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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Chess in the Park (September 24) by Paul Leblanc



Forty-one Vancouver Island players converged on scenic Gorge Park on Sunday, September 24th for a five round CFC Quick rated tournament. The beautiful pavilion replaces a Japanese tea house erected on the site in 1907 which fell into ruin in the years following the internment of Japanese Canadians in 1942.



Jeff Reeve, Duncan Haines, Paul Leblanc, Glenn Morin, veterans of 1970s Victoria chess

The tournament featured National Master Jeff Reeve who has returned to his home town of Victoria after several decades in Alberta. Jeff was one of the “Group of Seven” chess masters who had their roots in the Victoria chess scene of the 1970s. (Jeff Reeve, Harry Moore, Ray Kerr, Dan Scoones, Glenn Morin, Harold Brown and Brian McLaren of Nanaimo. Jeff was BC Junior Champion in 1976.

Turning to the chess results, Reeve cruised to victory at 5-0 followed by a log-jam of five players at 4-1 (Daryl Hora, Paul du Buf, Reza Sardari, Trevor Yonkman and Peter Mingrone). Three players tied for Top U1200 at 3-2 (Cosmin Filipescu, Ivan Nicolici and Dinesh Chanchalani). Alistair Hulme and Nikolai Zarikoff tied for Top Unrated at 3-2. [Standings](#)



Last two undefeated players meeting in the last round. Jeff Reeve vs Paul du Buf

Fraser Valley Rapid 7 (September 23)

Following the tried and true formula of previous events, Fraser Valley Rapid 7 was held at the Christian Life Assembly Church in Langley in three sections, Open, U1400, and U1000. NM Mayo Fuentebella and CM Jorge Nunez Asencio finished at the top of the crosstable at Fraser Valley Rapid 6 but this time they were displaced by two rising junior stars: Zachary Liu gave up a last round draw to Jorge in claiming first prize in the [Open](#), while Johan Aljo beat the same opponent in finishing clear second. Nick Beqo placed third as he also did in the previous event. The other two sections also had clear winners. Newcomer Bshell Ortiz scored a perfect 6.0/6 in the [U1400](#) Section, Daniel Zhu was second followed by Sherwin Garcia and Rishith Reddy Chintala, while in the [U1000](#) Section Tom Aloni achieved the same feat ahead of Adithiyaa Vasudevan, Udit Gaur, and Taten Leblanc. Watch for Fraser Valley Rapid 8 coming up on October 21.

Silicon Valley Fall Super Swiss (August 31 – September 4)

Another in the ongoing series of norm events organized by the 1000GM association took place in Sunnyvale, California over the Labour Day long weekend. Categorized as a “Super Swiss,” an event in which it is easier for norm seekers to fulfill the requirements for opponents from different federations, the field of eighty included twenty GMs and ten IMs. Among them were Canadians IM Max Gedajlovic, FM Anthony Atanasov, CM Neil Doknjas, and Jingyun (Ryan) Yang (Anthony from Ontario, the rest make BC their home). The tournament was won by GMs Nikolas Theodorou

(Greece) and Emilio Cordova (Peru) with 7.0/9, a half point ahead of GMs Yasser Quesada Perez (Cuba), Viktor Matviishen (Ukraine), and IM Andrei Macovei (Moldova). Anthony had the best result by a Canadian, beating American GM John Burke in the last round to finish with 6.0 points (tied for sixth) and earn an IM norm. Max, Neil, and Ryan scored 5.0, 4.5, and 3.0 points respectively.

[Standings](#)

Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (1997) – Guo, Andrew (2330) [B33] Silicon Valley Fall Super Swiss Sunnyvale (1.37), 31.08.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 e5 6.Ndb5 d6 7.Nd5 Nxd5 8.exd5 Nb8 9.a4 Be7 10.Be3 a6 11.Nc3 Bf5 12.Bd3 Bg6 13.0–0 Nd7 14.f4 exf4 15.Bxg6 hxg6 16.Rxf4 0–0 17.Bd4 Ne5 18.b3 Bg5 19.Rf2 f5 20.Ne2 Ng4 21.Rf3 Nf6 22.c4 Re8 23.Nc3 Ne4 24.Qc2 Bf6 25.Bxf6 gxf6 26.Raf1 Qb6+ 27.Kh1 Ng5 28.Rf4 Qe3 29.g4 Nf7 30.gxf5 g5 31.R4f3 Qe5 32.Qd2 Re7 33.a5 Rae8 34.b4 Rc7 35.R3f2 Qe3 36.c5 Qh3 37.Re1 Rxe1+ 38.Qxe1 Kg7 39.Qd2 Re7 40.Ne2 Ne5 41.cxd6 Rd7 42.Nd4 Rxd6 43.Ne6+ Kh6 44.Qd4 Qb3 45.h4 Rxd5 46.hxg5+ Kh7 47.Qh4+ Kg8 48.g6 Qd1+ 49.Kg2 Rd7 50.g7 Rxg7+ 51.Nxg7 Kxg7 52.Qe4 Nd3 53.Rf1 Qd2+ 54.Kg1 Qc3 55.Qxb7+ Kh6 56.Qh1+ Kg7 57.Qg2+ Kf8 58.Kh1 Qxb4 59.Qa8+ Ke7 60.Qa7+ Kf8 61.Qe3 Qh4+ 62.Kg2 Qg4+ 63.Kh2 Ne5 64.Qc5+ Kf7 65.Qd5+ Ke7 66.Qe6+ Kf8 67.Qxf6+ Nf7 68.Qc3 Qe2+ 69.Kg1 Qg4+ 70.Kh1 Ng5 71.Qc5+ Kg8 72.Qe3 Qh4+ 73.Kg2 Qg4+ 74.Qg3 Qe4+ 75.Kh2 Qe2+ 76.Rf2 Qh5+ 77.Kg2 Kf7 78.Qc7+ Kf8 79.Qd6+ Kf7 80.Qg6+ Qxg6 81.fxg6+ Kxg6 82.Rc2 Ne6 83.Rc6 Kf5 84.Rxa6 Nc7 85.Rc6 1–0



Gedajlovic, Max (2403) – Jacobson, Brandon (2537) [A40] Silicon Valley Fall Super Swiss Sunnyvale (6.12), 03.09.2023

1.d4 g6 2.c4 Bg7 3.Nc3 c5 4.d5 d6 5.e4 Bxc3+ 6.bxc3 e5 7.h4 Nd7 8.h5 h6 9.hxg6 fxg6 10.Qd3 Qf6 11.g3 g5 12.Be2 Kd8 13.Be3 Ne7 14.Kd2 Kc7 15.Rf1 Ng6 16.Kc2 b5 17.cxb5 a6 18.a4 axb5 19.Qxb5 Ne7 20.Rb1 Qg6 21.Bd3 Kd8 22.Ne2 Ba6 23.Qa5+ Ke8 24.Kd2 Kf7 25.Bxa6 Qxe4 26.c4 Nxd5 27.cxd5 Qxd5+ 28.Kc3 Nf6 29.Rhd1 Qe6 30.Qc7+ Kg6 31.Bc4 d5 32.Rb6 d4+ 33.Kb3 Qe8 34.Bb5 Qg8+ 35.Ka3 Qd5 36.Nc3 Qf3 37.Bd3+ 1–0



Doknjas, Neil (2219) – Guo, Andrew (2330) [B23] Silicon Valley Fall Super Swiss Sunnyvale (7.23), 03.09.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nc3 Nc6 3.Nf3 Nf6 4.Bb5 Qc7 5.0–0 e5 6.Bc4 Be7 7.d3 h6
8.a4 d6 9.Nd2 0–0 10.Re1 Bg4 11.f3 Be6 12.Nf1 Rad8 13.Ne3 Nb4
14.Qe2 Rfe8 15.b3 d5 16.exd5 Nfxd5 17.Nexd5 Bxd5 18.Nxd5 Nxd5
19.Bb2 Bf6 20.Bxd5 Rxd5 21.f4 Re7 22.Qf3 Rdd7 23.Re4 Qd6 24.f5
Rd8 25.Kh1 b6 26.Rae1 a6 27.h4 b5 28.Qf2 c4 29.bxc4 Qb4 30.Ba1
bxa4 31.c5 Qa3 32.g4 Rc7 33.g5 hxg5 34.hxg5 Bxg5 35.Bxe5 Rc6
36.Rg4 Rh6+ 37.Kg2 f6 38.Ra1 Rh4 39.Rxa3 Rxg4+ 40.Kf3 Rh4 41.Bg3
Rb4 42.c6 Bc1 43.c7 Rc8 44.Ra1 Bb2 45.Qc5 1–0



IM Max Gedajlovic Blog

Written under the name of his alter ego [MMSanchez](#), IM Max Gedajlovic now has a blog on lichess.org in which he intends to examine various chess improvement topics. The first two entries on “How to beat stronger chess players” are now available – check them out.

BC Closed and Women's Championship

It's that time of year again – the BC Championship and Women's Championship will be taking place on the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend. The fields are as follows:

Closed:

John Doknjas (ratings list)
Neil Doknjas (Keres Memorial)
Raymond Kaufman (co-champion)
Zachary Liu (Langley Open)
Keith MacKinnon (co-champion)
Leo Qu (ratings list)
Jingyun (Ryan) Yang (ratings list)
Aiden Zhou (BC Junior)

Women's:

Kate Jiang (ratings list)
Gillian Mok (ratings list)
Diba Partovirad (ratings list)
Joyce Zhang (champion)

All the action takes place in the Library Building at Capilano University, North Vancouver. The tournaments begin on Friday October 7 at 5:30pm, with rounds at 10am and 3pm the following days. Both events will be held in room 321/322.

October is Women's History Month in Canada, and throughout the month [Capilano University](#) is hosting a series of discussions, film events, walking tours, arts, and entertainment on the theme of “**Women making history now: celebrating women who tell our stories.**” Chess will be part of the first week, including an introductory lesson, a tournament, and a [panel discussion](#) featuring WIM Penny Pham and WCM Yelizaveta Orlova exploring the history of women in chess and the links between chess and education. (Friday, October 6, LB322, 1:00-2:00pm)

GREATER VANCOUVER 3 (September 16-17)



The third Greater Vancouver tournament organized by the [Penny Chess Club](#) very much followed the model set by the previous two – a five-round Swiss at the Bonsor Recreation Complex in Burnaby in four sections. The schedule was also the same as the last tournament in June, three rounds of 50 + 10 on the Saturday followed by two rounds of 90 + 30 on the Sunday, meaning all five rounds were accommodated on a two-day weekend. The major difference was in the section divisions. Previously an overly large under 1000 section had been split into “A” and “B” groups, but this time the boundaries were under 1300 and under 800 (as we shall see, the latter was still overpopulated). A total of two hundred and seven players participated.

The twenty-seven player [Premier Section](#) included a dozen over 2000, headed by IM Raymond Kaufman, CM Jorge Nunez Asencio, and, formerly of Manitoba, Teodulfo II Nones (IM Quang Long Le was the tournament director this time). Perhaps aided by the faster time control, on the first day a number of the usual suspects gave up half or even whole points, leaving Nones and organizer WIM Penny Pham tied for the lead with 3.0 points each after the first day. They met in round four with Penny emerging the victor, leaving her a point clear of the field going into the last round. Here her opponent was IM Raymond Kaufman who had given up two draws, but he won the game to tie for first and claim first prize on tiebreak. Penny placed second, and after tiebreaks were applied to the five(!) players who tied for third, Tristan Taylor, who defeated Teodulfo in the last round, emerged the winner. Apart from cash prizes there were also trophies for the best boy and girl finishers by two-year age groups; for the Premier these were Zachary Liu, Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Johan Aljo and Aiden Leong.

Amid the sea of juniors at least one of our other mature players also had a good result: Jose Prem, whose 4.5 points was sufficient to top the thirty-six player field in the [U1800 Section](#). A three-way tie for second was broken in favour of Orven Ortiz (second) and Winston Huang (third), and Daniel Zhu, Minh Vu, Dennis (Haoze) Wang, and Ihor Boiko received trophies. In the forty-five player

[U1300 Section](#) Nikita Makogon took clear first, also with 4.5/5. There was a four-way tie for second which was resolved after tiebreaks with Ishaan Jain second and Leon Makogon third. Trophy winners were Vicky Yin, Evan Geng, Samuel Lu, Morgan Li, Micah Chow, and Nou Yi. The new [U800 Section](#) was double the U1300 in size and at ninety-nine players, contained almost half the total for the entire tournament. Kevin Hughes and Jiayin Guo tied on 5.0 points with Kevin placing first on tiebreak, Diggory Waddle was third a half point back, and Alexandra Liang, Tiffany Ta, Siyona Singh, Annalise Lam, Anthony Wang, Markus Li, Even Deng, Sparsh Ghandi, and Tom Dai won trophies. [All prizewinners](#)



VANCOUVER CHESS FESTIVAL #1 (September 16-17)



The first in an intended monthly series, the inaugural Vancouver Chess Festival was held in the Ponderosa Ballroom at UBC on the weekend of September 16-17. Organized by Maxim Doroshenko and the [Vancouver Chess School](#), the Festival consisted of three separate tournaments at the same location and a total of seven sections. A Classical event with standard time controls (60 + 30 or 50 + 10) was held over both days, a one-day Rapid event (15 + 10) occurred on the Saturday, and the festival ended with a blitz tournament.

The two-day Classical included seventy-nine players and was divided into Open, U1800 and U1000 Sections, the former two also being FIDE rated. In the [Open](#) two internationals led after the first day of competition, Tadas Ceponis (newly returned from Lithuania) and German student Maximilian Müller, both with 2.0 points; top ranked Mayo Fuentebella fell by the wayside after his cell phone rang during his second-round game. Tadas and Maximilian drew in the third round, leaving them tied for the lead going into the last round where their opponents were Mayo and Kevin Low respectively. The latter both won, resulting in them splitting the first and second prizes with 3.0/4 while Tadas and Maximilian 'only' shared third with Alex Zou. The other two Classical sections, five rounds each, were both won with perfect scores. Viktor Musakhanyan topped the [U1800 Section](#) ahead of Ryan Cheng, Ethan Low, Pengsen Fang, and Daniel Dou who tied for second, while in the [U1000 Section](#) it was Ryan Tomilin who took home the first prizes as Felix Tian Zhou, Lucas Chen, Sicheng Wang, and Spencer Sang shared second/third.

The one-day Rapid attracted seventy-four entrants in two divisions, Open and U1400. Top ranked in the [Open Section](#) was IM Max Gedajlovic, who demonstrated that ratings are sometimes meaningful by placing first with 5.5/6, a full point ahead of newly-minted NM Ethan Song and Leo Qu who tied for second. Sutong Wang added another perfect score in winning the [U1400 Section](#), Daniel Lin was clear second a half point back and Arnav Shetty, Eamon Sheung, Chase Shu, and Seyedhamidreza Mirpoorian shared third.

Finally there was the Blitz tournament, seven rounds of 3 + 2 also in two divisions, Open and U1400. A total of forty-four players participated, a number of whom had also competed in one of the other events. Max Gedajlovic gave up just a single half point in dominating the Open Section, Ryan Leong was second and Pengsen Fang third. The U1400 Section was won by Viktor Musakhanyan, Daniel Musakhanyan placed second, and Ryan Tomilin, Jaydon Yuan, Ethan Low, Dasha Doroshenko and Don Chen split the third prize. There were also medals, for top U1000 (Siobhan McCallum), top U600 (Evan Li), and best unrated (Hector Moses). Watch for [Vancouver Chess Festival #2](#) at the end of October. [All standings and prizes](#)

LANGLEY OPEN (September 2-4)

Last year's Langley Open, the fifteenth since the previous Labour Day Open moved from Victoria to the Mainland in 2006, achieved a record turnout of one hundred and six players. The tournament used to pride itself on being the last major tournament in the province in one section but with such large numbers and only six rounds it was felt necessary this year to divide the field into two sections, Premier and U1600. This helped diminish the rating difference between the players in the first few rounds and reduced the likelihood of ties for first, which proved to be successful on both counts.

Held as usual at the Brookwood Senior Centre and organized by the Langley Chess Club, this year's sixteenth edition was directed by Brian Davidson and Umang Banatwala. The [Premier](#) included ten players over 2000 but the main race developed between FM John Doknjas and CM Jorge Nunez Asencio, who both gave up relatively early draws but were tied for the lead with 3.5 points after four rounds. Their fifth-round encounter was epic, lasting 130 moves before John finally acquiesced to a draw in the ending of rook and knight versus rook. In contrast the game between Leo Qu and Mayo Fuentebella on board two was also a draw but lasted a grand total of move

moves. In the last round Jorge beat Brandon Zhu while John was unable to overcome Matthew He, thus providing Jorge with the half-point edge he needed to claim first place. John tied for second with Zachary Liu and Kai Wang, who had the tournament of his life: rated 1777, he had a performance rating of 2188 and gained 215 points from the event. Top U2000 was Joey Xu (Kai earned more as part of the tie for second). The coveted BC Closed qualification spot went to Zachary.



In the [U1600 Section](#) Daniel Folster gave up a draw in round two but was otherwise perfect in scoring 5.5 points to top the other sixty-one players. Huy Minh Vu, Justin Liu, and Abigail Wang tied for second, and Ethan Low won the biggest upset prize, defeating an opponent rated 459 points above him.

Nunez Asencio, Jorge (2338) – Qu, Leo (2213) [E81] Langley op Langley (4.1), 03.09.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Bd3 Nc6 6.Nge2 0–0 7.f3 Nd7 8.Be3 e5 9.d5 Nd4 10.0–0 c5 11.Qd2 f5 12.exf5 gxf5 13.f4 e4 14.Bc2 Qb6 15.Rab1 Qb4 16.Nxd4 cxd4 17.Bxd4 Qxc4 18.Bxg7 Kxg7 19.Rfc1 Nf6 20.Bd1 Qc5+ 21.Kh1 Bd7 22.b4 Qb6 23.a4 a6 24.a5 Qa7 25.Ba4 e3 26.Qb2 Qd4 27.Bxd7 Nxd7 28.Rd1 Qxf4 29.Nb5+ Qe5 30.Nxd6 Qxb2 31.Rxb2 Rab8 32.g3 b6 33.Re2 Rf6 34.Nc4 bxa5 35.bxa5 Rc8 36.Nxe3 Rc5 37.Rc2 Rxa5 38.Rc7 Rf7 39.Rf1 Kg6 40.Ng2 Ne5 41.Nh4+ Kf6 42.Rxf5+ Kg7 43.d6 Ra1+ 44.Kg2 Re1 45.Nf3 Rxc7 46.dxc7 Rc1 47.Rxe5 Rxc7 48.Ra5 Rc6 49.h4 Kf6 50.g4 Rb6 51.Kg3 Rc6 52.Ng5 h6 53.Ne4+ Kg6 54.Nc5 1–0

Doknjas, John (2293) – Liu, Zachary (2186) [B14] Langley op Langley (4.2), 03.09.2023

1.e4 c5 2.c3 d5 3.exd5 Nf6 4.d4 Nxd5 5.Nf3 cxd4 6.cxd4 g6 7.Nc3 Bg7 8.Bc4 Nb6 9.Bb3 Nc6 10.0–0 Nxd4 11.Nxd4 Bxd4 12.Nb5 Bc5 13.Qxd8+ Kxd8 14.Bh6 Bd7 15.Rfd1 a6 16.Rac1 Rc8 17.Na7 Rc7 18.Bxf7 Na8 19.Bg7 Re8 20.Bxe8 Kxe8 21.Be5 Bb6 22.Bxc7 Nxc7 23.Rxd7 Kxd7 24.Rd1+ Ke8 25.Nc8 Bc5 26.a3 Ne6 27.b4 Bd4 28.a4 Kd7 29.Nb6+ Kc6 30.Nc4 b5 31.Na5+ Kd5 32.axb5 axb5 33.Kf1 Ke4 34.f3+ Kd5 35.g3 Ke5 36.Nc6+ Kd5 37.Nxe7+ Kc4 38.Rc1+ Kb3 39.Nd5 Bb2 40.Rc8 Nd4 41.f4 Nc2 42.Rc5 Nd4 43.g4 Ba3 44.Rc3+ Kb2 45.Rd3 Nc2 46.f5 gxf5 47.gxf5 Nxb4 48.Nxb4 Bxb4 49.Rd5 Kc3 50.Rxb5 Ba3 51.f6 1–0

Liu, Zachary (2186) – Fuentebella, Mayo (2174) [B81] Langley op Langley (6.3), 04.09.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 d6 6.g4 h6 7.Rg1 a6 8.h4 b5 9.g5 hxg5 10.hxg5 Ng8
11.g6 f6 12.Be3 Qc7 13.Bg2 Nc6 14.Nxc6 Qxc6 15.e5 Qxg2 16.Rxg2 Rh1+ 17.Ke2 Rxd1 18.exf6
Nxf6 19.Rxd1 Bb7 20.f3 0–0–0 21.Bg5 Be7 22.Ne4 Bxe4 23.fxe4 e5 24.Bxf6 Bxf6 25.Rh1 Kd7
26.Rgh2 Rc8 27.Kd3 Ke6 28.Rh8 Rc4 29.c3 d5 30.Re1 dxe4+ 31.Rxe4 Rc6 32.Rh5 Rc5 33.a4
Kd5 34.axb5 axb5 35.Rb4 Kc6 36.Ke4 Rd5 37.Rf5 Rd6 38.Rf2 Rd5 39.Rxf6+ 1–0

UPCOMING EVENTS

See also the listings at the [CFC](#) and [Northwest chess](#) websites

BC Closed and Women's

North Vancouver, October 6-9

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Vancity Rapid October

Richmond, October 7

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Fraser Valley Rapid 8

Langley, October 21

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Vancouver Chess Festival #2

Vancouver, October 28-29

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Halloween Chess Fest

Langley, October 29

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Banff Open

Banff, November 10-12

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Jack Taylor Memorial

Surrey, November 11-12

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Vancouver Chess Festival #3

Vancouver, November 11-12

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BC Junior Rapid (U18 only)

Burnaby, November 25

[Details](#)