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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

European Excursions

IM Leon Piasetski has hit the road again, this time for a three-month tour of Europe. First up was the [17th Can Picafort International Open](#) (November 15-22) on the Spanish island of Mallorca, a sixty-two player nine-round Swiss. The overall winner was Brazilian grandmaster Alexandr Fier with 7.0/9; Leon finished with 5.0 points, including a bye. Also in the field was Canadian Aman Hambleton, who beat Leon in the second round and tied for fourth with 6.0/9. Then it was off to the mainland and Figueira da Foz, a Portuguese city a couple of hours' drive north of Lisbon. The 9th edition of an [International Chess Festival](#) (November 21-28) is currently being held there; the thirty-five player field is small but has seven grandmasters, including legends Oleg Romanishin and Canadian Kevin Spraggett. After seven rounds American Timur Gareyev is in the lead with 6.5/7; Kevin is tied for third with 4.5 points, while Leon took three byes (the tournament overlaps with the Can Picafort Open) but has 2.5/4 in the games he has played.

Vancouver West Open #8 (November 14-15)

As with the previous events in this series there were three sections: a two-day Open for adults and stronger juniors, a two-day Junior Open, and a one-day Junior Open. Both the two-day sections consisted of six games played at the time control of one hour per player (50 minutes with a 10-second increment), the minimum necessary for regular rating; the one-day section was five games at 25 minutes with a 5-second increment. The two-day Open attracted just fifteen players but made up for this in terms of strength: this was the first event in the series to include two titled players (IM Raymond Kaufman, FM Grigoriy Morozov). They were challenged by two of the usual suspects, Davaa-Ochir Nyamdorj and Joe Roback. Morozov was highest rated and translated this into first place, although he lost his first game in B.C. competition to Joe Roback in round three. Joe tied with Davaa for second place while Kaufman had an off-day, drawing with Joe and Davaa and losing to Grigoriy. Matthew Ehrenreich, Kai Wang, and Chuyang Chu tied for the U1600 Prizes.





The ten-player two-day Junior Open was dominated by Connor Chai and Agata Seyfi who finished first and second respectively in the standings, although Agata should have beaten Connor in their individual game. Other trophy winners were Samuel Taplin, Jason Qian, and Daniel Wang, while Henry Yang and Ciro Zhang won medals. And in the one-day Junior Open Jeremy Liang, Terry Xu, and Zoe Liu took home the trophies and Brian Shao, Antonia Bonnis, Jacky Tang, Michael Chen, Benjamin Ruan, Owen Huang, Codrin Pompas, Sreeja Veeraghanta, and Anais Bonnis were awarded medals. Thanks to Maxim Doroshenko and the Vancouver Chess School – watch for upcoming events in the series next year. [Standings](#)

World Senior (November 10-21)

The 25th World Senior Championship was held in Acqui Terme, Italy in four sections, for ages 50+ or 65+, further subdivided as open or for women. Canada had four representatives, David Cummings, Andre Zybura, and B.C.'s Brian McLaren (or in this case Mc Laren) in the open 50+ and William Doubleday in the open 65+. After the eleven-round competition the respective section winners were Predrag Nikolic, Vladimir Okhotnik, Galina Strutinskaia, and former women's overall champion Nona Gaprindshvili. The best Canadian was David Cummings with 6.5 points, closely followed by Brian McLaren a half-point back. [Results](#)

30TH ANNUAL JACK TAYLOR MEMORIAL by Roger Patterson

The 30th annual Jack Taylor Memorial took place in Victoria November 14-15, 2015. The 30th annual is a nice big round number that not many tournaments reach and happily, the turnout for this event was also a historically large number with a significant number making the trip from up island and from the mainland to Victoria. Twenty-eight people played which was a near record number, smaller than only the 1994 version which had twenty-nine players. It could have been even higher as a few early entries withdrew due to concerns about a big storm that was moving into the area.

An important factor in the success in the event was the generous sponsorship of the descendants of Jack Taylor who are gratified to see that he is still remembered in the B.C. Chess world. In addition to sponsoring, some of the family made the trip to Victoria to visit the tournament and are pictured below. Carole Treloar (Jack's daughter) was good enough to bring Jack Taylor's gold medal for winning the 1930 B.C. Championship (photos below). By gold medal, we mean not just a first place finish but an actual gold medal! B.C.'s resident historian, Stephen Wright, went "wow." He had known that the very early days of the B.C. Championship had the practice of giving out a gold medal as well as the engraving on the championship perpetual trophy but had not known that this had continued to at least 1930. Those days are of course long behind us and current B.C. Champions make due with a modest cash prize and their photo in the BCCF bulletin.



Front and back of Jack Taylor's gold medal for his 1930 B.C. Championship victory.



The Jack Taylor family (not all of the family members sponsoring were able to make the trip)

Left to right at the back: Katherine Treloar (great daughter in law), Jason Treloar (grandson), Carole Treloar (daughter), Colleen Anderson (granddaughter), and in front Ava Treloar (great granddaughter).

As for the tournament itself, Jason Cao, the current B.C. champion, was the heavy favourite of course but spotted next in line Roger Patterson draw odds by taking an early bye. As their individual encounter was drawn, this proved to be the decisive margin of victory for Roger who took

sole first with Jason taking second. Newcomer to the island, Frank O'Brien of Nanoose Bay tied for second but took home the U1800 prize. Rounding out the prize winners was Matthew Geng with the U1650 prize.

Thanks again to our sponsors, the [Jack Taylor](#) family and the [Cecilia Creek Eatery](#). Also thanks to our TD, Paul Leblanc.

Prize winners: (\$800 guaranteed)

1st: NM Roger Patterson \$275

2nd: FM Jason Cao \$175

U1800: Frank O'Brien \$175

U1650: Matthew Geng \$175

(This [report plus standings](#))

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Harper, Bruce - Opponent [B26] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

Sometimes you get to play a game where every strategic and tactical idea you have works perfectly, and the opponent seems to have no counterplay at all. Purists may disagree, but I think this sort of game is really fun - especially if I'm on the right side of it.

1.g3 [0:03:00] **1...g6** [0:03:00] **2.Bg2** [0:02:59] **2...Bg7** [0:03:00] **3.d3** [0:02:58] **3...Nf6** [0:02:58] **4.Nc3** [0:02:57] **4...0-0** [0:02:57] **5.e4** [0:02:56] **5...d6** [0:02:55] **6.Be3** [0:02:55] **6...c5** [0:02:54] **7.h3** [0:02:54] **7...Nc6** [0:02:53] **8.Qd2** [0:02:53]



We've ended up in a Closed Sicilian. The variations with ...Nf6 seem to be popular on ICC. It used to be that almost no one played like this, but I think Kasparov won a game using this system at some point, so naturally everyone wants to think they're Kasparov too. I don't think Kasparov has ever played the Closed Sicilian for White. I'm under no illusions. He has played Closed Sicilian-type positions against the English Opening, though. So actually we play a lot alike, when you think about it. I'll have to get Garry over for some bug soon.

8...Re8 [0:02:50] To avoid the exchange of his g7-bishop, but in my experience this often doesn't turn out to be worth the time. **9.Bh6** [0:02:52] **9...Bh8** [0:02:44] **10.f4** [0:02:50] I've had this position about a million times, which doesn't mean White is winning (although the engine already gives White an edge), but it does mean I can play quickly for a while. **10...Nd4?!** [0:02:42]



This move seems to just lose time, without provoking any particularly dangerous weakening in White's position. It seems fair to describe it as a "blank shot." **11.Nd1!?** [0:02:47] A natural reaction (at least for me) - White intends to immediately drive Black's d4-knight back with 12.c3. At the same time, White invites 11...Nh5 12.g4 (12.c3 Nxg3 13.cxd4 Nxh1 14.Bxh1 Bxd4 probably favours Black) Ng3 13.Rh2, although the complications are not necessarily worse for Black. The most principled reply for Black is now 11...e5, to try to take advantage of White's slightly ponderous development. But even then the engine still prefers White. **11...Qb6?** [0:02:17] 11...Nh5 12.c3 (12.g4 Ng3 13.Rh2 e5 14.c3 Ne6 15.f5 gxf5 16.gxf5 Nf4 17.Nf2 d5 18.0-0-0) 12...Nxg3 13.cxd4 Nxh1 14.Bxh1 Bxd4 15.Nf3 Bxh3 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.f5 Bg4 18.Nf2 Bh5 19.Qb4 Qb6 20.Qxb6 axb6. **12.c3** [0:02:44] **12...Nc6** [0:02:14] **13.Ne2** [0:02:40]



This is already starting to become a dream position for White. Black has lost two tempos with ...Nc6-d4-c6, and has blocked the advance of his b-pawn by playing ...Qb6. In positions of this sort, the pieces belong behind the pawns! (White's h6-bishop gets a special dispensation). **13...a5** [0:02:04] The point of this advance isn't completely clear. My guess is that Black is trying to make 11...Qb6? "work," but two wrongs don't always make a right. **14.0-0** [0:02:36] **14...a4** [0:02:03] **15.Ne3** [0:02:32] **15...Na5** [0:01:57]



16.Kh2!? [0:02:21] I took 11 seconds to make this move, but I have a clear memory of my thinking at this point in the game. I realized that White had a good position and had all sorts of promising continuations, but I didn't know which one was best. What I did know was that Black was floundering, so I decided to make a useful waiting move so that he could flounder a bit more and give me some guidance as to how best to proceed. **16...Bd7** [0:01:51] **17.g4!?** [0:02:01] Another 20 (!) seconds on this move, because 17.e5!? was tempting (and objectively wasn't bad at all). But, again, I decided to try to maintain the position, because it wasn't at all obvious that Black had a plan.

17...e5? [0:01:32] Also played after about 20 seconds' thought, but I can't give you any insight into what Black was thinking. **17...e5?** makes White's task considerably easier. **18.f5** [0:01:56] Of course. **18...Bc6** [0:01:29]



19.c4 [0:01:38] A radical and seldom-seen approach to the position, which is based completely on the awkward position of Black's queen and a5-knight. My logic was this: White will obtain a crushing advantage if he can double rooks on the f-file, drive away Black's f6-knight, and then occupy d5 with a knight. Since Black's a5-knight can't dispute control of d5 any time soon, White can carry out this plan as long as he can control d5 with both his knights. One is already on e3; the other has to go to c3. So White's c3-pawn has to get out of the way. The weakening of the d4-square is unimportant, because Black can't get a knight to d4 in time. "A weakness that can't be exploited isn't a weakness" - remember that one.

19...a3!? [0:01:23] **20.b3** [0:01:23] I thought about capturing with **20.bxa3**, which is the best response, but I decided to keep the queenside intact so that Black would try to obtain counterplay there, rather than trying to stop White's plan. **20...Qb4?** [0:01:22] **21.Nc3** [0:01:11] Looking back at this game, I can see I was spending a lot of time for each move, which is unusual in a three-minute game. Here I took another 12 seconds, thinking about **21.Qxb4 cxb4 22.Nc2**, which wins. But I didn't want to let Black buy his way out for only a pawn. **21.Nc3** also makes Black think that **20...Qb4** was a waste of time, so psychologically it's better than trading queens. **21...Qb6** [0:01:16] Black may have been intending **21...b5?**, when **22.Nc2** traps his queen, so he retracts his last move. Or he may have been worried about losing his a3-pawn to **22.Nc2**. Who knows? But now White has gained two extra moves to carry out his plan, so he looks like some kind of genius. **22.Rf2** [0:01:07] **22...Qa6** [0:01:09] **23.Raf1** [0:01:02]



White's position is really, really good. The immediate threat is **24.fxg6** and **25.Rxf6**.] **23...Nd7** [0:00:56] **24.Ned5** [0:00:59] **24...Bxd5** [0:00:51] **25.Nxd5** [0:00:59] **25...Qc6** [0:00:43]



Stopping 26.Nc7, although I doubt that I would have given up the d5–knight for only a rook. Now 26.fxg6 is clearly right, followed by a rook invasion at f7. But I was possessed to play a really sick move. **26.f6!?** [0:00:54] With the disturbing idea of forcing the f-file open again by Ne7+. Sometimes I worry about myself. **26...Nb6** [0:00:40] **27.Ne7+** [0:00:50] **27...Rxe7** [0:00:39] **28.fxe7** [0:00:50] **28...f6?!** [0:00:37] The most tenacious defence was 28...Qe8 29.Rxf7 Qxf7 30.Rxf7 Kxf7, but after 31.b4!, followed by Qf2+, Black won't survive. **29.Rxf6!** [0:00:45] **29...Bxf6** [0:00:35] **30.Rxf6** [0:00:45] **30...Nd7** [0:00:34] **31.Qf2** [0:00:39]

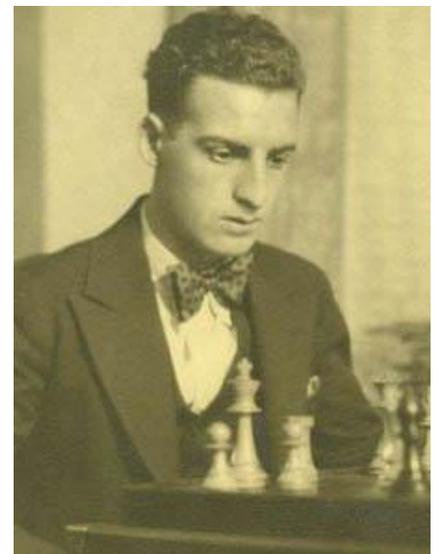


The culmination of the plan started with 9.Bh6. It's sad for Black that 31...Qc8 can be met by 32.Rxd6!, when the engine gives mate in 7. Of course I would have seen this. But we'll never really know, because Black thinks for 12 seconds and then plays an embarrassing move. **31...Nxb3** [0:00:22] **32.Rf8+** [0:00:34] Black resigns **1–0**

Taylor, John ("Jack") Monteith (July 11, 1907 - September 9, 1974)

Born in Glasgow, Scotland. The Taylor family immigrated to Canada when Jack was fourteen, arriving at Quebec aboard the S.S. Cassandra on July 1, 1922. They first lived in Regina, Saskatchewan, but settled permanently in Vancouver a few years later. After graduating from UBC Jack worked as a traffic manager, initially for the David Spencer Department Store (bought by Eatons in 1948), later for Forsts Ltd. Jack Taylor did not learn to play chess until he came to Vancouver, but progressed so rapidly that only five years later, in 1929, he won the B.C. Championship:

"The victory of Mr. J.M. Taylor by 5-0 proclaims the appearance of a new star in the British Columbia chess firmament. The new champion is a British Columbia University man, twenty-one years of age, and is evidently modest and unassuming, for he asks for explanatory notes to the game and helpful information. His opening



is scholarly with considerable combinative power in the middle game, is our verdict." [Thomas Piper, *Daily Colonist*, 14 April 1929]

"Mr. J.M. Taylor gave us the pleasure of his company for a few days. The new champion is well versed in the learning of chess, plays over the classical examples from memory, and has a sound position judgment with combinative powers of a high order. He is a most pleasant opponent, courteous and unassuming in manner, and is a valuable acquisition to British Columbia in general and Vancouver in particular." [Thomas Piper, *Daily Colonist*, 4 August 1929]



Taylor repeated as B.C. Champion in 1930, 1938, and 1945, and tied for first in 1953; he was also Vancouver Champion on numerous occasions. Jack never made much of a mark nationally, always finishing in the lower half of the Canadian Championships he played in (Saskatoon 1945, Vancouver 1951, Winnipeg 1953, Vancouver 1957). However, he did win a number of miniatures in these competitions due to his sharp eye for tactics; he won games in 12 and 10 moves respectively in the 1945 and 1953 competitions. Jack was a very popular player, and was instrumental in the development of the City Chess Club when it was formed as an offshoot of the Vancouver Chess Club in 1948.

"We note with regret the passing of Jack Taylor. Jack loved chess and played a very good game. In 1929, Jack won the B.C. Championship. In his last tournament, Jack came second in the 'A' Section of the B.C. Class Championships in April. However Jack will be remembered most for his candour and cheerfulness; whenever you wanted to see somebody enjoying himself, all you had to do was go and watch Jack Taylor, the man with the smile." [*CFC Bulletin*, January/February 1975]

Taylor, Jack - Yates, Bertram Arthur [B01] BC ch?, 1929

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd8 4.d4 c6 5.Bf4 Nf6 6.Nf3 e6 7.Bd3 Bd6 8.Bxd6 Qxd6 9.0-0 Nbd7 10.Qe2 Nb6 11.Rae1 Nbd5 12.Nxd5 cxd5 13.Ne5 a6 14.f4 0-0 15.g4 Re8 16.g5 Nd7 17.Bxh7+ Kf8 18.Qh5 Nxe5 19.fxe5 Qc7 20.Bg6 1-0

Taylor, Jack - Patrick, King S. [B32] BC ch Victoria (2), 04.1930

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 e5 5.Nb3 Bc5 6.Nc3 Bb6 7.Nd5 Nge7 8.Bg5 0-0 9.Nxe7+ Nxe7 10.Qd6 f6 11.Bc4+ Kh8 12.h4 Bc7 13.Qd1 fxg5 14.hxg5 Bb6 15.Rxh7+ Kxh7 16.Qh5# 1-0

Taylor, Jack - Hall, Leonard [C15] CAN ch Saskatoon (6), 1945

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Bd3 Ne7 5.Nf3 0-0 6.0-0 Bxc3 7.bxc3 dxe4 8.Bxe4 c6 9.Bxh7+ Kxh7 10.Ng5+ Kg8 11.Qh5 Re8 12.Ba3 1-0

Taylor, Jack - Panton, George [D53] City CC ch Vancouver, 11.1948

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 d5 3.c4 Nf6 4.Bg5 Be7 5.Nc3 c6 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Rc1 h6 8.Bh4 g5 9.Bg3 Nh5 10.Be5 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 Nf6 12.Bd3 Nd7 13.Nxd7 Bxd7 14.0-0 Bd6 15.e4 dxc4 16.Bxc4 Qa5 17.d5 Bf4

18.dxe6 fxe6 19.Qh5+ Ke7 20.Rcd1 Raf8 21.Rd3 Bd6 22.Rfd1 Be8



23.Rxd6 Bxh5 24.Rxe6+ Kf7 25.Rd7+ Kg8 26.Rg6# 1-0

Jursevskis, Miervaldis - Taylor, Jack [C76] BC ch Vancouver, 03.1951

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 a6 4.Ba4 d6 5.c3 g6 6.d4 Bd7 7.Ng5 h6 8.Nf3 Bg7 9.d5 Nb8 10.Bc2 Ne7 11.c4 0-0 12.Nc3 a5 13.h3 Na6 14.Nh2 Nb4 15.Bb1 c6 16.dxc6 Bxc6 17.0-0 f5 18.f3 f4 19.a4 Na6 20.Nb5 Bxb5 21.axb5 Nc5 22.b3 h5 23.Bd2 Qb6 24.Kh1 d5 25.exd5 e4 26.Bxa5 Rxa5 27.Rxa5 Nf5 28.b4 Ng3+ 29.Kg1 Nd3+ 30.c5 Bd4+ 31.Rf2 Bxf2# 0-1

Doe, Raymond - Taylor, Jack [A16] CAN ch Winnipeg (9), 09.1953

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.cxd5 Nxd5 4.e4 Nb4 5.Qa4+ N8c6 6.d4 Bd7 7.a3 Nxd4 8.Bb5 Bxb5 9.Nxb5 Ndc2+ 0-1

Reeve, Jeff - Taylor, Jack [C61] BC Class ch Vancouver (7), 14.04.1974

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Nd4 4.Nxd4 exd4 5.0-0 Bc5 6.d3 Ne7 7.c3 c6 8.Ba4 d6 9.Nd2 b5 10.Bc2 Be6 11.Bb3 0-0 12.Bxe6 fxe6 13.Nf3 dxc3 14.bxc3 Qd7 15.a4 a6 16.d4 Bb6 17.e5 d5 18.Ba3 Rfc8 19.Qd3 Ng6 20.Ng5 c5 21.axb5 Bd8 22.Nf3 c4 23.Qd2 axb5 24.g3 Ra4 25.Ne1 Be7 26.Qb2 Bxa3 27.Rxa3 Ne7 28.Nc2 Rca8 29.Rfa1 Rxa3 30.Rxa3 Ra4 31.Nb4 Qa7 32.Ra2 Rxa2 33.Nxa2 Kf7 34.Kf1 Nc6 35.Qxb5 Qxa2 36.Qxc6 Qb1+ 37.Kg2 Qe4+ 38.Kf1 Qh1+ 39.Ke2 Qe4+ 1/2-1/2

UPCOMING EVENTS

UBC Thursday Night Blitz (note the change of format)

Thursdays, 6:30 pm, Henry Angus Building, University of British Columbia
Entry fee \$10+, depending on number of players and whether rated or not
Contact Aaron Cosenza, xramis1@yahoo.ca, or see <https://www.facebook.com/UBCChess>

“Any interested parties that would like to take over the TD duties at UBC please contact me [Aaron]. It would be preferred that interested parties be able to take over on a long term basis.

Thank you.

Vancouver Rapid Chess League 2015-16

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November 29, Burnaby

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B.C. Junior Championship

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December 13, Vancouver Chess School

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Junior Woodpusher Quads

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B.C. Open

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February 13, Vancouver Chess School

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