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HERE AND THERE

3rd Langley Labour Day Open (August 30 - September 1) by Victoria Jung-Doknjas

Place: Brookwood Senior Centre, 19899-36 Ave, Langley, BC

Organizer: Hugh Long

TD: Eugenio (Alonso) Campos

Assistant TD: Peter Yee

Website: <http://www.langleychess.com>

Vincente Lee Jr., who came to defend his title, and B.C. Champion Brian McLaren were among the forty players at the 3rd Annual Langley Chess Club Open held on the Labour Day long weekend. Five players came from Vancouver Island and there was at least one participant from the US. There was also a good junior player contingent (sixteen in total).

The winner of this year's tournament was Brian McLaren and the runner-up prize went to Lucas Davies and Paul Burke (two-way tie).

The Langley Chess Club also offered a generous amount of "class prizes". The section winners were:

Class A (1800-1999): Eugenio (Alonso) Campos, Savvas Kyriakides, Yiming Han (three-way tie)

Class B (1600-1799): Brian Davidson

Class C (1400-1599): Henry Ji, Alex Sabaratnam, Jason Lohner (three-way tie)

Class D (1200-1399): Ryan Lo

[Crosstable at <http://www.chess.ca/xtable.asp?TNum=200809016>, although we gather there are errors - ed.]

Here are two games from the tournament:

Campos, Eugenio - Lee, Vicente [D00] Langley CC Labour Day op (3), 31.08.2008

1.d4 d5 2.Nd2 Nf6 3.e3 c5 4.c3 e6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.f4 Bd6 7.Ngf3 Qb6 8.Ne5 0-0 9.g4 Ne7 10.0-0 Nd7 11.Ndf3 f6 12.Nxd7 Bxd7 13.Qe1 f5 14.h3 Bb5 15.Bxb5 Qxb5 16.Rf2 Qd7 17.Rg2 cxd4 18.cxd4

Rac8 19.Bd2 Rc2 20.Bc3 Rxc2+ 21.Kxc2 Ng6 22.Rc1 fxc4 23.hxc4 Qe7 24.Qg3 Bxf4 25.exf4 Nxf4+ 26.Kf1 Qe8 27.Rc2 Qb5+ 28.Ke1 Qd3 29.Rd2 Qe3+ 30.Kd1 Nd3 31.Kc2 Rxf3 32.Qb8+ Rf8 33.Qc7 Ne1+ 34.Kb3 Nf3 35.Rd1 Qe2 36.Rc1 Qe3 37.Qxb7 Qxc1 38.a4 Qf4 39.Ka3 Nd2 40.Bb4 Nc4+ 41.Ka2 White lost on time. 0-1

Leblanc, Paul - Davidson, Brian [A47] Langley CC Labour Day op (6), 01.09.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.Bg5 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Nf3 Bb7 5.Nbd2 Be7 6.Bd3 0-0 7.0-0 d6 8.c3 Nbd7 9.e4 e5 10.h3 h6 11.Bh4 Rc8 12.Bg3 exd4 13.cxd4 Re8 14.Re1 Nh7 15.Qb3 Bf6 16.Bc4 Re7 17.e5 dxe5 18.dxe5 Nc5 19.Qc3 Bg5 20.Nxc5 Nxc5 21.Rad1 Rd7 22.Bh4 Nce4 23.Nxe4 Rxd1 24.Bxf7+ Kxf7 25.Nxc5+ hxc5 26.Qb3+ Qd5 27.Rxd1 Qxb3 28.axb3 gxh4 29.f4 Ke6 30.Kf2 Rf8 31.g3 g5 32.Ke3 hxc3 0-1

2008 CalChess Labor Day Championships (August 30 - September 1)

B.C. junior Donovan Zhao tied for first in the C Section of this tournament, held in San Francisco. Like many larger events these days, different schedules were available to the players; Donovan drew his first two games in the three-day schedule, then reentered the two-day schedule, scoring three wins on the first day and three draws on the second. His 4.5/6 final total left him in a four-way tie for the first prize.

<http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?200809013251.5-13233674>

9e Tournoi international d'échecs de Montréal (August 24 - September 2)

Sponsored by the Empresa financial group, this ninth edition of the Montreal International was won by US GM Yuri Shulman with 6.5/10, a full point ahead of the trio of Hikaru Nakamura, Varuzhan Akobian, and Mark Bluvshtein. Nakamura has been spending time in Vancouver of late, at least when he's not travelling the world playing chess, so we are taking this opportunity to include him as B.C. content. He was the highest rated in the event and had a Capablanca-like win against Akobian in round two, but fell victim to former Canadian champion Igor Zuzic in round five, thus allowing Shulman his margin of victory.

<http://perso.b2b2c.ca/lesechecauquebec/tim2008.htm>

<http://www.chesscenter.com/twic/twic.html#news786>

Shulman, Yuri - Nakamura, Hikaru [E15] TIM (1), 24.08.2008

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Ba6 5.b3 Bb4+ 6.Bd2 Be7 7.Bg2 c6 8.Bc3 d5 9.Ne5 0-0 10.Nd2 Nfd7 11.Nd3 b5 12.c5 e5 13.dxe5 Nxc5 14.Nxc5 Bxc5 15.b4 Bb6 16.Nb3 Qe7 17.f4 Rd8 18.Nd4 Bc8 19.0-0 a5 20.a3 f5 21.Kh1 axb4 22.axb4 Rxa1 23.Qxa1 Bxd4 24.Bxd4 Be6 25.Bc5 Qb7 26.g4 Nd7 27.Bd6 Nb6 28.Qb1 Qf7 29.Bh3 fxc4 30.Bg2 Bf5 31.e4 dxe4 32.Bxe4 g6 33.Re1 Qe6 34.Bc7 Rd2 35.Bxb6 g3 36.Kg1 Bxe4 37.Qxe4 Qh3 38.hxc3 1/2-1/2

Nakamura, Hikaru - Akobian, Varuzhan [C10] TIM (2), 25.08.2008

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nd7 5.Nf3 Ngf6 6.Bd3 c5 7.Nxf6+ Nxf6 8.Be3 Qc7 9.Qe2 a6 10.0-0-0 b5 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5 13.Ne5 Bb7 14.Rhe1 0-0 15.g4 Qb4 16.h4 Nd5 17.Qe4

Qxe4 18.Bxe4 Rfd8 19.f4 Rd6 20.Rd4 Rc8 21.Red1 f6 22.Nf3 h5 23.gxh5 Rcd8 24.f5 e5 25.R4d2 Kf7 26.Nh2 Ke7 27.Ng4 Bc6 28.a3 Ne3 29.Rxd6 Rxd6 30.Rxd6 Kxd6 31.Nxf6 Bxe4 32.Nxe4+ Ke7 33.f6+ gxf6 34.h6 Kf7 35.h7 Kg7 36.Nxf6 Nf5 37.h5 Nh6 38.Kd2 Nf7 39.Ng4 Kxh7 40.Kd3 Nd6 41.Nxe5 Kh6 42.Kd4 Kxh5 43.Kc5 1-0

Zugic, Igor - Nakamura, Hikaru [D02] TIM (5), 28.08.2008

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.Bf4 Nf6 4.c3 Nh5 5.Bg3 g6 6.Nbd2 Bg7 7.e3 Nd7 8.Bh4 h6 9.g4 Nhf6 10.h3 Qb6 11.Qc2 g5 12.Bg3 h5 13.Rg1 hxg4 14.hxg4 Nf8 15.Nxg5 Bxg4 16.Be5 Bh5 17.Bd3 Rg8 18.Nh3 Bg4 19.Bxf6 Bxf6 20.Be2 Bxe2 21.Rxg8 Ba6 22.Ng5 Qb5 23.0-0-0 Bxg5 24.Rxg5 Qe2 25.Nb3 Qxc2+ 26.Kxc2 b6 27.Rg8 Bc8 28.Rh1 f6 29.Kd2 Kf7 30.Rhh8 Bf5 31.Nc1 c5 32.Nd3 cxd4 33.exd4 Bxd3 34.Kxd3 Rc8 35.f4 e6 36.a4 a5 37.b3 Rd8 38.c4 Re8 39.c5 1-0

Nataf, Igor - Nakamura, Hikaru [B66] TIM (6), 30.08.2008

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 Nc6 7.Qd2 Qb6 8.0-0-0 e6 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nb3 Qc7 11.f4 b5 12.Kb1 h5 13.Bd3 Bd7 14.Rhf1 Rb8 15.Qe1 b4 16.Ne2 a5 17.Nbd4 Nxd4 18.Nxd4 Bg7 19.Qe2 f5 20.Bb5 Qb6 21.Bxd7+ Kxd7 22.Nf3 Qb5 23.Qd2 Rb6 24.exf5 Qxf5 25.Ne5+ Kc7 26.Nc4 Rc6 27.Nxd6 Qf6 28.Nc4 Rxc4 29.Qd7+ Kb8 30.Qb5+ Ka8 31.Qxa5+ Kb8 32.Qb6+ Ka8 1/2-1/2

Kovalyov, Anton - Nakamura, Hikaru [A87] TIM (8), 01.09.2008

1.c4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.b3 d6 4.d4 g6 5.Bb2 Bg7 6.g3 0-0 7.Bg2 c6 8.0-0 Qc7 9.Nbd2 Re8 10.Re1 e5 11.dxe5 dxe5 12.e4 fxe4 13.Nxe4 Nxe4 14.Rxe4 Bf5 15.Re1 Na6 16.Nh4 Rad8 17.Qe2 Bd3 18.Qg4 Nb4 19.Red1 e4 20.Bxg7 Qxg7 21.Bf1 e3 22.Bxd3 exf2+ 23.Kxf2 Nxd3+ 24.Kg1 Qb2 25.Rf1 Nf2 26.Rxf2 Qxa1+ 27.Kg2 Qe5 28.Kh3 Qe6 29.Nf5 Kh8 30.Nh6 Qxg4+ 31.Nxg4 Kg7 32.Rc2 Re4 33.Nf2 Red4 0-1

4th Bernardo Smith Memorial (August 16-17)

The visiting Sean McLaren took first prize (5.5/6) in this U1800 event, held at the Mechanics' Institute in San Francisco.

<http://www.chessclub.org/archive.php?y=2008&t=club-events&e=x12Smith08%20Standings>

Victoria Fundraiser (August 16)

The Victoria Chess Club ran a fundraiser in support of the Canadian teams participating in the Dresden chess olympiad later the fall. A report can be found at:

<http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Active+Tournament+2008>

Seafair Open (August 15-17)

B.C. juniors Changhe Li and Jonah Lee participated in this sixty-player, one-section tournament held in Seattle. Changhe's 4.0/5 left him in a five-way tie for third, a half-point behind winners

William Schill and Dereque Kelley; U8 champion Jonah scored 2.0/5.

<http://www.uschess.org/msa/XtblMain.php?200808179051-13447643>

THOMAS PIPER

With this year's B.C. Championship coming up at Thanksgiving, we look back at the beginnings of this illustrious series. John Ewing became the first official B.C. champion in 1916, but before that date there were players who were widely acknowledged to be the strongest player in the province - the best of these unofficial champions was Thomas Piper.

Piper, Thomas Henry (January 30, 1857 - November 26, 1938)

Born in London, England. At some point in the late 1880s Piper emigrated to America via Australia: he landed in California, but lived in Seattle from 1889 to 1893. In 1894 he moved to Victoria, where he was employed in the naval dockyards at Esquimalt as a ship carpenter and caulker. He retired in 1918.

Piper developed into a strong amateur player in his native London. He beat the English champion Joseph Blackburne on at least one occasion, and is said to have made a special study of the French Defence. In the Vizayanagaram tournament of 1883 (the 'minor' event held in conjunction with the 1883 London International) Piper placed eighth in a field of twenty-six, which included the likes of von Bardeleben, Gunsberg, and MacDonnell. After emigrating to North America Piper held his own against all opposition, and was arguably the strongest player on the Pacific coast for twenty-five years. In 1895 Piper led Victoria in a drawn telegraph match with San Francisco, his expertise in the French Defence coming to the fore on board 1. Just before this match Piper had won a handicap tournament at the Victoria Chess Club (a round robin, those in higher classes giving odds to the players in lower classes) with a score of 35-1(!). In 1896 Piper played a match with the problemist and former president of the Montréal Chess Club Joseph Babson, beating him by the score of 7-2. In 1899 Magnus Smith won the Canadian championship for the first time; shortly thereafter Piper challenged him to a match for the title, with a purse of \$1,000. This was roundly denounced as turning chess into a professional game, and the challenge was not accepted.

After this Piper seems to have largely withdrawn from competitive play, although he continued to be active in many other areas of the game. He remained a strong opponent in offhand games through the first decades of this century; reports indicate he scored well against all opposition in San Diego, San Francisco and Seattle, as well as Victoria. He acted as referee on several occasions, the most famous being the 1926 simultaneous exhibition by Emanuel Lasker in Seattle. Piper was responsible for coaching a number of Victoria players. His preferred method seems to have been the playing of games at odds: there are reports of games with Partington (many time Victoria city champion) at rook odds, and in 1925 he played a series of games at queen knight odds with Max Enke (two-time B.C. champion). Around the same time Piper took over authorship of the chess column in the *Victoria Daily Colonist* from C.F. Davie, and continued producing a more-or-less weekly column until the summer of 1931. At the time of his death Piper was honorary president of both the Victoria and Seattle Chess Clubs.

Blackburne, Joseph - Piper, Thomas H [C45] Bindfold simul London, 10.1881

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 exd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nxc6 bxc6 6.e5 Qe7 7.Qe2 Nd5 8.Nd2 g6 9.Nf3 Bg7
10.a3 a5 11.Bg5 Qe6 12.c4 Nb6 13.Bf4 Ba6 14.Rc1 0-0-0 15.b4 axb4 16.axb4 d6 17.b5 cxb5
18.cxb5 dxe5 19.Be3 Bb7 20.Ng5 Qe7 21.f3 Nd5 22.b6 Nxb6 23.g3 f5 24.Bg2 Rd7 25.0-0 Nd5
26.Rb1 Nxe3 27.Qxe3 e4 28.Kh1 exf3 29.Rxf3 Qxe3 30.Rxe3 Bxg2+ 31.Kxg2 Bh6 32.Ra3 Rd2+
33.Kh3 Re8 34.Nf3 Rde2 35.Nd4 Rf2 36.Ra7 g5 37.Rh1 g4+ 38.Kh4 Re1 39.Nxf5 Rxh1 40.Nxh6
Rfxh2+ 0-1

Piper, Thomas H - Fisher, B.W [E43] Vizayanagaram London, 1883

1.Nf3 b6 2.e3 Bb7 3.d4 e6 4.c4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Bd3 c5 7.0-0 cxd4 8.exd4 Bxc3 9.bxc3 0-0
10.Bg5 h6 11.Bh4 d5 12.Ne5 dxc4 13.Bxc4 Nc6 14.Ng4 Na5 15.Nxf6+ gxf6 16.Qg4+ Kh8 17.Qf4
Kg7 18.Bd3 Rg8 19.Rae1 Nc6 20.Re3 e5 21.Rg3+ 1-0

San Francisco - Victoria [C13] Telegraph match, 31.05.1895

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Bxf6 Bxf6 6.e5 Be7 7.Qg4 0-0 8.Bd3 c5 9.Qh3 h6 10.Nf3
Nc6 11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.0-0 f5 13.a3 a6 14.b4 Ba7 15.Rae1 Bd7 16.Re2 Rc8 17.Nb1 b5 18.Kh1 Ne7
19.Ng1 Bc6 20.f4 d4 21.Qh4 Nd5 22.Qxd8 Rfxd8 23.Nd2 Ne3 24.Rc1 g5 25.fxg5 hxg5 26.Nh3 g4
27.Nf4 Kf7 28.Nf1 Nd5 29.Nxd5 Bxd5 30.Kg1 Rc3 31.Ra1 Be4 32.a4 Bxd3 33.cxd3 Rd7 34.axb5
axb5 35.Ng3 Ke7 36.Rea2 Bb8 37.Ne2 Rxd3 38.Nf4 Re3 39.Rd2 Bxe5 40.Nd3 Bd6 41.Ra6 e5
42.g3 e4 0-1

Piper, Thomas H - Babson, Joseph N [C33] Babson - Piper m Victoria (7), 17.03.1896

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.Bc4 d5 4.Bxd5 Nf6 5.Nc3 Bb4 6.Nf3 Bxc3 7.bxc3 Nxd5 8.exd5 Qxd5 9.Ba3 Bg4
10.0-0 Nc6 11.Qe1+ Kd7 12.d4 Bxf3 13.Rxf3 g5 14.c4 Qxc4 15.d5 Qd4+ 16.Kh1 Ne5 17.Rf1 Rae8
18.Rd1 Qb6 19.Qc3 Ng4 20.Bc5 Qh6 21.Bg1 Rhf8 22.d6 cxd6 23.Qf3 Re3 24.Qxb7+ Kd8 25.Qxa7
Ree8 26.Rb1 Qe6 27.Rb8+ Qc8 28.Rfb1 1-0

Piper, Thomas H - Gibbs, T [C31] San Diego, 1916

1.e4 e5 2.f4 d5 3.Nf3 dxe4 4.Nxe5 Bd6 5.d4 exd3 6.Bxd3 Nf6 7.0-0 0-0 8.Nc3 Bxe5 9.fxe5 Qd4+
10.Kh1 Qxe5 11.Bf4 Qc5 12.Bxc7 Qxc7 13.Rxf6 gxf6 14.Qh5 f5 15.Qg5+ Kh8 16.Qf6+ Kg8 17.Nd5
1-0

Piper, Thomas H - Partington, Lawton Training game Victoria, 1920

Remove White's queen knight

1.e4 e6 2.f4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c3 Qc7 6.Bd3 f6 7.Qe2 Nh6 8.0-0 Be7 9.Bc2 Bd7 10.d4 0-0
11.h3 Nf7 12.Kh2 Nh6 13.Rg1 f5 14.Be3 c4 15.g4 b5 16.Rg2 b4 17.Rag1 bxc3 18.bxc3 Kf7
19.gxf5 exf5 20.Rxg7+ Ke8 21.Rxh7 Nf7 22.Rgg7 Be6 23.Qg2 Kd7 24.Ba4 Rae8 25.Qg6 Nfd8
26.Ng5 Bg8 27.Rh8 Be6 28.Rxf8 Rxf8 29.Bc1 Qc8 30.Rxe7+ Kxe7 31.Ba3+ Kd7 32.Bxf8 "and
wins" 1-0

Piper, Thomas H - Enke, Max Training game Victoria, 13.02.1925

Remove White's queen knight

1.e4 d5 2.e5 c5 3.f4 Nc6 4.c3 e6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.Bd3 Nh6 7.Bc2 Bd7 8.Qe2 0-0-0 9.d3 f6 10.0-0 fxe5
11.fxe5 Nf7 12.Kh1 g6 13.Rb1 Bh6 14.b4 Bxc1 15.Rfxc1 Kb8 16.bxc5 Qxc5 17.d4 Qe7 18.a4 Na5
19.Qa6 Ng5 20.Nxg5 Qxg5 21.Qxa5 Rhf8 22.Qb4 Bc8 23.Rf1 Rxf1+ 24.Rxf1 Qd2 25.Bd1 Rd7
26.Bg4 Rf7 27.Rg1 h5 28.Qd6+ Rc7 29.Bxe6 Bxe6 30.Qxe6 Qxc3 31.Qxd5 1-0

SEPTEMBER ACTIVE

Date: Sunday Sept 14, 2008

Place: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

Rounds: 5

Starting Time: noon.

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/30.

Entry Fee: Adults \$15, Masters/Seniors and Juniors \$12.

Prizes: \$\$BEN.

Registration: On site at 11:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496 email queluc@lynx.net

Bring your chess set and clock if you have one.

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

6:30 pm, Thursdays, Irving K Barber Learning Center room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of

British Columbia

Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

Richmond Chess Club Friday Night Swiss

6:30 pm, Fridays, Richmond Public Library (Brighthouse Branch - Opposite Richmond Centre Mall)

Details: www.chesstribes.ca

September Active

September 14, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#SeptActive>

Silver Star Classic

November 8-10, Vernon

Details: <http://chess.bc.ca/events.shtml#Silver>

Jack Taylor Memorial

November 15-16, Victoria

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Jack+Taylor+2008>

Victoria Chess Festival

April 10-13, 2009, Victoria

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbwiki.com/Victoria+Chess+Festival+2009>