

## BCCF E-MAIL BULLETIN #427

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### HERE AND THERE

#### Vancity Rapid #4 (September 18)



The fourth edition of Vancity Chess's monthly rapid events was held at the Ponderosa Ballroom at UBC and like its predecessors reached capacity, in this case one hundred players. The thirty-six player Open Section was headed by returning masters Raymond Kaufman, Mayo Fuentebella and Roman Jiganchine. IM Kaufman made up for the last event by taking clear first place with a perfect score while Fuentebella and Jiganchine fell by the wayside, both losing two games to significantly lower-rated opponents. A victor against both of them was Peter Eirew, rated 1408, who had the tournament of his life in tying with five others on 4.0 points. Placing second/third were two new faces, Jimson Dela Cruz and Rahul Lamba, who both finished with 5.0/6. Winner of the sixty-three player U1400 Section was Kendrick Rojas, also with a perfect score. Jimmy Zhang was second and Eric Shan, Oliver Bontkes, and Owen Yuen tied for third with 5.0 points. Entries are already being accepted for [Rapid #5](#) on October 22 at the Thompson Community Centre in Richmond, register early to avoid disappointment. Standings [Open U1400](#)

## World Youth Chess Championships (September 6-16)



(Photo by Shirley Che)

It will be recalled the previous World Youth Chess Championships grew to an unwieldy size and in 2015 were split into two different events. The renamed World Youth, now consisting of the upper age groups (U14, U16, U18), has just been held in-person for the first time since 2019, in the Black Sea resort of Mamaia, Romania. Fourteen Canadians made the journey, including from BC Andrew Yu Qiu and Peter Yong Qiu (both U18) and Aiden Zhou (U16). Also representing Canada in the U18 Section was IM Shawn Rodrigue-Lemieux, who has won almost every event he has played in this summer. To those results he can now add the title of U18 World Champion, finishing with an undefeated 9.0/11, a point ahead of the field. Also with a top-ten finish was Rachel Ruoxuan Chen, born in BC but a resident of Los Angeles, who placed ninth in the U14 Girls section. [Standings](#)

### **Zhou, Aiden (2151) – Culum, Sanjin (2351) [E17] WYCC U16 Mamaia (8.15), 13.09.2022**

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.Nf3 b6 4.g3 Bb7 5.Bg2 Be7 6.0–0 0–0 7.Re1 d5 8.cxd5 exd5 9.Nc3 Na6 10.Bf4 c5 11.Rc1 Nc7 12.dxc5 bxc5 13.Qb3 Qc8 14.Bh3 Ne6 15.Nb5 c4 16.Qd1 Qc5 17.Nbd4 Nxf4 18.gxf4 Ne4 19.Ne5 Bf6 20.e3 Bxe5 21.fxe5 Qe7 22.f4 Qh4 23.Qf3 g6 24.Re2 Kh8 25.Rec2 f6 26.e6 f5 27.Bg2 Qf6 28.Qh3 Nc5 29.b3 Nd3 30.bxc4 Nxc1 31.Rxc1 Rac8 32.Rb1 Ba8 33.Bxd5 g5 34.Bxa8 Rxa8 35.Rb7 Qg6 36.Kf2 gxf4 37.exf4 Rg8 38.Nf3 Rg7 39.Rxg7 Kxg7 40.Ne5 Qxe6 41.Qg2+ Kh6 42.Qg5# 1–0

### **Gines Esteo, Pedro Antonio (2505) – Rodrigue-Lemieux, Shawn (2451) [A15] WYCC U18 Mamaia (10.1), 15.09.2022**

1.Nf3 Nf6 2.c4 e6 3.b3 d5 4.Bb2 Be7 5.e3 0–0 6.Nc3 c5 7.cxd5 Nxd5 8.Qc2 Nc6 9.h4 f5 10.a3 Bd7 11.h5 h6 12.Bc4 Nb6 13.Bb5 Bf6 14.Ne2 Rc8 15.Bxf6 Qxf6 16.Qc3 Nd4 17.Bxd7 Nxf3+ 18.gxf3 Nxd7 19.Qxf6 Nxf6 20.Nf4 e5 21.Ng6 Rfe8 22.Ke2 Nd5 23.Nh4 Ne7 24.Rhg1 c4 25.bxc4 Rxc4 26.Rh1 Kf7 27.Rab1 b6 28.Rb5 Kf6 29.Ng2 Rd8 30.f4 e4 31.Ne1 Rc1 32.Rh2 Rdc8 33.Rb2 Nd5

34.f3 R8c4 35.Rg2 Kf7 36.Rb5 Rc5 37.Rxc5 bxc5 38.Rh2 c4 39.fxe4 fxe4 40.Rh4 c3 41.dxc3 Rxc3  
42.Ng2 Rxa3 43.f5 Ra2+ 44.Kf1 Nf6 45.Nf4 a5 46.Ne6 a4 47.Nc5 a3 48.Nxe4 Nxe4 49.Rxe4 Rb2  
0-1

### World Cadets Chess Championship (September 16-27)



(Photo by Denny Qian)

Overlapping by a day with the World Youth were the World Cadets Championships (U8, U10, U12), held on the opposite shore of the Black Sea in Batumi, Georgia. A dozen Canadians participated in the various sections including Zachary Hankun Liu from this province. It looked like Canada had a good chance to win a medal in the U10 Section where apart from Zachary the other Canadian entrant was top-ranked CM Aaron Reeve Mendes from Mississauga but alas it was not to be; Zachary started with 4.5/5 but lost his last four games while Aaron also did not match expectations. In the first eight rounds all of Zachary's games opened with the Sicilian. One bright spot was Shuang Chen in the U10 Girls whose 7.5/11 left her tenth after tiebreaks. [Standings](#)

**Liu, Zachary Hankun (1845) – Damodaran, Patrick (1630) [B99] WCCC U10 Batumi (7.8), 23.09.2022**

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Bg5 e6 7.f4 Be7 8.Qf3 Qc7 9.0-0-0 Nbd7  
10.g4 b5 11.Bxf6 Nxf6 12.g5 Nd7 13.f5 Bxg5+ 14.Kb1 Ne5 15.Qh5 Bf6 16.Nxe6 Bxe6 17.fxe6 Rc8  
18.Bh3 g6 19.Qe2 Qc5 20.Nd5 Bg5 21.exf7+ Kxf7 22.Bxc8 Rxc8 23.h4 Bh6 24.h5 Kg7 25.hxg6

hxg6 26.Rdg1 Qc4 27.Qxc4 Rxc4 28.Ne7 Bd2 29.Nf5+ Kf6 30.Nxd6 Rd4 31.Ne8+ Kf7 32.Nc7 Rxe4 33.Rh7+ Kg8 34.Re7 Ba5 35.Ne6 Be1



36.a3 Bh4 37.Rg7+ Kh8 38.Rf1 Nf3 39.Rxf3 Rxe6  
 40.Ra7 Bf6 41.Rf7 Bg7 42.Rd3 Kg8 43.Ra7 g5 44.Rg3  
 Bf6 45.Rg4 Kf8 46.a4 Rb6 47.Ka2 Be7 48.axb5 axb5  
 49.Kb3 b4 50.Rc4 Re6 51.Rb7 Ke8 52.Rg4 Re5  
 53.Kc4 Rc5+ 54.Kd3 Rd5+ 55.Ke4 Ra5 56.Kf3 Rf5+  
 57.Ke3 Kd8 58.Rd4+ Ke8 59.Re4 Rf7 60.Rbxb4 Kf8  
 61.Rb8+ Kg7 62.b4 Bd6 63.Rb5 Bf4+ 64.Kf3 Kg6  
 65.Kg4 Bd2 66.Rd5 Bc1 67.Re6+ Kg7 68.Re4 Kg6  
 69.b5 Bf4 70.c4 Ra7 71.b6 Ra3 72.Re6+ Kf7 73.Rc6  
 Ke7 74.b7 Rg3+ 75.Kf5 Rg1 76.Rc8 Rc1 77.c5 Rb1  
 78.c6 Rb6 79.Rd7# 1-0

### **Thornhill 2 Year Anniversary Blitz** (August 28)

Zhengyu Chen, Zachary Liu, and Tony Wang from this province were participants in an anniversary online blitz event celebrating the Thornhill Chess Club, who have run numerous CFC-rated online tournaments during the pandemic. Zachary placed second and Zachary third behind Vincent Angel Adulfo; lichess was the host platform. Standings: [CFC lichess](#)

### **BC Closed and Women's Championship**

It's that time of year again – the BC Championship and Women's Championship will be taking place on the upcoming Thanksgiving weekend. The fields have not quite been finalized, but this is who is playing so far:

#### Closed:

Hani Albitar (ratings list)  
 Neil Doknjas (Grand Pacific Open)  
 Patrick Huang (ratings list)  
 Raymond Kaufman (ratings list)  
 Keith MacKinnon (BC Open)  
 Brian McLaren (Langley Open)  
 Ethan Song (ratings list)  
 Jingyun (Ryan) Yang (ratings list)

#### Women's: (all from ratings list)

Gillian Mok  
 Jessica Qian  
 Joyce Zhang

All the action takes place at the [Irving Barber Learning Centre](#), UBC. The Closed begins on Friday October 7 at 5:30pm, with the following rounds at 10am and 3pm each day; the Women's starts on the Saturday morning. Both events will be held in room 158, but move to room 460 for the Monday games.

## **BCCF Bulletin turns twenty**

Also celebrating an anniversary is this publication: Bulletin #1 was published on September 4, 2002. That issue, still available (as are all back issues) on the [BCCF website](#), covered that year's Labour Day Open, a bughouse tournament, contained news from the North Shore and the planned junior season, a retrospective article on the 1972 Labour Day Open and information on nine(!) upcoming events. In those days the bulletin was an actual email, it was several years later that it became a pdf attachment, also there were no diagrams or photos in the early years. For quite some time the bulletin kept fairly strictly to a biweekly publication schedule, but recently due to the pandemic and your editor's increasing procrastination and age this has often stretched to three or four weeks between issues. (However, this is still more frequent than the *CFC Newsletter* ...) Communication has changed considerably in the last twenty years, but hopefully the bulletin can continue to be a useful source of information for the chess players of British Columbia and beyond.

## **Manifold Chess Club: Nanaimo Chess by the Beach** by Jamie Campbell



Manifold Chess Club is an in-person chess club that has been meeting Mondays, 6pm to 10pm, at the Kin Hut in Nanaimo since August 1, 2022. It was able to afford initial space rental thanks to a grant from Chess Victoria. It has sets and clocks but people can also bring their own equipment if they prefer to. Club members range in strength from new beginners to seasoned tournament players, and in age from adolescents to seniors. It's a great environment for people looking for an opportunity to go over their games with other players, or to try out their openings or other areas of the game. Visit the club's website at <https://manifoldchess.club> for more details.

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## **LANGLEY OPEN** (September 3-5)

This year's Langley Open, the fifteenth since the previous Labour Day Open moved from Victoria to the Mainland in 2006, was the first in-person event in three years. And, as with other recent tournaments, it achieved a record turnout – one hundred and six players, up from eighty-two for the 2019 edition. We are used to a continuing influx of scholastic/junior players in our open events, but this year there were a number of older newcomers, also a number of our junior players are now reaching the point where they are legitimately challenging for the top spots.

Held at the Brookwood Senior Centre and organized by the Langley Chess Club (Hugh Long, Brian Davidson, Andrew Hoyer), the Langley Open is the last qualifying event for the BC Closed and also remains the last major tournament in the province in one section (although this might have to be rethought with only six rounds and such a large number of participants). The field included eight players over 2000 but the main race developed between FM John Doknjas, CM Jorge Nunez Asencio and NMs Mayo Fuentebella and Brian McLaren. McLaren took a bye in round four while Nunez Asencio was held to a one hundred and forty-four move draw by newcomer Gayan Peiris. Doknjas and Fuentebella drew a crazy French in round five, which led to the last round pairings of Nunez Asencio versus Doknjas and Fuentebella versus McLaren. Fuentebella found himself on the wrong side of a cell phone forfeit while Nunez Asencio reached an equal late-middle but tried for more and eventually lost control of the position. This left Doknjas and McLaren tied for first with 5.5 with Doknjas getting the nod on tiebreak. They split the first and second cash prizes while the coveted BC Closed qualification spot went to McLaren. Incidentally both are previous [Langley Open winners](#).



Brian Davidson and John Doknjas  
(Photo by Dorothy Koebel)



(Photo by Brian Davidson)

The other prizes largely went to juniors or strong/underrated newcomers. Tied for third and the top U2000 and U1600 prizes were Jingyun Yang, Andrew Xu, and Jumson Dela Cruz with 5.0 points each, while the second U2000 and U1600 prizes were shared by Gayan Peiris, Zachary Liu, Borna Amjadi, Johan Aljo, and Reece Harms on 4.5/6. Coen Holmgren and Aidan An won the U1200 prizes, Bo Lian was the top unrated and the biggest upset prize went to Joseph Chen. [Standings and games](#)

**Doknjas, John (2319) – Fuentebella, Mayo (2296) [C02] Langley op 15th (5.1), 05.09.2022**

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.e5 c5 4.c3 Nc6 5.Nf3 Qb6 6.a3 a5 7.Bd3 h6 8.h4 Bd7 9.Bc2 Rc8 10.0–0 g6  
11.dxc5 Bxc5 12.b4 Bf8 13.Be3 Qc7 14.b5 Nce7 15.Bd3 Nf5 16.Bxf5 gxf5 17.a4 Bc5 18.Bf4 Bb6  
19.Qd2 Ne7 20.Bxh6 Qc4 21.Nd4 Ng6 22.h5 Ne7 23.Qg5 Bxd4 24.Bg7 Rh7 25.cxd4 Qxd4 26.Bf6  
Qxa1 27.Bxe7 Rxh5 28.Qf6?? (28.Qxh5 =) Rh6?? (28...Qxa4 -+) 29.Qxh6 Kxe7 30.Qf6+ Ke8  
31.Rd1 Qxa4 32.Qh8+ Ke7 33.Qf6+ Ke8 34.Qh8+ ½–½

**Nunez Asencio, Jorge (2311) – Doknjas, John (2319) [D37] Langley op 15th (6.1), 05.09.2022**

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nf3 e6 3.c4 d5 4.Nc3 Be7 5.Bf4 0–0 6.e3 c5 7.dxc5 Bxc5 8.a3 Nc6 9.cxd5 Nxd5  
10.Nxd5 exd5 11.Bd3 Be7 12.0–0 Be6 13.b4 Bf6 14.Rc1 a6 15.h3 Rc8 16.Rc5 g6 17.Qe2 d4 18.e4  
Be7 19.Rc2 Qb6 20.Rfc1 Rfe8 21.Bc4 Bxc4 22.Rxc4 Rcd8 23.Ne1 Bd6 24.Bxd6 Rxd6 25.Nd3 Ne5  
26.Rc8 Rdd8 27.Rxd8 Qxd8 28.Rc5 Nxd3 29.Qxd3 Qe7 30.e5 (30.Qxd4 =) Rd8 31.f4 Qh4 32.f5  
Qe1+ 33.Qf1 Qe3+ 34.Qf2 gxf5 35.Kf1 Qg5 36.Ke1 d3 37.Kd1 Qh5+ 38.Qf3 Qh6 39.Qxf5 Qe3  
40.Qg4+ Kf8 41.Qf3 Qg1+ 42.Kd2 Qa1 43.e6 Qa2+ 44.Kd1 Qb3+ 45.Kd2 Qxe6 46.Rc3 Qa2+  
47.Kd1 Qb1+ 48.Rc1 Qb3+ 49.Kd2 Qb2+ 50.Kd1 d2 0–1

This year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the first [Labour Day Open](#) in this province. Held in the immediate aftermath of the 1972 Fischer-Spassky World Championship Match (which ended on the previous Monday), the tournament attracted eighty-three players to the Silver Threads building on Fisgard Street. Thirty-five of those participants were in an under-fourteen junior section, a recent innovation at the time, while there was also a seven-player senior section (the site was the home of the Silver Threads Chess Club). Overall winner of the tournament was then Canadian Champion Peter Biyiasas with 6.5/7 ahead of Jonathan Berry, while the Junior Section was won by Jeff Reeve. It is heartening to see that some of the players are still active fifty years later, notably Brian McLaren who tied for third in 1972. While occasionally held in Vancouver, the tournament was largely a fixture on the Victoria tournament calendar until 2006, when it was hosted by the Langley Chess Club – it has remained in Langley ever since.

**Biyiasas, Peter – Kerr, Ray [B01] Labour Day op Victoria (5), 03.09.1972**

1.e4 d5 2.exd5 Nf6 3.Nf3 Nxd5 4.d4 g6 5.c4 Nb6 6.Be3 Bg7 7.Nc3 Bg4 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Qxf3 Bxd4  
10.c5 Bxe3 11.fxe3 N6d7 12.Qxb7 c6 13.0–0–0 0–0 14.Be2 Nxc5 15.Qxa8 Qb6 16.Nd5 cxd5  
17.Qxd5 Nc6 18.Kb1 Rb8 19.b3 e6 20.Qc4 Na5 21.Qc3 Ne4 22.Qc2 Nf2 23.Rhf1 Nxd1 24.Bxd1  
Qc6 25.Bf3 Qxc2+ 26.Kxc2 Rc8+ 27.Kb2 Kf8 28.Rc1 Rxc1 29.Kxc1 e5 30.Kd2 Ke7 31.Kc3 Kd6  
32.b4 Nc6 33.Bxc6 Kxc6 34.Kc4 f5 35.b5+ Kb6 36.Kb4 f4 37.exf4 exf4 38.a4 g5 39.a5+ Kc7  
40.Kc3 h5 41.Kd3 g4 42.h4 Kd6 43.Ke4 f3 44.gxf3 gxf3 45.Kxf3 Kc5 46.Kf4 1–0

**Berry, Jonathan – Williams, Brian [B09] Labour Day op Victoria (5), 03.09.1972**

1.e4 d6 2.d4 Nf6 3.Nc3 g6 4.f4 Bg7 5.Nf3 0–0 6.Bd3 c6 7.0–0 Nbd7 8.Qe1 Qa5 9.e5 Nd5 10.Nxd5  
Qxd5 11.c4 Qe6 12.Qh4 f6 13.f5 gxf5 14.d5 cxd5 15.cxd5 Qf7 16.Bxf5 Qxd5 17.Qxh7+ Kf7  
18.Qh5+ 1–0

## CANADIAN CHESS HALL OF FAME

Founded in 2000 by David Cohen, the [Canadian Chess Hall of Fame](#) experienced a period of stagnation during David's illness and passing but has since been placed on a firm footing going forward, with a committee consisting of Fred McKim, Hugh Brodie, Ian Findlay, Larry Bevand, and Stephen Wright and sponsorship from the Chess 'n' Math Association. Inductees for 2021 were determined and two of these, Canon Henry L. Roy and Annabelle Lougheed, were recognized at the 2022 Canadian Open in Hamilton. Canon Roy has been discussed a number of times in these pages and we refer the reader to his last appearance in [Bulletin #393](#). But Annabelle Lougheed is likely a new name to most readers, despite the fact she was the first Canadian to compete in a world championship. This is her story.



Dr. Patrick Carter and Wendy Harris receiving plaques recognizing their inducted family members, Canon Roy and Annabelle Lougheed (photo by Victoria Doknjas)

### **Annabelle Lougheed (18 January 1899 - 6 April 1986)**

When the Games of the Eighth Summer Olympics took place in Paris in 1924, a parallel team chess competition was held alongside them, and FIDE (the World Chess Federation) was hastily formed at the end of this event. FIDE began organizing what we now recognize as chess olympiads, beginning in London in 1927. Concurrently with the olympiads (consisting of teams of men) FIDE ran the women's world championship, held in the period before the Second World War by Vera Menchik. In her seven championship tournaments and one title match Menchik scored the staggering total of eighty-seven wins, nine draws and only three losses for a percentage of 92.42, dominating her challengers as no woman (or man!) has in any other era.

The last championship Menchik participated in was held in parallel with the 1939 Buenos Aires olympiad, but this tournament also marked the first time a Canadian competed for a world chess championship, in any category. The player in question was Annabelle Lougheed of Toronto. According to the *Toronto Star*, she had only learned to play two years previous; not surprisingly, Lougheed finished last in the twenty-player round robin (the final [crosstable](#)) with a score of one win and two draws. Nevertheless, during the competition she "... improved to such an extent that



Yanofsky believes her openings now are as good as those of any class "A" player. Miss Lougheed took lessons from an Argentine professional as well as competing four hours a day in the women's division." [*Montreal Gazette*, 21 October 1939]



Abe Yanofsky (aged 14), John Morrison, Abe Helman (later BC champion), Walter Holowach, and Haakon Opsahl, the Canadian team at the Buenos Aires Olympiad, along with the Canadian representative to the women's championship, Annabelle Lougheed.

It is not immediately apparent how or why Lougheed was chosen to represent Canada, there being no Canadian women's championship at the time, but likely she came to the attention of Bernard Freedman, founder of the Canadian Chess Federation and organizer extraordinaire. In fact, she came to his attention in more ways than one - in August 1948 she became Mrs. Annabelle Freedman. After her marriage Lougheed largely abandoned competitive chess, but she did play in some correspondence events in the 1940s, winning a 1941 CCCA June Minor and representing Canada again in Preliminary Group 5 of the first Correspondence Chess Olympiad, 1947-49. She wrote the following by way of introduction for the *CCCA Bulletin*:

Born in Clarksburg, Ontario, many years ago! Was for over ten years head of the United Business College. Am now heading a department at the Unemployment Selective Service. Hobbies when young – skating and music. Now a little bridge and chess in my spare time. Have travelled in the States, Quebec and Ontario. Was Canadian Chess Representative when Canada played in Buenos Aires in 1939. Had a wonderful trip and will always remember what I saw in the various countries visited on our way to Argentina with J.S. Morrison, H. Opsahl, A. Yanofsky, A. Helman, W. Holowach. [*CCCA Bulletin* #79, 30 November 1942]

## **Lougheed, Anabelle – Bloch Nakkerud, Ruth [D02] Wch (Women) Buenos Aires, 1939**

1.d4 d5 2.Nf3 e6 3.Bf4 Nc6 4.e3 Bd6 5.Bxd6 Qxd6 6.Bd3 Qb4+ 7.Nc3 Qxb2 8.Nb5 Qb4+ 9.Nd2 Qe7 10.0–0 Nf6 11.Nf3 a6 12.Nc3 0–0 13.Re1 e5 14.e4 dxe4 15.Nxe4 Bg4 16.c3 h6 17.Rb1 Rab8 18.h3 Bh5 19.Ng3 Qd7 20.Bf5 Qd5 21.Nxh5 Nxh5 22.Rb2 Rfe8 23.Qd3 Nf6 24.c4 Qa5 25.Rbe2 Rbd8 26.g4 exd4 27.g5 Qc3 28.gxf6 Kf8 29.fgx7+ 1–0

## **Lougheed, Anabelle – Stephanus, S. [C65] CCOL1 preI5–05 corr, 1947**

1.e4 e5 2.Nf3 Nc6 3.Bb5 Bc5 4.0–0 Nf6 5.c3 0–0 6.Re1 d6 7.d4 exd4 8.cxd4 Bb6 9.h3 Re8 10.Nc3 Bd7 11.Bg5 h6 12.Bh4 g5 13.Nxg5 hxg5 14.Bxg5 Bxd4 15.Bxc6 Bxc6 16.Qxd4 Kg7 17.Re3 Re6 18.Rg3 Kh7 19.e5 Qe8 20.Qh4+ 1–0

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## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

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

### **Jack Taylor Memorial**

Sydney, October 14-16

[Details](#)

### **Vancity Rapid #5**

Richmond, October 22

[Details](#)

### **17<sup>th</sup> SPF National Open for Boys and Girls**

Bellevue, WA, October 22-23

[Details](#)

### **Banff Open**

Banff, November 11-13

[Details](#)

### **BC Junior Championship**

UBC, November 19-20

[Details](#)