

BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #257

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. To subscribe, send me an e-mail (swright2@telus.net) or sign up via the BCCF webpage (www.chess.bc.ca); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Tradewise Gibraltar Chess Festival (January 21-31)

In the last eleven years the Gibraltar Festival has grown to become one of the premier opens on the international circuit, and this year was no exception. The Masters section attracted two hundred and forty-seven players, including twenty-two over 2600 and eight over 2700. When the smoke had cleared after ten rounds four players found themselves tied for first with 8.0 points: Nikita Vitiugov, Maxime Vachier-Lagrave, Chanda Sandipan, and Nigel Short. Playoff games ensued, leaving Nikita Vitiugov as the outright winner. B.C.'s Leon Piasetski had trouble getting decisive results – six of his games were drawn – and he finished with 50%. [Tournament website](#), with results, standings, games, and many photos and videos.

Byron, Alan M - Piasetski, Leon [B42] 11th Gibraltar Masters Caleta (7.64), 28.01.2013

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Bd3 Bc5 6.Nb3 Be7 7.Be3 d6 8.f4 Nd7 9.Qe2 h5 10.N1d2 Ngf6 11.0–0–0 Qc7 12.Kb1 b6 13.Rhf1 Bb7 14.g3 e5 15.Bg1 h4 16.Nc4 Nh5 17.Qf2 Nhf6 18.Qe2 g6 19.Nbd2 Nc5 20.Bxc5 Qxc5 21.fxe5 dxe5 22.Nf3 hxg3 23.Ncxe5 Rh5 24.Nxg6 fxg6 25.e5 0–0–0 26.exf6 Bxf6 27.Qe6+ Kb8 28.Qxf6 Rf8 29.Qxg6 Rxf3 30.Rxf3 gxh2 31.Rff1 h1Q 32.Qg3+ Ka7 33.Rxh1 Rxh1 34.Rxh1 Bxh1 35.Qg7+ Bb7 36.Be4 Qc8 37.a4 Ka8 38.Qxb7+ Qxb7 39.Bxb7+ Kxb7 40.c3 Kc6 41.Kc2 b5 42.Kb3 Kc5 43.a5 Kd5 44.Kc2 b4 45.Kb3 bxc3 46.bxc3 Kd6 47.c4 Ke5 48.Kc3 Ke4 49.c5 Kd5 50.Kb4 ½–½

Piasetski, Leon - Lipecki, Alexander [A25] 11th Gibraltar Masters Caleta (8.57), 29.01.2013

1.c4 e5 2.g3 Nf6 3.Bg2 Nc6 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.d3 0–0 6.Bd2 a5 7.a3 Be7 8.e3 d6 9.Nge2 Bg4 10.h3 Bh5 11.0–0 Bg6 12.e4 Nd7 13.g4 Nc5 14.f4 f6 15.Be3 Bf7 16.b3 Ne6 17.f5 Ned4 18.Kh2 Qb8 19.Nd5 Bd8 20.Ng1 Qa7 21.h4 Ne7 22.g5 Nxd5 23.exd5 c6 24.dxc6 bxc6 25.Bxc6 Rc8 26.Be4 fxg5 27.hxg5 Be8 28.Ra2 Bb6 29.Bc1 Bd7 30.Bd5+ Kh8 31.f6 gxf6 32.gxf6 Bf5 33.Bg5 Bd8 34.Rxf5 Nxf5 35.Qg4 Bxf6 36.Qxf5 Bg7 37.Qh3 Rf2+ 38.Rxf2 Qxf2+ 39.Kh1 Qf8 40.Be4 h6 41.Be7 1–0

EAC Chess Arts Open #19 (January 26-27)

The latest EAC tournament resulted in a tie for first between Peter Yee and Constantin Rotariu, each with 4.0 points – Peter lost to Constantin in round two, while Constantin had a draw and a half-point bye. Alone in third was Tony Xun, the lowest rated player, who scored 3.5 (including a full-point bye); Tony is another low-rated junior whose rating has yet to match his current playing strength. Organizer, director, and host Eugenio Alonso Campos scored 50% along with Brian Sullivan and Ashley Tapp. Nine players participated. [Crosstable](#)

Because I am a Girl Fundraiser (February 2)

Ashley Tapp, a participant in the WYCC in Maribor last November, invites you to a fundraising event. "[Because I am a Girl](#) is a global initiative to end gender inequality, promote girls' rights and lift millions of girls – and everyone around them – out of poverty. Girls in the poorest regions of the world are among the most disadvantaged people on the planet. They are more likely to live in poverty, more likely to be denied access to education, more likely to be denied medical care, and more likely to be malnourished, simply because they're girls. And yet, studies show that if you give a girl enough to eat, an education and a safe environment, she'll work to raise the standard of living for herself, her family and her community. The Because I am a Girl initiative was founded by Plan International, one of the oldest and largest international charities in the world. Founded in 1937, Plan has supported boys and girls in the developing world for over 75 years through collaboration with children, their families, and their communities."

Please join Ashley at the Chapters Book Store at Granville and Broadway in Vancouver on Saturday, February 2, beginning at 1:00 pm, in support of this worthwhile cause. [Details](#)

B.C. Open (February 9-11) by Paul Leblanc, Victoria Chess

Hi everyone. Just a reminder that the entry fee for the 2013 BC Open goes up from \$75 to \$90 after the early bird deadline of February 5th. The pre-registered list already has fifty-two players. It's a strong possibility that this will be the largest B.C. Open since Duncan Suttles came first in a field of ninety-nine players in 1973. Come out and support chess in B.C. and don't forget there is a \$2000 GUARANTEED prize fund. Round One is at 6 pm on Saturday February 9th. [Details](#)

B.C. ACTIVE CHAMPIONSHIP (January 19-20)

Inaugurated by Luc Poitras, Vancouver has been lucky enough to have active events held on almost a monthly basis for the past several years. He also (re)instituted an active championship in 2009, which this year was held at the Vancouver Chess School in the Arbutus Shopping Centre. We have three strong players in these parts of Filipino origin, Mayo Fuentebella, Vicente Lee Jr., and Butch Villavieja, who are always strong contenders in these competitions, but it is Fuentebella who is particularly dominant in these championships: in 2011 he was co-champion with Maxim Doroshenko, while last year he won the event outright.

This year was no exception – Fuentebella led from start to finish, giving up but a single half-point to Tanraj Sohal in the first eight rounds before agreeing to a quick draw in the last round to guarantee himself first prize. Mayo



Mayo Fuentebella and Maxim Doroshenko

has thus won the championship three years in a row; in the early part of the last century a player who won a championship three years in succession was given permanent possession of the perpetual trophy – the active championship doesn't have such a trophy, but Mayo was happy enough with his cash prize. Coming in second was Tanraj Sohal with 7.5 points, while Brian McLaren was third. The U2100 prize was split between John Doknjas, Joshua Doknjas, and Pavel Trochtchanovitch; Luke Pulfer, rated just 1601 (Vancouver active rating) won the U1800 and biggest upset prizes; Ashley Tapp and Nicholas Peters split the U1500 prize; and Dylan Fox took the U1200. Congratulations to all, and thanks to organizer Maxim Doroshenko; Stephen Wright was the arbiter. [Standings](#)

B.C. SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (January 11-13)

The concept of a senior championship in chess is a relatively recent invention. FIDE began running an over sixty championship in 1991, perhaps as a response to the increasing number of younger and younger strong players. Canada held its first Senior Championship as an active in 2004 and annually since 2010, and now we have the inaugural B.C. Senior Championship. This is the first such event to be held under the auspices of the BCCF, although it should be noted that chess has occasionally been a component sport in the [B.C. Seniors Games](#). There may have been others, but your editor is aware of at least three years in which a chess competition was held: 1990, 1992 (both won by Mike Kindret), and 2007 (Brian Foan (won the 1500+ category).

Organized by Victoria Jung-Doknjas and Paul Leblanc and directed by Joe Roback, the 2013 B.C. Senior Championship attracted a total of fourteen players to the SFU Burnaby campus. The age requirement was that all participants must reach the age of sixty or higher sometime this year. The field was headed by former B.C. champion Brian McLaren, while second-ranked Darko Dimitrijevic had only returned to competitive chess in the last year after a long absence.



Escandor, Dimitrijevic, Campos, Harris (photo by Victoria Jung-Doknjas)

The event was thrown wide open in the first round when McLaren lost to Philip Harris, and after two rounds the only perfect scores were held by Dimitrijevic and Paul Leblanc, while Eugenio Alonso Campos and George Kosinski had 1.5 points. In round three Dimitrijevic beat Leblanc and Campos beat Kosinski, setting up a Dimitrijevic versus Campos showdown in round four. Campos won that encounter and led the tournament going into the last round, when he had to face the resurgent

McLaren. Campos beat McLaren to win the event with an undefeated 4.5-0.5 (the half was a first-round bye) and claim the title of B.C. Senior Champion. Darko Dimitrijevic was second with 4.0 points, while Philip Harris and Manuel Escandor took the U1800 prizes. Congratulations to all, and thanks to the organizers and TD for making the event happen. [CFC crosstable](#) [Event website](#) [Photos](#)

BI-WEEKLY BAFFLER by Valer Eugen Demian



Baffler #5:

Black has everything he needs to win the game: he is going to win the last remaining White pawn, has an extra pawn left in case the knight intends to sacrifice himself for the other pawn and his bishop is of the right colour if the last pawn ends up on the h-file and needs help to promote. Still White can ruin the party and save the draw. Can you find how?



#4 Answer:

The Black king is surrounded yet not defeated! Forcing him to give up requires trickery: 1.Na4! ... those innocent looking pawns could help their King escape if allowed 1... Kxa4 [if 1... b3 2.Nc3+ Kb4 3.a3#] 2.Kc4!! b3 3.axb3#

BC Open

Date: February 9-11

Location: Richmond, BC

Prizes: \$2000 in prizes guaranteed

Details: www.victoriachessclub.pbworks.com/BC-Open

Organizers: Roger Patterson, Paul Leblanc

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Swiss

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Henry Angus Building, University of British Columbia
entry fee \$21 Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca

For details of the following see www.chess.bc.ca

BC Open

February 9-11, Richmond

February Active

February 24, Vancouver Chess School

Grand Pacific Open

March 29 – April 1, Victoria

Paul Keres Memorial

May 18-20, Richmond