

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #225

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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

October Active (October 2)

Butch Villavieja returned to the winner's circle in the latest active tournament at the Vancouver Bridge Centre, claiming the first prize with a perfect score. Former B.C. Champion Dragoljub Milicevic was second with 3.5/4, while the highest-rated player, Alfred Pechisker, could only score 3.0 points after losing to Constantin Rotariu (1487) in the first round; he was joined by Rotariu and Ryan Lo. Twenty-eight players participated. [Crosstable](#)

Oyster Bay Classic (October 1-2)

From the [Northwest Chess](#) website:

"Oyster Bay Inn Classic (Oct 1-2) in Bremerton, WA - David Rupel of Olympia, WA won the ten-player open section with a 3-1, two draws score. Premier section of eleven players was won by a score of 3.5-.5 by Mathew Nill. Nine players took part in the reserve section with Thomas Taylor having top score of 4-0. Kitsap County Chess Club was the sponsor with Kristen Dietsch handling the TD part."

From Roger Patterson:

"The Oyster Bay Classic was this year's incarnation of the Silverdale Classic. Some problem booking the usual hotel resulted in a change of venue. The new venue had georgous scenery from the hotel rooms and tournament sight but less spiffy accommodations - so a mixed bag of changes. Thirty people participated, down from last year's forty. The top section was won by David Rupel with 2.5/4, followed by a three way tie for second (Roger Patterson (the lone Canadian), Viktors Pupols, Michael MacGregor)."

[USCF crosstable](#)

EAC Chess Arts Open # 9 (September 24-25)

The latest open tournament organized by Eugenio Alonso Campos saw a field comprised of experienced tournament players alongside more recent additions to the chess scene in this province. Unfortunately for the former it was largely the newcomers who came out on top. Playing in only his third CFC-rated event, Mihai Ganea won first prize with an undefeated 4.5/5 score. Constantin Rotariu, who only joined the CFC last Easter, came second with 3.5 points, while third was Yekta Saremi, a grade five student formerly of Iran, who was participating in her second CFC tournament. Three names to watch ... [CFC crosstable](#)

2011 B.C. CHAMPIONSHIPS

The ninety-sixth B.C. Championship will take place this weekend, featuring the following players:

John Doknjas (qualified from B.C. Open)
Maxim Doroshenko (qualified from Paul Keres Memorial)
Valeria Gansvind (from ratings list)
Loren Laceste (qualified from Grand Pacific Open)
Brian McLaren (from ratings list)
Alfred Pechisker (qualified from Labour Day Open)
Tanraj Sohal (current B.C. Junior Champion)
Jack Yoos (defending Champion)

The site is the Burnaby campus of Simon Fraser University; round 1 is at 5:30 pm on October 7 in AQ (Academic Quadrangle) 4130, with the rest of the rounds occurring over the weekend in WMC (West Mall Complex) 2532. The B.C. Women's Championship will be held at the same location on Sunday, October 9 with these players, all drawn from the ratings list (although Alexandra is the defending Champion):

Alexandra Botez
Alice Xiao
Anca Datcu
Joanne Foote

Results and games from each day's play in both championships should appear late the same evening at the [B.C. Chess History](#) website.

MICHAEL YIP ANNOTATES

Rajcsanyi,P - Yip,M [C15] Budapest Open (9), 28.08.2011

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.a3 Bxc3+ 5.bxc3 dxe4 6.Qg4 Nf6 7.Qxg7 Rg8 8.Qh6 Nbd7 9.Nh3
White would like to play Nf4 but not via e2 which would obstruct Be2. **9...c5** d4 is well defended and ..cd will only undouble White's c-pawns so in hindsight, I don't think this normally useful move is a productive use of time. 9...b6 This seems like the main line. 10.Be2 Bb7 11.0-0 Qe7 12.a4 0-0-0 13.Ba3 The bishop is misplaced here as after Black's reply, Ba3 remains passive. 13...c5 14.Qh4 Qd6 15.Rfd1?! Now Black takes over. (15.g3=) 15...e3 16.f3 16...Rxc2+!? 17.Kxc2 Rg8+ 18.Ng5 h6 19.Rg1? (19.dxc5! is the only way to continue. 19...Qe5 20.cxb6 Rxc5+ 21.Kf1 Qf5÷ The position remains complex.(21...Nd5? 22.Qd4! axb6 23.Qxe5 Nxe5 24.Bd6 Nxc3 25.Bxe5 Rxe5 26.Rd4+/=)) 19...hxg5→ 20.Qg3 Qd5 Black simply plans ...g4. 21.Kf1 Nh5 22.Qg2 Nf4 23.Qg3 Nxe2 24.Kxe2 Qc4+ 0-1 Lane,G - Tisdall,J /Gausdal 1987 **10.Rb1!?!N** It's not clear that this move is so useful as Black will play ...b6 anyways. 10.Be2 Qa5!? (with counterplay) 11.Bd2 Rxc2 12.Ng5 cxd4 13.Qg7 Rxc2 14.Qxc2 Qxc2 15.Bxc2 dxc3 16.0-0-0= 16...a6 17.Rhg1 b5 18.Rg3 Nd5 19.Rh3 Although Black has three pawns for the exchange, his loose pawn structure gives White active possibilities. 19...f6 (19...Nf8= Passive defence was preferable.) 20.Be3+/= Nxe3? The knight played a useful defensive role and should remain in the center to block the d-file. (20...Nf8=) 21.fxe3± 21...Nf8?+- 22.Bh5+ Ke7 23.Rg3! Bd7 24.Rg7+ 1-0 Ljubojevic,L - Korchnoi,V /Tilburg 1986 **10...Rg6?** This immediately gives White more than he deserves. 10...Qa5!? is apparently best [Houdini1.5] but during the game, this active and natural move did not occur to me. 11.Bd2 Rg6 12.Qe3 Qxa3 unclear. **11.Qd2 Qc7 12.Nf4 Rg8 13.Be2 13.d5!?** leads to a murky position

where it is not clear if White has accomplished anything. 13...e5 14.d6 e3 15.Qxe3 Qxd6 16.c4 (16.Ne2 unclear) 16...Qd4 17.Ne2 Qxc4 18.Ng3 Qxc2 19.Rb2 Qa4 20.Nf5 with compensation. **13...b6 14.d5!? exd5 15.Nxd5 Nxd5 16.Qxd5 Bb7 17.Qf5**



17...Qe5!? Trading off White's active queen is a logical plan. 17...e3!? is a useful line clearing sacrifice which I considered briefly but could not accurately assess. 18.Bxe3 Rxc2 19.Bf4 Qc6 20.Bb5 The start of a long sequence that leads to an even ending. (20.Bg3? The point of the ...e3 sacrifice is revealed. Now White cannot play to trap the rook. 20...Rxc3!→) 20...Qe6+ 21.Qxe6+ fxe6 22.Ke2 Rg4 23.Rhd1 Ba6! 24.Kf3 Bxb5 25.Kxg4 Be2+ 26.Kg3 Bxd1 27.Rxd1 Ke7 Black has a pleasant ending because of White's weak queenside pawns. **18.Qxe5+ Nxe5 19.Bf4 Nc6?+/-** Too fancy. Black falters with a passive retreat that has the idea of preventing a4-a5. 19...f6!? This odd move never occurred to me. 20.Bxe5 Black's optically weak e-pawns are no problem . 20...fxe5 21.0-0 0-0-0

22.Rbd1 Bd5 23.Rfe1 Kc7 24.g3 Rgf8 25.Bf1 Intending Bg2 to hit Black's weak e4-pawn. 25...Rf3 26.Re3 Rd6 27.Bg2 Rxe3 28.fxe3 b5!? Black should have no problems.; 19...Ng6 Chasing the bishop also leads to an equal ending. 20.Bg5 Threatening Bb5+. 20...Ne5 (20...Kd7 21.0-0 Ne5 22.Bf4 Ke6=) 21.Bf4 (21.Bb5+ Bc6 22.Bxc6+ Nxc6 Is not a problem for Black.) 21...f6 22.0-0 Rd8 23.Rfe1 Ke7= **20.0-0 0-0-0+/- 21.h3=** A precious tempo loss as Bg4 is easily prevented. 21.Rfd1 is better and White has a bit of pressure. **21...Ne7 22.Bc4 Nd5 23.Bxd5 Bxd5=/+** A new maneuvering phase begins but realistically Black does not have enough to force the issue. **24.g3 Bc6!?** **25.h4 Ba4 26.Rbc1 h5=/+ 27.Rfe1 f5 28.Re2 Rd7 29.Rd2 Rxd2 30.Bxd2 Rd8 31.Be3 Bb5 32.Kg2 Be2!?-/+** Black is making some progress. **33.Rb1 Kc7 34.Re1 Bf3+** It turns out the this was an unnecessary check as the king just gets closer to the queenside. I was concerned with the possibility of maintaining some kind of mating net. 34...Bd1!-/+ I saw this strong move but thought there was something better. **35.Kf1 Kc6!?** Played with the idea of...Kb5-c4 or a4. 35...Bd1 Restricting White's rook is the most logical way to proceed. **36.Rb1**



36...a5?=/+ Quickly played and a weak move at that. Superficial thinking at this point really shows how poor my form was in this tournament. 36...Kd5! This natural move is very strong. Black's king will go to c4 and tie White down to the defence of the c-pawn. In the mean time White cannot match Black's king activity with his own. 37.Ke1 Kc4 38.Bg5 Rd6 39.Bf4 Rd5 40.Bd2 f4! is an interesting line opening sacrifice. 41.gxf4 Rd7 42.f5 Rf7 43.f6 Rxf6 44.Bg5 Rd6 45.Bf4 Rd5 46.Bd2 Rd8 47.Bg5 Rd7 48.Bd2 Rb7!/? 49.Rc1 (49.a4? Gives Black a chance to make a nice line clearing sacrifice. 49...e3 50.fxe3 (50.Bxe3 Allows decisive king penetration. 50...Kxc3 51.Rc1 Re7 52.Kf1 Re4!→) 50...Rg7 51.Kf2 Bc6! The point of ..e3 is that the bishop has much more range and can attack

the weak a-pawn. 52.e4 Bxa4 53.Rc1 Re7 54.Kf3 a5! 55.Kf4 Bc6 56.e5 a4→ Black's queenside pawns and active king should decide easily.) 49...Rg7 50.Bg5 Rg6 (50...Kxc3?? 51.Bf6+ A bit of care is needed not to lose the rook.) 51.Bf4 Rg4! 52.Bg5 Rg2 53.Bf6 (53.Be3 Kxc3→ ...Kb2xc2 is next.) 53...Rh2 54.a4 a6 55.Bd8 Kxc3 56.Bf6+ ...Rh1# must be stopped. 56...Kc4→ Black will simply march his queenside pawns up the board. **37.Ke1 a4 38.c4 Rd7 39.c3 Rd3 40.Bd2 Rd7=** There is no way to make further progress. ½-½

B.C. CHAMPIONS

So who have been the most successful B.C. champions, at least in terms of the most provincial titles won? The following lists all the players who have won the championship three or more times:

7-time winner:



John M. Ewing (1916, 1919-23, 1936)

6-time winners:



Miervaldis Jursevskis (1949, 1950, 1954-57)



Elod Macskasy (1958-62, 1967)

5-time winners:

Jack M. Taylor (1929, 1930, 1938, 1945, 1953), Bruce Harper (1973, 1975, 1976, 1978, 1980), Gordon Taylor (1977, 1979, 1981-83), Gary Basanta (1989, 1991-93, 1998), Jack Yoos (2003-2005, 2009, 2010)

4-time winners:

Bertram A. Yates (1917, 1918, 1921, 1940), Charles F. Millar (1931-33, 1937), Leo M. Duval

(1941-43, 1946), Peter Biyiasas (1968, 1969, 1971, 1972), Jonathan Berry (1994, 2000, 2006, 2008)

3-time winners:

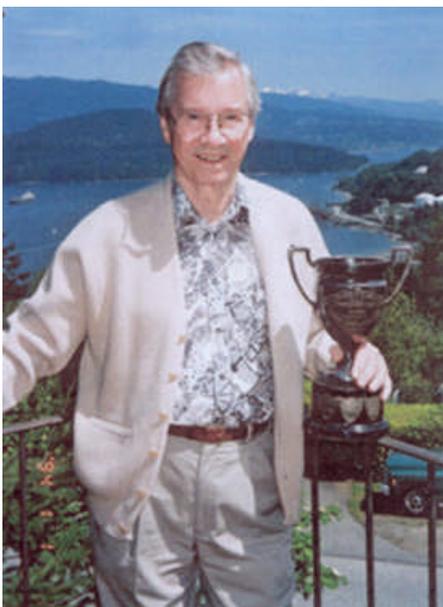
William J. Barker (1924, 1926, 1928), Dragoljub Milicevic (1997, 2000, 2001)

The full list of [previous champions](#).

In considering multiple championship wins, it is also appropriate to mention the championship trophies, since the two are related. The current trophy has only been in use since 1956, and the individual plaques on it only go back to 1944. Before 1956 there was a rule in force to the effect that if a player won the championship three years in a row, he was given permanent possession of the trophy.

The first trophy was the Bowser Shield, which was awarded at the first competition in 1916; it was given to John Ewing in the early 1920s after he won the title for the sixth time, and he responded by donating the Ewing Cup as a replacement. This was taken out of circulation by Charles Millar in 1933, and he offered the Millar Cup in exchange. The Millar Cup was permanently won by Leo Duval in 1943, and its replacement was undertaken by Chris Spencer (president of [David Spencer Ltd.](#), which operated a chain of department stores on Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland until they were sold to the Eaton Company in 1948). Miervaldis Jursevskis was given the Chris Spencer Cup in 1956, at which point the present trophy came into use; the plaques from the Chris Spencer Cup (i.e., 1944 -1956) were copied onto it, which is why the current trophy is younger than the earliest events it commemorates.

The next potential permanent winner of the trophy was Dr. Macskasy in 1960, but either he declined or the BCCF decided it was losing too many trophies, because the 1956 trophy has remained in use ever since. The Chris Spencer Cup is still in the possession of Miervaldis Jursevskis (below left), but the fate of the other previous trophies is unknown, although there is a photograph of the Ewing Cup amid the Max Enke papers at the B.C. Archives (below right).



2011 Vancouver Open Chess Tournament

Grandmaster Alonso Zapata will be playing
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alonso_Zapata

Date: October 8, 9, 10, 2011

Sponsored Umoja & Eac Chess - Arts

Place: 10025 Whalley Blvd Surrey, V3T 4G1 (1 Block from King George SkyTrain Station)

Format: 6 Rounds: Swiss System - CFC Rated Tournament (CFC Membership Required)

Time Control: 75 Min / 30 Sec. Increment

Round Times: (SAT) 9:30AM / 2:00PM / 6.00PM (SUN) 6:00PM / (MON) 9:30AM / 2:00PM

Type: Regular Swiss, CFC Rated (CFC Membership Required)

Entry Fee: \$80.00 If Paid By September 20th / \$90.00 If Paid By September 30th

\$100 Onsite (cash Only) GM's, IM's, WGMs Free Entry (\$100 Deducted From Prize)

Prizes: \$2,650 guaranteed & 7 digital chess clocks & a chess set

OPEN SECTION: 1st \$1000, 2nd \$500, 3rd \$250

U2200: 1st \$200, 2nd A Digital Clock

U2000: 1st \$200, 2nd A Digital Clock

U1800: 1st \$200, 2nd A Digital Clock

U1600: 1st \$150, 2nd A Digital Clock

U1400: 1st \$150, 2nd A Digital Clock

U1200: 1st A Digital Clock

UNRATED: A DIGITAL CLOCK

Registration: Make Cheques Payable To: Eugenio Campos, Or By Mail To: Eugenio Campos, 14524 91b Ave. Surrey, B.c. Canada, V3r-711, Or In Person At The Above Address By Phoning First At (604) 767-5153, Or Onsite From 8:45am To 9:15am (cash Only) Or Online To:

<http://eacchess.com/eac-tournaments/2011-vancouver-open-chess-tournament/>

Visiting Grandmaster Side Events:

GM Alonso Zapata's Simultaneous Exhibition - Oct 6th, 2011

<http://eacchess.com/simultaneous/alonso-zapatas-simultaneous-exhibition-oct-6th-2011/>

GM Alonso Zapata's Lectures - Oct 7th, 2011

<http://eacchess.com/lectures/alonso-zapatas-lectures-oct-7th-2011/>

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 158, 1961 East Mall, University of British Columbia

entry fee \$21 adult, \$16 junior

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For details of the following see the [BCCF website](#)

Vancouver Open

October 8-10, Surrey

EAC Chess Arts Open #10

October 29-30, Surrey

Jack Taylor Memorial

November 12-13, Victoria

December Active

December 4, Vancouver Bridge Centre

December Active (2)

December 18, Vancouver Bridge Centre

B.C. Active Championship

January 28-29, 2012, Vancouver Bridge Centre

Grand Pacific Open

April 6-9, 2012, Victoria

Paul Keres Memorial

May 19-21, 2012, Richmond

Canadian Open

July 8-13, 2012, Victoria

U.S. Open

August 4-12, 2012, Vancouver WA