

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #366

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### HERE AND THERE

#### World Junior (September 4-15)

It was only last issue that we reported on the 2018 Canadian Junior Championship, won by Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux (Open) and Sherry Tian (Girls). Shawn and Sherry are now participating in their respective sections at the World Junior Championships, held this year in Gebze, Turkey. Since there was less than a month between the two competitions our representatives were unable to obtain rooms close to the playing hall; this has necessitated a lengthy commute which hasn't helped their play. There have been a record-breaking number of entries and both sections are very tough. The Open has thirty players over 2500, led by 2600+ GMs Parham Maghsoodloo (Iran), Jorden van Foreest (Netherlands), Alexander Donchenko (German), and Murali Karthikeyan (India). After nine rounds Parham Maghsoodloo has a phenomenal 8.5/9, one and a half points ahead of his closet rival with just two rounds remaining; Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux has 4 points, somewhat more than his rating would predict. In contrast the Girls Section will see a dramatic finish with five players currently tied for the lead; Sherry had a rough first half but still has time to improve on her 3.5 points.



(photo by Isabelle Rodrigue)

[Tournament website](#); [standings](#)

#### **Tian, Shi Yuan – Caglar, Sila [E61] Wch jun girls Gebze (1.23), 05.09.2018**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 g6 3.Bf4 Bg7 4.e3 0–0 5.Be2 d6 6.h3 Nc6 7.0–0 Nd7 8.c4 e5 9.Bh2 exd4 10.exd4 Re8 11.Nc3 Nf6 12.d5 Nb8 13.Bd3 a5 14.Qd2 Na6 15.Rae1 Nc5 16.Bc2 Bd7 17.Nd4 a4 18.Bf4 a3 19.b3 Nh5 20.Bg5 Qc8 21.Rxe8+ Bxe8 22.Ne4 Bd7 23.Kh2 f5 24.Nxc5 dxc5 25.Nf3 Qf8 26.Re1 Re8 27.Rxe8 Qxe8 28.Qe3 Qxe3 29.Bxe3 b6 30.Bg5 c6 31.Bd8 b5 32.dxc6 Bxc6 33.cxb5 Bxb5 34.Be7 Bf8 35.Bxf8 Kxf8 36.g3 Nf6 37.Nd2 Nd5 38.Nb1 Be2 39.Nxa3 Nc3 40.Bb1 Bf3 41.Kg1 Ke7 42.Kf1 Be4 ½–½

#### **Duran, Esmâ Doga – Tian, Shi Yuan [D19] Wch jun girls Gebze (7.43), 11.09.2018**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 c6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Nc3 dxc4 5.a4 Bf5 6.e3 e6 7.Bxc4 Bb4 8.0–0 Nbd7 9.Qe2 0–0 10.e4 Bg6 11.Bd3 Bh5 12.e5 Nd5 13.Bd2 Rc8 14.Nxd5 Bxd2 15.Qxd2 cxd5 16.Rac1 Qe7 17.Qg5 Qxg5 18.Nxg5 Bg6 19.Bxg6 hxg6 20.b3 Nb8 21.Nf3 Nc6 22.Rfd1 Rfd8 23.Kf1 Nb4 24.Ke2 Na2 25.Rxc8

Rxc8 26.Kd2 Nc3 27.Rc1 Ne4+ 28.Kd1 Nxf2+ 29.Kd2 Ne4+ 30.Kd1 Rxc1+ 31.Kxc1 a5 32.Kc2 Kf8 33.b4 b6 34.Ne1 Nf2 35.bxa5 bxa5 36.Nf3 Ne4 37.Ne1 Ke7 38.Nd3 Kd7 39.Kb3 g5 40.Kc2 Kc7 41.Kb3 Nd2+ 42.Kc3 Nc4 43.Ne1 Kd7 44.Nd3 Ne3 45.Ne1 Nf1 46.h3 Ne3 47.Kd3 Nc4 48.Kc3 Ke7 49.Nf3 f6 50.Kb3 Kf7 51.Kc3 Kg6 52.g4 Kf7 53.Kc2 Ke7 54.Kc3 Kd7 55.Kc2 Ne3+ 56.Kd2 Ng2 57.Ng1 Nf4 58.Ke3 Kc6 59.Kf3 fxe5 60.dxe5 Nd3 61.Ke3 Nxe5 62.Kd4 Kd6 63.Ne2 Nc6+ 64.Kd3 e5 65.Nc3 e4+ 0-1

### **Toronto Open** (September 1-3)

As we have noted previously in these pages, Paul Leblanc likes to combine his trips back east to visit family and friends with the opportunity to play some chess. In this case the chess component was the Toronto Open, held at the Annex Chess Club on the Labour Day weekend. Paul scored 50% in the U2200 Section; the overall winners were juniors Nicholas Vettese and Rohan Talukdar, who finished ahead of the veteran IMs Nikolay Noritsyn and Artiom Samsonkin (if veteran is a term one can use for players who have yet to reach their thirtieth birthday). [Standings](#)

### **84<sup>th</sup> Southwest Open** (August 30 – September 3)

Another BC player, Severo Caluza, went further afield on the Labour Day weekend, specifically to the Dallas Chess Club in Texas to participate in the annual Southwest Open. Also in the tournament were Canadian GMs Anton Kovalyov and Razvan Preotu and Alberta FM Ian Findlay. The International Section was won by GMs Jeffery Xiong and Julio Catalino Sadorra and IM Cameron Wheeler with 6.5/9; Razvan was part of the group tied for fourth a half point back. And Severo found the U2300 Section tough going, scoring just 2.0 points from six games played.

[Tournament website](#)

### **European Excursions**

As stated in the previous issue, this summer Ethan and Kevin Low returned to the tournament circuit in and around Barcelona for a number of events: the [20th Sant Martí Open](#) (July 13-21), the [44th Sitges Open](#) (July 22-29), the [44th Badalona Open](#) (August 1-9), and the [2nd Sant Adria de Besos Open](#) (August 10-16). In all these tournaments Kevin (rated 2122 at the beginning) played in the highest sections, usually termed Group A, while Ethan (rated 1741) participated in the B Groups. We will not cover all these events in detail (complete standings and results can be obtained via the links provided), but



will note Kevin lost 11 ratings points over the thirty-six games played, his best result being 5.0/9 in Badalona which was offset by a not so great result in Adria de Besos. For Ethan a good result at Sitges was balanced by a poor one at Badalona, but at Sant Martí he scored 6.5/9, finished tenth in a field of one hundred and eighty-six and gained 117 ratings points. [The usual caveat applies, since juniors under eighteen years of age and rated U2300 have a K factor of 40, changes for this group of players are magnified, whether good or bad.]

Last on the circuit for the Lows was the [20th Sants Open](#) (August 17-26), where they were joined by two more BC juniors, Ethan Su and Aiden Zhou. Here Kevin's indifferent form continued, but

Aiden had an excellent event, scoring 6.5/10 including wins against an IM and two FMs for a rating gain which will be in the triple digits (not yet rated by FIDE). In the B Group the two Ethans (Su and Low) also had rating gains but more modest, 69 and 19 points respectively.

**Low, Kevin – Abhishek, Das [B38] Sant Marti op 20th Barcelona (6.20), 18.07.2018**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 g6 5.c4 Bg7 6.Be3 Nf6 7.Nc3 d6 8.Be2 0–0 9.0–0 Nxd4 10.Bxd4 a5 11.f3 Nd7 12.Bxg7 Kxg7 13.Qd4+ Kg8 14.b3 b6 15.Rfd1 Bb7 16.Qe3 Qc7 17.g3 Qc5 18.Qxc5 Nxc5 19.Kf2 f5 20.Ke3 Rf6 21.h4 Raf8 22.Rf1 Bc6 23.g4 fxg4 24.fxg4 Rxf1 25.Rxf1 Rxf1 26.Bxf1 h6 27.Nd5 Bxd5 28.cxd5 Kf7 29.Kd4 Ke8 30.Bc4 Kd8 31.Bb5 Kc7 32.e5 g5 33.hxg5 hxg5 34.e6 Kd8 35.a3 Nxb3+ 36.Ke4 Nd2+ 37.Kf5 Nf3 38.Ba4 Nd4+ 39.Kxg5 b5 40.Bd1 b4 41.axb4 axb4 42.Kh6 Ke8 43.Kg7 b3 44.g5 Nf5+ 45.Kg8 b2 46.Ba4+ Kd8 47.Bc2 Ne3 48.Bb1 Nxd5 49.g6 Nf4 50.Kf7 1–0

**Low, Ethan - Martinez Escribano, Jose Angel [B51] Sant Marti op 20th B Barcelona (7.17), 19.07.2018**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Nc6 4.0–0 a6 5.Bxc6+ bxc6 6.h3 e5 7.c3 Be7 8.Re1 Be6 9.d4 cxd4 10.cxd4 f6 11.Nc3 Bd7 12.Be3 g5 13.dxe5 fxe5 14.Nxg5 Nf6 15.f4 exf4 16.Bxf4 Qb6+ 17.Kh1 Qxb2 18.Na4 Qf2 19.Bxd6 Rg8 20.Rf1 Qh4 21.Nf3 Qh5 22.Nh2 Qg6 23.g4 Qxe4+ 24.Rf3 Bxd6 25.Qxd6 Qxa4 26.Qxf6 1–0

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**LANGLEY OPEN (September 1-3)**



Another BC tournament, another record-breaking turnout. Now in its thirteenth year, the 2018 Langley Open had seventy entrants, up from sixty-two last year. Promoter Andrew Hoyer acknowledged that the tournament was advertised less this year than any previous year, and

attributed the increase to the greater interest in chess itself of late. The tournament, the last major BC event in only one section, attracted eight players over 2000, some of whom were seeking the final qualifying spot for the upcoming BC Championship. The obvious front-runners were former BC Champion FM Tanraj Sohal and current Canadian Open Co-Champion IM Raymond Kaufman, but with the potential upsets associated with a one section event and lots of improving juniors participating anything was possible. Tanraj and Raymond gave up their first half-points in round four; Tanraj drew against Brandon Zhu in a complex three minor pieces for a queen Catalan, while Callum Lehingrat accepted a repetition against Raymond without realizing he was winning. This left Joshua Doknjas as the only person with a perfect score after two days, closely followed by Sohal, Kaufman, William Bremner, Brian McLaren, Zhu, Lehingrat, and Kate Jiang (an upset winner against Neil Doknjas). In round five Kaufman and McLaren won while the other top games were drawn, leaving these two and Joshua Doknjas tied for the lead with 4.5/5 going into the final round. Kaufman defeated Doknjas and McLaren turned a lost position around against Bremner, leaving Kaufman and McLaren as co-champions for this year; Kaufman took the BC Championship qualifying spot on tiebreak (he has been residing in Vancouver for most of this year).



Callum and Chuyang Gu shared the third prize and first U2000 for their fine scores of 5.0 points. Tanraj finished outside the money due to the prolonged resistance of Tristan Taylor, who tied for the second U2000 prize with Brian Yang. Richard Ingram had a fine return to form to claim first U1700; second U1700 was split six(!) ways between Kate Jiang, Emmanuel Pangilinan, Jerry Wang, Dinusha Jayawardena, Ryan Branch, and Daniel Wang. The first U1300 prize went to Peter Yong Qiu, and Joyce Zhang, Veronica Guo, and Aiden Leong tied for the second. Finally, AryaCyrus Boroomand won the upset prize. The tournament was organized by the Langley Chess Club (Hugh Long, President with Brian Davidson), promoted by Andrew Hoyer, and directed by Stephen Wright. [CFC crosstable](#); [standings, games, and links](#) to photos by Victoria Doknjas and Wendy Matsubuchi.

### **Kaufman, Raymond – Doknjas, Joshua [E54] Langley op Langley (6.1), 03.09.2018**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.Nf3 0–0 5.Bg5 c5 6.e3 cxd4 7.exd4 d5 8.Bd3 dxc4 9.Bxc4 b6 10.0–0 Bb7 11.Qe2 Nbd7 12.Rac1 Rc8 13.Ne5 h6 14.Nxd7 Qxd7 15.Bxf6 gxf6 16.Rfd1 Kh7 17.d5 Rg8 18.Ne4 Qe7 19.dxe6 fxe6 20.Bxe6 Rxc2+ 21.Kxg2 Qxe6 22.Rxc8 Bxe4+ 23.Kg1 Qf5 24.Rc7+ Kg6 25.Qe3 Bf3 26.Qe8+ Kg5 27.Rg7+ 1–0

### **Bremner, William – McLaren, Brian [A90] Langley op Langley (6.2), 03.09.2018**

1.d4 f5 2.Nf3 Nf6 3.g3 e6 4.Bg2 d5 5.0–0 Bd6 6.c4 c6 7.b3 Qe7 8.Bb2 0–0 9.Qc1 Nbd7 10.Ba3 Ne4 11.Bxd6 Qxd6 12.Qc2 b6 13.Nc3 Bb7 14.Rac1 Rac8 15.Qb2 Qe7 16.e3 g5 17.Rfd1 g4 18.Ne1 Ng5 19.cxd5 exd5 20.Ne2 Nf6 21.Nf4 Rfe8 22.Ned3 Nf7 23.Qe2 Ba6 24.h4 Ne4 25.Qe1 Bxd3 26.Nxd3 a5 27.Rc2 Qd7 28.Rdc1 Ned6 29.a4 Qb7 30.Nf4 Kg7 31.Bf1 Ne4 32.Bd3 Nfd6 33.Qe2 b5 34.Qf1 bxa4 35.Ba6 Qxb3 36.Bxc8 Rxc8 37.Rxc6 Rxc6 38.Rxc6 Nc4 39.Rc7+ Kg8 40.Nxd5 Ned2 41.Nf6+ Kf8 42.Qa1 a3 43.Nd7+ Ke8 44.Nc5 Qb2 45.Qxb2 axb2 46.Rb7 b1Q+

47.Rxb1 Nxb1 48.Kf1 Nc3 49.h5 a4 50.Kg2 a3 51.Nb3 a2 52.f3 Nxe3+ 53.Kf2 Nc2 54.fxc4 fxc4  
55.d5 Ke7 0-1

## BRUCE HARPER ANNOTATES

### Harper, Bruce - Opponent [B24] ICC 3 0 Internet Chess Club

This game is against my favourite GM victim. It's a strange game, with a lot of back and forth, but it turns out I only gave Black one serious chance (which isn't bad for my games..). Let's see. **1.g3** [3:00] **1...c5** [3:00] **2.Bg2** [2:59] **2...g6** [2:59] **3.d3** [2:59] **3...Bg7** [2:58] **4.Nc3** [2:58] **4...Nc6** [2:57] **5.e4** [2:57] **5...e6** [2:56] **6.Be3** [2:56] **6...b5?** [2:53]



**7.Qd2?** [2:53] Next time I'll take the c5-pawn. The engine is pretty emphatic - after 7.Bxc5 b4? 8.Nb5, Black is just lost. **7...b4** [2:52] **8.Nd1** [2:52] **8...d6** [2:48] **9.Ne2** [2:50] This position could have arisen properly by a different move order. **9...e5?!** [2:46] I suppose this is okay, but advancing the b-pawn and ...e7-e5 just don't seem to mesh. **10.0-0** [2:48] **10...Nge7** [2:41]



**11.a3!** [2:45] I like this move because it gives White a better pawn structure, which always makes me feel good. **11...0-0** [2:31] **12.axb4** [2:43] **12...Nxb4** [2:31] **13.c3** [2:39] **13...Nbc6** [2:30] **14.f4** [2:26] **14...Rb8** [2:24]



**15.f5** [2:23] White had a pleasant choice, because after 15.fxe5, Black has to recapture with his g7-bishop, allowing d3-d4 (15...Bxe5 16.d4; 15...Nxe5? 16.Rxa7; 15...dxe5? 16.Bxc5). **15...f6** [2:21] **16.h4** [2:20] **16...Qb6** [2:11] **17.g4** [2:18]



White now stands better, so Black pretends otherwise and tries to break up White's kingside pawns. **17...h5!?** [2:05] This move is as dangerous as it looks, but White has to play incisively to show why. **18.fxg6?!** [2:03] Correct was 18.gxh5! gxf5 19.exf5 Bxf5 20.Bxc6! Qxc6 21.Rxa7, with a messy advantage. **18...Bxg4** [2:02] **19.Ng3** [1:55] **19...Nxg6** [1:59] **20.Nf5** [1:53]



**20...Bxf5?** [1:50] Black loses his nerve. After 20...Rf7, White has a small edge. **21.exf5** [1:49] **21...Nge7** [1:43] A sad necessity. On any other knight move, Black quickly perishes on the light squares. **22.b4!** [1:47] **22...Kf7** [1:31] **23.Qe2?!** [1:46] Here White starts to drift. Better was 23.bxc5 dxc5 24.Qf2. **23...Rh8** [1:29] **24.Qa2+** [1:43] **24...Ke8** [1:22]



25.Qe6 [1:42] 25...Nd8 [1:20] 26.Qa2?! [1:34] 25.bxc5!  
 dxc5 26.Qc4! was correct. 26...Bh6! [1:18] 27.Bf2  
 [1:31] 27...Ndc6? [1:11] 27...Rg8! 28.bxc5 [1:30]  
 28...dxc5 [1:10] 29.Qe6 [1:26] 29...Nd8 [1:07] 30.Qc4  
 [1:22] White finally stumbles across the right idea.  
 30...Rc8 [1:05]



31.Ne3 [1:20] Missing 31.Ra6!, followed by 32.Rxf6.  
 31...Rg8 [1:01] 32.Kh1? [1:12]



32...Nb7? [0:36] After 32...Bxe3! 33.Bxe3 Rg4, White  
 is suddenly in deep trouble. 33.Ra6?! [1:09] Either  
 rook to b1 wins Black's b7-knight. 33...Nd6 [0:24]  
 34.Qa2 [1:01] This much I saw. White's queen returns  
 to a2 for the third time. 34...Qd8 [0:19] 35.Nd5 [0:58]  
 35.Qe6 was also strong. 35...Nexf5 [0:17] 36.Nxf6+  
 [0:55] 36...Qxf6 [0:15] 37.Qxg8+ [0:54] 37...Kd7 [0:13]  
 38.Rxa7+ [0:52] 38...Rc7 [0:13] 39.Rxc7+ [0:50]  
 39...Kxc7 [0:12] 40.Qd5 [0:45] 40.Ra1 was even  
 better. 40...Bf4 [0:10] 41.Ra1! [0:40] 41...Nc8 [0:07]  
 42.Qb7+ [0:36] 42...Kd8 [0:06] 43.Ra8 [0:31] 43...Qe6  
 [0:05] 44.Bh3 [0:25] Black resigns. 1-0

## B.C. CHESS MAGAZINE, 1918-1919

"In introducing to the chess playing public of this Province a magazine devoted to its interests, we need offer neither excuse nor extenuation. The vast extent of British Columbia makes this mode of communication a vital necessity, the lack of which has been felt for many years. For isolated players a contact will thus be established with others in like circumstances, and all will be brought into touch with the larger provincial chess circles.

The policy of the magazine will be to use provincial material to a very large extent, though we shall include news of special interest from surrounding localities and also news of world interest. We shall depend largely upon our subscribers for correspondence and for accounts of events in their own districts, and we wish to publish games played in all parts of the Province.

The subscription has been placed at a low figure so that the publication may not be beyond the means of anyone, and the staff will use any profits there may be for the enlarging and improving of the magazine until it approximates to the very high ideal they have in view. Owing to the late inaugural date only five issues will be brought out this season - from December to April inclusive.

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Editor John Ewing

Thus ran John Ewing's foreword to the first issue of the *B.C. Chess Magazine*, published in December, 1918. The magazine was the first of its kind in the province, and leaving aside correspondence chess, another would not arise until 1969. In the first year Ewing did indeed publish five issues, although they ran from December to May with April omitted - April was the time of the B.C. Championship, so that issue was postponed a month so news from the event could be included. Each issue consisted of eight pages, 5" by 8", and sold for 15 cents, or 50 cents for the season. Contents included a Games Department, a News Section, and a Problem Department,



handled by R.G. Stark, F. MacLachlan, and George W. Melhuish respectively, along with a few adverts on the outside covers. In its second year the magazine widened its scope to become the *Canadian Chess Magazine*, but we will leave that development for another time.

Pdf files of all five issues from the first year are currently available on the [B.C. Chess History](#) website.

The first two games printed in the magazine:

**Hidwell, H.E. - Yates, Bertram A. [C52]**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bc4 Bc5 4.b4 Bxb4 5.c3 Ba5 6.d4 exd4 7.0-0 dxc3 8.Qb3 Qf6 9.e5 Qg6 10.Nxc3 Nge7 11.Ba3 0-0 12.Rad1 b5 13.Nxb5 Rb8 14.Bd3 Qh5 15.Qa4 Re8 16.g4 Qh3 17.Qe4 Bb7 18.Ng5 Nxe5 19.Qxb7 Qxf1+ 20.Bxf1 Rxb7 21.h3 N7g6 22.Rc1 h6 23.Bd6 Rxb5 0-1

**Smith, D. - Yates, Bertram A. [A46]**

1.d4 e6 2.Nf3 c5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Bd3 Nc6 5.c3 d5 6.dxc5 Bxc5 7.Nbd2 0-0 8.Nb3 Bd6 9.Nbd4 e5 10.Nxc6 bxc6 11.Be2 Ne4 12.Bd2 Rb8 13.Qc2 Qe7 14.0-0 f5 15.c4 Rf6 16.Ne1 Rh6 17.f4 exf4 18.exf4 Bc5+ 19.Kh1 Ng3# 0-1

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **New West Open**

October 6-8, New Westminster  
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### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

October 26-28, Victoria  
[Details](#)

### **Banff Open**

November 10-12, Banff  
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