

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #372

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### HERE AND THERE

#### Important announcements for junior players

CFC Youth Coordinator Christine Tao has issued an important document indicating the eligibility and deadlines for Canadian junior players wishing to participate in national and international (North American, Pan-American, World) events – read the document [here](#). Note especially that due to time constraints applications for this year's World Cadet Championships (scheduled for Weifang, China at the end of August) will be accepted BEFORE the CYCC in Regina (July 6-10) – see posting on the [CFC Forum](#).

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#### **THIRD TIME LUCKY: Team BC Edges out Team Washington** by Paul Leblanc



Team members flanked by TD Mark Dutton, IA (left) and organizer Paul Leblanc (right).  
(photo: Wendy Matsubuchi)

The third annual BC vs Washington match took place at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Victoria on the weekend of 18-20 January, 2019. In past matches, the two teams were divided into four groups of five and faced off in a Scheveningen format where each player played against the five players

on the opposing team. This year the format was changed to a one section Swiss with a stipulation that team mates would not be paired. I believe it was more popular with the players as it felt more like everyone was on one team and the Swiss format allowed some of the juniors to get experience against stronger players.

On paper, BC was clearly the stronger team but quickly found themselves in a close fight. Led by a strong performance by FM Curt Collyer, the Washington team, although out-rated by almost two hundred points, kept the match close the entire way, finally surrendering 26.0-24.0. The previous two matches had been won by Washington. The Team BC leader turned out to be BC Senior Champion Arpak Worya Mohammed Qanee who recently arrived in Vancouver from Kurdistan and who hopes to become a permanent resident. Collyer and Mohammed Qanee both finished undefeated with 4.0-1.0 scores.

The match was sponsored by the Washington Chess Federation, the BC Chess Federation, the Victoria Chess Club and Victoria Chess. TD was Mark Dutton, IA, assisted by Christine Dutton.



Arpak Mohammed Qanee vs FM Curt Collyer final round draw. WCF President Josh Sinanan vs FM Tanraj Sohal in the background (photo: Paul Leblanc)

### **Collyer, Curt – Kenney, Jason [E60] BC-WA m Victoria (2.1), 19.01.2019**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.b3 Bg7 4.Bb2 0–0 5.g3 d6 6.d4 e5 7.dxe5 Ng4 8.Bg2 Nc6 9.Nc3 Ngxe5  
10.Nxe5 Nxe5 11.Qd2 Rb8 12.0–0 h5 13.h3 h4 14.f4 Nd7 15.g4 a6 16.Rad1 b5 17.cxb5 axb5  
18.Bc6 Bb7 19.Bxb5 Nc5 20.Bc4 Qe7 21.Bd5 c6 22.Bf3 d5 23.Ba3 Rfe8 24.Qc1 Bf8 25.Na4 Nxb3  
26.Bxe7 Nxc1 27.Bxf8 Nxe2+ 28.Bxe2 Rxe2 29.Bc5 Rxa2 30.Ra1 1–0

### **Mohammed Qanee, Arpak W. – Sinanan, Joshua C. [B05] BC-WA m Victoria (4.1), 20.01.2019**

1.e4 Nf6 2.e5 Nd5 3.d4 d6 4.Nf3 Bg4 5.Be2 e6 6.0–0 Be7 7.c4 Nb6 8.exd6 cxd6 9.h3 Bh5 10.Nc3  
0–0 11.b3 d5 12.c5 Bxf3 13.Bxf3 Nc8 14.b4 a6 15.a4 Nc6 16.Rb1 Bf6 17.Be3 N8e7 18.b5 axb5  
19.axb5 Na5 20.b6 Nf5 21.Nb5 Nc6 22.g4 Nxe3 23.fxe3 Bg5 24.Qd3 Bh6 25.Nd6 Qb8 26.e4 Ra4  
27.exd5 Rxd4



Okay, so an engine will quickly tell you the following sacrifice is unsound. Instead turn your electronics off and enjoy the fruits of human imagination – fortune favours the brave ...

28.dxc6 Rxd3 29.c7 Qa8 30.Ra1 Ra3 31.Bxb7 Qa4 32.Rxa3 Qxa3 33.Rxf7 Qxc5+ 34.Kg2 Qc2+ 35.Kg3 Qd3+ 36.Kg2 Qd2+ 37.Kh1 Qxd6 38.Rxf8+ Qxf8 39.c8Q Qxc8 40.Bxc8 Kf7 41.Kg2 Bf4 42.Kf3 Bd6 43.Ke4 Kf6 44.h4 g5 45.h5 h6 46.Kd4 Ke7 47.Kc4 Ba3 48.Kb5 e5 49.Bf5 Kd6 50.Be4 Kd7 51.Bf5+ Kd6 52.b7 Kc7 53.Be4 Kb8 54.Kc6 Bf8 55.Kd7 Ka7 56.Kc7 1–0

## FIVE-WAY TIE IN 2019 VICTORIA OPEN

The 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Victoria Open was held in the Topaz Room at the Comfort Inn and Suites in Victoria on the weekend of 18-20 June 2019, sharing the venue with the annual BC vs Washington match. A surprising seventy-one players took part, a new record for this relatively new tournament. An additional twenty players competed in the match.

Zulfikar Sali, who has put together a string of impressive results over the past year and who was awarded the National Master title just before the Victoria Open, led the field with a perfect 4.0-0.0 going into the last round. He seemed unstoppable at that point. Victoria Master Harry Moore had other ideas. With apparent ease, he handed Zulfikar a rare loss that created a five-way tie for first place. Joining Moore and Zulfikar at the top were Ryan Leong, Patrick Huang and Tristan Taylor. Moore took the trophy on tie-break. Cash prizes were shared.

The five-way tie was not an indication of any lack of fighting chess as the top five players had a total of only two draws in the entire tournament, both by Tristan Taylor. Somewhat oddly, there was only one direct encounter among the five winners – Moore's last round victory against Sali. For Moore, it was a meaningful result as his first serious chess tournament took place fifty years ago. He has been near the top of chess in BC all those years including two BC championships in 1990 and 2002. There is no other active player in BC with a stronger pedigree.

In the U1500 Section, Victoria Chess Club member Raemur Bedward, playing in only his second tournament ever, swept the field with a perfect 5.0-0.0 score. The tournament was most capably overseen by International Arbiter Mark Dutton of Duncan, assisted by his wife Christine Dutton. The event was sponsored by Victoria Chess and the Victoria Chess Club.



A curiosity from the last round. White obviously has a large material advantage but how to make progress? The game was agreed drawn forty moves later.

**Kagaoan, Jose – Moore, Harry [B02] Victoria op 4th Victoria (3.2), 19.01.2019**

1.e4 Nf6 2.Bc4 Nxe4 3.Bxf7+ Kxf7 4.Qh5+ Kg8 5.Qd5+ e6 6.Qxe4 d5 7.Qe2 Nc6 8.Nf3 Qf6 9.Nc3 a6 10.d3 Bd6 11.Bg5 Qf7 12.d4 Bd7 13.0–0–0 b5 14.Qd2 h6 15.Be3 Kh7 16.h4 Rhb8 17.h5 a5 18.Nh4 b4 19.Ne2 a4 20.g4 b3 21.a3 Na5 22.g5 hxg5 23.Qd3+ Kg8 24.h6 gxh4 25.Rdg1 Bb5 26.c4 Bxc4 27.Qb1 Qf5 28.Rxg7+ Kh8 29.Qxf5 exf5 30.Nf4 Bxf4 31.Bxf4 Re8 32.Rxc7 Re4 33.Be5+ Rxe5 34.dxe5 Re8 35.f4 Bd3 36.Rxh4 Nc4 37.h7 Be4 38.Rh6 Ne3 39.Rd6 Ng2 40.e6 Nxf4 41.e7 Nd3+ 42.Kd2 Kxh7 43.Rd8 Rxe7 44.Rxe7+ Kg6 45.Kc3 Kf6 46.Ree8 Nf4 47.Rd6+ Kg5 48.Rg8+ Kh5 49.Kd4 Ne2+ 50.Ke3 Nc3 51.bxc3 b2 52.Kf4 1–0



NM Harry Moore vs NM Zulfikar Sali (photo: Paul Leblanc)

**Sali, Zulfikar – Moore, Harry [A04] Victoria op 4th Victoria (5.1), 20.01.2019**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.g3 Nc6 4.Bg2 g6 5.0–0 Bg7 6.c3 e5 7.d3 Nge7 8.h4 h6 9.Nbd2 0–0 10.a4 Be6 11.Re1 Qc7 12.Nf1 d5 13.exd5 Nxd5 14.Ne3 Nxe3 15.Bxe3 b6 16.Qc1 Kh7 17.b4 cxb4 18.cxb4 Rac8 19.b5 Nb4 20.Qd2 Qd6 21.Rab1 Nxd3 22.h5 e4 23.Bf4 Qd7 24.Rxe4 Nxf4 25.Qxd7 Bxd7

26.Rxf4 g5 27.Rfb4 Bf5 28.Rd1 Bc3 29.Rbd4 Bxd4 30.Rxd4 Rfe8 31.g4 Be6 32.Ne5 Red8 33.Rb4 Rc1+ 34.Kh2 Rd2 35.Be4+ Kg7 36.Kg2 Re2 37.Nf3 Bxg4 38.Bd3 Bxf3+ 39.Kxf3 Re7 40.Be4 Rc3+ 41.Kg4 Rc5 42.f3 Rec7 43.Rb2 Rc4 44.Ra2 R7c5 45.Kg3 f5 46.Bc6 Rc2 47.Ra1 Rc1 48.Ra2 R5c2 49.Ra3 Kf6 50.Rd3 f4+ 51.Kg4 Rg1+ 52.Kh3 Rh1+ 0-1

## BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

### Harper, Bruce - Opponent [B24] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

I was thinking that it was time to find a game to write up, but first I thought I'd log onto ICC and play. This was the first game I played, so I had to conclude that the Chess Gods ordained it a successful candidate for publication.

**1.g3** [3:00] **c5** [3:00] **2.Bg2** [3:00] **Nc6** [3:00] **3.d3** [2:59] **d5** [2:56] **4.Nc3** [2:58] **Nf6** [2:55] **5.Bg5** [2:57] **e6** [2:47] **6.e4** [2:55] **d4** [2:45] **7.Nce2** [2:54] **Be7** [2:43] **8.Bd2** [2:53]



The engine isn't impressed by White's opening, although I think it's playable. White has lost a tempo with Bc1–g5–d2, but Black has lost a tempo with ...e7–e6–e5, and White is White, not Black. **8...h5!**? [2:39] An ambitious move, which attempts to short circuit White's normal play on the kingside. **9.h3** [2:51] **h4** [2:38] **10.g4** [2:50] **e5** [2:34]



Black now hopes to blockade the kingside, then attack on the queenside at his leisure. White can't allow this. **11.f4** [2:48] **exf4** [2:33] The engine suggests the interesting move 11...g5!? **12.Bxf4** [2:47] **Bd6** [2:29] **13.Qd2** [2:45] **Qc7** [2:25] **14.Nf3** [2:40] **Ne5** [2:24] **15.Nxe5** [2:34] **Bxe5** [2:23] **16.Bxe5** [2:33] Here 16.0-0 is more exact. I thought Black's queen would be uncomfortably placed on e5, but castling gains time. **16...Qxe5** [2:22] **17.0-0** [2:33] **17...g5?** [2:13]



Black overplays his hand. Focused on positional considerations, he forgets about something more basic - development. White is almost fully mobilized, and Black has only two pieces in play. Not surprisingly, White now gains a significant advantage by opening the position. **18.c3!** [2:29] **Be6?!** [1:51] **19.cxd4** [2:25] **cx d4** [1:51] **20.Qb4!** [2:23]



This move prevents Black from castling kingside, attacks Black's d4—and b7—pawns, and sets a nasty trap. **20...0-0-0?** [1:50] **21.Rxf6!** [2:10] This was White's idea, although White also has **21.Rac1+ Kb8 22.Rc5!**, forcing Black's e5—queen away from the defence of his f6—knight. **21...Qxf6** [1:48] **22.e5** [2:08]



Everything works - with the h1—a8 diagonal open for White's g2—bishop, White threatens **23.Qxb7** mate, as well as **23.exf6**, capturing Black's queen. The combination works because **22...Qe7** fails to **23.Qxe7**. Black resigns. **1-0**

## HAMMER TIME by Dan Scoones

*There are games in chess won by the same style, same manner, same number of moves and even same moves. There are doubles.* (Lubomir Kavalek)

*What should never have happened once may well happen twice.* (Bruce Harper).

The following miniature was played in one of the preliminary rounds of the 1968 Lugano Olympiad between the untitled player Glen Gibbs of Hong Kong and GM Lothar Schmid of West Germany.

**Gibbs, Glen – Schmid, Lothar [B02 – Alekhine's Defence] Lugano ol (Men) qual-E Lugano (4), 21.10.1968**

**1.e4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.exd5 Nxd5 4.Nge2?! Not the best way of handling Alekhine's Defence. And there is more to come. 4...Nc6 5.g3? White could still play to equalize with 5.Nxd5. 5...Bg4! 6.Bg2** White's big idea is that Black must now defend his knight on d5. White's big idea is wrong. **6...Nd4! 7.Bxd5** Of course 7.Nxd5 is met by 7...Bxe2, winning White's queen. But the move in the game is no improvement. It is Hammer Time!



**Black to play and win**

**7...Qxd5! 8.f3** White must grovel because taking the queen leads to mate after 8.Nxd5 Nf3+ 9.Kf1 Bh3#. **8...Qxf3 9.Rf1 Qg2** White is already a pawn down and must soon give up the exchange after ...Bh3 followed by ...Nf3+. Therefore he **resigned (0:1)**.

When I ran across this game a few weeks ago it rang a bell – I knew I had seen the theme before. After a brief search through my library I found the following game in GM Alexander Kotov's book *Избранные Партии* (Selected Games), published in 1962.

**Gurgenidze, Bukhuti – Kotov, Alexander [B23 – Sicilian Defence] URS-ch FL Yerevan (1), 1954**

**1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nge2 Nf6 4.g3 d5 5.exd5 Nd4 6.Bg2 Bg4 7.d3?** Better was 7.0-0 Nxd5 8.f3 with a playable game for White. **7...Nxd5! 8.Bxd5**



Compared with the previous game, Black has in the extra move ...c5 and White has in the extra move ...d3. No matter... it is still Hammer Time! **8...Qxd5! 9.f3** As we saw above, 9.Nxd5 leads to mate after 9...Nf3+ 10.Kf1 Bh3#. **9...Qxf3 10.Rf1 Qg2 11.Be3** Gurgenidze does not want to lose a game in 10 moves and therefore decides to continue the "struggle." **11...Nf3+ 12.Rxf3 Qxf3 13.Bxc5**

**Black to play and win**



**13...h5!** Bringing up the heavy artillery with maximum speed. **14.Kd2 g6 15.Be3 h4 16.Qg1 hxg3 17.hxg3 Bh3 18.Nb5 Rc8 19.Re1 a6 20.Nbd4 Qg2 21.Qxg2 Bxg2 22.Nf4 Bh1** An amusing resource. **23.Bg1 Bg7 24.c4 Rd8 25.Nc2 e5 26.d4 Kf8 27.Ne2 exd4 28.Ncxd4 Bf3 29.Ke3 Bg4 30.Kf4 Bxe2 31.Nxe2 Rd2 32.Nc3 Rh5 33.Nd5 Bd4** In this hopeless position White finally resigned (0:1).

And now for two strategic doubles played many years apart.

**Kramnik, Vladimir – Beliavsky, Alexander G. [A07 – Réti Opening] Belgrade Investbank (11), 1995**

**1.Nf3 d5 2.g3 c6 3.Bg2 Bg4 4.0-0 Nd7 5.d4 e6 6.Nbd2 f5 7.c4 Bd6 8.Qb3 Rb8 9.Re1 Nh6 10.cxd5 cxd5 11.h3 Bh5**



Here the four-time Soviet champion Alexander Beliavsky was probably feeling satisfied with his position. Not only has he established the so-called "Stonewall" formation, but he has managed to get his light-squared bishop to an active position. However, the future World Champion Vladimir Kramnik has a different view of things. It is Hammer Time. **12.e4! fxe4 13.Ng5!**



Now if Black takes the knight he immediately runs into some unpleasant tactics: 13...Qxg5 14.Nxe4 Qe7 15.Bg5! (or even 15.Nxd6+ Qxd6 16.Bf4 Qe7 17.Bxd5 Bf7 18.Bxb8 Nxb8 19.Bxe6 0-0 20.Bxf7+ and White ends up with a rook and several pawns against two knights) 15...dxe4 (or 15...Qf8 16.Qxd5! exd5 17.Nxd6#) 16.Bxe7 Kxe7 17.Bxe4 Bf7 18.g4 and despite having three pieces for the queen, Black has a lost position. Beliavsky is having none of this and instead decides to dig in and take his chances with passive defence. **13...Bf7 14.Ndxe4!** The real point of White's 12th move: the e-file is opened by force and Black's defensive bastion on e6 is destroyed. **14...dxe4 15.Nxe6 Bxe6** 15...Qb6 is met by 16.Nxg7+ followed by 17.Bxh6. **16.Qxe6+ Qe7 17.Rxe4 Kd8** More testing is 17...Qxe6 18.Rxe6+ Be7 but White wins after 19.Bxh6 Kf7! 20.Bd5! Nf6 (if 20...gxh6 then

21.Rae1 followed by a deadly discovered check) 21.Bb3! gxh6 22.Rae1 Bb4 23.Re7+ Kg6 24.Bc2+ Ne4 25.Re6+ Kg7 26.R1xe4, etc. **18.Qd5** Now White recovers the piece after 18...Nf6 19.Rxe7 Nxd5 20.Re6 and therefore **Beliavsky resigned (1:0)**.

This game also rang a bell, but a familiar one. It didn't take me too long to dig up the following encounter – played exactly 60 years earlier – from Reuben Fine's book *Lessons From My Games* (1958).

**Fine, Reuben – Simonson, Albert [A84 – Dutch Defence] ACF-36.Congress Masters Milwaukee, 1935**

**1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 c6 4.e3 Nd7 5.Nf3 Bd6 6.Bd3 f5 7.cxd5 cxd5 8.Bd2** Threatening 9.Nb5 followed by either 10.Rc1 or 10.Bb4 depending on Black's response, and thus forcing Black to spend a tempo on his next move. **8...a6 9.0–0 Qf6 10.Re1! Bb8 11.Rc1 Ne7** Simonson's last few moves indicate that he has tuned into Fine's big idea. Unfortunately, he can only prepare for it; he cannot prevent it.



It is Hammer Time. **12.e4!** The same sacrificial idea as in Kramnik-Beliavsky, and on the same move number. **12...fxe4** If Black tries to decline the sacrifice the e-file will be opened in any case. **13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Nxe4 Qf8** Fine dismisses the defence 14...Qg6 as follows: 15.Neg5 Nf6 16.Qb3 0-0 17.Nxe6 Bxe6 18.Qxe6+ Rf7 19.Ng5 and White wins. However, he is silent about the alternative 14...Qg6 15.Neg5 Nf8!?, attempting to hold the pawn on e6. Breaking through effectively is not a simple matter, but White can manage this with 16.Qb3! (threatening 17.Rxc8+ followed by 18.Qxb7) 16...b5!? 17.Rxc8+! (anyway) 17...Nxc8 18.Qd5! and White's attack will prove decisive. **15.Qb3 h6 16.Qxe6 Nc5** Or 16...Kd8 17.Ba5+, etc. **17.Nf6+ Qxf6 18.Qxc8+ Kf7 19.Qxc5**



Black has avoided both mate and major loss of material, but nevertheless his situation is hopeless. **19...Rd8 20.Qb4 Bd6 21.Qb3+ Kf8 22.Re6 Qf5 23.Rce1 Nd5 24.Qxb7 Rab8 25.Rxd6!** "The simplest," says Fine, and it is hard to disagree. **25...Rxb7 26.Rxd8+ Kf7 27.Ne5+ Ke7** If 27...Ke6 then 28.Nc4+, winning the queen after 28...Kf7 29.Ne6+, or 28...Kf6 29.Rf8+. **28.Rxd5 Qc2 29.Bc3 Rc7 30.Nf3+ Kf7 31.Rde5 Qa4 32.h3** "There is nothing to be done against the elementary advance of White's Queen Pawn" (Fine) and therefore **Simonson resigned (1:0)**. A powerful display by one of the strongest American players of all time.

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## 1937 ARTHUR DAKE SIMULTANEOUS

"[Arthur W. Dake](#), Pacific Coast chess champion, will give a simultaneous chess display, including one blindfold game, at the Vancouver Chess Club, 835 Granville Street, Tuesday, June 15, at 8pm. Dake, who resides in Portland, is visiting Vancouver during the course of a chess tour of the Pacific Coast. His exhibition here will be preceded by a short talk on various chess openings. Approximately twenty local players will contest against the champion." [*Vancouver Sun*, 12 June 1937]

"Arthur W. Dake, Pacific Coast chess champion, won eighteen of his twenty-one simultaneous exhibition games at the Vancouver Chess Club Tuesday night. The other three matches were drawn, one of them with the present BC champion, Mr. C.F. Millar, and another with the past

BC champion, Mr. J.M. Taylor.

In one of the matches Mr. Dake played blindfolded against Mr. S. Jackson and won after thirty moves. A blindfold match is one where the player sits behind a screen and is told the moves his opponent makes. He then tells an assistant where to move his figures.

Mr. Dake defeated S. Jackson, E. Hall, D. Savage, B. Blockberger, C.E. Draper, C.C. McKenzie, O. Hawes, A.G. Bourne, Mr. Van Velzen, C. Samek, F. Ilott, A. Hammond, J.H. Mayer, W.E. Fillery, H.T. Hill, Mrs. A.F. Gunn. He drew with A.G.W. Melhuish, J.M. Taylor and C.F. Millar." [*The Province*, 16 June 1937]



(The photo is a detail from one of two images posted by Russell Miller on the [Northwest Chess Blog](#) which depict Dake in one of his most famous events, Pasadena 1932, where he defeated the then-current World Champion Alexander Alekhine; clicking on the images gives access to much higher resolution versions.)

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **Vancouver Rapid League 2018-2019**

Monthly until May 2019

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### **BC Open**

February 16-18, Richmond

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### **Chess Challenge Regional #3**

February 24, Vancouver

[Details](#)

### **BCYCC**

March 9-10, Richmond

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### **BC Active Championship**

March 17, Vancouver

[Details](#)

### **Stan Rogers Memorial**

April 6, Chilliwack

[Details](#)

### **Grand Pacific Open**

April 19-22, Victoria

[Details](#)

### **Paul Keres Memorial**

May 18-20, Richmond

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