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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

4th LakeCity Open (Williams Lake, October 14) by Scott Richardson



The chess tournament on Saturday was the best we've had. Smallest numbers but because it was a challenge to get there these players wanted to play chess. Some would say they risked their lives on the highways. Four youth veterans. Two have played in the last three tournaments and two have played in all four. Three new faces in the Open, Roy Argue who came third, Ted Bosman, seventh, and Sam Ballan, tenth. The rest were veterans of the tournament ranging from twenty-two to seventy-five years old. Half of the players venturing out early Saturday morning for a two-plus hour adventure into the heavy snow/sleet/slush driving from Quesnel and 100 mile was an impressive show of dedication. We started one hour behind at 11 am, waiting and hoping everyone was safe.

The youth played a double round robin, eight rounds. Nick, Timu, Matthew, and Jeff were within range of each other's skill level. High competition and fast games, 10 minutes each on their clocks with 10 seconds added with each player's move (10 second increments). First and second won entry fees (\$60 each) into the BC Open and Keres Memorial chess tournaments in the lower

mainland along with their trophies, third won a gift certificate with his trophy and fourth won a nice gift certificate from a local business. Youngest prize went to Nic Gysel.

A new format with faster games was daunting to some of the Open players but after a few games they had settled into the time control and were enjoying the competition. Nine rounds, ten minutes on each player's clock, twenty minute games maximum, tested everyone's endurance. [Kai Richardson came first with a perfect score, Andrew Martin and Roy Argue tied for second with 7.0/9.] [Report, standings and photos](#)

Saanich Invitational III (October 7-9) by Paul Leblanc



Allen, Deimert, Brown, and Jones face James, Richardson, Tate and Lee

Victoria Chess held a small tournament alongside the BC Closed over Thanksgiving weekend at the Accent Inn on Blanshard and Cloverdale Streets. The Accent Inn is right at the "Welcome to Saanich" sign where Blanshard Street becomes Highway 17 as one leaves Victoria, hence the name Saanich Open.

The format was two round-robin groups of six players and featured several of the same players that competed in the Saanich Invitational I and II held in 2014. It was a special opportunity for the players to rub shoulders with the contestants in the BC Closed and to observe the elite players' games. The playing site proved to be a little over-populated but with everyone's co-operation we got on very well.

Saanich inv III A 2017

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 Raymer, Elliot	*	½	1	½	1	+	4.0
2 Leblanc, Paul	½	*	0	1	1	1	3.5
3 Haines, Duncan	0	1	*	1	0	+	3.0
4 Doknjas, Neil	½	0	0	*	1	+	2.5
5 James, Rowan	0	0	1	0	*	1	2.0
6 Allan, Philip	-	0	-	-	0	*	0.0

In Group A, Elliot Raymer led Paul Leblanc by half a point going into the final round. In terrible time trouble for both players, Raymer, with a three pawn disadvantage, threw every piece he had left into a desperate attack on Leblanc's king and following a few slips on both sides, managed to force a three-fold repetition of the position to retain the half-point lead and capture the trophy.

Saanich inv III B 2017

	1	2	3	4	5	6	
1 Tate, Bill	*	1	½	1	1	1	4.5
2 Richardson, Ross	0	*	1	1	1	1	4.0
3 Brown, Rod	½	0	*	0	1	1	2.5
4 Jones, Cliff	0	0	1	*	½	0	1.5
5 Deimert, Elroy	0	0	0	½	*	1	1.5
6 Lee, Mau-Seng	0	0	0	1	0	*	1.0

In Group B, a similar showdown took place between Bill Tate and Ross Richardson which could easily have gone either way. Although material was equal, Tate had an extremely powerful pair of bishops and a passed pawn that carried the day.

One of the challenges of running a round-robin tournament is that a no-show or withdrawal plays havoc with the crosstable. When David Deimert did not show up for round one in Group B, Cliff Jones graciously agreed to stand in. However, when Phil Allen suddenly withdrew from Group A after round two, it resulted in three forfeits.

Raymer, Elliot – Leblanc, Paul [B12] Saanich inv III A Victoria (5.2), 09.10.2017

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 Bf5 4.Nf3 e6 5.Bd3 Bxd3 6.Qxd3 Nd7 7.0–0 c5 8.c3 Ne7 9.Bg5 Qb6 10.Nbd2 Nc6 11.a3 Be7 12.b4 Bxg5 13.b5 Ncxe5 14.dxe5 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 Qxb5 16.Qg5 Rg8 17.Rab1 Qc6 18.Nd2 h6 19.Qh5 0–0–0 20.f4 Rdf8 21.Qe2 f5 22.Rb5 g5 23.Rfb1 b6 24.R5b2 gxf4 25.Qa6+ Qb7 26.Qa4 Rg4 27.h3 Rg3 28.Nb3 f3 29.Na5 Qa8 30.Nc6 Rxd2+ 31.Rxd2 fxd2 32.Nxa7+ Kd8 33.Qh4+ Ke8 34.Qh5+ Rf7 35.Nb5 Kf8 36.Qxh6+ Kg8 37.Nd6 Nxe5 38.Nxf7 Kxf7 39.Qh7+ Kf6 40.Qh4+ Kf7 41.Qh7+ Kf6 42.Qh4+ Kf7 ½–½

Tate, Bill – Richardson, Ross [D02] Saanich inv III B Victoria (5.2), 09.10.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.e3 Bg7 4.g3 0–0 5.Bg2 d5 6.0–0 c6 7.Nbd2 Nbd7 8.b3 Ne4 9.Nxe4 dxe4 10.Ng5 e5 11.Nxe4 exd4 12.exd4 c5 13.Be3 f5 14.Nd6 Qf6 15.Nxc8 Raxc8 16.Bxb7 Rcd8 17.Bd5+ Kh8 18.dxc5 Qxa1 19.Qxa1 Bxa1 20.Rxa1 Nf6 21.Bc4 Ng4 22.Bf4 Nf6 23.Re1 Ne4 24.f3 Nf6 25.c3 Rfe8 26.Rxe8+ Rxe8 27.Kf2 Kg7 28.c6 Rc8 29.c7 1–0

BC CLOSED CHAMPIONSHIP by Roger Patterson

		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1 Morozov, Grigorii	2344	*	½	1	½	½	1	½	1	5.0
2 Sohal, Tanraj	2369	½	*	½	½	1	½	1	+	5.0
3 Doknjas, Joshua	2228	0	½	*	½	1	1	1	½	4.5
4 Doknjas, John	2273	½	½	½	*	0	½	1	1	4.0
5 Pechisker, Alfred	2238	½	0	0	1	*	½	½	1	3.5
6 Wu, Howard	2225	0	½	0	½	½	*	½	½	2.5
7 Hemstapat, Andrew	2047	½	0	0	0	½	½	*	1	2.5
8 Gansvind, Valeria	2232	0	-	½	0	0	½	0	*	1.0



Morozov, John and Joshua Doknjas, Gansvind, Patterson (organizer), Leblanc (TD), Hemstapat, Wu, Pechisker

The 102nd BC Closed Chess Championship took place in Victoria, October 6-9. The front runners for most of the event were John Doknjas, Grigorii Morozov, and Tanraj Sohal with Tanraj ahead by a half point. Things could easily been different though. In round 1, Morozov agreed to a perpetual check against Pechisker in a messy double rook and opposite-coloured bishop endgame.



Play continued 37. c7 Bg2+ 38 Ke2 Bf1+ 39 Kf3 Bg2+ etc. overlooking that 38 Kg3! is good for white as R5d3+ loses (!) to 39 f3!. Black can bail with 38 Rc1 which winds up down an exchange. Justice was done perhaps as the position was lost earlier in the game.

The steady progression of the front runners stopped in round 6 when the wheels nearly came off the bus for all of them. Doknjas lost to Pechisker, Morozov was worse against Hemstapat before gradually climbing out of the pit to a winning position only to walk into a perpetual, while Sohal was patiently wearing down Wu when things went bad - offering a draw which was accepted before Wu realized the tide had turned.

Congratulations to our new champions!



Cumulative scores:

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Morozov, Grigorii	0.5	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.5	4.0	5.0
2 Sohal, Tanraj	1.0	2.0	3.0	3.5	4.0	4.5	5.0
3 Doknjas, Joshua	0.5	0.5	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.5	4.5
4 Doknjas, John	0.5	1.5	2.0	3.0	3.5	3.5	4.0
5 Pechisler, Alfred	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.5	3.5
6 Wu, Howard	0.5	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	2.0	2.5
7 Hemstapat, Andrew	0.0	0.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.0	2.5
8 Gansvind, Valeria	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0	1.0

This [report with PGN file](#)

Sohal,Tanraj – Pechisker, Alfred [D10] BC ch 102nd Victoria (3.3), 07.10.2017

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.cxd5 cxd5 4.Bf4 e6 5.Nc3 Bd6 6.Bxd6 Qxd6 7.e3 a6 8.Rc1 Nc6 9.Bd3 Nf6 10.f4 0–0 11.Nf3 b5 12.0–0 Bb7 13.Ne5 Rac8 14.Bb1 Rc7 15.Nd3 Rfc8 16.Nc5 Nd7 17.Nxd7 Qxd7 18.f5 e5 19.f6 e4 20.fxg7 Na5 21.Qe1 Nc4 22.Qf2 b4 23.Ne2 Qg4 24.Ng3 Nd6 25.Rxc7 Rxc7 26.Bc2 Qg5 27.Bb3 Kxg7 28.Ne2 Ne8 29.h4 Qe7 30.Nf4 Qd6 31.Qg3+ Kf8 32.Qg5 Rd7 33.Qf5 Kg8 34.Nh5 Bc6 35.Nf4 a5 36.Nh3 Ng7 37.Qg5 h6 38.Qg4 Qe6 39.Qg3 Kh7 40.Bd1 Qd6 41.Qxd6 Rxd6 42.Rxf7 Bb5 43.Nf4 Kg8 44.Ra7 Nf5 45.Kf2 a4 46.g4 1–0

Gansvind, Valeria – Morozov, Grigorii [D02] BC ch 102nd Victoria (7.3), 09.10.2017

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.Bd3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nf3 Qb6 7.Qc2 h6 8.h3 Bd7 9.Nbd2 Rc8 10.Qb1 cxd4 11.exd4 Na5 12.0–0 Bb5 13.Ne5 Be7 14.Bxb5+ Qxb5 15.a4 Qb6 16.Qd3 0–0 17.Qb5 Nc4 18.Ndxc4 dxc4 19.Nd7 Nxd7 20.Qxd7 Bf6 21.Qb5 Qc6 22.Rfe1 Rfd8 23.Qh5 Rd5 24.Qe2 Ra5 25.Qc2 Qd7 26.Re3 Rc6 27.Rd1 Rb6 28.Qe2 Qxa4 29.Rd2 Rd5 30.Qg4 h5 31.Qe2 Qc6 32.Be5 Bxe5 33.Rxe5 g6 34.g4 hxg4 35.Qxg4 Ra6 36.Rd1 Qb5 37.Qg5 Qxb2 38.Rxd5 exd5 39.Qxd5 Rf6 40.Rf1 Qxc3 41.Qxb7 Qxh3 42.Qb8+ Kh7 43.Qh2 Qxh2+ 44.Kxh2 Rf4 45.d5 Rd4 46.Rc1 Kg7 47.Kg3 a5 48.Kf3 a4 49.Ke3 Rxd5 50.Rxc4 Ra5 51.Rc2 a3 52.Ra2 Kf6 53.Kf4 Ra4+ 54.Kf3 Ke5

55.Ke3 g5 56.Kd3 Kf4 57.Ke2 g4 58.Kd2 Kf3 59.Ke1 f5 60.Kf1 f4 61.Ke1 g3 62.fxf3 fxf3 63.Kf1 Ke3 64.Kg2 Kd3 65.Kxg3 Kc3 66.Kf3 Kb3 67.Re2 a2 68.Re3+ Kb4 69.Re4+ Kb5 70.Re5+ Kc6 0-1

NEW WEST OPEN (October 7-9) by Eric Gu/Stephen Wright



Organized by the West Chess Club, the 2017 New West Open brought the Royal Game (chess) back to the Royal City (New Westminster) during the October 7-9 Thanksgiving long weekend. The last major CFC-rated tournament held in New Westminster was the BC Championship in 1993, twenty-four years ago. The tournament attracted seventy-one players, including Jorge Nunez Asencio from Cuba, IM Raymond Kaufman, NM Jason Kenney, and NM Peter Ferguson. In the Premier Section: Raymond Kaufman won first place, giving up two draws to Jason Kenney and Daniel E. Salcedo and winning his other games; Jason Kenney and Daniel E. Salcedo tied for the second place and U2000 prize. All three were undefeated and drew with each other; Salcedo was up an exchange in his two games but chose not to press the issue, while the Kenney-Kaufman affair ended in a decidedly murky position. Making significant rating gains were Salcedo, Manuel Escandor, Chuyang Gu, and Sherry Tian; the latter has now capped three years of steady gains since her first CFC event by becoming BC's newest Expert.



IM Raymond Kaufman

In U1800 section: Prabhsimran Singh won the first place with 5.5 points, Tristan Taylor the second, while Daniel Wang and Andy Zhang tied for first place U1400. In U1200: Peter Yong Qiu and Aaron Anandji tied for first place and Jessica Qian got the first place U800. Jerald Mamaradlo won the first place unrated. The tournament venue was the Douglas College New Westminster Campus, a very quiet place in downtown New Westminster, close to two skytrain stations. Notably the first round was delayed thirty minutes when a printer driver incapacitated the TD's computer, resulting in manual and hand-written pairings; we were also treated to the spectacle of two games going 113 and 135 moves respectively, both involving the same player. Organizers: Eric Gu, Nicole Zhao, David Yang, and Lily Jia. TD: Stephen Wright. [Tournament website](#)

Kaufman, Raymond - Nunez Asencio, Jorge [B00] New West op New Westminster (3.1), 08.10.2017

1.e4 Nc6 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 Bg4 5.d5 Ne5 6.Nxe5 Bxd1 7.Bb5+ c6 8.dxc6 dxe5 9.c7+ Qd7 10.Bxd7+ Kxd7 11.Kxd1 Kxc7 12.Ke2 e6 13.f3 Bb4 14.Nd1 Nd7 15.Nf2 Nb8 16.Nd3 Nc6 17.Be3 Rhd8 18.c3 Bd6 19.b4 b6 20.Rhd1 f6 21.a4 Rac8 22.a5 Kb7 23.Rd2 Ne7 24.axb6 axb6 25.Rda2 Bb8 26.Ra3 Rd6 27.b5 Rc4 28.Nb2 Rc7 29.c4 Nc8 30.c5 bxc5 31.Nc4 Rdd7 32.b6 Nxb6 33.Nxb6 1-0

Landingin, Jofrel - Salcedo, Daniel E. [E62] New West op New Westminster (5.3), 09.10.2017

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 g6 3.Bg2 Bg7 4.d4 d6 5.0-0 0-0 6.c4 c6 7.Nc3 Qa5 8.e4 Qb4 9.Qb3 Qxb3 10.axb3 Na6 11.Bg5 h6 12.Be3 Nd7 13.Rfd1 Re8 14.d5 Ndc5 15.Nd2 Nd3 16.Ndb1 Ndb4 17.Rd2 Bd7 18.Bf1 c5 19.Na3 Nc7 20.Nc2 Nxc2 21.Rxc2 Reb8 22.Nb5 Bxb5 23.cxb5 b6 24.Kg2 Rb7 25.Bc4 a6 26.b4 a5 27.bxa5 bxa5 28.Bd2 Nxb5 29.Rxa5 Rxa5 30.Bxa5 Nd4 31.Rd2 Nb3 32.Bxb3 Rxb3 33.Bc3 Bxc3 34.bxc3 Rxc3 35.Kf1 Kg7 36.Ke2 Kf6 37.f4 g5 38.Kf2 g4 39.Re2 Rd3 40.Ra2 e6 41.Ke2 Rd4 42.Ra6 exd5 43.e5+ Ke7 44.Rxd6 c4 45.Rc6 Kd7 46.Rc5 Rd3 47.Ra5 d4 48.Ra7+ Ke6 49.Ra6+ Ke7 50.Ra7+ Kf8 51.Ra8+ Kg7 52.Ra4 Re3+ 53.Kd1 Rc3 54.Kd2 Kg6 55.Ra6+ Kf5 56.Rf6+ Ke4 57.Rxf7 Ra3 58.e6 Ra2+ 59.Kc1 Kd3 60.Kb1 Re2 61.f5 c3 62.Rc7 Kd2 63.Ka2 c2 64.Kb2 d3 65.Rc3 Re5 66.Rc7 0-1

Kenney, Jason - Kaufman, Raymond [E57] New West op New Westminster (6.1), 09.10.2017

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0-0 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nf3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b6 10.Bg5 Bb7 11.a3 Be7 12.Re1 Nc6 13.Qd3 Rc8 14.Rad1 Nd5 15.h4 Nxc3 16.bxc3 Na5 17.Bxe7 Qxe7 18.Ng5 g6 19.Bxe6 fxe6 20.Rxe6 Qg7 21.Rde1 Bd5 22.Re7 Qf6 23.Qg3 Rxc3 24.Nxh7 Rxc3 1/2-1/2

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Opponent - Harper, Bruce [A41] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

Occasionally - and that means "not very often" - I can put a game in this column simply because I played well. Nowadays, of course, there is a difference between "thinking you played well" and "actually playing well", and the omniscient computer engine lets you know which is which.

1.d4 [0:03:00] **1...g6** [0:03:00] **2.Nf3** [0:02:59] **2...Bg7** [0:03:00] **3.Bf4** [0:02:57] A very solid system, in which White tries to defer any crisis in the game until the middlegame, if not longer. **3...d6** [0:02:59] **4.e3** [0:02:57] **4...Nc6** [0:02:58] My chosen way of meeting White's opening - Black plays to set up his own strongpoint on e5. **5.h3** [0:02:55] **5...Bd7** [0:02:57]



To avoid a queen trade after ...e7–e5. **6.c4!?** [0:02:53] Not a bad move, as it allows White's b1–knight to develop to a natural square (Nb1–c3), although 6.c4!? also eliminates the possibility of reinforcing White's d4–pawn with c2–c3. **6...e5** [0:02:54] **7.Bh2?** [0:02:51] White had to respond with 7.Bg5, despite the apparent loss of tempo after 7...f6 8.Bh4, because of a tactical nuance (that Black also overlooks). **7...Nh6?** [0:02:52] Missing 7...exd4! 8.exd4 Qf6!, when White's d4–pawn can't be defended and can't advance to escape capture (9.d5? Qxb2). **8.Nc3** [0:02:50] White should probably close the centre with 8.d5, but that would make the deployment of his bishop to h2 rather suspect. **8...0–0** [0:02:50] **9.Be2** [0:02:49]



9...exd4! [0:02:46] **10.exd4** [0:02:47] **10...Nf5** [0:02:45] Now a series of nearly forced moves follows. **11.d5** [0:02:45] **11...Ncd4** [0:02:44] **12.Nxd4** [0:02:41] **12...Nxd4** [0:02:44] **13.0–0** [0:02:40] **13...Nxe2+** [0:02:43] **14.Qxe2?!** [0:02:39] **14...Re8** [0:02:42] **15.Qd2** [0:02:38] **15...a6** [0:02:38] Preventing Nc3–b5–d4, and at the same time preparing for a possible ...b7–b5. **16.Rfe1** [0:02:36] **16...Qh4!** [0:02:22]



At this point, having obtained an equal position, Black starts to play well. **17.b3?** [0:02:25] White's only good reply to 16...Qh4! is 17.Bf4!, blocking the attack on his c4–pawn and preparing to bring his bishop back into play. White overlooks this resource and, suprisingly (at least to me) loses in only six more moves. **17...Qd4!** [0:02:14] This very logical and principled move collapses White's position. After the exchange of queens (which is forced - White's c3–knight is also attacked), White gets in serious trouble along the a1–h8 diagonal, and he doesn't have time to bring his h2–bishop back into the game. **18.Qxd4** [0:02:02] **18...Bxd4** [0:02:14] **19.Rec1** [0:01:52]



A sad necessity, because if White plays 19.Rac1, either with or without exchanging rooks on the e-file, he loses a piece after 19...Bxc3 (20.Rxc3 Rxe1 mate). **19...b5!** [0:02:11] Another key move - Black opens lines for his a8-rook and also further weakens White's queenside pawns. 19...b5! also threatens 20...b4. **20.a3** [0:01:38] **20...bxc4** [0:02:06] **21.bxc4** [0:01:36] **21...Rab8** [0:02:05]



Rooks on open files, active bishops - who would ever think I played this game? **22.Bg3** [0:01:19] White had to try 22.Bf4 Rb3 23.Bd2, but after 23...Rb2! 24.Be3 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Rxe3, White is a pawn down in a bad position. **22...Rb3** [0:01:58] White resigns. **0-1**

IN MEMORIAM

With sadness we note two recent deaths in the chess world. **GM William Lombardy (1937-2017)** was one of the leading American players in the 1950s and 60s. A contemporary of Bobby Fischer, he was instrumental in the latter's ascendancy to the world championship, this while semi-retired from chess as a practicing Catholic priest. He won the 1957 World Junior Championship in Toronto with a perfect score, the only person to do so, and was co-winner of the First Canadian Open in 1956 with Larry Evans. He met the BC players Suttles and Biyiasas a number of times in US open tournaments, generally scoring well against them. [ChessBase obituary](#)

Suttles, Duncan – Lombardy, William [A22] US op Chicago (10), 22.08.1973

1.g3 e5 2.c4 Nf6 3.d3 Bb4+ 4.Nc3 0-0 5.Bg2 c6 6.a3 Bxc3+ 7.bxc3 Re8 8.Nh3 d5 9.cxd5 cxd5 10.Rb1 h6 11.0-0 Nc6 12.Kh1 Qc7 13.Ng1 b6 14.Bd2 Be6 15.Qa4 Rac8 16.Rfc1 Qd7 17.Rd1 Rc7 18.Be1 Qc8 19.Rbc1 e4 20.h3 Ne5 21.f3 exd3 22.exd3 Bf5 23.Bf1 Nfd7 24.g4 Bh7 25.Bg3 Nc5 26.Qb5 a6 27.Qb1 Rc6 28.Bxe5 Rxe5 29.Re1 Rxe1 30.Rxe1 Ne6 31.Qb4 g5 32.c4 d4 33.Qb2 Qc7 34.Qf2 Rc5 35.Ne2 Re5 36.f4 gxf4 37.Ng1 Re3 38.Nf3 Qc5 39.a4 Ng5 40.Ng1 Qc6+ 41.Bg2 f3 42.Nxf3 Rxf3 43.Bxf3 Nxf3 44.Rd1 Bxd3 45.a5 bxa5 46.Kg2 Be4 47.Ra1 Qxc4 48.Rxa5 Ng5+ 49.Kg3 Qc7+ 0-1

The other figure was a giant in Canadian chess, **IA Philip Haley (1924-2017)**. Phil was instrumental in creating much of what we take for granted in the modern CFC, as indicated by the following, written in 1973(!):

At the Annual Meeting of the Chess Federation of Canada, held August 4th in Ottawa, Phil Haley resigned from his post as President of the CFC. During the two years that he was President he made a real personal sacrifice of his free time. Phil and his wife worked as a team answering letters and creating interest across Canada. He established a close working relationship with the provincial associations which resulted in increased memberships. During this time Phil was able to increase the membership fee from \$2.00 to \$5.00, laying the foundation for the reorganization of the CFC structure. Without a doubt, Phil Haley is the number one tournament director in Canada, having directed most of the major tournaments in recent years. Indeed, he is known as "Mr. Tournament Director" by many of the players.

It was through Phil's efforts that Canada adopted a rating system [see [Bulletin #282](#)] and he was our first rating statistician, holding this post for two years. He was also one of the founders of the Chess Foundation of Canada and was Chairman of the Foundation for the first eight years of its operation. Some of Phil's hard work can be evidenced by the CFC Handbook which contains the FIDE Rules and the Rules for Canadian Championship tournaments, a manual which was published in 1957. He is now working on revisions to this document. He also drafted and constantly revised the Rules for Swiss System tournaments, which is a very popular tournament in Canada and the US.

Phil is especially well known for his accomplishments where Swiss tournaments are concerned. He and the late Kenneth Harkness were co-authors of a report to the 1972 FIDE Congress on the Application of the Swiss System to FIDE tournaments. At the request of FIDE, Phil has recently submitted a simplified version of this report to FIDE to be used by Federations which do not have a rating system.

In cooperation with Mayor Jean Drapeau of Montreal, Phil submitted a proposal for the staging of the World Championship match (Fischer vs Spassky) to be held in Montreal, in 1972.

"Phil Haley is a brilliant Tournament Director," wrote IGM Larry Evans in *Chess Life and Review* after participating in the 1958 Canadian Open in Winnipeg [incidentally won by Elod Macskasy]. And, after the 1966 Canadian Open in Kingston, Evans wrote: "... his pairings are impartial and automatic, thus making it possible for any competitor to predict his opponent in the next round. Everyone knows where he stands and what to expect..."

Phil was born in New Brunswick where he graduated from Acadia University with a degree in Science. He also graduated from McGill University with a Chemical Engineering degree. Phil and his wife have one daughter, Nancie, who is a senior in high school. He is still a very active chess player and has participated in three US Opens in addition to many events in Canada.

The Executive and members are indebted to Phil for his contribution to chess organization in Canada and congratulate him on his recent appointment as International Arbiter, by FIDE, a title which he has certainly earned. [*CFC Bulletin*, November-December 1973]

A detailed (up-to-date) [obituary](#). Phil directed the 1971 Canadian Open in Vancouver, but earlier in the fall of 1953 he spent some time in Port Moody and took the opportunity to play some chess:

“The keenly-contested match between Phil G. Haley of Sarnia and J.M. Taylor, Vancouver, resulted in a hard-earned victory for Taylor, with a score of 5.0-1.0. The following game is from the match, with notes by the winner.”



Jack Taylor and Phil Haley at the 1945 Canadian Championship in Saskatoon

Taylor, Jack – Haley, Philip G. [B30] Haley – Taylor m, 1953

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nimzovich's move, seldom played today - but a welcome change from the usual Dragon or Paulsen variation. **3...Nf6 4.Qe2 a6 5.Bxc6 dxc6 6.d3 Qc7 7.b3 Bg4 8.Bb2 Nd7 9.Nbd2 b5 10.Nf1 e5 11.h3 Bh5 12.Ng3 Bg6 13.0–0 Be7 14.Nf5 Bxf5 15.exf5 f6 16.Rfe1 0–0–0 17.a4 g6** Perhaps 17...b4 is better, as the open file gives White a big advantage. **18.axb5 axb5 19.Ra6 gxf5 20.Rea1 Nb6 21.Ra7 Qd6 22.Nxe5 Qe6** If 22...fxe5 23.Bxe5 Qe6 24.Rc7+ Kb8 25.Rxe7+ and wins. **23.R1a6 fxe5 24.Rxb6 Bd6 25.Rxc6+ Kb8 26.Raa6 Rhe8 27.Rab6+ Ka7** 27...Ka8 is better, but White wins as follows: 28.Qe1 Re7 29.Qa1+ Ra7 30.Ra6 Rdd7 31.Rc8+ Kb7 32.Rxa7+ Kxc8 33.Ra8+ Bb8 34.Bxe5 Rb7 35.Bxb8 Rxb8 36.Qh8+, which is decisive. **28.Qe1 1–0**

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