

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #426

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### HERE AND THERE

#### **Vancity Rapid #3** (August 14)



The latest monthly [Vancity](#) Rapid tournament was the largest yet, reaching the hundred-player capacity of the City Centre Community Centre in Richmond. Among the field were eight players rated over 2000 (CFC quick ratings) including six masters, headed by IM Raymond Kaufman and FMs John and Joshua Doknjas. Raymond had an off day, losing to BC Senior co-champion Mayo Fuentebella and CM Jorge Nunez Asencio. Joshua won the Doknjas vs. Doknjas clash in round four and claimed sole first place with 5.5/6, only giving up a draw to Jorge in the last round. Jorge and Mayo tied for second with 5.0 points, while a further half-point back was the triumvirate of John Doknjas, Roman Jiganchine, and Leo Qu, the only under-2000 player to place in the top six. The winning score in the U1400 Section was also 5.5/6, achieved by Nathan Zhang and Aidan An, while Zack Zhou, Grayden Hormes and Andrew Chambers tied for third. Watch for the next Vancity Rapid event in [September](#)! Standings [Open U1400](#)

**Eirew, Peter (1419) – Kaufman, Raymond (2316) [D02] Vancity Rapid #3 Richmond (1.2), 14.08.2022**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 c5 5.0–0 cxd4 6.Nxd4 e5 7.Nb3 Nc6 8.c4 d4 9.Bg5 Be7 10.e3 h6 11.Bxf6 Bxf6 12.exd4 exd4 13.Re1+ Kf8 14.a3 g6 15.h3 Kg7 16.N1d2 h5 17.Ne4 Bf5 18.Nxf6 Qxf6 19.Bxc6 bxc6 20.Qxd4 Bxh3 21.Qxf6+ Kxf6 22.Nc5 h4 23.b4 hxg3 24.fxg3 Bf5 25.Rad1 Rh3 26.Kg2 Rah8 27.Rd6+ Kg7 28.Rxc6 Rh2+ 29.Kf3 Ra2 30.Ra6 Rhh2 31.Rxa7 Rhc2 32.Ree7 g5 33.Rxf7+ Kg6 34.Rg7+ Kf6 35.Raf7+ (35.Ne4+ wins) Ke5 36.Rxg5?? (36.Nd7+ =) Rxa3+ 37.Nd3+ Rxd3# 0–1 Sometimes the dividing line between players is rather thin ...

## North American Youth Chess Championships (August 10-14)



(photos by Victoria Doknjas)

The North American Youth Chess Championships are a continental equivalent of the CYCC, championships by two-year age groups further divided into open and girls sections but restricted to players from North America, in this case Canada, the United States, and Mexico. The tournament alternates between host countries and this year it was Canada's turn; organized by the Calgary Junior Chess Centre, some three hundred and sixty-five players under the age of eighteen descended on the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel in Calgary for the nine-round event. Participants from this province included Jeffrey Deng, Neil Doknjas, Emilian Holmgren, Justin Gao, Azher Hossain, Winston Huang, Kate Jiang, William Jiang, Venkata Kodali, Visisht Kodali, Aiden Leong, Zachary Liu, Aiden Lu, Jacky Wang Luan, Mengbai Li, Haoming Lian, Elliot McCallum, Erwin Mok, Gillian Mok, Jessica Qian, Kaiqi Qin, Andrew Yu Qiu, Peter Yong Qiu, Ethan Song, Armaan Varma-Vitug, Ashiana Varma-Vitug, Haoze (Dennis) Wang, Jerry Wang, Bowen Wu, Nathan Ping-Ying Wu, Nicholas Pei-Chang Wu, Andrew Xu, Ruihan (Hannah) Xu, Zhihan (Samuel) Xu, Henry Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Nathan Yi-Hsin Yang, Lucas Yao, Christopher Yu, Joyce Zhang, Kai Zhang, Raymond Tangning Zhang, Aiden Zhou, and Glyn Zhu (apologies if I missed anyone).

One of the main attractions of these continental events is the awarding of direct titles and norms to the top three finishers in each section; this results in fierce competition, particularly in the higher sections where IM and FM titles are at stake. The big BC success story was Jingyun (Ryan) Yang (right) who placed second in the U14 Section, gaining a conditional CM title (not awarded until a FIDE rating of 2000 is reached). Most of the sections were dominated by players from the U.S., but Ryan was part of a Canadian sweep of the U14 Section, Kevin Zhong placing first and Daniel Xu third, also BC's Ethan Song was only a half-point away from the podium. Other Canadian successes were Sarthak Deshpande placing second in the U10, while Nicholas Vettese won the U18 Section on tiebreak with Richard Zheng third. [Placing fourth was



top-ranked Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux, a minor setback for a player who has had a stellar year to this point – tying for first in the Canadian Closed and Open, winning the CYCC U18 Section and scoring 9.0/9 in a Charlotte, NC IM norm event.] Congratulations to all! [Standings photos](#)

### **Chennai Olympiad** (July 29 – August 9)

Originally scheduled for Russia, delayed by the pandemic and with its site moved due to the Russia-Ukraine war, the 44<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad took place in the Indian city of Chennai (formerly Madras). The tournament, the first in-person olympiad since Batumi in 2018, attracted a record number of teams, 186 in the open and 159 in the women's event, this despite the absence of squads from Russia, Belarus, Pakistan, or China. Canada had one team in each section; playing in the open were GM Eric Hansen, IMs Raja Panjwani and Nikolay Noritsyn, GM Razvan Preotu, and IM Artiom Samsonkin, while WGM Maili-Jade Ouellet, WIM Svitlana Demchenko, Morgen Mills, and Yu Han (Veronica) Guo from BC formed the women's team. Normally teams consist of five players, four of whom participate in any given round plus a reserve, but a late withdrawal on the women's team for which a replacement could not obtain a visa in time meant that all four members of the women's team had to play all eleven rounds. (In general Canadians had great difficulties obtaining visas unless they possessed a passport from a different country.)

Up-and-coming junior players are not a rarity in chess events these days (note the percentage of youth in any of our in-person tournaments) but in this Olympiad they came to the fore. The top-ranked team in the Open Section was the U.S. (Caruana, Aronian, So ...) with an average rating of 2771, yet they didn't make the podium. A youthful team from Uzbekistan (players born in 2004, 2002, 2005, 1995, and 2002) tied for first with Armenia on 19 points (2 points for a team win, 1 for a draw) but came first because they won their head-to-head encounter. An even more youthful team, India 2 (born 2006, 2004, 2005, 1992, and 2005 – as the host nation India was allowed three teams in each section) placed third with 18 points, just ahead of the India 1, the U.S. and Moldova(!). The [Canadian team](#) was ranked 44<sup>th</sup> at the start and scored a total of 13 points, leaving them 49<sup>th</sup> on tiebreak in the final crosstable. Their best results were a 2.5-1.5 win over the Czech Republic in round three, a 2.0-2.0 draw with Iran the following round, and a 4.0-0.0(!) demolition of Latvia in round nine.

In the Women's event dramatic last round victories altered the previous standings and left Ukraine and Georgia tied for first on 18 points, Ukraine taking the gold on tiebreak, while India came third on tiebreak ahead of the U.S. and Kazakhstan. The [Canadian women](#) were seeded 56<sup>th</sup> and placed 54<sup>th</sup> with 12 points. The best score was achieved by Svitlana Demchenko whose 7.5 points included a win against GM Zhaoqi Peng of the Netherlands. Svitlana actually had 7.5 after nine rounds but lost her last two games, presumably the strain of having to play every round didn't help. Yu Han (Veronica) Guo scored 7.0 points from her eleven rounds, the best result by a BC player at the olympiad since the days of Peter Biyiasas in the 1970s. As with many juniors who don't reside in central Canada, Veronica's FIDE rating lags far behind her CFC rating (1630 compared to over 2000); based on the 1630 figure Veronica had the largest rating gain in the Olympiad, 162.8 points. Based on their results Veronica and Morgen Mills (Canada's third board) are awarded the WFM title conditional on attaining a 1900 FIDE rating; Veronica already achieved the same distinction at the Canadian Zonal in April, and given her fine results at the CYCC, Canadian Open and now this olympiad she should go over 1900 on the next FIDE ratings list. Congratulations!





Round 7, Austria vs. Canada (photo: FIDE / Mark Livshitz)

**Malan, Lucia (1741) [URU] – Guo, Yu Han (Veronica) (1630) [CAN] [B15] Chennai ol 44th wom (6.36), 03.08.2022**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 dxe4 4.Nxe4 Nf6 5.Nxf6+ exf6 6.c3 Bd6 7.Bd3 0–0 8.Qc2 Re8+ 9.Ne2 h5 10.0–0 h4 11.Be3 Nd7 12.c4 Nf8 13.c5 Bb8 14.Rad1 Qc7 15.g3 g5 16.Nc3 Bg4 17.Rd2 Qd7 18.d5 hxc3 19.hxc3 Kg7 20.d6 Ng6 21.Bd4 Bf3 22.Bf5 Rh8 23.Bxf6+ Kxf6 24.Nd5+ cxd5 25.Qc3+ Ne5 0–1

**Rodriguez Rueda, Paula Andrea (2237) [COL] – Guo, Yu Han (Veronica) (1630) [CAN] [D37] Chennai ol 44th wom (8.21), 06.08.2022**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Be7 4.Nf3 Nf6 5.Bf4 0–0 6.e3 b6 7.Be2 Bb7 8.Ne5 Nbd7 9.0–0 c5 10.cxd5 Nxe5 11.d6 Ng6 12.dxe7 Qxe7 13.Bg3 Rfd8 14.Qa4 cxd4 15.exd4 Qd7 16.Qa3 Nd5 17.Nxd5 Qxd5 18.Bf3 Qd7 19.Bxb7 Qxb7 20.Rac1 Rd7 21.Rc4 Rc8 22.Rxc8+ Qxc8 23.h3 h6 24.Qc3 Qd8 25.Qa3 a5 26.Qc3 Ne7 27.Rc1 Rxd4 28.Kh2 Rd1 29.Rc2 Qd3 30.Qxd3 Rxd3 31.Be5 Nd5 32.a3 Kh7 33.Rc6 Kg6 34.h4 h5 35.Bd6 Rd2 36.b4 axb4 37.axb4 Rxf2 38.Be5 Re2 39.Bd4 Re4 40.Bxb6 Rxh4+ 0–1

### **Canadian Senior Championship** (July 29 – August 1)

Held as part of the Pawn Wise chess festival at St. Mary's University in Halifax, this year's Canadian Senior Championship was the first since 2019. Historically the age cut-off for the tournament was 60, but since 2014 there have been two age-restricted categories, 50+ and 65+. In Halifax both sections included three IMs and two players from BC. The twenty-four player 50+ Section turned into a tight race between IMs David Cummings and Michael Barron, both previous winners of the event. Ultimately the title was decided by their results against FM Brett Campbell –

Barron won, Cummings only drew, so Barron took first place by half a point. The BC players were Paul Macdonell and Dan Catona, who submitted his thoughts on the experience:

“My name is Dan Catona. I am a dentist living in Vancouver, Canada, and an avid chess enthusiast. While family and career commitments precluded me from playing chess at more than an amateur level, I always hoped to one day dedicate it more time...maybe even compete in some serious tournaments. This year I turned 50 years old, and on top of finally having more free time on my hands, I also now qualify for the 'senior' section of chess events. So I decided to participate in a few of the traditional ones such as the BC and Canadian Seniors. While my personal results were modest, I very much enjoyed both experiences. I am not going to talk about the BC Senior, since the experience has already been better described by people more capable of doing so than myself.

But I wanted to say a few words about my time in Halifax, at the Canadian Senior Open. First, I wanted to thank BC Chess for their generous travel contribution. It was very much appreciated. Second, I wanted to thank the organizers in Halifax. They did a wonderful job, both for the excellent playing conditions created, as well as their organizational efforts and overall thoroughness and kindness. The event itself was a very competitive affair, as the final results I'm sure suggest. My personal contribution to that end was small, but I did get a chance to play IM David Cummings in the first round (at the board on stage no less!). It was an absolute pleasure, as he is a very nice and personable man. I lost in the end, but I didn't really embarrass myself in the process. Lastly, my impressions of my first forays into the 'senior circuit' are very much positive. Almost without exception, it seems life experience has taught 'senior' participants the value of politeness and proper sportsmanship, not always the case with other large 'free-for-all' type events. I look forward to many more future similar experiences in 'senior' events!”



**Cummings, David (2396) – Catona, Dan (1819) [D32] CAN sen 50+ Halifax (1), 29.07.2022**

1.c4 e6 2.Nc3 d5 3.e3 Nf6 4.Nf3 Be7 5.b3 0–0 6.Bb2 c5 7.cxd5 exd5 8.d4 Nc6 9.Be2 Bf5 10.0–0 Rc8 11.Rc1 cxd4 12.Nxd4 Nxd4 13.Qxd4 Bc5 14.Qf4 Qd7 15.Rfd1 Bd6 16.Qd4 Bc5 17.Qa4 Qxa4 18.Nxa4 Be7 19.Kf1 Rxc1 20.Rxc1 Rc8 21.Rxc8+ Bxc8 22.Bd4 b6 23.Bd3 Ne4 24.Bb5 Bb7 25.f3 Nc5 26.Nc3 Ba6 27.Bxa6 Nxa6 28.Nxd5 Bd6 29.h3 f6 30.Ke2 Kf7 31.e4 Nb8 32.g4 Nc6 33.Bc3

Be5 34.f4 Bxc3 35.Nxc3 Ke6 36.h4 Kd6 37.Kd3 a6 38.Nd5 Kc5 39.h5 h6 40.a3 a5 41.Nc7 Nd8 42.Nd5 Nc6 43.b4+ axb4 44.axb4+ Nxb4+ 45.Nxb4 Kxb4 46.Kd4 Kb5 47.Kd5 1–0

In the 65+ Section all three IMs finished at the top of the table, with Jean Hébert edging out Brian Hartman and Leon Piasetski, again by half a point. Hébert was Canadian Junior Champion in 1975, Canadian Closed Champion in 1978 and 2009 (also tied for first in 2007), and now completes the circle with the Senior Championship. He drew with Hartman and Piasetski but won the rest of his games. Apart from Piasetski the other BC participant in the twenty-one player section was Brian Sullivan.

[Festival website](#)

**Piasetski, Leon David (2376) – Hébert, Jean (2411) [D11] CAN sen 65+ Halifax (5), 01.08.2022**

1.Nf3 d5 2.d4 Nf6 3.c4 c6 4.Qd3 g6 5.Nbd2 Bg7 6.g3 0–0 7.Bg2 Na6 8.0–0 Nb4 9.Qb3 a5 10.a3 dxc4 11.Nxc4 Nbd5 12.Nce5 a4 13.Qd1 Qb6 14.Re1 Ne4 15.Qc2 f5 16.Rd1 Be6 17.e3 Ndf6 18.Bf1 Bd5 19.Bc4 Rfd8 20.Bd2 Nxd2 21.Nxd2 e6 22.Nd3 Nd7 23.Rab1 Qc7 24.b4 axb3 25.Rxb3 Bf8 26.Rdb1 b6 27.Bxd5 exd5 28.Nb4 Bxb4 29.axb4 Qd6 30.Rc3 Rac8 31.Qa2 c5 32.bxc5 bxc5 33.dxc5 Rxc5 34.Rxc5 Nxc5 ½–½

### **Hollywood Chess Norm Classics**

A series of norm tournaments have been organized in Los Angeles by [1000GM](#) and [learn2chess](#) (although the affiliate listed on the USCF rating reports is the Chess Club of Los Angeles). Such events require titled players from a variety of federations; one such person from this province is FM Max Gedajlovic, who participated in two of the events. The first took place July 20-24 at the Hilton LAX Hotel, a ten-player round robin with IM norms possible. IM Viktor Matviishen (Ukraine) and IM Aaron Grabinsky (USA) [tied for first](#) with 7.0/9, followed at a distance by FM Ryo Chen (USA) with 5.0 points; Max scored 50% - one win, one loss, and seven draws. The second followed immediately thereafter, July 25-29, at Four Points by Sheraton LAX Hotel but doubled in size: two ten-player round robins with respectively GM and IM norms possible. The GM Section was won by GM Arman Mikaelyan (Armenia) ahead of IM Matviishen and IM Josiah Stearman (USA); Max participated in the [IM Section](#) and tied for third on 5.0 points with CM Rushaan Mahajan (WA) behind IM Aleksandr Ostrovskiy (USA) and IM Grabinsky. [The [third event](#) returned to the Hilton LAX Hotel August 3-7 but as a forty-two player Swiss; Max did not take part, but there was a Canadian in the field – GM Bator Sambuev.]



Max Gedajlovic

**Gedajlovic, Max (2325) – Mahajan, Rushaan (2051) [B12] Hollywood Chess Norm Classic #1 Los Angeles (3), 21.07.2022**

1.e4 c6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.dxc5 e6 5.a3 Bxc5 6.Qg4 Ne7 7.Nf3 Qb6 8.Bd3 Bxf2+ 9.Ke2 Nbc6 10.Rf1 Nd4+ 11.Nxd4 Qxd4 12.Qxg7 Rg8 13.Qf6 Bh4 14.Qxf7+ Kd8 15.g3 Qxe5+ 16.Kd1 Bg5 17.Nc3 Bd7 18.Qf2 Be8 19.Bf4 Bh5+ 20.Kd2 Kd7 21.Rae1 Bxf4+ 22.gxf4 Qf6 23.Qc5 Rg2+ 24.Kc1 Bg6 25.f5 Bxf5 26.Bxf5 Nxf5 27.Nxd5 Qg5+ 28.Kb1 Rc8 29.Nf6+ Qxf6 30.Rd1+ 1–0



**Gedajlovic, Max (2325) – Bitoon, Richard (2433) [E14] Hollywood Chess Norm Classic #2 Los Angeles (7), 28.07.2022**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.e3 b6 4.Bd3 Bb7 5.O–O c5 6.c4 Be7 7.Nc3 cxd4 8.exd4 d6 9.d5 e5 10.Nh4 g6 11.Bh6 Bf8 12.Bxf8 Kxf8 13.f4 Nbd7 14.Qf3 Nh5



15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.fxe5 Nhf6 17.Nxg6+ fxg6 18.exf6 Ne5 19.Qg3 Qc7 20.b3 Bc8 21.Ne4 Bf5 22.Ng5 Qc5+ 23.Kh1 Qd4 24.Ne6+ Bxe6 25.dxe6 Re8 26.Rad1 Qg4 27.Qxg4 Nxg4 28.Rf4 Nxh2 29.e7+ Kf7 30.Kg1 g5 31.Re4 Kxf6 32.Rxd6+ Kf5 33.Re1 Ng4 34.Rf1+ Ke5 35.Rd5+ Ke6 36.Rxg5 Nh6 37.Rg6+ Kxe7 38.Rg7+ Kd6 39.Rxa7 Ng4 40.Rg7 Rhg8 41.Rd1+ Kc6 42.Rxg8 Rxg8 43.Rd3 Ra8 44.a4 Re8 45.Kf1 Rf8+ 46.Ke1 Rf4 ½–½

The tournaments were all broadcast on various online platforms and a number of Max's games were commented on by GM Varuzhan Akobian and Jonathan Machtig on 1000GM's [youtube channel](#).

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**2022 BC DAY OPEN** (July 30 – August 1) by Paul Leblanc

**Kate's Turn to Shine: Hard Work Pays off for BC Day Open Winner**

A hundred and sixty-two players convened at the Executive Airport Hotel in Richmond for a six-round tournament on the BC Day weekend 30 July to 1 August. This was the fifth and final big event at that hotel this year. The series included the Richmond Open in January, the BC Open in February, the Keres Memorial in May and the Canada Day Open/BC Washington match in July.

Kate Jiang, who manages to find time to play in all the major events turned in a sterling performance despite barely having time to catch her breath after the Canadian Youth Chess Championships and the Canadian Open in Hamilton.

I asked Kate and her dad for a little insight into her chess world. She did not start playing chess until 2016 when she was nine years old. She showed exceptional enthusiasm for the game. The year after starting competitive chess, she won first place of Canadian Youth Chess Championship U10 Girl section and represented Canada at the World Cadet Chess Championship held in Brazil in 2017. In her own words:



Kate Jiang

“Around 2016 I reluctantly started going to chess classes about once a week. In the first few classes we had these tactics races with other students and the teachers would give us candy as

prizes. I remember really wanting to win that candy so I stayed. Coincidentally, my teacher at school taught the whole class how to play chess and I wanted to beat all the annoying kids. A few months later, I went to my first tournament. The one I went to was really fun and they had free pizza and chips!!!!!! I also won first place there which probably led me to continue going to chess tournaments even if they didn't have free pizza or chips. I really like going to tournaments and they gave me some of my most awesome memories and friends. A goal might be to not get too discouraged after a loss. I've cried really hard sooooooooooooooooo many times from losing."

Kate won the Premier Section prize of \$700 and was followed closely by Ethan Song and Leo Qu at 4.5 points and \$300 each in winnings. In the U1800 Section Navid Samiei and Borna Amjadi tied for first place at 5.0-1.0 and won \$500 each. They met in round six but the game ended in a draw. The U1500 Section produced a clear winner, Eric Gu at 5.5 points, taking home \$400. Julian Tang topped the U1000 Section with 5.5 points and earned \$300. The top woman prize went to Ashiana Varma-Vitug with a very respectable score of 4.5 points. Ashiana has only been playing competitive chess for three months – look out Kate!

The tournament was organized by Paul Leblanc with assistance from Roger Patterson, both of Victoria Chess and sponsored by Jevity Life Science, a company that believes humans are capable of living 200 years and also that chess is an ingredient of a long and healthy life.



Assistant Tournament Director Mats Philipzig and his boss Joe Roback (photo by Paul Leblanc)

**Jiang, Kate (1852) – Cheng, Louis (2007) [B22] BC Day op Richmond (6.1), 01.08.2022**  
*[Kate Jiang]*

**1.e4 c5 2.c3 Nf6 3.e5 Nd5 4.d4 cxd4 5.Nf3 Nc6 6.cxd4 d6 7.Bc4 Nb6 8.Bb5 e6 9.0–0 Bd7 10.Nc3 a6 11.Bd3 Nb4 12.Be4 d5 13.Bb1 a5** Black probably should not let Ng5 happen by playing h6 or Be7 because its easier for White to put pressure on the kingside with the king still in the centre and most of Black's pieces on the queenside. **14.Ng5 g6 15.a3 Na6** The knight looks a bit stupid on a6 but it can't go to c6 because Black's pieces get in the way of each other. **15...Nc6 16.Qf3 Qe7 17.Nb5. 16.Qf3 Qe7 17.Bd3 Nc7 18.h4 h6 19.Qg3** White is threatening Nxf7 followed by taking on g6. [Diagram] **19...0–0–0** I was so surprised when Black castled queenside because I totally missed that move. I got worried that I got over confident about my position earlier but I think





White is still better here because of the placement of the Black pieces and the pushed a5 pawn creating a lot of weaknesses on the queenside. Black cannot take on g5 because the queen is trapped 19...hxc5 20.Bxc5 f6 21.Bxc6+ Kd8 22.Bxf6 **20.Nh3 Kb8 21.Bd2?** 21.b3 stopping the knight from coming to c4 was important since the knight on c4 prevents my bishop from developing by targeting a3, b2, and d2; 21...a4 **21...Bc6 22.Rac1?** This is a mistake because it allows Black to play Nc4 again and if I wanted to develop my rooks, I probably should have developed the rook on f1 to c1 instead of my rook on a1 because that would allow both rooks to attack in the queenside. 22.b3 missed another chance to play b3 to stop the knight from causing trouble. **22...Nc4 23.Bxc4 dxc4** Black is now okay because he has more space and chances to challenge my pieces along with counterplay on the

d-file. **24.Ne2 b6 25.b3** Trying to open some files on the queenside. **25...Qxa3 26.bxc4 Qxg3 27.fxg3 Kb7?** 27...Rd7 I think Black should have defended the f-pawn because the rook on the 7th rank is really annoying for Black. the h3 knight can come to f4 and target those weak pawns and the b1 rook can target the b6 pawn which might be hard to defend at the same time with the pin of the knight **28.Rxf7 a4 29.Rb1** 29.Nhf4 bringing the knight in would have been a good way to win a lot of pawns since black's pieces cannot do much to defend them 29...Rd7 (29...Be8 30.Nxe6) 30.Rxd7 Bxd7 31.Nxg6 Rg8 32.Nxf8 Rxf8 33.Bxh6 **29...Be4 30.Rb5 Bd3 31.Ba5 Bxe2?** taking the knight on e2 is bad because I can get the knight back while still keeping my pieces active and Black's king in a dangerous position. 31...Ka6 would have allowed Black to free up his pieces on the kingside 32.Rxc7 Bxc4 33.Rxb6+ Kxa5 34.Rxc4 Kxb6 35.Rxa4



**32.Bxb6?** 32.Rxb6+ Kc8 33.Rc6 Rd7 34.Rxd7 Kxd7 35.Rxc7+ I saw this but for some reason I thought Bxb6 led to mate. This would have been much simpler because most of Black's pieces are stuck and the a-pawn can be dealt with pretty easily while the knight goes to f4 and the c-pawn pushing forward. **32...Ka6?** 32...Bxc4 would have allowed Black to make White's attack less dangerous 33.Rxc7+ Ka6 34.Rb1 Bb5 35.Bc5 Bxc5 36.Rxc5 Rb8 I'm still up a pawn here but Black has a very annoying passed a-pawn. **33.Bxc7 Rxd4 34.Ra5+** When I was calculating Bxb6, I thought this line led to mate but I missed that after Kb7 and Bd6+ the king can go to b6 instead of c6 or c8 and there is no mate. **34...Kb7 35.Bd6+ Kb6 36.Rb5+ Ka6 37.Bxf8** I still win a bishop in the end but the a-pawn still worried me a lot. **37...Bxc4 38.Rb4 Rd1+ 39.Kh2 Bb5 40.Bc5 Ra8 41.Nf4 Rc1 42.Nxe6 Ka5 43.Rb2**

**Ra6 44.Bb4+ Kb6 45.Nd8 Ra8 46.Rb7+** Trading into a more simple endgame with less pieces on the board. **46...Ka6 47.Rxb5 Kxb5 48.Bd2+ Kc4 49.Rb4+ Kd5 50.Bxc1 Rxd8 51.Rxa4 Kxe5 52.Bxh6 Kf5 53.Ra5+ Ke6 54.Ra6+ Kf5 55.Kh3 Rd1 56.g4+ Ke4 57.Re6+ 1-0**



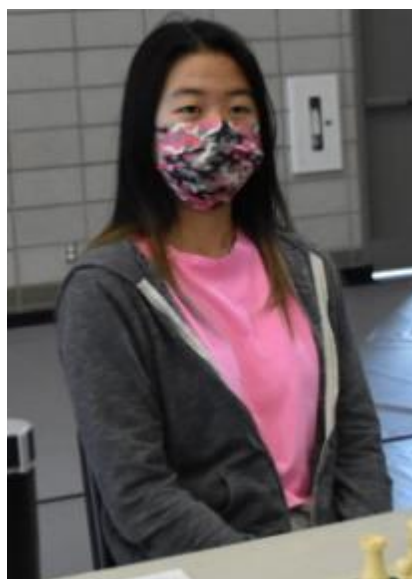
Last round: Ethan Song vs. Andrew Xu, Kate Jiang vs. Louis Cheng (photo by Joe Roback)

## CANADIAN OPEN REDUX

When your editor published the report on the Canadian Open in the last Bulletin he was aware that in the first round BC's Yu Han (Veronica) Guo had beaten the reigning Canadian Champion Yuanchen Zhang but the game was not available. Now it is:

**Guo, Yu Han (Veronica) (1984) – Zhang, Yuanchen (2464) [E46] CAN op (1.15), 12.07.2022**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0–0 5.Nge2 Re8 6.a3 Bf8 7.e4 d6 8.Ng3 c5 9.dxc5 dxc5 10.Bg5 Nc6 11.f4 h6 12.Bh4 Qxd1+ 13.Rxd1 a6 14.e5 Ng4 15.Nce4 Ne3 16.Rc1 Nd4 17.Nh5 Kh8 18.Bf2 Nxf1 19.Rxf1 b6 20.Bxd4 cxd4 21.b4 Bb7 22.Nd6 Bxd6 23.exd6 e5 24.c5 bxc5 25.bxc5 Bc6 26.Kd2 e4 27.Ng3 Rab8 28.Rb1 Bb5 29.Nxe4 Bxf1 30.Rxf1 Rxe4 31.c6



Simon Webb's book *Chess for Tigers* contains a chapter titled How to trap Heffalumps in which he recommends "to head for a complicated or unclear position such that neither of you has much idea what to do, and hope that he makes a serious mistake before you do." Case in point; the computer still insists the position is 0.00 after 31...Rb2+ (go figure). The game continuation is too passive.

31...Ree8 32.d7 Red8 33.c7 Ra8 34.Rb1 Kg8 35.Rb7 Kf8 36.Ra7 Rac8 37.dxc8Q Rxc8 38.Kd3 Ke7 39.Kxd4 Kd7 40.Kd5 h5 41.Kc5 a5 42.Kb6 a4 43.Rxa4 Rxc7 44.Ra7 1-0



(photos by Victoria Doknjas)

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### IN MEMORIAM HARRY RONALD MOORE (28 April 1954 – 4 August 2022)

We are saddened to report the passing of Harry Moore from complications following heart surgery. A life-long Victoria resident, Harry was first mentioned in local newspapers as a member of the Elizabeth Fisher Junior High chess team in 1969. A couple of years younger than his rival and friend Dan Scoones, Harry's play gradually improved until he gained a master rating in 1986. A participant in the BC Closed ten times, he was champion in 1990 and 2002 and only finished with less than 50% twice. Harry was very much a local player, only venturing as far as the Comox Valley, the Lower Mainland or Seattle for tournaments; he never participated in any national events except the 2012 Canadian Open, but that was held in Victoria. Harry won the Victoria Labour Day Open eight times (including four years in succession 1996-99), the Jack Taylor Memorial three times, and tied for first in the Grand Pacific Open as late as 2017.



(photo by Greg Pond)

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Howard Wu - I learned so much from Harry, about chess, his interesting perspectives on pop-culture, science fiction, and music.... RIP to the best storyteller I have ever known.



The following was submitted by Brian McLaren:

I've known Harry Moore since the late 1960's where I met him at a chess tournament in Nanaimo. In all that time (and unlike many other chess friends) the only place we ever talked was at chess tournaments. I can't remember a single time being at a restaurant, coffee shop, bar or even on a walk with Harry. The few snippets of his personal life that I picked up were: he cared for his invalid mother for a number of years, his brother was a bass player for the Troggs (remember the song 'Wild Thing?'), he developed a keen interest in poker late in life and some interesting stories of the few times he traveled.

One of the treats of going to a tournament in Victoria was the opportunity to hear Harry's latest insights into contradictory behaviour. For example, he pointed out that one particular master's complaints about time shortage. "If he didn't spend so much time outside complaining about being low on time, he wouldn't be low on time." He once accompanied someone who was apprehensive about driving through a sketchy area of town... yet, the person stopped in a dark area to pick up a hitchhiker (she felt sorry that he appeared to be stranded). Harry described the hitchhiker of having the appearance of a serial killer.



Harry, Lynn Stringer and Paul Leblanc (photo by Pam Stringer)

Harry devoured chess literature. I once bought the 850-page *New In Chess Keybook*, along with the first two yearbooks from Harry. The *Keybook* is very dense ... all the main variations of all the openings (as of 1982). It was the perfect book for a chess tsundoku... a reference book that would be occasionally consulted... I thought Harry had grown tired of it. Years later, I was talking to Dan Scoones about *Chess Informants*... I said: "No one reads the *Informant* from cover to cover." Dan's answer was "Harry Moore does." I then mentioned the books I bought from Harry and Dan said "Yes, he would have read those cover to cover."

This intense consumption of chess literature showed in his games. He didn't seem to have a favourite opening repertoire... his games included everything from the Catalan to the King's Gambit. As a chess player, Harry's playing style seemed to be to play a correct opening and then start to look for tactical shots. Someone once described it as "He starts with a normal opening, then begins to look for a mating attack around move 5." This was driven by his strong calculation abilities... which also served him well in the endgame.



Here are some samples of Harry's play (it is his move in all the positions):

**Moore, Harry – Bouvier, Jesse [B33]  
BC ch Victoria (5), 13.10.2002**

**16.f5 Bf6? 16...exf5= 17.fxe6 fxe6 18.e5! Ndx5  
19.Qxh7+ Kf7 20.Rxf6+! Kxf6 21.Bg5+ Kxg5  
22.Ne4+ 1–0**



**Moore, Harry – Stanford, Mike [B43]  
Mike's Summer RR–03 Victoria (2), 15.08.2003**

**18.Bxd7+ Kxd7 19.Nb5 Ba6+/- 20.Qf3 Rhf8 21.Nc3  
Qxb2 22.Ra2 Qb3! 23.Rb1 23...Raa1! 23...Qc4  
24.Rab2 Qd3!–+ 25.Qd1 f6! 26.Qg4 fxe5??  
27.Qxg7++– Kc6 28.Nb5 Rfc8 29.Qxe5 Qe4 30.Qc3  
Rg8 31.g3 Qxa4 32.Na7+ Rxa7 33.Rb6+! 1–0**



**Moore, Harry – Ferguson, Jim [A48]  
Labour Day op Victoria (6), 06.09.1999**

**28.Nd4 Nh5! 28...exd4? 29.Rxe7 29.Ra3 Rf6  
30.Ne6+/- Qg8 31.Rf3+– Qh7 32.Qf2 Rxf3 33.Qxf3  
Qc2+ 34.Re2 Qxc4 35.Kh2 Qxd5 36.Ng6+! Kh7  
37.Qf7+  
1–0**



**Samy, Mahmoud (2174) – Moore, Harry (1859) [D47]**  
**Grand Pacific op 9th Victoria (1.10), 03.04.2015**

**24...Ne4!-+ Threatening ...Qd6 25.Rd1 Qd6! 26.Bb2?**  
**Qg3 27.Ne5? Ng5 28.Rxf5 c5 29.e4 Nxh3+! 30.Kf1**  
**Rxf5+ 0-1**



**Kenney, Jason – Moore, Harry [D05]**  
**Victoria op Scheveningen Victoria (5.5), 17.01.2016**

**45...f5 46.b5 Threatening b5-b6, winning. 46...Nd5**  
**Threatening ...Nb4+. 47.Bg6 Nb4+ 48.Kb3 c2 49.Kb2**  
**Kd3 50.Bxf5+ Kd2 51.Bxc2 Nxc2 52.g3 Nd4 53.b6**  
**Kd3 54.b7 Nc6 55.Ka3 h5 56.Ka4 Kc4 57.f4? 57.f3=**  
**57...h4-+ 58.g4 gxf4 59.g5 Kd5! 60.g6 Ke6 61.Kb5**  
**Nb8 62.g7 Kf7 63.Kb6 f3 64.Kc7 Na6+ 65.Kb6 f2!**  
**66.Kxa6 f1Q+ 0-1**



**Taylor, Gordon – Moore, Harry [E68]**  
**Winter op Victoria, 01.1981**

**16.f4 16.Bg2!+/- 16...Qb6! 17.fxe5 dxe5 18.c5! Nxc5**  
**19.Nf3? Nxe4+!-+ 20.Kh2 Qf2+ 21.Bg2 Nxg3!**  
**22.Ned4 Qxc2 23.Nxc2 Nh5 24.Ne3 f5 25.Nc4 e4**  
**26.Nh4 Kh7 27.Bf1 g5 28.Ng2 f4 29.Nd6 Rd8**  
**30.Bxf4 Nxf4 31.Nxf4 Be5 32.Nxe4 Bxf4+ 33.Kg2**  
**Bf5 34.Nc5 b6 35.Bd3 Bxd3 36.Nxd3 Kg6 37.Nxf4+**  
**gxf4 38.Kf3 Kf5 39.b4 Re8 40.Re1 Rad8 41.Rxe8**  
**Rxe8 42.Rc1 Re3+ 43.Kf2 Rxh3 44.Rxc6 Rh2+**  
**45.Kf3 Rxa2 46.Rxh6 Ra3+ 47.Kf2 Ra4 48.b5 Ke4**  
**49.Re6+ Kd5 50.Rf6 Ra5 51.Rxf4 Rxb5 52.Ke3 Rc5**  
**53.Kd3 Kc6 0-1**





**Moore, Harry – Pupols, Viktors [D36]  
West Seattle Int Seattle (9), 23.09.1990**

19.e4 b5+/- 19...h5!-/ 20.e5 fxe5 21.dxe5 h5!  
22.Ng5! Bxg5 23.hxg5 Qxg5 24.Rxh5+- Qf4 25.Qd2!  
Qxd2+ 26.Kxd2 g6 27.Rh6 Nxe5 28.Rah1 d4  
29.Bxd4 Rad8 30.Ke3 Nc6 31.Nxb5! Rfe8+ 32.Kf2  
Nxb5 33.Bxc4+ Kf8 34.Bc5+ Kg7 35.Rxh7+ Kf6  
36.Bxb5+- (1-0, move 50)



Paul Brown and Duncan Haines with an obviously tired Harry, Seattle 1977

**Moore, Harry – Holzknecht, Alois [D36] Saanich Spring op Victoria, 03.1972**

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Bg5 Be7 6.e3 Nbd7 7.Bd3 c6 8.Qc2 0-0 9.Nf3 Re8  
10.0-0 h6 11.Bf4 Nf8 12.h3 Bd6 13.Bxd6 Qxd6 14.Ne5 Bd7 15.f4 Rac8 16.Rf3 c5 17.Qf2 cxd4  
18.exd4 a6 19.Rf1 Qb6 20.f5 Rc7 21.g4 Bc6 22.Rg3 N6h7 23.Kh2 Rce7 24.g5 hxg5 25.f6 Nxf6  
26.Rxg5 N6h7 27.Bxh7+ Nxh7 28.Rxg7+ Kxg7 29.Rg1+ Kf8 30.Ng6+ Kg8 31.Nxe7+ Kh8 32.Qg3  
Qxd4 33.Qg8+ 1-0

**Scoones, Dan – Moore, Harry [D72] Greater Victoria op Victoria (1), 27.10.1973**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.g3 Bg7 4.Bg2 d5 5.cxd5 Nxd5 6.e4 Nb4 7.Qa4+ N8c6 8.d5 0-0 9.dxc6 Nd3+  
10.Kf1 Nxb2 11.Qb3 Be6 12.Qf3 Bc4+ 13.Ke1 Nd3+ 0-1

**Moore, Harry (2164) – Ross, David (2340) [C07] BC ch 1987 Vancouver (4.1), 30.12.1986**  
*[Nigel Fullbrook]*

**1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nd2 c5 4.exd5 Qxd5** This move avoids getting an isolated d-pawn, however the queen now loses a tempo or two finding a set square. **5.Ngf3 cxd4 6.Bc4 Qd6 7.0–0 Nf6 8.Nb3 Nc6 9.Nbxd4 Nxd4 10.Nxd4 a6 11.Bb3 Bd7 12.Re1 0–0–0?! Dave played very double-edged positions this tournament. This move is quite risky as the black queenside already has a dark-square weakness. 13.c3 Qc7 14.Qf3 Bd6 15.h3 h6 16.a4 Be5** I would play 16...Bc6 and try to hold the ending after 17.Nxc6 Qxc6 18.Qxc6+ bxc6. **17.Be3 g5 18.Red1 g4 19.hxg4 Rdg8 20.Nb5!** Harry has an aggressive tactical style and this position suits his temperament. **20...axb5 21.axb5 Qb8 22.Ba7 Bh2+ 23.Kh1 Qf4 24.Bd4!** Even exchanging queens can't help Dave now. **24...Qxf3 25.gxf3 h5 26.Ra8+ Bb8 27.g5** If 27.Be5 hxg4+ 28.Kg2 gxf3+ 29.Kxf3 Rh3+ 30.Bg3 e5 and Black is winning. **27...Nd5 28.Be5 Kd8 29.Bxd5 exd5 30.Rxb8+ Ke7 31.Rxb7** Harry mops up efficiently. **31...Ke6 32.Bxh8 Rxh8 33.Rxd7 Kxd7 34.Rxd5+ Kc7 35.Rf5 Rh7 36.c4** Dave's momentum carries him to time control. **36...Kd6 37.f4 Ke6 38.Rf6+ Ke7 39.Rh6 Rg7 40.c5 Rg8 41.b6 Rd8 42.b7 Rb8 1–0**

**Skulsky, Ian (2181) – Moore, Harry (2164) [B25] BC ch 1987 Vancouver (5.1), 31.12.1986**

**1.e4 g6 2.Nc3 Bg7 3.g3 c5 4.Bg2 Nc6 5.d3 d6 6.Nh3 Nf6 7.0–0 h5 8.f3 Qb6 9.Kh1 Be6 10.Ng5 h4 11.g4 h3 12.Nxh3 0–0–0 13.Na4 Qa5 14.c4 Ne5 15.Nf2 Kb8 16.Bd2 Qc7 17.Bf4 Nh7 18.Nc3 f5 19.exf5 gxf5 20.Qe2 Nf8 21.gxf5 Bxf5 22.Nd5 Qd7 23.Bg3 Ne6 24.Rab1 Nd4 25.Qd1 Rdg8 26.b4 Bf6 27.Nxf6 exf6 28.Kg1 Rxh2 29.Kxh2 Qh7+ 30.Nh3 Bxh3 31.Bxh3 Rh8 32.Kg2 Qxh3+ 33.Kf2 Rg8 34.Rg1**



**34...Rxc3 35.Rxc3 Qh2+ 36.Rg2 Qh4+ 37.Ke3 Nf5+ 38.Kd2 Qd4 39.Rg8+ Kc7 40.Qe2 Nxc4+ 41.Ke1 Ne5 42.bxc5 dxc5 43.Kf1 Ne3+ 44.Kg1 Qf4 45.Kf2 Qh4+ 46.Kg1 Qf4 47.Kh1 Nxf3 48.Rh8 Nf5 49.Rh3 Ng5 50.Rf1 Nxh3 51.Rxf4 Ng3+ 52.Kh2 Nxe2 53.Rc4 Nhf4 54.Rxc5+ Kb6 55.Rf5 Nxd3 56.Kg2 Nb4 57.a3 Nd5 58.Kf2 Nef4 0–1**

**Moore, Harry (2315) – Dubisch, Ralph (2243) [B33] Vancouver inv Vancouver (7), 21.04.1989**  
*[Ralph Dubisch]*

**1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5** This is the most common move to combat the Sveshnikov/Lasker/Pelikan, however Fullbrook and Basanta both played 6.Nf3 against me. Both had at least one drawn position, and both lost. Moore has a history in this variation,

especially against Forbes, and his play was anticipated. **6...d6 7.Bg5 a6 8.Na3 b5 9.Bxf6 gxf6 10.Nd5 f5?! Yes, I know this is the mainline! 10...Bg7 has had recent exposure in *Inside Chess*. 11.Bxb5!? axb5 12.Nxb5 Rb8?! The accepted defence is 12...Ra4, but I had prepared this, and was pleased to give it a tournament trial. 13.Nbc7+ Kd7 14.Qh5 Ne7 15.Qxf7 Kc6**



**16.Nxe7+!** Now the supposedly hot theoretical lines are 16.b4 Nxd5 17.b5+ Rxb5 18.exd5+ Rxd5 with difficult positions and perhaps a small advantage to Black. **16...Bxe7 17.Nd5 Bg5** Adorjan and Horvath claim a clear plus for Black here. **18.Qa7 Rb5** 18...Rxb2 19.0-0 fxe4 20.c4 followed soon by Qa4 and Rb1 depending on the defensive scheme is winning for White. Instead, Black threatens to exchange queens with ...Qa5. **19.0-0 Bb7** Originally, I intended 19...Rxd5, but 20.Qa8+ Bb7 21.exd5+ Kb6 22.Qxd8+ Rxd8 23.c4 leaves White with a rook and three pawns for two bishops. This must favour White. I failed to analyze properly here, though, since I thought 19...Bb7 threatened ...Ra5 winning the queen. **20.c4!** Oops. **20...Rb6** 20...Ra5 21.Nb4+ wins, and 20...Rxb2 21.Qa4+ Kc5 22.Qa3+ is similarly unacceptable. Even worse is 20...Rxd5 21.cxd5+ Kc7 22.Rfc1+

Bxc1 23.Rxc1+ Kd7 24.Qxb7+ Ke8 25.Rc8. **21.Qa4+ Kc5 22.b4+ Kxc4 23.b5+ Kd3 24.Qb3+ Or 24.Rfd1+ Bd2 25.Rxd2+ Kxd2 26.Qd1# 1-0**



The 2002 BC Championship with Dan Scoones in the background (photo by Vas Sladek)



**Moore, Harry (2347) – Cabanas, Francisco (2172) [E46] BC ch 1994 Victoria (2.1), 28.12.1993**  
*[Dave Herder]*

**1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 Bb4 4.e3 0–0 5.Nge2 d5 6.a3 Be7 7.cxd5 exd5 8.g3 c6 9.Bg2 Bf5  
10.0–0 Nbd7 11.b4 Ne4 12.Nxe4 Bxe4 13.Bxe4 dxe4 14.Qc2 f5 15.Nf4 Rf6 16.Bb2 Rh6 17.b5**  
Black has staked out a large, difficult-to-defend territory. He might try 17...Nb6 or even the move  
before, intending to sacrifice the exchange. Instead, White's pieces dance delicately on the  
exposed central squares. **17...Qe8 18.bxc6 Rxc6 19.Qb3+ Kh8 20.Rab1 Rb6 21.Qd5 g6**  
Excruciating. **22.Rfc1 Rc8 23.Rxc8 Qxc8 24.Rc1 Qe8 25.Rc7 Rxb2 26.Rxd7 Bf6 27.Qd6 Rb6**  
**28.Qc7 Qg8 29.Nd5** A smooth, simple, attractive game by Harry. **1–0**

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