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BC Chess Federation

HERE AND THERE

Reykjavik Open (March 15-21)

Held at the spectacular Harpa Concert Hall and Conference Centre in Iceland's capital, this year's [Reykjavik Open](#) attracted just under four hundred players, including twenty-seven grandmasters and thirty-two international masters. Thirteen Canadians were also part of the field, headed by FM Aaron Reeve Mendes and IM Trinh Nha Duong. 2022 BC Champion Keith MacKinnon was another participant along with the streaming Botez sisters Alexandra and Andrea, former residents of this province. Romanian GM Deac Bogdan-Daniel managed to live up to



his top ranking by taking clear first with 7.5/9, just ahead of GMs Sebastien Maze (France), Paulius Pultinevicius (Lithuania), Praveen Balakrishnan (USA), Vahap Sanal (Türkiye), Gudmundur Kjartansson and Hedinn Steingrímsson (both Iceland), and IM Matthew Wadsworth (England). Best Canadian scores were achieved by Keith and Trinh (6.0 points) and Aaron and Zachary Saine (5.5 each); those gaining the most rating points were David Zhou, Henry Pollitt, Andrew Leliveld, and Frederic Reynaud. Keith's tournament suffered from the yo-yo effect, almost all his opponents were more than 200 rating points above or below him. However, in the first round he did have the honour of playing the Ukrainian legend Vasyl Ivanchuk.

Ivanchuk, Vasyl (2625) – MacKinnon, Keith (2142) [D38] Reykjavik op Reykjavik (1.2), 15.03.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 d5 4.Nc3 Bb4 5.Bg5 h6 6.Bxf6 Qxf6 7.Qb3 Nc6 8.e3 dxc4 9.Qxc4 0–0
10.Be2 Bd6 11.0–0 a6 12.Rac1 Rb8 13.Rfd1 b5 14.Qb3 Bb7 15.Ne4 Qe7 16.Nfd2 e5 17.Nxd6
Qxd6 18.d5 Na5 19.Qc3 b4 20.Qc5 Qb6 21.Qxc7 Qxc7 22.Rxc7 Ba8 23.e4 Rb6 24.Rdc1 f5 25.f3
Rf7 26.Rc8+ 1–0

**Lohia, Sohum (2354) – MacKinnon, Keith (2142) [B01] Reykjavik op Reykjavik (8.41),
20.03.2024**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Qxd5 3.Nc3 Qd6 4.d4 Nf6 5.Nf3 c6 6.g3 Bf5 7.Bg2 e6 8.0–0 h6 9.Ne2 Be7 10.c4
0–0 11.a3 Qd8 12.Bf4 Nbd7 13.Nc3 Ne4 14.Nxe4 Bxe4 15.Re1 Nf6 16.Qb3 Qb6 17.Qc3 a5
18.Be5 Bg6 19.c5 Qd8 20.Bxf6 Bxf6 21.Ne5 Bxe5 22.dxe5 Qd3 23.Qxd3 Bxd3 24.Rad1 Rfd8
25.Re3 Bc4 26.Rd6 Kf8 27.Rc3 Ba2 28.b3 Ke7 29.Be4 a4 30.b4 Bd5 31.Bc2 f6 32.Rxd8 Kxd8
33.exf6 gxf6 34.f4 Kc7 35.Kf2 b6 36.cxb6+ Kxb6 37.g4 Rg8 38.Kg3 f5 39.h3 fxc4 40.hxg4 e5
41.fxe5 h5 42.Bf5 hxg4 43.Bc2 Kb5 44.Rc5+ Kb6 45.Rc3 Kb5 46.Bd3+ Kb6 47.Bc4 Bxc4 48.Rxc4
Re8 49.Re4 c5 50.Kxg4 Kc6 51.bxc5 Kd5 52.Kf4 Rf8+ 53.Ke3 Rh8 54.Rxa4 Rh3+ 55.Kd2 Kxe5
56.c6 Kd6 57.Ra6 Kc7 58.a4 Rh6 59.Ra7+ Kb6 60.Rg7 ½–½

UBC Rapid (March 17)

Despite minimal advertising seventy-two players participated in the second annual rapid event organized by the UBC Chess Club, split almost exactly into Open and U1400 sections. The [Open](#) had seven players rated over 2000 including an IM, an FM, and two NMs but these are Quick ratings we're talking about; not a few players are significantly unrated using this system which explains a fair number of the 'upsets,' apart from individuals simply having an off day or the general volatility of rapid play. There were clear winners for the top three places, Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, Kate Zhang, and Ethan Song, none of whom were ranked in the top four at the beginning of the event. (Regular and Quick ratings for Ryan – 2278 and 1941, for Ethan – 2335 and 1771.) Moral of the story – play the board, not the rating. In the [U1400 Section](#) newcomer Moses Hsu swept the field, scoring a perfect 6.0/6. Cole Newton was clear second with 5.0 points, while a further half-point back were Oliver Jacobs, Ryder Hsu, and Koorosh Javidi.

Salmon Arm Rapid (March 16) by Zack Metcalfe



From the left, winners Graham Swett, Kevin Moore, Greg Bishop, and Craig Bacon (tournament director) (all photos by Zack Metcalfe)

The Salmon Arm Chess Club, which meets every Wednesday to indulge the royal game, hosted its very own tournament on Saturday, March 16 at the Comfort Inn, sponsored in part by SASCU (Salmon Arm Savings and Credit Union). The event, which drew talent from Kamloops, Kelowna, Revelstoke, Vernon and even Alaska, went six rounds with nineteen players, using a 12 minute time control and 5 second increment. This, the “Salmon Arm Rapid,” ended in a four-way tie for first place. The prize money was split evenly between the winners, and the trophy was awarded to Graham Swett of Kelowna, who’d overcome the stiffest competition in the course of the tournament. Awards also went to Zachary Chruszcz (Top U1300), Cole Toponce (Top Unrated), and Pam Arsenault (Top Female).



Zachary Chruszcz (left)



Pamela Arsenault

West Vancouver Rapid March (March 3)



Held at West Vancouver United Church, the [March Rapid](#) consisted of the usual format (seven rounds of 12 + 5) and attracted thirty players. Organizer Luc Poitras joined NM Roman Jiganchine at the top of the crosstable in tying for first place, both with 6.0/7. Three players scored 5.0 points, Yidong Chen, Joe Oszvald, and Weijia Huang – the first two shared third place while Weijia took the top U2000 prize. Andrew Yin, Samuel Lu, and Daniel Zhu tied for the U1600 prize and Evan Geng was best U1200. The next tournament is scheduled for April 21.

Chess in the Park 2 (March 2) by Paul Leblanc

Is Raymond Manguerra Victoria's Newest Chess Star?



Gorge Park Pavilion

Forty players gathered in the picturesque Gorge Park Pavilion in Esquimalt on Saturday, March 2 for a five-round CFC rated rapid tournament. Clear winner with 5.0-0.0 was Raymond Manguerra followed closely by David Armstrong at 4.5. Manguerra's only previous Canadian appearance was the 2017 Jack Taylor Memorial. He explained that his formative chess years were in the Philippines but that work and family have occupied his time since moving to Canada. We hope to see more of him on the chess scene. [Standings](#)



TD Marc Moisan, Organizer Paul Leblanc, Raymond Manguerra

David Anderson took second place with a last-round win against Paul Leblanc. Austin Beech took the U1400 prize with a score of 4.0-1.0, losing only to Maverick Billings who shared the U1000 prize with Coen Holmgren. The top unrated player was Carlo Hildebrand with a score of 2.0-3.0.



Manguerra vanquished Logan McLeod on board one during the last round. McLeod normally resides in Whitehorse but is attending UVic.

Graz Open (February 17-23)

While most local players took the opportunity to play in the BC Open during the Family Day long weekend, there were a few who travelled elsewhere. One such was Elliot McCallum, who was one of the participants in the [Graz International Open](#) in Austria. Playing in the B Group, Elliot scored 4.0/9 for a rating gain of 65 points. Also in the section were two other Canadians, Andrew Vlasblom of Jarvis, Ontario who finished with 3.5 points, and Aaron Both from Saskatoon who tied for first with Alba De Lomas Busquets (Spain) and Max Poljan (Croatia) on 7.5 points. The A Group winner was Polish GM Bartosz Socko (7.5/9). There was also an adjunct blitz tournament, won by German IM Alexander Krastev with 9.5/11; Aaron, Elliot, and Andrew scored 5.5, 5.0, and 4.0 points respectively.

15th Southwest Class Championships (February 15-19)

Another foursome who competed out-of-province on the long weekend were NM Ethan Song, NM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang, NM Zachary Hankun Liu, and Aiden Leong who journeyed to Irving, Texas for the [Southwest Class Championships](#). They do things big in Texas – the tournament attracted over four hundred and twenty participants; the Master Section of one hundred included our quartet. The overall winner was Hungarian GM Gleb Dudin, who turns twenty later this year, with a score of 7.0/9, a half point ahead of GMs Fidel Corrales Jimenez (USA), Batsuren Dambasuren (Mongolia), David Brodsky (USA), and Robby Kevlishvili (Netherlands), IM Safal Bora (USA), and Canada's GM-elect Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux. Ethan and Ryan both finished on 50%, Aiden had 3.5 and Zachary 2.0 Also playing, in the B Section, was Zhihan (Samuel) Xu, formerly of West Vancouver, who now lives in Florida – he scored 4.0/7,

Team BC to Play Alberta in Salmon Arm 3-5 May 2024 by Paul Leblanc



Last year's team

The 3rd annual match will take place at the Salmon Arm Comfort Inn. Details are on the BCCF website under coming events. Invitations will be sent out shortly. If your rating is above 2000 and you are interested in representing BC in this match, please contact Paul Leblanc pc-leblanc@shaw.ca

VANCOUVER CHESS FESTIVAL #6 (March 9-10)



Held as usual in the Ponderosa Ballroom at UBC, Vancouver Chess Festival #6 repeated the by-now familiar formula of previous festivals – three Classical sections along with a Rapid event, but as before no blitz this time to allow room for a Chess Challenge Regional on the Sunday morning. A total of one hundred and twenty-nine players made it to UBC; we were expecting a few more, but Saturday was also the date of a Triathlon/Duathlon (same as a triathlon but without the swimming) at UBC. The resultant road closures prevented some of our preregistered from arriving in time.

The fifteen-player [Open Section](#) featured two IMs (the newly returned to chess Bindi Cheng and the veteran Leon Piasetski, the latter having spent much time lately in South America) and two NMs (2022 BC Champion Keith MacKinnon and current Junior Champion Jingyun (Ryan) Yang. Bindi gained revenge for his loss to Ryan at the last festival but drew with Keith and Johan Aljo to tie for first with Keith, both scored 4.0/5. Ryan and Johan split the third-place prize a half point back. Boyong Guo was the highest rated in the [U1800 Section](#) but he gave up draws to the two players who tied for first ahead of him, Weijia Huang and Garth Anderson (4.5 points each), and had to be content with a share of third along with Zhengyu Chen and Sean Blanchard. There were forty-two players in the section. The [Classical U1000](#) was half that size and produced an individual winner as Elijah Harms swept the field with a perfect 5.0/5, Karson Lu and Nathan Bie tied for second with 4.0 points.

The fifty-one player combined [Rapid](#) also had an individual winner in top-ranked Leo Qu who drew one game and won the rest; Zachary Liu also won all his games but a first-round bye left him just short at the post. He shared second and third with Jose Kagaoan, Kai Wang, and Daniel Dou.

Despite being considerably lower-rated than his competitors Don Chen (1067) took home the first U1400 prize, while second and third were split between a total of nine(!) players: Anush Sankaran, Andrew Yin, Aiden Yin, Jasper Zhang, Sparsh Gandhi, Enzo Pavan, Sofia Vigurs, Jaydon Yuan, and Jain Neelesh – each received \$27.78. And a special thank you to Jain for the excellent [photos](#) he took during the event. Watch out for [Festival #7](#) coming up on April 13-14.

BC OPEN (February 17-19)



Celebrating its sixtieth anniversary this year (see below), the BC Open was hosted by the Delta Hotels Conference Centre in Burnaby, the first time in the municipality since 1994. Organized by the Penny Chess Club, the tournament attracted two hundred and sixty-eight players, not quite the record three hundred plus of last year but still the second largest weekend event in BC history. In the [Premier](#) IM Bindi Cheng was the obvious favourite but there was a potential dark horse, FM Dimitry Danilenko from Ukraine (rated 2400 FIDE). They met in the fourth round; after a crazy opening Bindi was lost for a couple of moves but managed to consolidate and grind out a win. This was crucial in determining the final standings; Bindi gave up a last-round draw to claim the first prize with 5.5/6 while Dimitry won the rest of his games to finish clear second. NM Keith MacKinnon tied for third with Maximilian Mueller on 4.5 points, getting the nod on tiebreak; Kate Jiang was the top woman. Bindi also won the qualifying spot for the 2024 BC Closed Championship and his name on the Joseph Oszvald Cup, emblematic of the BC Open (right)



In the [U1800 Section](#) a number of players were in contention for the top spots but after the six rounds it was Jason (Yidong) Chen and Bhell Ortiz who finished first and second on tiebreaks after each scored 5.5 points. A full-point back were Sutong Wang, Oliver Dalton, Huy Minh Vu, and Garth Anderson, while Paul Brewster was the top woman. Malcolm Mckean managed to stay ahead of the pack to take clear first in the [U1400 Section](#) with 5.5 points, while Raghav Nohria,

Nico Xiao Huang, Christian Grecu, Harry (Qiming) Yu, and Billy (Minhao) Wu all finished on 5.0. And finally there was a three-way tie for first in the [U1000 Section](#), with Mara Lu, Xavier Zhang, and John Carpenter finishing in that order on tiebreak. There was also a [Blitz](#) tournament on the Sunday evening in which forty-seven players participated; IM Quang Long Le, IM Bindi Cheng, FM Dmitriy Danilenko, and Ryan Leong all finished at the top of the crosstable with 6.0 points each. [Photo gallery](#) [photos by Jain Neelesh](#) [previous winners](#)

Cheng, Bindi (2470) – Danilenko, Dmitriy (2401) [A11] BC op Burnaby (4.1), 18.02.2024

1.Nf3 d5 2.c4 c6 3.g3 Nf6 4.Bg2 dxc4 5.0–0 Nbd7 6.Qc2 Nb6 7.Na3 Be6 8.Ne5 h5 9.Naxc4 Nxc4 10.Nxc4 h4 11.Ne5 hxg3 12.hxg3 Qd4 13.Bxc6+ Kd8 14.Nf3 Qd6 [14...Qg4] 15.Bxb7 Rb8 16.Be4 Rc8 17.Qd3 Nxe4 18.Qxe4 Bd5 19.Qg4 g5 20.d3 Rc2 21.Bxg5 Rxe2 22.Nh4 Qe6 23.Qb4 Qb6 24.Qxb6+ axb6 25.Be3 Bg7 26.Bxb6+ Kd7 27.a4 Bxb2 28.Rae1 Rc2 29.a5 Rc6 30.f3 Ra8 31.Nf5 Be6 32.Ne3 Bc3 33.Rc1 Bxa5 34.Rxc6 Kxc6 35.Bxa5 Rxa5 36.Rc1+ Kd7 37.Kf2 Bb3 38.f4 Ra2+ 39.Kf3 Ba4 40.Ke4 Bc6+ 41.Kd4 f6 42.Rc2 Ra1 43.Rh2 Ra4+ 44.Nc4 Ra1 45.Ne3 Ra4+ 46.Kc5 Ra5+ 47.Kb4 Ra4+ 48.Kb3 Ra1 49.Rh7 Re1 50.Nf5 Ke8 51.Kc3 Bd7 52.Kd2 Rg1 53.Nxe7 Rxc3 54.Nd5 Bf5 55.Rh8+ Kf7 56.Ne3 Bd7 57.Rh7+ Ke8 58.Nd5 Bf5 59.Nxf6+ Kd8 60.Rh8+ Ke7 61.Ne4 Rg1 62.Rh5 Ke6 63.Rg5 Ra1 64.Ng3 Bh3 65.Rh5 Bg2 66.Rh6+ Kf7 67.f5 Kg7 68.Rg6+ Kf7 69.Ne4 Ra5 70.Rf6+ Ke7 71.Re6+ Kf8 72.Nd6 Bd5 73.Re5 Ra2+ 74.Ke3 Bb3 75.f6 Ra8 76.f7 Ba4 77.Re8+ Bxe8 78.fxe8Q+ Rxe8+ 79.Nxe8 Kxe8 80.Kd4 Kd8 81.Kd5 1–0

Mohammed Qanee, Arpak Worya (2048) – Danilenko, Dmitriy (2401) [B52] BC op Burnaby (6.2), 19.02.2024

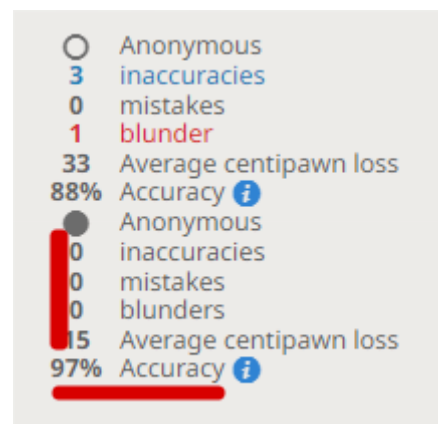
1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.Bb5+ Bd7 4.Bxd7+ Nxd7 5.0–0 Ngf6 6.Qe2 e6 7.c4 Ne5 8.Nc3 Be7 9.d3 Nfd7 10.Nxe5 dxe5 11.f4 0–0 12.f5 Bg5 13.Be3 Rc8 14.fxe6 Bxe3+ 15.Qxe3 fxe6 16.g3 Nf6 17.h3 a6 18.Kg2 h6 19.Rf3 Qe7 20.a4 Qc7 21.g4 Qe7 22.Raf1 Nd7 23.Kg3 Rxf3+ 24.Rxf3 Nf8 25.Ne2 Ng6 26.Kh2 Qd7 27.b3 Qd8 28.Qd2 Rc7 29.Qa5 Nh4 30.Rg3 Qd6 31.g5 hxg5 32.Qd2 Rf7 33.Ng1 Rf4 34.Qe3 Qf8 35.Kh1 g4 36.Rxc4 Rxc4 37.hxc4 Qf1 38.Qg3 g5 39.Kh2 Kf8 40.Kh1 Ke7 41.Kh2 Kd6 42.Kh1 Kc6 43.a5 b6 44.axb6 Kxb6 45.Qh2 Nf3 46.Qg2 Qxc1+ 47.Qxc1 Nxc1 48.Kxc1 Ka5 0–1

NICK BEQO ANNOTATES: My Student played a perfect game in the BC Open 2024

There is no easy way to express the satisfaction of a coach when the student plays a perfect game. My student, Joyce, played the following game in the BC Open 2024 with 97% accuracy! I have been working with Joyce for about five years, during which time she won first place U1500 in [BC Junior Championship 2019](#) and the [2022 BC Women's Championship](#).

Mok, Erwin – Zhang, Joyce [A65] BC op Burnaby (3.10), 18.02.2024

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.f3 White is going for the Saemisch variation. 3...c5! A perfect reply to 3.f3. 4.d5 d6 5.e4 Bg7 6.Nc3 O-O 7.Be3 e6 8.Qd2 exd5 9.cxd5





Black has reached the Tabia position of the Benoni Opening, aka "the son of sorrow." This opening has been played by great tacticians, look at the famous game Kortchnoi vs. Kasparov. The main ideas for Black are to solve the problem of the light-squared Bishop and to expand on the Queen side with a6-b5. This is not easy because the moment Black plays a6 White answers with b5. However, in this game, Joyce managed to implement both ideas. **9...Re8 10. Be2 b6!? 10...a6 11.a4 h5 13.a5 Nh7 14.Bd1 Nd7 15.Nge2 Ne5 16.b3 Qh4+ 17.Bf2 Qf6 18.Qe3 h4 19.h3 g5 20.O-O Bd7** etc., was played in Seirawan, Yasser - Kasparov, Garry, 1/2-1/2, World Cup, 1989. **11.Kf2 Ba6 12.g3**



12...b5! Joyce plays a brilliant move! **13.Kg2** After 13.Bxb5 Bxb5 14.Nxb5 Rxe4! and Black is better. **13...b4! 14.Nd1 Bxe2 15.Qxe2 Nbd7 16.Nf2 Nb6! 17.a3?**



17...Nfxd5! Playing like a true Benoni player! **18.exd5 Nxd5! 19.Ng4 Nxe3 20.Nxe3 Bd4!** - + The game is pretty much over. **21. Qc4 Rxe3 22. axb4 d5 23. Qa2 c4 24. Rd1 Qf6 25. Qa5 Bb6! 26. Qa2 Rb3 27. Rd2 Bxg1 28. Kxg1 Qxf3 29. Rf2 Qe4! 30. Qa6 Re3 31. Qf6 Re1+ 32. Rf1 Rxf1+ 33. Qxf1 Re8 34. Qd1 Qe1 35. Kg2 Qxb4 36. Qxd5 Qxb2 37. Kh3 Qe2 38. Rc1 Re5 39. Qd8 Kg7 0-1**

After we analyzed the game, I jokingly asked Joyce if the tournament organizers searched her after this game in case she was wearing any cheating device. We both laughed!

1964 BC OPEN

The first BC Open took place in 1964 so this year we mark its sixtieth anniversary. However, there have only been fifty-six actual tournaments: in some years the BC Open was not held, while in 1972 it occurred twice! This year the BC Open was held in Burnaby in February, but in 1964 the inaugural tournament took place at the Hungarian Sports Centre, 1818 East 7th Avenue, Vancouver on the weekend of 13-14 June. This was largely due to Hungarian émigré and six-time BC champion Elod Macskasy, who was president of the Hungarian Chess Club. The US Open and similar events have been a fixture on the American chess scene since the turn of the last century, but perhaps because of our much smaller population, open tournaments were slow to develop in Canada. The first Canadian Open took place in 1956 (and Macskasy won the second such event in 1958). Local open tournaments began to appear around the same time, but they were largely run by chess clubs; the BC Central Interior had offered an open championship for several years before the first full BC Open in 1964.

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



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

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

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

See the listings at the [CFC](#) and [Northwest chess](#) websites as well as the [BCCF](#)

BCYCC

Burnaby, March 23-24

[Details](#)

Grand Pacific Open

Victoria, March 29 – April 1

[Details](#)

Fraser Valley Rapid #11

Langley, April 6

[Details](#)

Surrey Junior Rapid 1

Surrey, April 13

[Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival #7

UBC, April 13-14

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Tri-Cities Junior Blitz #3

Port Coquitlam, April 17

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BC Active Championship

Richmond, April 20-21

[Details](#)

Chateau Victoria Rapid

Victoria, April 21

[Details](#)

Chess in Pubs 5

Langley, April 21

[Details](#)

Lulu Island Rapid and Blitz

Richmond, May 4

[Details](#)

RCC Elite Championship #2

Richmond, May 5

[Details](#)

Okanagan Open

Salmon Arm, May 3-5

[Details](#)

BC – Alberta Match

Salmon Arm, May 3-5

[Details](#)

Stan Rogers Memorial

Chilliwack, May 11

[Details](#)

Paul Keres Memorial

Surrey, May 18-20

[Details](#)

BC Interschool Championship

Langley Township, June 1-2

[Details](#)

BC Senior Championship

Surrey, June 21-23

[Details](#)

BC-WA Match

Richmond, June 29-30

Details

Fraser Valley Rapid 12

Langley July 6

Details

World Chess Day Championship

Langley Township, July 20-21

[Details](#)

BC Day Open

New Westminster, August 1-5

[Details](#)