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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

EAC Chess Arts Open #3 (November 26-28)

Brian McLaren was the only master in the field and unsurprisingly took first with 4.5/5. Second place was a five-way tie between Jeremy Hui, Edward Daroza, Eugenio Campos, Louis Cheng, and Joe Roback, each scoring 3.0 points. Eleven players took part in the tournament, organized and run by Eugenio Campos.

[CFC crosstable](#)

WA Class Championship (November 26-28)

Roger Patterson reports: I finished tied for first in the U2200 with 4.5/6 with Samir Sen. The tournament winner was decided in the first round (!) where I beat my co-winner. At the time it didn't seem anything remarkable - typical first round higher rated player wins in his 'paired to win' round but Samir went on a tear winning four straight before heading home with a last round half point bye. As he had availed himself of the tournament entry fee option for juniors to play a lower 'medal only' entry fee, I took all the first place prize money.

Other BC players at the event included Paul Leblanc, Brian Sullivan, Jack Qian, Jofrel Landingin [tied for first in the A Class], Juni Caluza, Luke, Rachel and Katherine Pulfer.

The class structure of the tournament is a bit distorted as many players choose to pay the extra fee for going up a section or two. The master's section only had six masters out of twenty-three players and probably more experts than in the U2200 section. Similarly, in the U2200 section, the U2000 players outnumbered the experts.

[USCF crosstable](#)

A game from Paul Leblanc:

Szabo, Marcell - Leblanc, Paul [D20] WA class ch Redmond (5), 28.11.2010

[Leblanc]

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.exd5 cxd5 4.c4 dxc4 Transposing to a variation of the Queen's Gambit Accepted. **5.Bxc4 Qc7 6.Bb3 Bg4 7.f3 Bf5** The main alternative to this is 7...Bd7 intending 8...Qb6 and 9...Bb5. **8.Nc3 e6 9.Bd2 Nf6 10.Rc1 Nc6 11.Ba4 a6 12.Nge2 Bd6 13.f4 0-0 14.0-0 Qb6**

15.Bxc6 bxc6 16.Na4 Qb7 17.Ng3 Bg6 18.Rf3 Nd5 19.Qe2 Rfc8 20.h4 Re8 Intending to allow doubled f-pawns to secure the open e-file for the black rook. **21.h5 Bf5 22.Nxf5 exf5 23.Qd3 Re4 24.g3 Rae8 25.Qc4**



I had 5.0/7 going into round 8 and faltered with White against the King's Indian. My play with my three other Whites was not so convincing even though I won. My play with Black against e4 was not very convincing. The Grünfeld held up well for a first time out and I am happy with the winning chances I generated.

Leidl Sr., Istvan - Yip, Michael [D94] Harkany Open (7), 01.12.2010

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5!? Black introduces the Grünfeld to his Black repertoire against 1.d4 in a critical must win game. I had previously experimented with the Slav in a couple of tournaments but failed to convert a couple of exchange Slavs. **4.Nf3 Bg7 5.e3** Not a really testing line. **5...0-0** (1.30) **6.Bd3** (1.18) **6...c6** (1.27) Black opts for a modest and solid formation and puts the bulk of the struggle off to the middlegame. **7.0-0 Bg4** The normal move, but Black risks simplifying too much and the resulting reduction of winning chances. **8.cxd5 cxd5** I took a long time over this standard capture as now I was not really sure of how to proceed. [8...Bxf3 Dumping off the light squared bishop for the knight is the standard plan in the Schlechter Slav. 9.Qxf3 cxd5 10.Bd2 (10.Rd1 Nc6= 11.Qe2 e6 12.b3 Re8 13.Bb5 Rc8 14.Bb2 a6 15.Bd3 Qd6 16.Na4 Nd7= White's bishop pair is not a factor. 17.Rac1 Qb8 18.Nc5 Nxc5 19.Rxc5 Bf8 20.Rcc1 Rc7 21.h4 Rec8 22.Bb1 Nb4 23.Rxc7 Qxc7 24.Qd2 Nc6 25.Rc1 Qd8 26.g3 Rc7 27.Kg2 b5 28.Qe2 Ne7 29.Rxc7 Qxc7 1/2-1/2 Feldman,S - Finegold,B/Lansing 1993) 10...Nc6 11.Qe2 e5!? Leitao decides to open up the game before White will get the chance to develop all his pieces. (11...Qd6 is also possible. 12.Rac1 Rac8 13.Rfd1 Rfe8 14.f4 e6 15.Be1 Nd7 A key regrouping of the knight. 16.Kh1 f5! This defensive double Stonewall structure allows Black to hold easily as White is without Nf3-e5. 17.Na4 a6 18.a3 Bf8 19.Rc2 Qb8 20.Rdc1 Na7 21.Bb4 Rxc2 22.Rxc2 Rc8 23.Bxf8 Kxf8 24.Kg1 Kf7 25.Rxc8 Qxc8 26.Qc2 Qxc2 27.Bxc2 Nc6 28.Kf2 Ke7 29.Bd3 Kd6 30.Ke2 h6 31.h4 1/2-1/2 Kochyev,A - Bagirov,V/Frunze 1979) 12.dxe5 Nxe5 13.Rfd1 Qe7 (13...Nxd3 14.Qxd3 Rc8 15.Rab1 Re8 16.Be1 a6 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Qxd5 Nxd5 19.Rxd5 Rc2=) 14.Be1 Rfd8 (14...Nxd3 15.Rxd3 Rfd8 16.Rad1 Qe6 17.Nb5+/-) 15.Bc2 Rac8 16.Bb3 Rc5 17.h3 (17.Nb5 Nc6 18.Bc3 Qe8 19.Ba4 a6 20.Na7 b5 21.Nxc6 Rxc6 22.Bb3+/-) 17...a6 (17...Nc4 18.Nxd5 Nxd5 19.Bxc4 Bxb2 20.Qxb2 Rxc4 21.Qb3 Qc7 22.Rab1 Rd7 23.e4 Nb6 24.f3+/-) 18.e4! An intelligent opening up of the game must be very beneficial for the side with two bishops. 18...d4 (18...Nc6 19.exd5 Qxe2 20.Nxe2 Nxd5 21.Rab1 h6 22.f4 Bf6 23.Bf2 Ra5 24.Rd2+/-) 19.Nd5 Nxd5 20.Bxd5 d3 21.Qe3 Nc4 (21...Rc2 22.Bc3 b5 23.Rxd3 Nxd3 24.Qxd3 Rxb2 25.Bxb2 Bxb2 26.Rb1+/-) 22.Qf3 (22.Qxd3 Rcx5 (22...Nxb2 23.Bxf7+ Kxf7 24.Qxd8 Nxd1 25.Qxe7+ Kxe7 26.Rxd1+/-) 23.exd5 Nxb2 24.Qb3 Nxd1 25.Rxd1 b5=) 22...Nxb2 (22...Rcx5 23.exd5 Nxb2 24.Ba5 Nxd1 25.Rxd1 Rc8 26.Qxd3 b5 27.d6 Qd7 28.Qe4+/-) 23.Bb4! b6 (23...Nxd1 24.Bxc5 (24.Rxd1 Rdc8 25.Bxc5 Rxc5 26.Qxd3 Rc3 27.Qd2 b5 unclear) 24...Qxc5 25.Rxd1 Rd7 26.Qxd3 Be5 unclear) 24.Rab1 (24.Rd2 Kh8 25.Rb1 Qg5 26.Bxc5 Qxd2 27.Bxb6 Rc8=) 24...Nxd1 25.Rxd1 Rdc8 Black must have been living under the impression that his position is just fine. (25...Qf6 26.Qxf6 Bxf6 27.Bxc5 bxc5 28.Rxd3 Bd4=) 26.Bxc5 Rxc5 (26...bxc5 27.Qxd3 Qa7 28.Rb1+/-) 27.Rxd3 Be5 (27...Rc1+ 28.Kh2 Be5+ 29.g3 b5) 28.g3 Kg7 29.Kg2 Qc7 30.Bb3= 30...Rc3? A terrible mistake in the critical moment, Black is losing the pawn in a very unfortunate manner, exposing his king to further attacks. (30...b5 31.Qg4 h5 32.Qd1 Qc6 33.Bd5 Qc7 34.Bxf7 Rc1 '=' Ftacnik 35.Qd2 Rc2 36.Qd1 Rc1=) 31.Rxc3 Bxc3 32.Bxf7! Bd4 (32...Qxf7 33.Qxc3+ Kh6 34.Qd2+ Kg7 35.Qd4+ Kh6 36.Qxb6 Qxa2 37.Qf6+-) 33.Bd5 b5 34.h4 Qe7 35.Qg4 h5 (35...Qd6 36.f4+-) 36.Qc8 Qf8 37.Qd7+ Kh6 (37...Kf6 38.f4+-) 38.Bf7 Be5 (38...Qc5 39.Bg8 Qa7 40.Qxa7 Bxa7 41.e5 Kg7 42.Bd5+-) 39.Qe6 White's pressure is very unpleasant. (39.Qd2+ Kg7 40.Bxg6!+-) 39...Qd6 (39...Qg7 40.Bxg6+-) 40.Qe8 Qd2?? (40...Bg7 41.Bd5 b4 42.f4+-) 41.Qxe5 1-0 Milos,G -Leitao,R/Sao Paulo 2004 **9.h3 Be6!?** Black plays to keep pieces on for the most complicated position possible. 9...Bxf3 is a normal move and consistent with Black's buildup. 10.Qxf3 Nc6 11.Qe2 e6 12.Bd2 Qe7 13.Rfc1 Rac8 14.a3 e5! (with counterplay) 15.dxe5 Nxe5= Paradoxically, the opening of the position does not help White's bishops. 16.Nb5 Nc6 (16...Nxd3 is also good for Black. 17.Qxd3 Ne4 18.Rxc8 (18.Nxa7 Rxc1+

19.Bxc1 Qc5 20.Nb5 Rc8 21.Nc3 (21.Nd4? Qxc1+ 22.Rxc1 Rxc1+ 23.Kh2 Rh1+! 24.Kxh1 Nxf2+-) 21...Nxc3 22.bxc3 Bxc3 23.Rb1 Be5 24.Kf1 Qc2!=) 18...Rxc8 19.Rd1 (19.Nd4 Rc4!/=+) 19...a6 20.Nd4 Be5!/=+ Black has very effective activity and easily holds.) 17.Bc3 Rfd8 (17...a6 18.Nd4 Nxd4 19.Bxd4 Ne4 20.Bxg7 Kxg7 21.Rc2 Rc7 22.Rxc7 Qxc7 23.Rd1 Rc8=) 18.Rc2 Ne4 19.Bxg7 Kxg7 20.Rac1 Nf6 21.Qd1 Qd7 22.Be2 a6 23.Nd4 Ne7 24.Bf3 Rxc2 25.Rxc2 Rc8 26.Rxc8 Qxc8 27.Qb3 Qc1+ 28.Kh2 Qc7+ 29.g3 Ne4+/= (29...Qd7+/=) 30.Kg2 Nd2 31.Qd1 Nxf3 32.Nxf3 Qc5 33.Qb3 b5 34.Qd3 Nc6 35.h4 Qc4 36.Qd2 h5 37.b4 f6 38.Nd4 Nxd4 39.exd4 Kf7 40.Qf4 Qc2 41.Qe3 Qe4+ 42.Qxe4 dxe4 43.f3 f5 1/2-1/2 Hoang Thanh Trang - Pataki,G/Budapest 2006
10.b3= This is harmless. 10.Qb3 is more challenging. 10...Qd7 11.Ng5 Bf5! (11...Nc6?! 12.Nxe6 fxe6 13.Bd2 e5 14.dxe5 Nxe5 15.Bb5 Nc6 16.e4 e6 17.exd5 Nxd5 18.Ne4 a6 19.Nc5 Qe7 20.Bxc6 bxc6 21.Qc4 Rab8+/=) 12.Bxf5 gxf5= ; 10.Ng5 Bf5 11.Bxf5 gxf5 12.Qd3 e6 13.b3 Nc6= Black's pawn structure is not as bad as it looks. **10...Nc6= 11.Bb2 Nb4 12.Bb1 Qc8 13.a3 Nc6 14.Bd3 Bf5** (0.48) **15.Nxd5?** (0.31) Played after an eleven minute think. **15...Nxd5 16.e4**



16...Be6? Missing an easy refutation of White's play. As soon as I saw this move, I misevaluated the position as clearly better for Black with the game going into a largely technical conversion phase. 16...Bxh3! this desperado would have ending the game quickly. 17.exd5 Qg4 Threatening mate and d4. 18.Ne1 (18.Nh4 Nxd4 19.Qxg4 Bxg4-/+) 18...Nxd4-+ is the move I missed. Although only three moves have passed since the start of the sequence, the fact that Qg4 now attacks d4 can easily be missed. **17.exd5 Bxd5=/+** Now Black has a small static advantage. **18.Rc1 Qd8** (0.47) Now Black starts to play against the static isolated queen's pawn weakness. The first step is to complete development. **19.Ne5 Rc8** (0.46) **20.b4 Qd6** (0.43) 20...Bh6 is not as effective. 21.Rc3

Nxe5 22.Rxc8 Qxc8 23.dxe5 Rd8 with the initiative. **21.Qe2 e6** (0.40) Now d5 is fully secured and there is no hope of the d4-pawn ever advancing. **22.Rc5 Rfd8** (0.38) Now Black prepares for the siege of d4 but overlooks White's defensive resources. **23.Rfc1**



White also has some resources, the activity on the c-file and the potential for queenside expansion. **23...Ne7?** (0.35) Trading down seems the most logical to reduce White's pressure and counterplay. 23...b6 is the best plan. 24.R5c2 Bh6! 25.Re1 Nxe5 This is the key move and Black must realize that he can get nothing from playing against the IQP. 26.dxe5 Rxc2 27.Bxc2 Qc6=/+ **24.Rxc8 Rxc8 25.Rxc8+ Nxc8 26.Qc2 Ne7** (0.34) Sticking to the prepared blockading plan. 26...Nb6!? 27.Qc5 Qd8 28.Qc2 Nc8 29.a4 Ne7 (29...Nd6 30.Bc1 a6 31.Qc3 f6 32.Ng4 Qd7=) 30.Qc3 Nf5 with the initiative; 26...Qd8 27.Bc1 Nd6 28.Bf4 Nf5 29.Qc3 Nh4 30.f3 Nf5 Black is better by microns only. **27.Qa4?** (0.04 - time trouble) 27.Qc5!= is a surprising resource that holds.

27...Qd8 28.Qxa7 Bxe5 29.dxe5 Bxg2 30.Kxg2 Qd5+ 31.Kh2 Qxd3 32.Qxb7 Qd2 33.Qxe7 Qxf2+= Black must force the perpetual. **27...Bc6?!** (0.27) A sharp try that lets the edge slip away. 27...Nc6 28.Qc2 a6 29.Qc5 Qd8=/+ **28.b5** (0.03) I missed this but luckily it's a blunder. 28.Qc2 Qd5 29.Bf1 a6= Black can keep trying but the presence of queens gives White enough counterplay to hold. **28...Bxe5!-+** (0.21) Now Black starts forcing play to simply the position down to a technically

winning position. First an active piece is removed and Bd3 is left hanging. **29.bxc6 Nxc6** Now the d-pawn is pinned and White remains a pawn down. **30.Be4** Unpinning and attacking the knight.



30...Nxd4! Playing for the opposite-coloured bishop ending gives Black the best chances. Black keeps capturing everything in sight and White does not have time to reestablish material equality. **31.Bxd4 Bxd4** Now Black is up two pawns and White does not have time to win back one of the pawns without allowing Black a massive dark square attack. **32.Qb4** The path of least resistance as White has no hope in the opposite colour bishop ending. 32.Qc4 b5 33.Qxb5 Qxa3-+ should also be easily winning for Black but with the queens on, White has something to hope for; 32.Bxb7 Qc5! Black gets to White's back rank and keeps attacking the a3 pawn to ensure the win. White cannot resist on the dark squares where Black is up a piece and has his kingside pawns

as an additional attacking resource if needed. (32...Qb6 also wins. 33.Bf3 Bxf2+ 34.Kh1 Qe3 35.Qd1 Qxa3-+) 33.Bf3 Bxf2+ 34.Kh1 Qc1+ 35.Bd1 Bb6! 36.Qc2 Qe3-+ **32...Qxb4!?** The ending offers Black the win with the least risk. 32...Bc5 Staying in a middlegame with the queens on is also very favourable. 33.Qxb7 Qd4 There is more than one way to win. (33...Qd1+ 34.Kh2 Bxf2? 35.Qb8+ Kg7 36.Qb2+ Bd4 37.Qb1 Be5+ 38.g3 Qd2+ 39.Bg2 Qe3-+) 34.Qb8+ Kg7 35.Qb1 Qxf2+ 36.Kh1 f5 37.Bf3 e5-+ **33.axb4** (0.01) **33...b5!** (0.09) This is the key move. Now Black will remain with a passed a-pawn with the required three-file separation from the potential passer on the e-file for the easy technical win. **34.Bc6 Bc3 35.Bxb5 Bxb4-+**



The e+a pawns offer three-file separation so the win should be straightforward. **36.Kf1 Kg7 37.Ke2 Kf6 37...f5** is an easier way to manage the pawns. **38.f4** This feels wrong. White should not be giving Black more targets so readily. **38...Bd6** Tying White to the pawn limits White's king activity. **39.Kf3 Ke7 40.g3** Another potential target for Black's bishop. **40...h6 41.g4 f5!** Fixing the pawn on f4. **42.Bd3 a5** Sooner or later the passed pawn should be advanced to tie down White's bishop. **43.Bc2 Ba3** The bishop relocates to attack White's pawns from the rear. **44.Ba4 Bc1** An ideal position for the bishop. With White's king tied down, Black's king is free to help the a-pawn forwards. **45.Bb5 Kf6** Black dithers around for a while, waiting to see what defensive plan White comes up with. **46.Bd7 Ke7 47.Ba4 Kd6 48.h4?** White was down to

increments and now makes the dubious defensive plan of putting more pawns onto dark squares. **48...Ke7 49.g5 h5!** Fixing more targets. **50.Bb3 Bd2** Making a simple threat that White does not see. **51.Ba4 51.Kg3** puts off the end only temporarily. 51...Kd6 52.Ba4 Kd5! Black must activate his king. 53.Be8 Ke4 54.Bxg6 Bxf4+ 55.Kg2 a4 56.Bf7 Ke5 57.g6 Bh6-+ is the key move and Black stops White's newly created passed pawn while remaining with three of his own. **51...Be1** Another pawn falls and White resigned. This was a very satisfying win despite the numerous mistakes. **0-1**

December Active

Date: Sunday Dec. 19, 2010

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

Rounds: 4

Round Times: RD1: noon Rd2: 1:30 Lunch Rd3: 3:30 Rd4: 5:00

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/30 + 10 sec. increments or G/35.

Entry Fee: \$15 Free coffee and tea.

Prizes: 1st \$100 2nd \$70 BU2100 \$40 BU1900 \$40 BU1700 \$40 Upset \$10 based on 30 entries.

The Vancouver Active rating will be used or the CFC regular.

Registration: On site at 11:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496

Email: lucque@shaw.ca

Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. No membership required

BC Active Championship 2011

Date: Saturday-Sunday 08-09 January, 2011

Location: Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver Rounds: 9

Round Times: Saturday Rd1 10:30am Rd 2 Noon Lunch Rd3 2:00 Rd4 3:30 Rd5 5:00 Sunday Rd6 10:30 Rd7 noon Lunch Rd8 2:00 Rd9 3:30

Type: Regular Swiss.

Time Controls: G/25 + 10 sec. increments or G/30.

Entry Fee: \$40 (\$5 off by registering by email by Thursday Jan. 05), Free coffee or tea.

Prizes: 1st \$300 (Guaranteed) Rest based on entries, if 35 entries then 2nd \$250 3rd \$200

BU2200 \$100 BU2050 \$100 BU1900 \$100 Biggest Upset \$50

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 191, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

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December Active

December 19, Vancouver

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B.C. Active Championship

January 8-9, 2011, Vancouver

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