

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #403

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.

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Training Partner Wanted

I am looking for a chess training partner to meet over Zoom to play 30+20 games and then analyze thoroughly afterwards. I would also like to practice endgame positions and possibly openings.

I have played a total of five CFC rated games and my provisional rating is 944. For what it's worth, my classical time control rating on lichess is ~1700. Let's help each other improve! If interested, please contact Simon at ebc.chess@gmail.com.

CFC Memberships

As [previously announced](#), the CFC was automatically extending memberships that expired on or after March 1, 2020. This was done due the drastically reduced number of CFC-rated events due to the COVID-19 pandemic. On November 1, after eight months, the CFC ended the automatic extension of memberships. This was due to the increasing number of CFC-rated events available online to all members across Canada as well as the return of some over the board events.

The CFC is now adding eight months to all memberships that expired on or after March 1, 2020:

March 1, 2020 expiry dates will be changed to November 1, 2020

April 1, 2020 expiry dates will be changed to December 1, 2020

May 1, 2020 expiry dates will be changed to January 1, 2021

Etc, etc.

The changes should be completed by the end of November (Bob Gillanders is now working hard on this). CFC memberships that expired before March 1, 2020 remain expired. If your membership needs renewing, the CFC now uses a system called GoMembership to manage its memberships – see <https://www.chess.ca/en/players/membership-join/> for more information.

BC vs Washington Match to take place 16-17 January 2021 by Paul Leblanc

Washington State has challenged BC to play a 5th annual chess match. For the first time Washington will host the event and for the first time it will be held on chess.com. Otherwise, the match will closely resemble the usual format: ten players on each team, five rounds and Swiss

pairings with team mates precluded from playing each other. The event will be CFC Quick rated and Northwest Chess rated. Time control will be game in 60 minutes with ten second increments. Only CFC membership will be required.

There will be a guaranteed prize fund of \$1,000 U.S.



Last year's participants

The ten places on Team BC will be **by invitation**. At this time, players with CFC ratings above 2000 may contact Paul Leblanc to obtain an invitation. This threshold will be lowered in mid-December if ten players are not registered.

Here is a link to the [tournament page](#). The page has a link to registration but please obtain an **invitation** to register before actually doing so. For invitations contact: pc-leblanc@shaw.ca

2021 Victoria Open to be held 2-3 January 2021 by Paul leblanc

The annual Victoria Open will be held on the first weekend of the New Year. The venue will be chess.com. Details will be available shortly on the BCCF website and the Victoria Chess Club website. Entries will be limited to 100 only. Enter early to avoid disappointment.

NATIONAL YOUTH ACTIVE ONLINE CHESS CHAMPIONSHIPS (November 8)

Organized by the Juniors to Masters Chess Academy, the National Youth Active Online Chess Championships were designed as a replacement for the CYCC, scheduled for Mississauga last July but cancelled due to the pandemic. Subsequently FIDE announced their own replacement online rapid championships to be held in lieu of the cancelled World Cadet and World Youth

Championships (for which the CYCC is normally a qualifier), so it was only natural that the National Youth Active Championships also serve as a qualifying event for the new FIDE competition. The online Nationals followed the same format as the CYCC with division into sections by gender and two-year age brackets, with the proviso there were no separate U8 sections (there were U8 prizes but the players competed as part of the U10 sections, there being no U8 categories in the FIDE event).

Six rounds were played at a time control of 15 + 10, hosted on the chess.com platform. The championships attracted one hundred and forty-seven entrants, including Drake Chen, Rachel Chen, Zhengyu Chen, Neil Doknjas, Justin Gao, Veronica Guo, Jackie Hao, Nathan Hou, Patrick Huang, Winston, Huang, Joshua Imoo, Agrima Jaiman, Panshul Jaiman, Kate Jiang, William Jiang, Anthony Li, Zachary Liu, Ethan Low, Erwin Mok, Gillian Mok, Andrew Qiu, Peter Qiu, Dorsa Shaeri, Dennis Wang, Andrew Xu, Nathan Yang, Ryan Yang, Tim Yang, Oliver Ye, Kayden Zhang, Raymond Zhang, Leonardo Zhou, and Ivan Zong from this province (apologies if I overlooked anyone). BC prize winners were Kate Jiang and Patrick Huang, third in the U14G and U16 sections respectively; Gillian Mok, second in the U12G; and Justin Gao, who won the U10 section with a 5.5/6 score despite being initially ranked only seventeenth in the fifty-eight player section. Congratulations to the winners and to all the participants for continuing to compete in difficult circumstances. [JtM tournament page with links to crosstables and report](#)

Gao, Justin – Qian, Eric [B90] U10 (online) chess.com (4.3), 08.11.2020

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 e5 7.Nf3 Be7 8.Bc4 0–0 9.0–0 Be6 10.Bd5 Bxd5 11.Nxd5 Nxe4 12.Bb6 Qd7 13.Nc7 Nc6 14.Nxa8 Rxa8 15.Qd3 f5 16.Rad1 Rc8 17.c3 Kh8 18.Qd5 Nf6 19.Qb3 Qe8 20.Qe6 g6 21.Rxd6 Kg7 22.Rdd1 e4 23.Ng5 Nb8 24.Bd4 Nbd7 25.Qxd7 Qxd7 26.Bxf6+ Kxf6 27.Rxd7 and White won. 1–0

Huang, Patrick – Tanaka, Tyler Taira [A45] U16 (online) chess.com (5.70), 08.11.2020

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bf4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.e3 Bg7 5.h4 h5 6.Nf3 Bg4 7.Be2 Bxf3 8.Bxf3 c6 9.Qd2 Nbd7 10.0–0–0 b5 11.Rhe1 0–0 12.e4 b4 13.Nb1 dxe4 14.Bxe4 Nxe4 15.Rxe4 Nf6 16.Ree1 Nd5 17.Bh6 Bxh6 18.Qxh6 Qa5 19.Re5 Qxa2 20.g4 Nb6 21.Rxh5 gxh5 22.gxh5 f6 23.Qg6+ Kh8 24.b3 Nc4 25.bxc4 Qxc4 26.Qh6+ Kg8 27.Qg6+ Kh8 28.Qh6+ Kg8 29.Qg6+ Kh8 ½–½

Wu, Jonathan – Gao,Justin [D00] U10 (online) chess.com (6.1), 08.11.2020

1.d4 d5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.Nf3 e6 4.e3 c5 5.c3 Nc6 6.Nbd2 Bd7 7.Bd3 Qb6 8.Qb1 Be7 9.0–0 c4 10.Bc2 0–0 11.Re1 h6 12.h3 Qd8 13.e4 Ne8 14.e5 f5 15.exf6 Nxf6 16.Ne5 Nxe5 17.dxe5 Nh5 18.Be3 Bg5 19.g3 Bxe3 20.Rxe3 Qg5 21.h4 Qe7 22.Nf3 Rac8 23.Nd4 Qf7 24.f4 Be8 25.f5 Bd7 26.f6 gxf6 27.Bg6 Qg7 28.Bxh5 fxe5 29.Nc2 d4 30.Re4 Qxg3+ 31.Kh1 Bc6 32.Qe1 Rf2 33.Qg1 Bxe4+ 0–1

PETER BIYIASAS AT SEVENTY

We note that former BC and Canadian Champion Peter Biyiasas turned seventy on November 19 (incidentally also Capablanca's birthday).

Born in Athens, Greece, Biyiasas first played competitive chess in Winnipeg: he participated in the 1966 Manitoba - Minnesota match and also won the Winnipeg Inter-High School championship. By

May of 1967 Biyiasas had moved to Vancouver, placing sixth in that year's BC Championship. He improved rapidly, winning the tournament the following year and repeating as champion in 1969, 1971 and 1972. Unsurprisingly he also won various junior events he was eligible for, including the 1967 and 1968 BC High School championships and the 1971 US Junior Open. Biyiasas participated in four Canadian Championships, winning the title in 1972 and 1975 and tying for third in 1978. Team competitions seem to have brought out his best: Biyiasas played second reserve for the bronze medal winning Canadian team at the 1971 Mayaguez Student Olympiad, while in four full Olympiads he won three individual medals, two bronze (Skopje 1972 and Haifa 1976) and a silver (Buenos Aires 1978).



1969



1972



1978

Biyiasas became Canada's third (and BC's second) grandmaster in 1978 through results achieved at the Haifa Olympiad, Lone Pine 1978, and the GHI International (New York, 1978). He played in a number of international events including two Interzonals (Petropolis 1973 and Manila 1976) and three times at the annual Hastings tournament. His best results, in addition to those already mentioned, were a tie for first at Norristown 1973, third in the Marshall Chess Club International 1977, tying for first in the 1978 World Open, a tie for fourth at the 1980 Hoogovens tournament (behind Browne, Seirawan, and Korchnoi), and tying for second at Zrenjanin 1980.

However, by this point Biyiasas had emigrated and settled in California; he won a number of weekend events in the next few years, but increasingly transferred his attentions to a career as a computer programmer (paralleling to some degree the path of BC's other grandmaster, Duncan Suttles), a degenerative eye disorder was also a factor. His last competitive event appears to have been in 1986. Biyiasas was married to the late WIM [Ruth Haring](#); the couple had three children, the youngest of which, Theodore, is an expert-level tournament player.

Suttles, Duncan – Biyiasas, Peter [B24] CAN ch Pointe-Claire (1), 10.08.1969

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 Nf6 5.d3 Be7 6.Nh3 d5 7.exd5 exd5 8.Nf4 Bg4 9.f3 Bc8 10.0-0 11.Bd2 Nd4 12.Re1 Re8 13.a4 Ne6 14.a5 c4 15.dxc4 dxc4 16.Ra4 Nxf4 17.Bxf4 Bc5+ 18.Kh1 Rxe1+ 19.Qxe1 Be6 20.Bg5 Bd4 21.Ne2 h6 22.Bc1 Qd7 23.Ra1 Bc5 24.Bf4 Rd8 25.Be5 Qd2 26.Nf4 Qxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Bf5 28.Bf1 Bxc2 29.Bxc4 Bb4 30.Bxf6 gxf6 31.Re3 Bc5 32.Re1 Bb4 33.Re3 Bc5 34.Re1 Bd1 35.Rf1 Rd2 36.Bd5 b6 37.axb6 axb6 38.Bc4 Ba4 39.b4 Bxb4 40.Nd5 b5

41.Nxf6+ Kg7 42.Nh5+ Kf8 43.Rb1 bxc4 44.Rxb4 Bc6 45.Kg1 c3 46.Rc4 Bxf3 47.Rc8+ Ke7
48.Ng7 c2 49.Nf5+ Kd7 50.Rc3 Bc6 51.Nxh6 Rd1+ 52.Kf2 c1Q 53.Rxc1 Rxc1 54.Nxf7 Rc2+
55.Ke3 Ke6 56.Nd8+ Ke7 57.Nxc6+ Rxc6 0-1

Zuk, Robert D. – Biyiasas, Peter [C71] CAN ch Toronto (10), 19.06.1972

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c4 Bd7 6.d4 Nf6 7.Nc3 Be7 8.d5 Nb8 9.Bc2 0-0 10.0-0
Ne8 11.Rb1 Bg4 12.b4 g6 13.h3 Bxf3 14.Qxf3 Ng7 15.Bh6 Nd7 16.Ba4 Nb6 17.Bb3 Nd7 18.Qe3 f5
19.c5 f4 20.Qd3 Nf6 21.c6 b6 22.g4 Nfe8 23.f3 Bg5 24.Bxg7 Kxg7 25.Bc4 Qc8 26.Qe2 Bh4
27.Rb3 a5 28.bxa5 Rxa5 29.Bb5 h5 30.a4 Nf6 31.Nb1 Nh7 32.Nd2 Ng5 33.Kg2 Rh8 34.Rh1 Rh6
35.Rbb1 Ra8 36.Nc4 Qh8 37.Qb2 Kf6 38.Qa3 Qf8 39.a5 bxa5 40.Ba4 Qe7 41.Rb7 Rd8 42.Qc3
hxg4 43.hxg4 Rdh8 44.Qxa5 Bg3 45.Rxh6 Rxh6 46.Rxc7 Rh2+ 47.Kf1 Nxf3 48.Qa7 Qxc7 0-1

Biyiasas, Peter – Geller, Efim [B52] Petropolis izt Petropolis (10), 1973

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Qxd7 5.0-0 Nc6 6.b3 Nf6 7.Re1 g6 8.Bb2 Bg7 9.c4 e5
10.Nc3 0-0 11.d3 Nh5 12.Nd5 Ne7 13.Bc1 Nxd5 14.cxd5 Nf4 15.Bxf4 exf4 16.Rc1 Rae8 17.Qd2 f5
18.Ng5 fxe4 19.dxe4 Qg4 20.Nf3 Qh5 21.h3 b6 22.b4 Be5 23.a4 g5 24.Nxe5 Rxe5 25.f3 Qg6
26.Kf2 h5 27.Rh1 Qg7 28.bxc5 bxc5 29.Qc3 Rb8 30.Rb1 Ree8 31.Qxg7+ Kxg7 32.Ke2 Kf6 33.Kd3
Ke5 34.Kc4 Rh8 35.a5 Rhc8 36.Rhg1 Rb4+ 37.Rxb4 cxb4+ 38.Kb5 Kd4 39.Ka6 b3 40.Rd1+ 1-0

Biyiasas, Peter – Spraggett, Kevin [B50] CAN ch Calgary (4), 08.08.1975

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Nf6 6.0-0 d6 7.d3 Be7 8.Bf4 0-0 9.e5 Nd5 10.Nxd5
exd5 11.exd6 Bxd6 12.Qd2 Bg4 13.Rae1 Qc7 14.Bxd6 Qxd6 15.h3 Bd7 16.Kh2 Rad8 17.d4 cxd4
18.Nxd4 Nxd4 19.Qxd4 Bb5 20.Rg1 Qg6 21.Qd2 Qf6 22.b3 Bc6 23.Re3 Qb2 24.a4 d4 25.Rd3
Bxg2 26.Kxg2 Rc8 27.Rc1 Rfd8 28.Rd1 Rxc2 29.Rxd4 Rxd4 30.Qxd4 Qxd4 31.Rxd4 Rc8 32.Rd7
Rb8 33.b4 Kf8 34.b5 axb5 35.axb5 b6 36.Kf3 Re8 37.Rd6 Rb8 38.Ke4 Ke7 39.Kd5 h5 40.h4 g6
41.f4 f6 42.Re6+ Kf7 43.Rc6 Rd8+ 44.Rd6 Rc8 45.Rxb6 Rc3 46.Ra6 Ke7 47.b6 Rxg3 48.Ra7+
Kd8 49.Ra8+ 1-0

The following three games were discussed by Biyiasas as in a 1979 lecture entitled Peter's Principles, a transcription of which is on the [BC Chess History](#) website.

Biyiasas, Peter – Torre, Eugenio [E82] Manila izt Manila (4), 1976

1.c4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.d4 d6 4.e4 Nf6 5.f3 0-0 6.Be3 a6 7.Bd3 b6 8.Nge2 c5 9.e5 Ne8 10.Be4 Ra7
11.dxc5 bxc5 12.Bxc5 Rd7 13.Be3 Bb7 14.Bxb7 Rxb7 15.b3 Bxe5 16.Bd4 Nc6 17.Bxe5 Nxe5
18.0-0 Ng7 19.Nd4 Nf5 20.Nxf5 gxf5 21.Qd2 e6 22.Rad1 Rd7 23.f4 Ng4 24.Rf3 Qb6+ 25.Kh1 Rc8
26.Na4 Qd8 27.Qd4 Rc6 28.h3 Nf6 29.Rg3+ Kf8 30.Nc3 h5 31.Rg5 Ke7 32.Rxf5 exf5 33.Nd5+ Kf8
34.Nxf6 Rb7 35.Qd5 Rcb6 36.Qxf5 d5 37.Nxd5 Rh6 38.Ne3 Qe8 39.Qc5+ Kg8 40.Qg5+ 1-0

Speelman, Jonathan – Biyiasas, Peter [A42] Lone Pine 8th Lone Pine (6), 04.1978

1.c4 g6 2.e4 d6 3.d4 e5 4.Nf3 Bg7 5.Nc3 Bg4 6.d5 Nf6 7.h3 Bc8 8.Be3 0-0 9.Be2 Nbd7 10.g4 Nc5
11.Nd2 a5 12.h4 c6 13.h5 Ne8 14.Nf1 cxd5 15.cxd5 gxh5 16.gxh5 Kh8 17.Rg1 Bf6 18.Qd2 Bd7
19.Bh6 Ng7 20.Qe3 Rg8 21.Qf3 Qe7 22.Bb5



22...Nf5 23.Rxg8+ Rxg8 24.exf5 Bxb5 25.Nxb5 e4
26.Qe2 Nd3+ 27.Kd2 Qe5 28.Ke3 Rg5 29.a4
0-1

Biyiasas, Peter – Vasiukov, Evgeni [A07] Hastings Hastings (4), 1978

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.g3 d5 3.Bg2 c6 4.0-0 Bg4 5.d3 e6 6.Nbd2 Nbd7 7.e4 Be7 8.Re1 0-0 9.h3 Bh5 10.e5 Ne8 11.Nf1 Nc7 12.N1h2 a5 13.Bf4 a4 14.Qd2 a3 15.b3 Nb5 16.c4 Nc7 17.h4 Bxf3 18.Nxf3 Na6 19.Red1 Bb4 20.Qc2 Qa5 21.Rac1 d4 22.Qe2 Bc3 23.Ng5 g6 24.h5 Nac5 25.Qg4 Rfe8 26.Qh4 Nf8 27.Ne4 Nxe4 28.Bxe4 Bb4 29.Kg2 Qd8 30.Qg4 Ra5 31.hxg6 fxg6 32.Rh1 Qd7 33.Rh6 Re7 34.Rch1 Rg7 35.Bg5 Rxe5 36.Bf6 Ra5 37.Bxg7 Qxg7 38.Rxh7 Nxh7 39.Qxe6+ Kf8 40.Bxg6 Qe7 41.Qc8+ 1-0

Biyiasas, Peter – Timman, Jan [B50] Hoogovens Wijk aan Zee (6), 01.1980

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Nc3 a6 4.g3 Nc6 5.Bg2 Bg4 6.h3 Bxf3 7.Qxf3 g6 8.e5 dxe5 9.Qxc6+ bxc6 10.Bxc6+ Qd7 11.Bxd7+ Kxd7 12.Na4 Kc6 13.b3 e6 14.Bb2 f6 15.0-0-0 Bd6 16.Rde1 Ne7 17.Re4 Nf5 18.Rc4 Rab8 19.Re1 Rb4 20.Ree4 Rhb8 21.Ba3 R4b5 22.c3 Bf8 23.Re2 Kd5 24.g4 Nd6 25.Rxc5+ Rxc5 26.Bxc5 Bh6 27.Kc2 Bf4 28.Be3 g5 29.d4 exd4 30.Bxf4 gxf4 31.c4+ Nxc4 32.bxc4+ Kxc4 33.Rxe6 d3+ 34.Kd2 Rb4 35.Re4+ 1-0

VANCOUVER CHESS CLUB HANDICAP TOURNAMENT, 1913-14

The playing of games at odds has been an acknowledged method of handicapping one of the players for much of chess history. Little used now except in offhand games, in the first half of the 19th century the giving of material odds was common in matches and tournaments as well as casual play, and there are examples by many of the leading players: Deschapelles, La Bourdonnais, Staunton, Anderssen, Morphy, Steinitz, etc. Players of different classes within a tournament might receive or give different odds, depending on the difference in strength. For example, in the Handicap Tournament held in London in 1862, Class I gave move odds to Class II, pawn and move to Class III, pawn and two moves to Class IV, and knight odds to Class V. At the international level such events died out as the general level of chess skill improved, but handicap tournaments remained popular in chess clubs. There was an 18-player double round robin held in Victoria in 1900-01 using material odds, and the newly-formed Vancouver Chess Club conducted a handicap event in 1913-14. The latter is historically more interesting as a number of the games

were published in the chess column of the *Daily News Advertiser*. Here they are, in ascending order of odds given.

Equal strength:

Evans, Alfred la Combre – Melhuish, George W. [C52] VCC handicap Vancouver, 11.1913

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 d6 7.d5 Nd4 8.Qa4+ Bd7 9.Qxa5 Nc2+ 10.Kd1 Nxa1 11.Bb2 b6 12.Qa3 Nf6 13.Nbd2 Ng4 14.Ke2 Nc2 15.Qb3 c6 16.Qxc2 cxd5 17.Bxd5 Rc8 18.Ba3 Qc7 19.c4 0–0 20.Ng5 Qd8 21.f4 exf4 22.Ndf3 h6 23.h3 Nf6 24.e5 hxg5 25.Nxg5 Qe7 26.Bxd6 Qd8 27.exf6 g6 28.Qxg6+ 1–0



Major G.W. Melhuish, commanding officer of 6th Regiment, the Duke of Connaught's Own Rifles (1916)

Pawn and move odds: the odds giver plays Black and without an f-pawn

Evans, Alfred la Combre – Stark, Robert G. VCC handicap Vancouver, 01.1914

1.e4 Nc6 2.d4 e6 3.d5 exd5 4.exd5 Ne5 5.Qh5+ Ng6 6.Bd3 Qf6 7.Nc3 Qe5+ 8.Qe2 Qxe2+ 9.Ngxe2 Bb4 10.Bg5 N8e7 11.a3 Ba5 12.Bxg6+ Nxg6 13.b4 Bb6 14.0–0 d6 15.Nf4 Ne5 16.Ne6 Bxe6 17.dxe6 h6 18.Bh4 g5 19.Bg3 0–0–0 20.Nd5 Rhe8 21.Nxb6+ axb6 22.f4 gxf4 23.Bxf4 Rxe6 24.Rae1 Rg8 25.Bxe5 dxe5 26.Rd1 Rd8 27.Rde1 c6 28.Rf5 Rde8 29.a4 Kc7 30.c4 R8e7 31.b5 Kd6 32.bxc6 bxc6 33.Rb1 Kc5 34.Rh5 Ra7 35.Re1 Rxa4 36.Rhx5+ Rxe5 37.Rxe5+ Kxc4 38.Re6 Kb5 39.Rxh6 Rf4 40.h4 c5 41.Rh5 Kb4 42.Rg5 Rxh4 43.g3 Rh6 44.g4 c4 45.Rg8 c3 "and Black won." 0–1

Evans, Alfred la Combre – Yates, Bertram A. VCC handicap Vancouver, 01.1914

1.e4 e6 2.d4 Nc6 3.Nf3 d5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Bd3 Qe7+ 6.Be3 Bg4 7.0–0 0–0–0 8.Re1 Qd7 9.h3 Bh5 10.g4 Bg6 11.Nc3 Be7 12.Bb5 Qd6 13.Ba4 a6 14.Bb3 Bf7 15.Kg2 Nf6 16.Bg5 Nd7 17.Ba4 Bf6 18.Bxc6 bxc6 19.Be3 Bg6 20.Qe2 Kb7 21.Na4 Rde8 22.Nd2 Bxd4 23.Nb3 Bb6 24.c4 Bxe3 25.fxe3 Be4+ 26.Kf1 Ref8+ 27.Qf2 Rxf2+ 28.Kxf2 Qh2+ 0–1

Evans, Alfred la Combre – Dobrin, H. VCC handicap Vancouver, 1914

1.e4 e6 2.d4 Nc6 3.Bd3 Nge7 4.e5 g6 5.h4 Nf5 6.h5 Bg7 7.hxg6 hxg6 8.Rxh8+ Bxh8 9.Qg4 Ncxd4 10.Bg5 Ne7 11.Bxg6+ Kf8 12.Qxd4 d6 13.Qf4+ 1-0

Pawn and two move odds: the odds giver takes Black, plays without an f-pawn, and White begins with two moves.

Evans, Alfred la Combre – Haines, R. VCC handicap Vancouver, 01.1914

1.e4 2.d4 e6 3.Bd3 g6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.e5 d6 6.Bf4 Nc6 7.Bb5 a6 8.Ba4 b5 9.Bb3 d5 10.c3 Na5 11.Bc2 Nc4 12.b3 Nb6 13.0-0 c5 14.dxc5 Bxc5 15.b4 Be7 16.a4 Bb7 17.Qd4 Nc4 18.Nbd2 Nb6 19.Be3 Nd7 20.axb5 axb5 21.Rxa8 Qxa8 22.Nb3 Bd8 23.Ra1 Qb8 24.Qf4 Ne7 25.Ba7 Qc8 26.Nfd4 Rf8 27.Qg3 Nf5 28.Bxf5 Rxf5 29.Nxb5 Bc7 30.N3d4 Nxe5 31.Nxc7+ Qxc7 32.Nxe6 Qe7 33.Nd4 Rg5 34.Qh3 Rh5 35.Qe6 Qxe6 36.Nxe6 Kd7 37.Nc5+ Kc6 38.Nxb7 Kxb7 39.b5 Nc4 40.Bd4 Nd6 41.Ra7+ Kb8 42.b6 Nb5 43.Re7 Nxd4 44.cxd4 Rh4 45.f3 Rxd4 46.Rxh7 Rb4 47.Rd7 d4 48.g4 Rxb6 49.Rxd4 Kc7 50.h4 Kc6 51.h5 gxh5 52.gxh5 Kc5 53.Rd2 Rh6 54.Rh2 Kd4 55.Kg2 Ke5 56.Kg3 Kf5 57.Kh4 Ra6 58.Re2 Kf4 59.Rg2 Ra1 60.Rg4+ Kf5 61.Rg6 Rh1+ 62.Kg3 Rxh5 63.Ra6 Rh1 64.Ra5+ Kf6 65.f4 Rg1+ 66.Kf3 Rf1+ 67.Ke4 ½-½

Green, G – Yates, Bertram A. VCC handicap Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 Nc6 4.d5 Nce7 5.Ne5 Nf6 6.Nc3 d6 7.Ng4 e5 8.Nxf6+ gxf6 9.Qh5+ Ng6 10.Be3 Qe7 11.Nb5 a6 12.Na7 Bd7 13.b4 Kd8 14.b5 axb5 15.Bxb5 Bxb5 16.Nxb5 Qd7 17.a4 Kc8 18.c4 b6 19.0-0 Rg8 20.Qf3 Nh4 21.Qxf6 Be7 22.Qh6 Rg6 23.Qxh7 Rxd2+ 24.Kh1 Qh3 25.Nxd6+ cxd6 0-1

Green, G – Stark, Robert G. VCC handicap Vancouver, 1913

1.e4 2.d4 d6 3.Nf3 g6 4.Bc4 Nf6 5.Ng5 d5 6.exd5 Qd6 7.0-0 Bg7 8.Re1 0-0 9.Ne6 Rf7 10.Bf4 Qb4 11.Nxc7 Qxc4 12.Nxa8 Nxd5 13.Bxb8 Bxd4 14.Bg3 Bd7 15.Na3 Qc5 16.Qd2 Bxb2 17.Rab1 Bxa3 18.Rxb7 Bc6 19.Rb8+ Kg7 20.Be5+ Nf6 21.Qd8 Qd5 22.Bxf6+ exf6 23.Qh8+ Kh6 24.f3 Qd2 25.Rbb1 Rf8 26.Rbd1 Qxe1+ 27.Rxe1 Rxh8 28.Nc7 Bc5+ 29.Kh1 Bb6 30.Ne6 Re8 31.c4 Bd7 32.g4 Rxe6 33.Rc1 Bc6 34.Kg2 Re2+ 35.Kg3 Bf2+ 36.Kf4 Be3+ 0-1

Hunter, R – Stark, Robert G. VCC handicap Vancouver, 01.1914

1.e4 2.d4 e6 3.Bd3 Nc6 4.c3 d5 5.e5 g6 6.Qg4 Nge7 7.Bg5 Qd7 8.h4 Nf5 9.Nf3 Be7 10.h5 Bxg5 11.Qxg5 Rg8 12.Nh4 Nce7 13.Nd2 b6 14.Ndf3 Bb7 15.hxg6 hxg6 16.g4 Nxh4 17.Nxh4 0-0-0 18.Nxg6 Nxg6 19.Bxg6 Ba6 20.f4 Qb5 21.0-0-0 Qa4 22.a3 Be2 23.Rd2 Bf3 24.Rh7 Qc4 25.f5 Qf1+ 26.Kc2 Be4+ 0-1

Knight odds: remove White's queen knight

NN - NN VCC handicap Vancouver, 1914

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Nf6 4.0-0 Bc5 5.b4 Bxb4 6.c3 Ba5 7.Ba3 d6 8.Qb3 0-0 9.d4 exd4 10.cxd4 Nxe4 11.Rad1 Bb6 12.Qc2 Qf6 13.Qxe4 h6 14.Bd3 Qg6 15.Qe3 Qf6 16.Bb2 Bg4 17.Qe4 Qg6 18.Qf4 f5 19.Kh1 Bxf3 20.gxf3 Ne7 21.Rg1 Qf6 22.Rg2 Kh8 23.Rdg1 Rg8 24.h4 d5 25.h5 Qf7

26.Ba3 Qxh5+ 27.Rh2 Ng6 28.Qg3 f4 29.Qxg6 Qxf3+ 30.Rgg2 Qd1+ 31.Bf1 Qxf1+ 32.Rg1 Qe2
33.Rxh6+ 1-0

And the results of the tournament? "The following is the score up to last Tuesday of the Vancouver Handicap Tourney. Mr. B.A. Yates is the winner and Mr. R.G. Stark looks like being second."
[[*Daily News Advertiser*, 25 January 1914]

	score	games played
Yates, Bertram Arthur	10½	11
Stark, Robert Geoffrey	7½	9
Hunter, R.P.	5½	8
Evans, Alfred la Combre	5	9
Hill, H.	5	10
Stevenson, Archibald	3½	5
Fraser, T.A.	3	4
Melhuish, George William	3	8
Potter, J.S.	2	8
Green, W.	2	11
Davis, E.W.	1	7
Burton Benzie, I.	1	8

All well and good, except observant readers will notice that some of the player names in the published games above (Dobrin, Haines) are not in the standings table. Yet two months later we read:

"The Vancouver Chess Club handicap tourney will probably result in a tie (for first and second prizes) between Messrs. B.A. Yates and R.G. Stark, the latter having one more game to play, which he is expected to win. If so he will play Mr. Yates three games, and I think the premier honors will fall to him, as he is playing well just now, and Mr. Yates seems out of form, probably due to staleness." [*Daily News Advertiser*, 29 March 1914]

This is hard to reconcile with the previous standings, given that Yates had only given up a draw but Stark had also lost a game. Perhaps further games had been played, or there was a second event, or there were errors in the published information. In any case, this is the last mention of the tournament we have been able to locate.

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