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## From the Editor

This issue brings you several interesting articles. IM Renier Castellanos writes on the Nanjing Pearl Spring Chess Tournament where GM Carlsen put in one of the best performances in the history of chess. Shortly after this Carlsen played in the Tal Memorial in Russia, but he wasn't feeling that good and could only finish tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup>, half a point behind Kramnik. There is little doubt in anyone's mind that Magnus is destined for the top of the chess summit.

Lawrence Day will now write a regular column in CCN. Thank you Lawrence! His contributions are always interesting and well received. This issue is no exception, and Lawrence has provided us with another gem.

Stephen Wright has written a very interesting article on the World Champions in Canada. Stenitz is featured this time around. Stephen is the editor of the BCCF Bulletin which is an excellent source of information not only for BC players, but to any who read it. You will find out how to subscribe to the BCCF Bulletin at the end of his article.

I was pleased to receive the many submissions which were sent in for the November issue. Content is not lacking this time around. Due to the number of tournament reports I received, I've brought back *Across Canada* from *En Passant* and *Chess Canada*. Keep those reports coming in.

IM Jean Hébert is in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, today for the World Cup. Jean faces GM Peter Svidler in the first round and has his work cut out for him. Jean promises to supply an article for the December issue. Best of luck to Jean.

At the end of this issue you will find two pages of rating lists from the CFC. I noticed there were several inactive players on the FIDE list who should be removed. Hopefully we will have an updated list for the next issue.

We are still working on ad rates for the newsletter and will have them for the January 2010 edition. CCN will be a great place to advertise chess material for sale, chess lessons available or tournaments. While tournament ads are free in Coming Events, you can get better exposure with a more detailed ad placed elsewhere in the body of the newsletter. You can be creative and supply your own custom ads. Rates will be very reasonable.

Tony Ficzere

# Nanjing Pearl Spring Chess Tournament

By IM Renier Castellanos

The event took place from September 27<sup>th</sup> to October 9<sup>th</sup> 2009, in Nanjing, China. The tournament stars were Veselin Topalov (2813), Magnus Carlsen (2772), Peter Leko (2762), Teimour Radjabov (2757), Dmitry Jakovenko (2742) and Wang Yue (2736). The format was a six player double round robin with a time control of 90 minutes for 40 moves, and 60 minutes for the rest of the game (no increment!). The prize fund was a total of €250,000 (\$398,000 Canadian) with the winner taking €80,000 (\$127,000 Canadian).

## A "True" Champion

The young star Magnus Carlsen dominated the tournament from the first game to the last, scoring two consecutive wins in the first two rounds against Peter Leko and Veselin Topalov. He could have scored a third win but apparently time trouble in a critical position prevented him from finding the best move against Wang Yue.

### Critical Position



Position before 40...Qe6?! Black could have kept his advantage by playing 40...Bxg6. Wang Yue - Carlsen, M ½-½.

After three rounds Carlsen was leading the tournament with 2.5, in contrast to the rest of the players who had not

scored a single win among them. Carlsen would strike again in the fourth round against the Russian, Dmitry Jakovenko, winning from the Black side of a Najdorf Sicilian. Three wins in four games is something very rare in recent elite tournaments but the boy had not finished his winning rampage yet! In the next round (5<sup>th</sup>) the victim was Teimour Radjabov in only 24 moves after Radjabov blundered, but he was already suffering an inferior position. So after the first half of the tournament, Carlsen's score was 4.5/5 leading by 2 points. In second place was Wang Yue who had drawn all of his games, with the rest of the players at two points since none of them had managed to win a game yet. In round six all games were drawn except for Topalov's who scored his first win in a crazy game against Jakovenko when the Russian blundered with 25.♖c1?? in a complicated position. Carlsen drew Leko in the black side of the Grunfeld.

White blunders with 25.♖c1??



Jakovenko, D - Topalov, V 0-1.

Round seven went smoothly with all games drawn, the most anticipated game being the rematch between Topalov (now with the White pieces) against the wonder boy. Unfortunately for Topalov's fans, Carlsen's Sicilian Sveshnikov stood solid and White didn't have a any real chance to win. Round eight was probably the most exciting round with all games decisive. Leko was defeated by Topalov, who played the Grunfeld Defence again, Jakovenko beat Radjabov on the White side of a Sicilian Dragon, while the tournament star takes revenge on Wang Yue in a

## Nanjing Pearl Spring Tournament (CHN)

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	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	6	Ttl	Perf
1	Carlsen, Magnus	2772		1 ½	½ 1	1 ½	1 ½	8	3002
2	Topalov, Veselin	2813	0 ½		½ ½	½ ½	½ 1	5½	2789
3	Wang, Yue	2736	½ 0	½ ½		½ ½	½ ½	4½	2735
4	Radjabov, Teimour	2757	0 ½	½ ½	½ ½		½ 0	4	2695
5	Leko, Peter	2762	0 ½	½ 0	½ ½	½ ½		4	2694
6	Jakovenko, Dmitry	2742	0 0	½ 0	½ ½	½ 1	½ ½	4	2698



Magnus Carlsen

very complicated game. Two rounds left and Carlsen (6.5) was still leading the tournament by two points! Topalov was his closest rival with 4.5. Jakovenko and Wang Yue were next with 3.5 while Leko and Radjabov remained far behind with 3 points each (and still no wins between them). In the ninth round, all games were drawn so the tournament was now "officially" decided (for the public in general it was decided way before). In the last round, Carlsen scores again against Dmitry Jakovenko to end the tournament with a performance of 3002 and join the elite group of players to have crossed 2800.

So in the end, Carlsen won the tournament with an outstanding 8 out of 10(!) making only 4 draws and winning 6 games(!) followed by Topalov with 5.5 and Wang Yue in the third place with 4.5. Wang Yue is a very boring player from the public's perspective but after doing the math, he was never at the bottom of the crosstable in this tournament. He managed to draw nine games and only lost one to Carlsen. Radjabov, Leko and Jakovenko shared the bottom of the crosstable.

□ Carlsen, Magnus (2772)

■ Leko, Peter (2762)

**2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (1), 28.09.2009**

*Scotch Game [C45]*

A few weeks before this game was played, it was revealed in newspapers that the young star Magnus Carlsen had hired Garry Kasparov as his trainer, Carlsen is already one of the strongest players in the world at his young age and one can say it's only a matter of time until he becomes number one, but one could not anticipate how this new cooperation with the great Kasparov would pay off. And then we witness this game, in which Carlsen's play is so

convincing and impressive, showing us that he is at a level well above his respected and well known opponent.

**1.e4 e5 2.♘f3 ♘c6 3.d4**

Surprise surprise! This move must have been a shock, not only for Peter Leko, but to everyone else watching the game eager to see what the new team had prepared. The Scotch was Garry's pet line which he used to beat top players like former world champion Karpov, Short, Adams and Leko! Other known Grandmasters also suffered against the Scotch in Garry's hands.

**3...exd4 4.♘xd4 ♙c5**

4...♘f6 is the main alternative.

**5.♙e3**

The "good old classical line". 5.♘xc6 is another popular line. 5...♙f6 and now 6.♙d2 (or 6.♙f3).

**5...♙f6 6.c3 ♘ge7 7.♙c4 ♘e5**

7...0-0 8.0-0 ♙b6 9.♘c2! A move first introduced in praxis by Kasparov against Nigel Short. White's position is considered slightly better.

**8.♙e2 ♙g6**

White attacks the pawns on g2 and e4 before he plays f4.

**9.0-0 d6**

9...0-0 is less accurate in view of 10.♘d2 d6 (10...d5 11.♙h5 ♙f6 12.f4 ♘5c6 13.e5 ♙h6 14.♘2b3± 1-0 Rublevsky,S-Peng Xiaomin/Erean olm 1996) 11.♙h5 ♙f6 12.f4 ♘5c6 13.♘2b3± (13.♙h1! Another new move at that time, again found by Kasparov. 13...♘xd4 14.cxd4 1-0 Kasparov,G (2820)-Sorin,A (2460)/Buenos Aires 1997/EXT 1998 (54). In that game perhaps Black should have accepted the pawn with 14...♙xd4 Δ15.e5 dxe5 16.fxe5 ♙xe5 17.♘c4 ♙d5 18.♙xd4 ♘c6! with an unclear position but I suspect Black is OK. If 18...♙xc4 19.♙c1 ♙d5 20.♙c5 ♙xd1 21.♙fxd1±); 9...♙xc4? 10.♘d2 ♙g6 11.♘b5.

**10.f4 ♙xe4**

10...♘g4 White can play in two ways, one is 11.♙xg4 (and the other is 11.♙c1 h5 12.♘a3 ♙d7 13.b4 ♙b6 14.♘c4 again White's position looks promising.) 11...♙xg4 12.♙d3 with a small edge.; 10...♙h3 is a serious mistake 11.♙f2 ♙xe4 (11...♘g4 12.f5+-) 12.♙c1 and now both the Knight on e5 and the Bishop on h3 are under attack; 10...♘5c6 is too passive, 11.♘d2±.

**11.♙f2 ♙xd4**

Black must part with his Bishop, otherwise his Queen is in trouble. For example, 11...♘5c6? 12.♙d3 ♙d5 (12...♙xf4 is impossible because 13.♘xc6 wins a piece) 13.c4± and the Black Queen is trapped in the centre.

**12.cxd4 ♘5g6**

This is the most common move in this position. The Knights defend each other and Black will not have prob-





lems castling later. The difference is clear after 12...♗d7 13.♙f3 ♖xf4 14.♖e1 ♗f6 15.♗e2 and Black is not castling anytime soon. 12...♗5c6 is also worse as 13.♗c3 ♖xf4 14.d5 ♗c5 15.♗b5 0-0 16.♗xc7±.

### 13.g3 ♞

In compensation for the sacrificed pawn White has the two Bishops and tremendous freedom to develop his pieces to effective squares. After he plays his Knight to c3, he can use the open e and c-files. Meanwhile Black lacks coordination in his army, especially the Knights which look "clumsy."

### 13...0-0

13...♙h3 14.♙f3 ♗f5 was played between Morozevich (White) and Kramnik and it remains critical, the game continued 15.♖e1 d5 (15...0-0 16.♙xb7 ♖ab8 {16...c6 17.d5!± was played in Smeets,J (2573)–Koneru,H (2612) *Wijk aan Zee* last year.} 17.♙e4 ♗d7 18.b3±) 16.♗c3 0-0 17.♗b3 c6 18.♗xb7 ♖fb8 19.♗c7 ♗f6 ½-½ Morozevich,A (2749)–Kramnik,V (2802)/Dortmund 2001. I think White has an edge in this position.

### 14.♗c3 ♗f5 15.d5 a6

The first new move of the game, Peter Leko prevents a future ♗b5 attacking c7 and heading for d4. 15...♗d8 16.♖e1! White has plenty of compensation following with ♙f3,h4 and ♖e1 (16.♙f3 has been played but it doesn't make a significant difference). 16...♙d7 17.♙f3♞; 15...♗d7 16.♖e1 (16.h4!?) 16...♖e8 17.♖c1♞.

### 16.♖e1 ♗h8?!

The start of a dubious plan, maybe too optimistic. Black won't be able to solve the problem of his Knights with this manoeuvre. Instead, he could play 16...♙d7 which looks natural but I still prefer White after 17.♖c1 ♖fe8 18.♙f3

♖ac8 19.h4 ♗f8 20.h5.

### 17.♖c1 ♙d7 18.♙f3

Good enough, but I think Carlsen held back the idea of h4–h5 for too long. Instead he decided to put pressure on the queenside. 18.h4 was worthy of attention now that Black is not ready to sacrifice his Knight, so White gains some space just in time. 18...♗g8 19.h5 ♗6c7 (19...♗xf4 20.gxf4 ♖xf4 21.♗d4 ♖g5+ 22.♗h2 looks very bad for Black) 20.♗d2 with the nasty threat of g4. White is clearly better. 20...♗f6?? 21.♙d3 loses a piece.

### 18...♖ac8 19.♗b3

19.h4 ♖fe8 20.h5 ♗f8 21.♗b3±.

### 19...b5 20.♗e2

A fine move! The Knight heads to d4.

### 20...♗h3

20...c5 was a try to gain some freedom, but to open the game for Carlsen's Bishop pair certainly was not to Leko's taste. 21.dxc6 ♗xc6 22.♗c3 and White stands better.

### 21.♗d4 ♙g4 22.♙g2 ♗h5 23.h4

Stopping ...♙h3 for good. 23.♗c6 ♗xc6 24.♖xc6 was also very good. 24...♙h3 25.♗f3! and White's pressure is even stronger with the Queens off the board.

### 23...♗g8

There aren't many constructive moves that Black can play, however it may be better to retain the Knight on e7. In my opinion, Leko already felt very unsatisfied with his position and decided to burn all the bridges and go for an attack against the White King.



### 24.♖c6! ♗f6 25.♖xa6

White starts cashing in.

### 25...♙d7

25...♖fe8 26.♖xe8+ ♖xe8 27.♖a7 would also win. There isn't really any effective way to expose the White King.

### 26.♗xb5 ♖b8 27.a4

White's advantage could be considered decisive at the Grandmaster level.

27...♖g4 28.♙f3 ♗h6 29.♖c4

29.♙xg4 immediately was also good. 29...♙xg4 30.♖c3 hitting on c7.

29...♖xh4

Not leading anywhere, but what to do?



30.♙xg4! ♙xg4 31.gxh4 ♙f3 32.f5! ♗h5

32...♖d2 33.♖xc7 ♗fe8 34.♖c1 ♗xe1+ 35.♖xe1 ♖f4 36.♙g3 ♖xf5 37.♗b6 ♗f8 38.♖d4 is painful.

33.♖f4

With the Queen and Bishop defending the King and having an extra piece, the rest is quite simple.

33...♙xd5 34.♖xc7 ♙b7 35.♗b6 f6 36.♙d4 ♖f7 37.♖e6 ♗g8 38.♖f2 ♗bc8 39.♙c3 ♙d5 40.a5 ♗c4 41.♖d4 ♙a8 42.♖xd6 ♖h5 43.♖f4 ♗cc8 44.♗be6

A wonderful start for Magnus Carlsen and definitely a very impressive victory. 1-0.

□ Carlsen, Magnus (2772)

■ Topalov, Veselin (2813)

2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (2), 29.09.2009

King's Indian [E90]

This was Carlsen's second game with the White pieces. This time the boy was not in the mood for Topalov's Sicilian or Berlin defense so he played his most common opening move.

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6

Topalov is well known for his preference of sharp openings. Earlier this year he was defeated by Carlsen playing the Slav, now he decides to go for the King's Indian.

3.♖c3 ♙g7 4.e4 d6 5.♖f3 0-0 6.h3!?

## Chess & Art

### The art of Roger Morin

Chess and art have been my life passions since my early teens. Most of my art studies have been in Maine at the Augusta University. I maintain a working studio in Houlton, Maine.

In 1968, I move to the Boston area and after two years I was able to make master and was a postal master for several years till 1985.

I'm still an expert and recently became Maine co champion once again. I'm now 65 and enjoy chess more than ever. I play in one tournament a month, usually in the Bangor area. *Game Room* is a 36" by 48" piece. Most of my chess art is surreal.

Roger Morin



### Game Room



Known as Makogonov system, a flexible system championed by the very strong grandmaster Michal Krasenkow, who has an impressive score with this variation.

#### 6...♖a6

6...c5 7.d5 would transpose to the Benoni; 6...e5 7.d5 a5 is considered the main line, along with the move played by Topalov.

#### 7.♗e3 e5

7...♗e8 is flexible and very interesting. The idea is to play ...c7–c5 in case White plays g4. 8.g4 (8.♗e2 e5) 8...c5.

#### 8.d5 c6

A typical move. Black starts undermining White's centre taking for granted that White's intentions are to play g4 on the next move reducing Black's counterplay on the kingside. Perhaps it was better to wait until White actually plays g4.

#### 9.g4

9.♗e2 is a solid option abandoning the idea of g4 now that Black has weakened his queenside a little bit. It's a matter of taste I guess.

#### 9...♗c5 10.♗d2 a5

Usually this position is reached by a different move order with ...c6 being played in response to g4.

#### 11.a3

A normal move, but extremely rare. 11.♗e2 ♗c8!? with the idea of f5 (11... ♗fd7 like Topalov in the main game, has been played, with an awful score for Black, even though this doesn't mean ♗fd7 is bad). 12.♗b3 ♗d7 13.a4 f5 14.gxf5 gxf5 15.exf5 ♗df6 16.♗d3 ♗h8 17.♗g1 ♗e7 18.♗d2 cxd5 19.cxd5 e4 20.♗dxe4 ♗xc4 21.♗xc4 ♗xf5

22.♗g3 ♗xd3 23.♗xd3 ♗e5 24.♗c2 ♗f3 25.♗g5 ♗xg5 0-1 Riazantsev,A (2638)–Svidler,P (2746)/Dagomys RUS 2008.

#### 11...♗fd7 N 12.♗g1 a4 13.♗c2 ♗b6

13...♗a5 has been suggested. 14.0-0-0 ♗b6 15.♗b1 ♗d7 16.h4 ♗ac8\ ♗fc8 is the customary move but perhaps Black will need the a8 square for his Knight so he can advance the b–pawn in the future. 17.♗e2 and White is still slightly better in my opinion.

#### 14.0-0-0 ♗d7 15.♗b1 cxd5 16.cxd5±

White keeps a very small edge because of his space advantage and Black's lack of active counterplay. 16.♗xc5? is not a good idea because of 16...dxc5 17.cxd5 ♗c8!

#### 16...♗c8



#### 17.♗b5!

Not missing the opportunity to trade the bad Bishop.

#### 17...♗xb5 18.♗xb5 ♗d7 19.♗c3

Even if Black's position at first sight doesn't look bad, it is very complex and difficult to find an active plan. White just wants to advance his kingside pawns gaining more and more space.

#### 19...♗f6

Maybe 19...♗e7 had to be tried, waiting for White to play 20.g5 and then react with 20...f5, although after 21.h4 White keeps a small edge, but Black's position looks better than what happened in the game.

#### 20.g5 ♗d8 21.h4 ♗a8?!

From a practical point of view, it's not a bad decision, sacrificing a pawn to activate the pieces and hopefully get some play on the dark squares, but concrete variations show that White can take the pawn and Black is still struggling for decent compensation.

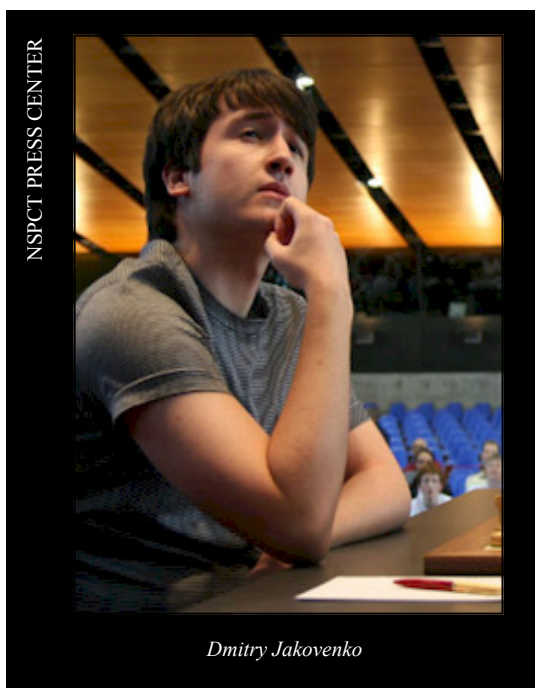
#### 22.♗xc5 ♗xc5 23.♗xa4 ♗c8 24.♗c1

24.♗g3 was also interesting, defending and controlling the third rank.

#### 24...♗b6 25.♗d1 ♗h3 26.♗f3! ♗d7 27.♗d3±

As Grandmaster Mihai Suba would say “White has the





Dmitry Jakovenko

pawn and the compensation!"

27...♔g7 28.♖c2 f6 29.gxf6+ ♖xf6



30.h5!

The Black King now becomes a target.

30...♖f2

30...♖f4 keeping the kingside files closed was no solution to Black's problems. 31.hxg6 hxg6 32.♖g3 ♖f7 33.♖h3 ♔e7 34.f3 and the Rook from c2 will join the attack very soon with a decisive effect.

31.hxg6 h6

A sad necessity. 31...hxg6 32.♖xg6+! ♔xg6 33.♖g3+ ♔g5 34.♖xf2 looks awful for Black.

32.♔d1 ♖xc2 33.♔xf2 ♖c8 34.♔g4

Magnus is now threatening ♔e3 and ♔f5.

34...♔g5 35.♔f3 ♔c4

Losing, but there was nothing else worth trying. 35...♖c1+ 36.♖xc1 ♔xc1 37.♔gxg5 dxg5 38.♔xc1 with a decisive

advantage.

36.♔xg5 hxg5 37.♔e3

Magnus keeps it simple. 37.♖h3 was a pretty way to finish the game. 37...♔d2+ 38.♔a2 ♖h8 39.♖xh8+! ♔xh8 40.♖h1+ and the rest is easy to see.

37...♔xe3 38.♖xe3 ♖a4 39.♖xg5 ♖xe4+ 40.♔a1 ♖e8 41.♖c1 1-0.

There is no way to stop the check on c7. Another excellent performance by the wonder boy!

□ Wang, Yue (2736)

■ Carlsen, Magnus (2772)

2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (3), 30.09.2009

Grunfeld Gambit [D83]

1.d4 ♔f6 2.c4 g6 3.♔c3 d5 4.♔f4 ♔g7 5.e3 0-0 6.♖c1 ♔e6 7.c5 c6 8.♔d3

8.♔e2

8...♔g4 9.♖c2 ♔fd7

Black is ready to play 10...e5.

10.♔xb8?! ♔xb8 11.h3 ♔c8 12.f4

White tries to stop the central break at all cost. 12.♔f3 ♔d7 13.0-0 e5 and Black is better.

12...b6 13.♔a4



13...e5!

Anyway!

14.dxe5 f6 15.exf6 ♖xf6

With great energetic play, Carlsen has taken over the initiative and achieved a more promising position.

16.♔f3 ♖e7 17.♔f2 b5 18.♔c3 ♔a6 19.♖d2 ♔xc5 20.♔b1 ♔h8 21.b4 ♔b7 22.♔e2 ♔d6 23.♔ed4 ♔c4 24.♖d3 ♔d7 25.h4 ♖ae8 26.♖ce1 ♖xb4

Black has an edge but things are not so simple as White generates some counterplay with his next move.



Peter Leko



27.h5!

There isn't anything better.

27...♖d6 28.hxg6 ♖e4+ 29.♔g1 h6 30.♖c1 ♖b2 31.♖c2 ♖a3 32.♖b3 c5 33.♖e1 ♖f5 34.♖h4 c4 35.♖xf5 ♖xf5 36.♖d2



36...♖xf4! 37.♖d1

37.cxf4 ♖d4+ 38.♔h2 (38.♔f1 ♖g3#) 38...♖g3#.

37...♖f6

37...♖ff8 was even stronger.

38.♖xe4 dxe4 39.♖d7 ♖e7 40.♖xb5 ♖e6?!

A mistake on the last move to reach the time control. Black could have converted his advantage by simply eliminating the pawn on g6 since White cannot take on c4 immediately. 40...♖xg6 ♖41.♖h5 (41.♖xc4? ♖xg2+ 42.♔xg2 ♖g5+ 43.♔f1 {43.♔h3 ♖e5-+} 43...♖f8+ 44.♔e2 ♖g2+ 45.♔d1 ♖d8+) 41...c3.

41.♖h4!

Now everything vanishes.

41...♖f5 42.♖a4 ♖ef8 43.♖xe4

43.♖xe4 ♖c5!

43...♖xg6 44.♖e8 ♖xe8

44...♖xe8 45.♖xe8 ♖xe8 46.♖xf5 c3 is slightly better for Black but White should hold. Still it would have been a better chance.

45.♖xf5 ♖f7 46.♖d7 ♖xd7 47.♖xd7 ♖d8 48.♖d1 c3

49.♖a4 ♖xd1+ 50.♖xd1 ♖e5 51.♔f1 ♔g7 52.♔e2 h5

53.♔d3 h4 54.♖f3 ♔f6 55.♔c2 ♔e6 56.♔d3 ♔f6 57.♔c2 ♔e6 58.♔d3 1/2-1/2.

□ Jakovenko, Dmitry (2742)

■ Topalov, Veselin (2813)

2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (6), 04.10.2009

Grunfeld, Flohr [D90]

1.d4 ♖f6 2.c4 g6 3.♖c3 d5 4.♖f3 ♖g7 5.♖a4+ ♖d7 6.♖b3 dxc4 7.♖xc4 0-0 8.♖f4 ♖a6 9.e4 c5 10.e5 ♖h5 11.♖e3 cxd4 12.♖xd4 ♖c6 13.♖e2 ♖a5 14.0-0 ♖b4 15.♖h4 ♖c2 16.g4 ♖xe3 17.fxe3 ♖h6 18.♖d1 ♖h8 19.gxh5 ♖g8 20.♔f2 ♖ad8 21.hxg6 ♖xf3 22.♔xf3 ♖xg6 23.♖e4 f5 24.♖c4 ♖d2 25.♖c1??

A huge blunder. 25.♖f2 seems best. 25...♖g4 26.♖f1 ♖d7 27.♖b5 and White should be better. 25.a4 has been suggested but Black still holds some initiative after. 25...♖g4. 25...♖c6+ 26.♖h4 ♖xc1 27.♖xe7 ♖g8 28.e6 ♖d2 29.♔f2 f4 0-1.

□ Carlsen, Magnus (2772)

■ Jakovenko, Dmitry (2742)

2nd Pearl Spring Nanjing CHN (10), 09.10.2009

Queen's Gambit Declined [D31]

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.♖c3 ♖e7 4.cxd5 exd5 5.♖f4 c6 6.♖c2 ♖d6 7.♖xd6 ♖xd6 8.e3 ♖e7 9.♖d3 b6 10.♖f3 ♖a6 11.0-0 ♖xd3 12.♖xd3 ♖d7

12...0-0 13.♖ac1 (13.e4!± similar to the main game)

13...♖d7 14.♖c2 ♖g6 15.♖xg6 hxg6 16.♖e2 f6 17.h4 ♔f7

18.♖f4 ♖fd8 19.♖fc1 ♖f8 20.♖e1 1/2-1/2 Harikrishna,P





Dmitry Jakovenko

(2563)–Kasimdzhanov,R (2680)/Mumbai 2003/CBM 093 ext.

**13.e4! 0-0**

13...dxc4 14.♖xc4 ♖c7 (14...♖d5 15.♖a3) 15.♖a3 is very annoying for Black!

**14.e5 ♖e6 15.♗ae1 ♗fe8 16.♖h4 ♖g6 17.♖xg6 ♖xg6 18.♖d2 ♖f8 19.f4 ♖f5**

19...f5 deserves consideration but White is somewhat bet-

ter anyway.

**20.♖d1! f6 21.♖e3 ♖d7 22.♖d3 fxe5 23.dxe5± ♖e6 24.f5 ♖c5 25.♖d4 ♖e4**



**26.♖xd5! ♖xd5?**

This leads to a worse endgame. Jakovenko loses without much resistance. 26...♖c5! doesn't save the game but it is far more complicated. 27.f6 (27.b4 ♖xd5 28.♖xd5+ cxd5 29.bxc5 bxc5 is unclear. 30.e6 d4 31.♗e5 ♗ac8) 27...♗ed8 28.♖e7+ ♖xe7 29.♖g4! ♖d7 30.f7+ ♖f8 31.e6 ♖xe6 32.♖h1!! ♖d5 32...♖c5 33.♖h5+-) 33.♖h3! ♗d6 34.♖xh7 ♖e7 35.f8 ♖+ ♗xf8 36.♖xg7+ ♖d8 37.♖xf8+ ♖xf8 38.♖xf8+ ♖c7 39.♖f4 looks clear for White.

**27.♖xe4 ♗ad8 28.e6 ♖xe4 29.♗xe4 ♗d6 30.g4 ♖f8 31.g5 ♖e7 32.♖g2 ♗d5 33.♖g3 ♖d6 34.h4 c5 35.f6 gxf6 36.gxf6 ♗d3+ 37.♖h2 ♗d2+ 38.♖h1 1-0.**

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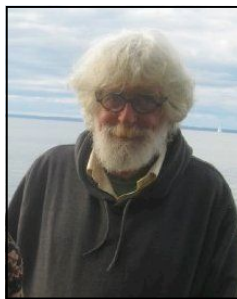
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# Indians, Plan B and the Benko Bind

By Lawrence Day



In the late 1950s a group of Hungarian Grandmasters began experimenting with 1.g3 which at the time was rarely played. As they were Barcza, Bilek, Barczay and Benko the joke was that this was a Plan B. Some theoreticians referred to the move as the Hungarian Opening which was apt in that Richard Reti had played it many times in 1925. The great hypermodern theorist was reviving a durable idea that was already ancient. 1.g3 had been a main line among the Indians after the British Empire absorbed India in the 19th century. One recorded postal game from 1824 between the chess clubs in Hyderabad and Madras started:

□ Hyderabad Chess Club

■ Madras Chess Club

1.g3 f5 2.♗g2 ♟f6 3.c4 e5 4.♟c3 ♗e7 5.d4 exd4 6.♙xd4 c6 7.♟h3 ♟a6 8.a3 ♟c5 9.♙d1 0-0



The position certainly looks thoroughly "modern" in strategic terms. It wouldn't raise eyebrows at any strong 21st-century tournament. So we have a grand paradox: the thoroughly modern and thoroughly ancient remain almost indistinguishable. The constant is the logic inherent in chess itself, a logic which each new generation can rediscover and elaborate on.

Howard Staunton's regular sparring partner from the 1840s, John Cochrane, grandmaster strength by today's standards, spent years in India and played hundreds of games. His regular opponents, Banarjee Mohishunder ("The Brahmin") and the mysterious "Somarcana" in the 1850s, could surprise him with opening moves that would have seemed ordinary to them but were almost unknown in Europe. In the 1920s, promoting the "new" hypermodern approach, theo-

retician Savielly Tartakower quite pointedly categorized anything starting 1.d4 Nf6 as "*Indische*." This gave rise to the nomenclature of the various Indian Defences. Nowadays computers are less poetic although the coded designation A00 does bring to mind the howl of the wolf.

□ Benko, Paul

■ Fischer, Robert

Curacao Candidates 1962

Benko Bind [B07]

1.g3 ♟f6 2.♗g2 g6 3.e4 d6 4.d4 ♗g7 5.♟e2 0-0 6.0-0

Natural enough although later praxis explored ways to delay castling by 6.♟bc3 or even 6.h3. 6.c4 would lead to a passive variation of the King's Indian.

6...e5 7.♟bc3

The Pirc Defence which has arrived by transposition is prosaically coded B06.

7...c6 8.a4



8...♟bd7?!

First round jitters? For Fischer this move was playing by rote. It creates the King's Indian formation which he had played many times with both colours. However here it does not meet the individual characteristics of the position caused by a2-a4. Black can better play 8...a5 retaining the possibility of ♟/b8-a6-b4 when the Knight has a fine perch.

A later example of this strategy was Lerner-Tal Yurmala 1983 from a Pirc move order: 1.d4 d6 2.e4 ♟f6 3.♟c3 g6 4.g3 ♗g7 5.♗g2 0-0 6.♟ge2 c5 7.h3 (*Instead of Benko's direct 7.0-0.*) 7...c6 8.a4 a5 9.0-0 ♟a6 10.♗c3 ♟b4 11.♙d2 ♗e6 (*Also 11...d5 is possible.*) 12.♙ad1 ♗c4 13.♙fe1 ♙e7 14.b3 ♗a6 with mutual chances.

A later attempt to improve on this was 11.f4!? in Alekseev-Ivanchuk Samba 2003. After 11...exf4 12.♟xf4 d5 13.e5 ♟c8



Alekseev continued with straight-forward development by 14.♖d2 f6 15.exf6 ♖xf6 16.♖ae1 with slight pressure and an eventual draw. The improvement from Bologan–Prusikin Euro-championship 2005 was 14.♖b1!? to drive back the annoying ♖b4. After 14...f6 15.c3 ♖a6 16.exf6 ♖xf6 17.♖d2 ♖c7 18.♖b3 ♖h8 19.♖ae1, White was happy.

Instead of 8...a5 Black can also try 8...♖a6 or 8...cxd4 9.♖xd4 ♖a6 with an open centre. A noteworthy example was Ivanchuk–Ehlvest Linares 1991: 8...♖a6 9.♖c3 exd4 10.♖xd4 ♖e7 11.0-0 ♖d8!? 12.♖c1 b6 13.g4 ♖b7 14.f4 ♖b4 15.♖f2 ♖e8! 16.♖d2 ♖c7. Ehlvest has cagily managed to wrest control of d5. After 17.♖d4 d5 the chances were mutual (1/2-1/2, 40).

### 9.a5!

This advance hems Black in. He has a lot of pieces for the few squares available.

### 9...exd4 10.♖xd4 ♖c5 11.h3 ♖e8 12.♖e1 ♖fd7

This retreat would be a normal KID idea but with White's c-pawn unmoved at c2, defending d3, a major source of counterplay is absent.

### 13.♖e3 ♖c7 14.f4

The hemming in continues. This takes the e5-square from the Knights.

### 14...♖b8?!

This leaves a7 unprotected. Black naturally has an urge to do something. But doing nothing, as by 14...♖f6, looks better.

### 15.♖d2

(see next diagram)

### 15...b5

Consistent. Black could try to belatedly cover b4 by 15...♖a6 but that runs into 16.♖db5! cxb5 17.♖xb5 ♖d8 18.♖xd6 ♖e7 19.e5 with serious pressure.

Perhaps best was 15...a6 16.b4 ♖e6 17.♖xe6 ♖xe6 18.♖a7 ♖a8 19.♖d4 although White is better whether Black trades or blocks with 19...♖f6.

### 16.axb6 axb6



After 16...♖xb6 Benko would probably keep the bind with 17.b3 ♖f6 18.♖f2 and White has the better pawn structure, two islands to three. The overplay 17.b4?! ♖xb4 18.♖d5 cxd5 19.♖xb4 ♖xe4 creates only a complex mess.

### 17.b4 ♖e6 18.b5!

Very thematic, the b-pawn which he should have blockaded, becomes the key to White's strategy. Using it as a distraction, White knocks out the defensive pawn coverage of the d5-square.

### 18...♖xd4 19.♖xd4 ♖xd4+ 20.♖xd4 c5 21.♖d2 ♖b7 22.♖ad1 ♖e6



### 23.e5!

The decisive breakthrough wins the backward d6-pawn.

### 23...♖xg2 24.♖xg2 ♖b7+ 25.♖f2 ♖d8 26.exd6 ♖f6 27.♖xe6 fxe6 28.♖e3 ♖f7 29.♖f3 ♖b8 30.♖e4 ♖xe4+ 31.♖xe4 ♖d7

Avoiding 31...♖xd6? 32.♖e5 ♖d8 33.♖d7+ winning the Queen.

### 32.♖c6+ ♖d8 33.♖f3 ♖g7 34.g4 e5 35.fxe5 ♖f7+ 36.♖g2 ♖h4 37.♖f1 ♖xf1 38.♖xf1 ♖xh3+ 39.♖g2 ♖e3 40.♖e2 ♖h3+ 1-0.

Benko's great start at Curacao continued a couple of days later when top-ranked Mikhail Tal faced Benko's new system with an improved defence.



□ Benko, Pal

■ Tal, Mikhail

Curacao Candidates 1962

Benko Bind [B07]

1.g3 g6 2.♗g2 ♗g7 3.d4 d6 4.e4 ♘f6 5.♘e2 0-0 6.0-0

Modern theory tends to delay castling. After 6.♘bc3 e5 7.h3, one influential example was Geller–Kasparov Soviet Championship 1979: 7...exd4 8.♘xd4 ♖e8 9.0-0 ♘bd7 10.a4 a5 11.♘db5 (*Attempting to profit from Black's not having played ...c7–c6.*) 11...♘c5 12.♗g5 ♗d7 13.♖d2



Here the young Kasparov found a long simplifying sequence: 13...h6!? 14.♗xf6 ♗xf6 15.♘d5 ♗xb5 16.axb5 ♗xb2 17.♖xa5 ♖xa5 18.♖xa5 c6! 19.♖xd8 ♖xd8 20.bxc6 bxc6 and although White can pick up a pawn by 21.♘e7+ the subsequent endgame was fairly easy for Black to hold.

6...♘bd7 7.♘bc3 c6 8.a4 a5

The improvement on Fischer's choice. Black holds onto equal space on the queenside.

9.b3 ♖e8 10.♗a3 ♖c7 11.♖d2 e5 12.♖ad1 exd4 13.♘xd4 ♘c5



14.f3!?

Compared to the mundane 14.♖fe1 or 14.h3, this move seems odd. Perhaps it is psychological? After 14.♖fe1 Black cannot develop with 14...b6 because of 15.♘xc6 ♖xc6 16.e5. By temporarily blocking his own fianchetto,

Benko encourages it.

14...b6!? 15.♘de2 ♗f8 16.♗b2 ♖e7 17.♘d4 ♗b7 18.♖fe1 ♗g7 19.f4 ♖ad8



20.♗f3!?

The balance is very delicate here. White's idea is to proceed with ♖g2 increasing the pressure on c6. He can also improve his position by doubling Rooks on the d–file. While Black is reduced to careful shuffling, White can make slow progress. Theoretically Black is almost equal but in practice defending the passive side of small binds is arduous and requires great patience.

20...♖d7

An option was 20...h5!?

21.♖g2 d5?

As it turns out, this activating attempt only makes matters worse. Doing nothing with 21...♖c7 was better. White could then advance his kingside pawns but it is not clear if it accomplishes much. For example, 22.g4 h6 23.h4 ♖c7 24.g5 hxg5 25.hxg5 ♘fd7 and Black is still alive. More likely White would maintain the slow tension by 22.♖e2 doubling on the d–file before committing the kingside pawns.

22.e5!

Also advantageous, but less so, was 22.exd5 ♘xd5 23.♘xd5 cxd5.

22...♘fe4 23.♘xe4 dxe4 24.♗e2

Not falling for 24.♗xe4? ♘xc4 25.♖xc4 c5 and Black wins.

24...♖e7 25.♗a3 f6?!

After 25...♖c7 26.♗c4 White is also much better.

26.♗c4+ ♗h8 27.♘e6 ♖d5 28.♗xd5 cxd5 29.♘g7 ♗xg7 30.exf6+ ♖xf6 31.♖f2 ♘e6 32.♖xb6 ♗a8 33.♗d6 ♖f5 34.♖xa5 ♗h6 35.c4 ♖d8 36.♗e7 e3 37.♖xe3 ♖e8 38.♗g5+ ♗g7 39.♖de1 ♘xg5 40.fxg5 ♖f8 41.♖a7+ 1-0.

Pal Benko, born in France on July 14, 1928, was a member of the Hungarian Olympic team for Moscow 1956. He then defected at a European Zonal and played as a stateless

person in the 1958 Potoroz Interzonal. Taking sixth qualified him to the 1959 Candidates tournament where Tal romped, way out in front at 20-8. Benko emigrated to the U.S where he became known as "King of the Swisses" for consistent success on the circuit; he won the U.S. Open eight times. Grandmaster Benko was the star attraction for the 1964 Canadian Open at Scarborough and he duly won despite being upset by Zvonko Vranesic. Teenage Duncan Suttles shared third with Denis Allan and Lionel Joyner. Suttles had just come from the U.S. Open at Boston where he had lost the famous decisive game, a titanic tactical spectacle, against Benko for the honours. Benko beat him again in Scarborough, but more mundanely in a long adjourned Rooks endgame. I was an aspiring A-player destined to finish mid-pack, but I did get paired way up in the second round:

□ Day, Lawrence

■ Suttles, Duncan

Canadian Open Scarborough 1964, 19.11.2009

Rat [B06]

1.e4 g6

This was rare.

2.d4 ♘g7 3.♗c3 d6 4.g3!?

After 4.♗f3 c6, play transposes to the aforementioned Benko-Suttles Boston 1964 which had continued weirdly with 5.♗e2 ♗d7 6.0-0 ♗h6!? 7.h3 0-0 8.♗e3 f6 9.♗d2 ♗f7 10.d5!? f5!? 11.exf5 gxf5 12.♗d4 ♗xd4 13.♗xd4 cxd5 14.♗xd5 c5 with rollicking action.

Avoiding that, I attempted to transpose to Benko's Curacao system, but Suttles did not cooperate by playing ...♗f6. Curiously, and indicative of how little theory existed back then, 4.g3 was a novelty in this particular position. In the Pirc move order 4.g3 had appeared in GM play, paradoxically, in Ivkov-Benko Beograd 1964.

4...♗c6!? 5.♗e3

5.d5 ♗d4 6.♗e3 c5 7.dxc6 ♗xc6 reaches a Sicilian by transposition as in Sveshnikov-Azmaiparashvili Volgograd 1983 and later games. White can also try to win a piece with 6.♗b1 when Black must find 6...c6! to equalize. Instead of 5...♗d4, more commonly Black plays 5...♗e5 when a quality example was Adorjan-Portisch Hungarian Championship 1968 which went 6.f4 ♗d7 7.♗g2 c6 8.♗e3 cxd5 9.exd5.

(see next diagram)

9...♗df6!?

Playing for a blockade. 10.h3 h5 11.♗f3 ♗h6 12.0-0 0-0 13.♗d2 ♗d7 14.♗ae1 ♗e8 with a struggle (1/2-1/2, 36).

5...e5 6.dxe5

An unsuccessful attempt to improve was Biyiasas-Nunn Hastings 1979 where 6.d5 ♗ce7 7.♗b5+ c6 8.dxc6 bxc6



9.♗a4 ♗f6 10.♗d3 0-0 11.0-0 d5 12.♗c5 ♗b7 left Black healthy.

6...♗xe5

On 6...dxe5?! 7.♗xd8+ ♗xd8 8.♗d5 ♗e6 9.♗h3 favours White.



7.♗d4

In *Modern Defence* (Everyman, 2000), Rat connoisseur GM Jon Speelman considered 7.h3 as the main move and 7...♗e7! as the proper response in order to be able to break quickly with ...f7-f5. Also playable, he wrote, is the immediate 7...f5 8.exf5 ♗xf5 9.♗g2 c6 with the plan of ...Nf6, ...0-0 and ...d6-d5.

In the given illustrative game Geller-Hickl Dortmund, 1989 Black played more passively with 7...♗f6 (? from Speelman who disapproved of Pircification) 8.f4 ♗ed7 9.♗g2 0-0 10.♗ge2 ♗e8 11.0-0 ♗b6 12.♗d4 ♗e6 13.b3! (preventing ...♗c4.) 13...c5!? 14.♗f2.

(see next diagram)

The move played, 14...♗e7? (punctuation from Speelman), left Black seriously discombobulated after 15.g4! ♗d7 16.♗d2 ♗c6 17.♗g3 ♗ad8 18.♗ae1 ♗c7 19.g5! ♗fd7 20.♗d5 with significant advantage. Black had to avoid this expansion which he could do by 14...h5! with only slight disadvantage.

In *Tiger's Modern* (Quality, 2005) Tiger Hillarp-Persson



also likes meeting 7.h3 with ...f5!? intending ...f6 as a more active post than e7. But the Tiger considers that 7.f4! is the critical move. After 7...g4!? 8.f3 (not considered by Speelman) 8...f3 9.g1 f6 10.f3.



White has a definite initiative.

### 7...f6!?

This surprised me, but paired down in a Swiss allowing the line 7...f6 8.f3 dxe5 9.f3xd8+ fxd8 10.f4 c7 11.f3 would be very dry.

### 8.f3?!

I was thinking that f7-f6 had weakened the e6-square and exchanging the light-squared Bishops would emphasize that. But the idea is extravagant, losing too much time while the King remains loose in the centre. 8.f2 was natural and better. Also White could play more ambitiously with 8.h3 when a sample/fantasy line might go 8...f6 9.f3 f6 10.f2 f5 11.f2ge2 fxe4 12.fxe4 f5 13.f2g2 f3 14.g4 f6 15.f2d2 0-0-0 16.0-0-0 h5

(see next diagram)

with a complex struggle.

### 8...f6 9.f3xc8 fxc8 10.f4d5?!

Consistent.

### 10...f4d5 11.f4d5 0-0 12.f4? f4g4?

We both missed the instant refutation 12...f5! intending



13.f4! f4c4! 14.0-0 f3+ and Black is winning.

### 13.f4! f4c4! 14.0-0 f3+ 15.0-0-0 f3xd5 16.f4c3 f4c6

Black has won a pawn but lost the initiative. With the Kings placed on opposite wings, the material count is not so important.

### 17.h3 f4h6 18.g4 f4f7 19.h4



### 19...b5!

In the post-mortem Joyner had liked White's attacking chances until Black played this sharp counter-attack.

### 20.h5 g5 21.h6 f4h8 22.f4xg5 b4 23.f4xg6!?

The option was 23.g6! f4xg6 24.h7+ f4f8 25.f4b1 f4c4 26.b3 f4a6 27.f4df1 f4e6 when 28.g5 leaves a complex situation.

### 23...bxc3 24.f4xc3 f4e4! 25.g5 f4g4 26.f4hg1 f4xg1 27.f4xg1 f4e4!

Centralizing while preventing 28.g6.

### 28.f4e1

28.f4g2!? is recommended by Harper and Seirawan in *Chess on the Edge* vol. 3.

### 28...f4f3 29.f4e3?

This doubtful move was probably time trouble. Either 29.f4a5 or 29.b3 were better practical chances.

### 29...f4xe3+ 30.f4xe3 f4f8 31.f4e7 f4xg5 32.f4xc7 f4f7



33.♞d7 ♖g8 34.♙d4 ♜xh6 35.♞xd6 ♜f5 36.♞d7 ♜xd4  
37.♞xd4 ♙xf6 38.♞d5 ♞d8 39.♞xd8+ ♙xd8 0-1.

□ Karpov, Anatoly

■ Timman, Jan

Tournament of Stars Montréal 1979

Benko Bind [B07]

1.e4 d6 2.d4 ♜f6 3.♜c3 g6 4.g3 ♙g7 5.♙g2 0-0 6.♜ge2 e5  
7.0-0 ♜a6

This development makes more sense after White has played a2–a4. Hence Karpov opts to leave out that move. Since Black intends ...c7–c6 anyway he might as well have played it at once.

8.♞e1 c6 9.h3 ♞e8 10.♙g5 h6 11.♙c3 ♞c7 12.♞d2 ♖h7  
13.♞ad1 ♙d7



Both sides have completed their development. Black has no weaknesses but it is hard to find constructive moves for him.

14.g4 ♞ad8 15.♜g3 ♙c8 16.f4 b5

Since White hasn't prevented it, Black advances. Whether it accomplishes anything significant is another matter.

17.a3 b4 18.axb4 ♜xb4 19.♜ce2 exd4 20.♜xd4



The exchanges have left White with Capablanca's famous pawn island advantage. White has two groupings to

Black's three. Therefore Black has more pawn targets to protect which inhibits his freedom to maneuver. Of course, like all principles, this is the general case. But it does apply to this position; structurally, White is better.

20...a5 21.c3 ♜a6 22.♞c2!

"Creeping" moves of one square with the Queen were a common feature in Karpov's praxis. Here the Queen overprotects the critical e4-square to maintain co-ordination among his pieces.

22...♙d7

A difficult choice. After 22...♙b7 23.♜b3 ♞a8 24.♞a1 ♜b8 25.♞a4!? c5, White also has a definite edge.

23.♜f3 ♞e7

Here or next move 23...♞b8 appears necessary.

24.♙f2 ♙e8



25.♞d3!

Another creeping move and suddenly Black is losing material.

25...♞b7 26.♞a1 ♜c7 27.♞xa5 ♞dd7 28.b4 ♜e6 29.♙c3 c5  
30.f5 ♜d8 31.b5 ♖h8

Threatening e4, but it is easy to guard and then Black is out of tricks.

32.♙f2 ♞c7 33.♞a4 ♞b8 34.c4 ♞a7 35.♞xa7 ♞xa7 36.e5  
dxe5 37.♜xe5 ♞a2 38.♙xc5 1-0.

An impressive squeeze play. Karpov made it look very easy. Over the course of the years a great many different move orders have reached the same tabiya. That's a useful Russian word with no direct translation. It means an opening stem position where many branches deviate. Various paths may lead to the same tabiya so they are useful for understanding transposition. The line we are looking at can even arise by transposition from an unlikely source such as the Vienna Game:

1.e4 e5 2.♜c3 ♜f6 3.g3 g6 4.♙g2 ♙g7 5.♜ge2 0-0 6.d4 d6  
7.h3



Aside from 7...f6, 7...exd4, 7...c6 and 7...bd7, Black has some other sensible branches. 7...b6 was tried by Boris Spassky and later Kevin Spraggett. Spassky's adventure was unusual for two reasons: he never moved his f8 at all; and he magically survived after making a most uncharacteristic blunder.

□ **Tseshkovsky, Vitaly**

■ **Spassky, Boris**

**USSR 1981**

*Benko Bind (via Pirc) [B07]*

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 f6 3.c3 g6 4.g3 g7 5.g2 0-0 6.f4 e5 7.h3**

Reaching the tabiya.

**7...b6 8.0-0 f5 9.g5**

Fernando–Spraggett Portugal 2001 saw 9.f3 e1 a6 10.a4 c8 11.g5 h6 12.c3 exd4 13.exd4 c6 14.c3 when 14...b5?! allowed the sharp 15.e5!? cxe5 16.d4 with play (1/2-1/2, 72). More solid would have been something like 14...d7 15.d2 h7 16.ad1 e7 17.f4 ac8 18.f5 dxd5 19.fxd5 e6 when 20.f3 e5 21.b3 looks about even, but White should probably avoid 20.f4?! because of 20...c4! 21.ex4 cxe4 when Black would have interesting compensation on the light squares.

**9...h6 10.c3 fd7 11.d5!?**

This certainly blunts the f7.

**11...h7 12.a4 a5 13.f4 exf4 14.gxf4 c5 15.g3 e8 16.d4 c6!?**

I would have found the tempting 16...xd4+ 17.xd4 h4 hard to resist.

**17.f5 cxd5 18.f6+ fxg6 19.exd5**

(see next diagram)

**19...a6??**

The super-wizards can get away with such moves because the last thing one expects is that they blundered. White was threatening 20.f7! since 20...e7 fails to 21.f6. The simple defence was 19...bd7. Instead Spassky casually



attacked the Rook!

**20.f2??**

Protecting the Rook and renewing the threat of f7. After 20.f7! right away 20...g8 is forced and e4 leaves Black's position dreadful.

**20...a7!**

Whew!

**21.d2 ae7 22.f1 c8 23.g2 a6 24.f1 1/2-1/2.**

In 2009 Benko's variation continues to be employed by many top players:

□ **Svidler, Peter**

■ **Mamedyarov, Shakhriyar**

**Euroclubs Ohrid 2009**

*Benko Bind (via Pirc) [B07]*

**1.e4 d6 2.d4 f6 3.c3 g6 4.g3 g7 5.g2 0-0 6.f4 e5 7.h3 c6**



This is the most popular and hence thickest branch from the tabiya.

**8.c3 d7**

For many years Black defenders simplified with 8...exd4 9.fxd4 dxd4 10.fxd4 d7. But it was not so easy to equalize as it had appeared. An example was Igor Ivanov – Dimitri Gurevich Hastings 1983: 11.0-0 e8 12.f1 c5

13.♔c3 ♕c6 14.♖d3 ♖b6 15.♗ab1 ♗ad8 16.b4!? ♗c7 17.b5 and White still had some edge.

Therefore, holding the centre was explored. Modernist John Nunn tried both 8...b6 and 8...♔d7. In 1995 at the Saint Petersburg championship, a young Svidler had tried 8...a6. There is a lot of room for exploration.

Mamedyarov's choice of 8...♔d7 was based on a number of games where play had proceeded 9.0-0 exd4 10.♔xd4 ♔de5!? with active counterplay. But Svidler had a novelty to evade that possibility.

**9.f4!?**

Although various attacking motifs can arise from this sharp move, the basic idea is defensive, to deny use of the e5-square to Black's cavalry.

**9...b5!?**

An interesting response. 10.♔xb5 ♗b8 will recover the pawn. If White was entertaining ideas of long castling, Black has snipped that possibility. 9...exf4 was an option.

**10.a3 a6 11.0-0 ♔b7 12.dxe5 dxe5 13.f5**

White has come out of the opening with a small advantage. The wedge on the kingside gives automatic attacking chances while Black has little serious counterplay.

**13...♔b6 14.♔d5!**



Powerful centralization.

**14...♔xd5**

I expect that when playing this move Mamedyarov must have overlooked the power of White's gambit at move 18. Otherwise he might have played 14...♔c4 15.♔c5 ♗e8 16.b3 ♔b6 when Black is worse but far from dead.

**15.exd5 ♔a5 16.b3 ♔c8?**

This mistake is fatal. Instead the sharp 16...e4!? was the sensible attempt to mix it up.

**17.g4 ♔b7**

Intending the blockading 18...♔d6 which would indeed give him a solid position.



**18.d6!!**

This line—clearance gambit leaves White with monster pieces.

**18...cxd6**

Also ghastly was 18...♗xd6 19.♗xd6 cxd6 20.f6 ♔h8 21.♔c3 when Black would barely have a move.

**19.♔c3 ♗b8**

There is no way out. On 19...♔h8 20.♔d5 gxf5 21.gxf5 ♗g8 22.♗h5 f6 23.♔b6 ♗d7 24.♔c7 ♗b8 25.♔xa6 ♗a8 26.♔c7 ♗b8 27.♔d5 is overwhelming.

**20.♔d5 gxf5 21.gxf5 ♗h4 22.♔f2 ♗g5 23.h4 ♗d8 24.f6 1-0.**

Svidler looked like Smyslov in that brevity.

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# L'amateur bat le maître

Steven Bolduc

Thierry Libersan, en 2004, était un joueur de club. Michael Schleifer était déjà un MI originaire de la ville de Toronto. Il avait obtenu son titre au championnat du Canada de 1999 du temps que le règlement de la FIDE demandait les 2 tiers de points pour en assurer l'obtention. Nous sommes au championnat ouvert du CEM (Club d'Échecs de Montréal) en 2004. 81 joueurs participaient dont 5 MI + 4 MN. Cette partie va montrer éloquentement les couleurs que Thierry portaient et portent encore: desseins d'attaques, initiative à tout prix et bonne connaissance de l'ouverture.

□ **Libersan, Thierry**

■ **Schleifer, Michael**

**Montreal ch, 23.01.2004**

*Sicilian Kan [B42]*

**1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 a6 5.♗d3 ♘c6**

5.♘c6 est commun mais n'a pas bonne réputation. Le coup ...a6 ne se justifie plus vraiment dans cette variante puisque le contrôle de b5 est doublé inutilement.

**6.♘xc6 dxc6**

Connu est 6.bxc6, comme dans la 7ième partie du match des candidats de 1971 Fischer vs Petrosian. Un grand classique.

**7.0-0 e5 8.♞h5**

8.♘d2 est la suggestion de GM R.Palliser dans son e-book de Chesspublishing.com, le cavalier se dirigeant vers les cases faibles b6, d6 et e5. 8.♞h5 Une idée du GM V.Ciocaltea, repris par le GM I.Efimov, et maintenant l'expert T.Libersan.

**8...♗d6**

8...♞c7 est une alternative pour supporter e5. 8...♞c7 9.♘d2 ♘f6 10.♞g5 ♗c6 11.♘c4 ♘g4 12.♞h4 h5 13.h3 ♗c7 14.♞g3 h4 15.♞f3 ♘f6 16.♗d2 g5 17.♗xg5 ♘h5 18.♗c3 b5 19.♘d2 c5 20.a4 c4 21.♗c2 ♗d8 22.axb5 axb5 23.♗a7 Efimov,I (2530)–Martorelli,A (2365)/Telese 1997/EXT 2000/1-0 (33).

**9.♗g5 N**

9.♗c4 est une alternative intéressante. 9.♘c3 ♘f6 10.♞h4 ♗c6 11.♗g5 ♗c7 12.♗ad1 ♘d7 13.♗xe7 ♞xe7 14.♞xe7+ ♗xe7 15.♗d2 ♗hd8 16.♗fd1 b5 17.a3 ♘b6 18.b3 ♗d7 19.♗c2 ♗ad8 20.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 21.♗xd7+ ♗xd7 22.f3 ♗d6 23.♗f2 a5 Gomez,F (2210)–Gutierrez Castillo,J (2370)/Manizales 1979/EXT 2003/1/2-1/2 (32); 9.♗c4 ♞e7 10.♗d1 ♗c7 11.♗g5 ♘f6 12.♞h4 h6 13.♘c3 0-0 14.♗c3 ♗c6 15.♗b3 ♗xb3 16.axb3 ♗ad8 17.f3 ♗xd1+ 18.♗xd1 ♗d8 19.♗a1 ♘d5 20.♞xe7 ♘xe7 21.♗f1 ♘c8 22.♘a4 ♗d6 23.♗e2 f6 Alberton,R (2147)–Rossi,G (2101)/Bratto 2000/

CBM 077 ext/1/2-1/2 (65); 9.♘d2 ♘f6 10.♞h4 ♗c6±.

**9...♘e7 10.♘d2 b5 11.f4**

Jouer sur les deux ailes avec 11.a4 ♗e6± est logique.

**11...0-0 12.f5 ♗c5+ 13.♗h1 f6 14.♗h4**

Encore une fois, jouer sur les 2 ailes avec 14.♘b3 ♗b6 15.♗h4 ♗b7± fait du sens.

**14...♗d4 15.♘f3**

Les blancs y vont pour le KO sur le style d'un bluff au poker. Les jours de vie des pions a2, b2 et c2 sont comptés. Initiative à tous prix. Comme je le mentionnais dans l'introduction, un trait typique du style de Thierry.

15.♗ab1 c5= est plus modeste.

**15...♗xb2 ♞ 16.♗ad1 ♞e8 17.♞g4 ♞f7 18.♗f2 ♞xa2**

18...♞xa2 est gourmand. Normalement, on assure les arrières avant de jouer à Mario brother. Pourtant ce raid est correct. Seul un peu de doigté sera requis pour convertir l'avantage acquis.

**19.♞h4 ♞f7 20.g4 g5 21.♞g3 a5 22.h4 h6 23.hxg5 hxg5 24.♗g2 ♞g7 25.c3**



25.c3 est un coup inusité et génial qui ouvre une diagonale importante. Voyez-vous laquelle? En plus le pion e5 perd une protection, celle du ♗b2. Ce détail va parler. Vision remarquable de Thierry de tout l'échiquier, à savoir : attaque sur la colonne h (à droite) et sur la diagonale a2–g8 (à gauche) et au centre comme vous le verrez plus loin!

**25...a4 26.♗b1 ♗f7**

Les noirs devaient nicher le roi en f8. 26...♗e8 rendait cela possible. Cette erreur est la première ainsi que la dernière de Michael. C'était ici que le doigté était requis.

**27.♗a2+ ♗e8 28.♘xe5**

(voir le prochain diagramme')

Après 28.♘xe5! Les blancs sont sans merci. Avec le concept du 25ième coup et ce sacrifice pertinent, la victoire est méritée. Le centre craque : surtout la colonne d qui est en jeu.

28...fxe5 29.♖d3



La menace de mat est difficile à parer même en donnant mers et mondes.

29...♗d5 30.exd5 cxd5 31.♖xb5+

LPDO (Loose piece drop off) Y a-t-il une traduction pour ça?

31...♖d7 32.♖xb2 ♘b7 33.♗g1 ♖h8 34.♖e2 ♗d6 35.♗d4

Un clouage sur le pion e5 qui, en plus, annihile les chances noires sur la diagonale a8-h1.

1-0.

Cette partie et le score de 3/5 dans ce tournoi du CEM en 2004 propulsaient Thierry dans les rangs experts. Avec une cote performance de 2310, il gagnait 116 points, passant de 1925 à 2041.

Je pense que Thierry est originaire de la région de Gatineau. Il est maintenant établi à Montréal. Il a pris le temps de fonder une base de données de ses parties sur le site 365chess.com. Il cumule déjà au dessus de 400 parties cotées à la FQE. Il se tient actif comme entraîneur d'une équipe de la Ligue d'échecs des écoles du secondaire (région de Montréal). Je pense qu'il est aussi professeur d'échecs. Il maintient son niveau de jeu autour de 2150 et je lui prédis le titre de maître national bientôt.

## Chess Web Links

There are hundreds of chess websites on the net. Whether you want to play on-line, read about the latest tournament, or check out what is happening in your own neck of the woods, there is a site for you. Here are a few interesting sites I have come across through the years. If you have found an interesting website, send me the link, and I will include it here for all to see.

The first few are quite popular and no doubt you already know about them.

Chessbase: [www.chessbase.com](http://www.chessbase.com)

The Week in Chess (TWIC): [www.chess.co.uk/twic/twic.html](http://www.chess.co.uk/twic/twic.html)

Chess Café: [www.chesscafe.com](http://www.chesscafe.com)

World Chess Federation: [www.fide.com](http://www.fide.com)

Chesslab: [www.chesslab.com](http://www.chesslab.com)

Chessgames.com: [www.chessgames.com](http://www.chessgames.com)

365Chess.com: [www.365chess.com](http://www.365chess.com)

Not as popular but still very interesting are these sites.

Chessvibes: [www.chessvibes.com](http://www.chessvibes.com)

Chessdom: [www.chessdom.com](http://www.chessdom.com)

Chess.com: [www.chess.com](http://www.chess.com)

Chessville: [www.chessville.com](http://www.chessville.com)

Here are a few for playing on-line.

Internet Chess Club: [www.chessclub.com](http://www.chessclub.com)

Playchess.com: [www.playchess.com](http://www.playchess.com)

Free Internet Chess Server: [www.freechess.org](http://www.freechess.org)

Gameknot: [www.gameknot.com](http://www.gameknot.com)

Chessboss: [www.chessboss.com](http://www.chessboss.com)

Chessworld.net: [www.chessworld.net](http://www.chessworld.net)

Yes these are just the tip of the iceberg. I could list hundreds more. Now here are a some that are a little off the beaten path.

Chesspuzzles.com: [www.chesspuzzles.com](http://www.chesspuzzles.com)

Chesstr.com: [www.chesstr.com](http://www.chesstr.com)

Tim Krabbé's Chess Curiosities: [www.xs4all.nl/~timkr/chess/chess.html](http://www.xs4all.nl/~timkr/chess/chess.html)

Chessopolis: [www.chessopolis.com](http://www.chessopolis.com)

University of Pittsburg Chess Page: <http://www.pitt.edu/~schach/Archives/index2.html>

World Chess Links: [www.worldchesslinks.net](http://www.worldchesslinks.net)

The Varient Chess Website: <http://www.bcv.s.ukf.net/index.htm>

World Chess News: [www.worldchessnews.com](http://www.worldchessnews.com)

Chess History Center: [www.chesshistory.com](http://www.chesshistory.com)



# The World Champions in Canada: Steinitz

By Stephen Wright

William Steinitz (1836-1900) visited Canada twice in a seven-month period at the very end of his reign as world champion. In November 1893 Steinitz was in Montréal and Québec City giving simultaneous and other displays; in May of 1894 he returned to Montréal for the last leg of his title defence against Emanuel Lasker. Steinitz became the first official



world champion by besting Zukertort in a match in 1886, although the chess world of the time tended to backdate Steinitz's reign to his match victory over Anderssen in 1866. Steinitz successfully defended his title three times, against Chigorin in 1889, Gunsberg the following year, and Chigorin again in 1892, and by 1893 negotiations had begun in earnest with his next young challenger, Lasker.

In those years the term 'world champion' was very new, and championship matches were financed equally by both contestants. (It was during Lasker's reign that hefty financial obligations were placed on the challenger, eliminating fine players such as Akiva Rubinstein from contention.) Steinitz and Lasker agreed to stakes of \$3,000 each, made up of contributions from various backers who received a 50% return on their money if their player won. There were also contributions from the hosting clubs and sales of tickets to spectators, these sums to be divided equally between the players. Unfortunately 1893 marked the beginning of a financial panic in North America which made it harder to attract backers, and it was eventually agreed, reluctantly, to lower the stakes to \$2,000 a side. Thus the total stake was \$4,000, with the winner receiving \$1,000 and the remaining 75% being returned to the winner's backers. The match was held in three locations: New York, Philadelphia, and Montréal. The players were given \$150 by each city, plus half of the ticket sales which totaled \$300. Therefore, the winner of the match received \$1,600, the loser \$600. It should be borne in mind that the players were responsible for all their own expenses.

In the period leading up to the 1894 match both Steinitz and Lasker traveled widely in North America, seeking support for the match and backers for their individual stakes. This was particularly important for Steinitz; never a rich man, he had lost a considerable part of his income as a

journalist with the folding of his *International Chess Magazine* in 1891 and the loss of the *New York Tribune* chess column in August, 1893. Organized chess in Canada was still a relatively recent phenomenon (the first national championship took place in 1872), but Canada's largest cosmopolitan centre Montréal had already hosted visits by several strong players: Henry Bird (1877 and 1889), George Mackenzie (1879), Johannes Zukertort (1884), and Henry Blackburne (1889). As we shall see in the second article in this series, Lasker visited Montréal in November 1892; Steinitz was in town precisely one year later.

The World Champion arrived in Montréal on the morning of November 12, 1893, and stayed for almost two weeks. Steinitz engaged in three different chess activities during his sojourn: in the afternoons he played individual games, sometimes at odds, while the evenings saw simultaneous displays or consultation games. Most events were held at the Montréal Chess Club (55 University), but several also took place at the Heather Chess Club (Montréal Amateur Athletic Association hall) and the Cosmopolitan Club (corner of Cathcart and University).

The contemporary newspaper reports are not always entirely clear on the details, but it appears Steinitz conducted five or six simultaneous exhibitions, each between 16 and 23 opponents, and gave up no more than a single loss in each display. His opposition consisted of some of the strongest players in Canada, including the young Frank Marshall, who lived in Montréal for some eleven years. Marshall lost two simultaneous games to Steinitz but impressed the older man with his ability:

*"I can see Steinitz now as he appeared to me then, a short, heavyset, bearded man with a large head. As he walked around the tables I noticed that he limped. Nearsighted, he leaned over each board and peered at the pieces. Each time he came to my board, he gave me an encouraging smile. One of the greatest waiting players of all time, he had such fierce desire to win, that even in simultaneous exhibitions he hated to draw games. I tried hard to win my game against Steinitz but I was too inexperienced. However, my efforts apparently impressed him. After the exhibition was over, he complimented me on my game and predicted a great future for me. Needless to say I was tremendously flattered."*  
Frank Marshall, *My Fifty Years of Chess*.

□ Steinitz, William

■ Marshall, Frank J

**Simul Montréal CC Montréal, 13.11.1893**

*French Tarrasch[C03]*

This game was reconstructed by IM Richard Forster (the original newspaper version was corrupt) and published in *Young Marshall* by John S. Hilbert. The annotations are based on those of Forster.

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.♘d2 ♘e7 4.♘gf3 ♘g6 5.c3 ♙e7 6.e5 f6



Marshall was already an aggressive player.

**7.exf6 ♗xf6 8.♖b3 0-0 9.♗d3 ♜h4 10.♜xh4 ♗xh4 11.0-0 ♜e8 12.♞e2 ♜c6 13.f4**

White has prevented Black from playing the freeing e6–e5 and settles down to increase his positional advantage.

**13...♗e7 14.♗d2 ♗d7 15.♞ae1 ♗d6 16.♗c2 ♞f6 17.♜c1 ♞e7 18.♜d3 ♞af8 19.g3**

19.♜e5.

**19...♗e8**

Transferring the ♗ to the kingside to take advantage of the weakened white squares.

**20.♜f2 ♗g6 21.♗b3 ♗f5**



**22.♞b5**

22.g4 ♗g6 23.f5 wins material.

**22...♞d7**

22...♞f7 to allow a subsequent ...♞h5 is better.

**23.♞xb7 ♜a5 24.♞a6 ♜xb3 25.axb3 ♞g6 26.♜h1 e5**

An attempt to open up the position by violent means which proves to be insufficient. Better chances were offered by 26...h5.

**27.dxe5 ♗c5 28.♞a4 ♞e6 29.♗e3 d4 30.cxd4 ♞d5+ 31.♜g1 ♗e6**

Trying to invade on the white squares, but Steinitz's defence holds.

**32.dxc5 ♞f3 33.♜h1 ♞h5 34.f5 1-0.**

□ **Steinitz, William**

■ **Short, Robert**

**Simul Montréal CC Montréal, 13.11.1893**

*King's Gambit Kieseritzky, Berlin Defence [C39]*

Robert Short (1840-1927) was Canadian champion in 1890.

**1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♜f3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.♜e5 ♜f6 6.♗c4 d5 7.exd5 ♗g7**

7...♗d6 8.0–0 is the infamous Rice Gambit.

**8.d4 0-0 9.♜c3 c6 10.♗xf4 ♜xd5 11.♗xd5 cxd5 12.♞d2**

**h5**

12...f6 followed by ♞e8+ prevents White from castling.

**13.0-0-0 ♜c6 14.♗h6 ♗f5 15.♗xg7 ♜xg7 16.♞hf1 ♗g6**

16...♗h7 is safer.

**17.♞f4 ♞c8 18.♞d2 ♜b4 19.♞df2**

19.a3 is a more accurate move order.

**19...♞e7 20.a3 ♜c6**

20...♜xc2.

**21.♜xd5 ♞xh4 22.♜f6 ♜xe5 23.♞xe5 ♜h6**



**24.♞f5**

White has built up a strong position but this sacrifice is unnecessary.

**24...♗xf5 25.♞xf5 ♞g5+ 26.♞xg5+ ♜xg5 27.♜h7+ ♜g6 28.♜xf8+ ♞xf8**



An unbalanced Rook ending has resulted – not the easiest position to handle while dealing with several games at once.

**29.♜d2 ♞e8 30.c4 g3 31.♜d3 f5 32.b4 ♜g5 33.c5 f4 34.b5 h4 35.c6 bxc6 36.bxc6 h3 37.gxh3 g2 38.♞g1 f3 39.d5 ♜f4 40.d6 f2 0-1.**

During the consultation contests Steinitz conducted two games simultaneously, against three consulting opponents on each board. In later life Steinitz was lame in one foot and walked with the assistance of a cane; presumably con-

sultation games were more congenial to him than regular peripatetic displays. In any event, he made a clean sweep of the games.

□ **Steinitz, William**

■ **Babson/Fleming/Henderson**

**Consultation Montréal, 18.11.1893**

*Two Knights Defence [C58]*

1.e4 e5 2.♖f3 ♘c6 3.♗c4 ♗f6 4.♗g5 d5 5.exd5 ♗a5  
6.♗b5+ c6 7.dxc6 bxc6 8.♗f1

Steinitz was nothing if not true to his ideas, even to the point of obstinacy. He had already played the text move twice in his second match with Chigorin, but was trounced on both occasions.

8...h6 9.♗h3 ♗c5 10.c3 ♖d5 11.f3 ♗b6

One wonders why the allies did not try 11...♗xh3.

12.♗f2 0-0 13.♖e2 ♖e8 14.♗e4 ♗h5 15.d3 ♗a6 16.g4  
♗f4 17.♗xf4 exf4 18.c4 ♖d4



Retreating the Queen would allow the ♗/c5 access to the d4 and c3 squares.

19.♗bc3 ♖ad8 20.0-0-0 ♗b7 21.♖g2 ♖e6 22.g5 hxg5

Helps White's initiative; Black should bring his Knight back into the game.

23.h4 g4 24.♖xg4 ♖e5 25.♗g5 ♖g6 26.♗h3 ♗e3+ 27.♗c2  
♗c5 28.♖h5 ♖f6

The wrong square, now Black is definitely losing.

29.♗ce4 ♖d4 30.♗xc5 ♖xc5



31.♗e6 ♖h6 32.♖xf7+ ♗h8 33.♖c7 ♖f8 34.♗f7+ ♗h7  
35.♗xh6 ♗xh6 36.♖h2 ♗b5 37.♖g2 ♗a4+ 38.b3 ♗d4  
39.♖dg1 ♖a3 40.♖g6+ ♗h5 41.♖1g5+

41.♖a5+ with a subsequent ♖e1 is faster.

41...♗xh4 42.♖g4+ ♗h5 43.♖g5+ ♗h6 44.♖h5+ ♗xh5  
45.♗f7+ 1-0.

The individual games were contested with the stronger club players; Steinitz gave odds, or would allow the opponent to choose the opening variation. He also accepted the black pieces in some of the games (he always played white in the simultaneous and consultation games). Steinitz only lost one equal-strength game, against Joseph N. Babson, chess columnist for the *Montréal Daily Herald* and noted problemist (inventor of the [Babson task](#)). Babson played his favourite Muzio Gambit and Steinitz took a few too many liberties with the defence:

□ **Babson, Joseph N**

■ **Steinitz, William**

**Montréal, 22.11.1893**

*King's Gambit Muzio [C37]*

1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♗f3 g5 4.♗c4 g4 5.0-0 gxf3 6.♖xf3  
♖f6 7.e5 ♖xe5 8.d3 ♗h6 9.♗d2 ♗e7 10.♗c3

10.♗c3 transposes back to known lines.

10...♖c5+ 11.♗h1 ♖f8 12.♗d2 ♗bc6

Black should play 12...d5 while he has the chance.

13.♗e4 ♖f5 14.♗f6+ ♗d8 15.♖ae1 d6 16.♖e2 ♗e6

16...♗g5 evicts the dangerous Knight.

17.g4 ♖g6 18.♗xe6



18...fxe6

18...♗e5 allows Black to advantageously simplify the position.

19.♖xe6 ♖xf6 20.♗xf6 ♗g5 21.♖xf4 ♗xf6 22.♖xf6 ♖e8  
23.♖f7 ♗e5 24.♖xh7 ♗5g6 25.h4 a5 26.h5 ♗e5 27.g5 ♖a6  
28.g6 c5 29.g7 ♗g8 30.♖xg8 1-0.

Steinitz got his revenge in another King's Gambit played on the same day:

□ **Steinitz, William**

■ **Babson, Joseph N**

**Montréal, 22.11.1893**

*King's Gambit Kieseritzky, Long Whip [C39]*

**1.e4 e5 2.f4 exf4 3.♟f3 g5 4.h4 g4 5.♟e5 h5 6.♟c4 ♟h7 7.d4 ♟h6 8.♟c3 d6**

For 8...♟c6, compare Bronstein–Dubinin, 15th USSR ch, Leningrad 1947: 9. ♟xf7 ♟xf7 10.♟xf7+ ♟xf7 11.♟xf4 ♟xf4 12.0-0 ♟xh4 13.♟xf4+ ♟g7 14.♟d2 d6 15. ♟af1 ♟d8 16.♟d5 ♟d7 17.e5 dxe5 18.dxe5 ♟c6 19.e6 ♟xd5 20.♟f7+ ♟xf7 21. ♟xf7+ ♟h8 22.♟c3+ ♟f6 23.♟xf6 ♟xf6 24.♟xf6+ ♟h7 25.♟f5+ ♟h6 26.♟xd5 ♟g6 27.♟d7 1-0.

**9.♟xf7 ♟xf7 10.♟xf7+ ♟xf7 11.♟xf4 ♟xf4 12.0-0 ♟xh4 13.♟xf4+ ♟e8**

13...♟g7 holds better chances for survival.

**14.♟d3 ♟g5**

Getting another piece into play is Black's only hope – now he is lost.

**15.♟af1**



**15...♟h6 16.♟c4 ♟g7 17.♟b5+ ♟d7 18.♟xh5+ ♟d8 19.e5 dxe5 20.dxe5 c6 21.♟xg4 ♟gf6 22.exf6 ♟f8 23.f7 ♟f6 24.♟d4+ ♟d7 25.♟e5 b6 26.♟e4 1-0.**

As was traditional for visiting chess dignitaries in Montréal, Steinitz was guest at a banquet held in his honour. The Montréalers were very much taken with the elderly champion, and resolved to bring at least part of the coming Steinitz-Lasker match to their city, as articulated by Montréal Chess Club vice-president H.L. Putnam:

*“Let other cities contend for the great pugilist battle, but let us contend for the battle of brains and the coming great event of the chess world.” He for one would be willing to put down his name on a subscription list for \$100 to bring off the great battle here. This announcement was greeted with cheers and cries of “So will I.” [Montréal Gazette, 24 November 1893]*

The World Champion’s trip to Canada ended with a short engagement in Québec City, where he won five individual games and suffered a single loss in a thirteen-board simultaneous exhibition. After an oyster supper Steinitz de-

parted for America via the evening train.

Canadian support for Steinitz accumulated; by 23 February 1894 the St. John *Globe* chess column reported that \$850 had been put up in Montréal toward Steinitz’s stake, with a further \$205 for expenses. It was decided the final stage of the world championship match would be held in Montréal. The subsequent course of the match is well known: after holding his own in the first six games Steinitz collapsed, losing the last two games in New York and all three games in Philadelphia. A week of rest helped Steinitz recuperate and the honours were split 4 - 4 in the Montréal games, but the damage had been done – on 26 May 1894 at the Cosmopolitan Club Steinitz resigned the final game of the match and proposed three cheers for the new champion.

*“The speeches over, Steinitz hobbled to an adjoining room to join some friends in a game of whist, seemingly in a good mood. An hour later, however, he was observed sitting alone in front of a chessboard, going over the final game and probably wondering where he had made that final error or if there would have been other possibilities.” [Kurt Landsberger, William Steinitz, Chess Champion]*

The games of the Montréal segment, to date the only games of a world championship match ever played in Canada, are readily available and therefore will not be given here; it should be noted that they appear on the [Chess Archaeology](#) website with contemporary annotations.

(The games in this article, along with all the other Canadian games played by Steinitz I have access to, are available in a PGN file at the [B.C. Chess History](#) website.)



*Steinitz (left) in play against Lasker, Montréal, May 1894*

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# Mississauga Junior Chess Club

## A Success Story!

*By Bob Gillanders*

A few years ago, the brain trust at the Mississauga Chess Club asked itself, what can we do for the kids? Meeting on a weekday evening (as many clubs do), we always had an absence of younger members since the club hours would go past their bedtimes on a school night. Nevertheless, we would receive inquiries from parents, and occasionally a lone child would join, only to grow tired of playing the adults only, and leave shortly before the next child joined.

So we decided back in 2003 that we would open the club a little early during the summer months and offer the kids some chess lessons. About a dozen showed up each week, and a few of the club members took turns giving the lesson. When September arrived we would close shop and the kids went back to school. We charged a nominal \$1 per lesson when we bothered to collect it. The program continued for the next 4 summers always averaging about a dozen kids each week.

In 2006, Paul Roschman, Vincent Chow, John Upper and I attended a day of instruction for chess teachers at the Richmond Hill Curling Club. The event was sponsored by the Ontario Chess Association and featured Roman Pelts, proprietor of the Chess Academy of Canada. As we listened to this experienced chess coach, it became clear that we had made the most common of errors. We were expecting too much. We were teaching beyond our students' capacity. Constant review and repetition were needed. Just because they nod their heads, doesn't mean that it is sinking in!

All hell broke loose in 2007. Instead of the usual dirty dozen, 30 kids flooded the room! Our summer program was now a hit. And when summer was over, they refused to leave. The parents pleaded with us to continue the program, so we decided to try a pilot project. We converted from teaching to just playing chess and having fun. The pilot ran for just 4 months to the end of 2007 with about half of the summer kids signing up for a fee of just \$10 per child. In the New Year, we made the junior club permanent with annual dues of \$25 per child.

Since the birth of the Junior Club, we have experienced steady growth, starting with a handful to a peak of 47 on October 8, 2009. In excess of one hundred kids have visited the club. The first visit is always free. The parents get a chance to ask their child in the comfort of their own homes if they enjoyed the club before opening their wallets. Paul does a great job of explaining the junior program with the parents on the first visit, while the child's only responsibility

is to have fun. No pressure to join, it's not for every child. I haven't kept the stats, but I would guess about half have returned and become members.

Success of the club depends on dedicated volunteers. Paul Roschman and Vincent Chow arrive early to set up the tables. We are blessed with a great room, the faculty club at the Mississauga campus of the University of Toronto, but cursed with predominantly round tables. Not so great for playing chess! Once the tables and chairs are arranged, the cabinet opened and the boards, sets and clocks are ready, we are ready for the kids. The kids and parents start arriving at 6:45, with a few rushing in to get there by 7:15 when I pair them for their tournament games.

The atmosphere is far removed from the usual sober quiet of your typical adult chess club. The first half hour is better described as a circus, a lot of noise, a few games of chess, but most are watching and kibitzing. Above the noise, I remind them to put their card in the box. Pairing cards with the child's names are spread out on a table. Each child is responsible for finding and placing their pairing card in the box. I have found this to be the easiest way of taking attendance. The most critical few minutes are around 7:15 when I do the pairings. Many of the kids will crowd around the table to see who their opponent will be. A few will complain or make suggestions. Strict pairing rules are quickly ignored. The primary objective is fun. The paramount rules are to avoid mismatches and pairings with siblings.

But what of chess lessons you ask? At the request of parents, we did reintroduce chess lessons last year. It consisted of a short 10-15 minute class lesson prior to the tournament game. We had to stop that a few months ago when sheer numbers rendered it impractical. Plans are now underway again to offer chess classes to our junior members in 2010. On selected weeks only, we plan to open the room early for a ½ hour class. The lesson will be targeted to a specific level (beginner, intermediate, advanced) of player for maximum benefit. Junior members will be invited based on their club ratings. Since preparing and delivering chess lessons involves a significant effort, there will be a \$5 fee per lesson.

Success depends on the dedication of volunteers. Two volunteers who deserve special mention are Paul and Vincent. Without their efforts, none of this would have been possible (as well as the efforts of the modest Bob Gillanders-ed.). Besides getting the room ready and the subsequent cleanup effort, Paul deals with the parents and collects the money, while Vince keeps the website current and the adult club on track.

The youngsters have lots of questions, so best to be prepared. Three of the most frequent questions asked are: Can I go to the bathroom? How do you calculate my rating? Is this a checkmate? The correct answers to the first two are: I sure hope so! It is a secret formula! To answer the third question correctly you will have to take a look at the game.

I hope that our success will inspire other clubs to start their own junior chess program. There are a lot of potential young players out there just looking for a place to play. If you can give a child a pleasant childhood experience playing chess, then you just may have grown a chess player for life. The last word is to keep it fun. We can't all be grandmasters, but we can all enjoy the game.



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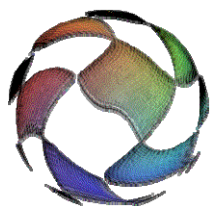
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# Chess Globe

## Sofia Bulgaria to host World Championship in 2010

The World Chess Championship match between Vishwanathan Anand and Veselin Topalov will take place in Sofia Bulgaria in April, 2010. Exact dates have not yet been announced, but the suggested dates are April 5-24. April 5 happens to be the birthday of FIDE President Kirsan Ilyumzhinov. Coincidence?

The Bulgarian government has agreed to guarantee the total cost of 3 million Euros with 2 million going to the prize fund, 20% going to FIDE, and the rest going towards organizational costs.

Two other bids came from Turkey and Singapore but were withdrawn when the Bulgarian bid was presented.

## IM Hébert at World Cup 2009

Canadian champion Jean Hébert is representing Canada at the World Cup in Khanty-Mansiysk, Russia, which begins November 21. The World Cup is a knock-out competition featuring 128 players. Players will have 2 games against their opponent in each round, the winner advancing to the next round. The schedule calls for one game each day. If players are tied after their initial two games, tiebreaks will take place on the next day to see who advances. IM Hébert will face Russian GM Peter Svidler in the first round.

English website: [http://www.ugra-chess.ru/eng/main\\_e.htm](http://www.ugra-chess.ru/eng/main_e.htm)

## Tal Memorial

Mikhail Tal would have turned 73 at the 4th Tal Memorial. The event took place from November 5-14 in Moscow. With an average rating of 2764, this was the strongest event of the year on the chess calendar, even without Topalov. This category XXI tournament was a single round robin. Previous winners include Aronian, Ponomarev, Leko (2006), Kramnik (2007) Ivanchuk (2008).

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Magnus Carlsen against Vladimir Kramnik at the start of round one.

Vladimir Kramnik played solid throughout, winning three games and drawing the rest to take 1<sup>st</sup> place with 6/9. This victory should leave little doubt about his chess abilities. Veteran Vassily Ivanchuk and Magnus Carlsen finished 2<sup>nd</sup> -3<sup>rd</sup> with 5½/9. Ivanchuk was in fine form, defeating his old rival Boris Gelfand on the way to the near top of the leaderboard. Carlsen was ill through much of the event. Had he been healthy, I have little doubt he would have picked up another point. He regained his health towards the end of the tournament, winning his final two games against Ponomarev and Leko. Current World Champion Anand must have been somewhat disappointed to finish in the middle of the pack.

### Tal Memorial Moscow (RUS), 5-14 xi 2009

cat. XXI (2764)

					1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	0	T	Perf
1	Kramnik, Vladimir	g	RUS	2772		½	½	½	½	½	1	1	½	1	6	2888
2	Ivanchuk, Vassily	g	UKR	2739	½		½	½	½	1	½	½	½	1	5½	2846
3	Carlsen, Magnus	g	NOR	2801	½	½		½	½	½	1	½	1	½	5½	2839
4	Aronian, Levon	g	ARM	2786	½	½	½		1	0	½	½	1	½	5	2804
5	Anand, Viswanathan	g	IND	2788	½	½	½	0		½	½	1	1	½	5	2804
6	Gelfand, Boris	g	ISR	2758	½	0	½	1	½		½	½	½	½	4½	2764
7	Ponomarev, Ruslan	g	UKR	2739	0	½	0	½	½	½		½	½	1	4	2723
8	Svidler, Peter	g	RUS	2754	0	½	½	½	0	½	½		½	½	3½	2685
9	Leko, Peter	g	HUN	2752	½	½	0	0	0	½	½	½		½	3	2640
10	Morozevich, Alexander	g	RUS	2750	0	0	½	½	½	½	0	½	½		3	2640



## World Youth Chess Championships

The World Youth Chess Championships are taking place from November 12-23 in Antalya, Turkey. Antalya is located on the southern border of Turkey, right on the Mediterranean sea. Canada has sent a team of 21 players to participate.

A total of 1,375 youth are participating from 87 countries. There are several places on the internet to follow the action.

The tournament website is: [http://wycc2009.tsf.org.tr/component/option,com\\_frontpage/Itemid,1/lang,turkish/](http://wycc2009.tsf.org.tr/component/option,com_frontpage/Itemid,1/lang,turkish/)

There are a few Canadian players who have put up blogs of there own and are reporting:

Andrei Botez: <http://2009cyct.blogspot.com/>

David Zhang: <http://dzchess.blogspot.com/>

Eric Hansen: <http://www.hansenchess.com/>

Results are also being reported daily on chesstalk and the CFC bulletin board. We hope to have a full report for the December issue of Canadian Chess News.

Here is the Canadian team:

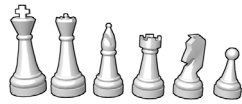
Jiaxin Liu	U-8 Girls
Melissa Giblon	U-10 Girls
Rebecca Giblon	U-12 Girls
Alexandra Botez	U-14 Girls
Dalia Kagramanov	U-16 Girls
Karen Lam	U-16 Girls
Jasmine Du	U-18 Girls
Kevin Wan	U-8 Open
Yuanchen Zhang	U-8 Open
Dezheng Kong	U-10 Open
William Graif	U-10 Open
Richard Wang	U-12 Open
Kai Qian (Jack)	U-12 Open
Thomas Kaminski	U-14 Open
David Zhang	U-14 Open
David Itkin	U-14 Open
Karoly Szalay	U-16 Open
Jesse Wang	U-16 Open
Eric Hansen	U-18 Open
Victor Kaminski	U-18 Open
Kevin Me	U-18 Open

## Go Team Canada!





# Across Canada



Sound familiar? I figured there was no point in re-inventing the wheel. Here are a few reports on tournaments from across the country. I encourage all organizers and players to send in your reports to be included in this section.

## British Columbia

### BC Championship

October 9-12

Jack Yoos won the BC Championship three consecutive times in the years 2003-2005, but then moved to La Belle Province. He returned to Vancouver last April and has taken up where he left off, winning the championship again with an undefeated 5.5/7 score. Actually the final scores this year are almost exactly the same as in last year's event (with differing names, of course).



FM Jack Yoos

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### Halloween Open

October 17-18

Held in conjunction with the first junior tournament of the season in the Lower Mainland, the prizes were swept by strong juniors. First was Yiming Han (4.0/5), who gave up draws to the second place finishers, Jeremy Hui and John Gong. Thirteen players participated.

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## October Active

October 25

The latest active tournament at the Vancouver Bridge Centre resulted in victory for Dragoljub Milicevic, who finished a half point ahead of Dan Scoones, organizer Luc Poitras and Joe Roback - the latter took the U1800 prize. The biggest upset was Jun Bandong (1616) beating IM Vicente Lee Jr.

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## BC Junior Championship

November 14-15

Congratulations to Janak Awatramani, our 2009 BC Junior Champion! After coming home from Mexico and winning Gold at the North American Youth Championships, Janak continues his winning ways and captures the BC Junior Championship title with 4.5/5 points, previously held by Tanraj Sohal. Tanraj Sohal, John Doknjas and Yiming Han tie for second place with 3.5 points.

Our Reserve Champion is Joanne Foote taking first place with 4.0 points followed by Anderson Yee and Lionel Han with 3.5 points.

In our Booster section, we have a three way tie with 4.0 points with Marcus Andrews coming out on top, followed by Hasara Samayawardhena and Owen Napieralski coming in second and third respectively.

Gyan Awatramani



2009 BC Junior Champion Janak Awatramani

### 94<sup>th</sup> B.C. Championship, Vancouver

Avg 2249

	Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T	Perf
1	Yoos, Jack	2438		½	½	1	½	1	1	5½	2451
2	Milicevic, Dragoljub	2212	½		½	½	1	1	½	5	2426
3	Davies, Lucas	2238	½	½		½	½	½	½	3½	2251
4	Jiganchine, Roman	2251	0	½	½		1	½	½	3½	2249
5	Pechisker, Alfred	2284	½	0	½	0		½	1	3½	2244
6	McLaren, Brian	2217	0	0	½	½	½		½	3	2197
7	Sohal, Tanraj	2110	0	½	½	½	0	½		2½	2155
8	Wu, Howard	2244	0	0	½	½	0	0	½		2021



Congratulations to all players on a well played tournament!

Final Standings - All Sections

Championship:

CM Janak Awatramani (4.5 points - 1<sup>st</sup>)

Tanraj Sohal, John Doknjas and Yiming Han (3.5 points - tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Reserve:

Joanne Foote (4 points - 1<sup>st</sup>)

Anderson Yee and Lionel Han (3.5 points - 2<sup>nd</sup>)

Booster:

Marcus Andrews (4 points - 1<sup>st</sup> after tiebreak)

Hasara Samayawardhena (4 points - 2<sup>nd</sup> after tiebreak)

Owen Napieralski (4 points - 3<sup>rd</sup> after tiebreak)

Glen Lee

## Alberta

### Alberta Open

October 10-12

The 2009 version of the Alberta Open saw 35 players participate at the Edmonton Chess Club, down considerably from last year's turnout of 48 when it was held in Calgary. It was strong at the top with visiting IM Ihor Nester of Poland joining the tournament. Edmonton's Vladimir Pechenkin defeated Nester in the fifth round with black, then drew with Rob Gardner in the last round to capture clear first with 5/6. Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> were IM Nestor, FM Huber and Rob Gardner with 4.5/6.



IM Nester vs. FM Pechenkin

Adie Todd and Tim Pradzinski split the first and second spots in the U2000 class with 3.5/6. The final prize in this section saw a logjam with seven players at 3/6.

David Miller claimed the top Under 1700 prize scoring 2.5/6. Eoin Dunne won the biggest upset prize with his first round win against Aaron Sequillion.

Ford Wong was the tournament organizer this time out, but

was unable to direct due to work commitments. Tony Ficzer stepped in to direct this year.

Tony Ficzer

### 4<sup>th</sup> Edmonton International Qualifier

October 31-November 1

The new tradition of the Edmonton International tournaments is foreshadowed by the annual qualifier event.

This tournament serves as a way of giving the general chess community a chance to qualify for the big event, as well as a fund-raiser for the International since half the entry fees are used for that purpose.

This year's tournament attracted 17 players, 7 of whom had ratings over 2000. The three top favourites were masters: Dale Haessel (Calgary), Rob "the Rocket" Gardner (Edmonton) and Keith MacKinnon (North Battleford, Saskatchewan). While Dale managed to qualify for the main event every year and "the Rocket" participated twice, Keith never had a chance to participate in the Edmonton International, only missing the qualification spot by half a point last year.

From relatively early on, it became clear that first place will be decided among the three masters. While Keith drew the talented Richard Wang, Rob and Dale were perfect after the first two rounds. In round 3 Dale managed to beat "the Rocket" setting up the penultimate round match-up with Keith. Dale tried to force an early draw; however, Keith managed to win the crucial game, giving him the lead going into the last round. In it, Keith had black against Rob while Dale had white against Aaron "Ironman" Sequillion. Because Keith beat Dale, Keith knew that he would win on tie-break in case they would wind up with the same amount of points. As a result, Keith only needed a draw with "Rocket". Rob on the other hand needed to win and hope for Dale not to beat "Ironman." Rob declined an early draw offer going for the win, but it seemed like after Rob saw that Dale was winning, something gave in and he lost.

As a result Keith MacKinnon becomes Saskatchewan's first ever representative at the Edmonton International and with an average field of 2432 FIDE, boy does he have his work cut out for him!

Vlad Rekhson

### Alberta Junior Championship

November 7-8

Simon Ong organized one of the finest junior events ever held in Alberta. The tournament took place at the Calgary Chess Club. Simon and his crew decorated the tournament room beautifully on the Friday evening before the event. Simon also gave a powerpoint presentation at the Opening Ceremonies and provided free snacks for the players. All of



the players had name signs at their boards and flags on their tables.

This year's championship was held in two sections. The championship section turned out to be a six player round robin with all the games broadcast online with DGT boards. The reserve section held a dozen players and was run as a swiss.

Several of Alberta's strongest juniors did not participate as they were busy preparing for the WYCC in Turkey. That didn't stop David Zhang from competing, and he ended up taking first place with 4/5. This section was hard fought as Nicka Kalaydina and Yuekai Wang both finished with 3.5/5. In the final round, Yuekai needed a win to pull even with Zhang but Grande Prairie's David Miller hung tough and drew from a losing position with Yuekai to end the suspense. David Zhang earns a spot in the next Canadian Junior Championship with funding provided by the ACA.



Yuekai Wang vs. David Miller in the last round

The reserves section was taken by Raymond Ong with 5/5. Yaroslav Babich grabbed 2<sup>nd</sup> with 4/5. Andre Angelino Tolentin, Krishneel Singh and Chenxi Zhao split the remaining 3<sup>rd</sup> prize at 3/5.

Special mention goes to Jan Lazo who defected to the Toronto area. Jan provided commentary to all the online games on the Calgary Chess Club's Yahoo newsgroup throughout the championship.

Tony Ficzere

## Ontario

### Seaway Valley Open

October 24-25

28 players contested this year's Seaway Valley Open. The games were hotly contested with very few draws, and a few upsets along the way. When the smoke cleared, top-rated Karoly Szalay gave himself a belated 16<sup>th</sup> birthday present by dismantling the field with a 5-0 score. The win was a nice warm-up for the U16 Canadian Champion as he pre-

pares to go to the WYCC in Turkey in November. Tied for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> were Wayne Barclay, Marc Cazalais, Saeid Sadeghi and Emil Smilovici. The U2000 section was won by Emil Smilovici, with Peter Arseneau and Mario Thibault sharing 2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. Kevin Wan, the Canadian U-8 champion, won the U1750 section. Second place went to Jean-Pierre Senécal, with third place being shared by three players: Zoltan Daku, Keven Eyre and Mike Sun.

I would like to thank our sponsor - Au Diapason, and I would also like to thank the McIntosh Country Inn and Conference Centre for their (as usual) excellent service.

I would also like to thank Raymond Lacroix, Jacob Lacroix -Cardinal and Garland Best for their assistance during the event. See you all for the McIntosh Open in April!

Karoly Szalay annotates the following game.

□ Pace, Christopher (2065)

■ Szalay, Karoly (2288)

Seaway Valley Open 2009

Queens Pawn [D02]

1.♠f3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.♠f4 ♖b6 4.♖c1 ♗g4

4...♠f5 is better as it saves a tempo when White plays f3 which is almost always played in these lines.

5.♗bd2 ♗f6 6.e3 h6 7.h3 ♠f5 8.a4 a5 9.c4

9.♖a3!? planning ♖b3 and perhaps ♠d3. The only downside is that the Rook might get trapped. 9...♗a6 10.♖b3 ♖a7 11.♠d3.

9...♗a6 10.c5 ♖d8 11.♠xa6 ♖xa6 12.♖a3

If Black can play b6 and c5, he will equalize.

12...e6 13.♖c3 ♗d7

13...b6 is another option. 14.♖b3 ♗d7 15.cxb6 ♠b4 16.♖xc6 ♖xb6 17.♖c7 (17.♖c1 ♖a8 followed by ...♖c6 and ...♠c2) 17...♖xc7 18.♠xc7 ♖c6.

14.♗e5

14.♖b3 b6.

14...f6

14...b6?! 15.♗xc6 ♖c8 16.b4 bxc5 17.b5 cxd4 18.♗xd4 ♖a8 19.♗xf5 and White is slightly better.

15.♗xd7 ♗xd7

The idea is to support ...c6, after ...b6.

16.♗b3

Not the best move. Although it prevents b6, White has no way to take advantage of the b-file (b4 or ♖b3).

16...g5 17.♠h2 h5 18.♗e2 ♠g7

18...♔e7 is probably better as it keeps the Knight on b3.

**19.♖d2 g4 20.h4 ♖e8 21.b4 axb4 22.♖xb4 ♘c8 23.♖b3 ♖d7 24.♖a1**

Trying to double on the b-file and prevent things like ...♔c2 which can be annoying.

**24...e5 25.♖a2 ♖e7 26.♖ab2 ♔g6 27.♖a2 g3 28.♔xg3 ♖g4+ 29.♔e1 exd4 30.♔d6 ♖d7 31.exd4**

31.♖xd4 is OK, but it is hard to defend against the checks after 31...♖xg2.

**31...♖xg2 32.♖g3 ♖h1+ 33.♔e2 ♔f5 34.♖e3 ♔g6**

34...♔d8 35.♖e7 ♖xe7+ 36.♔xe7+ ♔c8 37.♖b2 ♔g4+ 38.f3 ♖h2+. Another perpetual may be 34...♔g4+ 35.♔d3 ♔f5+ 36.♔e2.

**35.♖g3 ♔e4 36.♖b2**

The idea is to play ♖a1 and then ♖g1.

**36...♖xh4 37.♖a1 ♔h6?**

37...♔h7 is much better. On ♖ag1, I can play ♔h6 and Black should be fine.

**38.♖g8+ ♖d8**



**39.♖xd8+**

39.♖ag1! and Black is losing. After 39...f5 40.♖b3 Black is almost in Zugzwang. The dark squared Bishop can't move because ♖g7 and the white squared Bishop can't move either. The Queen is pretty much trapped. The Rooks can't move either! 40...♖f6 41.♔e5 ♖e7 42.♖xe4 fxe4 (42...dxe4 43.♔d6) 43.♖h3+.

**39...♔xd8 40.♖xb7**

40.♖g1 is still winning.

**40...♖g4+ 41.♔e1**

I just assumed that I had something after ...♔xd2 or ...♖g1.

**41...♖e6**

41...♖g1+ 42.♖f1 ♔d2+ 43.♔c2!; 41...♔xd2+ 42.♔xd2 and there are no more checks.

**42.♔d1?**

This is losing now. 42.♖xc4 ♖xc4+ 43.♔f1 ♖h1+ 44.♔e2 ♖e4+ is another perpetual.

**42...♔d3 43.♖b8+ ♔d7 44.♖b7+ ♔e8 45.♖b8+ ♔f7 46.♔f4 ♖g4+ 0-1.**

*Stijn De Kerpel*

## London October Open

October 24

There are one day chess tournaments held once a month in London, Ontario, at the Hillside Church (250 Commissioners Rd. E.). Details can be found on the CFC website as well as in CCN. This October there were 24 participants with an Open section and an



Front: Adam Phares vs. Tina Fang. Back: Sheldon Downie vs. Joe Mitchell

U1700 section. Some of the top rated players who participated were Michael Humphreys, Vlad Drkulec, Kevin Gibson and David Jackson. Winner of the Open section was Brendan Lee who picked up around 100 rating points and \$60, and winner of the U1700 section was Alvin Rayla who went 4/4 winning \$60. We hope to see you come out to the London November Open on the 28<sup>th</sup> of November.

*Steve Demmery*

## Guelph Fall Pro Am

November 7-8

The 2009 Guelph Fall Pro-Am came at the end of a series of 5 consecutive weekend swiss tournaments in Southern Ontario. Despite the heavy schedule, 65 players shook off the game fatigue for a weekend in the Royal City. Many

commuters battled a Sunday fog on their a.m. drive toward their 4<sup>th</sup> round game. It was also a misty morning in Southern Ontario, which made for reduced visibility on the roads. Leading the pack in the 20 player Pro Section was GM Bator Sambuev, who was in good company with IMs Artiom Samsonkin and Nikolay Noritsyn. Sambuev rattled off 3 victories on the first 3 rounds to open up a half point lead over the IM's, who drew in their round 3 encounter. On Sunday morning Bator made good use of the white pieces, defeating Samsonkin in 25 moves.

□ **Sambuev, GM Bator (2628)**

■ **Samsonkin, IM Artiom (2596)**

**2009 Guelph Fall Pro Am**

*Sicilian Richter–Rausser [B61]*

1.e4 c5 2.♘f3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.♘xd4 ♘f6 5.♘c3 ♘c6 6.♙g5 ♙d7 7.♙d2 ♙c8 8.♘b3 h6 9.♙xf6 gxf6 10.0-0-0 a6 11.♙e2 b5 12.♙h5 ♘a5 13.♘xa5 ♙xa5 14.♘b1 e6 15.g4 ♙c4 16.♙d3 ♙c7 17.f4 ♙e7 18.f5 ♙xc3 19.bxc3 0-0 20.h4 ♙c8 21.♙h3 a5 22.g5 fxg5 23.e5 b4 24.f6 ♙b8 25.♙xf7+ 1-0.

Noritsyn defeated Sapozhnikov in round four setting the stage for the final round against Sambuev.

□ **Noritsyn, IM Nikolay (2520)**

■ **Sambuev, GM Bator (2628)**

**2009 Guelph Fall Pro Am**

*Queens Pawn [D02]*

1.♘f3 d5 2.d4 c6 3.♙f4 ♘f6 4.e3 ♙g4 5.♘bd2 e6 6.h3 ♙xf3 7.♘xf3 ♙d6 8.♙d3 ♙xf4 9.exf4 ♙d6 10.♙d2 g6 11.0-0 ♘h5 12.g3 0-0 13.♙ae1 ♘d7 14.♘e5 f6 15.♘f3 ♙ae8 16.c4 ♘h8 17.c5 ♙c7 18.b4 ♙e7 19.♙g2 ♙fe8 20.♘h4 ♙g7 21.♙e2 ♘f8 22.f5 ♘f4+ 23.gxf4 exf5 24.♙g1 ♙e4 25.♙d3 ♙xe1 26.♙xe1 ♙xe1+ 27.♙xe1 ♙f7 28.♙e3 ♘e6 29.♘g2 b5 30.♙c2 a5 31.bxa5 ♙xa5 32.a3 b4 33.a4 b3 34.♙xb3 ♙b4 35.♘e1 ♘xd4 36.♘c2 ♘xc2 37.♙xc2 ♙c4 38.♙d1 ♙b4 39.♙g2 ♙a5 40.h4 h5



41.♙b3 ♙xc5 42.♙b7+ ♙g8 43.♙b8+ ♙g7 44.♙c7+ ♙h6 45.a5 ♙d4 46.♙f3 ♙a4 47.♙d8 ♙g7 48.♙e7+ ♙g8

Patrick McDonald



*IM Noritsyn vs. GM Sambuev*

49.♙e8+ ♙g7 50.♙xd5 1-0.

Congratulations to Nikolay! It seems that rumours of his failing chess health have been rather exaggerated.

Nikolay is not the only Noritsyn to take up the family business. His 6 year old brother Sergey made an impressive showing in the U1400 section, scoring 3.5 and taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Tiebreaks placed him ahead of Hamilton youngster Damir Baizhiyenov. Zachary Dukic of Fonthill posted the only perfect score of the tournament to take top honours.

The U1700 group was won by Shafkat Ali, who finished a full point ahead of Guelph's Zoltan Cservenyi. Yuanchen Zhang finished in third place. Yuanchen used Guelph as a tune up for his upcoming test at the WYCC, where he is representing Canada in the boys Under 8 division. Go Yuanchen!!

Patrick McDonald



*Liza Orlova*

The U2000 section was the most populous with 22 players. Liza Orlova kept the boys dancing to her tune, giving up a draw in the first round before laying waste to the field. Perhaps the most notable performance in the section was delivered by U of G student Mike Zaghi. After his first club event in Guelph this fall, his rating jumped from 1545 to 1630. His 4 point score at the Pro-Am jacked him well



over 1700. Not bad for a Barrie boy!

Thanks to all who attended. The Guelph Winter Pro-Am is scheduled for February 6-7, 2010.

Hal Bond

## Howard Ridout Memorial

November 15

This first Scarborough CC Swiss of the season, the Howard Ridout Memorial Swiss, ran from Sept. 10 to Oct. 29. 48 players showed up for the Open section. It was headed by 7 masters ( ! ) and 5 experts, some of whom are former masters. 34 players registered for the U 1700 section. The total of 82 players is higher than our average last year of mid-70's per tournament. The executive feels we can take 80 players at maximum ( though admittedly quite crowded ), given byes, and so we were feeling the pressure on our maximum. The winners were:

Open Section:

1<sup>st</sup> – 6 pts. – Master Liam Henry

2<sup>nd</sup>/7<sup>th</sup> – 5.5 pts. – Expert Rune Pedersen ( second on tie-break ); Expert David Southam ( third on tie-break ); Master Andrei Moffat; WIM Yuanling Yuan; Master John Hall; Master Karl Sellars.

U 1700 section:

1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – 6 pts. – Scott Huston ( winner on tie-break ); Junior Tony Lin

3<sup>rd</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> – 5.5 pts. – Junior Peter Xie ( third on tie-break ); Junior John Walker; Andrew Philip

All games from the tournament were collected and put into a tournament database by two club volunteers during the tournament. This database of over 200 games was then distributed to all members once the tournament was over.

Over half of the games were annotated by a club volunteer.

Bob Armstrong



Scarborough Chess Club

The best of the games were saved for the club newsletter ( now in its 11<sup>th</sup> year ), the Scarborough Community of Toronto Chess News & Views. They will be featured over

four consecutive Issues of the newsletter, with annotations, now that the tournament is concluded. Our free newsletter goes to over 200 players: members, past members, and also non-members.

This is a great start for our club, which in 2010 celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

Bob Armstrong

## Mississauga Chess Club Championship

September 17-October 22

Vincent Chow was the class of the field. Vincent scored 4.5/5 to take clear first, giving up only a draw along the way to Florian Bergeron.

2009 Mississauga Chess Club Championship								
		Rtg	1	2	3	4	5	T
1	Vincent Chow	2083	W24	W10	D14	W15	W4	4.5
2	Henry E Arandia	2059	W26	H---	D3	W14	W10	4
3	Konstantin Semianiuk	1974	W20	H---	D2	W17	D6	3.5
4	Ross Richardson	1926	W12	H---	W22	W6	L1	3.5
5	Jose Cabioc	1712	L6	D27	W12	W11	W14	3.5
6	Pavel Rakov	2143	W5	W13	H---	L4	D3	3
7	Robert Gillanders	1873	L15	W26	W19	L10	W17	3
8	Bruce Dowling	1795	H---	H---	U---	W24	W15	3
9	Joseph Gideon	1745	W18	W16	D15	H---	U---	3
10	Ferdinand Supsup	1598	W11	L1	W13	W7	L2	3
11	Carlos Ferrer	1882	L10	W25	H---	L5	W19	2.5
12	Ayham Tamari	1789	L4	H---	L5	W27	W20	2.5
13	Paul Roschman	1773	B---	L6	L10	H---	W21	2.5
14	Florian Bergeron	1712	W27	W17	D1	L2	L5	2.5
15	Yimang Yang	1508	W7	W23	D9	L1	L8	2.5
16	Shankar Balakrishnan	1983	W21	L9	H---	H---	U---	2
17	Robert James Beaubien	1787	W19	L14	W21	L3	L7	2
18	Hamam Tamari	1543	L9	H---	H---	L19	W26	2
19	Owen Qian	1247	L17	W20	L7	W18	L11	2
20	John Young	1590	L3	L19	W27	D21	L12	1.5
21	Michael Gomes	1000	L16	W24	L17	D20	L13	1.5
22	Peter Basciano	2000	H---	H---	L4	U---	U---	1
23	Aurel Cojocar	1562	H---	L15	H---	U---	U---	1
24	Nick Mladenov	1482	L1	L21	W26	L8	U---	1
25	Stefan Stefanov	1100	H---	L11	H---	U---	U---	1
26	Michael Rose	1463	L2	L7	L24	H---	L18	0.5
27	Rick Dahliwal	1100	L14	D5	L20	L12	U---	0.5

Here is a game from the event.

□ **Richardson, Ross (1946)**

■ **Rakov, Pavel (2143)**

**2009 Mississauga Club Championship**

*King's Indian [E73]*

1.d4 ♘f6 2.c4 c5 3.d5 e5 4.♘c3 d6 5.e4 g6 6.♙e2 ♙g7  
7.♙g5 h6 8.♙e3 ♘a6 9.♙d2 ♘g4 10.♙xg4 ♙xg4 11.f3

♙d7 12.♜ge2 ♜c7 13.a4 f5 14.g3 g5 15.exf5 ♙xf5 16.g4  
 ♙g6 17.♜g3 ♜f8 18.0-0 ♜d7 19.♜ce4 ♜a6 20.b4 cxb4  
 21.c5 dxc5 22.♙xc5 ♜xc5 23.♜xc5 ♜d6 24.♜xb4 b6  
 25.♜b5+ ♜f7 26.♜ce4 ♜e7 27.♜ac1 ♜fd8 28.♜c6 ♜a3  
 29.♜c3 ♜a2 30.♜c7+ ♜g8 31.♜c6 ♜f7 32.♜f5 ♜f8  
 33.♜xh6+ 1-0

## New Brunswick

### 2009 Maritime Open

October 9-12

The 2009 Maritime Open was played at St. Thomas University in Fredericton over the Thanksgiving long weekend (October 9 – 12). This tournament traditionally rotates between New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island and Nova Scotia, but last year's event at the same location was such a success that PEI offered to let St. Thomas host it for a second straight year.

Friday evening featured the opening ceremonies and a simul by Bill Bogle, current New Brunswick co-champion. This proved successful in bringing out some regulars along with a few new faces and everybody had fun.

The main event got underway on Saturday, featuring six rounds played at 40/120, SD/60. Winners of this tournament have their name engraved on The Colpitts Trophy which bears witness to champions as far back as 1947. This year would be an especially strong Maritime Open with seven former champions in the competition (Ken Duff 1968; Bill Bogle 1979; Joe Horton 1991; Fred McKim 1992/1994/2000/2001; Jonathan MacDonald 1993/1995/2008; Neil Davis 1998; and Anthony Howarth 2002/2005/2007). During the writing of this report an attempt was made to identify who "Colpitts" was, but at the

Charles Graves



Round 5: Two former Maritime Open Champions, Anthony Howarth of Charlottetown (right/White) versus defending co-champion Jonathan MacDonald of Saint John on Board 1

moment it remains somewhat of a mystery.

The playing hall was excellent and featured an electronic board that projected the Board 1 game onto an overhead screen for all to see. Refreshments (including muffins and other assorted sweets) were provided throughout the weekend compliments of St. Thomas University. An analysis room on the lower level provided a number of computers featuring the latest versions of Rybka, Fritz and Shredder to assist participants with their post-mortems.

After a Round 2 draw on Board 1 between Jonathan MacDonald (Saint John) and Andreas Kreienbuehl (university student from Switzerland), Anthony Howarth (#4) moved up and never relinquished top board with a win against Bill Bogle (Round 3), draw against Andreas Kreienbuehl (Round 4), win against Jonathan MacDonald (Round 5) and a final round draw with Elias Oussedik.

Nineteen of the 23 participants were sufficiently sporting to partake in Sunday's Charles Graves Tie Day. We may not play like Grandmasters here in New Brunswick, but we certainly know how to look the part.

When the dust had settled, Anthony Howarth finished in 1<sup>st</sup> Place with 5.0 points. Elias Oussedik (Moncton) took sole 2<sup>nd</sup> with 4.5 points, while Bill Bogle, Jonathan MacDonald and Joe Horton shared 3<sup>rd</sup> Place honours with 4.0 points.

Charles Graves



Round 4: Anthony Howarth of Charlottetown (standing) keeps an eye on his game (overhead projection) while his opponent, Andreas Kreienbuehl of Switzerland, reaches to make his move on Board 1 (in front of podium)



Charles Graves



Anthony Howarth (Charlottetown) accepts the Colpitts Trophy from Charles Graves (TD)

Top female was awarded to Andrea Robichaud, while age prizes went to Jason Manley (16 & Under), Nicolas Robichaud (14 & Under) and Alexandre Robichaud (12 & Under). Zachary Burrows, Gene Butland, Stephen Hamilton and Jeremy Thibeu were in the money for rating prizes.

An awards ceremony followed in which prizes (book or software) that had been secured by Roland Chrisjohn of STU were presented to each participant (everybody also received a unique tournament medallion).

The 2009 Maritime Open proved to be a first class tournament. Special thanks are due to St. Thomas University for the tremendous support that was offered to ensure the success of this year's event. It represents the second consecutive year that STU has sponsored this tournament and we hope their support for chess will continue into the future.

Anthony Howarth annotates his 5<sup>th</sup> round game against Jonathan MacDonald.

□ **Howarth, Anthony (2186)**

■ **MacDonald, Jonathan (2210)**

2009 Maritime Open, Fredericton  
*Queen's Indian Defence [A47]*

**1.d4 c5 2.e3!**

I gave this move an exclamation mark, not so much for the move itself, but for the decision to play it. I've known Jonathan for many years, and he is quite a talented chess player. His main strength lies in open games, where his aggressive style and combinative ability rank him among the best in the Maritimes. After 2.d5 I'm sure that the tactical nature of the Benoni would have made him feel right at home. For this reason I decided to play a "quiet" system.

**2...e6 3.♘f3 b6 4.♙d3 ♙b7 5.♙bd2**

Declaring my intentions too soon. Keeping Black guessing with 5.0-0 was probably better, when c4/♙c3 is still a

possibility.

**5...cxd4**

Releasing the tension in the center. Although this move is popular, it does seem to limit Black's options prematurely.

**6.exd4 ♘f6 7.0-0 ♙e7 8.♙e1**



**8...d5?!**

I felt very comfortable after seeing my opponent play this move. By closing the position, he blocks in his light-squared Bishop for the rest of the game. Also, due to the exchanging of pawns on d4, White enjoys considerable pressure along the half-open c-file. Playing a Hedgehog type of formation with 8 ... d6 would have been a much better option, and more suited to Jonathan's style.

**9.c3 0-0 10.♙e5 ♙bd7 11.f4**

Also possible was 11.♙f3 followed by ♙h3, with an attack on the kingside.

**11...g6**

Black tries to prevent White from pushing his pawn to f5, but in doing so weakens the dark squares around his King.

**12.♙f3 ♙xe5?!**

This move opens lines to Black's King and provides avenues for exploiting the weakened dark squares. Black should be looking for counter play on the queenside.

**13.fxe5 ♙h5 14.♙g4**

Putting pressure on the e6 square and freeing f3 for the Knight.

**14...♙h4 15.g3**

An interesting possibility was 15.♙f3, sacrificing the Rook to get rid of the defender of Black's dark squares. If this wasn't such a key game in the tournament, I might have given this more consideration. As it stands now, I have a healthy advantage, so I decided to avoid the risk.

**15...♙g5 16.♙f3 ♙xc1 17.♙axc1 ♙g7 18.♙f4 f5**

Defending against the threat of ♙h6 followed by ♙g5. I couldn't find anything stronger so, with time pressure looming, I chose to simplify the position.



**19.exf6 ♖xf6**

Exchanging Queens only makes White's job easier.

**20.♖xf6 ♖xf6 21.♘e5**

The combination of Black's badly placed Bishop, the backward e-pawn, and the excellent outpost for White's Knight makes this position unenviable for Black to say the least.

**21...♖d8 22.♖e2**

I don't know if this is the most accurate move, but I wanted to tie Black's pieces down to the defense of the e6 pawn and gain some time on the clock before committing to any exchanges on the open file.

**22...♘e8 23.♔g2 ♘c7**

Interesting was 23...♘d6, sacrificing a pawn to activate his pieces.

**24.♖ce1 ♔g7 25.h4 a6**

Putting more pawns on light squares can't be good, but I'm not sure what else Black can do.

**26.♖f2 ♘e8 27.♖ef1 ♖xf2+ 28.♔xf2**

Centralizing the King and aiming to eventually occupy the e5 square.

**28...b5 29.♔e3 ♘d6 30.g4 ♖f8 31.♖xf8 ♔xf8 32.♔f4 ♔g7 33.♘d7 ♘f7 34.b3 h6 35.g5**

Fixing the weakness on g6.

**35...hxc5+ 36.hxc5 ♘d8 37.♘e5 ♘c6 38.♘xc6**

Taking on g6 with the knight would be bad because of 38...b4. After removing Black's best piece, he is left with a bad Bishop and no hope for counter play. Black could have resigned here with a clear conscience.

**38...♙xc6 39.♔e5 ♔f7 40.♔d6 ♙e8 41.♙e2 a5 42.♙g4 b4 43.cxb4 axb4 44.♙xe6+ ♔f8 45.♙xd5 ♙b5 46.♙c4 ♙e8 47.d5 ♔f7 48.♔c7 ♔f8 1-0.**

Charles Graves

## Prince Edward Island

### Prince Edward Island Open

November 7-8

The PEI Open turned into more of a PEI closed as we only had one off-Island participant among the small crowd of 12, but we did have 5 of the top 6 players in PEI there sporting an average rating of 2100.

The two masters in the field, Anthony Howarth and Aaron Cooper got off to rocky starts with Anthony dropping a first round encounter to me and Aaron having to settle for a perpetual against Anthony Banks in the second round. Peter MacKean (former NB and PEI Champion, and a contemporary of early 70's Kevin Spraggett) found the going rough, after not playing since 2001, but will only continue to improve as he works back into form.

When the dust settled Anthony Banks ended up in 1<sup>st</sup> place with a 4.5 score, edging Anthony Howarth by ½ a point. Third went to Aaron Cooper.

Most Improved prize was captured by Ed Keunecke while Top U1500 was John MacLean and Top Under 1900 was shared by David Paulowich and Jessy Judson. Iain Crowell won top junior prize.

The last round saw myself (3) with white against Anthony Banks (3.5), while Anthony Howarth (3) was white against Peter MacKean. I expect all of us were playing for the win.

Fred McKim supplies the following game.

□ **McKim, Fred (1974)**

■ **Banks, Anthony (1993)**

#### 2009 PEI Open

*Colle System [D05]*

#### 1.♘f3

We've played quite a few times and I'm trying to avoid some prepared lines.

#### 1...d5 2.d4 ♘f6 3.e3

Not the most aggressive opening when trying to win, but I figured Anthony would be trying to win even harder.

#### 3...c5 4.c3 ♙f5

Trying to stay aggressive, only tunnel vision prevents me from playing 5.dxc5 with an advantage.

#### 5.♙d3 ♙xd3 6.♖xd3 ♘c6 7.0-0 e6 8.♘bd2 ♙e7 9.♖e1 0-0 10.e4

The standard break, unbalancing the position, and leaving me with the isolated d-pawn. Unfortunately not so good when Black's ♙ is still buried on c8.

#### 10...dxe4 11.♘xe4 cxd4 12.cxd4 ♖b6 13.♙g5 ♘xe4 14.♖xe4 ♖fd8 15.♙xe7?!

Things start to go down hill as I put his Knight on a better

square and avoid a better developing move like 15.♖c3.

15...♗xe7 16.♗g5 ♗f5 17.♖ad1 h6 18.♗f3 ♗d5 19.g4

Still time to double Rooks on the d–file and try to defend. This move tries to blow the position open.

19...♗d6 20.♖f4

Now deciding to jettison the b–pawn.

20...♗d8 21.b3 ♗b5 22.♗e5 f6 23.♗c4 ♖c7

23...♖c6 may keep a stronger initiative. 23...♖c6 24.♖c1 ♗xd4 25.♖e4 f5 26.gxf5 exf5 27.♖g2 f4 28.♗h1 f3 29.♖f1 ♖f6.

24.♖e4

Better is 24.♖xc7 and struggle on down a single pawn.

24...♗xd4 25.♖c1 e5

25....♖g5 with the follow–up ...f5 looks good. This sequence allows me to get back in the game.

26.♗e3 ♖c5 27.♖xc5 ♖xc5 28.♖xb7

Of course I would be a lot better off with the g–pawn back on home base!

28...♖a3 29.♖c7

A wasted tempo, better is 29 ♗d1.

29...♖f8 30.♗g2

30.♗c2 puts up a better fight.

30...♖xa2 31.♗d5

I'm having a better than usual time attacking the castled

King so I give up a second pawn.

31...♖xb3 32.♗e7+ ♗h7 33.♖e3 ♖e6 34.♖b7



34...♖xg4+?!

Made with about 5 min to reach move 40. 34...♖f7 or ...♗d8 are safer choices.

35.♖g3 ♖e6

Defending well with little time left to get to move 40.

36.♗c6??

Trying to play quickly in my opponent's time trouble, I completely overlook that 36 ♖xc6 comes with check.

36.♗g6 ♖f7 (36...♖f7 37.♗xf8+ ♖xf8 38.♖c3 f5) 37.♖b8 ♖c6+ 38.f3 ♖c2+ 39.♗h3 ♖xg6 40.♖xg6 ♗xg6 41.♖b1+.

36...♖xc6+ 0-1.

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# Jerome Chyurlia

1947-2009

It is with sadness that I report on the death of Jerome Chyurlia of Ottawa. Jerome was a husband and father of two children. Jerome was a friend of mine from my days in Ottawa in the 80's. We played each other several times. I can vaguely remember one game where Jerome was starting to nod off. I gave him a gentle tap and he awoke. Several moves later it was I who was nodding off, and Jerome returned the favour. I can't remember who won that game, but it sticks in my mind forever.

I first heard about his passing on chesstalk. Below are a few words from some of the posters in that thread.

Jerome's death is a huge loss to all who were fortunate to know him. He was a very classy fellow, an energetic servant of chess in the Ottawa region for many years, and always fun to be around in social settings. Jerome hadn't been well for several years, as his friends knew, but this sad news is still a shock. Rest In Peace, My Friend.

*Frank Dixon*

Jerome Chyurlia was a fine man. In addition to his many services to chess---his work with the EOCA, his key role in the 2007 Canadian Open and Youth chess championships, etc.---he was a devoted family man and a loyal friend. His passing is not unexpected---an inveterate cigarette smoker, Jerome had battled lung cancer for some time---but deeply regretted. He will be sorely missed.

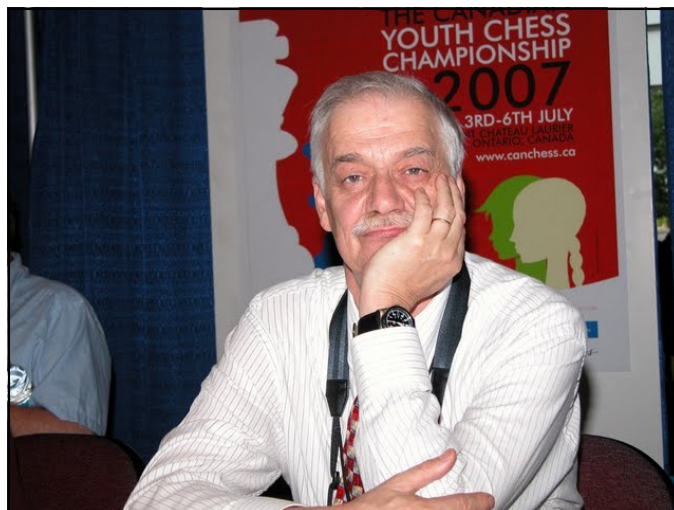
*Gordon Ritchie*

Jerome and I were playing one time at the RA Club, back in the mid-90s, and the position was very complicated. Our eyes happened to meet, and he leaned over the board to me and said something about not knowing what the \*@#\$ was going on. I responded, let's call it a \*@#\$ draw and go for a beer. He immediately offered his hand.

While we were engaged in our post-game discussion another of the players carelessly spilled a full jug of beer all over our board. Jerome quipped something about us never being able to figure out what the \*@#\$ was going on now. Jerome was a wonderful soul who loved life very much. He had a great sense of humour, and could listen with a very sympathetic and considerate ear. He was a fine man.

*Brad Thomson*

I never knew Jerry that well. I was at his house only once, and met him at a few parties. But in 1999 at the last North Bay Open he was one of my flat mates at the student residence I stayed at, along with Deen Hergott, Halldor Pals-son, Glen Johnstone, Jesus Nogueiras and some others.



Jerry had brought a frying pan and a stovetop espresso maker and it seemed he was always working the one or the other. I think he got more use out of that espresso maker in those four days than I have got from mine in my entire life! And he never voiced a complaint--it seemed he was genuinely happy to serve. I think Jesus benefitted most from the meals and coffee Jerry served up as he ended up tying for first. And Jerry had some great tales to tell of his travels to far away lands. He was always good company. I had not seen him in a long time and did not know of his illness. A sad loss. Rest in peace.

*Gordon Taylor*

Very sad news. Jerome offered many good games to my daughter Yuanling, when she was a little girl. One game they played in RA on a Thursday night in the year of 2003. I remembered he exchanged one queen with Yuanling's three minor pieces and won the game. Since that Yuanling got a lesson to understand some position a queen is less than three minor pieces. He is also one of the good people in RA chess club who allow the under 14 years old younger kids play in the club which benefits a lot to Yuanling and other Ottawa chess kids. We lost a such nice man.

*William Yuan*

My "day with Jerome" was the afternoon of the last day of the 2007 Canadian Open. We had a lot of interaction because he was writing the (prize) cheques. After the event, as the "thin red line" of help became thinner, he had to deal with a van full of chess junk. He seemed pretty level-headed, a man of action, and also willing to make and share a joke (albeit gruffly), despite the potential gloom of a finishing tournament. It was thanks to Jerome that the crosstable was posted in good time, despite the hotel cutting off our internet at 5 pm. That was because he drove me to where I was staying (where the internet was live, in the van full of junk that Stephen Wright helped load) on his way home.

*Jonathan Berry*



# Michael Scherbak

1923-2009

Michael Scherbak passed away on the 23rd of October 2009, at the age of 86. I first met Mr. Scherbak when I started to play in Montreal tournaments in early 1970. Always in good spirits, smiling, friendly and helpful, perhaps even overly polite, Mr. Scherbak represented the best role model, along with his friend Ignas Zalus, that I could imagine of the *older generation* chess master. I still remember the exquisite wood chess clock and beautiful wood pieces that he carried with him to each tournament; how he would set up each and every piece exactly in the middle of the square before the game. How he recorded each chess move with elegance and clarity. Mr. Scherbak was a player of strong classical principles and a big fan of the Botvinnik school of chess.

I had the good fortune to play Mr. Scherbak several times in my formative years. I remember especially well the interesting Spanish games we played at the Montreal Labour Day tournament in 1973 and again at the Montreal Labour Day tournament in 1975, soon after I had won the International Master title. Unfortunately my score sheets of these games are lost, but I will always remember his wonderful spirit and the gentlemanly discussions that followed in the post mortems.

I don't know anything about how or when Mr. Scherbak started to play chess, but when he first came over to Canada with his family in 1952 he was already quite a good chess player and soon became a *regular* at the local tournaments, quickly establishing himself as one of Montreal's toughest players. Mr. Scherbak played regularly up until the mid 1970's, when he began to retire from competitive

chess. By the 1980's Mr. Scherbak had become more of a spectator than a player. This was a big loss for the entire Montreal chess community!

Kevin Spraggett



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# Coming Events



## British Columbia

For complete information on chess in BC visit...

[www.chess.bc.ca](http://www.chess.bc.ca)

### 24th Annual Jack Taylor Memorial Nov. 21-22, 2009 5 round Swiss

**Entry Fee:** \$25 if registered and paid by Nov. 16, \$30 if registered only by Nov. 19, \$35 otherwise

**Rounds:** Sat. 10:00 am, 2:00 pm, 6:30 pm; Sun 10:00 am, 2:00 pm

**Prize Fund:** 1st \$75; top U1800 \$50 (Guaranteed)

**Location:** The Vacation Inn (aka Traveller's Inn) 3020 Douglas St.

(make sure you go to the right Traveller's Inn - there are several in the neighborhood. This is a different Traveller's Inn from last year)

**Time Control:** Game/90 with 30 sec. increment.

**Registration:** On line registration at <http://jacktaylormemorial.eventbrite.com/>

Otherwise, contact us at

[VictoriaChessClub@gmail.com](mailto:VictoriaChessClub@gmail.com).

You can also register in person at the Victoria Chess Club with Roger Patterson. On site registration ends at 9:30 on Saturday.

Registering after 9:30 does not guarantee a normal Swiss Pairing.

**Accommodation:** At the Traveller's Inn, 3020 Douglas St. You should be able to get winter rates (about \$60/night).

**Misc:** Rated by the Victoria Chess Club. No chess membership fees required. (BCCF membership included in entry fee)

Equipment provided. There will be no forced TD byes (you may of course request a bye)

**Organizer:** Roger Patterson

**TD:** Mark S. Dutton, I.A.

## December Active

**Date:** Sunday December 20, 2009

**Place:** Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

**Rounds:** 5

**Starting Time:** noon

**Type:** Regular Swiss

**Time Controls:** G/25 + 5 sec. increments or G/30

**Entry Fee:** Adults \$15, Masters/Seniors and Juniors \$12

**Prizes:** First Prize guaranteed (**\$100**), and rest based on entries

**Registration:** On site at 11:30am or contact Luc Poitras at (778) 846-0496 email [queluc@lynx.net](mailto:queluc@lynx.net)

Bring your chess set and clock if you have one. Not CFC Rated

## BC Active Championship 2010

**Date:** January 9-10, 2010

**Place:** Vancouver Bridge Centre, 2776 East Broadway (at Kaslo), Vancouver

**Rounds:** 9

**Starting Time:** 11:00am Saturday January the 09th  
5 rounds on Saturday and 4 on Sunday

**Type:** Regular Swiss.

**Time Controls:** G/25 + 5 sec. increments or G/30

**Entry Fee:** \$35 (\$5 discount by sending your participation by email before Thursday January 07th)

**Prizes:** First Prize guaranteed (**\$300**), and rest based on entries. If 30 entries then 2nd \$250 3rd \$200 4th \$100

**Registration:** On site from 10:00am

**Organizer:** Luc Poitras (778) 846-0496 email [queluc@lynx.net](mailto:queluc@lynx.net)

Bring your chess set and clock if possible. No membership required

## UBC Thursday Night Swiss

**Time:** 6:30pm, **Thursdays**

**Site:** Irving K Barber Learning Center room 191, University of British Columbia, 1961 East Mall V6T 1Z1

Contact Aaron Cosenza: [xramis1@yahoo.ca](mailto:xramis1@yahoo.ca)

**BC Junior Chess**

For more info visit <http://juniorchess.ca/index.html>

**December Open**

**Dec 5-6, 2009 (Sat.-Sun.)**

**Location: Sprott Shaw College**

1176 8th Ave. New Westminster, BC (Second floor)

**Prizes:** \$250 Guaranteed first place. Rest based on entries.

**Time Control:** G90 Total game time 3 hours.

**Format:** 5 Round Swiss.

**Round Times:** Saturday 9:30, 1:00 and 5:00 or ASAP, Sunday 9:30 and 1:00

Half Point byes are available by request before the close of registration.

**Entry Fee:** \$35 includes BCCF membership fee CFC Regular rated. CFC membership required.

Preregister Online or by emailing the information on entry form to ChessBC@shaw.ca, then check in on site Saturday between 8:30 to 9:00 am.

On site registration closes at 9:00 am. If you arrive onsite after 9:00 go to the late registration desk.

**December Junior Open**

**Dec 6, 2009 (Sun.)**

**Location: Sprott Shaw College**

1176 8th Ave. New Westminster, BC (Second floor)

**Entry Fee:** There is a \$20 registration fee for this event.

**Membership:** A BC Junior Chess membership is required. Membership costs \$10 per year. Single event memberships are available for \$5. Unrated players receive free membership at their first event.

**Format:** The format is a 5 round Swiss with a 30 minute time control (60 minutes total game time).

**Sections:** The tournament is organized into sections according to your Chess Federation of Canada Rating.

1) Beginners Section includes all unrated players, up to a maximum CFC rating of 799.

2) Intermediate Section allows ratings up to 1200. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each section.

3) For Advanced players up to CFC 1500 rating three round Quads will be organized to allow 60 minute time controls.

However Advanced players may choose to play in the new Open Event at the same location. This 5 round Swiss with 90 minute time controls is open to adults. It takes place over Saturday and Sunday. See event details for more information.

Preregister online or email the information on entry form to ChessBC@Shaw.ca Then check in onsite before 9:30 with your signed form and pay \$20.

**Active Chess Tournament (Adult and Juniors)**

**Dec 12, 2009 (Sat.)**

**Location: Vancouver Bridge Center**

2776 E Broadway (Near Renfrew SkyTrain)

Vancouver, BC V5M 1Y8, Canada

**Rounds:** 5

**Starting Time:** Noon, 1:20pm, lunch, 2:50pm, 4:00pm, 5:05pm

**Type:** Swiss

**Time Controls:** G/25 with 5 sec increment or G/30

**Registration:** Onsite from 11:30am

**Entry Fee:** Adults \$15, Masters/Seniors/Juniors \$12, IM \$10

**Organizer:** Luc Poitras [queluc@lynx.net](mailto:queluc@lynx.net) (778) 846-0496

No Membership Required.

**Prizes:** \$100 (Guaranteed). Rest Based on Entries.

\*\*\* Bring your chess set and clock if possible. \*\*\*

**Active Chess Tournament (Adult and Juniors)**

**Dec 20, 2009 (Sun.)**

**Location: Vancouver Bridge Center**

2776 E Broadway (Near Renfrew SkyTrain)

Vancouver, BC V5M 1Y8, Canada

**Rounds:** 5

**Starting Time:** Noon, 1:20pm, lunch, 2:50pm, 4:00pm, 5:05pm

**Type:** Swiss

**Time Controls:** G/25 with 5 sec increment or G/30

**Registration:** Onsite from 11:30am

**Entry Fee:** Adults \$15, Masters/Seniors/Juniors \$12, IM \$10

**Organizer:** Luc Poitras [queluc@lynx.net](mailto:queluc@lynx.net) (778) 846-0496

No Membership Required.

**Prizes:** \$100 (Guaranteed). Rest Based on Entries.

\*\*\* Bring your chess set and clock if possible. \*\*\*

**New Year Open Open to Adults**

**Jan 23-24, 2010 (Sat.-Sun.)**

**Location: Sprott Shaw College, ([map](#))**

1176 8th Ave. New Westminster, BC (Second floor)

**Prizes:** \$250 Guaranteed first place. Rest based on entries.

**Time Control:** G90 Total game time 3 hours.

**Format:** 5 Round Swiss.

**Round Times:** Saturday 9:30, 1:00 and 5:00 or ASAP, Sunday 9:30 and 1:00 Half Point byes are available by request before the close of registration.

**Entry Fee:** \$35 includes BCCF membership fee. Pay on site.

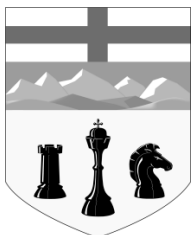
CFC Regular rated. CFC membership required.

**Preregister Online** or Email information on registration form to ChessBC@shaw.ca.

**Check in:** On site Saturday between 8:30 to 9:00 am

On site registration closes at 9:00.





## Alberta

For complete information on chess in Alberta visit...

[www.albertachess.org](http://www.albertachess.org)



### WBX Team Tournament

Part of the EICF

December 19-20

Edmonton Chess Club, #204, 10840 124 st.

TD: Aaron Sequillion

Time Control: Game in 90 minutes plus 30 seconds increment from move one

Round Times: Saturday 10am, 2pm, 6pm, Sunday 10am, ASAP (2pm)

Official registration will begin at 9:15am Saturday morning

Fee: 120\$ per team. Discounts for juniors and FIDE titled players. \$10 per junior (18 and younger) and \$20 per FIDE title. FIDE titles must play in at least 3 games to be eligible for discount

This tournament will be CFC and FIDE rated

CFC membership required, can be purchased at site

Prizes: 1st place team, 2nd place team, 1st place brd 1, 1st place brd 2, 1st place brd 3

Format subject to changes

If you wish to play but are unable to find a team, email [aaron\\_sequillion@hotmail.com](mailto:aaron_sequillion@hotmail.com)

Advanced registration preferred. You can either contact me by email or by leaving a message on the ECC voicemail (780) 424-0283

This is the final *Road Warrior* event for 2009!

### 4<sup>th</sup> Edmonton International Chess Festival

**December 17-21 2009**

**Edmonton Chess Club**

**10 player round robin**

**GM & IM norms possible**

**All games to be broadcast live, website TBA**

**Visit the ECC\ACA websites for details**

**It keeps getting better!**

[www.edmontonchessclub.org](http://www.edmontonchessclub.org)

[www.albertachess.org](http://www.albertachess.org)

### Schleinich Memorial

**January 8-10, 2010**

**Calgary Chess Club**

**Details to be announced December 1**

**First event on the ACA Calendar for 2010**

**This is a *Road Warrior* event!**

**Visit [www.albertachess.org](http://www.albertachess.org) for updates**

### Edmonton Chess Club



204, 10840-124 St.

**Mondays & Thursday**

**7-11 p.m.**

**Saturdays**

**1-5 p.m.**

Phone 780.424.0283

Website

[www.edmontonchessclub.org](http://www.edmontonchessclub.org)

### Play Chess

At

**The Calgary Chess Club**



**274 3359 27th St. NE**

**Every Tuesday ,**

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**Friday from 7 p.m.**

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**Saturdays**

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# 2010 Trumpeter Classic

[www.gpchessclub.com](http://www.gpchessclub.com)

A Registered Road Warrior Event!

An Alberta Chess Association Sponsored Event!



## Where:

### **Sandman Hotel**

(Next to Earl's)  
9805 100 Street  
Grande Prairie, Alberta  
(780) 513-5555

## When:

**January 30 - 31, 2010**

## **\$40 Entry Fee, \$30 for Juniors**

CFC Membership Required  
(Can Be Purchased On Site)

FREE Entry GM's, IM's and Defending Champ

## **Nicholas Moloney**

**5 Rounds, Swiss Pairing System**

**Time Control: Game in 90 minutes  
+ 30 sec per move from move 1**

**Register: 8:45 AM to 9:45 AM  
Saturday Morning (On Site)**

Sat - Round 1 - 10:00 AM  
Sat - Round 2 - 2:30 PM  
Sat - Round 3 - 7:00 PM

Sun - Round 4 - 9:00 AM  
Sun - Round 5 - 1:30 PM

## **\$700 Prize Fund**

**... plus some Awesome Door Prizes!**  
(Prize Fund Based on 20 Adult Entries)

## **Special Events This Year**

### Friday Night Speed Chess Tournament

**Date:** January 29, 2010 (Friday Night)  
**Time:** 8:00 PM at the Sandman Hotel

Register: 7:00 PM to 7:45 PM (On Site)

**Time Control:** Game in 5 minutes

**\$10 Entry Fee (\$200 Prize Fund Guaranteed)**

**\$100 (1st) \$60 (2nd) \$40 (3rd)**

This tournament will be limited to 10 players  
as this will be a Round Robin tournament.

**Note:** If more than 10 register, we will take  
the top 10 highest rated players.

### Car Pool Cash Incentive Program

If you car pool with 3 or more chess  
players (who play in the Trumpeter  
Classic), the Grande Prairie Chess  
Society will help with the high cost  
of gasoline and snacks!

Edmonton - \$50 per car  
Calgary - \$75 per car  
Other cities must call (\$75 max per car)

For more info, call Tournament Organizer, Tim Pradzinski at (780) 518-2281



## Ontario

For complete information on chess in Ontario visit...

[www.chessontario.com](http://www.chessontario.com)

### Canadian Forces Chess Tournament - Kingston

**City:** Kingston

**Contact/Organizer:** Major Regis Bellemare

[Regis.bellemare@forces.gc.ca](mailto:Regis.bellemare@forces.gc.ca)

**Tour Director:** Corporal Brian Murray

[brian.murray@forces.gc.ca](mailto:brian.murray@forces.gc.ca)

**Date:** November 28-29, 2009

**Place:** Fort Frontenac Officer's Mess (FFOM), Griffon Room.

**Rds:** 4

**Times:** Saturday 10:15am, 2pm; Sunday 10am, 2:30pm

**Type:** Swiss

**TC:** Rds 1&2 G/90; Rds 3&4 G/90 + 30 seconds.

**EF:** \$20. Pre-register before Nov 21st to receive \$5 discount.

**Prizes:** First active military, First active civilian, First retired member (civilian or military)

**Reg:** Pre-registration only, by email to the organizer

**Misc:** This tournament is open to active or retired Canadian Forces (CF) members or civilian working for CF or Department of National Defense (DND).

**Opening Ceremony:** Saturday 28 Nov, 10h00 (in uniform for military personnel).

**Accommodation:** Available at Kingston base at the cost of \$30 per night. Room to be requested when you register. Places are limited.

**Meals:** Participant can eat at the Officers' Mess.

**Dress Code:** Casual (ie. dress slacks and shirt, turtleneck shirt, or equivalent attire for ladies).

**CFC Membership:** Required and available at the door for \$41 adults, \$27 juniors, or \$20 for the tournament.

### 2009 National Capital Open

**City:** Ottawa

**Date:** December 4th - 6th

**Place:** RA Centre, 2451 Riverside Drive

**Contact:** [arismarghetis@rogers.com](mailto:arismarghetis@rogers.com)

**Rds:** 5

**Times:** Friday @ 7pm, Saturday @ 1pm & 6pm, Sunday 9am & 2pm

**Type:** Swiss

**TC:** G/90 + 30 sec inc. per move

**EF:** from free to \$75 (see weblink at "Miscellaneous" below)

**Prizes:** see weblink at "Miscellaneous" below

**Reg:** see weblink at "Miscellaneous" below

**Misc:** [http://www.eoca.org/htm/tournaments\\_2009-2010.html](http://www.eoca.org/htm/tournaments_2009-2010.html)

### 2009 Winter Super Challenge

**City:** North York

**Contact:** [vpchess@yahoo.com](mailto:vpchess@yahoo.com)

**Date:** December 5th, 2009

**Place:** Victoria Park C.I., 15 Wallingford Road

**Province:** ON

**Rds:** 5

**Type:** Swiss

**Times:** Reg: 9:00am-9:25 am; Rd1 9:30am-10:30am; Rd2 10:40am-11:40am; Rd3 11:50am-12:50pm; Lunch 12:50pm-1:10pm; Rd4 1:10pm-3:10pm; Rd5 3:20pm-5:20pm; Closing Ceremony 5:20pm-5:45pm

**TC:** Open Section & U1200 - Rounds 1-3 SD/30, Rounds 4-5 SD/60; Other sections All rounds SD/30

**EF:** By Cheque: \$28 before Nov 27th; By PayPal

**Online:** \$25.75 before Nov 27th; a \$10 late fee will be charged after Nov 27th.

**Prizes:** \$\$Prize & Trophy & Medal

**Reg:** Payment: Cheques in advance by mail to Yuanling Yuan, 83 Maxome Avenue, Toronto, ON M2M 3K2 OR by email to [vpchess@yahoo.com](mailto:vpchess@yahoo.com) OR [WEBSITE ONLINE](http://www.vpchess.com)

### Hart House Holidays Open

**City:** Toronto

**Contact:** [alex.ferreira@utoronto.ca](mailto:alex.ferreira@utoronto.ca)

**Date:** December 18th-20th, 2009

**Place:** Debates Room on 2nd Floor, Hart House, University of Toronto, 7 Hart House Circle

**Province:** ON

**Rds:** 5

**Type:** Swiss

**Times:** Fri 6pm, Sat & Sun 10am & 4pm

**TC:** 30/90, SD/60 for U2100, U1800, U1500 --- 120 mins with 30 sec increment for Open Section

**EF:** \$60

**Prizes:** \$3,500 projected

**Reg:** Onsite 5pm-5:30pm December 18th OR Advance cheque by Dec 17th to Hart House Chess Club - 7 Hart House Circle, Toronto, ON M5S 3H3 OR by email to [alex.ferreira@utoronto.ca](mailto:alex.ferreira@utoronto.ca)

**Misc:** Please bring sets and clocks. No smoking, no computers, no cellphones. Check our website for all details including;

- Printable copy of flyer

- Prize Fund Projection

- Maps & Parking Info

<http://hhchess.sa.utoronto.ca/hhopen>



## London November Open

**City:** London

**Date:** November 28, 2009

**Place:** Hillside Church (250 Commissioners Rd. East)

**Rds:** 4

**Start Time:** Saturday 10am

**Type:** Swiss, Standard Rated

**TC:** 1 Hour Sudden Death

**EF:** \$20

**Prizes:** \$\$BEN\$\$

**Reg:** 9:30am - 9:55am

**Misc:** Free parking in back of church. Bring clocks and sets. For more information contact Steve Demmery (519-642-1012) or

E-Mail: [chesslessons@mail.com](mailto:chesslessons@mail.com)

## London December Open

**City:** London

**Date:** December 19, 2009

**Place:** Hillside Church (250 Commissioners Rd. East)

**Rds:** 4

**Start Time:** Saturday 10am

**Type:** Swiss, Standard Rated

**TC:** 1 Hour Sudden Death

**EF:** \$20

**Prizes:** \$\$BEN\$\$

**Reg:** 9:30am - 9:55am

**Misc:** Free parking in back of church. Bring clocks and sets. For more information contact Steve Demmery (519-642-1012) or

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## London January Open

**City:** London

**Date:** January 30, 2010

**Place:** Hillside Church (250 Commissioners Rd. East)

**Rds:** 4

**Start Time:** Saturday 10am

**Type:** Swiss, Standard Rated

**TC:** 1 Hour Sudden Death

**EF:** \$20

**Prizes:** \$\$BEN\$\$

**Reg:** 9:30am - 9:55am

**Misc:** Free parking in back of church. Bring clocks and sets. For more information contact Steve Demmery (519-642-1012) or E-

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## London February Open

**City:** London

**Date:** February 27, 2010

**Place:** Hillside Church (250 Commissioners Rd. East)

**Rds:** 4

**Start Time:** Saturday 10am

**Type:** Swiss, Standard Rated

**TC:** 1 Hour Sudden Death

**EF:** \$20

**Prizes:** \$\$BEN\$\$

**Reg:** 9:30am - 9:55am

**Misc:** Free parking in back of church. Bring clocks and sets. For more information contact Steve Demmery (519-642-1012) or E-

Mail: [chesslessons@mail.com](mailto:chesslessons@mail.com)

## Canadian Post Secondary Chess Championship

January 15, 16, 17 (Fri, Sat, Sun)

Great Hall, Hart House, University of Toronto

University of Toronto and the Hart House Chess Club will be hosting next year's Canadian Post-Secondary Chess Championship

This is a team event

Open to University & College students, faculty & staff

Style: 2 section Swiss

Over 1750 and Under 1750

Rounds: 6:30pm Friday, 10am & 3pm Saturday & Sunday

Time Control: Game in 90 + 30 seconds increment

Entry Fee: \$120 per team - \$20 discount if registered in advance by cheque by December 15th

Free for schools outside of Ontario (register by e-mail by Dec. 15)

### CFC Membership required

Accommodation: Holiday Inn, 10 minute walk  
Discount rates if booked by December 15th

Other Info: Equipment provided. Lunch included  
Saturday & Sunday

Tournament Director: Bryan Lamb

Organizer: Hart House Chess Club

Contact Alexander Safir at [alexsafir88@gmail.com](mailto:alexsafir88@gmail.com)

All details including:

- Accommodation
- maps / directions
- printable copy of the flyer

can be found on our website

<http://hhchess.sa.utoronto.ca/cpscc>

See you all in January!

Alex Ferreira

Hart House Chess Club

Director of Communications

## Attention CFC Members!

Notify the CFC if you have changed your email address!

Send your new address to  
[info@chess.ca](mailto:info@chess.ca)



## Québec

Pour la information de echec  
dans le Québec regarde...

<http://fqechecs.qc.ca/index.php>

### Tournoi du Père-Noël 2009

#### Tournoi du Tour du Québec

**Prix :** \$2000

**Date :** 26-27-28-29-30 décembre 2009

**Endroit :** Centre Saint-Henri (Centre communautaire)

530 Rue du Couvent, Montréal, (Québec) (2 minutes du métro Place Saint-Henri à côté de la caserne de pompiers)

**Frais d'inscription :** Section A : 50\$; Sections B et C : 40\$

Gratuit pour les GM, MI et MF

**Gratuit pour les Maîtres québécois si leur participation est annoncée avant le 10 décembre sinon 20\$ sans frais supplémentaires**

Moins de 18 ans : 25\$

60 ans et + : 25\$

Sans-cote : 25\$

**Type :** Tournoi système suisse de 5 rondes coté FQE.

**Cadence :** 30/75 min + 40 min/mat avec 30 sec d'incrémentation ou 30/90 min et 1h00 mat.

**Arbitre :** Alexandre Ber et Louis-Philippe Amesse

**Bye :** Byes disponibles pour les rondes 1-2-3. Maximum de 2 byes.

**Section A (ouverte)**

1-500\$ 2-300\$ 3-200\$ **Section B (-1800)**

1-275\$ 2-150\$ 3-75\$ **Section C (-1500 et sc.)**

1-275\$ 2-150\$ 3-75\$

**\*\*\*À partir de 75 inscriptions à tarif régulier, 75% du montant des inscriptions seront ajoutés à la bourse\*\*\***

**Horaire :** Inscription tardive entre 11h00 et 12h15.

Samedi 26 décembre 13h

Dimanche 27 décembre 13h

Lundi 28 décembre 18h

Mardi 29 décembre 18h

Mercredi 30 décembre 18h

**N. B. Inscriptions le 26 décembre : 10\$ de frais supplémentaires**

**Organisateur :** Fédération québécoise des échecs

**Directeur du tournoi :** Sylvain Millette 514.344.1415 ou [reti@videotron.ca](mailto:reti@videotron.ca)

**En collaboration avec les Loisirs St-Henri.**

**Inscriptions au Café Pi : Au plus tard le 23 décembre 18h00.**

4127 boul. St-Laurent (coin Rachel) de 10h00 à 24h00

**\*\*Par la poste à :** Fédération québécoise des échecs C.P. 1000, Succursale M, Montréal (QC) H1V 3R2

**\*\*Les inscriptions par la poste doivent être reçues au plus tard le 18 décembre\*\***

Sylvain Millette

26-12-2009

# Championnat Jeunesse du Québec 2009

De la Fédération québécoise des échecs



Avec la collaboration toute spéciale de **Kraft Canada** et les **Biscuits Leclerc**

Organisé par la **FQE**  
et des bénévoles de la **Ligue d'Échecs des Écoles Secondaires (LEES)**

Responsables impliqués de la Ligue d'Échecs des Écoles du Secondaire (LEES) :

Marc Poulin, Claude Lalumière et Line Lamontagne  
Avec la collaboration de Kraft Canada et de Biscuits Leclerc  
Ainsi que de l'AEM (Association Échecs et Maths)

**Prix:** Trophées et certificats cadeaux de 75\$, 50\$ et de 25\$ pour les 3 premiers de chaque section (les titres et les trophées sont réservés aux joueurs résidant au Québec depuis au moins 6 mois).

**Lieu:** Au Collège Brébeuf, 3200 chemin de la côte Ste-Catherine, Montréal

**Date:** 27-28-29 novembre 2009

**Inscription:**

Préinscription: 30\$

Inscription sur place: 40\$

Les préinscriptions doivent être reçues au plus tard le 20 novembre 2009.

Les chèques doivent être faits à l'ordre la Fédération québécoise des échecs.

[Liste des pré-inscriptions](#)

**IMPORTANT:** Les joueurs doivent être ou devenir membres de la FQE: seule la cote FQE<sup>1</sup> sera utilisée pour les appariements et le tournoi sera coté FQE.

CADET (moins de 16 ans): adhésion 1 an: sans revue 10\$; avec revue 22\$

**Horaire:**

Inscription: 17h45 à 18h30

Rondes:

-vendredi 19h

-samedi 10h et 14h

-dimanche 10h et 14h

Byes<sup>2</sup> disponibles pour les rondes 1,2 et 3 et doivent être demandés avant le début du tournoi (maximum de 2 byes).

**Sections:** Les joueurs doivent s'inscrire dans leur section (âge au 1er janvier 2009)

-U16 (né en 1993 ou 1994)

-U14 (né en 1995 ou 1996)

-U12 (né en 1997 ou 1998)

-U10 (né en 1999 ou après)

**Cadence**<sup>3</sup> Il s'agit d'un tournoi de parties lentes<sup>4</sup>.

60 minutes mat + 30 secondes d'incrémentation depuis le début de la partie ou 1h30 mat.

(la cadence incrémentée<sup>5</sup> a préséance).

Pour connaître les règles du tournoi, cliquez ici

\* Les jeux seront fournis par la FQE et il y aura des horloges en location disponible au coût de 2\$ par partie.

\*Tout excédant financier sera versé au fonds de développement jeunesse de la FQE.

Une aire de repos avec tables et chaises est réservée pour les parents et accompagnateurs et il y a du stationnement sur le côté du Collège.

Pour communiquer avec la FQE et pour poster l'inscription:

Téléphone : 514-252-3034 Télécopieur : 514-251-8038

Fédération québécoise des échecs C.P. 1000 succursale M, Montréal H1V 3R2

Pour tout autres renseignements vous pouvez nous contacter à l'adresse suivante:

[championnatjeunesse09@gmail.com](mailto:championnatjeunesse09@gmail.com) ou

<http://championnatjeunesse.blogspot.com/>

Je me ferai un plaisir de transmettre le message à la personne la plus concernée



## Championnat de parties rapides du CEH

Horaire : 5 janvier 2010

Endroit : Cercle d'échecs de Hull, 120 rue charlevoix,  
819-595-7288

Nombre de rondes : tout dépendant du nombre de  
joueurs

Système : Round-robin : deux sections et une finale

Cadence : 5 minutes/mat

Inscription : avant le mardi 5 janvier 2010 18h30

Bienvenus à tous!!!

Yvan Brousseau



## Prince Edward Island

### 2010 UPEI Winter Active

City: Charlottetown

Contact: [fred\\_mckim@hotmail.com](mailto:fred_mckim@hotmail.com)

Date: Saturday January 16th, 2009

Place: UPEI, Kelley Building, Room 210

Province: PE

Rds: 5

Type: Swiss

Times: 11am, 12pm, 2pm, 3pm, 4pm

TC: G/30

EF: \$15, \$10 (students)

Prizes: Cash prizes (All entries minus CFC Rating Fees)

Reg: Pre-register prior to Jan 15th for above rates.

Misc: Storm Day = Jan 17th.

**Register your tournament  
on the CFC website  
Its FREE!**

Go to  
[www.chess.ca/tournaments.htm](http://www.chess.ca/tournaments.htm)  
to submit your event

**They won't come if they don't  
know about it!**

## Mate in 2

Try your hand at these problems. Solutions are found on  
the last page.

1. D.J. Shire 1997



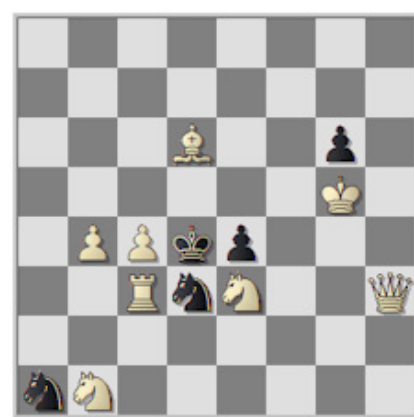
White to play and mate in 2

2. L. Shanahan 2001



White to play and mate in 2

3. W. Meredith 1886



White to play and mate in 2

**RATINGS****Top Canadian FIDE Ratings**

1	Kovalyov, Anton	QC	2601
2	Spraggett, Kevin	ON	2594
3	Bluvshstein, Mark	ON	2583
4	Le Siège, Alexandre	QC	2528
5	Charbonneau, Pascal	QC	2509
6	Tyomkin, Dimitry	ON	2497
7	Sambuev, Bator	ON	2491
8	Roussel-Roozmon, Thomas	QC	2488
9	Zugic, Igor	ON	2462
10	Gerzhoy, Leonid	ON	2456
11	Biyiasis, Peter	BC	2450
12	Teplitsky, Yan	ON	2448
13	Porper, Edward	AB	2445
14	Hébert, Jean	QC	2420
15	Suttles, Duncan	BC	2420
16	Pelts, Roman	ON	2417
17	Quan, Zhe	ON	2416
18	Hansen, Eric	AB	2409
19	Hartman, Brian	ON	2409
20	Krnan, Tomas	ON	2408
21	Adam, Dr. Valerian	BC	2407
22	Kriventsov, Stanislav	BC	2406
23	Panjwani, Raja	ON	2401
24	Samsonkin, Artiom	ON	2396
25	Teodoro IV, Eduardo D.	ON	2387
26	Hergott, Deen	ON	2385
27	Yoos, John C. (Jack)	BC	2375
28	Lawson, Eric	QC	2373
29	Pechenkin, Vladimir	AB	2372
30	O'Donnell, Tom	ON	2370
31	Micic, Chedomir	ON	2366
32	Cummings, David	ON	2360
33	Noritsyn, Nikolay	ON	2360
34	Tayar, Jonathan	ON	2356
35	Amos, Bruce	ON	2355
36	Glinert, Stephen	ON	2349
37	Schleifer, Michael	QC	2339
38	Livshits, Ron	ON	2336
39	Coudari, Camille	QC	2325
40	Gicev, Blagoj	AB	2325
41	Thavandiran, Shiyam	ON	2323
42	Stone, Raymond	ON	2321
43	Vranesic, Zvonko	ON	2320
44	Jiang, Louie	QC	2312
45	Milicevic, Goran	ON	2288
46	Hamilton, Robert	ON	2285
47	Day, Lawrence	ON	2279
48	Sasata, Robert	SK	2279
49	Duong, Thanh Nha	QC	2278
50	Nurmi, Peter	ON	2275

**Top Canadian CFC Rated**

1	Kovalyov, Anton	QC	2638
2	Bluvshstein, Mark	ON	2634
3	Sambuev, Bator	ON	2632
4	Samsonkin, Artiom	ON	2594
5	Gerzhoy, Leonid	ON	2577
6	Noritsyn, Nikolay	ON	2542
7	Charbonneau, Pascal	QC	2520
8	Porper, Edward	AB	2518
9	Zugic, Igor	ON	2516
10	Roussel-Roozmon, Thomas	QC	2504
11	Hansen, Eric	AB	2494
12	Hébert, Jean	QC	2494
13	Krnan, Tomas	ON	2484
14	Panjwani, Raja	ON	2466
15	Quan, Zhe	ON	2462
16	Thavandiran, Shiyam	ON	2460
17	Tayar, Jonathan	ON	2460
18	Yoos, John C. (Jack)	BC	2444
19	Hartman, Brian	ON	2428
20	Cummings, David	ON	2427
21	O'Donnell, Tom	ON	2426
22	Sapozhnikov, Roman	ON	2412
23	Livshits, Ron	ON	2412
24	Pechenkin, Vladimir	AB	2402
25	Milicevic, Goran	ON	2400
26	Piasetski, Leon	BC	2396
27	Teodoro IV, Eduardo D.	ON	2390
28	Gicev, Blagoj	AB	2386
29	Sasata, Robert	SK	2384
30	Hamilton, Robert	ON	2370
31	Barron, Michael	ON	2368
32	Plotkin, Victor	ON	2362
33	Micic, Chedomir	ON	2358
34	Divljan, Igor	ON	2349
35	Pacey, Kevin	ON	2345
36	Schleifer, Michael	QC	2344
37	Lee Jr., Vicente	BC	2344
38	Martchenko, Alexander	ON	2340
39	Jiang, Louie	QC	2338
40	Bailey, Doug	ON	2333
41	Mark, Eddie	ON	2332
42	Gansvind, Valeria	BC	2332
43	Huber, Gregory	AB	2330
44	Calugar, Arthur	ON	2329
45	Peng, David (Yu)	ON	2328
46	Szalay, Karoly	ON	2324
47	Kaminski, Victor	AB	2315
48	Haessel, Dale	AB	2312
49	Crisan, Ioan	ON	2310
50	Gardner, Robert J.	AB	2308

**Top Female**

1	Gansvind, Valeria	BC	2332
2	Yuan, Yuanling	ON	2304
3	Khoudgarian, Natalia	ON	2244
4	Kagramanov, Dina	ON	2218
5	Starr, Nava	ON	2116
6	Lacau-Rodean, Iulia	ON	2056
7	Kagramanov, Dalia	ON	1983
8	Du, Jasmine	NS	1973
9	Orlova, Yelizaveta	ON	1948
10	Kalaydina, Regina-Veronica	AB	1898
11	Nadeau, Gabrielle	ON	1897
12	Botez, Alexandra	BC	1893
13	Xiong, Sonja	ON	1885
14	Chichkina, Olya	ON	1885
15	Serbanescu, Natasa	ON	1880
16	Szucs, Nadia	ON	1633
17	Powell, Samantha	ON	1606
18	Todd, Adie	AB	1596
19	Peng, Jackie	ON	1567
20	Darbyson, Melissa	ON	1560

**Top Under 20 years**

1	Samsonkin, Artiom	20	ON	2594
2	Panjwani, Raja	19	ON	2466
3	Quan, Zhe	19	ON	2462
4	Peng, David (Yu)	20	ON	2328
5	Vincent, Trevor	19	MB	2304
6	Humphreys, Michael	20	ON	2144
7	Derraugh, Geordie	20	ON	2098
8	Pan, Neal	20	ON	2020
9	Khayutin, Constantine	20	ON	1980
10	Longo, Tyler	20	ON	1973

**Top Under 18 years**

1	Kovalyov, Anton	17	QC	2638
2	Noritsyn, Nikolay	18	ON	2542
3	Hansen, Eric	17	AB	2494
4	Thavandiran, Shiyam	17	ON	2460
5	Kaminski, Victor	18	AB	2315
6	Hambleton, Aman	17	ON	2308
7	Davies, Noam	18	BC	2212
8	Me, Kevin	17	SK	2189
9	Araullo, Paolo	17	MB	2187
10	Oussedik, Elias	18	NB	2094

Solutions to chess problems from page 48

1.Kh2

2.Bh5

3.Qh5

**Top Under 16 years**

1	Sapozhnikov, Roman	15	ON	2412
2	Martchenko, Alexander	16	ON	2340
3	Jiang, Louie	16	QC	2338
4	Calugar, Arthur	15	ON	2329
5	Szalay, Karoly	16	ON	2324
6	Yuan, Yuanling	15	ON	2304
7	Xiong, Jerry	15	ON	2286
8	MacKinnon, Keith	16	SK	2276
9	Sundar, Avinaash	16	ON	2228
10	Rakov, Pavel	16	ON	2222

**Top Under 14 years**

1	Kaminski, Thomas	14	AB	2223
2	Qin, Zi Yi (Joey)	13	ON	2215
3	Marinkovic, Mate	14	ON	2156
4	Gusev, Nikita	14	ON	2134
5	Sohal, Tanraj S.	13	BC	2104
6	Zhang, David	14	AB	2088
7	Li, Changhe	13	BC	2071
8	Inigo, Aquino	14	ON	2065
9	Leu, Richard	13	ON	2036
10	Florea, Alexandru	13	ON	2035

**Top Under 12 years**

1	Wang, Richard	11	AB	2154
2	Knox, Christopher	12	ON	2093
3	Fu, James	12	ON	1978
4	Kalra, Agastya	12	ON	1924
5	Liu, Steven H.	12	ON	1912
6	Swift, Ryne	11	MB	1808
7	Lai, Jingzhou (Peter)	12	BC	1801
8	Song, Guannan Terry	11	ON	1780
9	Zhang, Kevin Z.	11	ON	1710
10	Lai, Jonathan	12	ON	1709

**Top Under 10 years**

1	Kong, Dezheng	10	BC	1963
2	Doknjas, John	10	BC	1890
3	Song, Michael	10	ON	1840
4	Awatramani, Janak	10	BC	1770
5	Bellissimo, Joseph	9	ON	1608
6	Lee, Jonah	9	BC	1562
7	Zhang, Yuanchen	8	ON	1558
8	Wan, Kevin	8	ON	1547
9	Shi, Diwen	10	AB	1542
10	Huang, Zhonglin	10	AB	1518