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Your editor welcomes any and all submissions – news of upcoming events, tournament reports, and anything else that might be of interest to BC players. Thanks to all who contributed to this issue. To subscribe, send me an e-mail (swright2@telus.net); if you no longer wish to receive this Bulletin, just let me know.

Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

44th World Open (June 30 – July 4)

Currently taking place at the Downtown Marriott in Philadelphia, this year's World Open has attracted a number of players from this province, including Tanraj Sohal, Janak Awatramani, Patrick Huang, Michael Su, Kevin Low, Kai Wang, James Li, Kevin Li, Ethan Low, Ryan Leong, Daniel Wang, Sherry Tian, and Ethan Su. Tournament website, including standings and a few live games.

June Active (June 18)

The latest active tournament run by the Vancouver Chess School at Columbia College attracted a total of twenty-seven entrants. The fifteen-player Open Section was somewhat weaker than usual, with only three players rated over 2000. Top-ranked Alfred Pechisker dominated the field, scoring a perfect 6.0/6 in taking first place, a point and a half ahead of Davaa-Ochir Nymadorj. Unrated newcomer Ulvi Ibrahimov was first U1500 with 3.5 points, while Daniel Wang and Sherry Tian shared the second U1500 prize.

In the Junior Section trophies were won by Henry Yang (U1300 – a perfect 5.0/5), Ben Zeng (U1000), and Jeremiah Lam (U600), and medals were awarded to Borna Amjadi, Brian Yang, Bill Wang, Andrew Xu, and Eugene Liang. Watch for the next tournament coming up on July 23. Standings

3rd Iasi Open (June 13-20)

The last tournament on Leon Piasetski's current European tour was the Iasi Open. Iasi is the largest city in Eastern Romania and is located near the border with Moldova. The seventy-five player event included nine grandmasters, five of whom tied for first place with 6.5/9: Alexander Zubarev (Ukraine), Dmitry Frolyanov (Russia), Tiberiu-Marian Georgescu (Romania), Kaido Kulaots (Estonia), and Andrei Istratescu (France). Leon had another successful event, finishing with 5.5 points and gaining a few FIDE rating points. Standings

Nevednichy, Vladislav - Piasetski, Leon [B07] 3rd Iasi Open 2016 (2.4), 14.06.2016

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.Nf3 d6 4.c3 Nf6 5.Bd3 0–0 6.0–0 Nc6 7.Na3 e5 8.h3 d5 9.exd5 Nxd5 10.dxe5 Nxe5 11.Be4 Nb6 12.Bf4 Qxd1 13.Raxd1 Nxf3+ 14.Bxf3 c6 15.Rd2 Be6 16.Bd1 Nd5 17.Bg3 Bh6 18.Re2 Nf4 19.Bxf4 Bxf4 20.Bb3 Bxb3 21.axb3 Rfe8 22.Rfe1 Kf8 23.Nc4 Rxe2 24.Rxe2 Rd8 25.g3 Bc7 ½–½

Summer Tournaments

Here are links to a few upcoming summer events:

CYCC (July 5-8)
Canadian Open (July 10-17)
Quebec Open (July 23-29)
Calgary International (July 27 – August 1)
NAYCC (August 7-11)

Pawn ending training by Nick Beqo

Here is a submission that might be of interest to B.C. players

All you need to know about pawns endings! Test your pawns endings knowledge through diagrams on Beqo Chess Academy.

CANADIAN/BC SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP (June 24-26) by Paul Leblanc

(photo: Dave Doknjas)

After a very successful 2015 BC Senior Championship, my co-organizer Victoria Jung-Doknjas and I decided to approach the CFC with a proposal to hold the 2016 Canadian Senior Championship in BC for the first time. At the 2015 event in Kitchener we met with the organizers and with CFC President Vlad Drkulec to lay the groundwork for our proposal which was approved by the CFC executive two months later. We settled on the Comfort Inn in Surrey as the site for the event, given its popularity with the BC senior players in the last two BC Senior Championships, and retained the services of National Arbiter Joe Roback who had directed all three of the previous BC Senior Championships.

As soon as we announced the tournament we began receiving tremendous support from the chess community, starting with a grant from the BCCF and significant sponsorships from many of the players. Entries exceeded our expectations, so much so that the playing site was filled to capacity two weeks before the tournament. In addition to forty BC players, we received three entries from Ontario, three from Alberta, and three from the U.S.A. The idea to invite our American neighbours came from last year's event in Kitchener where three players from Michigan took part and it added a bit of an international feel to the event. A pleasant surprise was the presence of two international masters, David Cummings, originally from Britain but now living in Toronto, and our own Leon Piasetski. The senior events have enticed players such as Graham Swett, Dale Hoshizaki, Neale Monkhouse, Ryan Hansen, Rene Gantzert, Darko Dimitrijevic, and Harold Nishida to return to chess after long absences. Many friendships were renewed at the tournament and in the adjacent pub and Tim Hortons. The highlight of the event for many of us was the presence of legendary GM Duncan Suttles who agreed to be an honorary patron and who opened the event with the ceremonial first move, which in typical fashion turned out to be 1.g3.

To no one's surprise the two IMs dominated the event, with David Cummings taking the "junior" section (50 years or better) and Leon Piasetski winning the 65 or better section. Victoria Jung-Doknjas earned the Canadian Senior Woman's Championship with a very respectable 3.0 out of 6 score, gaining 143 rating points in the process; and also won the 2016 BC Senior Woman Champion title. The three qualify to be our official Canadian representatives to the 2016 Pan American Senior Championship in Bolivia. The second place trophy and the plaque for top BC player in the 50+ section was taken by Daniel Salcedo on tiebreak ahead of Joe Soliven, Duncan

Haines and David Rupel of Tacoma. Daniel Salcedo, Duncan Haines, and Joe Soliven are our 2016 BC Senior Co-Champions. Duncan Haines won the U1800 prize and Victoria Jung-Doknjas took home the U1600 prize.

In the 65+ section Paul Leblanc took second place behind Leon Piasetski. Leon also won the 2016 BC Senior Champion - 65 Years or Better title. The U1800 winner was Hugh Long and two players, Stephen Lester-Smith and Brian Sullivan tied for the U1600 prize with Stephen taking the trophy on tiebreak. A special trophy was awarded to Mau-Seng Lee as the top player 80 Years or Better.

(Left to right, Joe Roback, Daniel Salcedo, David Cummings, Leon Piasetski, Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Paul Leblanc, Duncan Haines. Photo: Dave Doknjas)

$25 Tim Hortons gift cards were given as Biggest Upset Awards for Rounds 1-5: Don Hack (1248 pts), Jofrel Landingin (407 pts), Hugh Long (275 pts.), Rick Martinson (455 pts), and Richard Bridger (389 pts). A big thank you to our individual sponsors: GM Duncan Suttles, Paul Leblanc, Victoria Jung-Doknjas, Richard Lapenna, Stewart Paulson, Gogs Gagnon, Duncan Haines, Frank O'Brien, Neale Monkhouse, Doug Sly, NM Roger Patterson, Graham Swett, and Joe Soliven. And to our corporate sponsors: Gantzert Law Office, Tim Hortons, Chess Federation of Canada, BC Chess Federation, Victoria Chess. The BC Senior Championship will be held in Victoria next year on the weekend of 23-25 June, 2017. Mark your calendar! Full results, prizes, and more photos

Cummings, David - Booker, Brad [A17] Canadian Senior ch 50+ Surrey (3), 25.06.2016

1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e6 3.Nf3 Bb4 4.Qc2 d5 5.e3 0–0 6.a3 Be7 7.b4 c6 8.Bb2 Nbd7 9.d4 Re8 10.Bd3 Bd6 11.0–0 Nf8 12.e4 Bb8 13.cxd5 exd5 14.e5 Nh5 15.Bc1 g6 16.Bg5 Qc7 17.h3 Ne6 18.Qd2 Nxg5 19.Qxg5 Qe7 20.Qd2 Qf8 21.Rfe1 Bc7 22.Rac1 Bb6 23.Na4 Ng7 24.Nc5 Ne6 25.Bb1 Nxc5 26.bxc5 Bc7 27.Nh2 Be6 28.f4 b6 29.Nf3 bxc5 30.dxc5 Rab8 31.Nd4 Bd7 32.Ba2 Qh6 33.Qf2 Rb7 34.Rc2 Rbb8 35.Bb3 Ba5 36.Rf1 Bf5 37.Rcc1 Bd7 38.Ba4 Rec8 39.Rc2 Qf8 40.f5 gxf5 41.Nxf5 Be6 42.Qf4 Kh8 43.Nd6 Rc7 44.Rf3 Rb1+ 45.Kh2 Be1 46.Qf6+ Kg8 47.Rcc3 Qb8 48.Qh6 f5 1–0

Pantazi, Emanuel A. - Piasetski, Leon [B06] Canadian Senior ch 65+ Surrey (2), 25.06.2016

1.e4 g6 2.f4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.Nf3 Nc6 5.c4 d4 6.d3 Bg7 7.Be2 Nh6 8.0–0 0–0 9.Ng5 f6 10.exf6 exf6 11.Ne4 Qe7 12.Bf3 Nf5 13.Re1 Ne3 14.Bxe3 dxe3 15.Nbc3 f5 16.Nd5 Qd8 17.Nec3 Nd4 18.Rxe3

Nxf3+ 19.Rxf3 Be6 20.Qd2 Qd7 21.Re1 Rae8 22.Kh1 Bd4 23.b3 Qg7 24.Rff1 Bf7 25.Ne7+ Rxe7 26.Rxe7 Bxc3 27.Qe2 Qf6 28.Rxb7 Re8 29.Qf3 Qa6 30.a4 Bd4 31.h4 Qf6 32.g3 Re3 33.Qg2 Be8 34.Rb8 Kg7 35.Rb7+ Kh6 36.Rc7 Re6 37.Kh2 Bc6 38.Qd2 Qd8 39.Rxa7 Qe8 0–1

BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

Harper, Bruce - Opponent [A00] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

This game is a light-hearted affair, with what should be a familiar opening by now - and with an interesting tactical twist at the end.

1.g3 [0:03:00] **1...d5** [0:03:00] **2.Bg2** [0:02:59] **2...c6** [0:02:59] **3.d3** [0:02:59] **3...Nf6** [0:02:57] **4.Nc3** [0:02:57] **4...d4** [0:02:55] There's nothing wrong with this, although it soon transposes into what passes for "theory" in my 3–minute world. **5.Ne4** [0:02:55] **5...Nxe4** [0:02:54] **6.Bxe4** [0:02:53]

6...g6?! [0:02:52] Here 6...e5 seems simpler, after which White would probably continue with 7.Bg2, 8.Nf3 and 9.0–0, followed by c2–c3. **7.Bd2** [0:02:51] **7...Bg7** [0:02:51] **8.Qc1** [0:02:50] **8...0–0** [0:02:44] **9.Bh6** [0:02:48]

The positional basis for White's play is crude - he reasons that his e4–bishop has a reasonably good diagonal, and he has exchanged Black's f6–knight, which we are told is a good defender. White's plan is therefore to attack with h2–h4–h5. **9...Qa5+?!** [0:02:41] Apparently a hard move to resist, as many players are conditioned to think that castling is always important. But 9...Qa5+ doesn't force 10.Bd2, because White is perfectly happy to put his king on f1. **10.Kf1!** [0:02:46] **10...Nd7** [0:02:38] **11.h4** [0:02:42] **11...Nf6** [0:02:36]

12.h5! [0:02:36] White can't afford to waste time retreating his e4–bishop. Black now thought for a little bit, because he thought that his a5–queen, operating along the fifth rank, prevented 12.h5. **12...Nxh5** [0:02:20] **13.Bf3** [0:02:31] **13...Nf6** [0:01:59] **14.Bxg7** [0:02:29] **14...Kxg7** [0:01:58] **15.Qh6+** [0:02:28] **15...Kg8** [0:01:57] **16.g4** [0:02:22]

Now White's attack is starting to get scary, as after 16...Qb4 White continues with 17.g5 Nh5 18.Rxh5! gxh5 19.Be4 (the other attacking idea hidden in the position) f5 20.gxf6. Instead Black keeps his queen on the fifth rank, thinking it will help, but in fact it's a fatal mistake. **16...Rd8?** [0:01:15] **17.g5** [0:02:18] **17...Nh5** [0:01:14] **18.Bxh5** [0:01:58] **18...gxh5** [0:01:13] **19.Rxh5** [0:01:57]

Only now did Black realize that 19...Bf5, which normally would put an end to White's attack by securely defending Black's h7–pawn, is met by 20.g6!, and Black's f5–bishop is pinned to his a5–queen. White therefore would crash through on h7. **19...Qf5** [0:01:06]

A nice try, but now the same move wins for White, with a pin down the g-file. **20.g6!** [0:01:52] **20...fxg6** [0:01:01] 20...Qxg6 21.Rg5 leads to the pin mentioned in the previous note. **21.Qxh7+** [0:01:46] Black resigns. **1–0**

VANCOUVER VS. NEW WESTMINSTER: THE 1896/97 MATCHES

Previously in these columns we have discussed the 1887 match between Vancouver and New Westminster. It is not clear whether the two players from New Westminster, Senator McInnes and John C. Brown, were representing a club or just played as individuals; in those days chess clubs would regularly appear, operate for a few years and then disappear. However, a chess club in New Westminster was definitely formed in 1895:

> Another very successful and enthusiastic meeting of the Chess Club was held last night in the parlor of the Y.M.C.A. building, which the club have engaged for the purpose. A business meeting was held during the evening, at which organization was completed, and a constitution and by-laws adopted, and, the officers for the first year elected. For president, vice-president, and secretary-treasurer, Messrs. J.C. Brown, Dr. Bodington, and J.P. Meyers Gray were chosen, respectively. [*Daily Columbian*, 12 June 1895]

Likely the club came into being in the wake of the publicity afforded the Victoria – San Francisco telegraph match held around that time; another factor may have been the arrival of Dr. Bodington in New Westminster (see below). The new club flourished, and early in the following year challenged the Vancouver Chess Club to a match at the latter's quarters, resulting in a lopsided victory for the home team.

James Henry Vidal   Dr. Duncan Bell-Irving   John Cunningham Brown

1896 February 22 (Inn of Court building, Vancouver)

	New Westminster	3.0	12.0	Vancouver
1	Dr. Bodington	0.0	2.0	J.C. Keith
2	H. Francis	0.0	2.0	N.S. Hoffar
3	F.H. Vidal	1.5	0.5	Dr. Bell-Irving
4	W. Francis	0.0	2.0	F.J. Proctor
5	G. Bennett	0.0	2.0	G. Fortin
6	P.M. Gray	1.0	1.0	P.W.W. King
7	T. Lewis	0.5	1.5	F. Fortin
8	H.S. Smith	0.0	2.0	G. Priestman

The first two Vancouver players also took part in the 1887 match against New Westminster, suggesting that the Vancouver Club may have survived the intervening years intact.

A return match took place a fortnight later, again resulting in a victory for the home team – in this case, New Westminster.

1896 March 7 (YMCA Gymnasium, New Westminster)

	New Westminster	10.5	7.5	Vancouver
1	W. Francis	1.5	0.5	G. Fortin
2	J.C. Brown	0.0	2.0	J.C. Keith
3	G. Bennett	1.0	1.0	J.H. Ker
4	Arthur Hill	1.0	1.0	P.W.W. King
5	Thos. Lewis	2.0	0.0	Mitchell
6	Johnstone Gray	1.0	1.0	G. Priestman
7	E. Francis	2.0	0.0	F.J. Proctor
8	Dr. Bodington	0.0	2.0	Smith
9	E.D. Baker	2.0	0.0	Stewart

The results are as published in the press at the time, although they do not appear to be in descending border order as in the other two matches. The spelling has also been retained, even though, for example, Johnstone Gray is almost certainly the same player as P.M. Gray and the J.P. Meyers Gray mentioned in the quote above. The rivalry was renewed the following year on ten boards; Vancouver won the contest comfortably, despite being a man short and forfeiting two games to New Westminster. The latter players took solace in Dr. Bodington's result (the M. Smith

was none other than Magnus Smith, who would subsequently win the Canadian championship three times after moving to Winnipeg) and the two points earned by Norman Cunningham, apparently a junior earning his spurs. The match attracted considerable interest, despite a competing concert by Canadian opera diva Emma Albani the same evening.

1897 February 6 (Commercial Hotel, Vancouver)

	New Westminster	8.0	12.0	Vancouver
1	Dr. Bodington	1.0	1.0	M. Smith
2	W. Francis	1.0	1.0	J.C. Keith
3	J.H. Vidal	0.0	2.0	N.S. Hoffar
4	H.T. Beale	0.0	2.0	A.J. Ba(r)ker
5	F.C. Blomfield	0.0	2.0	J.R. Stitt
6	Johnstone Gray	0.0	2.0	W.E. Brown
7	Norman Cunningham	2.0	0.0	J.C. Duval
8	Geo. Kennedy	1.0	1.0	J. Priestman
9	Thos. Lewis	1.0	1.0	D. Stewart
10	E. Francis	2.0	0.0	Default

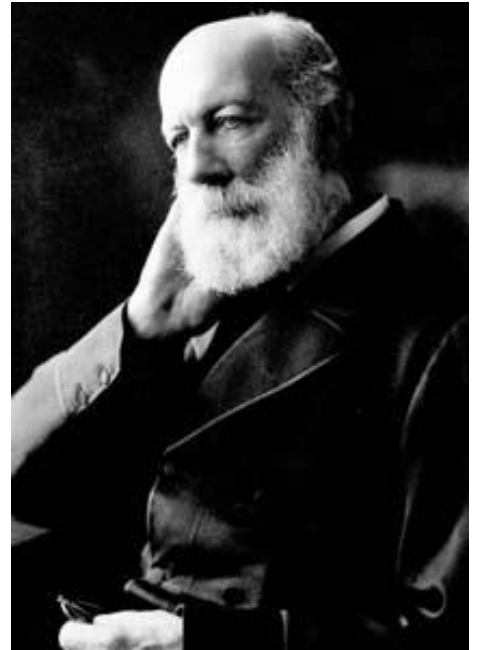George Kennedy   P.W.W. King   Frederick James Procter

A rematch was scheduled, postponed several times and ultimately cancelled due to the passing of Dr. Bodington's wife, who died after a short illness on 15 February.

George Fowler Bodington (22 September 1829 – 8 May 1902)

Born in Erdington (Birmingham), England, the eldest child of Dr. George Bodington. In 1840 Dr. Bodington senior proposed a revolutionary new cure for tuberculosis, was roundly condemned at the time and subsequently specialized in treating the mentally ill; his proposed cure was subsequently adopted and vindicated. George Fowler followed in his father's profession and studied medicine at Cambridge. He was house surgeon at Queen's Hospital, Birmingham before visiting Natal and India as a ship's surgeon; he practiced in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa for a

time, where he was paid in elephants' tusks. After returning to England he took over management of his father's private asylum, but in 1887 immigrated to Vancouver. Bodington was honorary secretary for the Vancouver Reading Room, which subsequently developed into the Vancouver Public Library. Following a year in the city during which his daughter Constance married the C.P.R. land commissioner and surveyor Lauchlan Hamilton, Dr. Bodington bought land near Hatzic (Mission) and went into farming, a life for which he was not well suited. In February 1895 he was appointed medical superintendent to the Provincial Asylum for the Insane in New Westminster, where he served until resigning in 1901. He was living with a lawyer son in Paris when died in 1902.

It is not known when Dr. Bodington learned chess, but he was a participant in the two events organized by the Rev. Arthur Skipworth in Redcar (Yorkshire) in 1865 and 1866; Bodington's time at Cambridge overlapped with that of Skipworth. The first tournament was a local affair, and Bodington tied for third in the nine-player field with a +5 =1 -2 record behind Skipworth himself and the problemist Walter Grimshaw. For 1866 Skipworth expanded the event to include stronger national figures. Bodington was part of the organizing committee and was joint honorary secretary. Howard Staunton was one of the visitors; Cecil de Vere won the Class I tournament, while Bodington played in Class II but we don't know his final score. Edward Winter has a group photo of the participants on his website which was originally thought to be taken by Louis Carroll (an amateur photographer) but his likely not his work. Bodington is almost certainly part of the group (large version) but unfortunately only a few of the figures are identified.

Bodington is also listed as playing for Stourbridge in a team match against Birmingham in the 1 August 1880 edition of the Chess Player's Chronicle, but apart from the matches with Vancouver detailed above, these are the only references we have been able to find to Dr. Bodington as a chess player. It appears he was a decent amateur who played infrequently, or at least not on occasions which were reported publically.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Knightmare Junior Quads

July 17, Burnaby
Details

July Active

July 23, Columbia College
Details

Surrey Open

July 30-31, Surrey
Details

8th Bowser Builders Supply Tournament

August 14, Bowser (Vancouver Island)
Details

Knightmare Junior Quads

August 14, Burnaby
[Details](#)

August Active

August 27
[Details](#)

Peter Yee Memorial

August 27-28, Surrey
[Details](#)

Langley Open

September 3-5, Langley
[Details](#)