## **BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #420**

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#### HERE AND THERE

## **Online adventures**

Two BC players participated in recent online tournaments hosted by the Thornhill Chess Club. Zachary Liu scored 3.0/5 in the <u>Valentine's Day Rapid</u> (February 13), while Azher Hossain tied for second in <u>Grand Prix 2</u> (February 27)

## **Blendz Chess Club**

A reminder that the online Blendz Chess Club operates weekly tournaments on Thursdays, also a monthly master series:

Free weekly Thursday blitz tournaments

Swiss format: 5 +1 Rounds: 18 rounds

Time: 6-9pm

https://lichess.org/swiss/FiIIQRhB

Monthly master series prize tournament. It's modelled after Titled Tuesdays except it's open to all classes.

Sat. March 26

Arena format: 5 minutes

Start: noon PST

Entry Fee: \$5 + \$2 donation that goes into the next memorial tournament.

E-transfer: Will - <a href="mailto:bwcampbell17@yahoo.ca">bwcampbell17@yahoo.ca</a>
Each paid patron will receive a password.
<a href="https://lichess.org/tournament/Bx16fM8d">https://lichess.org/tournament/Bx16fM8d</a>
Previous events: <a href="mailto:January 29">January 29</a>, <a href="mailto:February 26">February 26</a>

## Juniors to Masters Ukraine Fundraiser Event (March 13)

Juniors to Masters Chess Academy invites you to play in our JtM Ukraine Fundraiser Event. All Juniors and Adults are welcome to play and support the Canadian Red Cross: Ukraine Humanitarian Crisis Appeal.

Event: Juniors to Masters Ukraine Fundraiser Event

Date: Sunday, March 13, 2022

**Details** 

## **2022 BC OPEN DRAWS RECORD ATTENDANCE** by Paul Leblanc **Keith MacKinnon Triumphant**

Two hundred and fifteen players gathered for the BC Open at the Airport Executive Hotel on Family Day weekend 19-21 February. About a dozen players came from out of province specifically for the chess tournament including players from Quebec, Ontario, Saskatchewan, Alberta and Washington State. Brazil, Mexico and Oregon were also represented by players attending school in Vancouver. The setting at the hotel was the Grand Ballroom which allowed for a spacious set-up, even with two hundred and fifteen players players.



Grand ballroom, Airport Executive Hotel (photo by Brendan Woodroff)

Only one tournament in BC chess history exceeded this one in attendance – the 1975 Vancouver International, held during the Fischer era with visiting GM Paul Keres taking first place. That tournament was held at UBC and attracted an amazing three hundred and twenty players. [It should also be noted that Vancouver 1975 was held over nine days – thus the 2022 BC Open is the largest weekend event ever held in this province.]

The BC Open was held in four sections – <u>Premier</u>, <u>U1900</u>, <u>U1500</u> and <u>U1000</u>. Keith MacKinnon of Vancouver finished clear first in the Premier Section, capturing the Joe Oszvald Cup, an invitation to the 2022 BC Championship and \$900. Keith finished with 5.5 out of 6 including a draw with International Master David Cummings of Toronto and a last-round win on board one against Jason Kenney of Vancouver. Jungmin Shinn, whose FIDE flag is Korea secured the \$600 second place prize with 5.0 points, also including a draw against Cummings. Jungmin started competitive chess in BC in 2016, then competed in several international tournaments while living in Korea for two years. He returned to BC in 2019 and is pleased to be back in BCCF events.

The U1900 Section ended with a 3-way tie for first among Leo Qu, Suren Ghazaryan and Jonathan Moore, all with 5.0-0.0 records. The massive U1500 Section (eighty-six players) saw two players distance themselves from the field with nearly perfect scores of 5.5 points. They were Elijah Shulman of Portland, Oregon who is attending university in Vancouver and Joydeep Laha of Vancouver. The U1000 Section also ended in a two-way tie between two players with 5.5 points, Mike Zhang of Coquitlam and Sherwin Garcia of Richmond.

Kate Jiang won the top woman's prize and Austin Wong captured the top unrated prize.

The total prize fund for the BC Open was \$5,000. As with the recent Richmond Open, the team of Brendan Woodroff (TD) and Paul Leblanc (organizer) made good things happen.



Tournament Director Brendan Woodroff, BC Open Champion Keith MacKinnon (holding the Oszvald Cup) and Organizer Paul Leblanc (photo by Brian Sullivan)

# MacKinnon, Keith – Lin, Leo [A29] BC op Richmond (4.1), 20.02.2022 [Keith MacKinnon]

Going into the fourth round, Leo and I were the only two players on 3.0/3. He was coming off a big win, so I knew to expect a tough game. 1.c4 Nf6 2.Nc3 e5 3.Nf3 Nc6 4.g3 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.Bg2 **Be6** Slightly provocative and leads to something like a reversed Accelerated Dragon. 6...Nb6 is the modern mainline of this English Four Knights variation - 7.0-0 Be7 with a balanced game. 7.0-0 Qd7?! If we think about the White side of a Dragon, White typically needs to play f3 prior to Qd2 to avoid a pesky ... Ng4. It's the same thing here, and Black likely needed to prepare this move if he wanted to castle gueenside. 7...Be7 is standard with 0-0 to follow; 7...f6 with the intention of ...Qd7 and 0-0-0 has been played but without much success since White guickly gets an initiative with either d4 or Qb3 followed by d4 so Black runs out of time in getting his desired setup. 8.Ng5 Nxc3 The best reaction. **9.dxc3** 9.bxc3! I wanted to play this on positional grounds but misevaluated the resulting position 9...Bd5 (9...Bg4 is also possible, but I was less worried about that one since there are a number of ways for White to play for an advantage here 10.Rb1) 10.Bh3 Qe7 (10...Qd8 11.d3 h6 12.e4!) 11.d3 f6 (11...h6 was mainly what I was considering during the game 12.Nf3□ Black's position is awkward, as he is still underdeveloped and has to reckon with the half-open b-file as well as White's powerful Bishops) 12.Nf3 with an advantage (also 12.Ne4). 9...Qxd1 10.Rxd1 **Bc4?!** 10...Bf5 11.b4! taking space and preventing Black's Bishop from developing to c5 11...h6 12.Ne4 White has a pleasant position but it shouldn't be more than that. 11.b3 Ba6 11...Bxe2 It's tough for a human to play this way, but the computer seems to think it might be best 12.Re1 Bh5 13.Bxc6+ bxc6 14.Rxe5+ Kd7 15.Ne6 ☐ **12.Bd5?!** Played a little hastily. 12.Kf1! h6 13.Nf3 Bd6 14.a4 with a big advantage. 12...Nd8 13.c4 c6? This was played quickly by my opponent, but I didn't appreciate what a mistake it was. It softens d6 but even more importantly makes the Bishop on a6 harder to extricate. 13...f6 14.Nf3 Rc8 a nice idea with the intention of playing ...b6 and ...Bb7 as soon as possible. Black is pretty solid and should get out of the opening OK. 14.Be4 Not

bad, but I could have retreated all the way to leave this square open for my knight (now that d6 is weak); 14.Bg2 Be7 15.Ne4 0–0 16.Bb2 f6 17.Rd7 Re8 18.Rad1+− **14...g6** 14...f6 15.Nxh7 Bc5 16.Rb1! intending b4. **15.Bb2?** A natural move which unfortunately throws away most of my advantage. 15.Bg2! is even better now than on the previous move now that the dark squares around the Black king are weaker. **15...f6** Leaving me with an interesting decision. **16.Nh3?!** 16.Nxh7 Rxh7 17.Bxg6+ Rf7 18.h4□ I felt it was tough to go for this due to the unclear outcome. Black will be able to activate his light-squared Bishop 18...b5! 19.cxb5 Bxb5 20.Kf1 this was a real option, but I won't blame myself too much for avoiding it; 16.Nf3+/= this simple choice intending h4, h5 is promising **16...Ne6** 16...Bc5 activating and prophylaxis against f4 was the way to go. **17.f4! Bc5+ 18.Kg2 exf4** 



19.gxf4?! Around here, I realized that my opening advantage had slipped away, and I was down 25 minutes on the clock. 19.Bxf6 is nicely met by 19...0-0 20.Bc3 fxg3 21.hxg3 Rad8 and Black is getting close to equality: 19.Nxf4! was strong bringing my Knight off the edge and the only way to stay in the driver's seat 19...Nxf4+ (19...Ke7 20.Nd3 Bd6 21.Rf1 Rhf8 22.h4+/-) 20.gxf4 Ke7 21.Kf3 Black's position is tough, as he has less space and needs to contend with a number of White ideas (f5 is on the horizon). 19...Ke7 20.f5 qxf5 21.Bxf5 Rhq8+ 22.Kf3 I spent 10 minutes deciding between this advance or heading for safety on h1. My reasoning for moving forward was that piece trades were coming, and an active King would be beneficial in the ensuing endgame. 22...h6? A serious mistake after which Black is close to lost. 22...b6! is by

no means the only move, but it was important to try and bring this Bishop back into play 23.Bxe6 (23.Bxh7? is never really a threat 23...Rg5!=/+ (even if you don't see the fancy ...Rg5, the opening of the h-file benefits Black 23...Rh8 24.Bf5 Bc8=) ) 23...Kxe6 24.Nf4+ Ke7=; 22...Rae8 is another good option 23.Rd3 and White has no more than a small edge. 23.Nf4! Ng5+ 23...Nxf4 is impossible due to the Rd7+ intermezzo, which is what I expect was missed by my opponent 24.Rd7+ Ke8 25.Kxf4+- Rad1 is coming and Black's King is very weak. 24.Kg4 Slightly scary to play, but beginning a King march to h5 24...Rad8 25.Kh5! Be3 This move struck me as a mistake, but I didn't expend too much energy trying to find the refutation. There is a beautiful computer-like win here. **26.Ng6+** 26.Ba3+ Kf7 (26...c5 is impossible due to the fork on d5 27.Nd5+) 27.Bg6+ Kg7 I had seen to here but not the winner 28.Be7!! Rxd1 29.Rxd1 Bxf4 30.Rd7 and despite the temporary piece deficit, White is completely won. 26...Kf7 27.h4 Not bad but not the most accurate 27.Rxd8 Rxd8 28.Rf1 putting deadly pressure on f6 28...Rd2 29.Bc1 Rxe2 30.Bxe3 Rxe3 31.Kxh6 and Black can't deal with the simultaneous threats against his King as well as the quick advance of the h-pawn. 27...Ne6 28.Bxe6+! The move order is important so Black can't throw in a ...Ng7 check! 28.Rxd8? Ng7+ 29.Kg4 Rxd8 30.Bd3= 28...Kxe6 29.Rxd8 29.Rf1 Bd4 30.Bxd4 Rxd4 31.e3 was another way to play. 29...Rxd8 30.Rf1 f5 30...Rd2 31.Rxf6+ Kd7 32.Rf7+ (32.Be5 does the trick) 32...Kc8 was something I was calculating. Here, if White plays Bc1 hoping for ...Rxe2 and Re7 winning a piece thanks to the pin, things could turn right around... 33.Bc1?? (33.Bg7 Rxe2 34.Re7) 33...Rd5+!! I had seen this resource in some other lines but not here exactly 34.cxd5 (34.Kg4 Rd4+ 35.Kf5 Bxc1-+) 34...Bxe2+ a beautiful checkmate 35.Rf3 Bxf3# 31.Bc1 Very practical, removing the defence of h6 and preventing the immediate ...Rd2 31.Rf3 Bd2 32.e3 b5

## **31...Bxc1 32.Rxc1 Rd4** 32...Rd2 33.Kxh6 e2 is immune for now (due to Nf4+) 33...Kf6 34.e3+- **33.Kxh6 Kf6 34.h5 b6**



35.Rg1 35.e4! crossed my mind, but I was trying to keep things simple with little time on the clock. The move is extremely strong, however, as a means of clearing the Black King and allowing the h-pawn to go all the way. 35...Rxe4 36.Rd1 f4 37.Rd6+ Kf5 38.Kg7 **35...Bc8 36.Nh8** threatening Rg6+ and Kg7 36.Nf8 same idea but maybe slightly more precise, as the Knight can get to g5 in a number of lines (via h7). **36...Rg4 37.Rd1** 37.Rxg4?? fxg4 38.Ng6 g3 39.Nh4 c5-+ **37...Rg8 38.Ng6 Be6 39.Rd6 c5 40.Rc6** 40.e3 was a nice touch to prevent Black's counterplay. 40...Ra8? this made my life easier 40...f4! 41.Rc7 with the threat of Rxa7 and also Nxf4 41...Bf7 (41...Bf5 42.Rc6+ Be6 43.a4 should be enough) 42.a4 Re8 43.Rxa7 Rxe2 44.Nxf4 Re3 45.Rb7 Rxb3 46.a5+- it's thanks to this move that White is winning in this line.

41.Kh7 Threatening Nf4 and forcing Black to exchange Rooks. 41...Rc8 42.Rxc8 Bxc8 43.h6 Still winning but a little hasty 43.Nf4! would have essentially ended the game on the spot 43...Kf7 (43...Kg5 44.Kg7) 44.Kh6 Kf6 45.Nd5+ Kf7 46.Kg5 43...f4 44.Nxf4 Bf5+ 45.Kg8 Kg5 46.Nd5 Kxh6 47.Kf7 a6 47...Kg5 48.Ke7 and the White King will pick up the pawns on the queenside. 48.Kf6 Bb1 49.Nc3 Bc2 50.e4 b5 51.e5 bxc4 52.bxc4 Bg6 53.e6 Kh5 54.e7 Be8 55.Ne4 Kg4 56.Ke5 Kf3 57.Nf6 I missed some chances for a big advantage out of the opening but then played pretty accurately from move 23 onward. This win took me to 4.0/4 and was a big boost to my tournament prospects! 1–0



Keith MacKinnon, winner of the 2022 BC Closed (photo by Brendan Woodroff)

Shinn, Jungmin - Trenton, Isaac [D93] BC op Richmond (6), 21.02.2022 [Jungmin Shinn]

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nf3 Bg7 4.Nc3 d5 5.Bf4 c6 5...0-0 6.Rc1 dxc4 7.e4 Bg4. 6.e3 0-0 7.h3 Qa5!? Prevents Qb3 line 7...Be6 8.Qb3 (8.Ng5 Bf5 9.g4+/=) 8...Qc8 9.Rc1+/=. 8.Qd2 8.Qb3?! dxc4 9.Bxc4 b5! 10.Bd3 Be6!= 11.Qd1 Nd5. 8...h6 9.Be2 Be6 10.b3 Nbd7 11.0-0 Kh8 12.Rfc1 Nb6? 13.a4? Idea is to gain active piece play and worsen Black's position by sacrificing pawn but unnecessary 13.Rab1! dxc4 14.bxc4 Nxc4 15.Bxc4 Bxc4 16.Rxb7+/-. 13...dxc4 14.b4?! Continuing with the active play idea but...



14...Qa6? Now Black is just much worse as pieces can't get out 14...Qxb4! 15.a5 Nbd5 16.Ra4 Qxc3! 17.Rxc3 Ne4 18.Qb2 Nexc3=/+ 15.e4! Kh7 16.Ne5 Nfd7? 16...Rfc8 was best but still Black is a lot worse 16...Rfc8 17.Qc2! Steps out of Bxc3 attacks queen once position opens up (17.a5 Nbd7 18.Nxd7 Nxd7 19.d5 cxd5 20.b5 Bxc3) 17...Kg8 18.a5 Nbd7 19.Nxd7 Nxd7 20.d5!+- 17.a5 Nc8?+- 18.Nxd7 Bxd7 19.Na4 Be6 19...Qb5 20.Nc5!; 19...b5 20.Nc5 20.Nc5 Qb5 21.Nxe6+- Rest is just converting win. 21...fxe6 22.Rxc4 c5 23.Rxc5 Qd7 24.Rd1 Nd6 25.Bf3 Rac8 26.Be5 Nb5 27.Bxg7 Kxg7 28.Bg4 Nd6 29.d5 Rxc5 30.Qd4+ Kh7 31.bxc5 Nf7 32.Bxe6 Qc7 33.d6 exd6 34.cxd6 Qxa5 35.Bxf7 Rxf7 36.e5 Qd8 37.e6 Rg7 38.e7 Qd7 39.Re1 Rg8 40.Qf6 Qe8 41.d7 Qxd7

42.Qf7+ Rg7 43.Qxg7+ Kxg7 44.e8Q Qd2 45.Re7+ Kf6 46.Re6+ Kg5 47.Qxg6+ Kh4 48.Qg4# 1-0

#### **2022 RICHMOND OPEN**

The report appeared in the last Bulletin, but here is an annotated game by the winner:

Dorn, Paris – MacKinnon, Keith [E20] Richmond op 2022 (4.1), 03.02.2022 [Paris Dorn]

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.f3** The f3 Nimzo-Indian, my trusty weapon which encourages a dynamic and fighting game. **4...c5 5.d5 b5 6.e4 d6** This setup with ...b5 and ...d6 is one of Black's most reliable systems within the ...c5 complex of the f3 Nimzo, and involves a pawn sacrifice for White. **7.Nge2 bxc4 8.Nf4 e5 9.Nfe2 Nbd7 10.g4** Black has shut down his central and queenside pawn play, therefore g2–g4 is a logical continuation to expand on the flank. However, as he's not castled yet, the response ...h5! is made all the more stronger. White will be forced to close lines on the kingside, and Black will be left with the convenient pawn break f7–f6 at his leisure. **10...h5 11.g5 Nh7 12.Ng3** Inserting Ng3 before h2–h4 is purely a stylistic choice. If compelled forward, the knight is headed for the sensitive f5–square. **12...g6** 12...Nxg5!? is possible, and tempting Black to capture this pawn was my intention. 13.Nf5 Nb6 Defending d6. 14.Nxg7+ Kf8 15.Rg1 with the initiative. **13.h4 Nb6 14.Be2 0–0 15.Be3 Bd7 16.Kf2!** Black has not yet made use of his pawn break on the kingside to free his h7–knight, and White's king has yet to find a happy home. How

should he prepare to coordinate the rest of his forces? Of course, by manually castling the king to g2! 16.0–0? White cannot castle traditionally on pain of ...f6, after which the h4–pawn will be left exposed. 16...Rb8



**17.Nf1** A key idea to reorganize the pieces—the knight is headed to d2, where it will assist in rounding up the c4-pawn. 17...f5?! Opening up the position, but White is comfortable now as his king can be brought to safety. 17...Bxc3! would be my preference for Black. getting quick counterplay on the queenside while admitting that he was a little late in executing the kingside pawn break. 18.bxc3 Na4 19.Qc1 Qa5 20.Bxc4 f5 21.gxf6 Nxf6 22.Kg1 unclear - White survives the onslaught by a hair with Rh2 coming next, and the bishop pair could prove to be useful in the resulting endgames. 18.gxf6 Nxf6 19.Kg2 Rf7 Preparing to later double the rooks on the b-file. 20.Nd2 Bxc3 21.bxc3 Ba4?! Greedily attempting to hold on to the c-pawn. Once again, ... Na4 was the correct follow-up to infiltrate on b2. 22.Qc1 Bb5

23.Rh3! White's rook on h1 was particularly passive. What better way to improve it than to lift it to g3? 23...Kh7 24.Rg3 Qe8 25.Bd1?! A slight mistake. White is gearing up for a2–a4 to deflect one of Black's pieces from their post, but this can be parried with the simple 25...Ba4. Otherwise, White must take care not to allow the sacrifice on d5, and so the queen should remain on c1 for the time being to keep c3 and e3 guarded. 25...Rfb7 25...Ba4 26.Be2 Bb5 would repeat the position and force White to come up with a different plan. 26.a4! White liberates his pieces at an opportune moment. 26...Bxa4 27.Bxa4 Nxa4 28.Nxc4 Rb3 29.Bd2 Qb5 A last-gasp effort. 30.Nxd6 Qe2+31.Kh3 Rb2 It may appear that White is in some trouble with an impending mate threat on h2, but it turns out the complications are all heavily in his favour thanks to Black's exposed king. 32.Rxa4 Ng4 33.Rxa7+ Kh8



Cue fire alarm. All players promptly evacuated the building, and as a result they had 5–10 extra minutes to ponder their next move. It was especially handy for this game, as now both players were rather low on time. **34.Nf7+ Kg8 35.Nh6+** Being too low on time and far from convinced this was all completely winning, partially due to the confusing ...Ng4 move, I was prepared to take a draw here. As was played in the game, though, I calculated and went for a different drawing line. 35.fxg4 Rxd2 36.gxh5 Qh2+ 37.Kg4 Qe2+ 38.Kg5 Qxh5+ 39.Kf6 Rf2+ 40.Ke6 Re8+ 41.Re7 Rxe7+ 42.Kxe7 Rxf7+ 43.Ke6+— This would have been quite the wild and unnecessary king walk! **35...Kf8 36.Rf7+** With the idea of playing Rg3–g2 next without hanging f3, but this allows an immediate draw.

If only I had the time to consider and calculate fxg4 on any of my previous four moves! **36...Ke8 37.Rg2?? Nf2+ 38.Rxf2 Qxf2 39.Qa1 Ra2** Forced, as the threat of Qa4+ with mate to follow is too powerful. 39...Qxd2 40.Qa4+ R2b5 41.Qa7+- **40.Qxa2** Game drawn by agreement. ½-½

#### **1964 BC OPEN**

This year the BC Open was held in Richmond in February, but in 1964 the inaugural tournament took place at the Hungarian Sports Centre, 1818 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver on the weekend of 13-14 June. This was largely due to Hungarian émigré and six-time BC champion Elod Macskasy, who was president of the Hungarian Chess Club. The US Open and similar events have been a fixture on the American chess scene since the turn of the last century, but perhaps because of our much smaller population, open tournaments were slow to develop in Canada. The first Canadian Open took place in 1956 (and Macskasy won the second such event in 1958). Local open tournaments began to appear around the same time, but they were largely run by chess clubs; the BC Central Interior had offered an open championship for several years before the first full BC Open in 1964.

The tournament was held in two sections, each a six-round Swiss; entry fees were \$5 for Section A and \$3 for Section B. The time control was 50 moves in 2 hours, at which point the game would be adjudicated if unfinished; the adjudicator is not specified. Forty-one players entered the tournament, with a large number travelling from south of the border for the occasion. In the twenty-six player Open Section Macskasy tied for first with James McCormick on 5.0 points; they beat Duncan Suttles and Clark Harmon respectively in the last round. Third was Ivars Dahlbergs. There was also a tie for first in the B Section, again with 5.0 points, between Harold Melchior and Larry Kahn, third was Eino Maks. According to a report in the Washington Chess Letter the tournament was intended as a substitute for the annual BC versus Washington matches, suspended after the previous year due to a lack of participants from Washington. The Chess Letter noted the totals favoured Washington over BC by the count of 19 to 15, ruing that "too bad it was not official!" There is no mention of such a substitution in the BCCF minutes of the era.



Duncan Suttles and Elod Macskasy at the 1961 BC-WA match

| # Name               | City         | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6   | Tot |
|----------------------|--------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Macskasy, Elod     | Vancouver    | W19 | W10 | D 4 | D 7 | W 8 | W 5 | 5.0 |
| 2 McCormick, James   | Seattle      | W24 | W16 | D 3 | D 5 | W 7 | W 4 | 5.0 |
| 3 Dahlbergs, Ivars   | Portland     | W 6 | W11 | D 2 | L 4 | W17 | W10 | 4.5 |
| 4 Harmon, Clark      | Renton       | W13 | W20 | D 1 | W 3 | D 5 | L 2 | 4.0 |
| 5 Suttles, Duncan    | Reno         | W18 | W 9 | W 8 | D 2 | D 4 | L 1 | 4.0 |
| 6 Campbell, Jim      | Seattle      | L 3 | W25 | D12 | W18 | W 9 | D 7 | 4.0 |
| 7 Potter, Brian      | Vancouver    | W14 | D23 | W17 | D 1 | L 2 | D 6 | 3.5 |
| 8 Rostoker, Gordon   | Vancouver    | W15 | W24 | L 5 | W16 | L 1 | D 9 | 3.5 |
| 9 Schulz, Fred       | Nanaimo      | W26 | L 5 | W23 | W11 | L 6 | D 8 | 3.5 |
| 10 Nelson, Terry     | Seattle      | W25 | L 1 | D18 | W12 | W16 | L 3 | 3.5 |
| 11 Wuntschek, Fred   | Vancouver    | W12 | L 3 | W19 | L 9 | D13 | W17 | 3.5 |
| 12 Jenquin, Dennis   | Portland     | L11 | W15 | D 6 | L10 | W23 | D14 | 3.0 |
| 13 Moore, Deane      | Portland     | L 4 | L17 | W22 | W20 | D11 | D15 | 3.0 |
| 14 Aykroyd, Colin    | Vancouver    | L 7 | W21 | L16 | W19 | D15 | D12 | 3.0 |
| 15 Kaltenecker, Joe  | Port Alberni | L 8 | L12 | W25 | W24 | D14 | D13 | 3.0 |
| 16 Vitanyi, Leslie   | Vancouver    | W22 | L 2 | W14 | L 8 | L10 | D18 | 2.5 |
| 17 Hickey, Pat       | Seattle      | D20 | W13 | L 7 | W23 | L 3 | L11 | 2.5 |
| 18 Anderson, Timon   | Vancouver    | _   |     | D10 | L 6 | D21 | D16 | 2.5 |
| 19 Johnston, Lyman   | Olympia      | L 1 | W26 | L11 | L14 | W24 | D21 | 2.5 |
| 20 Eddy, Buz         | Kent         | D17 |     |     | _   | D22 | W26 | 2.5 |
| 21 Ackermann, Gustav | Vancouver    | L23 | L14 | D20 | W25 | D18 | D19 | 2.5 |
| 22 King, Don         | Terrace      | L16 | L18 | L13 | W26 | D20 | D24 | 2.0 |
| 23 Jurisich, Dargo   | Calgary      | W21 | D 7 |     | L17 | L12 | U   | 1.5 |
| 24 Karell, Leif      | Portland     | L 2 | L 8 | W26 | L15 | L19 | D22 | 1.5 |
| 25 Kindret, Mike     | Vancouver    | L10 | L 6 | L15 | L21 | L26 | M   | 1.0 |
| 26 Lewis, Charles    | Vancouver    | L 9 | L19 | L24 | L22 | W25 | L20 | 1.0 |

Only one game is readily available from the tournament, courtesy of Brian Potter; time trouble appears to be a problem as the players approach move fifty:

## Macskasy, Elod - Potter, Brian [E90] BC op Vancouver (4), 14.06.1964

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Nf3 Nbd7 6.e5 Ng8 7.exd6 exd6 8.Bg5 Ngf6 9.Bd3 Qe7+ 10.Be2 c6 11.Qd2 Nb6 12.0-0 0-0 13.Rfe1 Bf5 14.d5 c5 15.a4 a6 16.a5 Nc8 17.Nh4 Qd7 18.Bd1 b5 19.Nxf5 Qxf5 20.Bc2 Qd7 21.Bh6 Na7 22.Bxg7 Kxg7 23.Re3 Rfe8 24.Rh3 h5 25.b3 Re7 26.Re3 Rae8 27.Rae1 Rxe3 28.Rxe3 Rxe3 29.Qxe3 Nc8 30.cxb5 axb5 31.Qd3 Na7 32.Bd1 Qb7 33.Be2 b4 34.Nb5 Nc8 35.Bf3 Qa6 36.h3 Qxa5 37.Be2 Qa1+ 38.Kh2 Qe5+ 39.g3 Nxd5 40.Bf3 Nc3 41.Nc7 Ne7 42.Ne8+ Kf8 43.Nxd6 Ned5 44.Qa6 Kg7 45.Nc4 Qd4 46.Kg2 h4 47.Qb7 Ne4 48.Bxe4 Qxe4+ 49.Kh2 hxg3+ 50.Kxg3 Qf4+ 51.Kg2 Qg5+ 52.Kh2 Qf5 53.Kg3 g5 54.Qb8 1/2-1/2

## **IN MEMORIAM BORISLAV IVKOV** (12 November 1933 – 14 February 2022)

The Serbian-Yugoslav grandmaster Borislav Ivkov has passed away at the age of eighty-eight. One of the world's top players in the 1960s and 70s, Ivkov won the inaugural World Junior Championship in 1951 ahead of Bent Larsen and Fridrik Olafsson, was Yugoslav Champion in 1958, 1963, and 1972 and a Candidate in 1965. Ivkov's career is covered extensively elsewhere (e.g., ChessBase), the following are a few comments from a Canadian perspective.



Ivkov played a number of times in Canada, beginning with the <a href="1966 Canadian Open">1966 Canadian Open</a> in Kingston where he tied for second with William Lombardy, a half-point behind winner Larry Evans. In the 1983 Quebec Open he tied for third behind Kevin Spraggett (at that point still an IM) and fellow Serbian GM Stefan Djurić. In 1999 Ivkov was scheduled to play in the Keres Memorial in Vancouver but due to the NATO bombing campaign of Yugoslavia was unable to obtain a visa. He did participate in the <a href="25th Keres Memorial">25th Keres Memorial</a> the following year, tying for second with Svetozar Gligorić and John Donaldson behind winner Vladimir Epishin. Ivkov's last Canadian appearances were at the <a href="2007 Canadian Open">2007 Canadian Open</a> and <a href="2008 Canadian/Quebec Open">2008 Canadian/Quebec Open</a>. Internationally Ivkov played Canadian representatives in interzonals, the olympiads, and other major events, including Suttles, Biyiasas, Joyner, and Macskasy from BC

## Lombardy, William - Ivkov, Borislav [A24] CAN-op Kingston CAN (6), 1966

1.c4 g6 2.g3 Bg7 3.Bg2 e5 4.Nc3 d6 5.d3 Nf6 6.Bd2 c6 7.Nf3 0-0 8.c5 dxc5 9.Nxe5 Re8 10.f4 Ng4 11.Nxg4 Bxg4 12.h3 Bxc3 13.hxg4 Bd4 14.Qc2 Na6 15.Bf3 Nb4 16.Bxb4 cxb4 17.Qb3 Qe7 18.Kf1 a5 19.Rb1 Qe3 20.Kg2 Re7 21.Qc2 a4 22.Qc4 c5 23.Kh3 a3 24.b3 Kg7 25.Rh2 Rh8 26.Rf1 h6 27.Qc1 g5 28.Qxe3 Bxe3 29.Be4 h5 30.Rhh1 c4 31.bxc4 b3 32.axb3 hxg4+ 33.Kxg4 Rxh1 34.Rxh1 Bd4 35.Kxg5 a2 36.e3 a1Q 37.Rxa1 Bxa1 38.b4 Bc3 39.b5 Bd2 40.Kf5 Bxe3 41.g4 f6 42.Bd5 Bd4 43.Be6 b6 44.Bd5 Re8 45.Bc6 Re1 0-1

Ivkov, Borislav – Suttles, Duncan [A42] Sousse izt Sousse (2), 1967

1.e4 g6 2.d4 Bg7 3.c4 d6 4.Nc3 Nc6 5.d5 Nd4 6.Be3 c5 7.Nge2 Qb6 8.Qd2 e5 9.dxe6 Bxe6 10.Rd1 Nc6 11.Nb5 0-0-0 12.Nec3 Nf6 13.f3 Ne8 14.Nd5 Bxd5 15.cxd5 a6 16.Nc3 Nd4 17.Na4 Qa7 18.b4 Nc7 19.bxc5 dxc5 20.Nxc5 Qxc5 21.Bxd4 Bxd4 22.Qxd4 Qa5+ 23.Qd2 Qb6 24.Be2 Rhe8 25.Qd4 Qd6 26.0-0 Kb8 27.Rfe1 f5 28.Bc4 Re5 29.Bd3 Rde8 30.f4 R5e7 31.e5 Qxd5 32.Qxd5 Nxd5 33.Bb5 axb5 34.Rxd5 b4 35.Rd4 g5 36.g3 gxf4 37.gxf4 Rc8 38.Kf2 Rg7 39.Re2 Rc1 40.Rxb4 Kc8 41.Rd4 Rcg1 42.Rc4+ Kb8 43.Rcc2 h5 44.e6 R1g2+ 45.Kf3 Rg1 46.Kf2 R1g2+ 47.Ke3 R2g4 48.h3 Rh4 49.Kd4 Rxf4+ 50.Ke5 Ra4 51.Kf6 Rh7 52.e7 1-0

## Epishin, Vladimir – Ivkov, Borislav [A40] Keres mem 25th Vancouver (4), 16.05.2000

1.d4 e6 2.c4 Bb4+ 3.Bd2 Qe7 4.e4 Nf6 5.Bd3 Bxd2+ 6.Qxd2 d6 7.Nc3 e5 8.Nge2 Nc6 9.Bc2 0-0 10.0-0 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 exd4 12.Qxd4 Qe5 13.Qd3 Ng4 14.Qg3 Qxg3 15.hxg3 Be6 16.b3 a6 17.Rfe1 Rfe8 18.f4 Nf6 19.Bd1 Rad8 20.Bf3 Bc8 21.Rad1 Kf8 22.Re2 Rd7 23.b4 Red8 24.Rc1 h6 25.Rec2 Re8 26.c5 dxc5 27.bxc5 Rd3 28.Nd1 Red8 29.Nf2 R3d4 30.Rb2 Rd2 31.Rcb1 Rxb2 32.Rxb2 Rd4 33.Kf1 Nd7 34.Rc2 Nb8 35.e5 Nc6 36.Ke2 Nb4 37.Rb2 Nd5 38.a3 b5 39.cxb6 Nxb6 40.Rb4 Rc4 41.Kd3 Be6 42.Rxc4 Nxc4 43.Bb7 Nxa3 44.Bxa6 Bd5 ½-½

## Orlov, Georgi – Ivkov, Borislav [E07] Keres mem 25th Vancouver (8), 20.05.2000

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 d5 4.d4 Be7 5.g3 0–0 6.Bg2 c6 7.0–0 Nbd7 8.Qd3 b6 9.e4 Ba6 10.b3 dxe4 11.Nxe4 b5 12.Nxf6+ Bxf6 13.Bf4 bxc4 14.bxc4 Nb6 15.Rac1 c5 16.Ne5 Bxe5 17.Bxe5 Rc8 18.Qa3 Bxc4 19.dxc5 Bxf1 20.Bxf1 Nd5 21.Ba6 Qg5 22.Bd6 Rfd8 23.Bxc8 Rxc8 24.Rb1 Qf5 25.Re1 h5 26.h4 Nf6 27.Qa6 Rd8 28.Qb7 Qc2 29.Qc7 Rd7 30.Qc8+ Kh7 31.Qc6 Qxa2 32.Qf3 Qc2 33.Qe3 Rb7 34.Kg2 Rb3 35.Qf4 Rc3 36.Re5 Qd1 37.Be7 Rc1 0–1

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

See also the listings at the CFC and Northwest chess websites

## **JtM Ukraine Fundraiser Event**

Online, March 13
Details

## **Grand Pacific Open**

Victoria, April 15-18 Details

## Okanagan Open

Salmon Arm, May 6-8 Details

### **BC vs Alberta Match**

Salmon Arm, May 6-8 Details

#### **Paul Keres Memorial**

Richmond, May 21-23 Details