Qh6 Rad8 24.Rad1 Rd6 25.Qg5+ Kh8 26.Rxd2 h6 27.Re2 Qxe2 28.Qxf5 Qd3 29.Qe5+ Kh7 30.g3 Qg6 31.Qe7 Rb8 32.b4 a6 33.Ne4 Re6 34.Qc7 Rbe8 35.f3 Kg8 36.Rd1 f5 37.Nc5 Re1+ 38.Rxe1 Rxe1+ 39.Kf2 Qe8 40.Ne4 fxe4 41.Qc4+ Kg7 42.Kxe1 exf3+ 43.Kf2 Qh5 44.h4 Qf5 45.Qxa6 Qc2+ 46.Kxf3 Qf5+ 47.Ke3 Qe5+ 48.Kf2 Qd4+ 49.Ke2 Qe5+ 50.Kd2 Qxg3 51.Qc4 Qf2+ 52.Kc3 Qe1+

53.Kc2 Qf2+ 54.Kb3 Qg1 55.b5 Qb1+ 56.Ka4 Kg6 57.Ka5 Kh5 58.Qc5+ Kg6 59.h5+ Kf7 60.a4 Qb3 61.b6 Qf3 62.Qc7+ Kf6 63.b7 Qd5+ 64.Ka6 Qd3+ 65.Ka7 Qd4+ 66.Qb6+ 1-0

**Ten Years Ago:** There were no bids for the 41st Keres Memorial so BCCF President Alonso Campos stepped into the breach and held the event at the Guru Angad Dev Elementary School in Surrey. Tanraj Sohal was the winner with 5.0/6, edging out Alfred Pechisker and Brian McLaren. Brandon Zhu took the U2000 Section and Matthew Ehrenreich the U1600. Sixty-three players participated, a historic low.

**Wu, Howard – Sohal, Tanraj S. [C07] Keres mem 41st Surrey (4), 22.05.2016**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5 5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0-0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Bb3 Bd6 13.Nf5 Bxh2+ 14.Kh1 0-0 15.Nxg7 Rd8 16.Qf3 Kxg7 17.Bh6+ Kg6 18.g3 b5 19.Qe3 Bb7+ 20.f3 Qe5 21.Qxe5 Bxf3+ 22.Kxh2 Ng4+ 23.Kg1 Nxe5 24.Bf4 Ng4 25.c3 h5 26.Bc2+ Kg7 27.Rf1 Be2 28.Rfe1 Bf3 29.Rf1 Bc6 30.Rae1 Re8 31.Bd1 f6 32.Be3 Rad8 33.Bxg4 hxg4 34.Rd1 Bf3 35.Rxd8 Rxd8 36.Kf2 Rh8 37.Ke1 Rh2 38.Bf2 Kg6 39.b3 Kf5 40.Kd2 e5 41.c4 bxc4 42.bxc4 Ke6 43.Ke3 f5 44.a4 Kd6 45.a5 Kc6 46.Kd3 f4 47.gxf4 exf4 48.Bg1 Be2+ 49.Ke4 Rg2 50.Rb1 f3 51.Ke3 Bxc4 52.Kd4 Bb5 53.Rc1+ Kd7 54.Ke3 Be2 55.Rb1 g3 56.Rc1 Rxg1 0-1



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**COMING EVENTS:** see listings at [CFC](#), [BCCF](#) and [Northwest chess](#) websites

**50<sup>th</sup> Paul Keres Memorial**

Richmond, May 16-18, [Details](#)

**Fraser Valley Rapid 22**

Langley, May 24, [Details](#)

**PCC Rapid and Meetup**

Vancouver, May 24, [Details](#)

**RCC Elite Chess Rapid**

Richmond, May 24, [Details](#)

**LCC Puzzle Night**

Langley, May 25, [Details](#)

**LIC Invitational 6**

Richmond, May 30-31, [Details](#)

**LCC Summer Short Quads**

Langley, June 1, 8, 15, [Details](#)

**BC Senior Championship**

Surrey, June 5-7, [Details](#)

**LIC 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Rapid**

New Westminster, June 6, [Details](#)

**Greater Vancouver Tournament 10**

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**LIC Classical 5**

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**Okanagan Valley Rapid 7**

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