

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #214

Your editor welcomes any and all submissions - news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to B.C. players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue.

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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

San Sebastian International Open (April 16-23)

B.C.'s Leon Piasetski finished the tournament with 5.5/9, good for a tie for 33rd place. IM Javier Moreno Ruiz managed to hold onto his lead to win the event with 7.5; Canadian GM Kevin Spraggett scored 6.0 points and tied for 18th.

[tournament website](#)

Alexandra Botez

As a follow-up to last issue's report on the All Girls' National Open Championship here is one of Alexandra's games:

Regem, Jessica - Botez, Alexandra [C08] All Girls' National op ch Chicago (2), 09.04.2011

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 exd5 5.Ngf3 Nf6 6.Be2 Nc6 7.0-0 Be7 8.Nb3 This move gave me the initiative, I was expecting either 8. dxc5 or 8. c4 **8...c4 9.Nbd2 b5 10.b3 Rb8 11.Nb1 Qc7 12.a4 a6 13.axb5 axb5 14.g3 Bd6 15.Re1 0-0 16.Nbd2** At first c3 looked tempting but I didn't want to allow Nf1-e3, and decided to simply develop a piece instead. **16...Bf5 17.c3** 17.Nf1 gave White more of a fighting chance. **17...b4 18.Nh4 Be4** 18...Be6 holding the pressure was better in this case. **19.Nxe4** I could have avoided the possibility of this variation by playing 18... Be6 earlier. 19.bxc4 bxc3 20.Nxe4 dxe4 (20...Nxe4 21.c5) 21.c5 c2 22.Qd2 Be7. **19...Nxe4 20.cxb4?** 20.bxc4 Nxc3 21.Qd3 dxc4 22.Qxc4 Na5 23.Qxc7 Bxc7-/+ **20...Nc3 21.Qd2 Bxb4 22.Bb2? Ne4** Here White's position did not hold together much longer **23.Qc1 Bxe1 24.Qxe1 Rxb3 25.Bc1 Nxd4 26.Bd1 Rd3 27.Bf4 Qb6 28.Be3 Qb2 29.Rc1 h6 30.Ng2 Rxd1 31.Qxd1 Ne2+ 32.Kf1 Nxc1 33.Qxc1 Qxc1+ 34.Bxc1 Ra8 35.Be3 Ra1+ 36.Ke2 Ra2+ 37.Ke1 c3 38.Nf4 c2 39.Nd3 Ra1+ 40.Ke2 d4 41.Bc1 Nc5 42.Nxc5 Rxc1 43.Kd2 Rf1 44.Kxc2 Rxf2+ 45.Kd3 Rxh2 46.Kxd4 Rg2 47.Ne4 f5 48.Nd6 g6 49.Ke5 Rxg3 50.Kf4 Rd3 51.Nb5 g5+ 52.Ke5 f4 53.Ke4 Re3+ 54.Kd4 Re1 55.Nc3 h5 56.Ne4 Rxe4+ 57.Kxe4 h4 58.Kf3 h3 59.Kf2 g4 60.Kg1 g3 61.Kh1 f3 62.Kg1 h2+ 63.Kh1 f2 64.Kg2 h1Q+ 65.Kxh1 f1Q# 0-1**

Alexandra was also featured in a TV news [segment](#) on KPTV in Portland, Oregon on April 15.

BCYCC (April 30 - May 1) by Victoria Jung-Doknjas



Overall champions with some of the BC Junior Chess executive

Thanks to our wonderful sponsor, Lansdowne Centre, seventy-two kids competed in the BCYCC this weekend. Kids played with longer time controls where sections were divided by age categories and gender. This tournament leads to the Canadian Youth Chess Championship, which will be held in July at Richmond Hill, Ontario, and to the World Youth Chess Championship, which will be in Brazil in November 2011.

Six of our BC Youth Champions are also our Provincial grade level Champions: Luke Pulfer (BC Grade 2 and U8 BC Champion), Joshua Doknjas (BC Grade 3 and U10 BC Champion), John Doknjas (BC Grade 6 and U12 BC Champion), Ryan Lo (BC Grade 8 and U14 BC Champion), Tanraj Sohal (BC Grade 9 and U16 BC Champion), and Loren Laceste (BC Grade 12 and U18 BC Champion). These six BC Champions form an integral part of Team BC, which will be battling for the top Provincial Team honours against the other 9 provincial teams in next month's Canadian (National) Chess Challenge. Look to see great results from our very strong Team BC in May.

Congratulations to all our BC Youth Champions and Medalists:

U8 Open

Gold: Luke Pulfer
Silver: Philip Chen
Bronze: Victor Zheng

U8 Girls

Gold: Harmony Zhu
Silver: Rachel Pulfer and Cindy Zhao

U10 Open

Gold: Joshua Doknjas
Silver: Michael Su and Jingzhi Xu
Bronze: Samuel Chen

U10 Girls

Gold: Rinna Yu
Silver: Eva Shu
Bronze: Kate Pulfer, Sasha Alfonso, and Judith Chen

U12 Open

Gold: John Doknjas
Silver: Dezheng Kong and Lionel Han
Bronze: Jeffrey Dawson, Nathaniel Knox,
Tristan Taylor, and Josiah Lee

U12 Girls

Gold: Ashley Tapp and Cassidy Fu

U14 Open

Gold: Ryan Lo
Silver: Jacob Jensen
Bronze: Jeremy Hui

U14 Girls

Gold: Joanne Foote
Silver: Sofia Stanescu

U16 Open

Gold: Tanraj Sohal
Silver: Jack Cheng
Bronze: Nicholas Peters

U16 Girls

Gold: Alice Xiao

U18 Open

Gold: Loren Laceste
Silver: Anderson Yee
Bronze: Bobson Lee

Many hours go into each chess tournament in terms of organizing the site and resources to provide a safe and appealing environment for our children to play chess in. Many volunteers also help to make these chess tournaments a reality. We would like to thank these people, as without them there would not be the number of quality junior chess tournaments in BC.

Organizers: Ken Jensen, Michael Lo, Ron Hui, Lara Lo, Wolfram Herdin, and Victoria Jung-Doknjas

Tournament Directors: Stephen Wright and Richard Reid

Tournament Arbiters: Gaspar Xu, Keith Dawson, Kapila Jayaweera, Hattie Guo, Phoebe Chen, Beau Pulfer, and Cindy Li.

Registration: Lara Lo and Nellie Wong

Pairings: Lara Lo

Photography: Sophia Hague, Lester Yee, and Victoria Jung-Doknjas

Setup/Cleanup Crew: Ken Jensen, Michael Lo, Lara Lo, Wolfram Herdin, Cindy Li, Jenny, Stephen Wright, Ron Hui, and Glen Lee

Prizes and Awards: Ron Hui

Webmaster: Savvas Kyriakides www.savvyk.com

Chess Courtyard Event: Butch Villavieja, Branimir Brebrich, Hee Seid, Clement Cheng, and many, many other chess enthusiasts.

Thank you Players and Parents for another successful chess season. We look forward to seeing you all out again in September. Until then, may all your pawns be promoted!

[B.C. Junior Chess](#) webpage, including this report, crosstables, and many photos

GRAND PACIFIC OPEN (April 22-25) by Roger Patterson



Last round, board one: Nino Maisuradze versus Harry Moore

Well, the dust has settled on the 5th annual Grand Pacific Open. A record attendance was set (again!) at 104 players in the main event. We drew players from Europe, across the US, and across Canada. Something like 20+% of the players were out of province (and 80% not from Victoria). The tournament attracted its first GM and WGM (the eventual winner) as well as a selection of national (and world) and provincial junior champions. Side events at the GPO (free for participants in the main event) were again popular and included a scholastic event, active tournament, blitz, and bughouse (or double chess).

As always, the event was held at the Hotel Grand Pacific, a very nice hotel located in Victoria's Inner Harbour next to the BC legislature and across the street from US ferry connections. All equipment was provided and \$4250 were given out in guaranteed prizes. Stay tuned for announcements on next year's event - same place, same time (Easter) 2012, same venue.

A big thank you to those who made donations to support the tournament and to our [Sponsors](#):

[Bernard Callebaut](#) chocolates, [Orca Spirit](#) Whale watching tours, [IMAX Theatre](#), [Hotel Grand Pacific](#), [MonRoi](#), [Downtown Victoria Business Association](#), [Bard and Banker](#) Scottish pub, [Goddess Chess](#)

The main event was convincingly won by WGM Nino Maisuradze with a 6-0 score with wins against most of the highest rated players. Coming in with 5.5 points for second place was Vancouver junior Loren Brigham Lacey who despite his A class rating, took out a number of masters and experts. Not too sure what his new rating will be, but it seems likely he won't see an A class rating again. Most of the favourites by rating and title wound up in the pack tied for 3rd well back at 4.5 points or (shudder) even lower.

More photos on [Facebook](#)

[Games](#): Game scores as recovered from scoresheets and MonRoi.

Organizers: Brian Raymer, Roger Patterson, Paul Leblanc
TD: Mark S. Dutton, IA
Side event TDs: Evan Raymer, Elliot Ramer

Main event Results [CFC crosstable](#), [Open section](#)

1st: WGM Nino Maisuradze \$1000 + trophy 6 points
2nd: Loren Brigham Laceste \$600 [+trophy for top U2000] and the qualifying spot for the BC Closed 5.5 points
3rd-10th: GM Igor Rausis, NM Alex Yam, NM Harry Moore, FM Jack Yoos, Roger Patterson, NM Tanraj Sohal, John Williams all with \$60 and 4.5 points. [plus the U2000 second place winner Ross Richardson]

U2000:

1st: Loren Brigham Laceste Trophy 5.5 points
2nd: Ross Richardson \$400 4.5 points
3rd: John Doknjas \$300 4 points.

U1700:

1st-2nd: Ray Wu \$300 + trophy, Sarah May \$300 3.5 points

Top Women: Courtesy of [Goddess Chess](#) and in addition to place prize money:

1st: WGM Nino Maisuradze \$70 6 points
2nd: WFM Valeria Gansvind \$60 4 points
3rd: WCM Alexandra Botez \$50 3.5 points
4th: Sarah May \$40 3.5 points
5th: Alice Xiao \$30 3.0 points

Biggest Upset: Ray Wu \$100 (639 points)

U1400 Section [CFC crosstable](#), [U1400 section](#)

1st: Leo Stokes \$300 + Trophy 6 points
2nd: Ben Seran \$200 5 points.

Top Unrated (either section: Regan Thiessen \$100

Side Event results:

Scholastic: [Crosstable](#) 22 Players in the 2011 Grand Pacific Scholastic with players from the US and Canada

K-3 Section 1st Praveer Sharan US K-1 Champion 2nd Luke Pulfer BC Grade 2 Champion 3rd Neil Doknjas

Gr 4-7 Section 1st Ben Seran 2nd Jasper Hamilton 3rd Jeet Ajmani

Active: [Crosstable](#) 14 players, 1st-2nd: Roger Patterson, Han Du (3.5 points) 3rd: Tanraj Sohal

Midnight Blitz: [Crosstable](#) 25 players played in the midnight blitz. Noam Davies was a clear 1st with 9/10. Ray Wu 1st U1700 \$25 Jill Ding and Adam tied for 1st U1400 - \$15 each.

Grand Pacific Open History:

	Year	Date	#	Winner(s)	Score
1st	2007	April 7-9	41	Hanneign Pitre	4.5-0.5
2nd	2008	March 21-24	83	Bindi Cheng	6.0-0.0
3rd	2009	April 10-13	76	Leon Piasetski*, Valeria Gansvind, Lawrence Day, Vicente Lee Jr.	5.0-1.0
4th	2010	April 2-5	87	Lawrence Day	5.5-0.5
5th	2011	April 22-25	104	Nino Maisuradze	6.0-0.0

* Tie-break winner

[webpage](#) containing this report
[Polly Wright's](#) blog (one of the participants)

Maisuradze, Nino - Gansvind, Valeria [A42] Grand Pacific Open 2011 Victoria (4), 24.04.2011

1.d4 d6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 Nc6 5.Be3 e5 6.Nge2 Nf6 7.d5 Ne7 8.f3 Nd7 9.g4 f5 10.gxf5 gxf5 11.f4 Nf6 12.fxe5 dxe5 13.Ng3 f4 14.Nh5 Nxh5 15.Qxh5+ Ng6 16.Bc5 Bd7 17.Rg1 Qf6 18.Bh3 0-0-0 19.0-0-0 b6 20.Bf2 Bf8 21.Rd3 Kb7 22.Bxd7 Rxd7 23.Qd1 Qf7 24.c5 bxc5 25.Qa4 Rd6 26.Bxc5 Ra6 27.Qb5+ Rb6 28.Bxb6 axb6 29.Na4 Qf6 30.Rc3 Be7 31.Rc6 Rf8 32.Nxb6 cxb6 33.Qxb6+ Ka8 34.Qa5+ Kb7 35.Rc7+ 1-0

Maisuradze, Nino - Moore, Harry [E77] Grand Pacific Open 2011 Victoria (6), 25.04.2011

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.f4 0-0 6.Nf3 c5 7.d5 e6 8.Be2 exd5 9.exd5 Re8 10.0-0 Ng4 11.Bd3 Ne3 12.Bxe3 Rxe3 13.Qd2 Re8 14.Rae1 Rxe1 15.Rxe1 Bg4 16.Ng5 h6 17.Nge4 Bf5 18.Kh1 Na6 19.Nb5 Bxe4 20.Rxe4 Nc7 21.Nxc7 Qxc7 22.Qe2 Bf6 23.h4 Kg7 24.h5 g5 25.Qg4 Rh8 26.b3 a6 27.Qf5 Qd8 28.Re2 gxf4 29.Qxf4 Re8 30.Rxe8 Qxe8 31.Qe4 Be5 32.Qh7+ Kf8 33.Qxh6+ Bg7 34.Qxd6+ Kg8 35.Qg3 Kh8 36.Qh4 Be5 37.Qe4 Kg8 38.h6 Qe7 39.h7+ Kh8 40.Qg4 Bg7 41.Qg3 Qe8 42.Bf5 Be5 43.Qg8+ Qxg8 44.hxg8Q+ Kxg8 45.Bc8 a5 46.Bxb7 Kg7 47.Kg1 Bd6 48.Kf2 Kf6 49.Ke3 Ke5 50.Bc8 Be7 51.g4 f6 52.Kd3 Bf8 53.Kc3 Bh6 54.Kb2 Kd6 55.Ka3 Bd2 56.Bf5 Bc3 57.Ka4 Bd2 58.Kb5 Bc3 59.Be4 Bd2 60.Bf3 Bc3 61.a3 Bd2 62.Kb6 Bc3 63.b4 cxb4 64.c5+ Kd7 65.c6+ Kc8 66.d6 Bd4+ 67.Kxa5 bxa3 68.Bd5 Be5 69.Be6+ 1-0

Laceste, Loren - Day, Lawrence [A42] Grand Pacific Open 2011 Victoria (6), 25.04.2011

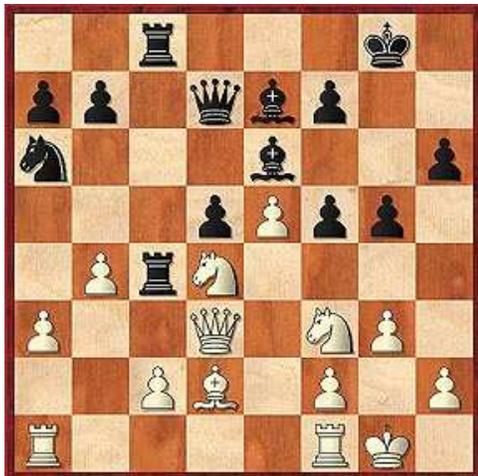
1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.Nc3 Nd7 5.e4 e5 6.Bg5 f6 7.Be3 Nh6 8.h3 Nf7 9.Qc2 0-0 10.Be2 exd4 11.Nxd4 Re8 12.0-0 Nc5 13.Nb3 Na6 14.Rad1 f5 15.exf5 Bxf5 16.Qc1 Qh4 17.Nd4 c6 18.Nxf5 gxf5 19.Rfe1 Re6 20.Bd3 Qh5 21.Ne2 Be5 22.f4 Bh8 23.Ng3 Qh4 24.Nxf5 Qd8 25.Bf2 Nc7 26.Rxe6 Nxe6 27.Re1 Qd7 28.Qe3 Re8 29.Qg3+ Kf8 30.Qh4 Bxb2 31.Qxh7 Nxf4 32.Be4 Re6 33.Bg3 Be5 34.Bxf4 1-0

JACK YOOS ANNOTATES

Given that the annual Keres Memorial is coming up fast (have you entered yet?), we begin to present Jack Yoos' games from last year's event.

Yoos, Jack - Ingram, Richard [B12] Keres mem 35th Richmond (1.3), 22.05.2010

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6 4...Nc6 5.Nf3!? (5.Bb5 e6 6.Be3 Nge7 7.c3 Bd7 8.Bxc6 Nxc6 9.Nf3?! (9.f4 g5 unclear) 9...Qc7 10.Bd4 Nxd4 11.cxd4 b6 with counterplay) 5...Bg4 6.Bb5 This is the point of White's move order. With the black bishop tempted outside the pawn chain it will be more difficult for Black to achieve counterplay with the thematic ...b6. 6...e6 7.b4 Nge7 8.Bb2 Ng6 9.0-0 a5 10.a3 and Black did not get his pawn back in Yoos-Sokourinski, Canadian Open, Vancouver, 1999. **5.Be3 Nh6** More flexible than 5...Nd7. 5...Nd7 6.Nf3 **a)** 6.Bb5 Qc7 7.Nf3 Bxc5 8.Bxc5 Qxc5 9.Nc3 Ne7 10.0-0 Ng6 11.Re1 0-0 12.h4?! Too aggressive. (12.Bd3) 12...f6! 13.Bxd7? (13.exf6) 13...Bxd7 14.exf6 Rxf6 15.h5 Nf4-/+ Yoos-Rozentalis, Quebec Open, Montreal, 2007; **b)** 6.c4!?!; 6...Qc7 7.c4!?! (7.Bb5 transposes back to 6. Bb5.) 7...dxc4 8.Qa4 Bxc5 9.Bxc5 Qxc5 10.Nc3 Nh6 11.Ne4 Qc6 12.Qxc6 bxc6 13.h3 Nb6 14.0-0-0 with an attack, Yoos-Jiganchine, Keres Memorial, Vancouver, 2009. **6.Nf3** Again avoiding the typical gambit positions where ...b6 is played. 6.c3 Nf5 7.Bd4 Bd7 (7...Nxd4 8.cxd4 b6) 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.Bd3 (9.a3 a5) 9...b6 with counterplay **6...Nf5 7.Bg5** The point of the previous move. As this is White's bad bishop, exchanging it would be welcome. The knight will now be a target on f5. **7...Qc7** Unusual, but interesting. Black usually recaptures on c5 with tempo by 7... Qa5. This has the advantage of being able to recapture on c5 with the bishop. The downside is that white has time to fracture the pawn structure. 7...Qa5+ 8.c3 Qxc5 9.Bd3; 7...f6 8.exf6 gxf6 9.Ne5 with an attack. **8.Bd3** 8.b4?! looks unsound to me 8...Nc6 (8...a5 9.g4 Nh6 10.Bxh6 gxh6 11.c3 Bd7 with counterplay) 9.Bb5 Bd7 10.Bxc6 Bxc6 11.0-0 b6 with counterplay. **8...Bxc5 9.Bxf5** 9.0-0!? Nc6 10.Bxf5 (10.Nc3 Nfd4) 10...exf5 11.Nc3] **9...exf5 10.0-0** 10.Qxd5!?! Be6 11.Qd3 unclear **10...Be6 11.Nc3 h6 12.Bc1 Qd7 13.b3** Probably not best. 13.a3 Nc6 14.b4; 13.Ne2 **13...Na6** I prefer the knight on c6. **14.a3 Rc8 15.Qd3 0-0 16.b4 Be7 17.Nb5 Rc4 18.Nbd4 Rfc8 19.Bd2** Considering the idea of Nb8-Nc6 it might have been more solid to play 19.Bb2. **19...g5 20.g3**



20...Qc7? This causes serious problems, not because of the pawn, but because it clears a path to the Black king. 20...Nb8! with counterplay. **21.Nxf5 Bxf5 22.Qxf5 Re4** 22...Rxc2 23.Rac1 and Black cannot stop both threats of attack - e6 and h4. 23...Kg7 (23...Bd8 24.h4; 23...Rc4 24.e6) 24.h4 gxh4 25.Qg4+ Kh7 26.Bxh6 Kxh6 27.Rxc2 Qxc2 28.Nd4+- **23.Rae1 Qc4?** allowing a shot. 23...Rxe1 24.Nxe1 **24.e6! fxe6 24...Rf8 25.Ne5 25.Qg6+ Kf8 26.Ne5 1-0**

Trochtchanovitch, Pavel - Yoos, Jack [B56] Keres mem 35th Richmond (2.3), 22.05.2010

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 Nf6 4.Nc3 cxd4 5.Nxd4 Nc6 6.Be3 This move order is usually avoided because of my next move. **6...Ng4 7.Bc1?! 7.Bg5 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Bg7** is an improvement over the comparable Najdorf line - 1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be3 Ng4 7.Bg5

h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg7 - since the knight on c6 is more useful than a6. **7...Qb6 8.h3?! Losing a pawn.** 8.Bb5 e5 (if Black wants to play it safe 8...Bd7 is also pleasant. 9.0-0 Qxd4 10.Bxc6 Qxd1 11.Bxd7+ Kxd7 12.Rxd1 g6=/+) 9.Nd5 Qxd4 10.Qxd4 exd4 11.Nc7+ Kd8 12.Nxa8 Be6-/+ and it looks to me like the knight is getting out. **8...Qxd4 8...Nxf2 9.Kxf2 (9.Nd5 Nxd1 10.Nxb6 axb6 11.Nb5 Ra4) 9...Qxd4+ 10.Qxd4 Nxd4 11.Bd3 g6 12.Nd5 Kd8-/+ also looks very good, maybe even better. 9.hxg4 Qxd1+ 10.Nxd1 Bxg4 11.Ne3 Bd7-/+ 12.Bd2! e6** Staying flexible with 12...Rc8 was something to consider. **13.Bc3** Puts some pressure on Black. **13...0-0-0 14.0-0-0 h6 15.Bc4 Rg8** Perhaps more active was 15...Ne5 16.Bb3 Bc6. **16.Bb3 Be7 17.Kb1 Kc7 18.f4 b5 19.a3 a5 19...Rb8** avoids the tactic on the next move.



20.Be1 Alternatively White could have mixed it up with a little combo, but the assessment would remain the same. 20.Nd5+ exd5 21.exd5 Nb8 22.Bxa5+ **20...Rb8 21.Ba2 b4 22.a4 . 22...Nd8!** Regrouping. Now the e-pawn will come under fire. **23.Bb3 Nb7 24.Nc4 Bc6 25.f5** Protecting the e-pawn puts White on the defensive. 25.Rd4 Nc5! 26.Nxa5 Bxe4 27.Rxb4 d5 28.Ka2 Bd6 29.Rxb8 Rxb8 30.Bd2 Ra8 and White is tied in a pretzel.; 25.Nd2 Nc5 **25...Bxe4** Another pawn is won, but defending all of the points is a bit problematic. **26.fxe6 fxe6 27.Rg1 Bd5** Perhaps more active was to offer the capture of the e6 pawn. 27...Rge8 28.Nd2 (28.Bf2 Bf6) 28...Bc6 29.Bxe6 Bf6 30.Bb3 Bd4 31.Rf1 Bxg2 32.Rf7+ Kc6 **28.Bf2 Bxc4 29.Bxc4 d5 30.Bb5 Bc5 31.Bg3+ Bd6 32.Bf2 Rgf8 33.Be3**

Bc5 34.Rge1 Bxe3 35.Rxe3 Rf6?! It would have been more solid to bring the knight and/or king into play. At the time I just didn't see where White's counterplay was. 35...Nc5; 35...Kd6 36.c4! Unfortunately I only noticed this idea right after I played my previous move. **36...Nd6?! a panic reaction. 36...bxc3 37.Rxc3+ (37.Rc1 Nd6 38.Rcxc3+ Kd8) 37...Kd8 38.Rc6 Rc8 39.Ra6 Rc7 40.Re1 Ke7 41.Ra7 Rf7 42.Ra6 Nd6 43.Rxa5 Rf2 44.Bd3 Kd7 45.Re2-/+ 37.cxd5 Nxb5 38.axb5 exd5 39.Rxd5 Kb6 40.Ka2 Rc8 41.Ree5?! White should spend a move to get his king out of the cage. 41.Kb3 41...Rg6 42.g4! Rxg4 43.Re6+ Kb7 44.Rdd6 Rc1 45.b6**



With counterplay. Now it is getting a bit tricky. I had to play carefully here. **45...Ka6 45...a4 46.Re7+ Ka6 47.b7+ Ka7 48.b8Q+ Kxb8 49.Rd8+ Rc8 50.Rdd7= 46.Rd7 b3+ 46...a4? 47.b7+ Ka7 48.b8Q+ Kxb8 49.Re8+ Rc8 50.Ree7= 47.Kxb3 Rb4+ 48.Ka2 Rxb6 49.Ree7?? a grave mistake. Pavel had played very resourcefully up to this point and made a game out of a lost opening. 49.Rxb6+ Kxb6 50.Rxg7=/+ would have been very difficult to win. **49...g5-+** Now it's inevitable. Connected passers win in rook endgames. **50.Rg7 Rc2 51.Ka3 Kb5 52.Ra7 Rf2 53.Rge7 Rf5 54.Ra8 Kc4 55.Rc8+ Kd4 56.Rd8+ Rd5 57.Rde8 h5 58.Re4+ Kc5 59.b3 g4 60.Ra8 Kb5 61.Ra4 Ra6 62.Rb8+ Kc6 63.Re4 Ra7 64.Rg8 Rad7 65.Re6+ R7d6 66.Re7 Kc5 67.Rc8+ Kd4 68.Rc4+ Kd3****

69.Kb2 Rf5 70.Re1 Rf2+ 71.Ka3 Rd5 72.Rce4 Kd2 73.Rg1 Re2 74.Rf4 Ke3 75.Rf7 Re5 76.Rg3+ Ke4 77.Rc3 Rd2 78.Rc1 Rd3 79.Rc4+ Ke3 80.Rc1 Rb5 81.Re1+ Kd2 82.Rfe7 Rxb3+ 83.Ka2 Ra3+ Phew! I was worn out at this point. Pavel put up a very tough fight after a bad start. **0-1**

Learn From The Masters!

Date: May 14 - 15, 2011

Location: EAC Chess Club, 14524 - 91B Ave. Surrey

Format: Instruction from 7 of B.C.'s top players... a series of two-hour lectures from International Master Leon Piasetski, B.C. Champion Jack Yoos, former B.C. champions Dan Scoones, Howard Wu, Brian McLaren and Robert Chow with Tony Pascuzzi.

Times: Three sessions each day - 10:00-12:00, 1:00-3:00, 4:00-6:00.

Method of Instruction: Each master will present an educational topic of their choice from their own experience/study. Each participant will have their own chess set and the opportunity to interact.

Cost: \$50 (registration is limited to 16)

Registration and Enquiries: Alonso Campos (Orgz & TD) 604-767-5153 or email: ac-777-ac-888@live.com

36th Annual Paul Keres Memorial Chess Tournament

A 7 round FIDE and CFC rated Swiss

May 20-23, 2011

\$4000 in prizes guaranteed

When: May 20-23, 2011

Where: River Rock Casino Resort, 8811 River Road, Richmond, BC

Sections: Open (FIDE and CFC rated), U2000 (CFC rated), U1600 (CFC rated)

Time Control: Game/80 minutes + 60 sec. increment

Rounds: Friday May 20 6:30pm, Saturday 10am 5pm, Sunday 10am 4pm, Monday 10am 3pm

Prizes: \$4000 Guaranteed. Open Section: \$1000, \$600, \$400; Top U2200 \$300 Top BC player qualifies for the BC Closed U2000 Section: \$600, \$400; Top U1800 \$200 U1600 Section: \$300, Top U1400 \$100 Top Scoring Unrated (any section) \$100

Entry Fees: GMs, IMs, WGMs free if preregistered on or before May 17, otherwise EF deducted from prize, if any.

Open U2000 U1400 Early Bird (paid by Friday, April 8) \$120 \$100 \$80 Registered on or before Tuesday, May 17 \$130 \$110 \$90 On Site \$140 \$120 \$100

Accommodation: At the River Rock Casino Resort \$129 single/double, 8811 River Road, Richmond BC. 1-866-748-3718. Reservations must be made by April 20 to guarantee this rate.

Transportation: By car; Free parking. By Skytrain or bus to Bridgeport station. By Air; the River Rock Hotel is 5 minutes from the Vancouver International Airport by skytrain or taxi. By boat to River Rock marina

Registration: Online registration to be enabled September 2010. Or by mail to Keres Memorial Chess, 4381 Wildflower Lane, Victoria, BC. V8X 5H1. Make cheques payable to: Roger Patterson Or on site 5pm-6pm Friday May 20.

Misc: All sections are 7 rounds

BCCF dues included in entry fee

Up to 3 half point byes in rounds 1-6 if requested in advance

Free parking on site

All equipment provided

Unrated players not eligible for class prizes

For non cash prizes, 1st tiebreak is individual cumulative score. 2nd tiebreak is cumulative score of opponents.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Junior

<http://www.bcjuniorchess.com/calendar/>

<http://victoriajuniorchess.pbworks.com/Tournament-Schedule>

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre room 157, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

entry fee \$20 for adults \$15 for juniors

Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

Learn from the Masters

May 14-15, Surrey

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

36th Paul Keres Memorial

May 20-23, Richmond

Details: <http://keresmemorial.pbworks.com/w/page/1785469/FrontPage>

June Active

June 5, Vancouver

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

B.C. Open

July 30 - August 1, Richmond

Details: <http://victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/w/page/35682117/BC-Open>

Portland Chess Club Centennial Open

August 12-14, Portland, Oregon

Details: http://www.nwchess.com/calendar/PCC_Centennial_Open_201108.pdf