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Stephen Wright

HERE AND THERE

Fraser Valley Rapid 8 (October 21)

Employing the same formula as previous events, Fraser Valley Rapid 8 took place at Langley's Christian Life Assembly Church on Saturday October 21. Despite this, attendance was down over a third from Rapid 7 a month earlier. The reasons are not clear – a general increase in busyness during the fall, or a saturation in the number of chess events? Be that as it may, the tournament remained competitive, albeit less so in the [Open Section](#) where CM Jorge Nunez Asencio (right) and Zachary Liu held a 450-point rating cushion over the other twelve players. Jorge was victorious in their individual game and claimed first with 6.0/6, Zachary placed second on 5.0, and tiebreaks were needed to determine the final standings of Isaac Trenton, Orven Ortiz, and Bowen Wu with a distant 3.5 points. The twenty-four player [U1400 Section](#) was more straight forward with Nethaji Sooriarachchi first, Rio Vilches second and Ivan Resti Garcia third. And it was back to tiebreaks in the [U1000 Section](#) where Jordan Wang edged Kanghae Lee for first and Mohammadreza Shahidi placed third ahead of Allen Jiao, Ren Jobin, and Simar Singh. The [Fraser Valley Chess Academy](#) has numerous upcoming events including Fraser Valley Rapid 9 on November 18.



Nunez Asencio, Jorge (2252) – Liu, Zachary (2172) [A80] Fraser Valley Rapid 8 Langley (3.1), 21.10.2023

1.d4 f5 2.Bf4 Nf6 3.e3 e6 4.h3 Be7 5.Bd3 d5 6.Nd2 0–0 7.Ngf3 Nbd7 8.g4 g6 9.gxf5 exf5 10.Qe2 Ne4 11.h4 c5 12.h5 c4 13.Nxc4 g5 14.Rg1 dxc4 15.Bxe4 fxe4 16.Nxg5 Bxg5 17.Bxg5 Qa5+ 18.c3 Kh8 19.Be7 Rg8 20.Rxg8+ Kxg8 21.Qxc4+ Kh8 22.Qf7 Qa6 23.0–0–0 1–0

Sunday Rapid Tournaments

The Penny Chess Club has been holding a series of [rapid events](#) on Sunday afternoons, four rounds of 10 + 5 with a maximum capacity of sixteen players at the club's home in Burnaby. Three such tournaments have taken place, won respectively by Arpak Mohammed Qanee ([October 1](#) and [October 8](#)), and Orven and Bhell Ortiz ([October 15](#)).

Richmond Chess Champions



There is a relatively new organization on Lulu Island, [Richmond Chess Champions](#), who have been offering weekly chess tournaments and other services since September. Every Wednesday there are two events, a CMA-rated RCC Tournament from 4:00-6:00pm, followed by a three-round CFC-rated Rapid at 15 + 10. Recent winners of the latter include Justin Cachelin ([October 11](#)) and Chakhei Gao and Joanne Wangluo ([October 18](#))

Vancity Rapid October (October 7)

After spending August at Kits Beach, Vancity Chess returned to the Thompson Community Centre in Richmond for the October edition of their monthly rapid events. The twenty-nine player [Open Section](#) was a little weaker than usual with only four players rated over 2000, but the tournament was held on the same weekend as the BC Closed so a number of the usual suspects were otherwise engaged in North Vancouver. Perennial contender CM Jorge Nunez Asencio won yet another event, his margin of victory being a win over NM Mayo Fuentesbella in round four. Tristan Taylor came up through the pack in the last few rounds to finish equal with Mayo and take third on tiebreak. The [U1400 Section](#) attracted thirty-one entrants and was won by newcomer Gary Hilares Chavez with 5.5/6, Aadit Arya was second, and Benjamin Gu, Sky Cui, and Ryder Hsu tied for third. The last monthly rapid of the year is coming up on [November 18](#), which will also be the last chance to qualify for the [Rapid Chess League Championship](#) in December.

Ottawa Fall Open (September 29 – October 1)

Zachary Liu and Jingyun (Ryan) Yang prepared for the BC Closed by participating in a tournament in Ottawa(!). Organized by and held at the R.A. Chess Club in Ottawa, the three-section Fall Open reached its one hundred and twenty-four player capacity a month in advance. Of the thirty-six players in the Open Section two thirds were rated over 2000, headed by GM Bator Sambuev and IM Olivier Kenta Chiku-Ratte. Sambuev gave up a draw to Chiku-Ratte in taking first place with 4.5/5, a half-point ahead of FM Zachary Dukic, Vincent Latorre, and Zachary Liu (with a performance rating of 2436) who tied for second. Jingyun (Ryan) Yang lost to Latorre in the last round to finish a further point off the pace but still gained two ratings points. [Standings](#)

Yang, Jingyun (Ryan) (2212) – Guillemette, Hugo (2103) [B42] Ottawa Fall op Ottawa (3), 30.09.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.b3 a6 4.c4 Nc6 5.Bb2 d6 6.d4 cxd4 7.Nxd4 Bd7 8.Nc3 Nf6 9.Nxc6 Bxc6 10.Bd3 Be7 11.0–0 0–0 12.Qe2 Re8 13.Rad1 Qc7 14.f4 Nd7 15.Kh1 Bf6 16.Bb1 Rad8 17.Qc2 g6 18.Qf2 Bg7 19.Rfe1 Qa5 20.Qg3 Nf6 21.e5 dxe5 22.Rxd8 Rxd8 23.fxe5 Nd7 24.Ne4 Bxe4 25.Bxe4 Qxa2 26.Bd4 Qa5 27.Bc3 Qc7 28.Bc2 b5 29.Qf4 bxc4 30.bxc4 Rc8 31.Bd3 Nc5 32.Bf1 Qb7 33.h4 Rd8 34.Kh2 Nd3 35.Bxd3 Rxd3 36.Re3 Rd7 37.h5 Qc7 38.hxg6 fxg6 39.Bb4 Rf7 40.Qe4 Bh6 41.Bd6 Qd8 42.Rf3 Rxf3 43.gxf3 Bf8 44.c5 a5 45.Kh3 Bg7 46.c6 Bf8 47.c7 Qc8 48.Qc6 Kf7 49.Kg3 Bg7 50.Qb5 1–0

Liu, Zachary (2186) – Azar, Sebastien (2237) [B68] Ottawa Fall op Ottawa (5), 01.10.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 Nc6 6.Bg5 e6 7.Qd2 Be7 8.0–0–0 a6 9.f4 Bd7 10.Qe1 Qc7 11.Nf3 h6 12.Bh4 0–0 13.e5 dxe5 14.fxe5 Nh7 15.Bxe7 Nxe7 16.Qh4 Ng6 17.Qg3 Bc6 18.Re1 Rfc8 19.Bd3 Ne7 20.Nd4 Nd5 21.Ne4 Nb4 22.Nd6 Nxd3+ 23.Qxd3 Rd8 24.Rhf1 Bb5 25.N4xb5 axb5 26.Qb3 Rd7 27.Re2 Qa5 28.Kb1 b4 29.Rfe1 Nf8 30.h4 Ng6 31.h5 Nf4 32.Rf2 Nd5 33.Ref1 Rc7 34.Rxf7 Rc3 35.bxc3 Nxc3+ 36.Kc1 Qxe5 37.Nc4 Qg5+ 38.Kb2 Na4+ 39.Ka1 b5 40.Qf3 Qd5 41.Qxd5 exd5 42.Ne5 Nc3 43.Kb2 Ne4 44.Nd7 Ra3 45.Rf8+ Kh7 46.Re8 Ng3 47.Nf8+ Kg8 48.Ng6+ 1–0

Canadian Chess Society by Andrew Qiu



The Canadian Chess Society Team stands behind the Outstanding Players at September 24's Learn N' Play tournament. (photo by Doknjas Chess)

Congratulations to Anurav for winning first Place with a perfect score of 5.0/5, Avyay - second Place (4.0/5), and Alex - third Place (3.5/5)! They did a fantastic job at September 24's Learn N' Play: Back to School Tournament. As the top three players, they were awarded medals to celebrate their achievements and encourage further play. This tournament was organized by the

Canadian Chess Society (CCS), which is a non-profit organization run by a passionate group of high school volunteers. The Canadian Chess Society Team would like to express their heartfelt thanks to their sponsors: BC Chess Federation, Doknjas Chess, Lulu Island Chess, and Semiahmoo Secondary School Chess Club.

This was the CCS' inaugural chess tournament tailored exclusively for young, novice players. Known as the 'Back-to-School Challenge,' this event signifies the inception of the Learn N' Play Tournament Series, a dedicated initiative designed to ease the transition of young players into competitive tournament play. The 'Back-to-School Challenge' employed a five-round Swiss tournament format, and games were conducted under a 15 + 10 time control. The Canadian Chess Society Team is excited to announce its commitment to organizing future events, including more Learn N' Play tournaments. To stay updated on CCS' upcoming tournaments, visit canadianchesssociety.ca.

2023 BC CHAMPIONSHIPS (October 6-9)



The players with Joe Roback, Eduardo Azmitia and Maria Valioux (Capilano University) (photo by Victoria Doknjas)

This year's BC Championship, the 106th since 1916, was held in the Library Building at Capilano University on the Thanksgiving Day weekend. Originally the site was to be Simon Fraser University, but that location became unavailable. Into the breach stepped Luis Eduardo Azmitia, who managed to secure rooms at Capilano's Main Campus on short notice – many thanks, Eduardo! Joe Roback handled the organizational duties, equipment was provided by Ryan Leong.

The eight players qualified either by placing well in events in the past year or by rating. IM Raymond Kaufman and NM Keith MacKinnon were the returning co-champions, CM Neil Doknjas qualified via the Keres Memorial, Zachary Liu from the Langley Open, and FM John Doknjas, Kate Jiang, Leo Qu, and CM Jingyun (Ryan) Yang from the ratings list. This year's field was unusually youthful, with five players under the age of twenty and an average overall age of just under twenty-two, likely a record for the Closed. The youngest was Zachary Liu at eleven (he does not turn twelve until next February), who we now believe is the youngest participant ever in the championship. Jiang, Liu, and Qu were making their debuts, Yang also played last year, Kaufman

and MacKinnon were each making their third appearance, Neil Doknjas his fourth, but the most experienced at least in terms of this event was John Doknjas, who despite only just turning twenty-four has participated in the tournament eight times since 2011. Obvious favourites were the four players who either were or had been over 2300, but who would emerge victorious?

North Vancouver, 6-9 October 2023		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
1	Doknjas, Neil	2300	*	½	1	½	1	1	1	6.0
2	Doknjas, John	2299	½	*	½	1	0	½	1	4.5
3	MacKinnon, Keith	2325	0	½	*	1	0	1	1	4.5
4	Kaufman, Raymond	2307	½	0	0	*	1	½	½	3.5
5	Qu, Leo	2230	0	1	1	0	*	0	½	3.0
6	Yang, Jingyun (Ryan)	2214	0	½	0	½	1	*	0	3.0
7	Liu, Zachary	2249	0	0	0	½	½	1	*	2.5
8	Jiang, Kate	2111	0	0	0	0	½	0	½	1.0

Average rating 2254

Progressive scores	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1 Doknjas, N	1.0	1.5	2.5	3.5	4.5	5.5	6.0
2 Doknjas, J	0.5	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.0	4.5
3 MacKinnon	0.0	1.0	1.0	2.0	3.0	4.0	4.5
4 Kaufman	1.0	2.0	2.5	2.5	2.5	3.0	3.5
5 Qu	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.5	1.5	2.5	3.0
6 Yang	0.5	0.5	1.5	1.5	2.5	3.0	3.0
7 Liu	0.0	0.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	2.5
8 Jiang	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.0

Results from the very first round had a significant effect on what was to come. Keith went astray in a sharp Caro-Kann to dampen his hopes of repeating as champion as Leo began his role as spoiler. John accepted an early draw in the 'house' opening (Sicilian Najdorf – see the [Everyman monograph](#) by John and brother Joshua), while Neil's perseverance in a queen and rook pawn versus queen ending was rewarded when Zachary overlooked a stalemate defence on move ninety-eight(!) and resigned next move. In round three another queen ending saw Neil establish himself as a front runner by handing Keith his second loss, joined by Raymond who had won in the first two rounds. Sunday was unfortunately a black day for Raymond as he lost twice, to John and Keith; the Doknjas brothers forged ahead, with Neil leading on 4.5/5 at the end of the day and John a half-point back. The final standings were largely determined in round six as Neil won his fifth game while Leo relegated John to at best a second-place finish. This was confirmed by two short draws in the last round: Neil emerged as a worthy champion with an undefeated 6.0/7, John and Keith tied for second a full point and a half behind – congratulations to all! Leo was the only player in the bottom half to have an impact on those in the upper half (he won two games); Kate was outclassed this time (she was a last-minute replacement when another qualifier tested positive for Covid) but she'll be back.

Doknjas, Neil (2300) – Mackinnon, Keith (2325) [B54] BC ch 106th North Vancouver (3.2), 07.10.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 a6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Qf3 e6 7.Be3 b5 8.a3 Nd7 9.g4 Bb7 10.0–0–0 Ngf6 11.g5 Ne5 12.Qg2 Nfd7 13.f4 Nc4 14.Bxc4 Qxc4 15.f5 Nc5 16.Nxe6 Nxe6 17.fxe6 Qxe6 18.Bd4 Be7 19.Nd5 0–0 20.Rhe1 Bxd5 21.exd5 Qd7 22.Re4 Rae8 23.Rde1 Bd8 24.h4 Ba5 25.R1e3 b4 26.axb4 Bxb4 27.Qe2 Rxe4 28.Rxe4 Qf5 29.c3 Ba5 30.Re8 Bd8 31.Rxf8+ Kxf8 32.Qxa6 Qxd5 33.Qc8 Qa5 34.Qc6 Be7 35.Qe4 Qa1+ 36.Kc2 Qa4+ 37.Kd2 Qa2 38.c4 f6 39.Bc3 fxe6 40.Bxg7+ Kf7 41.h5 Kxg7 42.Qxe7+ Kh6 43.Qxd6+ Kxh5 44.Kc3 Qa5+ 45.b4 Qa1+ 46.Kb3 Qb1+ 47.Ka4 g4 48.c5 Qe1 49.c6 g3 50.c7 Qa1+ 51.Kb5 Qf1+ 52.Ka5 g2 53.Qh2+ Kg5 54.c8Q Qa1+ 55.Kb6 g1Q+ 56.Qxg1+ Qxg1+ 57.Qc5+ 1–0

Doknjas, John (2299) – Kaufman, Raymond (2307) [D31] BC ch 106th North Vancouver (4.2), 08.10.2023

1.d4 d5 2.c4 e6 3.Nc3 a6 4.cxd5 exd5 5.Qb3 Bd6 6.Qxd5 Nc6 7.Nf3 Nb4 8.Qb3 Be6 9.Qd1 Qe7 10.e4 c5 11.d5 Bf5 12.Qe2 c4 13.Kd1 Bg4 14.Qxc4 Rc8 15.Qb3 Nf6 16.a3 Rxc3 17.bxc3 Nxe4 18.axb4 Nxf2+ 19.Kc2 Qe4+ 20.Kb2 Nxf1 21.Bb5+ Bd7 22.Qc4 Qxc4 23.Bxc4 Nf2 24.b5 Ke7 25.bxa6 bxa6 26.Bg5+ f6 27.Be3 Rb8+ 28.Kc1 Ne4 29.Bd4 Bb5 30.Bxb5 axb5 31.Ra7+ Kf8 32.Kb2 b4 33.c4 Nc5 34.Ra5 Nd3+ 35.Kc2 Nf4 36.Kb3 Rc8 37.Ra6 Ke7 38.Ra7+ Kf8 39.Ra6 Ke7 40.Ra7+ Kf8 41.Rd7 Bb8 42.Kxb4 Nxf2 43.c5 Nf4 44.d6 Ne6 45.Kb5 Nd8 46.Kb6 Rc6+ 47.Kb5 Rc8 48.Bf2 Nf7 49.Bg3 Ke8 50.Re7+ Kf8 51.Nd4 Re8 52.Ne6+ 1–0

Doknjas, Neil (2300) – Qu, Leo (2230) [B10] BC ch 106th North Vancouver (5.1), 08.10.2023

1.e4 c6 2.Nf3 d5 3.d3 g6 4.Qe2 Bg7 5.g3 Bg4 6.Bg2 e6 7.Nbd2 Nd7 8.h3 Bxf3 9.Nxf3 Ne7 10.0–0–0 0–0 11.c3 Re8 12.e5 c5 13.h4 Nc6 14.Bf4 b5 15.h5 a5 16.d4 cxd4 17.cxd4 Qb6 18.Be3 Rec8 19.Bh3 Rc7 20.Rfd1 Rac8 21.Ng5 Nd8 22.Bf1 b4 23.Qg4 Nf8 24.Bd3 a4 25.Kg2 a3 26.b3 Rc3 27.Qe2 Nc6 28.Nf3 Ne7 29.Bg5 R3c7 30.g4 Nc6 31.Be3 Nd8 32.h6 Bh8 33.g5 Nd7 34.Rac1 Kf8 35.Ba6 Rxc1 36.Rxc1 Rxc1 37.Bxc1 Nc6 38.Be3 Ndb8 39.Bb5 Ke7 40.Bxc6 Nxc6 41.Qd3 Kd7 42.Ne1 Kc7 43.f4 Kb7 44.Nc2 Qa5 45.Bd2 Kb6 46.Nxb4 Nxb4 47.Qc3 Nc6 48.Qxc6+ Kxc6 49.Bxa5 1–0



(photo by Victoria Doknjas)

Kaufman, Raymond (2307) – Mackinnon, Keith (2325) [B49] BC ch 106th North Vancouver (5.3), 08.10.2023

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 e6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nc6 5.Nc3 Qc7 6.Be3 a6 7.a3 b5 8.Nxc6 Qxc6 9.Be2 Bb7 10.0–0 Rc8 11.f4 Bc5 12.Bxc5 Qxc5+ 13.Kh1 Nf6 14.Bf3 d6 15.Qd2 Rd8 16.Rad1 Rd7 17.Qe2 0–0 18.e5 Bxf3 19.Qxf3 Ne8 20.Rd3 Qc7 21.Rfd1 d5 22.Qg4 g6 23.Qg5 f6 24.exf6 Rxf6 25.Rf3 Rdf7 26.Rdf1 Nd6 27.Qe5 Nc4 28.Qd4 Qa7 29.Qd3 Nxb2 30.Qe2 Qc7 31.g4 Kg7 32.Qf2 Qa7 33.Qh4 Nc4 34.Rh3 Kg8 35.Ne2 Nd2 36.Rg1 Ne4 37.Rf3 g5 38.Qe1 Qc5 39.Rgf1 Qxc2 40.Nd4 Qd2 41.f5 0–1

Qu, Leo (2230) – Doknjas, John (2299) [D00] BC ch 106th North Vancouver (6.1), 09.10.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.Nc3 d5 3.Bf4 a6 4.e3 Bf5 5.Nf3 e6 6.Ne5 h6 7.g4 Bh7 8.h4 Nfd7 9.Bd3 Bxd3 10.Qxd3 c5 11.a3 Nxe5 12.Bxe5 Nc6 13.0–0–0 Qa5 14.e4 Nxe5 15.dxe5 d4 16.Ne2 0–0–0 17.Kb1 Be7 18.f4 b5 19.Qf3 Qc7 20.Qg3 Rd7 21.f5 Rhd8 22.g5 hxg5 23.hxg5 exf5 24.exf5 Rd5 25.f6 Bf8 26.Qg4+ Kb7 27.e6 gxf6 28.gxf6 Qc8 29.Rh7 Kb6 30.Rxf7 d3 31.Rxd3 Rxd3 32.cxd3 Rxd3 33.Qe4 Rd1+ 34.Ka2 c4 35.Qb7+ Qxb7 36.Rxb7+ Kxb7 37.e7 Bxe7 38.fxe7 c3 39.e8Q cxb2 40.Kxb2 1–0

The BC Women’s Championship was held alongside the Closed at the same time and location. The current regulations for qualification, all by rating, include BC residents who have participated in at least one regular event in the past year. Last year only two players were available; this year there ended up being four until Kate Jiang was invited to the Closed instead. Whether due to lack of prestige or the lower proportion of women active as competitive players participation for the past two years has been discouraging: perhaps the regulations should be revisited by removing the activity requirement or making the tournament open (to BC residents).

		1	2	3	
1	Zhang, Joyce	1817	* *	1 1	++ 4.0
2	Mok, Gillian	1875	0 0	* *	1 1 2.0
3	Partovirad, Diba	1739	- -	0 0	* * 0.0

The tournament began with three players but after the Saturday games Diba Partovirad withdrew, citing the pressures of university studies and a lack of practice. This left Joyce Zhang and Gillian Mok in a rematch of the last championship; Joyce won the first game which left Gillian having to play for a win in a drawn position with predictable consequences. Congratulations to Joyce for repeating as women’s champion. October is Women’s History Month in Canada, and throughout the month Capilano University hosted a series of discussions, film events, walking tours, arts, and entertainment on the theme of **“Women making history now: celebrating women who tell our stories.”** Chess was part of the first week and included an introductory lesson, a tournament, and a panel discussion featuring WIM Penny Pham and



WCM Yelizaveta Orlova exploring the history of women in chess and the links between chess and education.

Partovirad, Diba (1739) – Mok, Gillian (1875) [E94] BC wom ch North Vancouver (1.2), 07.10.2023

1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 Bg7 4.e4 d6 5.Be2 0–0 6.Nf3 Nbd7 7.0–0 e5 8.d5 Ne8 9.b4 h6 10.a4 f5 11.Nd2 Ndf6 12.Ba3 f4 13.c5 h5 14.Nc4 Rf7 15.a5 Bf8 16.b5 Rh7 17.b6 cxb6 18.axb6 dxc5 19.Nxe5 Ng4 20.Nxg4 hxg4 21.Bxg4 Qh4 22.h3 axb6 23.Bxc8 Rxc8 24.Re1 Qg5 25.Kf1 Bg7 26.Rc1 Nd6 27.Na4 Ra8 28.Qb3 f3 29.gxf3 Rxh3 30.Nxb6 Rf8 31.Bxc5 Rxf3 32.Qc2 Rc3 33.Qa2 Rxc1 34.Rxc1 Qxc1+ 35.Kg2 Qh1# 0–1

Mok, Gillian (1875) – Zhang, Joyce (1817) [B92] BC wom ch North Vancouver (2.2), 08.10.2023
[Nick Beqo]

1.e4 c5 2.Nf3 d6 3.d4 cxd4 4.Nxd4 Nf6 5.Nc3 a6 6.Be2 a6 Joyce has not played much since last BC Women Championship where she won the title. Two days before this tournament we had a five-hour training session and analysed the 6.f4 variation that Mok had previously played against her. **6...e5 7.Nb3 Be7 8.0-0 0-0 9.Kh1 Nbd7** In our preparation we analysed the following line 9... Nc6 10.f4 Re8 11.Be3 exf4 12.Bxf4 Be6 13.Qe1 etc. **10.Be3 b5 11.a4 Bb7** 11...b4 was probably a better move but developing the bishop suits Joyce's style better. **12.axb5 axb5 13.Rxa8 Bxa8** (13...Qxa8 was a better choice). **14.Nxb5 Bxe4 15.f3** After 15.Nxd6 Bxd6 16.Qxd6 Bxc2 17.Nc5 Qb8 Black is OK. **15...Bg6 16.c4 Nc5 17.Nc1**



17...d5! Joyce won the first game against Mok and in this game she only needed a draw to defend the title. However, my advice to her before the game was that the best way to play for a draw is to play for a win. I was very happy to see this active move played by Joyce because now Black has the initiative and it is very hard to find a plan for White. **18.Bxc5 Bxc5 19.Nd3 Qe7 20.b3 Rd8 21.Qa1 Re8** Black could obtain a decisive advantage with 21...Bxd3 22.Bxd3 e4 **22.Nxc5 Qxc5 23.cxd5 Nxd5 24.Bc4 Ne3 25.Rc1 Nxc4 26.bxc4 h6 27.Qa7 Rc8 28.Qxc5 Rxc5 29.Kg1 Bd3 30.Nd6 Kf8 31. Rc3 Bg6 32.Nb7 Rc7 33.Na5 f6 34.Kf2 Bf7 35.c5 Ke7 36.Ke3 Bd5 37.Kd3 Ke6 38.Kc2?! Ra7 39.Nc4 Bxc4 40.Rxc4 Kd5 41.Rc3**



Black has reached a better R+4Ps vs R+4Ps endgame and can win the c-pawn. **41...Rc7 42.Kd3 f5** (Nothing wrong with 42...Rc5) **43. Rb3 Rxc5 44. Rb7 e4+ 45. Ke3 g5 46. Rb6??** White blundered but the best move 46.fxe4 leads only to a draw and White is in a must-win situation. **46...h5?** Black returned the favour by blundering too; Black missed the winning move f4+ followed by e3. **47.fxe4+ fxe4 48.Rg6 Rc3+ 49.Kd2 Rd3+ 50.Ke2 g4 51.Rg5+ Kd4 52.Rxh5 Ra3 53.Rb5 Ra2+ 54.Kf1**



According to the engine the position is a draw but White has to "sweat" to draw it. **54...e3 55.Rb8 Rf2+!** Joyce is giving her opponent chances to go wrong. **56.Kg1??** This move loses. Probably White did not want to lose the g-pawn with 56.Ke1 but it's the only way to draw the game, i.e. 56. Ke1 Rxc2 57.Rd8+ Ke4 58.Re8+ Kf4 59.Rf8+ Kg5 60.Rg8+ Kf6 61.Re8 Ra2 62.Rxe3 Rh2 63.Kf1 and the White King makes it to the promoting square g1 – Theoretical draw. **6...Kc3??** Blunder. Rf6 was best, i.e., 56...Rf6 57.Rd8+ Kc3 58.Re8 Kd2 59.g3 e2 60.Rd8+ Ke1 61.Kg2 Ra6 62.Rd3 Ra2 63.Rd4) **57.Rb1??** Blunder. Ra8 was best, i.e., 57.Ra8 Rf7 58.Ra3+ Kd2 59.Ra2+ Kd3 60.Ra3+ **57...Rd2 58.Re1 Kd3 59.Kf1 Rf2+ 60.Kg1 Rf5 61.Rd1? Kc2? 62.Ra1 Rd5 63.Re1 Rd1 64.Kf1 Kd2 65.Rxd1+ Kxd1 66.g3 e2+ 67.Kg2 e1=Q**

68.h3 Ke2 69.hxg4 Qf1+ 70.Kh2 Kf3 71.g5 Qg2# 0-1 Congratulations to Joyce for retaining the BC Women Champion title!

1919 BC CHAMPIONSHIP

The provincial championship has been held in North Vancouver only twice before – in 1967 and way back in 1919. Herer are some contemporary reports about the latter event:

"As briefly mentioned last month, the BC Championship will be held in North Vancouver, under the auspices of the BC Chess Federation, on 18th, 19th, and 21st April. The entry fee for the Major Tournament is \$3.00, and for the Minor \$1.00. The hours of play are 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., with a recess from 2 to 6 p.m. The time limit is sixteen moves per hour. The prizes are a gold medal and custody for one year of the Bowser Shield for the winner of the Major Tournament; and for the

winner of the Minor Tournament a silver medal. Entries, which it is hoped will be numerous, must be in the hands of the Secretary, BC Chess Federation, 213 Hastings Street East, Vancouver, by 11th April." [B.C. Chess Magazine, March 1919]

"This issue has been withheld to include the results of the BC Chess Championship, a tournament or congress to decide which, is arranged for annually by the BC Chess Federation. This year the Congress was held in North Vancouver, and all the arrangements were in the hands of the club there. Much credit is due to the North Vancouver Club for the excellent programme they prepared and for the way in which they carried it through. At the end of the first session, on Good Friday, the lady friends of the club provided a delightful luncheon, and we have been asked to specially thank on behalf of the players and visitors, Mrs. Ewing, Mrs. Jenkins, Mrs. Melville, Miss Bull, and Mrs. MacLachlan.

After lunch the annual meeting of the Federation took place. The following gentlemen were elected to office for the ensuing year: President, Mr. B.A. Yates, Vancouver. Vice-presidents, Mr. Gibson, Victoria; Mr. Melhuish, B.C. Electric. Members of council, Mr. Meyer, Victoria; Mr. Woodthorpe, Vancouver; Mr. Ewing, North Vancouver, and Mr. Hall, BC Electric. Hon. secretary-treasurer, Mr. H. Martyn Jenkins, 827 Sutherland Avenue, North Vancouver. It was arranged that the Victoria Club should have first offer of holding the Championship there next year. On Saturday afternoon proceedings were enlivened by a lightning tournament, open to all, and won by Mr. C.F. Millar, of the Vancouver Club. The Championship play resulted in some excellent chess. We are alarmed at the forlorn aspect of Mr. R.G. Stark, of the Games Department, who spends his days - and, rumour has it, his nights also - "a-sighin' and a-sobbin'," to think that he cannot publish them all. Mr. J.M. Ewing, our editor, is to be most heartily congratulated, not only on winning the championship, but more especially on the quality of his chess, which fully merited that honour. The following are the scores:"



[Mr. John M. Ewing](#)

	1	2	3	4		
1 Ewing, John M.				* *	1 ½	1 1 ½ - 4.0
2 Jenkins, H. Martyn				0 ½	* *	1 - 1 0 2.5
3 Yates, Bertram A.				0 0	0 -	* * 1 1 2.0
4 Stark, Robert G.				½ -	0 1	0 0 * * 1.5

["The final round was not played, as it could not affect the result." *Vancouver Daily World*, 23 April 1919]

Minor Championship

Delaney	+3 =0 -1	3.0
Lawrenson	+2 =0 -2	2.0
Buckley	+2 =0 -2	2.0
McMahon	+2 =0 -2	2.0
Bull	+1 =0 -3	1.0

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"A well-played ending by the Champion. Mr. Yates has to win at the score, and so declines the draw and suffers the usual penalty" [R.G. Stark]

37.Qc7 Rd5 38.Kh2 b5 39.Kh3 a6 40.Kh4 Rfd8 41.Qe7 R8d7 42.Qf6 Rd4+ 43.f4 Rd1 44.g4 fxg4 45.Kxg4 R7d5 46.Qc3 R1d2 47.g3 Rh2 48.b4 h5+ 49.Kf3 f5 50.Ke3 Rhd2 51.Qxd2 Rxd2 52.Kxd2 Kf8 53.Ke3 Ke7 54.Kd3 Kd7 55.Ke3 Kc6 56.Kd4 Kd6 57.Ke3 Kd5 58.Kd3 e5 59.fxe5 Kxe5 60.Ke3 f4+ 61.gxf4+ Kf5 62.Kf3 h4 63.Ke3 h3 64.Kf3 h2 65.Kg2 Kxf4 66.Kxh2 and Black wins. 0–1

Yates, Bertram A. – Jenkins, H. Martyn [C11] BC ch North Vancouver (2), 18.04.1919

[R.G. Stark]

1.e4 e6 2.d4 d5 3.Nc3 Nf6 4.Bg5 dxe4 A departure from book, which, however, appears to have points. **5.Bxf6 gxf6 6.Nxe4 f5 7.Ng3 Bg7 8.Nf3 Nc6 9.c3 Qe7 10.Bd3 Bd7 11.0–0 0–0–0 12.b4 Rdg8 13.Re1 Qf6 14.a4 h5** I always think of the advice of a strong player in my old team (and, incidentally, Mr. Jenkins'), whenever you get knights in this position, chuck your pawns at them! **15.a5 h4 16.Ne2 Bf8 17.b5 Qg7 18.g3 Qg4** This sacrifice and the subsequent Qxh2 are very pretty. **19.bxc6 Bxc6 20.Ne5 Qh3 21.Nf4 Qxh2+ 22.Kf1 hxg3 23.Qd2 g2+ 24.Ke2 Bh6 25.Nxc6 Bxf4 26.Nxa7+ Kd8 27.Qd1 Qh5+ 28.f3 Rg3 29.Kf2 g1Q+ 30.Rxg1 Qh2+ 31.Ke1 Rxg1+ 32.Bf1 Bg3# 0–1** [B.C. Chess Magazine, May 1919]

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Halloween Chess Fest

Langley, October 29

[Details](#)

Rapid Chess Tournament WV

West Vancouver, November 5

[Details](#)

Banff Open

Banff, November 10-12

[Details](#)

Jack Taylor Memorial

Sidney, November 11-12

[Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival #3

Vancouver, November 11-12

[Details](#)

Vancity Rapid Fall

Richmond, November 18

[Details](#)

BC Junior Championship

Burnaby, November 18-19

[Details](#)

BC Junior Rapid (U18 only)

Burnaby, November 25

[Details](#)

BC Junior Winter Rapid Championship

Langley, Nov. 26/Dec. 3, 10, 17

[Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival #4

Vancouver, December 9-10

[Details](#)

Rapid Chess Tournament WV

West Vancouver, December 17

[Details](#)

Goodbye 2023 FIDE/CFC Open

Langley, December 28-30

[Details](#)

New Year Open

Richmond, January 4-6, 2024

[Details](#)

Rapid Chess Tournament WV

West Vancouver, January 7, 2024

[Details](#)

Victoria Championship

Sidney, January 20-21, 2024

[Details](#)

Vancouver Chess Festival #5

Vancouver, January 27-28

[Details](#)